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Township hires Troy police chief

Lawrence Carey, Troy police Police Department, with 25 officers, McCarthy said. The position was adver-Township police chief. He will start his job Jan. 5 and plans



BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Lawrence Carey, 53, who has served 14 years as Troy police chief, has been named Plymouth Township police chief.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy announced Carey's appointment before township trustees at their meeting Tuesday. He is to begin his new job Jan. 5.

McCarthy said she and Carey have begun negotiating his salary and benefits. She plans to present a five-year employment contract for Carey at the next township board meeting Dec. 16.

The Troy position, where Carey manages 127 officers, pays \$74,664. He'll take a pay cut to manage the Plymouth Township tised at around \$65,000

"One of the main things for me personally is the fact that it's still local, it's not out of state," Carey said. "I've lived in southeast Michigan all my life.'

While residency is not required, Carey said he will move his family to Plymouth Township. "I believe in being part of the community, I have to live here," he said.

Upon assuming the post, Carey said, "I'll do a lot of learning" about the department. I want to try to get a feel for what people's needs are, and what level of police

Asked what changes he might implement, Carey said goals and mission statements now in place at the township police are the same basic philosophy I developed

"I've tried to be more efficient in use of

technology, in organization of personnel. "Troy is a police department that has grown, I've been through that process," he

Please see CHIEF, A6



Hello: Acting Police Chief Bob Smith, flanked by Fire Chief Larry Groth and Chief Building Official Charles McIlhargy, congratulates new Chief Lawrence Carey Tuesday night following Carey's confirmation.

Sliding and slithering

Friends: Joanna Stark and Todd Bernard have a slew of reptiles, including snakes and Fred the iguana. Stark and Bernard say that spiders, snakes and other creatures that slither make great pets, not animals that people need to dislike or fear.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH



Spiders and snakes – egad!

I don't like spiders and snakes, No, that ain't what it takes To love me

-Jim Stafford, "Spiders and Snakes'

"My neighbor has a snake and a lizard, and she seems normal ...

-Bartender, Don Pedro's Restaurant. Detroit.

BY RICHARD PEARL

Afraid of spiders, snakes, lizards

and other things that crawl or slith-

You shouldn't be, say Ron Romano of Canton, Joanna Stark of Plymouth and a lot of others who claim they make fascinating housepets.

These hobbyists believe what's wrong isn't their choice of pets, but people's ignorance and fear.

Like those who own cats or dogs, they say they just enjoy the animals. Romano, 40, and a Ford engineer who's been "messing with snakes" since his youth, finds them "extremely interesting to watch, extremely interesting to breed. They're beautiful animals" with "beautiful colors and patterns.'

Children Stephanie, 9, and Anthony, 7, handle them while mom Diane cares for the chameleons. She also bathes the snakes to help them shed, adds the New York City native, who brought his Burmese python to Michigan when he came some years ago to work for Ford.

"I've got pictures of the kids" holding the 11-foot Burmese, says proud

Please see SNAKES, A8

Plymouth motorist victim of road rage

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth man says he was afraid of a "fatal confrontation" after a high speed chase along eastbound I-96 in Livonia, with a stranger who was trying to force him to stop along the free-

"I entered the freeway at Newburgh and the next thing I know this guy is hanging out the side of his pickup, screaming and yelling at me," recalled Mark Nadon. "As far as I remember, I signaled and merged into traffic correctly. I certainly did nothing to deserve what happened."

Nadon, 36, tells the Observer the bizarre chase began shortly after 7 a.m. Monday for nearly four miles along I-96, before he was able to escape at the Telegraph Road exit.

"He tried to force me off the road several times as we weaved in and out of traffic," said Nadon. "At one point, he was driving alongside me in the left emergency lane, with his tires in my lane, while we were traveling at speeds up to 65 mph. He slid sideways to a

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'Tis the season

to reach out and help others in need. The Observer would like to acknowledge those who give to their community year around by volunteering for various charitable organizations or simply helping a neighbor in need. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for

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Schools get less than expected

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

Although it's not anywhere near what he feels the school district ought to be getting, Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Dr. Charles Little is happy is finally getting some money from the long-running Durant special education

"It appears we're going to get something, and for a long time I doubted we would get anything," Little said Mon-day when asked how he felt about the settlement of the 17-year-old suit.

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Plymouth-Canton, which was among the initial 84 districts filing the original action in 1980, will get a lump sum payment of \$5,383,350 as its share of the settlement approved in Lansing last week, according to John Birchler, executive director of business for the

The districts claimed in the suit that the state had mandated special education programs, but had underfunded them down through the years before

Little said he was "disappointed the state Supreme Court cut off the dates for settlement, because we would have been entitled to \$11 million." The court's decision limited the amount of settlement "to more recent years, not to the long history" of the underfunding, he said.

It should have been otherwise, said Little, because "the state knew it was going to lose the case since 1985."

The shortage of funds for special ed forced the district to use less money to

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Fairness guides new city rec facility policy

BY KEVIN BROWN

A new city recreation facility policy seeks to be fair to all soccer, baseball and hockey groups by putting in writing how they can get access to facili-

Another aim of the policy is to give priority to city residents' needs.

City commissioners approved the policy Monday. It covers use of all city facilities, including the Plymouth Cultural Center

The need for some policy changes was addressed by city commissioners this fall, when some baseball groups complained of not getting enough access to baseball fields administered by the city recreation department.

"It just gives the perception there's some type of process, that there's no favoritism," said Tom Willette, city recreation director, of the new policy.

"It puts it in writing. People are asked to do a written request," he

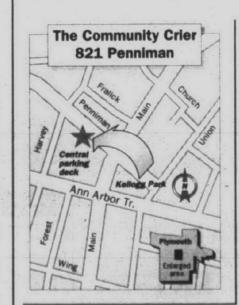
When requests for facilities conflict, city officials will consider factors including:

■ The extent to which each organization provides recreation services to the city's residents ■ The extent to which each organiza-

tion provides a recreation service

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IRS raids The Crier



BY KEVIN BROWN

The Community Crier published as usual on Wednesday - the day after six raiding Internal Revenue Service agents changed the locks.

The IRS agents also tagged desks and computer equipment, indicating government seizure of the business'

That was Tuesday morning. But by 4 p.m. that afternoon, the tags were removed and Publisher Ed Wendover was presented with a new set of keys - and a bill for locks he hadn't ordered.

Crier accountant Ted Boloven said following the raid, "they shut down our operation for non-payment of

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March 1 remains opening date for new library

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Work on the new Plymouth District Library is mostly on schedule, in preparation for an anticipated March 1 opening.

Library Director Pat Thomas said Friday, "in the next couple of weeks we'll find out what's realistic," for an anticipated construction completion date.

One factor that could affect the construction schedule is the recent cold snap. Should the cold continue, Thomas said crews could be delayed in finishing what's left of outside work to enclose the building.

"The only concern now is how quickly it's going to get cold and stay cold," she said.

Once enclosed, serious work can begin inside on drywall and other interior construction.

Last week, roof top air conditioning units were lifted by crane and installed Nov. 12. Duct units are also being installed.

"Bricks are going up, the roof is going on, Church Street has been relocated and reopened, paving is continuing in the parking lots," Thomas said.

The lease for the library's

'It will be less complicated moving back. We'll probably be able to move books directly and not have to worry about having shelving installed like we did when we moved here.

> Pat Thomas -Library director

Farmer Jack's on Main Street, is up March 1. The library has a month-by-month option to extend the lease, up to four months, Thomas said.

While it took nearly two weeks to move the contents of the old Dunning-Hough Library to the current site, Thomas said the move to the new library should be quicker.

"It will be less complicated moving back. We'll probably be able to move books directly and not have to worry about having shelving installed like we did when we moved here," she said.

Once the new library opens, Thomas said, "the first thing they're going to notice is the difference in space.

"What they notice most here is the noise level. In the new

temporary facility, the former , building there will be more senaration between the areas. People will also notice they can get at the books more easily, they'll be more spread out. There will be more study areas and more privacy.

She said the temporary site has worked reasonably well, adding most patron complaints are over the noise level in the former supermarket space.

Library staff won't miss the swarm of yellow jackets that Thomas said recently straggled out of the foundation at the end of the season

"A few straggled into the back part of building, we've been kind of dodging dying yellow jackets. It makes life interesting, right?"



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLES

Working hard: A crane helps construction crews place the air conditioning units in the new library, which is expected to be completed for a March 1, 1998, opening.

Millage proposal must be tied to program listings, officials say

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Before a recreation millage can be presented to greater Plymouth voters, a proposal is needed on what recreation services and program administration structure would be offered.

That was the consensus of Plymouth city and township government representatives who make up a joint recreation committee.

The committee met Tuesday at the township offices. New members included City Commissioner Dave McDonald and former City Commissioner Doug Miller, now an appointed citizen representa-

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, before the next recreation committee meeting Dec. 3, is to prepare a list of options for administering a joint recreation program. The list will be presented for review.

While some committee members say a .5 millage issue is an option for funding an improved recreation program, not all support asking the voters to approve a recreation millage.

Township trustee Charles courts and pay for 12 new ones. Curmi said voters would reject it. McDonald disagreed, saying that when he spoke to citizens this fall in running for city commission. "I'm telling you that people I talked to in the city of

Plymouth support it," he said. Walters on Tuesday presented to committee members a projection of how money raised through a millage could pay for potential improvements. He proected that \$440,000 per year for 10 years could:

n Improve 17 existing soccer fields and pay for 12 new fields.

n Improve 28 existing baseball fields and pay for six new fields.

n Improve six current tennis

Plymouth Cultural Center. Some recreation committee

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n Pay for a new outdoor com-

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members had initially proposed that the Plymouth YMCA play a major role in running the program. But committee members said that before the YMCA's role can be determined, the national YMCA organization must provide information on how the local YMCA could be allowed to participate.

Committee members said it needs to be determined if:

■ The YMCA could still get United Way and private donor

contributions while its program budget is supported with tax

■ The YMCA could be contracted to run some level of recreation programming.

■ It would be better for the city and township governments to run recreation programs without the YMCA.

The recreation committee was established after a survey of greater Plymouth residents this summer suggested citizens want a better recreation program.

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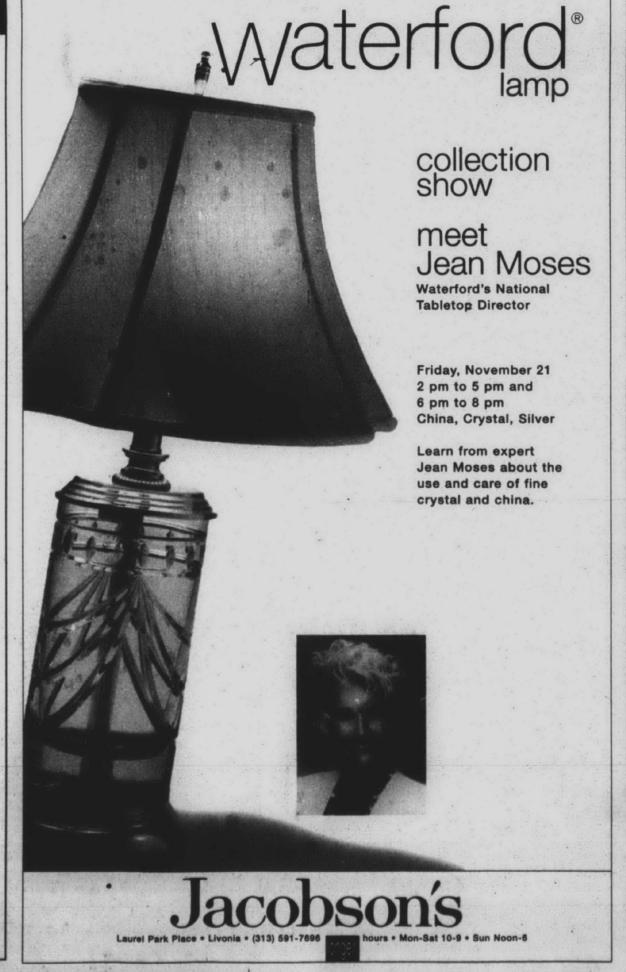
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A dream comes true for New Morning School



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Talent: New Morning School music director Sarah Orvis directs the band as they play "Conquering Hero" for guests at the dedication of the new multi-purpose room that will be used for science, music and Spanish instruction. The project represents the completion of the first phase of a multi-phase expansion program.

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BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five years ago, the creation of New Morning School was a dream come true for Dale and Elaine Yagiela.

On Monday, Nov. 17, another dream came true for school staff, parents and students. A multipurpose room for science, music and Spanish – the first phase of an expansion program – was dedicated.

"We're here today to celebrate another step in the culmination of our dream," said teacher Rita Heaven. "The dedication of this beautiful new room is proof dreams do come true."

New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, is a pre-kindergarten through grade eight parent cooperative and is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

The Yagielas gave people a choice in education, using the best knowledge in how kids learns and involving parents, Heaven said. "New Morning School was born from this dream."

The school started 25 years ago with nine kids from six families in a church on Five Mile. The school has moved a number of times and endured hard times

 one year not having enough money to pay the teachers.
 "Elaine would not let the dream die there," Heaven added.

Today, the school serves more than 100 families in Plymouth and surrounding communities. The school is certified by the Michigan Board of Education, licensed by the Department of Social Services and a member of AIMS, the Association of Independent Michigan Schools.

The expansion is a 1,320-square-foot room that includes a science lab and space that will be used for music and Spanish instruction, as well as general meetings with co-op families and other activities. A movable partition provides needed flexibility.

Future expansion plans call for adding 3,400 square feet and redesigning more than 6,000 square feet of existing space. When the plan is completed, the building design is expected to accommodate the school's individualized, interactive program.

The determination to expand the school dates back as far as 1988. "This day has been a long time coming," said Mary Davinich, school president.

A steering committee conducted schoolwide discussions to expand the building and the sub-

- one year not having enough ject crept up at meetings and money to pay the teachers. retreats, Davinich said.

Finally in 1993, a decision to expand was made, including the need for a capital campaign to

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finance the expansion.

The DeMattia Group was thanked and congratulated during the ceremony for its role in making the school's dream come

DeMattia Associates donated architectural and design services, while R.A. DeMattia Company donated project management services. R.A. DeMattia also was the general contractor.

DeMattia architects Jim Zwolensky and Keith Owen, as well as project manager Ron Evangelista, were honored by parents, staff and students with plaques made in their honor.

"Without them and all of you who have helped, we would be outside right now sitting in the sandbox," said Elaine Yagiela, New Morning School executive director. "You have all worked very hard. We are very appreciative."

Owen of DeMattia Associates told the gathering that, "investment in community is important to us. It has been our company's pleasure to be part of this endeavor."

To cap the sense of commitment, collaboration and the fulfillment of a dream, DeMattia representatives, as well as Heaven, Davinich, Yagiela and students were asked to leave imprints of their hands in clay, which will be fired to become a permanent wall plaque.

The ceremony mirrored the student-teacher-parent interaction of New Morning School with an address by student Eliza Hutchinson, who explained what the school is all about.

"New Morning is like a family to me," she said. "I feel New Morning is not just a school, it's an experience."

Student Billy Guglielmo, who met developer Bob DeMattia last year, presented Owen of DeMattia Associates with a book of

resumes of all the students.

"We'd like to give you this book of resumes of what we would all like to be," Billy said. "I'd like to be an architect or a Secret Service agent." Architect Owen responded: "Be a Secret Service agent, it's less dangerous."



In charge: Elaine Yagiela, New Morning School executive director, welcomes guests to the dedication Monday morning.

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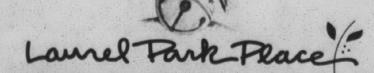
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Auditor wants more staff to meet county charter rule

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Wayne County's auditor general is concerned that he will not meet charter requirements approved by voters last November because commissioners won't give him additional staff to audit county departments or a separate budget that could be reimbursed with federal grants.

County voters approved a

Selected leather jackets

give the auditor general additional powers. Part of those powers include auditing the operations of county agencies and departments at least once every

Auditor general Brendan Dunleavy does not believe he has enough staff to meet those requirements with only six auditors. On Tuesday, a request from unless things change, "I expect

charter amendment in 1996 to D-Allen Park, to separate Dunleavy's budget from the commission budget and add \$350,000 to it was not placed on the agenda by Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon.

Dunleavy was frustrated after the meeting.

"It's very difficult to meet the charter requirements," Dunleavy said after the meeting. And

commission that we will be in violation of the charter."

Solomon told O'Neil, the chair of the commission's Committee on Audit, that he did not place the item on the agenda because the budget request faced an impasse - what Solomon called a "rejection" - at an earlier meeting. On Oct. 30, commissioners deadlocked, 7-7, on

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D. Westland, Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton were among the seven suburban commissioners who supported such an action, while the seven Detroit commissioners opposed it that day. Outgoing commissioner Michelle Plawecki, Dwhether a separate \$350,000 Dearborn Heights, did not A budget battle

By keeping Dunleavy's budget in the commission's budget, Dunleavy's staff falls under the usual budget appropriations for the county commission through County Executive Ed McNamara and his Department of Management and Budget.

O'Neil said the office of the auditor general is currently sub-

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stop in the left passing lane, and I had to come to a complete stop to avoid hitting him. Luckily, traffic was traveling at slower speeds on that portion of the freeway."

Nadon, owner of Detroit Fabrication on Telegraph in Redford Township, said the thought of getting off the freeway at an earlier exit never came to mind because he was afraid.

"I figured if this guy was doing this to me at high rates of speed, no telling what he would do if I got off and he stopped me," said Nadon. "I'm 6-2, 260 pounds,

but I really felt if he caught up with me there would be a fatal confrontation, a him or me situa-

Nadon used his cellular phone to call 911, and got transferred from the state police to Livonia police, but not before the chase

Nadon said he was able to get off Telegraph, leaving the mad man in freeway traffic

According to the police report, the pickup got so close to Nadon's car the truck's mirror knocked off the antenna of

-Motorist

Nadon's 1982 Chrysler New

Mark Nadon

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In all the mayhem, Nadon was able to get a license plate number and is hoping that will help bring some answers to the latest incident of road rage on Detroit

area freeways. "I would like to know what I did to deserve that, because I certainly wouldn't do it again,"

said Nadon.

Chief from page A1

said adding Plymouth Township is also growing. Carey was among 83 candi-

dates who applied for the position. With the help of a consultant firm heading a nationwide candidate search, seven were selected for interviews.

His appointment was approved by the township board by a 7-0

"We had really high caliber people apply," McCarthy said. "Ultimately it was the breadth of his experience."

"He's low-key, very professional, but certainly the others were too," she said, adding the selection of Carey over other finalists came down to a feeling he was the best choice.

Among the finalists was Plymouth Township Police Lt. Robert Smith, who has served as acting chief since Carl Berry's retirement in the spring.

"I'm disappointed but I'm looking forward to working with

Chief Carey." Smith said. "He has tremendous credentials and work experience that will be a real benefit to this community and police department. I look forward to learning a lot from

"I think that with the combination of Chief Carey and Lt. Smith we have a win-win situation," said Trustee K.C. Mueller.

Carey has a total of 28 years of experience with the Troy Police Department. In announcing his appointment, trustees said the Troy department is a leader in community policing, and Carey has received several awards recognizing community service accomplishments.

Carey holds a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Wayne State University and is a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University Traffic Institute. He is also working toward a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University

and has attended a range of training programs.

Carey has also served as chairman of the multi-jurisdictional Auto Theft Team and Community Policing Task Force and the Oakland County Law Enforcement Management Information

He is married with three chil-

Carey was at odds with Troy city officials in August over his retirement benefits. Saving he planned to retire from the post in December, he told city officials he wanted to be demoted to lieutenant, because the retirement package offered to personnel of that rank exceeded the package he was to receive as chief.

In late October, he said changes implemented by Troy city officials in employee retirement plans met "90 percent" of his concerns.





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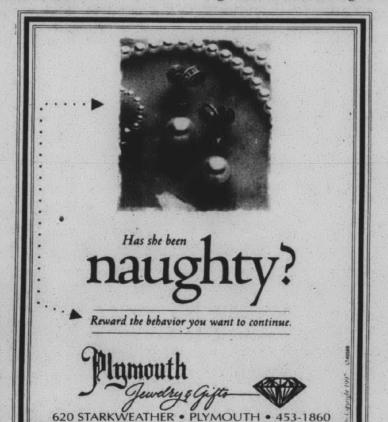
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Ameritech still cannot provide accurate numbers of billable telephone access lines for Wayne County communities.

All an Ameritech official could tell the community leaders of the Conference of Western Wayne on Friday was the figures would be ready by the first quarter of 1998. Harry Semerjian, a vice president with Ameritech, also apologized for an underpayment made to the communities in a reimbursement of an operational sur-

There are 28 different computer systems used for billing, collecting and distributing funds to western Wayne County, Semeriian said.

"What's happening in our industry is they are being modified to be used by our competitors. That's a major undertaking

The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities including the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth. Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

911 service

The CWW has requested that Ameritech provide reports on the number of billable lines in the entire CWW region and the number of lines in each community. That information is important because the CWW receives a disbursement check split among the 18 communities to provide revenue for 911 services.

CWW members continued to pressure Ameritech to provide the statistics by Dec. 2. CWW representatives will meet with emerjian on that day.

Semerjian apologized for underpaying the CWW \$3,977 in July and August in Ameritech's \$372,000 payments. But CWW director Marsha Bianconi disagreed with his numbers.

We will be continuing to discuss this with him on Dec. 2," Bianconi said

Year has passed

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksev. who chaired the meeting in Westland Mayor Robert Thomas' absence, said he was concerned that the CWW did not receive its information even though a year has passed. He asked Semerjian if Ameritech's board of directors or president knew of CWW's

Semerjian said each week he meets with Ameritech President Robert Cooper and other top brass to discuss the report's

accuracy of Ameritech's 911 system. Out of its 7 million customers, nearly 10,000 numbers change every day, Semerjian said. If anyone knew a database that size that was 100 percent, Ameritech wanted to see that system, Semerjian said.

This is a living, breathing database," Semerjian said. "While our objective is 100 percent, it is not clear whether that can be attained.

CWW 'not alone'

In a related matter, Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy outlined a report completed by his office for county commissioners, which he shared with CWW officials.

"If it makes you feel any better, you aren't the only conference having these problems,' Dunleavy said.

Dunleavy's report indicated Ameritech overcharged Detroit residents for equipment needed to implement the 911 system. These overcharges exceeded \$136,000 from October 1996 through February 1997.

Those customers will receive a smaller 911 charge in January 1998. "But again, no one is monitoring these things," said Odell Bailey, an audit manager in Dunleavy's office.

Dunleavy also cited difficulties faced by the city of Southfield

Concerns were raised over the with the 911 system as that community had problems obtaining accurate information

MPS ruling

A recent ruling by the Michigan Public Safety Commission found Ameritech responsible for the errors and required that firm to correct it or face stiff penalties. Dunleavy said Wayne County leaders had "no assurance" that these 911 problems will be fully addressed.

While the CWW did not act on Dunleavy's report, Dunleavy has filed his audit with the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. He wants commissioners to ask Ameritech to provide, at Ameritech's expense, a billable lines count for the county's three emergency telephone districts.

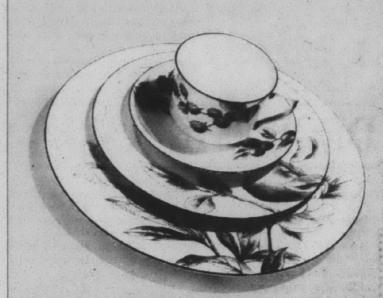
Dunleavy also wants to estabish a mechanism to monitor Ameritech's 911 activities, along with other local telephone service providers.

Semerjian tried to appease the local officials.

"From your position I understand why you're concerned." Semerjian said. "Behind the scenes we are making tremendous progress.

Later, Dunleavy said: "I find it interesting that whenever there's a rate increase, they get it right on my bill."

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Doug Ross, a 1998 Democratic candidate for governor, will speak to the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 37025 Marquette, one block east of Newburgh.

Ross served as assistant secre-



Stumping:Dou g Ross is seeking the 1998 Democratic governor.

tary for employment and training in Labor Department from 1993-95 He was responsible for most the Job Corps apprenticeships, the

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service and nomination for unemployment insurance system. Ross spearheaded work force initiatives, including a sys-

for all students. Ross helped draft the president's GI bill for working Americans to provide comprehensive job training for laid-off workers.

tem of school-to-work transition

Ross also served as the Michigan's commerce director in the Blanchard Administration from 1984-89. He led that administration's efforts to revive the economy in the early 1980s. By 1988. Michigan was again one of the nation's leaders in new manufacturing investments. In 1989, he was selected as a Michiganian of the Year by the Detroit News. He also was presented with the National Governors Association Award for Public Service Excellence in 1988.

From 1978-82 Ross served as a state senator from Oakland County. Ross also led The Citizens Lobby from 1972-75 and 1976-78, a group he also founded. It organized a successful petition drive to repeal the sales tax on food and medicine.

Ross is currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan, in the School of Public Policy. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's in public administration from The Wilson School at Princeton Univer-

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Twelve Oaks



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papa Romano. The snake is about four or five inches thick.

Besides the usual household pets - a dog and cat - the Romanos have a 7-foot Burmese, two Ball pythons measuring three and four feet and a seven-foot common boa constrictor, chameleons, which the Romanos are breeding for possible sale.

The snakes and lizards, which occupy glass tanks in the temperature-controlled basement, are kept well-fed, as are the cat and dog. That's priority No. 1 for this Ford man, who says failure to do so is "where people run into problems."

He admits "a lot of people at work think I'm a little off the wall" because of his pets, "but too bad."

Interestingly, "everyone loves to hear about them," he said.

Stark, 20, a checkout clerk at the Plymouth Township Kroger who also has loved snakes since childhood, says owning her first tarantula helped overcome her fear of spiders. She now has three and says the big, hairy critters are "graceful like a bal-

She's gotten some pets through her checkout lane from customers who no longer want them - and it's also where she met fellow Plymouth hob-

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byist Todd Bernard, 33, a maintenance worker at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The two became neighbors and field-trip buddies: "If it moves, slithers, flies or crawls, we're after it," says Stark. They catch, identify and photograph the animals and usually let them go

But they're careful: They know, for example, Michigan is home to the Massasauga rat-

Stark and Bernard keep a variety of non-poisonous critters in their apartments, including kingsnakes, watersnakes, pythons, a boa constrictor, lizards, tarantulas and opossums, plus more "ordinary" pets like chameleons, hamsters, a lovebird, a parrot and a cat.

Stark also has the preserved remains of another pet - a fourinch scorpion that she says hurt no one and died of old age.

One of the snakes gave birth recently, giving the two hobbyists 18 between them.

The snakes, the longest of which is about five feet, and other critters are in covered glass cases to prevent escapes.

Bernard, who has explored Australia and the rainforests of Peru and Brazil, admits he's "always been into weird pets. The unique, the unusual that's me." As a kid, he either caught or raised inchworms,



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Reptile: Joanna Stark and Todd Bernard pose with Fred the iguana, which is only one of a number of their non-poisonous animals.

praying mantises, lizards, crayfish, salamanders, turtles, guinea pigs, hamsters - and two dogs. His mother drew the line at snakes.

Stark and Bernard enjoy watching their animals eat the snakes, for example, are fed either live or dead mice weekly and shed their skins, which both snakes and tarantulas do.

The spiders, says Stark, "lay on their backs and do, like, pushups" to cast off their old

The two hobbyists go to pet stores and reptile shows to buy pets and food and learn about handling and caring for them.

The snakes, they say, are dry, not slimy and often have smooth skin. They are easy to hold and don't bite unless they're threatened or smell food - such as the odor of mice - on their handler's hands.

Someday, Stark and Bernard hope to breed them, so that more people can enjoy them.

Turkey Hoedown caps Thanksgiving Nov. 29

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■ The extent to which each organization's program impacts the financial and operational viability of the city's recreation program.

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The new policy also puts in writing deadlines for groups to apply, in writing, for use of facil-

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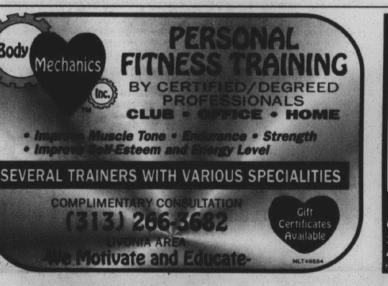
summer programs and July 1 for For soccer fields, deadline is for summer and June 1 for fall.

For cultural center rooms, winter deadline is Dec. 1, spring deadline is March 1, summer deadline is May 1 and fall deadline is Sept. 1.

By the policy, new organizations interested in using facilities owned by the recreation department or under its control should submit a facility use request form by the annual deadline date.

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Four persons were recognized for their work in promoting justice and peace during the Peace Symposium on Oct. 16.

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Awardees included the Rev. Gordon Judd, coordinator of corporate responsibility for the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit. A graduate of John Fisher College and DePaul University, he received his pastoral theology training at St. Basil's College and Chicago Catholic Theological Union.

Judd has published articles, features, editorials, book reviews on issues of justice and peacemaking in The Canadian Catholic Review, The Witness and Groundwork Publication. An active member of Michigan Faith and Resistance Retreats Steering Committee, he has also participated in fact-finding delegations to Nicaragua and Guatemala. Judd's ministry in social justice issues include peace and nonviolence, human rights and conflict resolution.

Sister Mary Giovanni Monge, a Felician Sister of Livonia, serves as director of Angela Hospice. Born and raised in Westland, Sister Giovanni attended the Felician Academy and Madonna College where she completed bachelor's and master's degrees. With 300 volunteers and a hired staff of 125, Sister Giovanni opened the first free standing hospice facility in Michigan, Angela Hospice on the west end of the Felician Sisters' property. It can accommodate 16 residents, but volunteers serve over 120 patients and their families on a daily basis.

Sister Cecilia Egan, a Sister of Charity based in Cincinnati, has been director of the Hospice Education Program at Madonna University since 1984 and an employee of the University since 1973. An active member of the community, Sister Egan serves as a member of the tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit and tutor and lecturer for state board reviews for the American Nurses Association and the



Rev. Gordon Judd

Michigan League of Nursing.

She has given numerous lectures and authored several curriculum pieces, as well as receiving numerous recognitions, including the Mother Seton Award from the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; the first ever awarded Educator of the Year Award from the Michigan Hospice Organization; and the Faculty Excellence Award from



Sister Mary Giovanni Monge

Madonna University.

Gerald Charbonneau, assistant professor of sociology and social work, has been at Madonna University since 1979. He completed his studies at Portland State College and Wayne State University.

Charbonneau has worked in numerous service agencies such as Providence Hospital Day Treatment Center, St. Patrick's



Sister Cecilia Egan

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Charbonneau has been involved in social justice education, awareness and action since his years of service in the Peace Corps where he worked in



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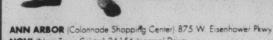
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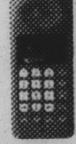
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Observer wins national, state honors

The Observer Newspapers recently won several awards in national and state newspaper contests.

In the Suburban Newspapers Association General Excellence Contest, the Livonia Observer, the largest circulation newspaper in the Observer & Eccentric division, took second place for General Excellence. Casey Hans is community editor of the Livonia edition. Six of the national honors came from the National Newspaper Association's 1997 Better Newspaper Contest.

The Observer Newspapers took first place for best coverage of health-related issues. The Health page appears every Sunday in Observers published in western, Wayne County.

The Observer also took second place for coverage of performing arts and an honorable mention for business and economic reporting. Assistant Managing Editor Hugh Gallagher along with special editor Keely Wygonik and arts reporters Linda Chomin and Frank Provenzano comprise the features group which produces the award-win-

ning Arts & Leisure and Entertainment sections.

Reporter Doug Funke received the honorable mention for busi-

ness and economic reporting.

Photographer Jim Jagdfeld took first place for best sports picture published in the Redford Observer while the Canton Observer took third place for general excellence. Tedd Schneider is community editor of the Canton edition.

Reporter Darrell Clem received an honorable mention for best feature story in the NNA contest.

"We're pleased to be honored for excellence in community journalism by national groups," said Observer Managing Editor Susan Rosiek. "Observer staff members are committed to putting out accurate, informative and interesting community newspapers. Our goal is to continue this award-winning tradition."

Michigan Press Assn.

In the Michigan Press Association 1997 Better Newspaper Contest, the Observer Newspapers received nine awards

including a first place for local news reporting by Darrell Clem of the Westland Observer.

Judges called Clem's stories on flooding in a Westland neighborhood "very thorough and tenacious reporting backed up by good photos and easily understood explanations of what went

Other awards included a third place for general excellence for the Plymouth Observer and an honorable mention for the Westland Observer. The Plymouth Observer is edited by Joanne Maliszewski. The Westland Observer at that time was edited by interim editor Casey Hans.

Judges cited the Plymouth edition for good photography and a good mix of hard news and features. "Writing was clear and easy to read and understand."

On the Westland edition's honorable mention, judges wrote:
"The reader gets a sense that this paper has a good idea of its community judging by the breadth of reporting and development."

opment of a variety of topics."

The Garden City and Canton editions tied for third place for

overall design. The Garden City edition is edited by Leonard Poger. The Canton edition is

edited by Tedd Schneider.

Sports Editor Steve Kowalski took first place in the sports writing category for a preview story on a Redford Township high school sports team. Judges singled out his work for taking "a great angle in what would be a routine preview story. Some fiery quotes included."

Photographers Jim Jagdfeld and Tom Hawley took first-place awards in the sports picture and feature picture categories, respectively

respectively.

Jagdfeld's winning photo appeared in the Garden City Sports section while Hawley was published in the Garden City news section.

Hawley also took second place in the feature picture category for a graduation photo that appeared in the Livonia Observ-

Members of the North Carolina Press Association studied more than 3,000 entries submitted by 148 Michigan newspapers for the contest.

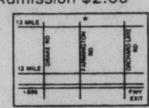
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Helmet vote

By a narrow vote, the House of Representatives on Nov. 12 voted to repeal a 30-year-old law requiring motorcyclists to wear protective helmet.

But the Senate is likely to kill the bill, and Gov. John Engler said he will veto it.

House Bill 4284, sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, gives motorcyclists the choice of not wearing a helmet if they are 21 years old and have completed a safety course.

The vote was 58-46, just two votes more than the 56 minimum needed for passage. Here is how area lawmakers voted: OBS

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Telephone solicitors would be prohibited from calling your home if a House-passed bill becomes law.

Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, won 99-0 approval of her House Bill 4694 on Nov. 13. All representatives voted yes.

It would allow residents to send a written request to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (CIS). The department would maintain a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of those who don't want solicitation calls.

Telemarketing firms who violate the law could be fined \$250 per call. consumers also could sue to recover up to \$1,000 plus attorney fees.

"Often the remedy is for consumers to purchase a call i.d. device or to simply not answer their phones when they suspect it is a telemarketing call," said DeHart. "My legislation removes that unfair burden and holds the telemarketers responsible for whom they call."

Non-profit organizations would be exempt from the bill.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

Eric J. Colthurst, a

Northville attorney in private practice – to a new term on the Barrier Free Design Board, which is responsible for reviewing requests for exceptions to Public Act 230 of 1972. Colthurst will represent wheelchair users.

George Illingworth of Redford - to the Statewide Independent Living Council, which helps the disabled to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence. Illingworth retired after 41 years as word processor for American Community Mutual Insurance of Livonia. He will represent disability advocacy groups for a term ending Oct. 14, 1999.

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State wetlands act coming under high court review

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Six state Supreme Court justices will have many eyes on them as they decide the future of Michigan's Wetlands Protection

The U.S. Environmental Agency, many environmental and two property rights groups filed "amicus" briefs in the case of an Oakland County landowner who won a \$5.9 million trial court

ment of Natural Resources denied him the use of his land.

'A regulation is the use of police power, not a 'taking," said A. Michael Leffler, an assistant attorney general who filed DNR's appeal brief.

"The government can outlast and outspend us. The state has the power to litigate us into the ground," said attorney Robert Bunting of Oxford, who repre-

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decision by saying the Depart. The U.S. Constitution's fifth amendment, best known for protecting people from testifying against themselves, also requires that government compensate owners when it takes their property.

> sented Joseph F. Kosik Sr., his family and companies at both the trial and appellate level.

The U.S. Constitution's fifth amendment, best known for protecting people from testifying against themselves, also requires that government compensate owners when it takes their property.

This case, K&K Construction vs. DNR, is the latest in the property rights' movement to make government pay when it deprives owners of use of their property through regulation. The 1992 and 1996 Republican national platforms square support property owners

The Michigan Supreme Court will be one justice short in its deliberations. Clifford Taylor, appointed Sept. 1, was part of the Court of Appeals panel which last year upheld Kosik's trial court award and was absent from Supreme Court deliberations. The high court tries to rule within a year of oral argu-

Backing DNR were the EPA; Please see WETLANDS, A16

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stantially smaller than internal audit departments of comparable municipalities. The city of Detroit has 24 auditors and a \$2.4 million budget, while Wayne County has a \$1 million budget and 11 positions.

Dunleavy said he needs "closer to 20 to 24 auditors."

The commission has received written letters from the Federal Aviation Administration, Arthur Andersen and David Griffith & Associates stating that it is appropriate to allocate the cost of auditor general's audits to the departments being audited.

As part of his resolution introduced Tuesday, O'Neil also wanted to allocate audit costs through an internal service fund or through the county's cost allocation plan so the county could generate additional revenue through grants.

Action expected

On Tuesday, commissioners also postponed action on a contract for that cost allocation plan until'a meeting today Thursday). They are expected to act on an \$88,500, two-year contract with the auditing firm of KPMG Peat Marwick of Detroit

Peat Marwick was to develop a central cost plan to allocate various overhead costs with county departments. Before 1992, these costs were allocated to these departments.

In 1992, those costs were moved into the county commission budget by the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget.

When asked for an explanation of this action, Richard Walker, a director of accounting with the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget, told commissioners the auditor general used to be considered a fiscal advisor to the

Vice Chair Beard reminded commiss oners it was the Wayne County Management and Budget that changed things in 1992. We are a separate branch of government and those types of changes should not be made,' Beard said. "I want to be sure the auditor general is tied to the cost allocation, and I want to see it done now."

Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, told commissioners wanted to ensure that legislative expenses would be reimbursed, and pressed on that issue throughout Tuesday's discussion.

O'Neil responded: "Why would anyone in the county be opposed to this? Let them (Wayne County Management and Budget) challenge us for a change.'

Letters of support

Dunleavy even presented a letter from Peat Marwick, along with letters from Arthur Andersen and the Federal Aviation Administration, indicating that the auditor general's auditing costs could be allocated to the federal government. But Cushingberry wanted documentation from the federal governmental agency responsible for the

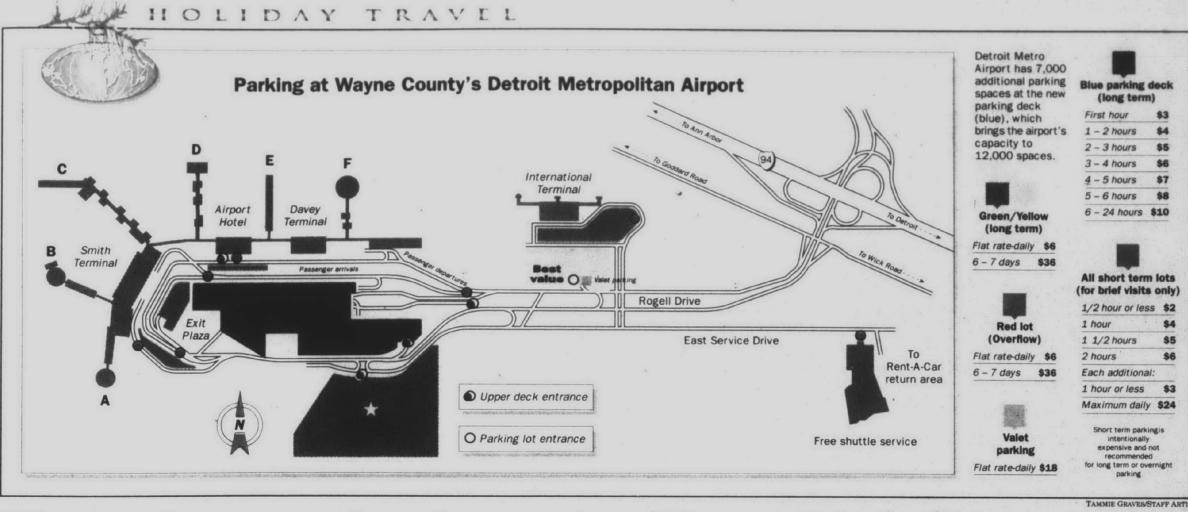
"A letter from the Big 8 (accounting firm Arthur Andersen) doesn't do anything, I need to hear from the feds themselves," Cushingberry said. Earlier Dunleavy also cited a policy section from the comptroller general's office, but to no avail.

After commissioners passed on the Peat Marwick item. O'Neil said he expected the budget issue to resurface today and hoped the commission would forward the item back to the Committee on Audit.

O'Neil called the number of auditors an "embarrassment."

"Who's going to benefit from all this? The ones who will benefit are the taxpayers, when they have a true 'checks and bal-





Plan to leave early when using Metro this holiday season

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Have some holiday travel plans?







Good. Then plan to leave early and give the cabbies — or your-self — plenty of time to get you

Detroit Metro Airport officials say you should arrive at the airport least two hours early for a flight, and taxi drivers suggest giving them at least two hours to

get you there.

All too often, taxi riders don't plan enough hours of drive time to meet their departure times or allow for traffic congestion, a given during the holiday season.

"They'll want a cab at Seven Mile and Farmington at eight, and their flight leaves at nine,"

said Tom Peterson, general manager of Checker Cab in Livonia.

"The biggest problems during the holidays is they don't allow for breakdowns or traffic tie-ups. They just don't allow for enough time."

Bill Peterson, a dispatcher with ABC Cab in Farmington

Hills and Livonia, whose no relation to Tom, also runs into the same problem, and advises a day's notice so that cab company can place them in the log book.

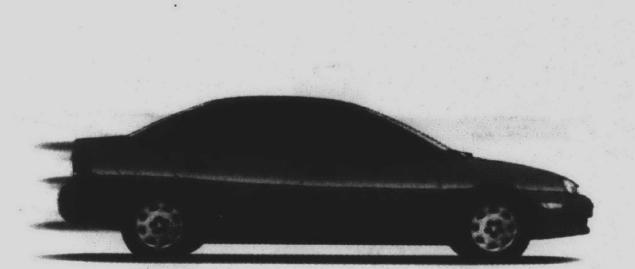
"They can call us Tuesday at noon, and we'll take care of them (for a Wednesday flight)," Peterson said. "A lot of times they will

call us at the last second, and

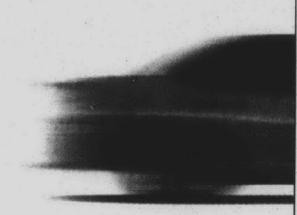
they'll run into problems."

At a \$1.50 a mile, cab fares can run from \$15 to \$30 to the airport, depending on the distance. Checker charges that rate with four passengers riding for

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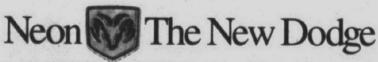


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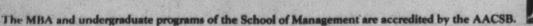
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Improvements ease congestion

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

If your bags are packed and ready to go, then Detroit Metro Airport will be packed and ready to send you.

Passengers traveling through the airport this Thanksgiving will notice approximately \$60 million in improvements airport officials hope will ease congestion and provide relief to airlines and passengers from recordbreaking traffic demands. These interim projects will attempt to ease the congestion until the new Midfield Terminal is completed.

"These projects are just a few of the ways Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport is working with the airlines to keep up with the ever increasing air travel demand," said County Executive Edward McNamara. "Until the new Midfield Terminal is complete, we are doing all we can to make travel into and out of Detroit Metro as convenient as possible, especially during the holiday rush.'

New check-in

ticketing facility was opened on Sept. 12 to help relieve curb front congestion and traffic inside the J.M. Davey Terminal. The 17,000-square-foot facility is adjacent to the Davey Terminal and increases Northwest's counter space by about 50 percent - adding 24 new agent positions.

The Northwest International Departures building will serve as a check-in and ticketing facility for both Northwest and KLM departures. Part of the construction included the addition of two lanes to the upper level of Rogell Drive to increase curbside capacity and allow traffic to flow more

The new check-in facility will help alleviate congestion inside the terminal, as well as at the curb fronts," said Airport Director Robert Braun. "Passengers traveling both internationally and domestically will appreciate having a little more room, and a little less 'wait' during the check-in process.

The facility was officially dedicated on Nov. 4.

Another major addition since last year is the \$18.5 million

concourse - Concourse C. The 28,000-square-foot extension added six new gates, a 240-foot moving walkway, a gift shop, a lounge and a ramp side shuttle stop for connecting passengers. The gate addition has helped reduce delays of arriving aircraft waiting for an available gate. especially at peak times.

Moving walkway

The moving walkway and shuttle stop have helped to eliminate the long walks of passengers. The ramp side shuttle stop allows connecting passengers to avoid long walks by riding the shuttle to the base of Concourse C, Concourse G or the International Terminal.

This sixth moving walkway was the final link in connecting Detroit Metro's two domestic terminals. The 325-foot-moving walkway bridges the terminal corridor between Concourses C and D, and allows seamless travel between the L.C. Smith and J.M. Davey terminals.

A \$12.5 million investment in luggage system expansion in the

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charges \$1.50 a mile, except in Detroit and Southfield, where the fare is \$1.40 a mile.

Parking available

For those who don't want to take a cab to the airport, Detroit Metro has plenty of parking ranging from \$2 for 30 minutes to \$24 a day in a lot near the international terminal. (See map for locations.)

With the opening of a parking deck and 7,000 additional parking spaces, capacity at the airport now totals more than 12,000 parking spaces. The deck can cost a commuter \$50 for five days for one car.

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the price of one. ABC Cab also and \$6 for two up to \$24 a day in a lot closest to the International Terminal. Airport spokesman Mike Conway said this shortterm parking is intentionally expensive.

"It is not recommended for

long term or overnight parking." Conway said. "We have other.

for that purpose." The best values for long term parking are the green or yellow lots at \$6 a day or \$36 for a sixor seven-day week. One lot is located south of the parking deck, another is between the international terminal and adjacent to Rogell Drive.

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Another overflow red lot is located near the rent-a-car return area and adjacent to East Service Drive

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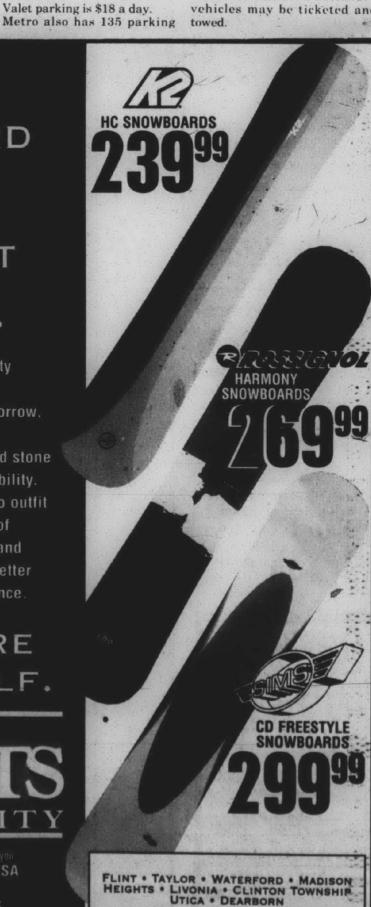
The airport parking hotline and a person, not a recording .can be reached at 1-800-642-1978. That person will advise travelers of up-to-the-minute parking conditions at the air-

Curbside pickups

Curbside check-in is still allowed in front of the terminals but curb fronts can become congested and are reserved for active loading and unloading

If you are picking up a friend or relative, make plans to park in one of the short-term lots and meet your party at the gate. Motorists will not be-allowed to wait at curbside. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed and





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Airport officials suggest that domestic passengers traveling Wednesday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 30 should plan on arriving at Detroit Metro at least two hours before the scheduled departure of their flight. International travelers should allow a minimum of at least three hours.

The Wednesday before and Sunday after Thanksgiving are two of the busiest days of the year at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive

We want to be sure that Detroit Metro passengers are prepared for the holiday rush, so their holiday spirit will remain intact throughout their traveling elry, cameras, medication, pass-

are peak days, and travel will still be heavy throughout the

Airport officials offer the following travel tips:

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Wetlands from page A12

Michigan United Conservation Clubs: Michigan Municipal League and Townships associations: the Audubon Society: the American Planning Association; Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council: Michigan Natural Areas Council: and Michigan Environmental council.

Backing K&K was the Pacific Legal Foundation of Sacramento. Calif., and Michigan Peat, a division of Bay Houston Towing

Packing the second floor courtroom in the G. Mennen Williams Building were students from Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing.

K&K's side

One central argument is how much land is at stake along the south side of M-59 between North Oakland Blvd. and Airport Road in Waterford Town- the fact that in 1988, appellant

ship. DNR says there are 82 acres in four parcels.

Bunting says only the commercially-zoned parcel of 55 acres counts, and DNR's declaration that 28 acres are wetlands makes the property worthless for borrowing purposes. And besides, it's not wet, he said.

"There's lovers' lanes. Equipment can go everywhere, It's not obvious (that it's a wetland). You have two inches to two feet of organic soil. Our soils borings went down 15-16 feet and showed stable gravel," Bunting told the justices.

"There is nothing observable that would indicate a wetland. Heavy equipment has been driven over the property. It is mowed regularly without difficulty. It appears to be high and

"The entire parcel is both buildable and saleable except for DNR designated the heart of it (28 acres) as wetlands. At no time prior to this action had any of the property been inventoried or designated by the state as being a wetlands," Bunting said.

He said there are different ownership patterns in three adjacent parcels totaling 27 acres to the south. Kosik and his wife bought the land in 1986. The 55-acres commercial frontage is in a limited partnership called JFK owned by their five children.

K&K Construction has a contract with JFK to build a restaurant and sports complex on it; K&K is a corporation owned by Kosik and one son. They filed for a DNR permit in June of 1988 and were denied. They filed a second plan, developed by civil engineer William Goga, after working with DNR. The agency first denied and then accepted the Goga plan.

"There has never been any plan for development which contemplated the wholesale destruction of wetlands but, in there was a net increase in wetlands under the (Goga) development plans submitted!" said Bunting's brief.

Asked Justice Elizabeth Weaver: "Did you check when you bought that it was a wetland?

"You wouldn't even guess it was," replied Bunting, adding: "I'll never take one of these cases again. The state has so much power.

DNR's side

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At stake, said assistant AG Leffler's brief, is the 1980 Wetlands Protection Act and "Michigan's entire wetlands protection

Letting the Kosiks collect \$5.9 million, he said, would impair the ecosystem, aesthetics and vitality of lakes and rivers; affect groundwater storage capacity: harm flora and fauna, and upset flood control.

"The entire 82 acres of plaintiff's property must be considered as one unit." the state's attorney said. "Title to the property does not allow the owner either to injure the rights of others by altering the natural char-

ry provisions. The plaintiffs' reasonable investment-backed expectations are limited by statutes that were in effect when the property was

acter of wetlands or to violate

state constitutional and statuto-

acquired.

In court, assistant AG Stanley Pruss said DNR's permit denial was not a "categorical taking" under a U.S. Supreme Court decision in a South Carolina case, because "not all economic usage was extinguished." A taking occurs when government 1) acquires ownership, 2) extinguishes all economic value or 3) makes a regulation that "goes too far.

"There's still tremendous economic opportunity for the plaintiffs at this site," he said.

Michigan's 1980 wetlands law, called the Goemaere-Anderson act for the representatives from Roseville and Southgate who sponsored it, "has the most detailed statement of purpose of any state statute." Pruss said.

MUCC raided

An amicus brief filed by Michigan United Conservation Clubs' general counsel, M. Carol Bambery, argued:

■ "The entire 82 acres of plaintiff's property must be considered as one unit.

 Ownership doesn't convey the right "either to injure the rights of others by altering the natural character of wetlands or to violate state constitutional and statutory provisions.

As the case was being argued. Gov. John Engler announced the appointment of Bambery to the post of legislative liaison for DNR effective Dec. 1.

"Carol's professional representation of the largest conservation organization in the nation has demonstrated her abilities to effectively promote and defend environmental and natural resources issues."Engler said.

Bambery has served on the state's Environmental Code Commission. In 1995 she received the Cooley Law School's "environmental lawyer of the vear award.

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Santa's hours at his house are 5-8 p.m. Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Prize drawing

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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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COP CALLS

Wheels stolen

Thirty-five truck tires and wheels were stolen over the weekend from new trucks parked at Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road.

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Hello, goodbye

Police have been unable so far to locate a man who was hired as a salesman at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, then stole a 1998 Lincoln on his first day on the job.

The theft happened at noon Nov. 12, according to the report filed with township police. Police checked the Detroit address the man gave, and checked his name with license records but the name didn't turn up, suggest-

ing he gave an alias. There was also no answer at the Detroit home phone number he gave, the report

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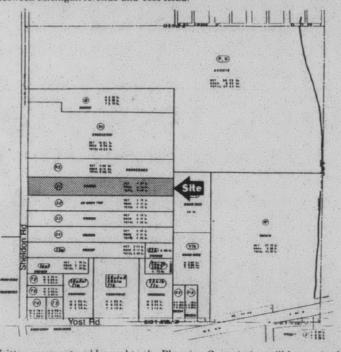
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning. Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

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STOCK MARKET GETTING HARD TO BEAR?

Checks won't be in mail 'til April

BY TIM RICHARD

School districts who won a court decision in the so-called Durant case will receive their \$211 million total in checks from state Treasurer Doug Roberts around next April 15.

The Michigan Legislature last week put the finishing touches on bills to pay 84 mostly suburban districts the money Lansing owes them for shorting them on special education and other mandated services over 17 years. The bills await Gov. John Engler's signature.

It was a major bipartisan victory for House members, who fought Engler's and the Senate Republicans' plan to pay off the winners over three years. The state will use about one-sixth of the budget stabilization fund, known as the "rainy day fund," to make the payments. Engler and Senate Republicans wanted to use only the fund's interest. Rep. Tom Middleton, R-

Ortonville, won unanimous approval of an amendment requiring that school boards convene a public meeting within 90 days after receiving their settlements and before spending any of the winnings.

"After all the controversy surrounding this matter," Middleton said. "I insisted that the public have a strong voice when important choices are made.'

The House on Nov. 13 gave final approval to a conference committee report on a vote of 99-7. Here is how area representatives voted:

Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. No - Deborah Whyman, R-

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er the final versions. The 84 plaintiffs filed suit in 1980 charging the state violated

the 1978 Headlee amendment to

state-mandated services as special ed, transportation for special ed and other categoricals. The suit, named for Donald Durant of Warren Fitzgerald School District, was decided in

\$492 million they were seeking. on the money damages, award-

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issues. The deal: School districts which

weren't plaintiffs in the suit, but could have filed claims, will get a total of \$768 million - about \$350 million from state-issued bonds, the rest in equal installment over 10 years from the rainy day fund. Engler and Senate Republicans had wanted to pay them off in one lump sum, restricting use of the money to capital improvements and not

will get \$250 million in the current fiscal year and \$260 million in fiscal 1998

decision in future fiscal years.

school aid grant will rise \$46 to \$5,170 for the lowest-funded dis-

large numbers of at-risk students will get \$20 million to reduce class sizes. Flint lawmakers, in particular, had pushed hard for this money.

pay 3.54 percent less into the employees' pension fund for the next two years. Estimated savings: \$246.6 million in fiscal 1998 and \$252.7 million less in fiscal 1999.

given \$80 million despite Engler administration efforts to shift much of those funds to the Jobs Commission.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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"Two weeks ago they were pleased with our progress," Wendover said, adding last year was the best in the company's histo-

Further capital was raised on Tuesday to meet IRS claims. "Once the liens have been paid we release the seizure," said Kristy Washington," IRS public affairs specialist in Detroit.

"As everybody has seen lately the IRS intimidation game is apt to hit anybody at any time," Wendover said. "We have made very significant payments to them, we thought everything was fine." The IRS is still seeking interest and penalty fines on back taxes, which The Crier's accountants will challenge.

"When you raise your political sights like we do, they like to make an example of somebody so guess we're it," Wendover said.

"We publish the striker's newspaper (Sunday Journal) and we've been helping them. We know it's all a political game, we'll be fine," he said.

The Community Crier's Penniman Avenue office is also home to the printing business Comma Inc. Both companies employ 24

Upon entering the office at 10 a.m., IRS agents told employees to leave. They were allowed to return later in the day.

"The thing that's really great is how professionally our staff reacted, the calls we got from our supporters and friends in the community. I'd like to thank everybody for the pies, cakes and beer that was sent over," Wen-

He said The Crier's accountants would seek to recover costs associated with Tuesday's



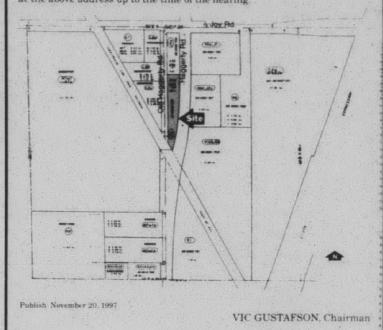
Reopened: The Community Crier was open again Tuesday afternoon, just after the IRS seized the place, changed the locks and asked employees to leave.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday. December 1, 1997 at 7:00 P. M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton

YALDO RESTAURANT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A STANDARD RESTAURANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.01B.13 FOR PARCEL NO. 002 99 0002 706. Property is located on the west side of Haggerty Road between Joy and Koppernick Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



Drug overdose suspected in death

investigating the death of a man Nov. 7, which they suspect was

Police were called at 9:35 p.m. to an apartment at St. David's Gate Apartments, 44899 Ann Arbor Road. According to the

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Plymouth Township police are Call the police, my friend has overdosed.

Friend told neighbor -According to police report

woman told police a man had knocked on her door and said, "Call the police, my friend has police found the friend had left.

Upon arriving at the scene,

Found dead was a man, 44, in a room where syringes and other drug paraphernalia were found.

An autopsy on the man is being performed by the Wayne County medical examiner's office, to determine the cause of

'5Ws of Financial Aid' set for Dec. 2

High school juniors, seniors and their parents are invited to "The 5Ws of Financial Aid" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Salem High School Auditorium.

Information about financial aid will be presented by Bernice Lindke, director of financial aid at Eastern Michigan University.

Lindke will cover what financial aid is, why there is financial aid, who is eligible for financial aid and where aid comes from. She will also explain how to apply for aid.

Lindke also will talk about new tax laws.

Employees help feed the hungry

Employees and residents of Heartland Health Care-University are in full swing with their "Feed the Hungry" effort to give families a healthy and enjoyable Thanksgiving

They will fill and donate 10 food baskets each to Senior Alliance and Christian Victor Church Outreach Program on

"Our facility is giving back to the community, which is active in our facility," said Judy Ashton of Heartland.

Craft show begins Nov. 28

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will host its 24th annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Shows at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

The first shows will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Nov. 28, 29 and 30. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 12 p.m. to 5

p.m. on Sunday. The second show will be Saturday and Sunday Dec. 6 and 7. Show hours for the second show 'are Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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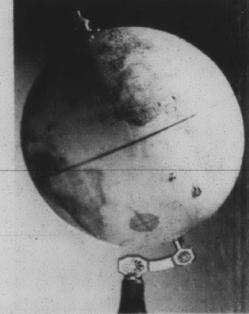
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Road projects

Officials need to reassure

he drawn-out reconstruction - and accompanying problems - of Ann Arbor Trail this past summer definitely taught Plymouth officials a tough lesson.

It's unfortunate from a public relations point of view that problem-plagued Ann Arbor Trail was the first of a number of projects on the city's street improvement program, financed by bonds and supported by voters in

There were plenty of problems that caused delays, frustration and an additional \$90,000 to replace a damaged water main.

More importantly, the construction isolated independent, small businesses important to the well-being of Plymouth and left an unsettling feeling of doubt among residents and other businesses.

They want to know that what happened with Ann Arbor Trail this past year will not happen with other roads within the street improvement program. Public trust is worth its weight in gold.

Voters put their faith in city officials when they agreed to pay for the road improvements. In return, voters want the roads improved, but also within a timely, cost-efficient basis, and with no damage to businesses or inconvenience to residents.

That is a tall order. But with advanced planning and considering potential quirks in any project it certainly can be done.

Looking to next year and work on Main Street, city officials already plan - before ripping up the street - to conduct video inspections of utilities to determine if replacements are needed.

Also city officials plan to head off potential delays by ordering replacement materials at the beginning of the season. Project bids also So far, it seems they (city officials) are aware of what needs to be done to head off problems.

will go out in January or February so work can begin as soon as possible.

City officials, however, have a lot of reassuring and public relations work to do before the next project. So far, it seems they are aware of what needs to be done to head off

But this time, signs should be posted immediately, especially informing motorists of what businesses are in the affected area. In the city of Wayne, large signs are posted along and around Michigan Avenue, which is under construction. The signs point to which businesses are in a specific area. That helps, especially when erected before the start of construction.

City officials recognized the negative effect the road construction and ensuing delays had on Ann Arbor Trail businesses by conducting a reopening campaign that included advertising and gift certificates for customers who entered a drawing, which is scheduled for Friday, Nov.

But the only real way to regain confidence is for city officials to account for all aspects of a project before it starts and to go out of their way to inform the public just what is happening as it happens.

Bill Saxton, owner of Saxton's Garden Center, told city commissioners in October that had they worked for a private company that had overseen and conducted the Ann Arbor Trail project with its problems and delays, "you would have all been fired for this deal."

Lesson learned



Improvement: Plymouth officials are certain that next year with the Main Street project they can avoid the troubles they encountered on Ann Arbor Trail this past summer. STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

LETTERS

A good chance lost

he city of Plymouth lost a good chance to elect a really highly qualified person, Dennis Shrewsbury, to be the mayor.

He has been a commissioner for six years, has always dedicated himself to the best interest of this city and its citizens. I have seen Dennis marching in parades with the Vietnam Veterans group on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. He has served as emcee for the Memorial Day program. He has been involved for two years in a row volunteering for "Make a Difference Day." I didn't see any of the other officials names listed for those kinds of activities. Dennis has always been available to help if he can.

I can write the same kinds of things for Stella Greene, who also is so very deserving to be in one of the two top seats. It would sure be nice to have a woman to represent the majority of the voters in the city - women.

Many more words of praise could be said for these two commissioners.

When both newspapers touted Don Dismuke for mayor because he got the most votes, I thought, my gosh, I'm supposed to be voting for city commissioner not mayor. I have met and talked to Don. I like this young man, but I really don't think he is ready to be our mayor.

Then we have Colleen Pobur, the second highest vote-getter. Why wasn't she put in as mayor pro tem if its the votes that count, and have her represent the women.

Why in the last two elections Dennis was the second highest vote-getter, and he didn't get mayor pro tem then either.

I have gained a lot of knowledge. When you vote in another city commission election, "plunk." I read that word in the Detroit paper. Plunk means to vote for just the one candidate you want the most, no other.

Advice to women voters - write and let these people know that you would like representation in at least one of the top seats. We now have two women commissioners, knowing that both are excellent, but neither one of them was allowed by the majority of those men to be in a position of leadership.

I want to let Dennis and Stella know that you have a lot of friends and people in this town that appreciate what you have contributed to our town. It's people like you who help make this city a real special place to live.

Those of us who feel badly for you that you both were snubbed for mayor or mayor pro tem will continue supporting and caring for both of you. We know that regardless of the circumstances, you will both continue to do your very best as Commissioners, and we will continue to support you both.

n response to Janusz Szysko's comments

regarding Jerry Vorva holding the communi-

Compromise offered

Anna Smith Plymouth

ty's future hostage with his actions taken as a result of the recent school bond election, I would like to offer a compromise for considera-

As I understand, some of the discontent among Plymouth residents is partially a reaction to having their taxes pay for all the new schools to be built in the Canton area where the majority of the building boom is taking place and will continue to take place. The Plymouth community is almost built out with the last 400 acres now being developed in Plymouth Township.

Because we are a large community school district, there have been many advantages provided as well as the problems which are created by size. But as Canton continues to expand, the same question will be raised again and again as more and more schools will be needed to meet their needs.

In order to attempt to resolve both the immediate problem of the school bond issue and take into consideration future needs which will have to be addressed, I suggest the

■ Allow the school bond vote to remain so we can get on with addressing the needs of the school community now.

■ Put into place the steps to have the proposed location of the new high school annexed by the Plymouth community.

■ Change one of the middle schools in the Plymouth community into an elementary school and build another middle school in

As more schools are needed in Canton we can begin to shift the attendance at the different schools so that there is less busing from one community to the other. Eventually, Canton students will go to Canton schools and Plymouth students can remain in their back yard at all levels. Eventually, each community could be taxed on its own schools. The friendly competitive rivalry between the two entities would still be in place. We could even have one superintendent as we do now, but the taxes would be distributed more equitably for each community without the loss of savings gained by the advantage of size when it comes to purchasing power, etc.

Yes, I understand there are more issues to be dealt with. But if the long-term goal is there, it can be accomplished and all the current obstacles overcome. Let's not get stuck because of how things must be done now. Let us look with a different, open-minded approach to creative planning.

We could look at legislation that would allow the municipal communities to run the elections for the schools and absentee ballots could be sent out. Please, let us stop all the suspicion as to motives. What are we teaching? Let us not forget where and for whom our goals should be directed.

K.C. Mueller Plymouth

Support organ donation bills

hree bills are plodding through the Michigan Legislature to strengthen the state's organ donor program.

Grim as it is to contemplate death, realistic adults should consider ways to donate organs and tissue, in the event of their sudden demise, to patients whose lives could be

Michigan currently ranks 45th among the 50 states in per-capita donation rate. Michigan has 17 donors per one million residents versus a national average of 21 per million.

It's not that Michiganians are stingy. Many just don't know about the program. Currently, Michigan drivers may affix an optional sticker to the back of their driver's licenses indicating they wish to become organ donors. It's a good system, but it could be better.

When hospital personnel determine there is a potential donor, they contact Gift of Life, an organization which checks its registry to see if there is someone in need.

"The single most frequent response we hear when families are asked about donating organs and tissues from a loved one, is, 'We never talked about it; we'd better say no," said Tom Beyersdorf, executive director of the Gift of Life Agency in Michigan.

But when the wishes of the deceased are known, family members invariably honor those wishes. That makes common sense.

There are five organs that medical people can transplant to patients. In Michigan each year, there typically are more than 270 kidney transplants, 100 or so livers, more than 40 hearts, 30 pancreases and 35 lungs.

The state House of Representatives has passed three bills by votes of 102-0 to 105-0 to ease organ donations. The bills are hardly controversial if lawmakers get a chance to vote on them. Sponsors are Democrats Lynne Martinez of Lansing and Lingg Brewer of Holt.

The concept is supported in the Senate by Republican John J.H. Schwarz of Battle Creek. "On any given day," said Schwarz, "nearly 2,000 Michigan patients are waiting to receive a vital organ; 150 of those will die this year because no organ became available. These deaths are senseless," said Schwarz, a physician and surgeon who should know. The bills, currently awaiting Senate action:

■ House Bill 4029 would allow a donor to sign a consent sticker on the reverse side of his or her driver's license that would be sufficient permission to remove organs in case of

■ HB 4030 would require the secretary of state to ask applicants of licenses whether they would like to make an anatomical gift. This is tie-barred to HB 4029, meaning both must be passed for either to become law. ■ HB 4031 is the same as 4030 except that

it would apply to applicants for a state identification card. Use those bill numbers when you write to

your state senator, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing 48909.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should the IRS use diplomacy or military force to settle the crisis in Iraq?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



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POINTS OF VIEW

A time for giving, but do it for the long term

hank you, Calvin and Charlotte Perry, for a terrific lesson in philanthropy. Kellogg Park has a new fountain because you not only cared, but also took steps to make it happen. Givers are rewarded. The Perrys are receiving enjoyment from their giving and having fun encouraging their friends to also enjoy the

I applaud the Perrys for not giving for the fountain anonymously. Adults and especially children in the Plymouth-Canton communities need more public philanthropic role models. Many people assume that gifts to charity automatically reduce the amount of money available to live on. Not always true! There are many different ways to be philanthropic.

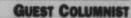
One giving technique, an enhanced income trust (EIT), allows you to commit an asset now and receive a lifetime income from the deferred gift. You'll have more money to live on now and eventually give a much larger gift you'd ever dreamed possible.

our communities' newest philanthropic role models:

■ Determine your vision. What legacy would you like to leave? If you have accumulated wealth, your heirs will be delighted with your decision to do planned giving now.

Due to IRS tax laws, heirs usually receive larger inheritances when you are proactive in controlling and maximizing your wealth. It's especially nice when your heirs receive a taxfree inheritance, paid by your IRS savings. The portion of your estate that would have gone to the IRS now remains under your use and control. However, you must do your planned giving while you are alive.

■ Check with the charities that interest you to see if their needs fit your vision. Consider local charities so you can visit to make sure the majority of your money goes directly into your favorite projects, not into the administration expenses. A local group called the Friends of Cherry Hill is preserving a historical Canton Follow these steps to become one of | farm on Ridge Road, just north of





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Cherry Hill, for future community

They dollars now and in the future. If your goal is to help restore and preserve local history, this is definitely a cause to consider. Your EIT deferred gift could eventually help them build an endowment to cover their future

Pick ideal assets to donate. Because the trust is tax-free, the sale of appreciated assets, such as stocks, art, antiques, collectibles or real

estate, eliminates capital gains taxes. A piece of raw land can fund an EIT and provide a 5 percent minimum lifetime income to the donor, plus give the donor an immediate charitable tax deduction of \$112,000 and enjoy the process of giving while alive.

■ Dispel the myth that you have to be wealthy and old to give to charity. Granted, you might not have \$50,000 that you can part with, but you can combine retirement savings with giving. Many younger philanthropists establish cash inventory trusts (adding to it annually) to supplement their retirement savings. The principal is never taxed and the taxable income can be taken any time you request it. Because the trust is irrevocable, it also protects the money from divorce, creditors, and litigation.

A 25-year-old professional, investing \$4,000 a year into her EIT for 30 years, while earning 10 percent per year, will give away more than \$1

At age 55, she changes careers and begins taking an annually increasing

5 percent income for life. If she were married when she set up the EIT, the income would continue for the life of her spouse also

Her projected results are phenomenal: \$120,000 is her cost; she receives \$1.3 million gross income from age 55 to her assumed death at age 81; she will have a \$500,000 tax-free petty cash account, which she could use or gift to heirs; and \$1.1 million goes to her favorite charities upon her death. Plus, if she divorces, her spouse cannot touch a penny of the principal.

I believe the enhanced income trust and the Roth IRA are the retirement savings plans of the future.

The more you are philanthropic, the more the giver enjoys life and is fulfilled. Do your part to help the Plymouth-Canton communities become known as the Michigan communities that give and help live.

Phyllis J. Wordhouse, CFP, RIA, is a Family Wealth counselor and financial educator. Visit her Web page: http://ic.net/~pworkdou/index.htm.

City commission, DDA doing disservice with licenses

write this to ask some hard questions and to suggest some possible future direction for the city regarding the issuance of free liquor licens-

Some residents and business people may not be aware that suddenly six or more licenses are being made available practically overnight to downtown Plymouth.

The Downtown Development Authority, with the support of the city commission, is promoting this endeavor with, in my judgment, a myopic

and irresponsible enthusiasm. Plymouth is a relatively small town that I suspect many of us were drawn to for just that reason. The commercial landscape is about to change radically by inundating the community with six, possibly eight, new, free liquor licenses. That's an awful lot overnight and all at once.

The city claims the state made these licenses available this year only and so they felt compelled to act ostensibly for the benefit of the commercial district.

I pose the following questions that to date no one has bothered or thought to ask:

- Why not escrow some licenses and release them gradually?
- Why not require a minimum investment for a free license?
- Why not consult prior to issuing new licenses with the existing



Greg Goodman

licensees in town for input? ■ Where is the structure or control

to manage and direct, at least minimally, the growth and development in

- What if all these licenses once issued become bars attracting questionable clientele?
- When targeting a specific industry, such as food and beverage, to act as a catalyst for growth, who was consulted and was any thought given to the inequities of gifting licenses with no strings attached to anyone who shows an interest?

Others of us paid handsomely for the privilege of serving spirits. I could go on for some time but hopefully my message is clear and I will try to stay

I love this town and I mean for this criticism to be constructive. However, I think the DDA and the city commission have done a disservice to all of us who care so deeply about the future of Plymouth.

What's done may be done and irrevocable. So I regrettably say, shame on the DDA and the city commission for using your powers so irresponsibly, all perhaps because of a deadline." No way to run a railroad.

Greg Goodman is owner of Cafe Bon Homme, 844 Penniman Ave., and former chairman of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Don't just build more prisons

o Gov. John Engler wants to build five new prisons.

In a special report to the Legislature last week, the governor argued that Michigan will exhaust its prison capacity as early as next month and needs right away to start construction on 5,400 new beds.

That's fine. No red-blooded politician dares oppose locking up murderers, felons and drug dealers. And just maybe, our prison system is up against court orders prohibiting overcrowd-

But sooner or later, somebody is going to have to start paying tough-minded attention to costs, efficiency and priorities.

State Rep. Donald Gilmer, vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, is off to a good start: "I'm personally convinced we could build a hundred new prisons and we'd never have enough. If we continue this way we will eventually spend every dime we have on corrections."

Predictably, the governor's message did not estimate the capital or operating costs for the new facilities he wants. Best guess around Lansing is that debt service and additional operating costs, mainly for guards and other prison staff, would add up to an extra \$150 million each year.

Currently, the Department of Corrections spends more than \$1.3 billion annually to house around 43,000 inmates at state prisons, camps and halfway houses. That's something like 15 percent of the general fund budget for the whole state, way up from the 5 percent that went to Corrections in FY 1982-83, when the prison budget was \$228 million. Over the past 15 years, the growth in spending for the Department of Corrections has far outstripped the growth in any other state department.

State Rep. Kirk Profit, who was undersheriff of Washtenaw County from 1980-84 and so is immune to charges of criminal coddling, has been grumbling about excessive spending on prisons for years. He makes some mighty interesting points:

■ Michigan's average daily cost per inmate is \$53, whereas the average daily cost per inmate in Ohio is \$37. If Michigan's prisons were run as cost effectively as Ohio's, our state would save more than \$250 million per year.

100,000 residents. Indiana's rate of incarceration is 279 inmates per 100,000 residents. Should Michigan choose to imprison our residents at the same rate as Indiana's, taxpayers would save more than \$400 million per year. Another way to look at Michigan's prison pol-

Michigan incarcerates 430 people for every



PHILIP POWER

icy is as a matter of relative priorities as defined by the way our government spends its

Michigan's priorities are these, in order: We spend an annual average of \$25,000 per inmate in prison, \$5,500 per student in our K-12 school system, around \$4,000 per student in our state colleges and universities, and an average of \$2,000 per mental health recipient.

The conclusion is simple. State policy, as reflected in actual spending, considers warehousing felons as four times more valuable than educating our kids. That's ridiculous, of course. But thinking about priorities in this way helps highlight the enormous amount we are spending on our prison system.

My guess is that Engler is right to argue that our prison system is dangerously close to overcrowding. And political reality, with an election year coming, is that the Legislature will make sure it is all for locking up criminals.

But it might be a good idea to link building new prisons with creating a serious blue-ribbon commission to take a searching look at the costeffectiveness of Michigan's prison system and make recommendations. Just why is it that Ohio's costs are \$16 per day per inmate less than Michigan's? How has it come about that a bunch of federal judges are effectively micromanaging our prisons in matters ranging from the number of inmates per cell down to the kinds of basketball shoes the taxpayers are required to buy?

Sometimes commissions of this sort can be very effective, especially in a highly charged political environment. And with \$1.3 billion to look at, I'm sure some hard-headed folks could ask a lot of questions, shed a lot of light and, just maybe, find some good ways to save a lot of

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Miller, 55, of Plymouth Township, died Oct. 9 in Redford Township

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Miller was a salesman. He came to the Plymouth community from Monroe in 1963. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include his daugher, Julie Cork; mother, Ruth Miller of Plymouth Township; father, Howard Miller of West Palm Beach, Florida; sister, Carol Bales; one niece and two nephews

Services were at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Bradford K. Lewis officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Ply-

DORIS M. BECKSTROM

Mrs. Beckstrom, 71, of Livonia

died Nov. 11. Born in Bismarck, N.D., Mrs. Beckstrom was a registered nurse at the V.A. Hospital in Allen Park for 25 years. She was a member of the Salvation Army Medical Corps.

Mrs. Beckstrom graduated from the Independence Sanitarium Hospital and School for Nursing in Missouri in 1952.

Survivors include her son, Paul of Redford; daughters, Margaret Kutnick of Canton, Patricia Lodge of Westland and Pamela Hackert of Franklin; four sisters and four brothers; seven grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 14 at the Salvation Army in Plymouth with Lt. James Spencer officiat-

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. Arrangements were made by the SchraderHowell Funeral Home, Ply-

JEAN WANETA CLARK

Mrs. Clark, 81, of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 13. Born in Brazil, Ind., Mrs Clark was a bench assembly worker.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Marie Blackford; two grandchildren.

Services were at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Arthur Magnuson officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery,

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester Hills 48307.

LOUIS W. BERTRAND

Mr. Bertrand, 85, of Livonia died Nov. 13.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Bertrand retired from Burroughs Corp. after 44 years of service in the International Service Department. He came to the Livonia community in 1992 from Northville Township. He also lived briefly in Gaylord after retiring. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and the Plymouth

Mr. Bertrand was a World War II veteran spending three years in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his wife Amy; sisters-in-law, Mabel Fake of Farmington Hills, Avis Waldecker of Plymouth and Wilma Blackmore of Midland.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

IRMA L. GOTHARD

Mrs. Gothard, 82, of South

Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 14.

Born in Cheboygan, Mrs. Gothard was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1935. She was a member of St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran Church in Plymouth and was a member of the Ladies Aide Society and the Missionary Guild.

Survivors include her husband, James; sons, Gary, James, David, Scott and Mark; daughters, Nancy Schleede and Sandy Griep; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ROY H. RASMUSSEN

Mr. Rasmussen, 70, of Plymouth died Nov. 14. Born in Chicago, Ill., Mr. Ras-mussen owned and operated R.S.G. Publishing Company for 20 years. He came to Plymouth in 1987 from Detroit. He was a

member of the Plymouth Elks. Mr. Rasmussen was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the V.F.W. Northville

Services were at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Thomas G. Badley and the Rev. Melanie Lee

Carey officiating. Memorials may be made to Bethany Christian Services. 32500 Concord Drive, Suite 250. Madison Heights 481071-1118.

Watching over

Sergeant joins traffic control tower in Bosnia

Bosnia is not Chicago's O'Hare, but it is one of the busiest airports in the world.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Tricia A. Paff, daughter of Phil Paff of Plymouth, is helping to manage a staggering volume of humanity and material at the base in support of allied peacekeepers participating in Operation Joint Guard.

Averaging 81,000 movements per month, this former Yugoslav Air Force base is quite a change from the slower pace Paff is accustomed to back in the states. A member of the 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group, Pfaff is

an air traffic controller. "Our job in the tower is make sure all aircraft are controlled as safely and efficiently as possible. We make sure the inbound and outbound aircraft have the appropriate separation and spacing and are moved in and out quickly," Paff said. "The number of helicopters and planes that come through here is tremendous and things can get tense.

There's no room for mistakes." The use of expeditionary forces is new for the Air Force in terms of supporting a joint overseas operation. The force that operates Tuzla Air Base, situated in the American sector of north central Bosnia-Herzegovina, is composed of 245 Air Force men and women who represent every major command, including the

In the midst of devastation caused by three years of war Paff's unit is doing all they can to help rebuild a small segment of this war-torn nation.

"I was able to participate in a convoy that took food and clothes to a nearby orphanage. Seeing the children put our mission

The Tuzla Air Force Base in here in Bosnia in complete perspective for me. Many lives were lost for senseless reasons, and many others are still suffering," Paff said.

Tuzla Air Base is significant to the peacekeepers and the Bosnians in that it is one of only two operating airports in the country. The other airport is in Sarajevo, which supports the southern sector of Bosnia-Herzegov-

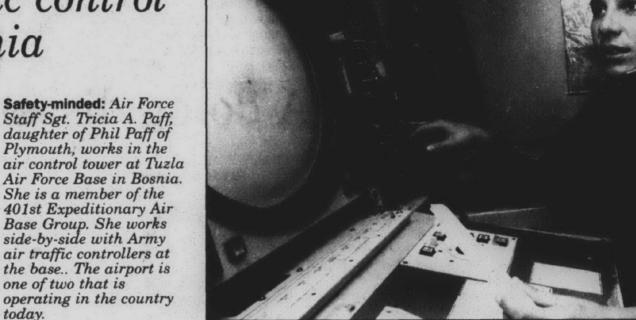
Teamwork is key to the Air Force's mission here. This includes Air Force air traffic controller working side-by-side with Army air traffic controllers for the first time during a major overseas deployment.

"A neutral party is definitely needed here, and that's what the multinational peacekeeping force is all about. We're just serving as a referee to help them find peace. I'm proud to be a part of that," said Paff.

Recently, the base served as the site for a conference between Croat, Serb and Muslim women who represented the Bosnian version of America's League of Women Voters. The U.S. ambassador to Bosnia and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-

Texas) participated in the event. Once, during another summit, a member of one of the former warring factions made an appeal to the American ambass "you have helped us birth a democracy. Now, you must give us time to learn how to walk and

For Paff and the other men and women at this Bosnian hub of activity, keeping things moving here is their way of contributing to helping maintain a fragile peace.







Bananas in Pajamas Welcome Santa Saturday, November 22 11:00 a.m.

Make it Westland Shopping Center for Santa's arrival this year. Join the fun as he arrives by horse and carriage led by the John Glenn High School band, outside entrance 6, just east of JCPenney.

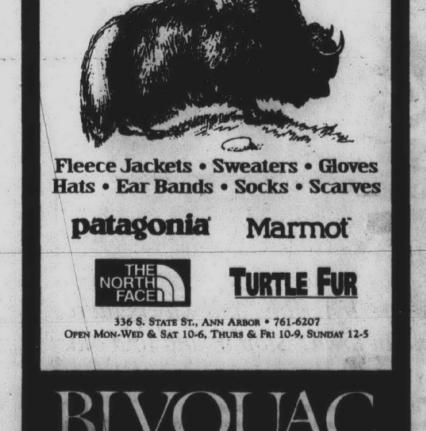
Bananas in Pajamas will be on hand to greet Santa as he arrives with Westley, The Holiday Bear. And then it's time for a Banana Holiday featuring the vellow fellows in a musical performance. Bring the kids for a fun family day, and take time for a photo with Santa following the show.

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JACK GLADDEN

Policies put a new spin on 'harmful'

ou must have read about this. It happened last year in Dayton, Ohio, and made national head-

A 13-year-old junior high school student was suspended for 10 days for drug possession. Her crime? She had accepted a Midol tablet - that overthe-counter stuff used to ease menstrual cramps - from another eighthgrader. School officials mercifully decided to reduce the suspension to three days, but only after the student agreed to take part in a drug counsel-

She got off easy. The 14-year-old girl who handed her the pill - the "pusher" - was also suspended for 10 days, then notified that she would be expelled for 4 1/2 months. That sentence, too, got reduced to an additional three days of suspension, but only after the "pusher" filed a federal lawsuit against the school district, claiming that she was treated more harshly because she was black.

While the district reduced the penalty against her, it denied that race had anything to do with it. She was punished more severely, a spokesman said, because she commit-

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Classes keep her students in stitches

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER



Like most teen-agers, Amie Geisler likes new clothes and she's adding to her wardrobe stitch by stitch.

The 13-year-old Canton resident recently started taking classes at Stitch-2-Stitch from Marie McInerney in the basement of her Canton Township home. She's already fin-

ished a belt, sewing bag and nightshirt. "I thought it was cool that I did that," Geisler said. "I've

always wanted to learn how to sew because we have a machine and my mom (Jill) couldn't sew."

But her dad, Rich, a mechanic, could sew.

"He bought the sewing machine for me 15 years ago and every time I used it it jammed up; he used it and it was fine," Jill said. "I wanted her to be sewing-literate and not illiterate like me.

Amie's sister, Jillian, 9, takes the class, too. Their brother, John, signed on after seeing his sisters come home with things he wanted.

"Once they started the nightshirt, they said you can make boxers and he loves to wear boxers," Jill said. "Marie makes it interesting for them. She's patient and really good with the kids.'

McInerney teaches an international program, Kids Can Sew, that began in 1983 and features five different levels. Students start out with the basics, like learning about the sewing machine and how to thread it. Once one level is mastered, they go onto the next.

"I really enjoy working with the kids to watch them when they complete a project and to see how excited they get," she said. "That's the best part of the job. They feel great about themselves and the progress they've made.'

Each one hour class has up to four children. McInerney started her business in April 1996, when she was certified by the Kids Can Sew program. She now has 27 students ranging in age from 6 to 16.

"Some students may decide to go into it professionally and others will have it for family use later on," McInerney said. "I would have to say it's more the children who are excited than the parents who are pushing their kids in here although I have had both.'

McInerney became interested in sewing when she was 12-13 and attending junior high school in the Dearborn area. And it was her daughters that piqued her interest in

"I have three girls of my own and when I start doing

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLEI



Scrappers turn photo albums into family history books

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

The lucky ones among us have parents and grandparents who documented our family histories by maintaining photo albums. But, most of us have found their efforts were spoiled by time. The pictures are faded and we can't dentify a lot of the subjects.

People across the country, like Julie Barnes of Westland, want to change that for future generations by maintaining memory

The mother of two children, Barnes is documenting family photos and other precious moments in elaborately decorated scrapbooks. She meets every couple of weeks with a group of friends, many from Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, to update their photo stories

Barnes has three books, one for her son Trey, 3; another for her 8-month-old daughter, Olivia; and a third that chronicles special times with her husband, John Mark.

"I want my children to see what their lives were like when they were little," Barnes said. "Hopefully, my grandchildren can see pictures of their parents when they were babies.'

Barnes uses an album from Creative Memories with acidfree pages and other specially prepared materials that ensure the photos will remain intact. A big motivation for using acid-free materials is that the memory book Barnes' mother made for her has deteriorated.

"The fact is that when you put your pictures in a standard photo album they have acids in them and they will deteriorate, discolor and tear 20 years later when you try to get them out," said Barnes, who takes up to an hour to finish a two-page layout in her album. "The time depends on how picky you are.

"It's also a fun hobby. For me, it's my only hobby.

Creative Memories is run by home-based consultants who hold demonstrations and sometimes have stalls at craft shows. When Barnes' Creative Memories consultant left the community, other members of the church started to fall behind on their

"People who come here have a time where they can get away to get together with other moms and adults," Barnes said. "A lot of us are stay-at-home moms.'

Preserving memories

Creative Memories stresses the importance of preserving memories, as well as journaling and photo documentation, according to Rhonda Kay Collier, a Creative Memories unit manager in Westland. Classes last about two hours and inventory is available for people who want to begin immediately.

'Our purpose is to preserve our memories and to make sure our history is passed down to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Collier said. "It's not just a photo story, but a story book that can include

Keeping family scrapbooks has grown in popularity since it took off in 1987 when Rhonda Anderson and Cheryl Lightle, cofounders of Creative Memories, had an idea to take the memory book concept nationwide.

A throwback to times when heritages were talked about around the fireplace, today families are devoting countless hours to putting together scrapbooks that have detailed information, from first dental visits to romps in the snow. The books feature fabric borders and simple to elaborate art work that are guaranteed to stay intact. The ideas are only limited by the creator's imagination.

"No matter where people go to do scrapbooks, the most important thing is for them to document those photos so that it can be passed on to future generations," said Kim Fredericks, a Creative Memories consultant in

Creative Memories is the first album and photo preservation company in the world to have the Wilhelm Imaging Research, Inc. stamp of approval.Creative Memories also reportedly sells more albums than other album suppliers combined.

"It was something that no one had hardly heard of before," Fredericks said. "They (Ander-

son and Lightle) started informing people about the importance of preserving these albums. Creative Memories was the first company and from there it has started to roll.'

Fredericks, who had one daughter and "500" rolls of film capturing her pride and joy in action, started her business two years ago. But, Creative Memories consultants stress that kids and their milestones aren't the only memory book theme. Ideas run the gamut from weddings and vacations to pets and out-

The meaning behind Creative Memories really hit home for me to preserve photos and document them," Fredericks said. "I had never done a scrapbook before. It only takes five years and the pictures will start fading, if they're not taken care of properly."

Fredericks' grandmother and great-aunt recently started to redo their albums with Creative Memories materials in hopes of preserving their family history.

"My grandma is using her albums to tell stories about what it was like when she was growing up," Fredericks said. "Some of those stories my mother hasn't even heard. And my grandmother is telling stories about her parents whom I've never

Most popular craft

Since Creative Memories began, craft stores are making room for scrapbook materials. In fact, materials and tools for memory books are the most popular craft right now, according to Nancy Chrusciel, store manager of Michael's in Westland. Nationwide sales of scrapbooks and supplies topped \$200 million last year, according to the Hobby Industry Association.

Other stores that exclusively offer scrapbook materials, like Scrappin' and Stampin' in Livonia, are cropping up. Barb Gentile opened the store last April after seeing a proliferation of scrapbook shops out west, especially in Utah. She also offers demonstrations on how to use the tools and materials to make beautiful pages that tell a thor-



Page maker: Valerie Kaledas of Garden City works on a page of wedding book as part of a recent Creative Memories demonstration, given by Rhonda Kay Collier, at Julie Barnes' Westland home.

Scrappin' and Stampin' offers albums to fit any budget and style, according to Ann Kmet, Gentile's partner. Every other Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight Kmet and Gentile host a Moonlight Crop, inviting the public to come in and work on their memory books.

"It's kind of like the old-fashioned quilting bee," Kmet said. "The '90s version of that is the scrapbooks. They share ideas and for some people it's uninterrupted time. It can be difficult to pull your things out when there's kids around."

Paper, pens, punches, scrapbook scissors with different blades and anything else you

would need is available. Glues, paper, stickers, templates, ink, stencils and other products are guaranteed acid-free.

When people come into our store they are impressed," Kmet said. "They say: 'Oh my gosh, it has everything I need.'

Carol Justin, a Garden City resident, is a regular customer and was introduced to the hobby by a friend who "has beautiful, beautiful books that turned my head.'

"I do it for my children (two girls ages 4 years and 5 months)," Justin said. "When they grow up, they will see a history of our family.

She spends between 24 and 30

hours weekly on her scrapbooks and would like to spend more time. As far as the cost, she said, it's worth the expense.

"If it preserves my pictures and my grandchildren can look at it, it's not expensive at all," Justin said. "In fact, I have my mother doing it and I'm learning stuff about my mom's side of the family that I never really knew."

For more information about Creative Memories, call 1-800-468-9335.

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alterations, they would ask questions," McInerney said. Some times their friends were here and we'd play with the

"I thought this would be a good business opportunity and it has turned out to be."

McInerney's students are among an estimated 30 million Americans who sew. In fact, sewing is a \$3.5 billion industry in the United States, according to the American Home Sewing and Craft Association.

McInerney provides her students with the sewing machines and other tools. The students choose and buy their own materials. The students in each class will work on the same project, but there are never two garments exactly alike.

"I'd like to look at sewing as being an artistic type of work," McInerney said. "It's putting your own personality into it and the kids start seeing that even with the same pattern. With different materials, the article can look different."

The cost of the class is \$45 for the first four weeks. The fee

includes a book, patterns and the use of McInerney's sewing machines and other tools. Every other month the fee is \$25 for four sessions.

"I see adults coming back into sewing," McInerney said. "People are so busy nowadays that they tend to want to have things

done, but they want their children to have that opportunity. A lot of people my age wish they would have taken it up much more than they have."

And sew on and sew on. For more information about Marie McInerney's sewing classes, call (313) 397-3062.



Sew on: Marie McInerney shows John Geisler- how to sew a seam while his sister Jillian works on a project at another machine.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Sansoterra-Schettler

Joanne Schettler and Michael Sansoterra were married Sept. 13 at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery of Detroit by Rev. Gene Simon.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Kathleen Schettler of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Jim and Jan Sansoterra of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. A former employee of Campbell Ewald Advertising in Warren, she is currently executive director of Forum Investment Club in Naples, Fla.

The groom also is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Northern Trust Bank in Naples, Fla., as a trust investment asso-

The bride asked Karen Schettler to serve as maid of honor with Ann Osmer, Joyce Odom and Elizabeth Cox as brides-

The groom asked Mark San-

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Nancy Boman and Greg Gotham were married June 29 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor by Dr. Orval L.E. Willimann.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Betty Boman of Ann Arbor. She asked Laurene Steinaway to be her maid of honor with Kim Kyro, Jennifer Serttunc, and Valerie Boman as her attendants. Junior bridesmaid was Alicia Kozub with Beth Boman was the flower girl.

The groom is the son of Bryon and Alice Gotham of Livonia. He asked Jim McDowell to be his best man with Greg Wlosinski, Jeff Cherenzia, and Jack Boman as attendants. Rich Boman was the ringbearer.

The bride is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. She is employed by the University of Michigan School of Information.

The groom received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Madonna



soterra to serve as best man with Joseph Promo, William Kalmar Jr. and Chris Kurtz as groomsmen.

They received guests at a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club before leaving on a Caribbean cruise. They are making their home in Naples, Fla.



University and a master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a financial services manager at Rima Manufacturing Co. in Hudson.

Poole-Budden

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poole of Alexandria, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Carleen, to Randall Clifford Budden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Budden of Livo-

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hayfield High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. She is an employee of the U.S. Department of State, currently on detail to the National Security Council.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a Foreign Service Officer of the U.S. State Department and a former area manager for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Cairo-Branim

Anthony and Paula Cairo of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Nathan Michael Branim, the son of Perry Branim and Debbie Lehner, also of Canton.

The couple are 1996 graduates of Plymouth Salem High School. The bride-to-be is enrolled at Schoolcraft College and is employed by Phillip I. Greco Title Co.

Her fiance is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps

An August 1999 wedding is

Lynch-Fried

Lois Lynch and Robert Lynch, both of Lansing, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Marie, to Marcus William Fried, the son of William and Barbara Fried of Livonia.

The bride-to-be received her master of business administration degree from Wayne State University. She is employed as a



An August wedding is planned. The couple will reside



market research analyst with Allison-Fisher Inc.

Her fiance received his master of mechanical engineering degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an engineer by the Ford Motor Company.

A November wedding is planned at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Landskroener-Herron

Jim and Sue Steinke of Brook lyn, Mich., and Jake and Dennis Landskroener of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Tarese, to Marcus Lee Herron, the son of Robert and Linda Herron of

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jackson Community College where she studied nursing. She is employed by the Westland Convalescent Center in West-

Her fignce is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by Michi-

gan National Bank in Livonia. A May wedding on Mackinac Island is being planned.

Graban-Gale

Robert and Marlene Graban of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Renee, to Kevin Arthur Gale, the son of Arthur and John Gale of Hillsboro, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a senior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics education.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of Hillsboro High School and a 1997 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is a sixth grade teacher at Whitewater Valley Elementary School in Harrison, Ohio.

A May wedding is planned for

Dee-Garbarino

Rick and Kristin Dee of Novi. announce the enjoyment of their father, Richard B., to Mary A. Garbarino of Livonia.

A spring wedding is planned.





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NEW VOICES

Edward Campbell Jr. and Nicole E. Blackwell, of Garden City announce the birth of Dylan James Campbell Sept. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Ashley Nicole Blackwell Campbell, 2. Grandparents are James Blackwell and Nancy Sypolt of Garden City, Ed Campbell Sr. of Inkster and Diane West of High Point, N.C.

Marc and Kiersa Peerbolte of Canton announce the birth of Carra Elisabeth May 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Jordan, 6, and a sister, Alaina, 3. Grandparents are Jack and Nancy Thompson of Monroe and Robert and Bonnie Peerbolte of Highland.

Christopher and Shannon Hendrix of Garden City announce the birth of Elisabeth Dansby Sept. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Wesley, 3, and a sister, Whitney, 18 months. Grandparents are Bruce and Carole Whitney of Talbott, Tenn., and Winford and Carol Hendrix of Hickory, N.C.

Mark and Laura Riegal of Westland announce the birth of Bailey Marcus Sept. 1 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. Grandparents are David and Elaine Pavlov and Joseph and Patricia

DeBono. Luc and Stacey Beaudreau of Canton announce the birth of Elise Marie Sept. 19. She joins a sister, Nicole. Grandparents are Larry and Carmen Michrina of Canton and Paul and Geor-

gette Beaudreau of Livonia. Glen Wiper and Tracy Marich of Westland announce the birth of Tristin Kyle Marich Sept. 7, at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Daniel, 6, and Adam, 11. Grandparents are Thomas and Bridget Piasecki

and Glen Wiper, all of Westland. Mike and Jeannie Weber of Novi announce the birth of Matthew Ryan Aug. 30 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. He joins a brother, Jeffrey, 3. Grandparents are Ron and Pat Ginnard, Ken and Dee Duran of Plymouth, and Wally and Marilyn Weber of Dearborn. Greatgrandmother is Virginia Gin-

nard of Livonia. Garry Dickey and Ruth Shaw of Westland announce the birth of Ayrel Mae Dickey Sept. 3 at the Birthing Center of

Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Joseph Tarrow, 4, and a sister, Amanda Shaw, 8. Grandparents are William and Marlene Dickey of Westland and Diana Shaw of Las Vegas, Nev.

Joel and Nina Leake of Canton announce the birth of Tessa Noelle Aug. 29 at Oakwood Hos-

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pital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Helen and Louis Tluczek of Garden City and Warren and Kathy Leake of Wayne. Great-grandparents are Robert and Marion Foley of

Sondra Ginger Richards of Westland announces the birth of

Thomas Colby Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Blanche Richards, Lawrence Richards and Thomas Mark Bedwell, all of Westland.

Brian and Sharon Anderson of Wayne announce the birth of Autumn Rose Sept. 18 at Oak-

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wood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are David and Elaine Dowell of Westland, Mary Anderson of Canton and Michael Anderson of Redford.

James and Melisa Partin of Westland announce the birth of Shelby Helen Elizabeth Sept. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two sisters, Kimberly, 2 1/2, and Aliscia, 5. Grandparents are John and Carol Partin of Taylor and Debbie Patterson of Wests

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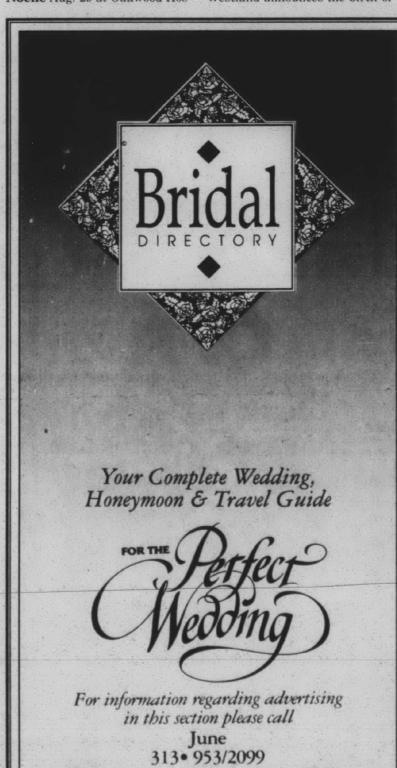
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of Westland announce the birth of Madison Mackenzie Sept. 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapo lis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Marcie and Robert Barnes of Garden City and Sharon and Jim Roush of Milford.

Ronald Martin Jr. and Malissa Kuck of Westland announce the birth of Cody Daniel Martin Sept. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Cheryl Clark and Gerald Kuck of Romulus and Ronald Martin Sr. of Westland.

Gary and Michelle Brown of Canton announce the birth of Autumn Marie Sept. 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sister, Ashley, 11. Grandparents are Richard and Karen Roberts of Canton and Fred and Patricia Brown of Dearborn Heights.

Duane and Heidi Cox of Garden City announce the birth of Chloe Annamarie Sept. 14 at

the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Matt and Sherry Chaffin of Redford announce the birth of Christopher Michael Sept. 25 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. He joins a sister, Rebecca, Grandparents are Ted and Janet Chaffin of Redford.

Duane and Leanne Wallace of Garden City announce the birth of Trent Duane Sept. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jimmie Wallace, Penni Stapleton, Leroy Stapleton and **Dorothy Wallace**

Brad and Gina Ramp of Westland announce the birth of Katharine Nicole Sept. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Piazza of Canton, Robert and Joanne Ramp of Superior Township, and the late Barbara Ramp.

Arthur and Lisa VanDe-Mark of Westland announce the

birth of Collin Ray Sept. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two siblings, Cody, 3, and Devin, 7. Grandparents are Robert Neil of Dearborn Heights, Gloria and Jerry Elliott of Westland and Grady and Linda Toppins of Huntington, W.Va.

David and Shannon Davis of Taylor announce the birth of Christopher Sept. 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother and sister, David II and Candace. Grandparents are Genevieve Newton and Bill and Marti Sponseller, all of Taylor.

Raymond and Angela Stander of Garden City announce the birth of Cody Michael Sept. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Sabastian, 5, and Billy, 11 months. Grandparents are Carol Bruton of Westland, Sharlet Synowiec of Royal Oak and Raymond Stander of Dearborn

Skip and Brenda Lutman of Livonia announce the birth of Richard Platt Sept. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister,

Amber, 19 months. Grandparents are Karol Lutman of Bloomfield Hills and John and Gail Breckenridge of Farmington

James and MaryJane Richards of Canton announce the birth of Miranda Jane Sept. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Jimmy, 9, and Michael 2. Grandparents are Ray and Delima Fillip and Gordon and Glenda Richards, all of Westland.

Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and Lori Adams of Livonia announce the birth of Jake Jeffery Adams-McLaughlin Sept. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Paige Marie Adams-McLaughlin, 4. Grandparents are Jeff and Joyce Adams of Livonia, Debbie Jahns of Harrow, Ont., Canada, and Jorig Mantika of Windsor, Ont., Cana-

Jason and Dawn Burke of Inkster announce the birth of Jeffery McLaughlin of Samantha Ann Maria Sept. 24

at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Jason Jr., 22 months. Grandparents are Sheila Burke of Garden City, John Burke of Detroit and Sandy and Ted Longsdorf of Inkster.

Brian and Tina McMillan of Garden City announce the birth of Kory Harry Sept. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother. Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Emery of Garden City and Marge McMillan of

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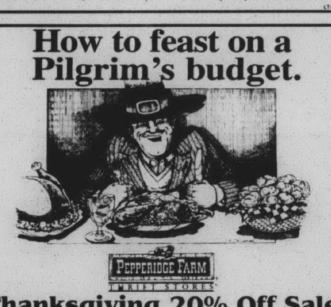
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"I never dreamed I would be in her shoes just two weeks later," said the Farmington resident.

On June 3, Laurie and her husband, Rob, learned that the younger of their two sons, Matthew, then 20 months old, had acute lymphocytic leukemia

"I never in a million years thought it would be my child,"

Now 2 years old, Matthew is in the process of 130 weeks of treatment, both in-patient at Children's Hospital of Michigan and out-patient. He was the first CHM pediatric patient to have chemotherapy treatments at

"He's technically in remission, but we have to follow through the full course of treatment," said Rob, an attorney in practice in Bingham Farms. "Matthew is very outgoing, mischievous. He's a real trooper; he's handled it well.

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lymph nodes and spleen. The Goldis wanted to support

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the search for a cure. "We put together a (solicitation) letter with Matthew's picture on it and sent copies to friends, family and colleagues," Rob said. "We've been very successful. We've raised close to \$13,000.

The couple is warmed by the

"Research has come so far, but there is still such a long way to go," said Laurie. "We're still losing 25 kids out of every 100 to leukemia.'

The couple was further buoyed by the response of the Country Cupboard, a home furniture and

accessories store at 15970 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Co-owners Sharon Eccles and Sue Delfgauw are sponsoring a mega Beanie Baby raffle with all proceeds going to leukemia research

in Matthew's name. "Rob has been our attorney for 15 years," said Delfgauw. "The letter explaining about Matthew's illness made us sick. We knew Rob before he was married or had children. We had to do something."

They saved Beanie Babies from several of their shipments and launched a raffle during their Christmas Open House last-

For just \$1 per ticket, customers can buy a chance on five prizes. The grand prize is a wooden tree decorated with 30 Beanie Babies, including some

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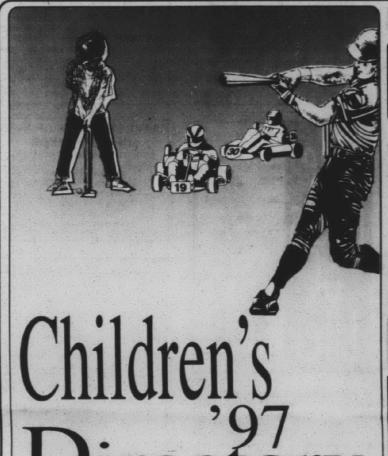
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Delfgauw and her business partner hope to raise \$10,000 for leukemia research with the raf-

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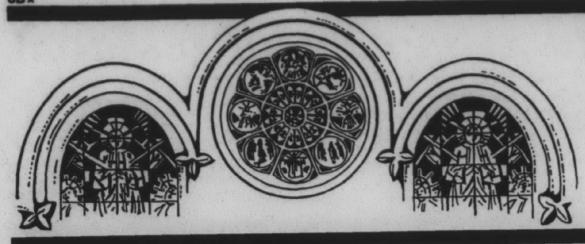
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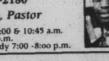
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Kwanzaa, Hanukkah added to Festival of Trees lineup

The Cobo Center ballroom will once again be transformed into a village of Christmas trees during the annual Festival of Trees Sunday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 30. This year's theme is "A Celebration of Angels."

The largest annual special event fund-raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan, the festival features 113 professionally designed trees and holiday vignettes, including, new this year, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah

The Hanukkah vignette will feature a small living room setting with toys depicting different aspects of the holiday. With traditional Jewish decorations and other items from everyday life, specific Hanukkah articles such as a menorah and several dreidels will be on display. Information about the items will be provided.

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The Kwanzaa vignette will depict one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, "Umoja," a Swahili word meaning "unity." According to Deborah Love-Peel, a volunteer helping to coordinate the display, they chose the theme because it represented communities coming together.

A black angel will adorn the top of the holiday tree, which will be decorated with handmade ornaments, depicting different races. The vignette will include a tree skirt and special pillows made out of African fab-

Wreaths, stockings and other holiday decorations will be displayed and available for purchase along with the trees. Sponsored by Ralph Roberts Real Estate, Inc., and The Loan Source, Inc., a Gingerbread Village, designed by professional

chefs and culinary students, will be on display. Live entertainment also will be featured each day, except for Thanksgiving Day, at the festival.

Among local residents and businesses decorating trees are the Black-Eyed Susans/Livonia Autoplex Inc.; Uht Funeral Home, Westland; Red Spot Westland Inc.; Kari Jo Lockhart and Debra Foust of Garden City; Michael's Angel Attic, Livonia; Doris Vincent of Westland; Freudenberg-NOK, Plymouth; the Office Depot Design Team, Plymouth; KR Designs, Livonia; Decorating Den, Canton; Parisian, Livonia; Kathleen Blech of Livonia, and M'Hawk Productions, Redford.

Also, A&W Restaurants Inc., Livonia; The Village Painters, Canton; Michelle Mamo of Livonia; The Survivors of Plymouth; American Community Mutual Insurance Co., Livonia; Blevin's Flower Shop, Westland; Michael's Arts and Crafts, Westland; Walnut Ridge Collection, Westland; Marilyn Rollins, Livonia; and Thorn Designs, Redford.

Another attraction is the Santaland, sponsored by AirTouch Cellular. It includes a "Candy Cane Choo-Choo," which offers round-trip fare to a Secret Santa Shop. Tickets also are available for a fish pond, age-related hands-on arts and crafts projects and photographs with Santa Claus.

New this year is a magical mailbox from the U.S. Postal Service where children can send special messages to the North

A Teddy Bear Tea will be held for children and adult at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. "Mr. Magic"



ship:/Volunteers spend as much time work-Ing on the display as they do planning and decorating / their trees for the annual Festival of Trees that open Sun- day, Nov. 23.

Ronnie Cee and ventriloquist, humorist and author Richard Paul will perform. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 11 and younger and include admission to the Festival

Proceeds from Festival of Trees benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan's Evergreen Endowment Fund, which supports marily on pediatric patients for

research into the causes and cures of diseases affecting children. Last year's festival raised \$550,000 for the Evergreen Endowment Fund.

Funds raised this year will support the work of the Positron Emission Tomography Center, the first in the world used pri-

the study of childhood disorders. Positron Emission Tomography is one of the most advanced research and analysis tools in modern medicine.

Tickets - \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors ages 60 and older, \$2 for children ages 2-12, and free for children ages 1 and younger are available at the door and at

participating Meijer stores and all English Gardens locations.

Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 25-26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Day); 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 28-29, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 30.

For more information, call the Festival of Trees hotline at (313) 966-TREE.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Icons" Nov. 20 by Jim King, "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

LINE DANCE LESSONS

Line dancing lessons will be taught 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. There is no charge for the fellowship. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

HEALING MASS

Our Lady of Loretto Church

will have a charismatic healing Mass at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church, Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford. The Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Esper with music by Dale Swezene's Vision Band. Participants can bring finger foods to share, and groups can bring banners for the service. For more information, call Lynne Wendt at (313) 537-4219 or Grace Weible at (313) 464-

CARD PARTY

The St. Aidan Women's Guild is hosting a card party 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church's activity center, 17500 Farmington Road. The more than 80 door prizes include turkeys. There will also be special table prizes and a "Star-Studded Raffle." Snacks and dessert are included in the admission. To make a reservation, call (313) 591-2145 or (313) 464-8628.

'PEACE CONCERTS'

James F. Twyman will present "Songs from the Peace Concerts" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Twyman has performed the peace concerts in front of thousands for Bosnian television and continues to perform concerts as the "Peace Troubadour" around the world.

The Peace Concerts inspired

Twyman when the leaders of the 12 major religions of the world came together in the name of peace to share their religions' peace prayers. Twyman put the prayers to music and created an album called "Emissary of Light" songs from The Peace Concerts.

The cost of the event is a \$15 donation. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

COAT/SWEATER SALE

Tried and True Lutheran Resale Store, 5004 Michigan Ave., Wayne, is having a coat and sweater sale through Tuesday, Nov. 25. All sweaters in all sizes cost \$1, coats are \$1-\$5.95. Dress coats, winter jackets, ski jackets, furs, leathers, children's, infants, men's and women's sizes will be available. Those who bring a canned good to the store receive a 1/2 off coupon. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-5.30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. For more information, call (313) 728-9777. Proceeds go to the POBLO Lutheran Outreach.

SINGLE POINT Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a "Where Do We Go From Here" seminar, exploring topics such as being single, personality and gender differences, building healthy relationships, and keeping things in perspective, from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and 9

a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the church's Lighthouse 17000 Farmington Road (at Six Mile Road), Livonia. The workshop, presented by Dick Bont, will cost \$10. Child care will be available for free and lunch will be provided on Saturday for those who preregister. For more information about the activities, call the Single Point

YOGA CLASSES

Office at (313) 422-1854.

The Unity of Livonia Church, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout November and December. The class, taught by Linda Haught, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Where did Christian Science start?" on Nov 23, "Does your church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30, "What are these Reading Rooms all about?" on Dec. 7, "What does Christian Science say about sin?" on Dec. 14, "How can anyone have that much faith?" on

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"The Christian Science Senheard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from

Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present "Dating in the '90s: The Challenge of Reinvesting" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Youth Room of the church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-0472.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

SUNDAY LESSONS

The Rev. Leo Booth will discuss "Spirituality is an Inside Job," 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. Booth will also present a workshop, "A New Spirituality: Breaking the Myths," 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the church. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$15 at the door. The lesson on Sunday, Nov. 30, will be "Field of Dreams." For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present a Christian support Bible study, "Living with Grief," 9:45-10:40 a.m., starting Sunday, Nov. 23, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-2424.

Sister Loretta Mellon, O.P., will be the guest speaker during a Thanksgiving prayer luncheon Monday, Nov. 24, at Sveden House, 29477 Seven Mile Road (at Middlebelt Road), Livonia. The room opens at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$5.75. For reservations, call Kathleen Hollowell at (313) 427-4371 or Mary Ellen Klotz at (313) 427-0002.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

diocese of Detroit will do a Millennium presentation, "Jesus, the Moral Teacher," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. For more

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A host of colorful personalities will fill the airwaves throughout the holiday as the nationally syndicated radio talk show, Woman to Woman," introduces

Hosted by Phyllis Wallace, the Woman to Woman" Thanksgiving special, "Now Thank We All," will aid Sunday, Nov. 23, and will feature an interview with Bob Keeshan, known to millions

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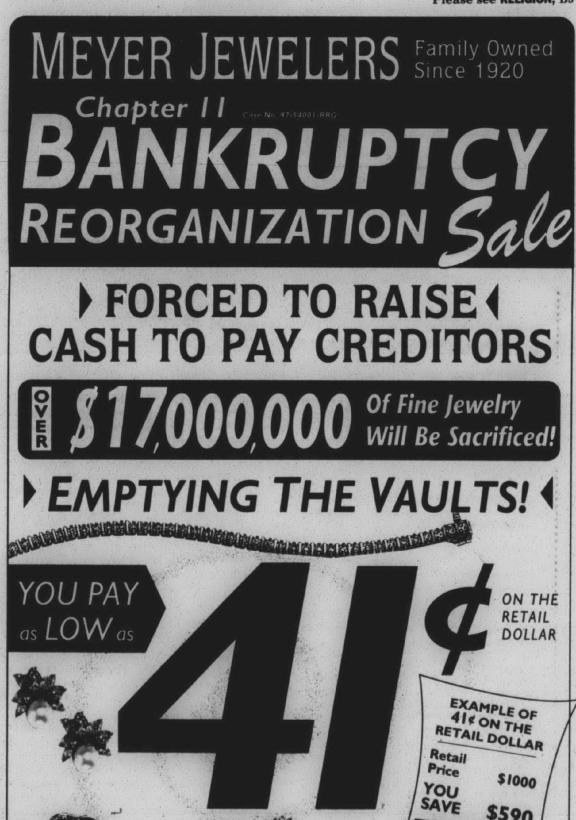
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Later in the season, "Woman to Woman" will broadcast a Christmas special, "Mysteries Revealed." The guest list for the Dec. 21 show includes children's

The program also includes interviews with cartoonist Charles Schulz, known for his lovable "Peanuts" characters, and Dr. Raymond Damadian, the inventor of the magnetic res-

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GENERAL MEETING

The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will hold a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 25, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, there will be a Hanukkah arts and crafts workshop and home celebration ideas will be shared. Guests are invited. Refreshments will be

The group will have its annual paid-up membership luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the synagogue. For entertainment, a video, "Catskills on Broadway," will be viewed.

A white elephant sale fundraiser, sponsored by the Sisterhood and the youth group, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the synagogue.

THANKSGIVING EVE

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City and Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights are holding a combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 20805 Middle belt (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

■ Faith United Methodist 'Church is having a community Thanksgiving Eve service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road (south of I-94), with the Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church preaching. Call (313) 483-2276 For more information:

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is having a special serwice or praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 14175 Farm-Ington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Choristers choirs, Sunday School children, orchespants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter.

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■ A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-

THANKSGIVING DAY

The spirit of gratitude will be celebrated at the First Church of Christ Science, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The service will include testimonies of healing by Christian Scientists. Members of other religious denominations are invited to attend, and child care will be provided.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Norah Duncan IV, will be performing Handel's "Messiah" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave. (at Belmont, just north of Chica-

Advance ticket prices are \$10 for general admission, and \$8 for

students and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the concert for \$12 or \$10. To order tickets, send a check or money order, made payable to the Cathedral Culture Series, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., 48202. Ticket orders must be postmarked by no later than Monday, Nov. 24. For more information, call

(313) 237-5782. MOVING FORWARD'

Patricia Ann Hopkins, a master of divinity of candidate, will speak on the topic of "Moving Forward in Spite of ..." at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Unity of Livonia,

28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Hopkins will receive her cooperative master of divinity degree in the year 2000 from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit and the McCormick Theological Seminar in Chicago. As part of her training, she will remain at the Unity of Livonia until the spring.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Advent Worship Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A soup and salad dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. A Christmas Fantasia Cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road (east of Merriman Road), Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the program "Handling the Holidays" and on Jan. 8 with "Moving On." There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The 50-Plus Club at Redford Baptist Church will have its annual holiday party at noon Thursday, Dec. 4 The event will feature a catered luncheon, music by the Jubilee Trio. a

sing-along, and a visit from St. Nick. Call (313) 533-2300 for reservations before Friday, Nov 28. Transportation is available.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual musical production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 6, 12-13, and 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sundays Dec. 7, 14, and 21, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are priced \$6 to \$10 and can be purchased at the church's ticket office, by mail (orders will be processed until 10 days prior to the performance), or Visa/MasterCard by calling the ticket hotline at (313) 414-3980. No children younger than age 4 will be admitted to the performances.A special performance for the deaf and hearing impaired will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10. For more information about that show, call TTY (313) 414-3992 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for reservations.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events and sports. The books cost \$40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5950 or (313)

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago Road (between Beech Daly and Inkster roads), Redford, is hosting a cookie walk sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Cookies will be sold by the pound.

ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council is hosting its 17th annual Advent Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St. at Third Street, Detroit. The guest speaker will be Lewis T. Hickson, the executive director of the Capuchin Fathers Outreach and Soup Kitchen Programs. Tickets are \$6 and are available from the Detroit Presbytery office. For more information, call (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (313). 425-3024.

ADVENT RETREAT

Madonna University in Livonia will hold an Advent Retreat, "Hold Fast to the Hope," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. The Rev. Patrick Halfpenny, vice rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, will be the facilitator for the event. The cost is \$12 and. includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 432-5419.

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ted a more serious "offense."

If that case sounds a bit convoluted, one down in Houston, Texas, was more clear-cut. A 13year-old honor student at Riverwood Middle School drew a oneday suspension after bringing a bottle of Advil to school in her backpack. Both the girl and her mother said she had put the Advil in the backpack the night before when she had a headache and went to a friend's house for a sleepover.

She forgot about the contraband until the next day when a drug-sniffing dog (Yes, that's right, a drug-sniffing dog!) sniffed it out while going through students' belongings. In addition to the one-day suspension, the girl's grade on her Spanish honors test was reduced 20 percent (in accordance with the district's drug policy) bringing her overall grade in the class to a C.

In regard to the incident, a school board member was quoted as saying: "Nothing is more important than keeping drugs off campus.'

Students in the 23,000-student district are required to take all medications - except for cough drops - in the presence of a school official and then only with a parent's permission.

But it's just a drop ...

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If that policy seems a bit strict, it might have benefited another junior high student, this one in Belle, W.Va., who was suspended for three days earlier this month after giving another student - you guessed it - a cough drop.

Strictly speaking, what he handed out was a zinc throat lozenge, a relatively new overthe-counter medication that is supposed to reduce the length and severity of the common cold.

The lozenges have become so popular that an Arbor Drugs spokesman called them "the Elmo of health care." Stores can't keep them on the shelves. A Canton pharmacist says you shouldn't use them on an empty stomach or they can produce nausea, but other than that he

knows of no adverse side effects. But the West Virginia school nurse claimed the zinc could cause anything from abdominal problems to breathing problems and the principal didn't like the way the lozenge looked. He said it "wasn't a candy-colored cough drop. It was an unidentified tablet, a large pill, kind of dirty white with granules on it. It had no appearance of a cough drop at

He said if it had been a clearly marked Hall's cough drop, the student wouldn't have been suspended. Well, now Hall's has come out with candy-colored, clearly marked Hall's Zinc Lozenges. Would that really have made a difference with the nurse and the principal? Probably not.

"We shouldn't and don't have to determine if this was a nar-cotic," the principal said. "There has to be zero tolerance for kids not following the procedures in our attempts to protect them from something harmful."

In Loudoun County, Va., "something harmful" apparently includes mouthwash. A high

school senior was suspended for 10 days last year after taking a swig of Cool Mint Listerine in

Nutritious snack or ...

And a 13-year-old middle schooler in Anchorage, Alaska, created a real uproar when she brought some roasted hemp seeds to school, seeds she and her father had bought at the Straight and Narrow Hemp Store in downtown Anchorage. The school at first suspended her for 10 days, then put the suspension on hold until the seeds could be tested to determine if they were a nutritious snack similar to sunflower seeds, as the store claimed, or an illegal drug containing THC, the hallucinatory chemical in mari-

And while schools continue their rigorous enforcement of these mandatory "zero tolerance" policies, suspensions and expulsions continue to increase, some school boards are beginning to complain that they are spending more time dealing with disciplinary actions than with school policy.

But a spokeswoman for that school district in Texas - the one that brought out the Advil- snifting dog - says such policies are just designed to protect students from harm. Call it "Midol Madness." We must protect the children from harm, even if we have to destroy them in the process.

Next: Sex, books and other atrocities.

Jack Gladden, a copy editor at the Observer Newspapers, is a Canton resident.

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United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit in cooperation with Village Chrysler Jeep of Royal Oak is raffling off a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited Edition.

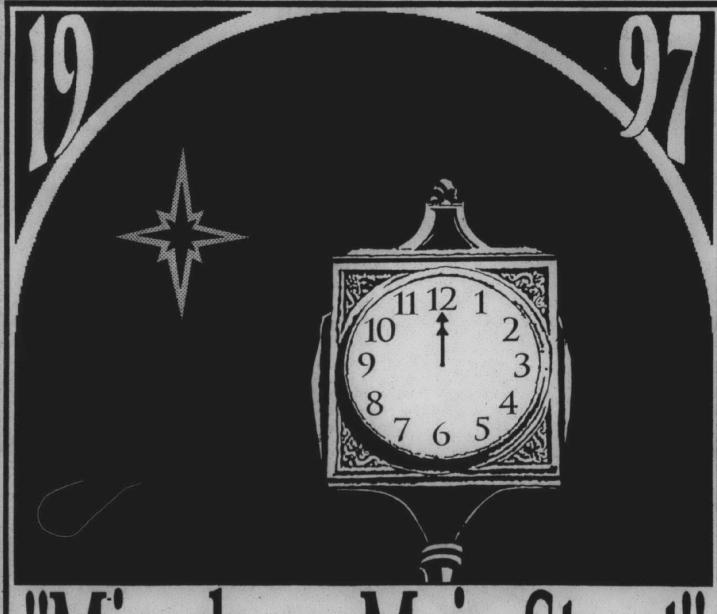
The vehicle has a 5.9-liter engine, premium leather interior, accessories and sound system and retails for \$37,000.

Tickets cost \$20 each with only 5,000 tickets available. They can be purchased by cash, check or charge card by calling Julie at UCP/Detroit at (248) 557-5070.

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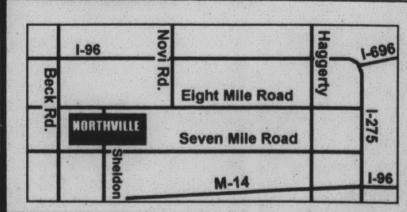
"MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET" PARADE--Friday evening, November 21, 6:30 p.m. After the parade, visit Santa & his live reindeer at Santa's House, by the Gazebo.

CHRISTMAS WALK--Sunday afternoon, November 23, 1:00-5:00. Kick off the holiday season with music, refreshments, decorations, and special activities & fun!

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HARRIS-KEHRER

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will have its annual arts and crafts bazaar Saturday, Nov. 22, at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Pam Janis at (313) 721-6304.

HOMESPUN TRADITIONS

Homespun Traditions will have its arts and craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Summit on the Park, Summit Parkway between Palmer and Cherry Hill roads, Canton. Americana, folk art, Christmas quilts and pleasures will be featured. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (313) 513-5769 or (313) 397-6800.

ST. AGATHA

St. Agatha's Women's Club will have its Fall Boutique 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 in the gymnasium of the school, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be crafts, bake sale, raffle, snack bar and Beanie Babies. For more information, call Marion at (313) 534-

PRCUA SYRENA

The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road. For more information, call (313) 565-9865 or (313) 383-1821

STS. PETER AND PAUL

Sts. Peter and Paul Romanian Orthodox Church will have its ninth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22 at the church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be a raffle, bake sale and lunch, featuring ethnic food. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 381-4913 or (313) 525-3559.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will have its annual bazaar 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22 at the church, 35300 W. Eight Mile Road, west of Gill Road, Farmington Hills. There will handmade crafts, white elephant, book and bake sales, raffle and homemade pickles, jams and jellies. Raffle prizes include a handmade quilt and designer doll. For more information, call (248) 478-6520.

ST. VALENTINE

ST. EDITH

St. Valentine Parent/Teacher Club's sixth annual holiday craft shoppe will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 in the school activity building at Hope Street and Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. Two holiday raffles will be held, one with a first prize of a 27-inch television and second prize of Detroit Red Wing tickets, and hourly 50/50 cash raffles. Proceeds will benefit the children of St. Valentine Parish and School. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825.

Cookbook raises funds for parade

Along with Thanksgiving feasts, America's Thanksgiving Parade has long been a tradition for Detroit-area residents.

This year, the two traditions come together as The Parade Company releases "Traditions: America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook," a collection of favorite recipes from Detroit personalities.

The book - put together by Linda Hayman, a Parade Foundation trustee, and Annabel Cohen, a chef and food writer features family recipes from area celebrities such as Tim Allen of "Home Improvement," Mayor Dennis Archer and Judge Trudy DunCombe Archer, radio personality Ken Calvert, Gov. and Mrs. John Engler, Denise Ilitch Lites and TV newspersons Mort Crim, Carmen Harlan, Chuck Gaidica and Devin Scil-

"Traditions: America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook' is available for \$10 (plus \$3 shipping and handling) by calling (313) 923-COOK. All proceeds benefit The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, producers of America's Thanksgiving Parade.

St. Edith Parish of Livonia is hosting a "craft mall" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh (south of Five Mile Road), Livonia. The mall features crafts made by artisans from around the world. Gift wrapping paper, ribbon and refreshments will also be for sale. Admission is free. Call (313) 464-2027 for more information.

Senior House of Livonia will have its eighth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4, at the retirement residences, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth, new gift items, decorations and ornaments. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

ST. KEVIN'S

St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be \$15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room,

bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

"Treats and Treasures," a sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures and cutlery will be featured. Admission is free. For more information, (248) 348-

BISHOP BORGESS

Bishop Borgess High School still has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the school, 11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

PLYMOUTH PARKS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual arts and crafts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525

Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call show director Carol Donnelly at (313) 455-6620

UNITY OF LIVONIA

Unity of Livonia is hosting a Christmas bazaar and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will be crafts, tree ornaments, and other items available for Christmas. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

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Local help

The Detroit Rockers improved their National Professional Soccer League record to 3-1 with a 14-11 triumph over the Wichita Wings Saturday at Joe Louis Arena.

Helping the Rockers' offense were Jeff Gold (from Plymouth) and Travis Roy (from Livonia), each with one

Detroit led 7-2 at the half, but Wichita fought back to tie it at 9-9 after three quarters. A 5-2 final period clinched it for the Rockers.

On Sunday, they suffered a 20-6 setback at the hands of the Buffalo Blizzard, who are 4-1 and in first place in the NPSL's North Division. Detroit's 3-2 mark left them second behind the Buffalo Blizzard (4-1).

Perfect Panthers

The Canton Panthers, an under-9 boys soccer team, finished first in the Great Lakes Soccer League's Superior Division last fall. The Panthers posted a 10-0 record with seven shutouts, outscoring their opponents 85-5.

Panther team members are Greg Bolton, Matthew Boylan, Mark Calabrese, Sean Dillon, Garrett Fishaw, Alex Hahn, Jeremy Henderson, Becci Houdek, Lindsey Iseler, Kevin Jozefczak, Christopher Leonetti, Daniel Popoff, Christopher Pruitt and Sean Roberts. Team coaches are Vic Dillon. Randy Houdek and Dan Popoff.

Motion tryouts

Michigan Motion, an AAU girls basketball club, will have open tryouts Sunday, Dec. 7; Friday, Dec. 12; and Sunday, Dec. 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Tryout times are 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 11-13; 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 14-15; and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 16-17. All players are welcome; for more information, call Mike Tuck between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at (248) 486-1515.

Chiefs tip Rocks on last shot

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Go ahead: Analyze it. Tear it apart, possession by possession, play by play, basket by basket, second by sec-

Chances are you'll come up with the same conclusion as the two coaches in Wednesday night's Class A district girls basketball semifinal, played at Novi HS, did:

I can't explain it. Both Bob Blohm, from Plymouth Canton, and Fred Thomann, from Plymouth Salem, agreed on that description of the improbable ending to another in a long line of classic bat-

tles between the two rivals. Kristin Mayer will now be remembered as the one who made "the shot." With five seconds left in the game, 26 seconds after Andrea Pruett knocked down a 12-foot jumper to put Salem up by one, Mayer floated her putback from the side of the basket up and in to reclaim the lead for Canton.

Fouled on the play, Mayer also hit the free throw. The Rocks could not retaliate, making the Chiefs 36-34 winners and putting them into Friday's 7 p.m. district final at Novi HS against the Novi-Northville winner.

"Rebounding was one of our main things this game," said the 5-foot-7 Mayer. "I saw the shot go up. I could tell (it was an airball).

"I was just in the right place at the right time."

It truly went against all logic, something Canton's Blohm was well aware of. After Pruett, who sparked the Rocks offensively by scoring 15 points, nailed her clutch jumper to regain the lead for Salem at 34-33, the Canton coach opted to forego calling a timeout.

"I thought that might help (Salem) more," Blohm explained. "It would give them time to get set defensively. I was going to let us play and hope for

"I didn't think a timeout would help

For the Chiefs, who often run off 45

seconds before even taking a shot, going against a 24-second clock with the game on the line must have been quite a challenge. Melissa Marzolf ended up playing the chosen one; she drove the lane, but her off-balance push attempt missed everything.

Good thing it did. Because Mayer had slipped inside of the much-taller (6-foot-2) Amanda Abraham, where she grabbed the ball and lofted her shot toward the hoop.

The rest, as they say, is history. "When Andrea made that shot, I thought it put us in position to win," said Salem's Thomann. "Our team

played as good on defense as anyone can. But that final putback, set up by what Thomann described as "an awful shot (by Marzolf) that they turned into a great score," was unde-

For Mayer and Kristin Lukasik, both seniors, the game was a chance to prolong their last season. Both played active roles in doing just that.

It was hardly a one-shot game for Mayer — she finished with 15 points, same as Lukasik, who drained three three-pointers. Salem's Christine Philips joined Pruett in double-figures in scoring, getting 11.

One thing this game never was — one-sided. The biggest lead by either team was four points.

The Rocks led 7-3 after one quarter, but Canton outscored them 8-2 in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the second. It ended up tied at 14-all at the break.

A 6-2 run to start the second half gave the Chiefs their biggest lead: 20-16. Two Mayer baskets in the final 1:06 of the third quarter matched that margin for Canton, but Pruett hit with five seconds to go in the period, making it 26-24 to start the fourth.

That's about where it stayed. Mayer did get six of her points in the fourth quarter, giving her 10 in the game's

And she considers herself a rebounder. Guess, for Canton's sake,



STAFF PHOTO BY RILL REPSIER

Shot-maker: Kristin Mayer scored 15 points for Canton, none more important than the last three, which won the game.

Sills' skills emerge at OSU

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

First, one must understand that there are naysayers, or non-believers, everywhere. For those people, it is much simpler to say an athlete won't

succeed - and then be surprised when they do.

It seemed Shellye Sills, the Plymouth Salem standout at both basketball and volleyball, was an athlete perfectly suited for those kinds of dart-throwers. Even when she signed with the University of Toledo, a mediocre Mid-American Conference team in volleyball, many doubted her ability to play at that level -

Buckeye star NCAA Division I. Sills proved all of them wrong in her very first year at Toledo. She was one of the Rockets best players as a freshman, certainly fillalthough they still finished in the bottom half of the MAC

Then the Toledo coach, Reed Sunahara, was caught in a crossfire, and ultimately was the main casualty in a player revolt. Sills, together with two other freshmen, headed

the save-the-coach clique. But they didn't have enough sway; Sunahara was fired.

And Sills demanded to go as well. "I really didn't like the team (at Toledo)," she said. "They tried to get the coach fired, and he was the reason I went "I told their AD (athletic director) I wouldn't stay

(from scholarship), but I went in and demanded it. and he did. That solved one problem. Sills, now a sopho-

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more, was free from her commitment at Toledo. But where would she go now?

Ohio State had shown interest previously, but the Buckeyes had been slower to offer a scholar-

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ing a major role in what success they enjoyed, **All-American**

Canton grad paces SC runners

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Look what was accomplished

in less than half a season Sonny Gavoor wasn't supposed to be coaching Schoolcraft College's women's cross country team. But when he returned from his trip to China in mid-October, SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh asked him if he could take over the program for the remainder of the season after coach Laura Loggins' resig-

Gavoor accepted the half-season challenge and, at last Saturday's NJCAA Cross Country Championships in Leveland, TX, the Lady Ocelots responded by finishing seventh in the 22-team

Perhaps more impressive was the performance of Plymouth Canton graduate Becky Wolfrom, a freshman who posted her ersonal best time (19:22) in finishing fourth overall in the meet.



With the best: Becky Wolfrom was a standout at Canton; now she leads SC.

Her placing earned Wolfrom NJCAA All-American status.

The NJCAA team championship went to Paradise Valley CC (from Phoenix) with 72 points. In second was Colby CC with 84, followed by Vincennes (Ind.) CC with 127, Lansing CC with 141, Macomb CC with 148, Hagerstown (Md.) CC with 153 and SC with 204.

As impressive as Wolfrom's performance was, she wasn't the only Ocelot who stood out. Kelly Passino also had a personal-best time of 20:51 in placing 26th. Next best for SC was Sarah Swieczkowski (Canton), 51st in 21:45; Val Lawrence, 57th in 22:17; and Kelly Prais (Livonia Stevenson), 67th in 22:38.

Four of SC's five runners put up faster times in the finals than they posted in the regionals. Gavoor boasted of no miracle

plan that inspired the SC girls to reaching new heights. "I was Please see SC RUNNERS, C3

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Well-defensed: Ladywood's Jenny LaChapelle (33) forces Stevenson's Cassie Ehlendt to pull up and look to pass off during Monday's state district opener.

Ladywood rips Spartans

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

Sara Poglits made basketball look like an easy game to play Monday night.

The 6-foot Ladywood senior center dominated in a 59-36 Class A district opening win over cross town rival Livonia Stevenson by scoring 22 points. She also made steals, blocked shots and found open teammates with passes

"She did a good job of hitting shots when we needed them," Blazers' coach Andrea Gorski said

Poglits established position in the low post early and then hit a variety of six and eightfooters from the baseline and around the

Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said his team needed to deny Poglits the basketball, but couldn't.

"When you let her get the ball," he commented, "she's going to score."

Henry said Ladywood beat his team in every category Monday.

"There isn't any part of the game we executed properly," he added. Stevenson closes the year at 11-10, while

Ladywood, which advanced to Wednesday's second-round game versus Southfield, improved to 9-11.

As for Monday's game, Stevenson played the Blazers just about even in the first quar-

Ladywood took a 13-8 lead on a Poglits jump shot at 2:24. But the Spartans rallied with baskets from Melissa Backus and Carolyn Courtright to make it a 13-12 game by the end of the period.

That's as close as Stevenson would come, however. Ladywood took control of the game in the second quarter despite some sloppy

Poglits scored the first six points of the period as the Blazers took a 19-12 advantage at the 4:55 mark. Ladywood missed opportunities to make the game a rout by not converting on Spartan turnovers.

"Our defense kept us in the game," said Gorski. "We struggled offensively in our halfcourt set.

Ladywood took a 25-16 advantage by half-

Stevenson tried to battle back in the third period. Every time Ladywood pushed the lead to 11, the Spartans would come back and cut it to nine.

But that's as far as the rally would go. We had a couple of mini runs," Henry said, "but then we'd give up an offensive put-

back that would take the momentum away. Ladywood junior forward Elena Sventickas was the rally killer as she scored all seven of her points in the third quarter. The Blazers led 43-27 by the end of the period and were never challenged in the fourth.

Despite the win, Gorski said her team needed to step up its effort to win the dis-

'We'll have to play a lot smarter (against Southfield)," she added.

Besides Poglits' 22 points, Erin Hayden added nine and Sventickas chipped in with

For Stevenson, Stephanie Dulz had 10 points and Courtright added eight.

Whitmore Lake 42, PCA 33: Free throws were the difference in Monday's district opener for Plymouth Christian Academy

Whitmore Lake made 18 of 30 from the charity stripe while the Eagles made just 7 of 18. Still, the game remained close until the third quarter.

Plymouth Christian trailed 12-9 at the half, but fell behind by nine at the end of the third quarter. Eagles' coach Rod Windle said

Whitmore Lake got hot offensively. "They shot well," he said. "They made 5 You'd hav

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out of 12 of their field goals. Jenny Sutherland led PCA with nine points and 13 rebounds. Christine Mullreed had 15 points for Whitmore Lake.

The Eagles close the year at 11-10.

Agape 33, Greater Life 20: After a slow first quarter, Canton Agape came on strong in the second and eventually beat Pontiac Greater Life.

Greater Life led 6-5 after one period. But Agape charged back in the second and led 14-8 by halftime. The Wolverines led the rest of the way.

Kim Ther led the Wolverines attack with 15 points and nine steals while Charla Sexton added seven points, seven rebounds and three assists. Three Greater Life players had four points.

The win put Agape into the Metro Christian Conference final.

Agape 39, Greater Life 21: The two schools met again in the conference final Saturday with Agape taking an almost carbon-copy

Pontiac played the Wolverines to a 9-9 draw in the first. But Canton dominated the second 18-4 and never looked back

Charla Sexton played an excellent allaround game by scoring 14 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Kim Ther also notched 14 points while snatching five rebounds. Margie Henry scored six points and had four assists.

Agape closed the regular season with a 16-

THE WEEK AHEAD

STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS Saturday, Nov. 22

Redford CC vs. S.H. Stevenson at Port Huron H.S., 1 p.m.

(Class A semifinal) Harrison vs. Birm. Seaholm at Rochester H.S., 1 p.m. STATE TOURNAMENT GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT DRAWS CLASS A

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Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Plymouth Salem regional semifinal vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

CLASS C FINAL

at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS Thursday, Nov. 20: Redford Bishop Borgess

vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Riverview

CLASS D

at WHITMORE LAKE

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Grass Lake regional (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. North Adams-Jerome district PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Nov. 21

Stevenson vs. Northville, Franklin vs. Dexter at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. Red Wing Alumni

> at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22

Churchill at Trenton, 7:15 p.m. Redford CC vs. Southgate at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Nov. 20

Mich. Christian at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21 onroe, N.Y. Scholarship Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. Gloucester, N.J., TBA Saturday, Nov. 22 Schoolcraft at Monroe Tourney, TBA

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Nov. 22 Taylor (Ind.) at Madonna, 2 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Nov. 21 Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22

Whalers at Erie, 7:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

Warriors stumble

Lutheran High Westland was a first-round casualty Monday in the Class C district girls baskeball district at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Senior center Megan Helstowski scored 21 points and Katie McCabe scored 13 points to lead Allen Park Cabrini past the Warriors, 48-39.

Lutheran Westland bows out with a 12-9 overall record, while

Cabrini upped its record to 9-12. Lutheran Westland couldn't get over a sluggist first-quarter

as Cabrini led 14-7.

BASKETBALL

"We were real tentative in the first quarter, but then the girls picked up pretty good intensity," Warrior coach Ron Gentz said. "I don't like to lose, but they gave it their best effort.'

Hana Hughes led Lutheran Westland with 10 points, while Jenny Schulz and Anna Schwecke added eight and seven, respectively. (Schwecke fouled out.)



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Schoolcraft got strong performances from several players besides Harmon. Theresa Cooper scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds while Stacy Cavin added eight points and 14 rebounds. Yvonne

> had seven assists. In the tournament opener, Schoolcraft handed Waukesha a

Małewski (Redford Thurston)

IMEN'S BASKETBALL

Michigan.

Gaytan, however, was held to four points by a suffocating SC defense

Melson, a 6-6 swingman from Detroit Communication & Media Arts, made 13 of 25 shots from the floor (including both three-point tries) along with 10 of 13 from the line.

"It the best game Kevin has played so far because of the competition we played," Briggs said.

Freshman guard Derek McKelvey (Adrian) came off the bench to contribute 15 points. Jimar Eddins (Ann Arbor Pioneer) added 14.

Two local products also played signifi-

Freshman forward David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) had seven points and 13 rebounds, while sophomore point-guard Pete Males (Garden City) played another steady floor game with nine points and six assists.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Ocelots remain unbeaten; Crusaders earn a title

'We went to a small lineup to start the second half because their big men were out-quicking our big men," Briggs said. "Our half-court defense turned the game around. We got transition baskets off of our defense. And we had 19 offensive rebounds.'

Two blocks and a steal by Emeka Okonkwo (Pioneer) late in the game helped seal the victory.

respectively.

Nile Watson and Dion Woods led Lansing (1-1) with 18 and 17 points,

Schoolcraft was 17 of 21 from the line and nine of 20 from three-point range.

Madonna wins title

Madonna University evened its record at 2-2 by capturing the Grace Bible Tournament in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders defeated host Grace Bible in Saturday's championship final, 107-64, as Narvin Russaw (Milan) led the way with 24 points and 17 rebounds.

Five other Madonna players scored in double figures including Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton), 14; Mark Hayes (Birmingham Seaholm), 12; Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) and Erick Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson), 10 each.

Tim Dyskstra led Grace Bible and all scorers with 34 points.

Madonna scorched the nets with 48 of 95 shooting (50.5 percent). They Crusaders also outrebounded Grace Bible,

In Friday's opening round, Hayes poured in a team-high 30 points on 13 of 18 shooting from the floor as the Crusaders edged Northland Baptist (Wis.),

Russaw added 15 points and eight rebounds, while John Mark-Branch contributed 14 points. Putnam added 12 points, while Jason Maschke (Livonia Franklin) had nine. Hurley had five

Madonna shot well from the floor -42 for 77 (54.5 percent).

D.J. Bolke led Northland with 36

1st-time champs

Madonna advances to regional

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Classic, 86-78.

Muskegon and Lansing.

Not bad for a rookie.

Madonna University, competing in its first volleyball season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, came away with the title Saturday by defeating Aquinas, 15-8, 15-5,

You'd have to check deep into the

Schoolcraft, behind Kevin Melson's 38

points and 13 rebounds, continued their

amazing ascent under first-year coach

Carlos Briggs by downing Lansing Com-munity College in the Macomb Hoops

Schoolcraft now owns victories over

three quality Western Conference teams

in the Michigan Community College

Athletic Association - Grand Rapids,

Lansing, 20-6 a year ago and honorable mention pick in the NJCAA Divi-

sion II preseason poll, boasted 6-8

returnee Rudy Gaytan, who recently

signed a letter-of-intent with Central

annals of Schoolcraft College men's bas-ketball to discover the last time an

Ocelot squad got off to a 4-0 start.

The victory sends the Crusaders (31-13 overall) into the eight-team NAIA Region tournament beginning tonight (through Saturday) at Aquinas.

"We're a whole different team than we were a month ago," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "Early on we were very methodical, but we're starting to flow and things are happening naturally on the floor. It's been a long process, but we're a more relaxed and confident team right now."

During the WHAC regular season schedule, Madonna and Cornerstone tied for first place with identical 10-2 records.

"It's neat we're playing in a league," Abraham said. "I like the All-League team and every game means something. It was a necessary step for us. The (region) independent members had been shrinking anyway."

Tronically, Cornerstone was upset in the semifinal round by Aquinas (15-12, 15-13, 15-13), while host Madonna defeated Spring Arbor (15-12, 15-8, 15-

Aquinas bowed out at 21-23

"When you play a team three times you start to worry," Abraham sa d. "Aquinas played us tough Tuesday. We won in four, but they beat us the second game.

"And in the regional they always play well against us. But I was surprised Corner-

The Schoolcraft College

women's basketball squad got on track last weekend by winning

the Waubonsee College Invita-

The Ocelots, now 3-2 overall,

Crissy Harmon, a sophomore,

Playing in Sugar Grove, Ill.,

Schoolcraft took a 39-13 lead

after the first half. Host

Waubonsee outscored the

Ocelots by five in the second

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Schoolcraft with 15 points and

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VOLLEYBALL

stone lost to Aquinas because they had beaten them twice

Karin Sisung, a 5-foot-9 outside-hitter from Monroe St. Mary's, was the catalyst for

Named WHAC Player of the Year, Sisung recorded a teamhigh 16 kills in the championship final and 13 in the win over Spring Arbor.

"I've said it all year, the way she (Sisung) goes is the way we go," Abraham said. "Because of injury, she missed the two matches we lost in conference (to Tri-State and Siena Heights)."

Two other Madonna players made first-team All-WHAC including the team's only senior, 5-8 senior outside-hitter Erin Gregoire (Monroe CC), and 5-11 middle-hitter Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston).

Gregoire had 18 kills on the day, while Malewski finished with 19. Malewski also had four solo blocks against Spring

Erin is our heart-and-soul," Abraham said. "She's our leader on the floor. She's the core of the whole team, the one who keeps it together.

Brandy is on her way to being a great one because she has the speed, the reach and the height. When we recruited her we knew she had all the tools and we knew she was a player. She still makes freshman mistakes, but that happens with every young player."

Sophomore setter Deanne Helsom (Grand Blanc), in her first year as starter, finished with 75 assists on the day. She

was named second-team All-WHAC.

"I'm very happy with Deanne, she played well the whole tournament," Abraham said. "It took a whole season for her to feel comfortable. But quarterbacking the team is a long process. Now she's leading the team.

In the win over Spring Arbor, 6-1 sophomore Stephanie Uballe (Milford Lakeland) came through with three key kills in the third and deciding game.

"Right now she's ready to start, she's stepped up big-time," Abraham said. "She gives us big-time depth. She gives up a different prospective. We can come in with a big lineup and she makes a major dif-

Redford Union product Vicki Toth, a 5-10 junior, also contributed heavily with five digs in the second game against

"She gave us a big lift serving and made some outstanding digs, it was uplifting," said Abraham, who was named WHAC Coach of the Year. "When we needed another kid to play defense, she's there. She's like a coach on the floor and we needed that today."

DISCOUN.

The Lady Crusaders now have their sights set on winning the regional, which would catapult them in the NAIA Nationals (Dec. 3-6 in Bourbonais, Ill.) for the fourth time in five years.

"I'm very happy to see them play as well as they've played the last three weeks," Abraham said.

"We're playing good enough to win it. The region will be interesting because all eight teams are good. But I think we'll play well and we're starting to peak right now.

SC runners from page C1

strange to them (when first becoming coach) and they were strange to me," he said. "I just tried_to make it fun for them, I tried to keep them relaxed and focused. I only have five kids, so the thing I had to be careful of was sickness or colds.

"They all worked very, very

In a season split by the resignation of the team's coach, a season in which the team still managed to place seventh in the nation (matching the team's '96 performance), Gavoor could only praise his Ocelots. "I told them that this is like putting deposits in the bank. If you don't put them in, you can't get them out."

With any kind of recruiting fortune, SC will have plenty more to choose from next season.

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IWOMEN'S HOOP

SC wins tourney title; Madonna 1-1

95-78 setback on Nov. 14.

Four players scored in double figures. Amber Tackett led the way with 24 points. Harmon had 23, Cooper 20 and Cavin 11. Cooper also snatched 22 rebounds and made six steals.

The Ocelots trailed 48-43 at halftime, but outscored Waukesha by 22 in the final stanza. Schoolcraft hit on 50 percent of its three-point attempts, including five triples from Harmon.

Three Ocelots made the alltournament team: Harmon, Cavin and Cooper. Cooper, a sophomore, was

named the tournament's most valuable player.

Madonna splits

Madonna University opened its season last weekend by splitting a pair of games at the Saginaw Valley State Classic.

The Crusaders evened their record on Nov. 15 with a 76-64 win over Aquinas College. Katie Cushman led the way

with 20 points and six assists. Hot three-point shooting was key for the Livonia university. Madonna nailed nine triples for 27 points while Aquinas had just

15 points from its long range

shooting efforts. Chris Dietrich led Madonna with three three-pointers. She had 16 points total

Dawn Pelc added 12 points for the Crusaders and Lori Enfield added 11. On Nov. 14, Madonna fell 89-

75 to Indiana-Purdue University-Indianapolis, also on the road. Pelc played a strong game in defeat by scoring 18 points and making four steals. Mary Murray had 16 points, Cushman 11

and Angie Negri added 10. Rebounding hurt Madonna. IUPUI grabbed 49 boards to the Crusaders 29.

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Soccer champs

The Livonia Bullets recently won a championship in Division I over 30 Michigan United Soccer League. The team won over-30 cup and the league title.

Team members included: Peter Chapman, Dan Turner, Larry Greene, Pierre Lamarre, Pasko Polishevic, Paul Ashworth, Gary Mexicotte, Boris Andrikos, Tom Derdelakos, Marko Doljevic, Joseph Bernardini, Setrak Mordirosian, Gordon Wells, Vierel Stavar, Emanuele Murva, Rick Hamers, Gary Reynolds, Russ Gans, Steven Collins, Saio Becovic and Rich Koszlowski.

Maples match up well with Harrison

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Hardly a day passes that coach John Herrington doesn't look at a memento of the last (and only) time his Farmington Harrison football team played Birmingham Seaholm.

"I still have a picture up in the family room of John Miller running through the mud," he said. "It was a hard-fought game; I don't remember the score, but it was close.

The Hawks won the 1984 Class A playoff game; Herringon did remember that, but his vagueness on the finer details is understandable. That was 13 years, 134 wins and five state championships ago.

Harrison (11-0) meets Seaholm (10-1) again at 1 p.m. Saturday in a Class A semifinal contest at Rochester High School.

This time the stakes are higher. A trip to the Silverdome and a berth in the state final on Friday, Nov. 28, is the reward instead of a regional title.

Way back in August, Herrington thought it might come to this. That's why he and his staff have scouted the Maples a half dozen times or more.

"Right from the very beginning of the year, we thought they'd probably win that region," he "said. "They probably thought about us; so I'm sure they have as many films as we do on

Both teams have high-scoring offenses and rock-solid defenses. Like the first meeting, this one has the potential to be a close, hard-fought game, too.

Harrison has scored 91 consecutive points in two playoff games. After leading Dearborn Edsel Ford at halftime, 25-21, the Hawks have outscored opponents 69-0 in the last six quarters. The Maples haven't give up a point in two playoff games while scoring 55.

The Hawks feature a balanced offense that has been effective in different ways and with different

"We might be throwing the ball, running outside or powering it," Herrington said, adding the Hawks have been able to adapt to the weather as they did Saturday against Ypsilanti. "One week it might be (Chris) Ghannam, (Zack) Cornwell the next; then we might be throwing to Ricky (Bryant) or (Mike) Hoad.

"And it starts with the offensive line being able to block people. If you can block people, most plays will work."

Harrison faces a Seaholm defense that has posted six shutouts and allowed an average of 7.9 points per game, which is slightly better than Harrison's

"Their three linebackers are very active," Herrington said. We saw some games where people barely got a first down on them. Every time we've seen

C: senior Mark Hampel (5-10, 215) G: junior Ben Fisher (5-10, 230) G: senior Kevin Mills (6-2, 230) T: senior Mark Reynolds (6-2, 240) T: senior Luis Mayolo (6-1, 220)

E: senior James Connolly (6-2, 230) E: junior Scott Ripmaster (6-4, 185) Q: junior Bill Schuerman (6-3, 196)

U: junior Chris Stefanes (6-0, 198) T: junior Asa Sherwood (5-8, 165) S: sophomore Cory Vann (5-10, 160)

SEAHOLM DEFENSE

T: junior Russ Dobson (5-11, 185) T: senior Mike Stefanes (6-1, 210) E: jun. Gabe Hemmingway (6-0, 180) E: senior Sean Cavanaugh (6-3, 185) L: senior Zack Leader (5-10, 175) L: senior Chris McCuiston (6-1, 210)

L: junior Chris Stefanes (6-0, 198)

C: senior Adam Ritter (5-9, 155)

C: senior Ben Berry (6-0, 165) B: senior Trevor Cromar (5-10, 167) S: senior Todd Ritter (5-9, 160)

HARRISON OFFENSE

C: senior Brian Lewis (6-1, 250) G: junior Brett Foster (6-1, 205) G: senior Matt Struble (6-2, 195) T: senior Mike Fisher (6-3, 255) T: senior Chris Gadjev (6-0, 240) E: junior Mike Hoad (6-1, 200) E: junior Ricky Bryant (6-1, 155) Q: senior Jared Hopkins (6-3, 200) U: senior Zack Cornwell (5-10, 180) T: senior Chris Ghannam (5-7, 175) S: senior Jason Sharp (5-11, 150)

HARRISON DEFENSE

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them it seems one of the Ritter kids comes up with an interception to turn the game around.

When you make a mistake on Seaholm, they advantage of it. Any team that drives on them ends up fumbling or having a pass intercepted. They take it right back, and Asa Sherwood ends up breaking one.

Seaholm's offense doesn't take a back seat to the defense,

either. Harrison's scouting report on its offset I-formation was 33 pages thick.

And the offense is not limited to Sherwood. The Maples are the best passing team the Hawks have played, according to Her-"They have a very sophisticat-

ed passing game," he said. "They send Asa out of the backfield and give you a lot of things to cause

you to make adjustments in the secondary.

"Their quarterback, (Bill) Schuerman, is tall and effective. He runs the bootleg and is effective throwing the ball down field.

"Sherwood is a shifty runner and has real good feet. He can cut back against the grain and be at full speed in a hurry. We'll have to make sure we get in our pursuit lanes."

POST-SEASON TEAR: Harrison senior upback Zack Cornwell has accounted for 50 of the team's 94 points in two playoff games.

He has rushed for five touchdowns, made good on three of four field-goal attempts and kicked 11 extra points. Cornwell also is averaging 13.6 yards per carry on 15 rushing attempts.

That's not bad for someone who played quarterback as a freshman and golf as a sophomore.

"When he came back (as a junior), we moved him to fullback, and he's gotten better and better," coach John Her-

"We like to kid him about it. He was maybe a little burned out from Little League, but he came roaring back."

Cornwell rarely leaves the field now He also starts at monsterback on defense and plays on most special

For the season, he leads the Hawks in scoring with 136 points on 17 touchdowns, three field goals and 25 of 28 extra points. He has rushed for 426 yards on 59 carries and caught 21 pass-

"He's small but he really blocks

well." Herrington said. "He's one of our fiercest competitors.

HARRISON STATISTICS: Chris Ghannam is the leading rusher with 930 yards and 13 touchdowns on 176 carries. He's second in scoring with 93

Jared Hopkins has completed 61 percent of his passes (90-of-148) for 1,528 yards and 17 touchdowns with six inter-

Ricky Bryant's 34 receptions for 706 yards and seven TDs makes him the leading receiver. Mike Hoad has caught 14 passes for 326 yards and five TDs. Bryant has scored 60 points, Hoad 34. Hoad leads the Hawks in tackles with

75. Brett Foster has 63, Bryant 56, Mike Fisher 52, Brian Lewis 51, Matt Struble 49, Matt Walker 48 and Bryan McGhee 38.

Bryant also has five interceptions, Kareem Smartt and Jason Sharp three apiece, Hoad and Cornwell two each.

THE COACHES' CORNER: Seaholm coach Doug Fraser plans to retire from coaching after this season to concentrate on being the school's athletic "I think back to when they beat

Brother Rice (in the 1993 playoffs) right after we lost to Rice, 35-0," Herrington said. "I knew Doug had the program going in the right direction.

"I know coach Fraser spends hours and hours in preparation. One time he called me and asked to see our state championship film from 1988.

"He thought he had the same type of team and wanted to see what we did in that game. He loves to watch video and

Seaholm seeks to upset heavily-favored Hawks

BY MARTY BUDNER

Birmingham Seaholm's football team successfully completed the first phase of the playoff run it had hoped for. Now the Maples face a major obstacle.

Coach Doug Fraser's Oakland **Activities Association Division II** champions defeated both of their first two playoff foes with relative ease. Seaholm captured its first regional championship with 22-0 thumping of city rival

The two wins vaulted Seaholm into the Class A semifinals against No. 1-ranked Farmingon Harrison Saturday at Rochester High School. The teams have met one time Harrison scoring a 17-6, first-round playoff victory in 1984.

"We're happy to be here. We felt all along this is where we should be, considering the guys we have on our team," said Frasr, who is in his 11th and final season as Seaholm's head coach. "The \$64-million question now

is, what will happen from here on?" he said. "We're certainly facing a team with considerably more size, more speed and more experience than us. Our guys are excited for the challenge.

Seaholm's biggest triumph in school history occurred in the first round of the 1993 playoffs when it upset heavily-favored Birmingham Brother Rice for its first-ever playoff victory.

According to Fraser, this clash with Harrison presents the biggest challenge of his career.

As strong as (the Warriors) were, they had lost a couple of games, and you knew (a win) was possible," he said. "There was good reason for Brother Rice to look past us to the point which e for the upset.

stances this time that would set the stage similarly. No one has touched these guys this year."

Indeed, Herrington's Hawks have been absolutely awesome. Harrison averages 39 points and has scored 50 or more three

Despite all of Harrison's tradition and success, Fraser believes the Maples are not in awe of the Hawks. "Normally, I feel like I would

have to do something special, but these guys are unfazed about anything," Fraser said. "We're focused more on how they line up and the players they have."

Seaholm's strength is its defense, which is led by smart, steady and hard-hitting linebackers Chris McCuiston and Chris Stefanes

McCuiston missed the first two games of the season and did not play the final game of the f an ankle injury "I don't feel there are circum- suffered in the previous game against Rochester Adams.

games McCuiston missed, Sea-

holm's opponents scored 74 points. When he's in the lineup, the Maples have not allowed a rushing touchdown and only one passing touchdown all season. He has 83 tackles with six sacks.

"Chris makes plays from side-line-to-sideline," said Fraser. "He's a third-year starter, and he really has his reads down. He gets to where he's supposed to be and waits for the ball. Stefanes leads Seaholm with

88 solo tackles and a staterecord eight fumble recoveries. He also has forced five fumbles and has three interceptions.

"Harrison has some huge tackles, and I'm concerned they're going to be knocking our defensive linemen into our linebackers," Fraser said.

Todd Ritter have combined for vards and 16 TDs for a 45-per-60 solo tackles, seven interceptions and a dozen pass break-It's no coincidence, in the ups. Gabe Hemmingway, a transfer from

Aguinas, has been a rushing threat at end. Seaholm's offense has been

surprisingly inconsistent at times. Even though the explosive Maples have averaged 31.7 points, there have been times when it took them a while to get going. In the final regular-season game, the score was 7-7 at halftime, but Seaholm erupted for 27 second-half points.

Fraser hopes Seaholm can control the ball more against the Hawks and keep the Harrison offense off the field.

Tailback Asa Sherwood has rushed for 1,466 yards and 16 touchdowns. He also has 14 pass receptions for 261 yards and three TDs. Sherwood has 2,395 yards and 21 TDs in his career.

Quarterback Bill Schuerman Defensive backs Adam and is 81-of-180 passing for 1,208 cent completion rate. The leading receiver is tight end James Connolly with 20 receptions for Southgate 229 yards and three TDs.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (11-0)

Harrison 28, Oxford 15. Harrison 48, W.L. Central 28.

Harrison 51, Livonia Franklin 6. Harrison 21, W. L. Western 7.

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Harrison 430 points, opponents 96.

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Seaholm 19, Rochester 13.

Seaholm 44, West Bloomfield 24.

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Seaholm 37, Pontiac Central 0. Seaholm 35, Waterford Kettering O.

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Huron's big plays end Western's hopes of repeating

BY CHRIS MAYER STAFF WRITER

Over the past few seasons Walled Lake Western football has been synonymous with the

The ninth-ranked Warriors entured to snowy Ann Arbor Saturday night, hoping their quick-strike capabilities would lead them one step closer to a

second straight Class AA state championship.

Instead it was No. 7 Ann Arbor Huron, a first-time state playoff qualifier, that made the big plays in a 21-0 regional final win at Riverbank Stadium.

The playing conditions were

much of the game, leaving the field snow-covered and slippery.

> "Both of us played in this and I've never used that for an excuse," Western coach Chuck Apap said. "People will say we're quick team and this (weather) didn't help, but it's a football game. It's snapping the ball; it's trying to block, run and tackle. They've got to do the same thing.

> "I would like to have been in the (Silverdome) on a dry field. We'd like a dry field, but you don't always get those things, and you just have to try and do the best you can."

The tone for the game was set

less than ideal. Snow fell during immediately. Western took the much of the game, leaving the opening kickoff and drove from its 38-yard line to Huron's 41, but quarterback Frank Stanford was trapped for a loss on fourth-

> Huron then marched 58 yards in nine plays, culminating in senior fullback Michael Porter's 12-yard touchdown run late in the opening quarter. Sophomore linebacker Cody Cargill blocked the point-after to keep the score

The Warriors would lose two of three fumbles and miss a 34yard field goal attempt in the first half. The second fumble

proved the most costly.

Western drove deep inside Huron territory in the second quarter, but the River Rats (11-0) recovered a fumble at the 14 and quickly capitalized.

Joel Przygodski connected with Thabiti Williamson for a 76-yard TD pass. Przygodski found Williamson on the twopoint conversion for a 14-0 lead with 2:26 remaining before half-

"When we called the play, I said it was going to be six points," Huron coach Paul Verska said. "I just knew it was there if we didn't drop it or overthrow it. It was there because (Western) was coming up with their corners and rushing nine or 10 guys, and they weren't even looking for a pass."

Przygodski, who finished 5-of-8 passing for 144 yards, added a 15-yard touchdown pass to Mike Kelleher with 1:35 left in the

Western mustered only 136 rushing yards and 160 in total offense. The Warriors (9-2) came in averaging 315 rushing yards per game. Dave Johnson returned from a bruised lower leg to gain 71 yards on 18 car-

ries. Stanford ran for 41 yards. "What bothered us was that we drove the field and then didn't score," Apap said. "We got within the 18 or 19 a few times and didn't put it in.

"If we put a couple of those in the end zone, that long-touchdown pass doesn't look like very much. But I've got to say the better team won tonight. Huron did an exceptional job; I have to congratulate them.

"I'm proud of our kids. "The seniors had a two-year run that is phenomenal; they've set a standard for the Warriors of the





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Shamrocks grind out a win over Colts

What is it about Troy and Redford Catholic Central that brings out the fury in Mother Nature?

For the third time in the past six years, these two perennial powers met on the gridiron in state tournament competition in pursuit of that coveted state championship. And for the third time in as many years, the weather was better suited for the state ski finals than the football playoffs.

With a stiff breeze blowing and snow covering the playing field Saturday at Troy High, the Shamrocks, as they had

in their past two meetings with the Colts, appeared better equipped for the task at hand. Riding the right arm of senior quarterback Adam Tubaro, the Sharmrocks stayed alive in tourney play by hanging a 21-3 defeat on the heads of the Colts in the Class AA Region 3 final.

With the win, CC, now 10-1, moves onto state semifinal play Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium. On tap for the Shamrocks will be undefeated

Sterling Heights Stevenson, a 42-21 winner Saturday over Rochester Adams in Region 4 final play.

The loss put an end to another highly successful season by the Colts that included a perfect regular-season ledger and victory in the opening round of tournament play.

Coach Tom Mach's Shamrocks seemed unfazed by both the weather conditions and the vaunted Colts' defense as they took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown. Tubaro connected with senior Don Slankster for the final 15

The Colts came right back on their first drive with a scoring chance of their own. But Mark Boehms' short field goal attempt went wide leaving the Colts still trailing by seven.

The margin remained the same until late in the third quarter when Boehms' redeemed himself with a 30-yard three-

With the Colts trailing 7-3 and the Shamrocks facing a fourth-and-three from the Troy 37, coach Gary Griffith's specialty team was whistled for a roughing the kicker call with 7:30 remaining. Tubaro and the Shamrocks' offense took advantage of the mistake by scoring their second six-pointer of the game. Again it was Tubaro and Slankster teaming up from 15 yards

Tubaro's third scoring strike - a 37yard pass to senior Joe Jonna - iced the

game with 2:05 remaining. "We played hard, we just made too many mistakes," Griffith said.

Senior Chris Dueweke paced the CC ground game with 93 yards in 20 car-

Troy senior running back Jim Essian, playing in his last varsity game totaled 93 yards, but was held without a touchdown for the first time this season.

CC's ground game is just part of the problem for Titans

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

And now he has to worry about

Next to getting home safely, that's the first thing Sterling Heights Stevenson football coach Rick Bye thought Saturday night after watching Redford Catholic Central defeat host Troy 21-3 in a snowstorm for the Class AA region III championship.

The Titans, who couldn't stop CC's punishing ground game in a 29-13 loss two years ago in the Class AA semifinals, are just as worried about the Shamrocks' air attack this time.

The two teams meet in another Class AA playoff semifinal at 1 p.m. Saturday at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium.

CC PREVIEW

"I don't know if you're ever prepared to play those guys," Steven-son coach Rick Bye said. "They're really sound. And now they throw more, are more versatile, give you more to defense. I thought they played a pretty smart game, with short passes. They still have a big fullback (Chris Dueweke) and a big quarterback (Adam Tubaro)

who did a nice job in the snow. Stevenson, which lost to Walled Lake Western, 34-18, in last year's state championship game, gives the Shamrocks some worries as well.

For starters, the Titans are 11-0, and haven't been challenged since the season opener against

a big lead, the Titans had to hold on and beat the Falcons, 31-30.

Stevenson has recorded three shutouts and outscored 10 opponents, 374-83, since. Its two running backs, senior

Joe Alls and junior Mike Tennessee, have combined for 3,100 yards. Junior quarterback Kurt Hunsanger has been effective, completing 60 of 110 passes for 1,176 yards.

CC senior linebacker Joe Sgroi, the Shamrocks' leading tackler, said Alls and Tennessee look as dangerous as Orchard Lake St. Mary's backs Ty Washington and Rico Epps. St. Mary's handed CC its only loss in 11 games, 24-20.

"They're a little bigger than the guys from St. Mary's but they're quick, too," Sgroi said.

pound senior, is the Titans' only two-way lineman who returns after sitting out last week's 42-21 win over Rochester Adams with the flu. Martin Berishaj, a 6-5, 260-pound senior tackle, is a standout on the offensive line.

Jon Bracci, a 6-0, 180-pound senior, is the Titans' leader in the defensive secondary and also handles the punting and kickoffs.

The Titans' dominance of opponents made it difficult for CC when it came time to ask for films to watch.

"You can't find a game except maybe the first where they hadn't beaten a team by 21 points," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Their backs are better than two years ago and that makes them a better football team. They can score

from anywhere on the field. Their defense is big, shut most teams down pretty well."

Bye said CC's quickness on defense is a concern. He mentioned 6-1, 190-pound junior tackle John Abshire, who has a teamhigh seven sacks, in particular.

Every play a different kid pops up at you," Bye said. "That number 46 looks kind of like a wrestler, has great balance, strength. He looks to be in the right spot a lot of times. Both ends (Mike Carroll and Brian Beardsley) are real solid. Their tackles (Lou Willoughby and Chuck Spolsky) are not huge, but

"They've good good linebackers (Sgroi and Casey Rogowski) too and that (Dave) Lusky is a good, physical kid. That's how teams

win in AA football. Put togeher a good defense and the offense comes along as the season goes

CC senior fullback Chris Dueweke had 95 yards on 21 carries against Troy and leads the Shamrocks with 939 yards on 209 carries (a 4.5 average per carry). Senior tight end Don Slankster had two touchdown catches of 14 yards each against Troy and leads CC with 24 receptions for 431

Senior wide receiver Joe Jonna has 20 catches for 307 yards and three TDs. The bulk of the praise goes to Tubaro, who has thrown only one interception in 143 attempts.

He has completed 76 passes for 1,059 yards and 14 TDs.

Key plays from kicking game prove pivotal in Shamrocks victory over Troy

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Senior punter Jason Hamilton took a hit and senior placekicker Aaron Rock handed one out for Redford Catholic Central in the fourth quarter of Saturday's Class AA football regional final

Troy's football team didn't appreciate the plays and most of CC's faithful couldn't appreciate them, probably because of where and when they happened.

Hamilton's heroics came first. A Troy player was flagged for roughing Hamilton on fourth down, leading to a first down and CC's second touchdown during a pivotal moment in the fourth quarter of the Shamrocks' 21-3 victory.

But let's be honest.

Except for his relatives, how many fans really were following the hit on Hamilton and not the ball that left his foot and landed in the end zone?

Hamilton averages more than 36 yards per punt and watching the ball travel is more fun than watching his kicking motion.

'He booms them in practice and no one we've seen can kick them as far," senior wide receiver Joe Jonna said.

Then there was the tackle by Rock on Troy star Jim Essian on the kickoff that followed the Shamrocks' final score, a 34-yard bomb from quarterback Adam

Tubaro to Jonna. With CC ahead 21-3, whoever was filming the game for the Shamrocks' coaching staff turned off the camera, leaving Rock only to talk about his achievement, not show it to somebody.

Moreover, any of the CC fans who remained were either filing out of the stadium or talking

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about the long pass to Jonna.

"We had just scored the next play I had the tackle," Rock said. 'Guess they thought he'd run me over, but they thought wrong. I didn't get to see it on film, but it felt good, though."

Seeing a kicker do something out of the ordinary doesn't go unnoticed by teammates, though.

"Rock flipped Essian, took his legs out," said Jonna. "He's done

that a couple times this year." Rock, who beat Birmingham Brother Rice with a 41-yard field

goal in the final seconds of the Boys Bowl, wishes he could make more tackles.

As a member of the freshman team, Rock played linebacker and tight end and as a junior varsity player, he played offensive tackle and defensive end.

"I try to jump in on defense but the coaches won't let me anymore," Rock said.

Seeing Hamilton sprawled out is nothing new for his teammates who see him in that position in the training room all the time. On cold days after fulfilling

their quota of punts or kicks, Hamilton and Rock are both allowed to retreat to the school for treatment.

"We go inside on cold days, relax our legs, do exercises, ice the knee," Hamilton said. "It gets sore after a while.'

Both players say playing seccer helped their careers as specialists in football.

Hamilton started punting on his little league team, the Colts, in Novi, and credits assistant coach Roy Dudas for refining his

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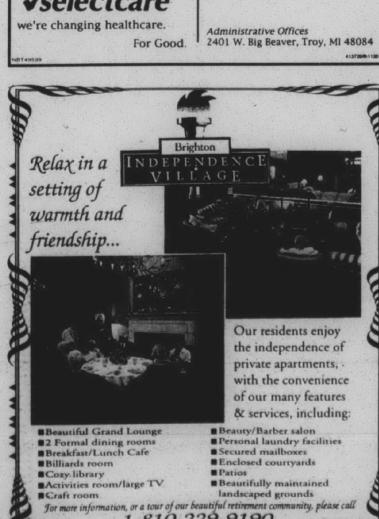
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SINGLES DANCE ■ West Side Singles Friday night dances are held every Friday at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission is \$5. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older welcome. Music by professional DJ. Top 40 current hits. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

AROUND TOWN

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS Livonia Little People's Cor op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4- year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call

GARFIELD COOPERATIVE Garfield Cooperative

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Preschool is located at Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile, east of Wayne. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years. For more information, call (313) 462-0135.

CRAFT SHOWS

■ The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual December Arts & Crafts Show. The two-day show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The cost for an eight-foot table space is \$65. Admission and parking are both

■ The Women's Club of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church is sponsoring a craft show Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Admission \$1, seniors 50 cents and 12 years and under free. Information, 397-0878

TREATS AND TREASURES A sale at Meadowbrook

Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. No admission fee.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ Through Dec. 19 (omit Nov. 29). Practices for the Basketball Travel League are on Monday or Wednesday with Friday or Saturday games. This is a league for both girls and boys. Divisions: Passers: third-fourth grade; Shooters: fifth-sixth grade; Blockers: seventh-eighth grade and Jammers: ninth-12th grade. Call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA to register by phone at (313) 453-2904 with Visa or MasterCard or for further information.

■ Through Dec. 17 (omit Nov. 26). The Girls Basketball Instructional League will teach basic skills including dribbling, shooting, passing, and rules of the game. Instruction will be 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday at Bentley Elementary School, Canton. Ages 9-12. Call the Plymouth YMCA for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard at (313) 453-2904.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Club is participating in the Festival of Trees benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event will be held in the Riverfront Ballroom of Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit from Nov. 23-30. For information, call (313) 966-TREE.

ALUMNI ART

Madonna University in Livonia will feature the works of two alumni in a special exhibit titled "2 x 2." Pamela Giurlanda, '94, of Farmington Hills and Anna Helkowsky, '96, of West Bloomfield will display paintings. The exhibit will be displayed through the month of November in the library wing exhibit gallery. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m. There is no charge for admission. For information, call (313) 432-5711.

YOUTH ARTIST

The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to \$600 in awards to instrumental soloists and provide the opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Students must complete an application and perform at the competition on Monday evening, Dec. 15. Applicants who need more information contact the Plymouth Symphony at 451-

MARTIAL ARTS

The Canton Calvary Assembly of God Church, 7933 Sheldon, Canton, is sponsoring martial arts programs by Robert M. Skinner of Judo & Karate Arts Inc. to teach judo and akido. The programs are for men and women 16 years and older. The cost is \$53 for eight weeks. The classes are through Dec. 11, with no class on Nov. 27. Any student who is not 18 years must be accompanied by an adult who has the authority to register this student. All students are required to sign the waiver of liability form before participating in either or both of these programs. Class times for judo are 7-8:15 p.m., and for akido, 8:15-9:30 p.m. For more information, call Robert M. Skinner at (248) 477-8806.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University's open registration for winter term continues through Friday, Jan. 2, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with some exceptions. All

The Nutcracker



Holidays: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet join together to tell the story of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12; 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. All three performances are at the Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults and senior citizens, and \$8 for children K-12. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Plymouth Symphony Office at (313)

offices will be closed for Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-30) and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

SALVATION ARMY

■ Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

■ The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

STOCKING STUFFERS

Available for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors. The parents' committee, helping to plan the 1998 Senior Party part of graduation festivities, will be offering the early sale of

1998 Senior Party tickets. Information, Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.

SOCCER

Wide World Sports Center is now accepting registration for its indoor soccer season. The season runs through to Dec. 15. Individual registrations are welcome. Instructional classes are also available for age levels. For more information, call (313) 913-4625.

HOST FAMILIES

Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American holiday during Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-30) and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in learning more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428

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the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth and Canton Observers.

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CALENDA

Saturdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.

ADVENT RETREAT

Madonna University will hold an Advent Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 432-5419.

SUPPORT **GROUPS NEW BEGINNINGS**

The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7

p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.

FORM

A seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child will be offered by

VOLUNTEER WORK VOLUNTEERS The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing

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Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-

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The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Western Wayne Coun-

ty Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

TOASTMASTERS

Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

BUSINESS NETWORK

Regular meeting of Laurel Park Chapter, Business Network International, will be 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Information, (313) 844-3432.

CONCERTS

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

A Christmas Chorale Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The Motherhouse is located at I-96 and Levan Road. For more information, call (313) 432-5713.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Plymouth Community Chorus is presenting "Christmas Celebration-1997" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5-6, in Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets are \$8 and can be obtained at Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Road and Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest in Plymouth, the Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, or by calling (313) 455-4080.

CAMPUS NOTES

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

BAND MEMBER

Geoffrey Rahie of Plymouth has been accepted as a member of the 1997-98 edition of the Band of the Fighting Irish at the University of Notre Dame. He is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central. He is currently majoring in pre-medical studies. He will be a member of the piccolo section. He is the son of John and Linda Rahie.

PILOT CERTIFICATE

Matthew Paupore of Canton has received his Private Pilot Certificate from UND Aerospace at

the University of North Dakota.

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ON STAGE

Christine Ervin of Plymouth was one of the cast in the production of "Private Lives" at Siena Heights College.

Gregory Edward of Canton was named to the

deans's list at Duquesne University.

Amy Chapman of Plymouth is a junior studying general sciences. She received a \$1,500 UPS Scholarship administered by the Michigan Colleges Foundation at Madonna University.

NEW GRADUATES

Jennifer Aittama and Michelle Kisil of Canton graduated from Western Michigan University.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Amy-Lynn Halverson, a senior from Plymouth at Hope College, has been elected president of the college's Pan-Hellenic Council. She also serves as operations manager for "The Anchor," the college's student newspaper.

Amy-Lynn is a resident assistant and has appeared on the dean's list. She is an English major and a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Karen Randinitis, a senior from Plymouth at Hope College, has been elected president of the Kappa Delta Chi sorority.

Karen also serves as secretary for the Pan-Hel-

lenic council. She has been active in intramurals and I.VE League, a women's leadership organization. Randinitis, is a biology major and is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Amanda Fry, a senior from Plymouth at Hope College, has been elected president of the Sybilline sorority (Sigma Iota Beta). She is a member of the Sigma Omicron national dance society and has appeared in many dance productions.

Fry participated in the Nykerk Cup competition, a traditional event showcasing the talents of the first-year and sophomore classes in the areas of song, theatrical productions and speech.

She is a dance major and a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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Used sports stuff

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at prices they set (minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation department). Items can be dropped off 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Pheasant Run; volunteers will be on hand to do the selling the following Saturday.

Money or unsold items can be picked up from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

For further information, call (313) 397-5110.

Indoor soccer

■ SoccerZone of Novi will have registration for its second session of indoor soccer through Dec. 6, for both individuals and

Cost for individuals is \$55; for teams, the fee is \$695 plus referee fees (which vary by age divisions). The eight-game session goes Dec. 14-Feb. 14; you can register in person at SoccerZone, located on Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads.

■ SoccerZone is currently conducting registration for its annual Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament, which will be Dec. 28-29. Age divisions will be from under-10 through under-19, for both boys and girls.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cost is \$200 per team; registration deadline is Dec. 15. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three 45-minute games. For further information, call Soccer-Zone at (248) 374-0500.

McMullens rule 8K

The husband/wife team of Paul and Jill McMullen were winners in the first annual Wayne County Lightfest 8-kilometer run Tuesday in Hines Park.

The race drew over 500 runners. Proceeds benefitted Friends of Wayne County Parks and the American Heart Associa-

Paul McMullen, a former NCAA champion from Eastern Michigan University who represented the U.S. in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga. in the 1,500-meter run, won the event in 24 minutes, 19 seconds. He is a native of Cadillac.

His wife Jill, who represented the U.S. last summer at 800 meters (placing ninth) in the World Championships in Athens, Greece, was the women's winner in 30:01. She is a product of Western Michigan University.

Motor City Bowl

The Ford Motor City Bowl, featuring the Mid-American Conference football champion and a top-20 ranked Division I team, will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will receive \$10 in return for each ticket sold to help build a Hall of Fame building on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Tickets are \$27 and \$22.

Please end a check made out to: MHSFCA and a selfaddressed envelope to: Donald G. Lessner, Executive Director, MHSFCA, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, Mi. 48183.

Winter hitting camp

The baseball coaching staff at Madonna University will conduct a pair of indoor winter hitting camps next month.

Session I (ages (8-12) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 21 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; Session II (ages 13-18) will be from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 and 4-7 p.m. Monday,

The camp features two fulllength hitting tunnels and video taping. The cost for advance registration is \$80. Space is limited.

For more information, call Madonna assistant coach Sean Maloney at (313) 432-5727.

Sills from page C1

ship to Sills when she was at can't even explain it. The whole Salem, so she accepted Toledo's offer. Would OSU still be interested?

You bet

Off Sills went to Columbus, and she couldn't be happier she did. For that matter, OSU officials couldn't be happier, either.

Sills has helped transform the Buckeyes into Big Ten contenders. They won't finish on top in the regular season standings this year; currently, Penn State and Wisconsin share the lead at 15-1 apiece. Next up is OSU at

But the Buckeyes could still make some noise - nationally before this season draws to a

"It's awesome in every aspect," said Sills of her new school. "I

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atmosphere is so much better."

So is Sills, for that matter. She's only played 50 out of 101 games, but in her first season at OSU she leads the team in blocks per game (1.36); in the Big Ten, she ranks sixth in blocks per game with a 1.39 average and a season-best of 10 block assists in a five-match win over Purdue.

Perhaps the surprising thing is, at Salem Sills was known as a superb kill artist; blocking was down on her list of abilities.

"I'm blocking so much better," she said. "Actually, that's why I'm playing.'

Well, that's not all-together true. But the adjustment wasn't easy for Sills. Indeed, it was

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"I'm the type of person that always starts slower than others, but I'll improve the most," she said. "I knew it would take time (at OSU), but I also knew I'd get there.'

What made the transition from Toledo to OSU more demanding was that Sills missed all the spring practices because she was still attending Toledo.

Which explains why she played so little at the start of the season. "The pre-season was very hard on me because I hadn't played (last spring) and I was out of shape," she explained.

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An injury helped get Sills into the starting lineup; now it seems the only thing that can dislodge her from it is another injury





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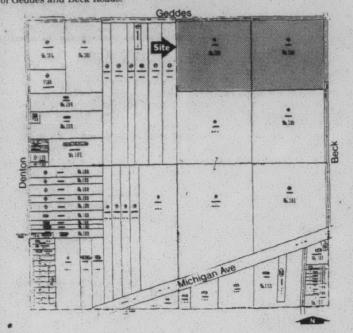
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GEDDES BECK LAND COMPANY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 125 99 0001 000 AND 125 99 0003 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the southwest corner



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

Publish: November 6 and 20, 1997

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

D.A.R. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MON, DEC. 15 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A Christmas Tea will be hosted and "A Christmas Story" will be read by a surprise guest speaker. The afternoon tea begins at 1 p.m. in Plymouth. Members are eligible if they are descendants of veterans or patriots from the American Revolution and have proof of lineage. For more information about eligibility, call (248) 349-6056.

FEB. 16, 1998 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION

A youth and government program will be hosted at St. Joh's Episcopal Church with Robert Geake, State Representative, speaking. The event will include a tea for "good citizens and American history essay winners," beginning at 1 p.m.

MARCH 16, 1998 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

The Daughters of the American Revolution - Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter will host their annual meeting/sandwich luncheon beginning at 12 noon in Livonia. Chapter officers and chairpersons should be prepared to give yearly reports. Please remember to bring and pack clothing for children attending mountain schools in

the Appalachia. For more information about eligibility or programming, call (248) 349-6056.

APRIL, 1998 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION April 1, Daughters of the American Revolution - Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter will gather for the State Awards Day in East Lansing at Kellogg Center. The annual trip to Washington

D.C. for the 107th Continental

Congress will take place from April 19-24. Saturday, April 25 a sandwich luncheon will be hosted in Plymouth for members to present reports on the Continental Congress and resolutions. Delegates and members who attended the Washington D.C. conference will speak. For more information about eligibility or programming, call (248) 349-

MAY 18, 1998 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION

Sue Petres, State C.A.R. recording secretary will discuss "Children of the American Revolution," at a sandwich luncheon for the Daughters of the American Revolution - Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter. The event will begin at noon in Northville. For more information about eligibility or programming, call (248) 349-6056.

JUNE 15, 1998

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter will host their Annual Potluck in Plymouth at noon with a plant and craft auction following lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. Toiletries and books will be collected for veteran patients and school supplies for Hannahville Indians. For more information about eligibility or programming, call (248) 349-

SEPT. 21, 1998 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR will Le introduced to the new Northville Library by Julie Herron, Northville librarian, at 1 p.m. Members will tour the facility and enjoy a dessert/tea. For more information about eligibility or programming, call (248) 349-6056.

Growth Works juvenile program moves to former Canton rec facility

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER

Growth Works' juvenile justice program is moving to Can-

Canton's renovated, former Michigan Avenue recreation center opened for business last week out to area residents in need.

The newly named Canton Human Service Center will house several prominent social with a new mission - reaching service agencies as well as the

Canton Community Foundation.

The foundation and Plymouthbased Growth Works, an agency devoted to youth counseling and substance abuse treatment, will anchor the building off the southeast corner of Michigan and Sheldon that once housed card tables for seniors and pool tables for teens.

The center has been vacant since township senior citizen programs relocated to Summit on the Park in 1996.

Other agencies currently planning to staff offices and/or programs in the center include First Step, which runs programs and a separate shelter for domestic violence victims; Canton Community Mediation Services, a conflict resolution program; Children and Family Services-Huron Services for Youth; and the Canton Police Department's Community Policing Program.

"Although final commitments haven't been made, we expect the others to be here shortly," said Joan Noricks, foundation executive director

Sue Davis, Growth Works juvenile justice program director, will serve as center manager. Davis was unavailable for comment this week.

"This has been a long time coming and it's exciting to finally get going," said Dale Yagiela, Growth Works executive director. "There are lots of needs in the community and lots of possibilities for this."

Noricks said placing the agencies under one roof will spur collaboration while at the same time allowing them to maintain independent programs and staff. The south side of the building will house the foundation office and the north portion Growth Works and the other agencies.

Growth Works will use the building for its juvenile justice program. The agency will continue to keep its administrative office in Plymouth.

Programs will be spread out throughout the day and week so that not everyone will be in the building at the same time.

"The biggest gain from the foundation's standpoint is that as the funding source for a lot of these efforts, we're now going to see the needs firsthand and help design programs that meet those needs," Noricks said.

The foundation hopes to do a needs assessment study within the next year, she added.

The township is providing the building rent-free. The occupying agencies will split the cost for monthly utilities.

Canton pumped \$142,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant money into the building this summer. Previously, the township had done about \$150,000 worth of renovations, including an addition and new parking lot.

Major corporations and area businesses have also donated to the project, Yagiela said.

Corporate donors include Ameritech, Detroit Edison, First of America, Blackwell Ford and Horton Plumbing, which redid sinks and countertops.

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Housing commission to oversee building of area shelter

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Housing Commission will oversee the building of a homeless veterans' shelter in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

Director Sharon Thomas was informed the housing commission is one of just 17 groups in the nation to receive such housing grants. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded more than \$385,000 to the Plymouth Housing Commission for the project.

Thomas said the state Department of Military Affairs has also awarded a \$218,000 grant for

It involves the renovation of ny there were several homeless the Kingsway Building at 2770 Park at Temple in the Cass Corridor. Thomas said the renovation should be completed this year in time to provide temporary shelter to homeless veterans at winter's onset.

"We are the first housing authority in the nation to apply for and receive a VA grant,' Thomas said. "This should be an example to other housing authorities."

The finished facility will house

Thomas describes it as a transi- mission oversees rent voucher

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of

1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning

Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the

BJS VENTURES REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 017 99 0005 000 AND 017 99 0006 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Gyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads.

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 1, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the

Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

MARATHON/TECH EXPRESS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE FILLING STATION WITH CONVENIENCE STORE AS REQUIRED IN

SECTION 22.01B.13 FOR PARCEL NO. 128 99 0006 703. Property is located

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

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following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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tion housing facility, offering

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The facility is to be named the

Detroit Veterans Center. Once

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Thomas said the need for such

a facility is obvious. "When we

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Sharon Thomas -Housing commission director

and seniors in five metro Detroit

The VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program was enacted in 1992 by organizations.

programs aiding about 900 low- Congress. It gave the Veterans income and needy individuals Administration the authority to provide assistance to establish community resources for homeless veterans through partnerships with public and nonprofit

The department directed more than \$90 million in fiscal year 1997 to homeless assistance pro-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 12, 1997 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:06 P.M. for discussion of employee negotiations and pending litigation. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION & OPEN SESSION
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin,

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, AND OCTOBER 28, 1997

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 21, 1997 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 28, 1997 as presented. Motion carried

CITIZEN'S NON AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS

Mr. Richard Duke addressed the Board regarding tax abatements. Mr. Larry Lauer addressed the Board regarding the Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Finance Plan.
PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$379,991.74
Fire Fund	206	32,874.52
Police Fund	207	64,746.45
Community Center Fund	208	28,665.75
Golf Course Fund	211	9,959.57
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,051.24
Cable TV Fund	239	1.165.06
Community Impr. Fund	246	292,087.58
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	31,483.25
Federal Grants Funds	274	7,113.51
State Projects Fund	289	2,283.11
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	1,469.06
Retiree Benefits	296	6,865.08
Bld. Auth. Debt Fund	369	15.00
Cap Proj-Bld.Constr.	402	965.28
Cap Proj-Road Raving	403	50,980.00
Bld. Auth. Constr. Fund	469	182,061.34
Water & Sewer Fund	592	107,842.11
N Haggerty (Elliot)Storm	853	131.34
N Haggerty Paving	862	181.16
Palmer Paving SAD	863	312.50
Beck Road Paving	864	312.50
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Total-All Funds		\$1,224,914.08

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing the 20 years of volunteer service by the past and present members of the Canton Senior Kitchen Band. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ITEM 1 CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE NO. 95-118 FOR THE DURCON COMPANY.

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:35 P.M. Richard Duke addressed the Board with his concerns regarding rapid growth in Canton and

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:38 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt the resolution approving the amended application of the Durcon Company for an industrial facilities exemption Certificate No. 95-118 for real and personal property. Motion

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED APPLICATION OF THE DURCON COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #95-118

FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY
WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983 the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton

Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and, WHEREAS, The Durcon Company filed an amended application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 issued January 10, 1996 with respect to a new facility acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and,

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on November 13, 1997 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and,

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before February 2, 1995, the date of acceptance of the original application for the Industrial Facilities

Exemption Certificate; and,
WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time
of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or
prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and,
WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad
valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this

certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the

Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a

the operation-of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of The Durcon Company to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 with respect to a new facility acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:

A parcel of land described as being Lot 10 also Lot 11, Canton Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1, except that part described a beginning S. 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds W. 192.33 feet from the N.W. corner of Lot 11 thence S. 07 degrees 01 minutes 08 seconds E. 150.96 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds W. 454.28 feet; thence N. 00 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds W. 27.05 feet; thence along a curve to left radius 75.00 feet; CH N. 13 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds E. 118.71 feet; thence a curve to right radius 135.00 feet; CH N. 36 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds W. 9.68 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds E.413.78 feet to point of beginning. Liber 96, Pages 12-19 Plats, W.C.R. Parcel No. 005 01 0010 300. 1.43 acres.

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period through December

CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 132, TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ITEM 2 ORDINANCE 116

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:40 P.M. Ralph Schufeldt, DDA Board member, gave a history of the DDA. Larry Lauer addressed the Board regarding his concerns on the DDA Tax Increment

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 8:02 P.M.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to appr the proposal to proceed with the restatement and amendment of the Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Downtown Development Authority Motion

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1983 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton adopted Ordinance No. 115 establishing a Downtown Development Authority; and

Authority; and
WHEREAS, following Ordinance No. 115 was adopted which approved a
development plan and established a Tax Increment Finance Plan; and
WHEREAS, on December 10, 1996 the Township Board of the Charter
Township of Canton approved the expansion of the Downtown Development
District through the amendment of Ordinance No. 115; and
WHEREAS, Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended permits
the Township to amend and restate a Tax Increment Financing and
Development Plan for the Canton Township Downtown Development
Authority as outlined in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof;
and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider amendment of Ordinance No. 132 and Ordinance No. 116 was held on November 12, 1997.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the proposal to proceed with the restatement and amendment of the Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Downtown Development Authority and further that the Township Board establish the following dates for consideration of the amendment of Ordinance No. 132 and Ordinance No. 116: Nøvember 25, 1997-First Reading of Ordinances 132 and 116 as amended; December 9, 1997-Second Reading of Ordinances 132 and 116 as amended; and December 18, 1997- Ordinances 132 and 116 become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund to appropriate funds for architect and engineering services for park development projects:

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$109,500

Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services - Recreation #246-750-818-0000 \$109,500

adget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$4,140,574 to \$4,250,074.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable TV Fund to appropriate funds for Board Room

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:
Capital Outlay Building 230-250-975-0000
Capital Outlay 230-250-977-0000 (18,000)Supplies 230-250-727-0000 (6,700)**Operating Supplies** 230-250-740-0000 Contracted Services Membership Dues 230-250-803-0000 (1.000)230-250-805-0000 Consulting Services Other Sundry 230-250-956-0000 (1,000)

This budget amendment does not change the total amount of the Cable TV Fund Budget.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the transfer of \$750 from Postage-Elections Department Acct. #101-191-729-0000 to Elections-Capital Outlay Acct. #101-191-977-0000 for the purchase of a work surface for two computers and a printer for the Qualified Voter File. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint John Spencer to the Canton Economic Development Board of Directors for a six-year term expiring on November 30, 2001. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution in support of legislation that would include townships in the Comprehensive Transportation Fund Distributions. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax nos. 075-99-0001-001 and -002 from RR, Rural Residential to Residential-1, Single-Family Residential. Motion carried.

Family Residential. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to rezone certain property identified by property tax parcel nos. 094-99-0015-701, -702, -703 and -704 from Residential-2, Single-Family Residential to Residential-4, Single-Family Residential. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting final approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Fellows Creek Estates Subdivision. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the resolution of certain property identified by

adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property including the property tax nos. 019-99-0017-000, 019-99-0018-000, and 019-99-0019-000 from RR, Rural Residential to Residential-2 Single-Family Residential

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to create and authorize filling the position of Utilities Inspector. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the pole relocation agreement with Detroit Edison for

the Hanford Road Paving Project for an amount not to exceed \$5,539.32. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 8.75 miles of roads

and authorize payment of \$28,525.00 to Wayne County. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid submitted by

Micromend Inc., for the purchase of laptop computers in the amount of \$22,638.00. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to create and fill the position of Plumbing Inspector in the Building and Inspection Services department.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to create and fill the position of Ordinance Inspector in the Building and Inspection Services department.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the change order for the relocation of the air transfer grills at the Human Service Center and further, that the project purchase order #7375 be increased by \$1,099 plus a \$101 contingency. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the purchase and installation of the cable television equipment to Thalner Electronic Laboratories in the amount of \$12,243. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid to Dugan Building Company for the renovation of the Board of Trustees meeting room at a cost of \$41,092 plus a 15 percent contingency for a total of \$47,256. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the creation and filling of the new Communications Specialist position for the Administrative and

Community Services Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award a contract for 128Kbs Burstable T1 phone service, "firewall" technology, Internet site access management, and Internet E-mail service to Internet Access Group, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio for the remainder of 1997 and for 1998. Further, to approve the following budget around the Community of the General Evolution and the General the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for:
Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$18,024
Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services-MIS #101-258-818-0000 \$18,024

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to authorizing the submission of a Historic Preservation grant application for a project consisting of a thematic survey of historic properties and nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places within Canton Township. Motion carried.

This budget amendment increases the General Fund budget from \$13,054,505

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve a revised longevity pay system for the Non-Union Employees as follows:

1. Upon completion of five (5) years continuous service, eligible employees will be paid three hundred dollars (\$300).

An additional one hundred dollars (\$100) a year will be paid to eligible

employees for each additional year of service beyond five (5) years to a maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

Longevity payments will be made on the first pay period of November of each year. An employee must be on the payroll of the Township on the

date that the longevity payment is made in order to receive said payment. Longevity pay shall not be prorated.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute a lease agreement for the short term use of the Cherry Hill School to the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1545 Ridge Road,

Canton, MI 48187. Motion carried. ADJOURN Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 12, 1997. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 25, 1997.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Whalers get 1 of each: win, loss, tie



After a disappointing letdown Saturday against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, the Plymouth Whalers repulsed a Sarnia Sting

comeback Sunday to record a 5-3 victory in an Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Arena.

Unfortunately, it was the Sting who avenged that Sunday defeat at Compuware by beating the Whalers 5-1 Tuesday in Sarnia.

The Sting opened the scoring in Tuesday's rematch, getting a first-period goal from Andrew Proskurnicki. Ivan Novoseltsev made it 2-0 before the Whalers retaliated, getting a goal from David Legwand, his 22nd of the season. But it was all Sting after that, as

On Saturday, the Whalers and the Greyhounds battled to a 7-7 tie after the Whalers let a 7-3 third-period lead get away from them.

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Wednesday of each month at the

Senior Citizen's Center in the

Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim

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meets monthly in Rochester

Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for

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BASS ASSOCIATION

Detroit slipped to 11-7-3. Sarnia is 10-9-

The Whalers remain tied with the Erie Otters for second place in the OHL's West Division with 25 points. The London Knights are in first with 29 points (14-6-1).

In Sunday's win over the Sting, the Whalers got two goals and an assist from Randy Fitzgerald - the last an empty net score that assured Plymouth of victory. Yuri Babenko, Legwand and Andrew Taylor each contributed a goal and an assist to the victory, and Harold

Druken had two assists. Robert Esche made 34 saves to gain

the victory in goal for the Whalers. Against the Greyhounds, the Whalers

erupted for six goals in the first two periods, two of them short-handed one by Julian Smith, who had two goals in the game, the other by Brian Passmore, who also had an assist.

Legwand led Plymouth with three goals and an assist. With Tuesday's goal, the first-year player has 36 points, making him sixth in the OHL. Legwand's total leads all OHL rookies.

Babenko also had a goal and two assists for Plymouth, while Taylor

added two assists. Stevie Lyle was in goal for the

Whalers; he made 35 saves. Peter Cava had a goal and four assists for the Greyhounds, who also got two goals from John Osborne and four

assists from Ryan Jardine. Through Sunday, the Greyhounds were 4-14-3.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

DATES/DEADLINES

Firearms season runs through Sunday, Nov. 30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South

GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide

NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS December 1 is the deadline to apply Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program small grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To receive an application contact the DNR at P.O. Box 30180, Lansing MI 48909-7680 or e-mail your request to sargen12@state.mi.us. The grant application and examples of past grants awarded are also available on the DNR Wildlife Division web site at:

http://wildlife.dnr.state.mi.us/ho mepages/Natural_Heritage/.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more infor-

A 3D league begins Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information

CLASSES

Learn to be aware of and prepared for outdoor emergencies such as hypothermia, dehydration, frostbite and sprains during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at

Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area

in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday's and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

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Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range

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Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

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The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

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: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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LOGGING ERA

Home schooled children ages eight and older will learn about Michigan's logging era during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. today at Stony Creek.

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SKY SEARCH

Junior girl scouts can earn their Sky Search badge during this program, which will be held Saturday at Indian Springs. Call for times.

WINTER WILDFLOWERS

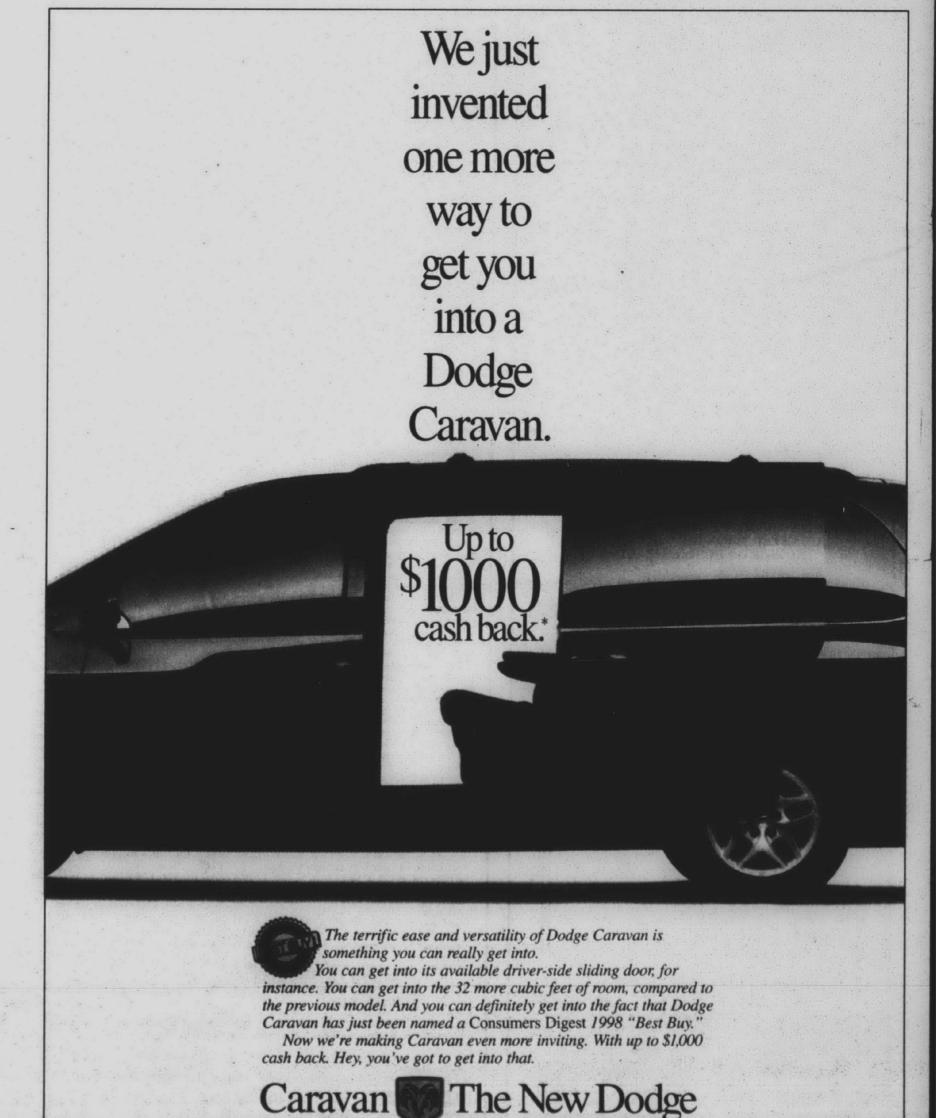
Learn to identify the remains of summer and fall wild flowers during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

GREAT LAKES INDIANS

Celebrate Thanksgiving by learning how native Americans lived before Europeans arrived during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

OUT OF SIGHT

Find out how Michigan's animals adapt to winter conditions during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.



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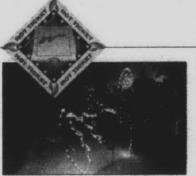


Catch the holiday spirit at Greenberg's Great Train, Doll-house & Toy Show, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Expo Cen-

SUNDAY



James and Jeanne Galway join the Detroit Symphony at Orchestra Hall at 3 p.m. for a performance of Cimarosa's Concerto for Two Flutes, (313) 833-3700.



Hot tix: The Detroit Zoo shines bright during the fourth annual Wild Lights exhibit Nov. 21 through Jan. 4. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 2-12; children under 2, free, (248) 541-*5835*.



Spectacular: The Radio City Rockettes in "Christmas in New York," a featured number in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

IT'S A KICK

FOR LOCAL DANCERS TO BE $R \cdot O \cdot C \cdot K \cdot E \cdot T \cdot T \cdot E \cdot S$

BY JULIE YOLLES

tep, kick, kick, knee, kick touch. Again. Turn, turn, out, in, touch, step, step, down, back, step, pivot, step, step, walk, walk. And 5, 6, 7, 8," shouts the choreographer.

"God, I hope I get it," thinks every audition in "A Chorus Line" back in 1976 when it first opened on Broad-

Today, the routines are more advanced, the requirements more stringent, the competition fierce. But the desire is just as intense. That was the scene last April at Wayne State University's Old Main Building when 65 lithe dancers showed up at an open casting call. Their dream? To be selected for one of 18 coveted spots in the ultimate chorus line and become a Radio City Rockette.

More than 500 would-be Rockettes and six months later, four chorus lines of 18 each have embarked on marathon rehearsals for "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

The Radio City Rockettes will be performing their world-famous Eye-High Kicks in shows opening in New York City; Branson, Mo.; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Chicago and, for the first time, here in Detroit at the Fox Theatre, Nov. 28 through Dec. 27.

Six Detroit-area dancers survived two strenuous cuts and a callback, which entailed learning a ballet

"The Radio City **Christmas Spectacular**"

When:

Friday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Dec. 27.

8 p.m. performances: • Nov. 28-29

• Dec. 2-6 • Dec. 9-13

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2 p.m. performances • Dec. 24

. No show Christmas Day

■ Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

■ Tickets are \$10-\$50 and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

combination, jazz combination and tap number, plus smiling - at the same time.

Of course, the initial cut was easy for Linda Haberman, choreographer and director of "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular," who auditioned all 500 dancers in 10 cities across the country.

You have to be between 5 feet 5-1/2-inches and 5 feet 9-inches tall to be considered," said Haberman on a 10-minute break at the Masonic Temple, where the Rockettes were rehearsing before moving into the Fox Theatre last week. "There's no weight requirement, it's just a mat-

ter of them being fit and looking good. And there's a certain amount To prove her theory, Haberman had her auditionees stand in place

with their arms out to their sides and do the Rockettes Eye-High Kick 25 times in a row.

"Once I see that they're adept at the technical aspects, then there's their presence to look at," said Haberman, who was a dancer on Broadway before becoming the Rockettes choreographer five years ago. "Can they hold themselves and carry themselves and present an optimistic outlook and feel that they really want to do it? It's that desire. Certain people don't want to blend in with 17 other girls, to fill in and be a part of the ensemble.

Not so for 5-foot, 8-inch Denise Caston of Clarkston. When she got the call, she took the semester off from Oakland University where she's dual majoring in computer engineering and dance, to focus all her efforts on being a Radio City Rockette.

"I started thinking about and aspiring to be a Rockette a few years ago," said Caston, after she took a

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Changes make great show better

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The students will be at the barricades again, though, ironically, in the plush surroundings of the Fisher The-

"Les Miserables" is returning for its sixth Detroit engagement.

But this will be a slightly different "Les Miserables," incorporating changes made to the Broadway production this past spring.

Why tamper with success, a musical seen by more than 40 million people, 830,000 in Detroit alone, a musical that has been on tour since 1988 and taken in a worldwide gross in excess of \$1.6 billion?

said when the show's 10th anniversary came, the creators Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, directors Trevor Nunn and John Caird and producer Cameron Mackintosh decided to take another look at what they were presenting on Broadway.

Touring producer Peter Lawrence

They replaced cast members who had become tired of their roles, did a complete relighting to give a more dramatic backlit effect, refurbished costumes

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Les Miserables

- What: Musical based on Victor Hugo's
- Where: Fisher Theatre, Grand Boulevard, Detroit
- When: Nov. 26 through Jan. 4. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. matinees Saturdays and Sundays. Special holiday performances 1 and 7 p.m. Nov. 26 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31. No performances Dec. 24 or Jan. 1.
- Tickets: \$15 to \$58 available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666.



Arise: Students and workers throw up the barricades in Paris during the climactic second act of "Les Miserables."

STREET SCENE



Fervent following: The Howling Diablos, featuring singer Tino Gross, created a frenzied fanbase by playing the Bear's Den in Berkley every Sunday.

And it goes like this:

Detroit funksters Howling Diablos give fans the 'Green Bottle'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

The Bear's Den is a tiny liquor stand nestled perpendicular to Coolidge Highway in downtown Berkley. On most days, a few cars trickle into the parking lot.

On Sundays, however, the unassuming bar hosts one of the hippest, sweatiest nights in the Detroit area when the Howling Diablos bring in its blues/rock/funk sound.

"It's like a Fellini film in there," said band leader/singer Tino Gross of Royal Oak. "It's a complete freak show

Blue-collar workers, frat boys and sorority girls, Deadheads, drunks, swingers, and regulars hang off the rafters and each other, dance in the aisles and on tables at the Bear's Den to get a glimpse of the jam session.

Besides its fervent following, the Howling Diablos have attracted the likes of rappers Insane Clown Posse and Kid Rock, and Black Crowes keyboardist Eddie Harsch.

"We have a mutual admiration society going on, no doubt. We're a live band and the clowns (ICP) have a lot of respect for musicians and we have a respect for what they do," Gross said. "It's great to see bands in this town getting together and supporting each other."

The only problem with the Sunday night music marathon and the Howling Diablos's other shows was that the music stopped there. Fans didn't have anything to take home with them. To tide fans over, the Howling Diablos released a live album on Top Dog records, Kid Rock's label. It was taken from a session at the White Room Studios in Detroit.

"It was an exact representation of that day. The live album did phenomenal. It did way beyond my expectations. (Then-rock station) 102.7 was playing it. It was amazing that it got added. A

live album doesn't usually do that," Gross explained. We wanted to take the time to do this one right." After two years of work, the Howling Diablos - percussionist Amjed Abdullah "AJ" of Oak Park, guitarist Jeff Grand of Ferndale, Gross, saxophonist Johnny Evans of Berkley, drummer Jerome Day of Dearborn, and bassist Mike Hollis of Detroit released its first studio CD, "Green Bottle," on Novi's Overture

Records. The Howling Diablos will celebrate the release of "Green Bottle" with a party and performance, with special guests The Holy Cows, Broken Toys, Merge, and The Almighty Lumberjacks of Death, 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the State Theater in Detroit. DJ Bad Rockin' Brad will spin tunes between the acts. The show-closing song "Go Gene Go" will feature a jam session with Kid Rock and surprise celebrity guests.

"Green Bottle" reflects a melting pot of influences culled from blues, rock, and hip-hop artists. "I think one of my favorite bands is the Rolling Stones. They

were a white band in the '60s that wasn't afraid to explore black

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two-hour class with the Radio City Rockettes when she was in 11th grade. "When I tried out for the Rockettes in 1996, I was newer to the audition process.... The second year when I went back, I was a lot more familiar with the movements and what they wanted and what they expected out of us, so I had more confidence the second time around."

Watch Caston taking that next tep, seventh from the left.

Erica Bromm is just two spots over from Caston - fifth from the audience's left - in the famous chorus line. Bromm, who's living with her parents in Farmington Hills during rehearsals and the run of the show, was working as a dancer in the casinos and waiting tables in Memphis. She went to the auditions in Nashville and

was later cast for the Branson, Mo., "Radio City Christmas Spectacular." Because Bromm's entire family lives in Michigan, she asked to be a part of the Detroit show and was granted her request.

Though she started dancing when she was 5 in Rochester Hills, Bromm was a competitive gymnast first, before giving it up during her freshman year of

high school when her gymnastic meets started conflicting with her dance competitions.

"I just enjoyed dancing a lot more, and gymnastics is really tough when you're my height," said the 5-foot, 7-3/4-inch firsttime Rockette from a Russian splits position on the floor.

"This is a workout in itself,

these rehearsals. You can't tell, but we're all sweating by the end of the day. We all have sore muscles and blisters on our feet. Dancing is tough. We don't get the recognition that we deserve as being the athletes that we really are. Everyone thinks that it looks so easy. But that's our job, to make it look easy. We're working really hard out there."

That's why Bromm and Caston

say they don't have to diet though Bromm confesses an addiction to chips and dip. Any other tips for Rockettes wanna-

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"It's training. And it's training in all areas, because they require us to do tap, jazz and ballet." advises Bromm. "Being a triple threat - singing, dancing and acting - is what keeps you working in this business.'

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and wigs which had become drab with age and made surgical changes in the script.

"There is a new scene," Lawrence said, in a telephone call from his New York office. "The authors put it in between 'The Master of the House' numalways mention of Valjean meeting Cosette at the well and now he does.

The show has also been redirected, with an emphasis on personalizing the performances. Lawrence said the playing of the lead roles had been done by forber and 'The Bargain.' There was mula, every part played the

SHOWS

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Sunday, November 23

same way everywhere.

"It was important for the directors to see what the actors thought of their roles," he said. "Now the actor who plays Javert on Broadway will play it differently than the Javert on the road. By making it more personal for the actors, it becomes more personal for the audience."

Once the changes had been made on Broadway, Lawrence said, Mackintosh called him to have the changes incorporated in the road show. The total redo has cost about \$2 million

"In Detroit we will be using a new sound system for the first time," Lawrence said. He said it will provide state-of-the-art fidelity and clarity.

"Les Miz," as it is universally known, is on its way to becoming the most popular musical of all time. One young Rochester actor said he has seen the show four times and looks forward to seeing it again.

Though based on Victor Hugo's sprawling novel, which is nearly 1,400 pages in most English-language editions, the sung-through musical focuses on the core story of Jean Valjean, a petty thief hounded by a by-the-books detective, Javert. It is also the story of Fantine and her daughter, Cosette, whom Valjean agrees to remove from an abusive foster home. It ends with the Paris uprisings of 1830 involving Cosette and her lover, Marius.

"Les Miz' is a great story," Lawrence said, "with great staging, music and performances. It's a great story of uplift and hope. If you lead a life worthy of being lived, you'll be rewarded. It's also the story of the beginning of the

"Actually, it took me a while to

find my way into the story. But at the finale, where the whole cast backs away leaving Marius and Cosette. Those two people are the future, those people are the future of France.

Finding a personal connection is one of the things Lawrence and the directors are emphasizing to all new cast members.

Lawrence said that Gregory Calvin Stone has come up from the ensemble to take the lead role of Valiean. "He sings 'Bring Him Home,' better than anyone I've ever heard," Lawrence said.

J.P. Daugherty represents another kind of musical style as the comic scoundrel Thenadier.

"He has that English music hall tradition that you don't find," Lawrence said. "He's funny as hell and conveys a different

Lawrence became involved

with "Les Miz" after working on Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard" and Mackintosh's production of "Miss Saigon," another Boublil-Schonberg musi-

He said Mackintosh shows are the same on the road as they are on Broadway.

"If you see any of our shows on the road, you'll have the same experience visually, aurally and every other way that you'd have in New York," he said,

Lawrence is hoping the show's popularity continues long enough to overtake "Cats" as the longest running show in history.

This show has no signs of winding down. We expect to be on the road at least five more

You can probably expect that Detroit will continue to be a reg-

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music. They drew on the blues, absorbed it and let it come out in rock 'n' roll. We do the same thing with today's black music which is hip hop," Gross said.

'Rock 'n' roll has to have fresh flavors going on if it's going to survive.

The ingredients include rock ("Criminal Mind," "Funky Daddy"), a blend of funk and hiphop ("Green Bottle"), hard-driving rock ("6th Street Opera," "Whack The DJ"), and old school ("It's My Party").

The album has already proved to be a hit locally. With its hookgoes, and it goes like this/I'm a high high hippie hippie yes I am," the single "Green Bottle," a song dedicated to Jagermeister, debuted at No. 20 on the list of top sellers at Harmony House

"All the other bands (on the list) were national acts and we're selling as good as they are," Gross said excitedly.

Besides selling well, the single, mixed by Mike E. Clark of ICP fame, has received or is receiving airplay on Detroit-area radio stations WKRK, WRIF, and CIMX.

"It's tough for local bands to get airplay, the politics the way they are," Gross said.

For the album, the Howling Diablos worked at several stu-

'PLAN B' is engaging...

Jon Cryer is outstanding!"

dios including the White Room, 54 Sound in Ferndale, A&M in Hollywood, and the legendary studio United Sound in Detroit. "That place is like the temple

of funk. There's so much history there. George Clinton worked there, the Red Hot Chili Peppers cut there. There's an endless legacy of groups that have been

There was also an endless stream of guest musicians organ player Chris Codish, pianist Eddie Harsch, guitarist Bobby East, drummer Jeff Fowlkes, background vocalist Mildred Anderson, violinist Mary Alice, and drummer Vinnie Dombroski, lead singer of

Sponge,
"We have Vinnie playin' drums on a couple of the songs. They all know him as the singer in Sponge. People don't remember what a great drummer Vinnie

Rapper Kid Rock, who recently inked a deal with Lava/Atlantic records, remixed "Reefer Man" and provided drum loops for the album.

With the success of "Green Bottle" and its live album, the Howling Diablos have garnered some interest among major labels. Gross said whether the band signs a deal or not, the Howling Diablos will remain true to its mission.

"We're always gonna be a live band that takes it live to the peo-

Who: Howling Diablos along with special guests Holy Cows, Broken Toys, Merge, The Almighty Lumberjacks of Death and DJ Bad Rockin' Brad

When/Where: Wednesday, Nov. 26. Doors open at 8 p.m. - State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets: \$11 in advance and \$13 at the door for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or (248) 645-6666. Additional performances:

Howling Diablos, Megadeth, Jackyl. Jimmie's Chicken Shack. and Creed - Perform as part of the "Nightmare Before Christmas II" concert, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$15 and \$10 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

■ Howling Diablos - 9 p.m. Sundays throughout November, at : The Bear's Den, 2972 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, call (248) 545-2246 for more information.

■ Howling Diablos and The Parka Kings - 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$20 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030.

The Howling Diablos can be reached via e-mail at HowlingDs@ aol. com or at http:// user. aol. com/ HowlingDs.

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Blue Eyed Soul serves up something 'Delicious'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

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As a student at Henry Ford Community College, Christian Draheim recorded an entire tape in the bathroom of his mother's house for a class project.

"The room had a real tight sound. It was just me and an acoustic guitar. It didn't get that crappy echo. I just always remember that. When I walk in a new building I always listen to the acoustics," Draheim said.

Two years later when it came time for his rock band Blue Eyed Soul to record its debut CD, "Delicious," Draheim took his bathroom experience into consideration.

"I thought, 'This bathroom would be awesome to record in but it's too small to put a drum kit,' " said Draheim of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia.

So he improvised and brought in a guitar, cabinet and mic and went to work.

"I did a guitar solo in the shower. It's awesome. Now there's rugs and stuff in there. But the acoustics are very good. It has all natural reverb. There



Celebrating debut: The Farmington Hills-based rock band Blue Eyed Soul – from left, bassist Scott Kolassa, guitarist Allan Maclean, singer Michale Welchans, drummer Daniel Lago, and guitarist Christian Draheim – recently released its debut CD "Delicious."

was no added effects," Draheim said of the slide guitar solo in "Small"

"Smell" is one of nine songs on the five-year-old band's debut CD "Delicious," released in midSeptember on Blue Eyed Soul's Acid Groove Records. The week ending Sept. 16, the first week in the stores, it charted at No. 178 in Detroit on SoundScan spurring the interest of major record labels. The week ending Nov. 11 "Delicious" reached No. 134.

After 17 seconds of thunderous drums in the instrumental "BHT," the nine-song "Delicious" kicks off with the funk-laden title track, and continues with morsels of acoustically driven ballads and rockers ("Scratch," "Smell"), and straight-ahead rock songs ("Easy," and "Smothor")

Like "Smell," the album was recorded primarily in the home that Draheim shares with lead singer Michale Welchans.

The dread-locked Welchans, a former Redford resident, described recording at home as "really comfortable."

"A lot of recording has to do with getting used to the environment that you're in. I'm always self conscious about what the

engineer is thinking. At least I feel comfortable about being at home."

Draheim added that you can't beat the price of recording at home.

"There's no pressure as far as worrying about being on the clock and the money issue. Plus, when you're in a creative mood and your mindset is at its best, you could go and record."

"Delicious" is the culmination of a two-year project for Blue Eyed Soul.

The band began recording the album in 1995 but internal problems erupted and two guys were let go. As a consequence, Blue Eyed Soul trashed some of the songs and started over.

With the new lineup of singer Welchans, Draheim, drummer Daniel Lago of Westland, guitarist Allan Maclean of Canton, and bassist Scott Kolassa of Northville, "everybody has a respect for the direction that

we're going on."
Draheim cited the songs "Delicious" and "Easy" as the new direction.

"We'll still continue to wander out of that. None of them (the songs on the album) sound alike but it sounds coherent."

He added that like "Delicious," Blue Eyed Soul's next album will

"Next time, I definitely want to try different rooms in the house,"

Blue Eyed Soul performs with Son of Adam and The Krinkles, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 581-3650.

Other upcoming shows include: 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Record Collector, 28143 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Admission is free. (248) 473-8350; and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Blockbuster Music, 482 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Admission is free. (248) 338-4700

For more information about Blue Eyed Soul, visit its website at http://www.blueeyedsoul. com or call (313) YES-SOUL.

Hilberry serves up a tasty family show

BY SUSAN SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

If there were a category for aromatic special effects, the smell of onions in ragu wafting through the auditorium of the Hilberry would win by more than a nose. The Neapolitan comedy by Eduardo Filippo runs in repertory through Jan. 30. Call (313) 577-2972 for ticket information.

If all the comedies of Italy's beloved playwright Eduardo de Filippo translate as well, it's a mystery why his works aren't performed more often in the United States. His simmer blend of family fare, flings, feuds and forgiveness make for a tasty theatrical treat.

The action centers around food and the family dining room, which sets the stage for the play's main course. Whether the food is being praised, prepared or relished, it is central to, and symbolic of, the nurturing of family relationships and friendships.

Mary Vinette embodied the passion and stubbornness of Mama Rosa, the family's matriarch. Her scenes with her husband, Peppino, ran the gamut of marital emotion, through anger, caring, guilt and jealousy. Bret

Tuomi played the patriarch well, seething with a barely contained rage, frustrated by his own perceived powerlessness.

Rosa and Peppino's family provide a varied menu of side plots and entertainment. Antoinette Doherty was whimsically amusing as the headstrong daughter spurning her conservative fiance's attempts to control her. And Karl Kippola's Luigi was obnoxious to the point of being amusing and not annoying.

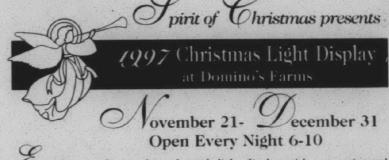
The properties manager, Deidre Bullock, literally had to double as chef and had the challenge of props that must be replaced for each run of the show. The smell of the onions really set the mood, though, and was an important part of the ambience.

The set was wonderfully detailed, creating a kitchen and dining room that were the central focus of the action and the welcoming arms of the home. The set establishes the intimacy of the family with its inviting kitchen and the importance of the Sunday meal with this formal, revered dining room.

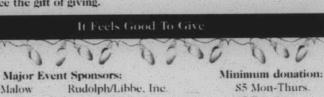
The period costumes from the '50s were also beautifully done as well, right down to the men's hats and women's pumps.



Making dinner: Rosa (Mary Vinette) starts her Sunday ragu, while her husband Peppino (Bret Tuomi) looks on in "Saturday, Sunday, Monday."



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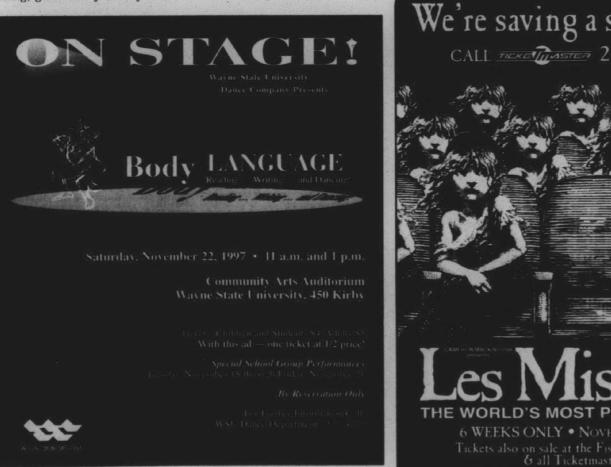


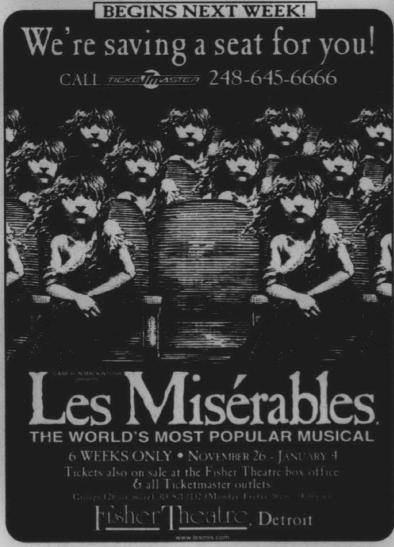
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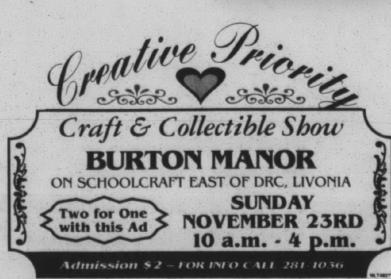
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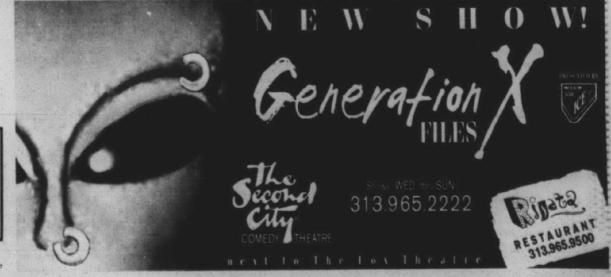
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1515 BROADWAY

Trittico theatre Company presents "I Love Christmas," a new comedy by Detroit playwright Kim Carney, presented by Trittico theatre Company through Sunday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$12.50 and \$10, \$2 discount for students/seniors. (313) 965-1515/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"In the Sweet Bye and Bye," a comedy by Donald Driver, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15, \$40 for season subscription. (313) 868-

FISHER THEATRE

"Les Miserables," Wednesday, Nov. 26-Sunday, Jan. 4. Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and special holiday performances 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. No performances Wednesday, Dec. 24, or Thursday, Jan. 1. \$15-\$58. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, 6 p.m. Saturdays, and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$23-\$33.50, discounts for students, seniors and groups, and special family discounts on 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, only through Meadow Brook box office. (248) 377-3300 MILLENNIUM CENTRE

"The Fantasticks," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$10 and \$12, \$9 for groups of 20 or more. \$20 dinner/show package with familystyle buffet at Stockyard Restaurant. (248) 552-1225

PERFORMANCE NETWORK

"The Waiting Room," a sharp comedy that takes on medical ethics and sexual stereotypes, Thursday, Nov. 20-Sunday, Nov. 23, and Thursday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Nov. 30, at the theater, 408 W. Washington (2 1/2 blocks west of Main Street), Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$15, \$12 for students and seniors. "Pay-What-You-Can" on http://comnet.org.PNetwork THE PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy about a family's deer hunting trip by Jeff Daniels," through Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, and 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10. \$20-\$25. (313) 475-7902 opera

WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA

"Annie Warbucks," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario. (800) 387-9181

COLLEGE

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 8, Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti. \$5 bargain night Thursdays; \$10 general admission Fridays and Saturdays, \$8 general admission for matinee; \$7 and \$5 for Mainstage members; \$8 and \$6 for EMU students in advance. Add \$2 for tickets purchased at the door. (313) 487-1221

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES "The Prince and the Pauper," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 7, at the college, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$5, \$3

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ATRE AND DANCE "Othello," by William Shakespeare, starring Esau Pritchett, the national winner of the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship last April in Washington D.C., 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22-Saturday, Nov. 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Varner Hall's Studio Theatre, Oakland University campus, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 stu-

dents. (248) 370-3013 U - D THE THEATRE COMPANY "Little Joe Monaghan," the story of Josephine Monaghan, a woman cowboy who passed as a man for almost her entire adult life, through Sunday, Nov. 23, at Earl D.A. Smith Studio theater, University of Detroit Mercy campus. Livernois and McNichols roads, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 seniors and students



Hollday light show: The Detroit Zoo shines bright during the fourth annual Wild Lights exhibit Nov. 21 through Jan. 4. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 2-12; children under 2, free, (248) 541-5835. The exhibit will be open 5:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Sunday; 5:30-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The exhibit features more than 50 animated animal light displays that wind along a half-mile trail at The Detroit Zoo, located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward (just off I-696) in Royal Oak. Tickets may be purchased at the door nightly. The exhibit is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Nightly themes include band and choir performances, ice sculpture demonstrations; and storytelling for children. Call the number listed for details.

with proper ID. (313) 993-1130 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

"Ladyhouse Blues." Kevin O'Morrison's play about women beginning to assert their independence in a man's world in 1919, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in the Michigan League, 911 N. University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 students. (313) 764-0450

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE 'Saturday, Sunday, Monday," by Eduardo de Filippo, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20; "The Lady's Not for Burning," by Christopher Fry, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21; "Othello," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 28, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE "Look Back in Anger," by John Osborne, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus in Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"A Little Night Music, 8 p.m. Thursday,

Nov. 20-Friday, Nov. 21, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22-Sunday, Nov. 23, AACT Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$6 students and seniors. (313) 971-AACT (2228) **AVON PLAYERS**

"Born Yesterday," a comedy which had one of the longest runs in history on Broadway and spawned two hit movies, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 21-22, and Thursday Nov. 20, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. \$11, student/senior/group rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS Adult comedy, "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20-Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. \$8 (248)

553-2955 PARK PLAYERS

"Steel Magnolias," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 (\$20 to benefit Greater Rosedale Grandmont Business Association, call (313) 837-7823), 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 (\$10), at North Rosedale Park Community House, Detroit. (313) 538-PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"1940s Radio Hour," by Walton Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn.

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"Showstoppers of the Musical Stage" featuring 30 numbers from Broadway's best shows including "Phantom of the Opera," "Grease," "Cats," "Oklahoma," "A Little Night Music," "Pippin" and Showboat, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. \$15, call for reservations. (248) 988-7049 ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS "Lend Me a Tenor," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov 21-Saturday Nov. 22, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River Ave. (one

block east of Lahser Road), Detroit. \$10, \$9 seniors/ students to age 18. (313) 537-7716 ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRAN-

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*70, Girls, 70, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield. \$15, \$12 students and seniors. (248) 644-0527 TROY PLAYERS

"The Foreigner," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday Nov. 23, at the Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, Clawson. \$8, \$7 senior citizens and children. (248)

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DANCE CONCERT FOR YOUNG FOLKS The 44th annual On Stage Dance Performances for Children presents *Body Language! Reading, Writing and

Dancing" performed by the Wayne State University Dance Company, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Community Arts Auditorium on the WSU campus, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$4 children/students/seniors. (313) 577-4273 **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

"Ancient Echoes: Tales from Egypt," performed by Wild Swan Theater 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7, \$5 DIA Founders Society members. Recommended for children ages 5 and older. (313) 833-2323

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 22-23, 29-30 and Dec. 6-7. 13-14. 20-21. 27-28 and Jan. 3-4. and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Dec. 26,

29, 30-31 and Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

YOUTHEATRE

"Steel Bandits," from George Family Musicians, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, as part of the Movin' Up Club Season for children ages 7 and older, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops available. Children younger than 5 not admitted. (313) 963-7663

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Featuring more than 100 different beers, 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck \$15. 21 and older. (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com DJ SPIN-OFF

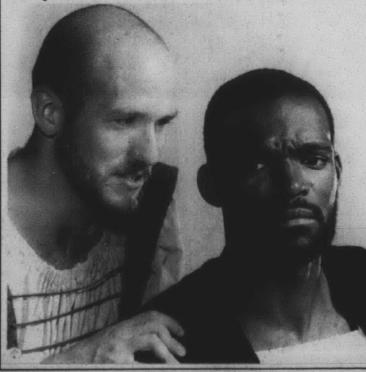
Featuring Detroit QJs competing for \$500 prize, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Tremors! in the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. \$5. 21 and older. Interested DJs must register by Friday, Nov. 21. (313) 462-2196

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COL-LECTIBLES EXPO 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Livonia

Elks Hall No. 31, 117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Merriman Road, one mile south of I-96), Livonia; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527 SILENT FILM AND ORGAN CONCERT

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m.

Drama: Iago (John Michael Norman) plants the seeds of doubt to fan Othello's (Esau Pritchett) jealousy in the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's production of William Shakespeare's "Othello" through Nov. 23 in Varner Hall Studio Theatre on the Rochester campus. Call (248) 370-3013 for tickets.



Sunday, Dec. 7, 1920 silent film "Way Down East" starring Lillian Gish, with Lance Luce providing the dramatic moments on the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10, all tickets reserved. (248) 541-6430 TRAIN, DOLLHOUSE & DOLL SHOW

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22-Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$6 adult (includes parking), \$2 ages 6-12; admission covers both days. (248)

WCW PRESENTS "WORLD WAR III" 60 wrestlers in three rings, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$12-\$35, \$50 ringside seats. All ages. (248) 377-

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE Featuring floats, giant balloons, marching bands, equestrian units, clowns, specialty acts and celebrities traveling down Woodward Avenue from Mack Road to Jefferson Avenue, 9:15 a.m. noon Thursday, Nov. 27. Free. \$12.50 prime grandstand seating available along the parade route. (248) 645-6666/(313) 923-7400 **CHENILLE SISTERS**

11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-

TEDDY BEAR TEA

With "Mr. Magic" Ronnie Cee, ventiloquist/humorist/author of "The Magic Telescope," Richard Paul, and Jean Cane "Mrs. Santa Claus," 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. \$10, \$8 for children younger than 12, includes admission to the Festival of Trees. Benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan. (248) 650-8733

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor and flutist James Galway, and flutist Jeanne Galway performing works from Rossini, Mercadante, Cimarosa, and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20-Friday, Nov. 21, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23; With conductor James Paul and violinist Jennifer Koh performing works from Tchaikovsky, Britten, and Debussy, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave... Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 833-3700 LOGAN SKELTON

Pianist performs music ranging from a Haydn sonata to Bolcom rags, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Britton Recital Hall of the E.V. Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 764-0594

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Performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and Richard Strauss's Suite from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, " 8 p.m. Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 764-0594

DARRETT ZUSKO

Piano recital by 12-year-old Darrett Zusko, first place winner of the 1996 Music Competition at Guelph and third in the Saskatoon Festival, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at St. Josaphat Hall on Rvan Road, south of I-696, Warren, \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, free for children under 13. (248) 879-8167

AUDITIONS

LES MISERABLES

The associate director and the musical supervisor of "Les Miserables" will hold open auditions for children for the roles of "Young Cosette" and "Gavroche" for the Broadway and national touring companies on Saturday, Nov. 29. The auditions will be at the Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Sign-up for the auditions will be at 10 a.m. The auditions will begin at 10:30 a.m. Each child will be asked to sing one song of his or her choice, bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. No tape recorded or "sing along" music may be used. The songs the child characters sing can be heard on the Broadway cast recording, available at all music stores. Young Cosette, girls ages 7-11, delicate, innocent, young girl, heartbreaking and waif-like; sweet soprano voice; approximately 50 inches tall - no girls over 50 inches should attend this audition. Gavroche, boys ages 7-11, tough street kid, lots of spunk and personality, street-wise orphan, clever, must be a terrific actor, strong singing voice, approximately 52 inches tall. No boys over 52 inches should attend this audition. Children should bring a recent photo stapled to a resume that lists singing and acting experience or training. Professional experience is not required. Children and parents must be willing to relocate to New York or travel on tour if hired. If you are interested in auditioning but unable to attend, please send photo and resume to: Johnson-Liff Associates. 1501 Broadway, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10036; Attn: Les Miserables. RENAISSANCE CHORUS Looking for singers for the Society for

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The ability to read music is not required. It is preparing for its Christmas season performances and its annual show in

March. (313) 981-6342 ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS Auditions for five men and three wome for "The Boy Next Door" by Tom Griffin, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River (one block east of Lahser), Detroit. For performances to run three weekends beginning Jan. 30. No previous acting necessary. Auditions consist of script

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readings. For a copy of the script, call

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

(248) 594-8694

Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and a variety of seasonal compositions by Brahms, Rutter and Britten, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 (\$4, available at the door) at First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads). Donations accepted during intermission. (248) 349-8175/(313) 462-4435

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With Gerald Albright and Waymon Tisdale, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$28.50. All ages. (313) 872-1000 HERBIE HANCOCK AND WAYNE

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 668-8397

KOG'S KATS 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, O'Mara's,

2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750 KATHY KOSINS 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

Free, 21 and older, (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS With Rick Matle and Steve Adams, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Bistro 313, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Rick Matle and Wendell Harrison, 8 p.m.-midnight Sunday, Nov. 23, Bomac's Lounge, 281 Gratiot, Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older; With Rick Matle, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Borders Books and Music. 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 332-7184/(313) 961-5152/(248) 652-0558

THE LUDDITES 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemans, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (cabaret-style

jazz/folk) (313) 873-RAFT THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO With bassist Dan Jordan, drummer Jerry McKenzie, and special guest Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River. Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order (served 6:30-9 p.m.) plus a \$5 drink minimum. 21 and older. (248)

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22 at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills.

(248) 852-0550

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Edison's. 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

BOB SEELEY

Boogie Woogie pianist, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at Sam's Pizzeria and Cantina, 2215 Wyandotte West at Randolph, Windsor. \$12, \$10 in advance. (519) 944-9798 SOULSTICE

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29. America's Pizza Cafe. 129 S. Main St. (one block south of 11 Mile Road). Royal Oak. (be-bop, swing, contemporary and traditional jazz) (248) 544-1001

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO 8:30-12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150/(248) 546-1400 ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. \$7.50, 21 and older; 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, J.D.'s Club 2001, 31 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 963-8424/(810) 465-5154

NEW AGE MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRIST-MAS SHOW

8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$12-\$32.50, with Superfan seating available. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off the regular ticket price. (new age/rock) (248) 377-0100

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Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

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Joe Mulligan, Tim Wilson and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Nov. 20-Friday, Nov. 21: Kirk Noland and Joey Bielaska, Wednesday, Nov. 26, Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays and ing to act. (313) 261-0555

Mitch Mullany, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner/show package); Norm Stulz, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 (\$10, \$20.95), 5070 Schaefer Road.

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Kirkland Teeple, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-

Road, Oxford. \$10. (248) 628-6500

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE O'Brien and Valdez, with Jill Washburn, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19-Thursday Nov. 20 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 (\$6); Leo DuFour and Symba, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 (\$6); Dan Wilson and Symba, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29 (\$12), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 (\$6), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

SECOND CITY "Generation X-Files" through December at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessaril 'he show's

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER The first lesbian comic to get her own HBO special, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (313) 761-1451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays: "Destiny in Space." 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or

MEADOW BROOK HALL "Set for the Holidays" 1997 holiday

walk, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Friday, Nov. 28-Sunday, Dec. 7, remaining open until 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, and Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the historic house at Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tours also available of Knole Cottage, the six-room, 3/4 scale mini mansion near the hall. \$10, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$5 OU affiliates with ID for Meadow Brook. Discounts available for groups of 20 or more, \$1 Knole Cottage; Black tie gala dinner, 6:30 p.m. with 8 p.m. candle light dinners followed by dancing and an afterglow, Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday,

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN

comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.,), Detroit. "Sacred Arts" features a wide spectrum of art objects including sequined flags, sacred bottles, pots, painted calabashes, beaded rattles, bound medicine packets, dolls, cosmographs, musical instruments, multimedia assemblages and contemporary paintings. The exhibit is rated PG-13 as some of the images in Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou may not be suitable for children ages 13 and under, or individuals sensitive to graphic images. Adult supervision is suggested. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. (313) 494-5800.

> POPULAR MUSIC

With Laika, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (piano-driven pop) (313) 961-5451

ATARI TEENAGE RIOT

With EC80R and Shizuo, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28. Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. ("dig-

With The Volcanoes, 8 p.m. Wednesday, complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$6 in advance, 18 and older, (jump R&B/swing/instrumental surf) (313) 833-POOL

BENNY AND THE JETS 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov.

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St.,

Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (248) 543-4300 THE BIZER BROTHERS 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and Wednesday, Nov.

26, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (248) 477-0099

BLUE EYED SOUL 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Record Collector, 28143 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Free. All ages; With Son of Adam and The Krinkles, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn, \$5, 21 and older, (rock) (248) 473-8350/(313) 581-3650

BLUE HAWAIIANS 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22 Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21

9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 **BLUES TRAVELER**

With Jonny Lang, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$22.50. All ages. (rock/blues) (313) 961-5451 BOTFLY

With Boogie Shoes, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7th House,

7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$13. 18 and older. (soulful rock) (248) 335-8100

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-

With Tin Woodsmen, Anxietys, Mad Henchmen, Smoke Bombs, and Tonsil Boxers, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 833-POOL

BUTLER TWINS BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

With dbass, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, as part of Divine with DJ Mike Clark at Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$6, 21 and older, (psychedelic trippy rock) (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues)

DANNY COX

10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (248) 652-1600 THE CRAMPS

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15. All ages. (punk) (248) 333-2362

CRYSTAL METHOD With Lunatic Calm, 8 p.m. Thursday. Nov. 20, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8. All ages. (techno) (248)

334-1999 **DETROIT BLUES BAND**

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-

DJ DIMITRI 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, as part of

"Family" night, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com DISCIPLINE

With Tiles and House of Usher, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. 18 and older (progressive rock) (248) 544-3030

DURAN DURAN 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (alter native rock) (313) 961-5451

GLEN EDDY 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 FLEETWOOD MAC

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$65 and \$45. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110 KIM FOX

8 p.m. Fridays in November, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (pop) (248) 745-9790 FRETBUZZ

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With American Mars and dBass, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (alternapop) (313) 996-8555

GREEN DAY

With Superdrag, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-5451 GRIN

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock)

(313) 485-5050 **GUS GUS** With Cornershop, 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages.

(techno/Punjabi and Brit pop) (248) 334-1999 HARPER 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, Soup Kitchen

Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans). Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643 JULIANA HATFIELD

With Mysteries of Life, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12. All ages. (pop) (313) 833-POOL AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover. charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester, Covercharge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433/(248) 852-0550

HOWLING DIABLOS With Holy Cows, Broken Toys and The Almighty Lumberjacks of Death, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$11 in

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Friday, Nov. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 544-3030 **EDDIE JACKSON AND THE SWING-**

With Big Barn Combo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit: Cover charge. 18 and older. (countrybilly) (313) 833-POOL

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644:4800 **NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS**

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Mr. Sport, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Cover charge. 21 and older, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 28. Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 534-7420/(248) 360-7450

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JOHNNY "YARD DOG" JONES 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and

KILLER FLAMINGOS

9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 543-

MIKE KING

8:30-11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 546-3696 **KNEE DEEP SHAG**

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

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JOHN D. LAMB BAND 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, Frigates, 1103 E. Lake Dr., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (248) 624-

9607 THE LOOK

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534-7420 MR. FREEDOM X

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369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn.

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10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750 MUDPUPPY

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9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy, Ferndale. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Charlie CarPartz, Heritage Holiday Inn. 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Free. 21 and older, (classic rock) (248) 399-8888/(313) 283-4400 or

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, JD's Macomb Theater, 31 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens.

Nine Mile Road), Ferndale, Free, 21 and older. (quirky acoustic pop) (248) 546-

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9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (funk) (248) 360-7450

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GARY RASMUSSEN

8:30-11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141 SGT. ROCK

charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 259-

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MOVIES

'Jackal' fails to improve on the original version



MONAGHAN

Part of the fun in 1973s "The Day of the Jackwas the obscurity of the actor playing the assassin, a master of disguise. It gave you the paranoid feeling that the nondescript fellow with the wide tie and sideburns sit-

ting next to you on the airplane (or in the movie theater, for that matter) could be a political assassin.

The new version, shortened to simply "The Jackal," features Bruce Willis in various personas (and wig styles) from pot-bellied Canadian to blond-maned fisher dude. The only problem is: the elaborate get-ups don't add up to

much except tedium for the audience and another star vehicle for Willis that goes nowhere fast.

An MTV-style credit sequence, backed by music from Primal Scream, is practically a minimovie about the fall of the Soviet

This hip intro couldn't contrast more with the rest of the movie, which, directed by "Rob Roy's" Michael Caton-Jones, quickly becomes your standard-issue espionage thriller. When a gangster's brother is killed during a Russian nightclub bust, a mysterious assassin is hired. For \$70 million, the killer (known only by the code name "Jackal") will murder the American FBI director and then disappear without a

Enter Declan Mulqueen (Richard Gere), an imprisoned IRA bomber and the only man who can identify the Jackal by sight. He strikes a deal with the authorities (led by a stern Sidney Poitier): collar the would-be killer and the Irishman will have his sentence lessened.

And you thought Brad Pitt's accent in "The Devil's Own" was suspect? Check out the grayhaired Gere; he makes Pitt sound like Michael Collins. Moreover, he has virtually no chemistry with Willis, save for the slow-motion shots of their inevitable face off stolen from director John Woo.

Even worse served is Poitier, who keeps appearing in thankless roles like this in forgettable action movies. Can't the man generally regarded as one of the nation's premier black actors find work in better projects?

"The Jackal" sinks lowest when it mixes violence with humor when the assassin uses a

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The movie's sole good idea comes near the end. The chase takes the men deep into the subway tunnels, capped by a shot of a narrow escape that may be the movie's only true thrill. Even this is hindered by surprisingly low-tech special effects.

My love/hate relationship with

Bruce Willis continues with "The Jackal." Used so effectively in "Pulp Fiction" and "Twelve Monkeys," the egomaniac actor is asked to do little more than look stone-faced as he carries out his

By the end of the movie, he reverts to your run-of-the-mill raging psychopath, holding innocent people hostage and taunting

Mulqueen with cries of, "you__ can't protect your women, can you?" It's a bloody and stupid end to what his Irish adversary might call a bloody stupid film.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. Toleave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch: tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Hollow Reed" (Britain -1996). Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23 (call for showtimes). When a nine-year-old boy begins to show signs of possible abuse, his father must decide what action to take.

"Vive L'Amour" (Taiwan) 1994). 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24. In the crowded city, a lonely real estate agent uses one of her vacant high rises to conduct an affair, unaware that a young man has found her keys and is

living there too. Main Art Theatre 118 N Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Eve's Bayou" (USA - 1997). Samuel L. Jackson stars in this black-themed drama, set in a small backwater Louisiana community, where the story of a seemingly prosperous family is told from the perspective of a 10year-old girl.

"Washington Square" (USA - 1997). Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suit-

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain - 1997). More Henry James. This time the turn-of-the-century romantic entanglement occurs between a conniving woman (Helena Bonham Carter) and a handsome journalist (Linus Roache). They devise a plan to have him woo a dying woman and thus inherit her fortune.

Magic Bag Theatre 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (USA-1971). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. The movie version of the Roald Dahl novel about every children's fantasy: winning a ticket to the candy story (or in this case chocolate factory) led by tour guide Gene Wilder.

"Swingers" (USA-1996). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. A group of aspiring young actors in L.A. form friendships, try to pick up women, and cruise the city's martini bars in this independent exploration of the Cocktail

Redford Theatre 13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for informa-

tion. (\$2.50) "Broadway Melody of 1940" (USA-1940). Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell team in this MGM musical with the tunes supplied by Cole Porter ("Begin the

Beguine," "I Concentrate on

You.")

Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield Call (248) 424-9022

"Stormy Weather" (USA-1943). 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. A legendary lineup of black entertainers appear in this pioneering musical, including Lena Horne (singing the title song), Fats Waller ("Ain't Misbehavin"), Cab Calloway, Dooley Wilson, and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (west of Telegraph), Southfield Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Ice Storm" (USA-1997). A film adaptation of Rick Moody's confessional account of life in the 1970s, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet," "Sense and Sense"

Windsor Film Theatre, 2136-Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"Drowning in Dreams" (Canada-1997). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23. A documentary account of one man's obsession in which the wreck of a luxury wacht, discovered in 1970 in Lake Superior, leads to misfor? tune for the man who tries to raise it.

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Have you ever looked down at your calendar and discovered it was something like National Formica Awareness Day? Or Adopt A Naked Mole Rat Week? Or Razor **Burn Prevention**

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actually got all this "official" time off from work - say to educate ourselves about the importance of durable, stain-resistant countertop veneers in our lives -

we'd never get anything done. But not all such designations are punch lines. For instance, 1997 is the International Year of the Coral Reef, a call for everyone on the planet to bone up on the importance of the coral reefs to the health of earth's ecosystems. We at Backstage Pass, along with everyone at Detroit Public Television, are doing our part to get the word out. But perhaps the most active participant in the spirit of the year is the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo. They've been housing a coral reef exhibit, with underwater photographs and art inspired by these living canyons of the sea. Now, to complement the exhibit, the gallery commissioned Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theatre to create a live performance piece dramatizing the importance of the reefs.

I spoke with Yvonne DuQue about the show. Now, I don't want to liken Yvonne to a Dr. Seuss character, but she wears a lot of hats in the renaissance of Detroit's indigenous theater scene: associate director of Mosaic Youth Theatre, director of the Next Stage Company - an extension of Mosaic with an older cast - one of the founding members of, and a producer at, Planet Ant

in Hamtramck. Just typing that list wears me out, but Yvonne somehow found the time to write, direct and create the coral reef show for the zoo, and even some more time to tell me about it. "The show is called 'Rain Forest of the Ocean: Drama on the Coral Reef.' Mosaic has been wanting to do something with the zoo, and Gerry Craig (curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery and a crack Backstage Pass art correspondent), wanted to do something about the coral reef. It's been very collaborative with the zoo. They've been giving us fish lessons, so we're educated and accurate. They've also been generous about letting us be very

The show posed some interesting problems for Yvonne: it had to be geared toward kids and driven by content. "We wanted to get them excited about the coral reef, but we didn't want it to be scientific. So we had to come up with a format: What can we pull from our research to tell the story.

Luckily, the reefs are home to real-life fish whose names sound downright theatrical - Damselfish, Clownfish, Foxface, among others. The names lent themselves to a story kids already knew. "What if instead of the wolf, we have a fox? Damsel is Little Red Riding Hood, and instead of taking goodies to grandma's house, she's taking algae, because their home is

dying, because humans are

killing the coral. Next problem: create drama without making anyone the bad-guy. Solution: "It's a play within a play. The actors are playing fish who are actors. Because they're not bad fish. They all get along. So Foxface can come out saying, 'Why do I have to play a mean character? I'm a mild-mannered algae grazer!' so we don't misrepresent him. And later on, in place of 'what big teeth you." have,' Damselfish can say, 'my, what a dog-like snout you have. That way we get the fish facts in

there.' By humanizing the reef inhabitants, the show drives home its message to kids. "In 20 years, 70 percent of coral reefs could be gone if we don't de something. This is a way of saying to the kids, 'Hey, recycle plastic, and do all these other things you've been hearing about because now you know who we are." It's a great project, and tonight on Backstage Pass we'll see a scene from the play and talk some more with Yvonne and

Also on the Big Show, we'll get a live performance from one of Dan Aykroyd's favorite bluesfunk-rock bands, Detroit's own Mudpuppy. We'll look behind the scenes at preparations for the Thanksgiving Day parade. And we'll show you the musical talent of Detroit's own King of All-Media, Mitch Albom, when he performs live in the Detroit Public Television studio with his wife, Jeanine. That's tonight on Backstage Pass at 9:30 on Detroit Public Television, Chan-

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STREET SCENE

Loneliness prevails on Duran Duran's new tour



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singer Simon Le Bon has only been on the road for a day and already he's finding extremely lonely

and boring. After he makes sure I'm not a groupie calling his hotel room, Le Bon said he'd rather play the

teeny-bop magazine game. You're not going to ask me my favorite color or the color of my

underwear?" he asked. He cites pink as his favorite

"It's the color of all good things. It's the color of my favorite things. It's the color of girls. We're Duran Duran. We're still a girl group. That's why we get such (bad) reviews from all the critics. It's because they're sexist. They think that girls haven't got any taste in the

Le Bon is speaking on the telehone from a hotel in Hartford, onn., Wednesday, Nov. 12. Although Duran Duran hadn't played a gig yet, he found the

"I just found out that Connecticut has three C's in it. Con-

Duran Duran nect-i-cut," Le Bon said slowly putting emphasis on each of the C's. Upon being told that this tour has proved to be educational, Le Bon said, "That's as much as my little brain can handle." Proud of his accomplishments, he tells of the state's connection with the "Last of the Mohicans."

"I'm going mad, which is what happens when you're in hotel

On top of being lonely and bored, he's upset that the book he's reading, "Credo" by Melvyn Bragg, is "crap."

"It's sensationalist. It's set in the dark ages. There's a lot of rape and pillage. The sex scenes are really bad. Doesn't that tell you that it's written by a guy? The battle scenes are really good, but I'd rather it be the other way around - good sex scenes and bad battle scenes," Le Bon said.

Suddenly it strikes him. He's supposed to talk about music and his new album "Medazzaland" (Capitol).

one of the Duran Duran's first singles, "Rio." Classic Duran Duran is the common theme running throughout "Medazzaland." "Big Bang Generation" absorbs '90s dance grooves while songs like "Michael You've Got a Lot to Answer For" blends Duran Duran's playful pop sounds with industrial-driven rock.

"I think there's an excitement there that was rediscovered that was on the first couple of albums. I guess after what happened with 'Thank You' (the band's miserable cover album), our backs are really up against the wall. It just drew the best out of us," Le Bon explained.

"With John leaving the group, it made us fight for survival. When you want to get shrubs to flower, you want to plum it, put it under threat. It responds by becoming very prolific. That's exactly what happens with artists. They fight back, at least we do anyway."

The trio and John Taylor It's great." began working on "Medazzaland" off and on since the end of

"We wrote the songs and then we went out and did an eightmonth promotional tour with 'Thank You.' We only started reworking on this in November

"We had seeds at the beginning. We went away and came back to grow them. This has been a very horticultural conversation. If I hadn't become a musician, I would have been a gardener.

Duran Duran's tour, which comes to the State Theatre in Detroit on Monday, Nov. 24, will include the trio, a bass player and a drummer - that's it.

'It's the first time since 1982 that there's only five guys on stage. I'm really proud of that. There's no horn players, no extra percussionists, no backing vocalists. It's just the band on stage.

According to music web sites, the band's set includes songs from early in Duran Duran's

"We have a lot of old stuff practiced up. We have some real surprises, some things that you wouldn't expect us to play, songs that we haven't played in 16-17 years that work really well with the new stuff. The 'Notorious' period is not working with what we're doing now. We have returned to that slightly left of center dance rock, harder sort of sound with this album."

Remembering he's lonely in a hotel room, Le Bon asks, "Will I see you at the show? Please, bring some girlfriends."

Duran Duran performs at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets, \$25 general

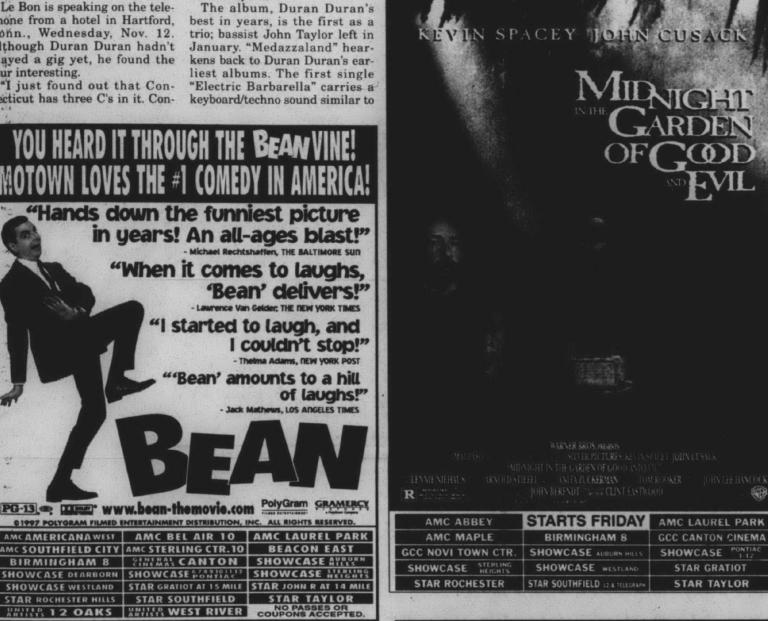
admission and \$40 reserved seating in the mezzanine, are still available for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313)-961-5451.

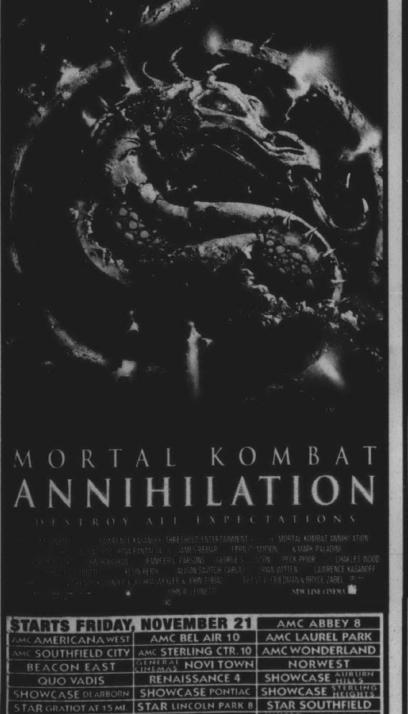
· After touring arenas and. summer sheds, Billie Joe Armstrong, singer/guitarist for Green Day, is excited to be back in-

"It's a lot more intimate. I can make more of a spectacle out of myself, which I have never had much of a problem with anyway," Armstrong said with a laugh.

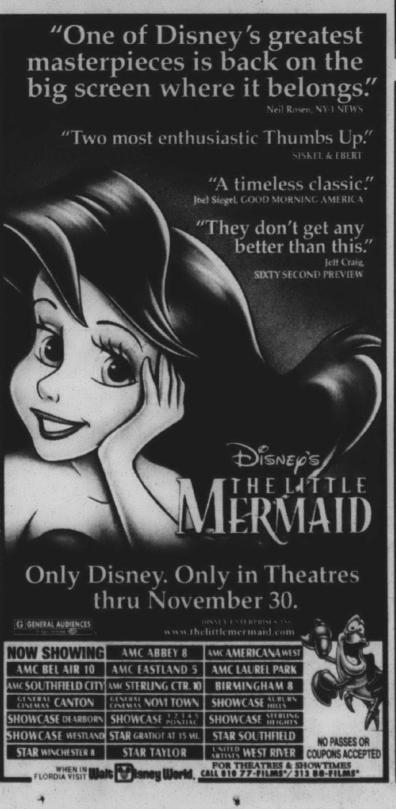
Green Day is touring in support of "Nimrod," its third album for Reprise Records and fifth

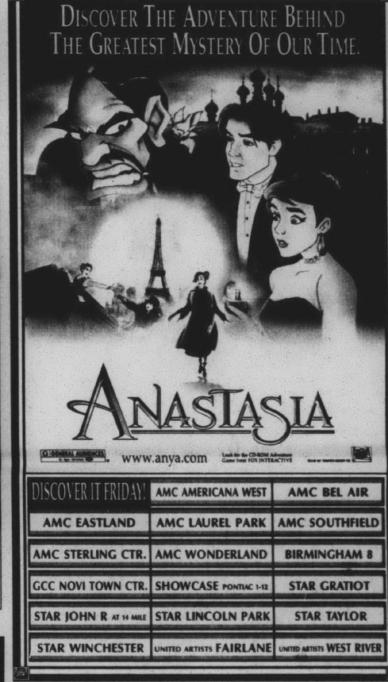
Green Day and Superdrag per-form Thursday, Nov. 20, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., in Detroit. Tickets are \$17 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.





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DINING

Supper Club theme clicks at Clawson Steak House

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Established in 1958 by brothers Greg and Paul Alexopoulos, the Clawson Steak House is one of only two remaining upscale Supper Clubs in the Detroit suburbs. The other is Excalibur in Southfield.

Since the late 1980s, second generation, Nick, John Alexopoulos, and Jim Alex carry on tradition, but are at the same time, in tune with dining preferences of the 90s. They've had the nowpopular steakhouse concept in motion for a decade!

Nick and his cousin Jim manage all aspects of the business or in restaurant lingo, "the front of the house." One of them is always on premise to greet diners, a large percentage of whom are regulars. Nick's brother John is executive chef. All three family members grew up in the restaurant business and are infectiously enthusiastic about their continuing success.

'We don't advertise," Nick said. New customers find us by word of mouth. A lot of our regular customers were brought here by their parents and now, they are bringing their kids. There were a number of restaurants like this in the 1970s and young people are curious about that era

You've got that right! Who

would have predicted the current

Tony Bennett phenomenon? The sign on the entry door sets expectations. "No shorts or tee shirts. Proper attire required." Get a booth in the bar smoking area or sit at one of the 20 comfortable stools at the bar. The main supper club, done in soft tones of mauve and two-toned blue, has upholstered booths seating four. Tables, many snugged close to the fairly-large dance floor below the stage, seat two, four or six in comfortablylarge upholstered chairs.

The Mark James Band (keyboard, percussion and vocalist) performs live on stage from Wednesday through Saturday for both listening and dancing pleasure. "Other than a wedding, this is one of the only places you can dance close," Jim remarked.

A long list of appetizers are dinner eye catchers. Escargot, sautéed in garlic butter is \$6, and touting Greek family traditions of the owners, Saganaki "Opa" flamed tableside at \$4 are among the hits. Not into starters? The Baked French Onion Soup awaits.

While defining itself as a steakhouse and calling its 30ounce porterhouse \$22 "a steakeater's dream," fish selections are among the top sellers. Royal Oak's Superior Fish Company makes eight to 10 deliveries of **Clawson Steak House**

Where: 56 S. Rochester Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Clawson, (248) 588-5788

Hours: Lunch Monday through Saturday 11 a.m.to 4 p.m. Dinner Monday through Thursday 4-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday until midnight.

Menu: Supper Club style steakhouse featuring not only beef, but veal and fresh seafood. Extensive daily-dated specials at both lunch and dinner.

Entertainment: Live band Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost: Lunch sandwiches \$3.50-7; entree-size salads \$6-7.50; specials \$7-10. Dinner appetizers \$4-6; steaks, chops, veal and

seafood \$9-22 Reservations: accepted, but on Friday and Saturday, for tables of six or more only.

Credit cards: all majors accepted.

combos top the list, Surf and Turf at market price and New York and Shrimp Orly, a 12ounce New York strip steak and golden-fried, beer-batter-dipped shrimp, incredibly reasonable at \$15. It comes, as do all entrees, with soup, salad and choice of vegetable, potato or pasta.

Other popular seafood entrees are Lake Superior White Fish, broiled and lightly-seasoned \$11,

fresh seafood each week. Two one full pound of Alaskan King Crab Legs \$20 and deboned, broiled filet of Holland Dover Sole Almondine \$17.

Three preparations of Provimi veal are menu staples at \$12-14. Choose from Picatta, Marsala or Parmesan. And where else can you always find Roadhouse style (lightly-battered, garlic-accented and deep-fried) Frog Legs \$12? Or Beef Stroganoff as one of the daily specials? And calves liver

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At your service: Jim Alex (left), Executive Chef John Alexopoulos, and Nick Alexopoulos carry on the tradition of the Clawson Steak House.

smothered with onions \$9? Chef John Alexopoulos touts

his specials. Gordon Doyon, coowner of Birmingham's Doyon Brothers Salon and a regular at the Clawson Steak House, confirms. "The lamb chops here are the best ever." Marinated and

rack cut, lamb chops are charbroiled. Three are \$15 and five are \$22. "I like leftovers for lunch the next day, so I always order five," Doyon added. "But the very best is the Land and Sea special, two lamb chops and a large filet of grilled salmon."

THANKSGIVING DINNER OUT

*Call restaurant for reservations/information.

■ Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road (west of Haggerty) Plymouth, (313) 453-2002. Open noon to 6 p.m., all day buffet includes traditional turkey with trimmings, ham, porkloin, Italian dishes, desserts, and more. Cost \$17.95 per person, children ages 6-12, \$8.95; children five and younger complimentary.

Leather Bottle - 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420, Open 1-6 p.m., Thanksgiving Day menu features choice of turkey, baked Atlantic cod, glazed ham, beef, and chicken breast supreme. Cost \$11.95 per person, children's menu also available.

Leon's Family Dining -28904 Seven Mile Road, Livonia (248) 478-7811. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special Thanksgiving menu, turkey dinner, \$6.95 per person, \$4.95 children 12 and under.

■ Mama-Mia Restaurant & Pizzeria - 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (313) 427-1000, Open noon to 9 p.m. Whole turkey dinner for parties up to eight, \$79. Single turkey dinners, and other menu items will also ular menu will also be available.

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■ Mitch Housey's - 28500 Schoolcraft (opposite Ladbroke DRC) Livonia, (313) 425-5520. Seatings at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with trimmings. Cost \$9.95 per person plus tax, tip and bever-

■ Plymouth Landing - 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (313) 455-3700 - Offering a buffet 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Includes traditional turkey dinner with trimmings, baked pineapple glazed ham, Seafood Newburgh, Beef Stroganoff, Pasta Italiano, Greek Spinach Pie, fresh fruit, pastry table and more. Cost \$15.95 per person; \$6.50 for children ages 5-10; no charge for children 4 and

■ Water Club Grill - 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (313) 454-0666 - Open 1-6 p.m., Thanksgiving Turkey dinner with the trimmings - roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, soup or salad, rolls \$10.95 per person, children 10 and under \$5.95, reg-

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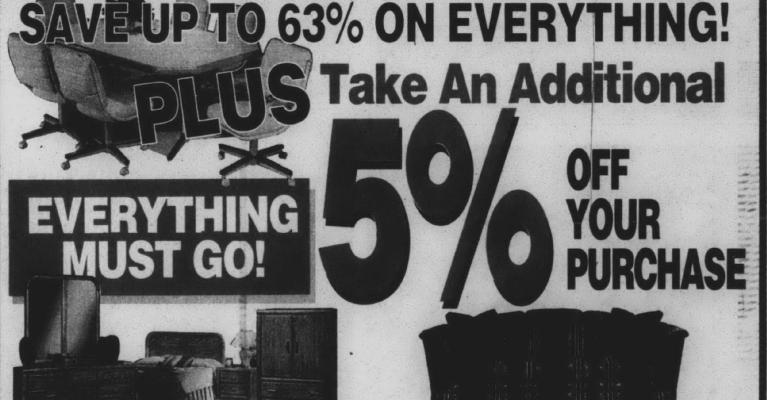
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