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Cheerful sight: The twinkling white lights of Cornwell Pool and Patio's Christmas display illuminate a portion of Ann Arbor Road on cold, dreary winter nights. The warm and fuzzy feeling extends inside where the kindness of Mike Beal, a 45-year Santa Claus, embraces children. /B1

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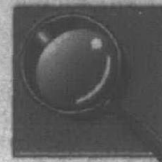
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Sincock garners early support



Two city commissioners who publicly supported Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock as Steve Walters' replacement, have reportedly talked to other commissioners about abandoning the hiring process and appointing Sincock.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Even as the first resumes for the Plymouth city manager's position arrive at City Hall, it appears two city commissioners already have their choice in mind.

At Monday's city commission meeting, Commissioner Colleen Pobur

encouraged Assistant City Manager and Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock to apply for the job. Moments later, Commissioner Dave McDonald said as far as he's concerned, Sincock is his choice for the job unless another candidate proves better.

In fact, according to sources, Pobur and McDonald have been lobbying for quite some time to appoint Sincock as city manager to replace Steve Walters.

The two had a meeting earlier this month with Sincock, encouraging him to apply for the position.

And, as late as last week, the pair were reportedly talking to fellow commissioners about abandoning the hiring process and appointing Sincock to fill the position. However, they reportedly met with opposition from other commissioners, so the hiring process will continue.

During Monday's meeting, Pobur said she wants Mayor Don Dismuke to talk to Sincock about applying for the position.

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Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock

Note worthy:

PCEP band marches home with national honors

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"They nailed one tonight!" said an elated Gregg Rinehart, associate director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. "They were at a new level this week."

That new level earned the PCEP marchers the No. 2 spot at the Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championships held at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 12-14. For the 11th consecutive year, the PCEP band placed among the top 10 bands in the country and last weekend's rating was the highest placement achieved since back-to-back national championships in 1990 and 1991.

More than 22,000 spectators watched 81 top high school bands from 14 states, including eight from Michigan, perform during the three-day competition that narrowed the



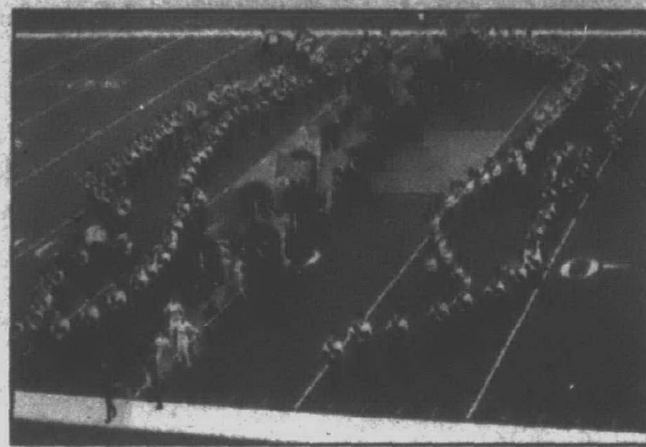
field down to 32 semifinalists, then to the 12 highest-scoring bands.

Other participating Michigan bands were Portage Central, Athens, Chesaning Union, Milford, Lakeland, Farmington Harrison and Jenison. Advancing to the semifinals with PCEP were Chesaning Union, Milford and Jenison. The PCEP band took third place in triple A schools after semi-finals.

Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band to advance to the Saturday evening finals competition. They tied with first-place Lassiter High School from Marietta, Ga., in finals competition for the Outstanding Visual Performance award.

Plymouth-Canton achieved an exceptional finals score of 96.3, exceeded only by Lassiter's 97.55. Third place went to Indiana's Center Grove High School with a 94.75.

"They were incredible!" said a thrilled David McGrath, PCEP band



Tops: Flutists Amy Dodge and Courtney Rogers (above) play amidst the color guards 'Flaming' flags. (Left) PCEP "Flags of Five" arrangement.

director. "I just couldn't be more proud of them. It's a tribute to all their hard work and their parents' and the staffs. It's a total team effort."

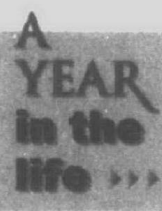
The band's show this year, "America, Land of the Free," was a dramatic and emotional portrayal of

this country's journey through more than a century of struggle for civil rights.

Saturday's performance culminated a stellar two-month competition season for the 205-member band

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Activities occupy senior's last year



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

"This school year is definitely going by fast."

Time is flying.

That's the reaction of Carrie Hayes of Plymouth Township, the Plymouth Observer's subject of our Year in the Life project, where we're focusing on her senior year in high school.

"It's hard to balance everything," said Carrie, 18, who attends Canton High School. "I really want to do well in my classes, at work and extracurricular activities."

Carrie's day occasionally begins at 6:30 a.m. with an extracurricular meeting, followed by classes, her job, and sometimes baby-sitting or tutoring.

"Being a senior is definitely different," added Carrie. "I never thought it would be so stress-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Oct. 3 - Carrie and her boyfriend Sam Walton hand out suckers to students leaving the Plymouth Canton High School Homecoming dance, as part of SADD's efforts to curb drinking and driving. They were giving kids Dum-Dum suckers and saying, "Don't be a Dum-Dum. Don't drink and drive."

ful. I'm really having fun in everything I'm doing, but sometimes there's just a

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Officials receive OK for retreat

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth city commissioners say their attorneys have given them the OK to schedule a private retreat to settle their differences.

Commissioners last week voted 7-0 to spend up to \$3,600 to pay a conflict resolution consultant to help them stop the bitter infighting that has plagued the commission. The expenditure was dependent on their lawyers giving them a ruling indicating the private session, with all seven commissioners present, would not violate the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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"I think that Paul is incredibly well-qualified," said Pobur. "I know that he has had some hesitation about applying ... but I would like to request Don talk to Paul about applying for this job."

After the meeting Pobur said Sincok "is a top candidate" in her mind.

McDonald went one step further.

"My past tells me always go with the people you know the most about," he told his fellow commissioners. "My only conflict is letting the process convince me why we shouldn't hire Mr. Sincok."

Familiar face

Afterward, McDonald elaborated, saying Sincok "is a known quantity. Going in, he's my choice for the job. Let the application process exclude him or include him."

Other commissioners agree Sincok is qualified, but they want to see the process work.

"The comments at the meeting were highly inappropriate. Our job as a commission is to find the best person for the job," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle. "If Paul Sincok comes out as the best candidate during the process, then OK. Our main job is to complete a search to find the

very best person for the city of Plymouth.

"I'll reserve my position until I see what kinds of applications we have," added Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch. "Paul is qualified and would be a good candidate. However, I don't know if he aspires to have the position. I don't want him to feel pressured."

"Who's going to want to come here knowing there are already two votes for an inside person?" questioned Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury. "If Paul doesn't go through the process and comes out on top, will his leadership be questioned? I think there have been certain commissioners who have lobbied for Paul since it was known Walters was leaving."

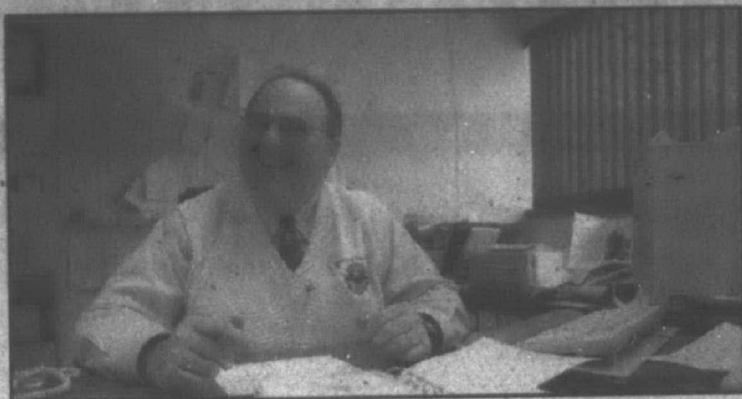
"I thought we had a process, and we're going through with it," said Commissioner Stella Greene.

Dismuke was out of town and didn't attend Monday's meeting.

Walters admits the declarations by Pobur and McDonald could hinder the selection process.

"It could discourage some of the better city managers from applying," said Walters. "Many of the managers currently working might steer away from a situation that might look like a show process."

Sincok said when he met with Pobur and McDonald, "they strongly encouraged me to apply for the position. We talked about the city in broad perspec-



Sincok

tives."

When asked if the commissioners wanted to appoint him, rather than continue the search process, Sincok responded by saying "they were looking at various options."

Sincok still isn't tipping his hand as to whether or not he'll apply for the job. With more than 20 years in city government, and having worked for several city managers, Sincok said he needs to make sure he could work with the present commission.

"You need to have a very cohesive, forward thinking city commission," said Sincok. "They can disagree on issues, but they have to move on after agreeing to disagree."

In a negotiated settlement, Walters will be leaving his position Jan. 31, 1999. Sincok will take over the regular admini-

trative duties on Dec. 21, continuing to run the city until a new city manager is in place.

Ads are being placed in trade magazines and on the Internet, with applications being accepted through Dec. 15. Commissioners are expected to meet the next day to whittle down the applications to approximately five finalists. They will determine at that time if they want to contract a professional consultant to come up with a top candidate.

Pobur said the process during the last city manager search, which produced Walters, cost the city at least \$19,500. However, Pobur also said she expects the current search to cost much less.

Walters has said that hiring someone to assist in the interview process, and to administer a battery of tests, could cost the city several thousand dollars.

Native West presents holiday jewelry show

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Native West gallery in Plymouth wants people to take a little vacation to the Southwest Dec. 3-6.

Native West gallery, which sells Southwest and Native American-style artwork will serve as a Southwestern refuge when its ninth annual "Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival" kicks off. There, store visitors can check out Native American and Southwest-inspired paintings by Santa Fe, N.M., artist Michael Atkinson and jewelry designs by Albuquerque, N.M., silversmith Jerry Nelson, who will be on hand to give demonstrations of his craft.

"(Nelson) does some beautiful creations," said Annette Horn, co-owner of Native West. Nelson works primarily with sterling silver, turquoise, lapis, sugilite and many semi-precious stones.

Atkinson, a water color painter, is best known for his colorful landscapes, including canyons and mountains, and wildlife scenes, Horn said. His paintings will be on display throughout December.

The festival will run from 9-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Horn, along with husband Ken, bought the store in 1993. It has been open since 1989. Horn said the festival is expected to draw "a very nice turnout" into the store. Because the event will be held during peak holiday shopping season, she said she hopes people will find some good gift ideas.

Southwest and Native American artwork is popular with people seeking refuge from the stresses of everyday life, Horn said. The tranquil images of cacti, canyons and desert wildlife offer a chance to get away, if only figuratively, she added.

In helping customers choose artwork right for them, she encourages them to "bond" with it.

"Life is so hectic," Horn said. "You should buy art because it brings you happiness. I think that's what a lot of people are looking for."

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BY DUNCAN E. W
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Pennies from heaven

Plymouth students collect change for hurricane relief effort

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Our Lady of Good Counsel School students in Plymouth are learning the value of pennies — and the value of helping those devastated by a brutal act of Mother Nature.

The students have begun collecting pennies for "Pennies & Prayers," a drive to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch. During the drive, the children are also encouraged to pray for the hurricane victims with their families.

The hurricane, which recently ravaged Central America, is considered the worst to hit the Western Hemisphere in 50 years.

In its wake, about 1 million people in Honduras and Nicaragua were left homeless and about 14,000 were killed. The survivors continue to battle deadly diseases and seek out clean water, shelter, food and medicine, according to the American Red Cross.

Michele Muir, a parent and Plymouth Township resident who spearheaded the "Pennies & Prayers" drive, said the school's parent volunteer committee initially wanted to do a clothing or essential items drive. But they learned the shipping cost was too high and getting children involved would be difficult.

"Any child can go home and at least find some pennies," Muir said, adding the children's fund-raising goal is between \$300 and \$500.

Matching efforts

The school is looking for local businesses to match what the children collect. So far, the Plymouth Observer, Adam's Home Equipment & Construction Company in Redford and Vanstar Corporation in Southfield have agreed to match the first \$100 raised, and the Community Federal Union will match the children's donations raised over the initial \$100.

The credit union is also counting the children's change free of charge.

Muir said the penny drive is her response to news reports describing ever-increasing death tolls and devastation of people's homes and crops.

"Not only have these people lost their homes, but they've lost their loved ones and have lost their livelihoods," Muir said.

The money raised by the students will go to local churches and missions in Honduras and Nicaragua, countries hardest hit by Mitch.

Daniel Piepszowski, director of Christian ser-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN

Helping hands: Students involved with the penny collection drive include, (seated around the table, from left): Evan McCarthy, 6; Brendan Muir, 7; Kirsten Salter, 6; Jenna Mizzi, 6; Corina Hollweck, 9; and Andrew Doenitz, 7. Standing in the second row: Allegra Wrocklage, 7; John Mizzi, 8; Caitlin Thompson, 10; Angela Vendittelli, 10; Allison Philips, 11; Shelley Strucel, 11; Luke Durocher, 9; Ryan Houska, 8; Christina McAuliffe, 9; and Lauren Mydlowski, 14. Standing in the back: Brett Renfer, 12; parent Kim Mizzi; Stephanie Philips, 13; Father J.J. Mech; principal Ted Behn; Kendall Henaughen, 12; parent Michele Muir; and parent Christine McCarthy.

vice for the Archdiocese of Detroit, is coordinating the Archdiocese's relief effort for Hurricane Mitch victims.

"The penny drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel is another example of the growing solidarity between the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the people of Honduras and Nicaragua," Piepszowski said.

"This tragedy has opened up new relationships which hopefully will not end with the hurricane relief effort, but will continue long into the future."

Our Lady of Good Counsel students said they

hope their pennies will make a difference.

"I hope it's going to help lots of people to survive (the hurricane's aftermath)," said third-grader John Mizzi, who is 8.

"I hope (the money) helps a lot of people whose homes were destroyed and helps people who are in hospitals," said fifth-grader Caitlin Thompson, 10.

"I hope people can use the money to go toward hospital bills and pay for (new) homes, said 8-year-old third grader Ryan Houska.

The Rev. J.J. Mech, associate pastor, said the benefits of the penny drive were twofold.

Statewide relief efforts



■ The Detroit Pistons and Art Van Furniture are collecting non-perishable food items and baby supplies, including pre-mixed baby formulas, at all 26 of Michigan's Art Van stores.

■ On Monday, Nov. 23, The Detroit Pistons' plane, Roundball One, will airlift 7.5 tons of supplies to Ceiba, Honduras, helping an estimated 300,000 people.

■ The American Red Cross has secured and shipped 20 tons of water purification chemicals, cleanup kits and collapsible water containers to affected areas. The Red Cross is also sending shipments of pharmaceuticals to fend off waterborne illnesses and is working around the clock to rescue those buried by mudslides or stranded by flooding.

For information on how to help, call (800) 435-7669.

"It's not only good that we've offered help to those affected by the hurricane, but it's good for us to recognize the power of Christian outreach," Mech said.

Seeking support

Letters explaining the penny drive were sent home with each of the school's 565 first- through eighth-graders early this week. Plastic jugs were placed in each of the school's 16 classrooms to serve as collection points. The collection drive ends Nov. 30.

The children's parents are also in the giving spirit. At church services Nov. 13, Our Lady of Good Counsel parishioners donated \$4,000 to go toward hurricane relief, Muir said.

Other businesses interested in matching the total or a portion of the funds should call Our Lady of Good Counsel School at (734) 453-3053. All donations will be sent to the Archdiocese of Detroit's Mitch Relief fund and will be distributed in December.

Others interested in relief efforts should contact the American Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW or on the Internet at www.redcross.com.

Police towing contract offered to qualified bidders

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
STAFF WRITER

A contract to provide towing services to the Plymouth Township Police Department, worth an estimated \$100,000 in annual business, will soon be up for grabs.

The Township will ask for bids on the contract that are due by Jan. 7, with service expected to go into effect by April 1 of next year.

"We had a contract in the past and I think it expired in about 1994," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. "They just kept renewing it over the last few years."

"We don't have a contract right now ... not officially. B&B (Towing Inc.) won our contract in 1992, it expired in 1994 and we've mutually extended it each year, but it's been an unwritten contract."

At a Nov. 10 Board of Trustees study session, members toyed with the idea of using several towing companies versus awarding the new contract to a single business. According to Carey, using a single company would be in the township's best interest.

"I think that if we go on a rotating list, I suppose (towing

companies) might bid, but they're sure not going to necessarily supply the wreckers to be available 24 hours a day not knowing if they're going to get called," he said.

Carey contended that a single-vendor contract would be more lucrative, causing more towing companies in the area to bid.

"There would be no incentive to have to adhere to any of our restrictions," he said. "Especially if you have a list of 10 or five companies. How do we ask each one of them to have somebody available 24 hours a day? I think the contract works better with one specific company."

Carey also recommended several stipulations to the contract that would ensure better service to the department, including the towing company using an impound lot within one mile of Plymouth Township limits and free towing to township vehicles.

"For the people we service, if they have a car impounded due to an accident or for evidence and things like that, we don't want to have to make them go down to Michigan Avenue or in Canton somewhere," he said. "We've stipulated the one mile from the township because we

feel that that's a reasonable distance for our citizens to have to travel.

"They've already been in an accident and they have to come (to the station). Why make them a victim twice by having them go way across town to get their car?"

B&B Towing would appear to be the front-runner for the newest contract, having won the business in 1992, and doing the job the township in an unofficial capacity in recent years. But other companies can also handle the amount of work the Township would provide.

"We do Canton, the State Police, Wayne County Sheriff, Northville Township and the City of Plymouth," said Glenn Goehmann, who manages Mayflower Auto Transport & Towing's Starkweather location in Plymouth.

"(The township contract) is a nice contract but I've got bigger ones. I've never looked into how many tows the township does but we do quite a lot," he said.

When informed that, according to Carey, the township called for 1,500 tows last year Goehmann replied, "That's quite a few."

Bookkeeper goes above, beyond

Lynn Culotta, a Central Office bookkeeper, received the Extra Miller Award at the Board of Education meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Culotta, a twenty-two year veteran of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is recognized for the devotion and expertise she has given to the District.

During her tenure as a senior bookkeeper, Culotta earned her Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan. She has served on countless association boards including the position of president of the American Association of University Women, Plymouth Branch.

Daniel Phillips, assistant director of Finance and Purchasing stated, "I have worked with Lynn for four months and in that time I have truly been impressed with the devotion that she has to her job and the unrelenting attention to detail that she displays."

While Lynn and the payroll department serve a staff of over 2,000, she treats the problems and concerns of each employee as if they were her own while delivering the quality 'customer service' that would be the envy of any corporate or governmental body."

■ 'Lynn will never leave a task unfinished.'

Walt Bartnick
—Administrative assistant

He further stated, "After 22 years in the District, Lynn will be retiring, effective March, 1999. It will be a very difficult task to effectively replace Lynn's knowledge, work ethic, and personality."

Nominated by Walt Bartnick, administrative assistant in Labor Relations, he noted that Lynn always has the time and willingness to assist an employee or past employee with a concern whether it be a payroll question or other question that may arise. Lynn will never leave a task unfinished, said Bartnick.

"Many times Lynn burns the midnight oil in her position as bookkeeper in the payroll department. She is a special person," added Bartnick.

Lynn Culotta received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by Board Member Susan Davis.



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Reaching out at the holidays benefits those less fortunate

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The most important holiday giving a person can do is for people they don't know, area charity organizers say.

Buying a toy for a needy child, putting nonperishable food in a collection bin or ringing a bell for the Salvation Army are just some of the things people can do to make a big difference in someone's holiday. Area residents can help by putting cash in a Salvation Army red kettle, delivering holiday meal baskets to needy families or by "adopting" needy families for Christmas.

Salvation Army offices throughout the region all are seeking cash donations, nonperishable food, toys, clothing and most importantly, volunteers, particularly to assist in the annual bell ringing campaign, which brings in about 25 percent of the charity's income.

Salvation Army Corps offices in Plymouth, Westland, Farmington Hills and Dearborn Heights are planning a variety of activities this season.

Bill Moritz, director of social services at the Plymouth office, said donations of food and clothing come in every day from residents and local groups such as churches. This allowed the charity to help roughly 300 needy families from Plymouth, Canton and Northville last year.

"We have tremendous support and plenty of volunteers," Moritz said, though the charity could always use more volunteers, particularly for the bell ringing drive. In recent years, the Salvation Army has had to pay some people to ring the bells, he added.

Helping families

The Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program pairs needy families with area businesses. The participating businesses provide gifts and dinner for selected families, Moritz said.

Eligible needy families can also pick up food boxes and toys at some Salvation Army branches right up to the last minute, according to Moritz.

The Salvation Army will launch its annual red kettle bell

ringing drive Nov. 27 at various local businesses. The annual fund-raiser runs through Christmas and provides about 25 percent of the charity's funding.

First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault counseling project with offices in Canton, is planning its own "Adopt a Family" program involving the families they help. Individuals, families, and businesses are welcome to "adopt" one of the families. First Step houses about 40 people in its Canton shelter at any given time and counsels many others. First Step clients are typically women involved in or leaving abusive relationships with spouses or boyfriends.

"We want to ensure that the people in our shelter have a nice Christmas," said Karen Porter, associate director. "Holiday donations carry us through the year."

Some items people can donate include cosmetics, sleepwear, underclothing and gift certificates for women; and toys, school supplies, games, sleepwear and underclothes for adolescents, pre-adolescents and children. For more details on donations, call (734) 981-9595.

Other metropolitan area agencies getting into the giving spirit include Gleaners Community Food Bank, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Focus:HOPE. All are mobilizing to help feed and provide toys for needy families, mainly through fund-raisers and "adoption" programs. They all are seeking cash donations, volunteers, nonperishable food and toys to help make the holidays merrier for the needy.

Gleaners, located at 2131 Beaufait in Detroit, has distributed more than 170 million pounds of food in its 21 years. Each year, the agency collects, stores and distributes more than 15 million pounds of food to agencies servicing the hungry. Some of the agencies served include Wyandotte's Little Angels Home for Children and the Salvation Army.

Ruth Ellen Mayhall, vice president of development for Gleaners, said this year the food bank plans to raise \$200,000 to help put turkey and all its trimmings on needy peoples' tables, totaling

about two million meals.

The fund-raising activities planned include:

■ Selling paper turkeys for \$1 at Rite Aid drugstores throughout the tri-county (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) area now through Dec. 12. This is expected to bring in \$100,000.

For more information about the fund-raisers, call (313) 923-3535.

Focus:HOPE Ministries, located at 990 Oakman in Detroit, is offering programs such as "Share with a Senior" and "Family to Family" during the holidays. These programs match low-income seniors and families with gifts of food and special items, according to Kevin Robinson, communications director for Focus:HOPE.

Reaching out

"Share with a Senior" is geared toward physically- or mentally-challenged low-income seniors living alone receiving benefits from Focus:HOPE's supplemental food program.

The "Family to Family" program is for families with three or more children, particularly those who are in ill health or physically or mentally challenged and ages 13 or younger with unemployed or underemployed parents.

People interested in participating in either program can call (313) 494-5500 for details.

Focus:HOPE's commodity supplemental food program offers free monthly food to seniors 60 or older residing in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties. A similar program is also offered for pregnant women, postpartum mothers and children up to age 6 residing in the same counties.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, located at 1760 Mt. Elliott in Detroit, provides both meals and toys for families.

"Our main focus is food," said development director Gerry Brisson. "Food is the last thing on a family's budget."

After a family pays the rent, utility bills and for gasoline, whatever is left over goes toward food, he said.

"The big thing that suffers is

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Trust fund donations up, local councils get more aid

More Michigan taxpayers put their money where their hearts are — to support programs and services for child abuse and neglect prevention through the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) — than ever before. CTF Executive Director Deborah Strong announced that donations to the organization made through the Michigan State Income Tax Form Checkoff for the 1997 tax season were up by more than \$140,000 from the previous year and still climbing.

"Four thousand more Michigan residents donated to CTF

through the checkoff than during the previous year, bringing total donations for this checkoff season to over \$800,000," Strong said.

Children's Trust Fund uses the money donated through the checkoff to provide funding to 69 local child abuse and neglect councils across the state.

"People are beginning to understand the need for prevention programming and support services and are willing to help support those efforts. Dollars donated to CTF through the

checkoff are used to provide funding for services in the donor's own community," Strong said.

According to Strong, the donations to CTF through checkoff have been on a steady decline over the last few years. "We attribute the increase to heightened awareness of the need for prevention and to the understanding of the work that CTF does to protect Michigan's children, and increased campaign efforts" she said.

Money from donations goes to

support many prevention efforts including the recently launched "Never Shake A Baby" Campaign, a statewide awareness and education initiative designed to reduce the numbers of deaths and injury to infants and small children due to shaking.

As CTF enters the upcoming tax season, Strong sees the need to continue outreach efforts to encourage taxpayers to support prevention of child abuse and neglect through the checkoff.

"In spite of the increase in

checkoff participation, less than 3 percent of all tax filers contributed to the Trust Fund; we still have room to grow. We are proud of the increase, but we see so much more need that only increased funding will help," she said.

As a part of the many CTF initiatives, the organization solicits requests for proposals from organizations around the state that have or are putting in place direct programs and services to prevent child abuse and neglect.

"This past granting cycle, we

were able to fund \$373,000 in new programs, in addition to the \$541,000 of continuation grants to programs we already fund. Yet we received over \$2 million in requests."

Additional funding through the checkoff and other direct donations from individuals and corporations will make it possible for CTF to provide more services to children and families in Michigan. Since 1982, CTF has provided funding to programs that have touched the lives of more than 2.5 million children and 500,000 families.

Tutoring center takes new students

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is currently accepting applications for its winter term, which begins Monday, Jan. 25.

Applications should be completed as soon as possible to allow time for an assessment of each student.

The tutorial sessions are designed for children from the first through 12th grades who are experiencing difficulty in reading and its related skills. Individual or group instruction is available.

Prior to admission, each student will be informally assessed, and a tailored remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and will include strategies for reading fiction and non-fiction text, process writing and study skills.

Students will develop a portfolio of their work during the session.

Classes run from Monday, Jan. 25, through Thursday, April 22. Parents may choose the day and time that best fits their needs: 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

With more than 46 years of providing service to children who are experiencing difficulty in reading and writing, Madonna University's Learning Center has assisted thousands of children, from public and private schools representing some 20 different school districts.

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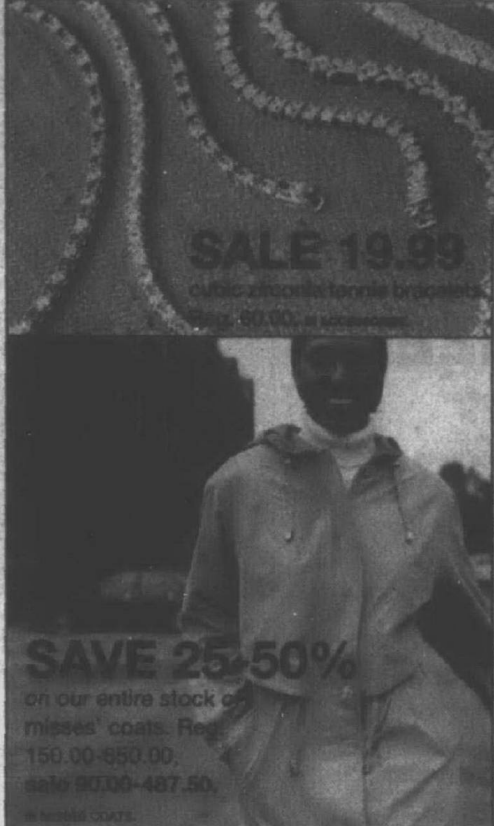
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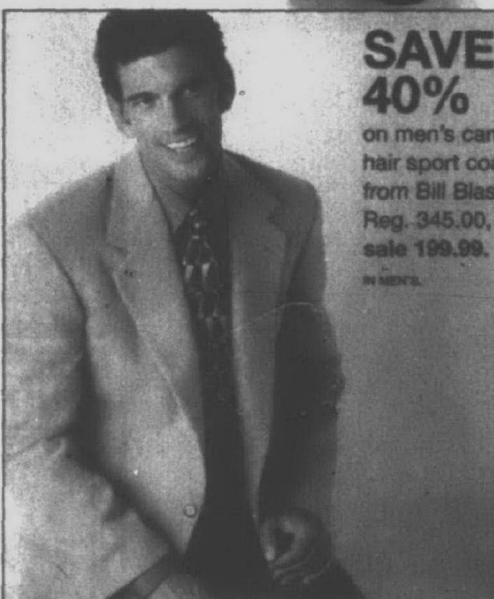
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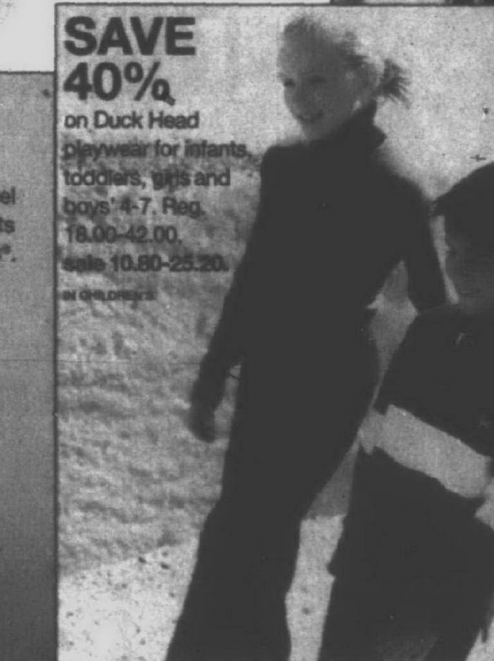
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"We will make one additional pickup throughout the city," said Sincock. "We want to avoid a situation where we have piles of

leaves on the ground and we're piling them back on people's yards with snowplows."

Sincock says crews are working feverishly to finish the job.

"People will notice the street sweeper will be out for the last time following the leaf crews," said Sincock. "If they see the street sweeper, they probably should start bagging any remaining leaves."

Retreat from page A1

"The commission can schedule a retreat ... to work on things like building teamwork and developing leadership skills, as long as we don't discuss or debate any matters of city policy," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur at Monday's meeting. "We feel this is a matter for us to deal with more effectively by ourselves, without public scrutiny. You can rest assured we won't violate the spirit of what the attorney has sent to us in this opinion."

"This is not just our attorney's opinion, but the opinion of the attorney general," said Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch. "As long as we don't deliberate on city business we won't be violating the Open Meetings Act, which none of us wanted to do in any way, shape or form."

Koch indicated the commission would hold the session out of town.

"I think we'll probably hold it out of town, someplace like Grand Rapids for example," said Koch. "The different surroundings should bring a relaxed atmosphere. And we'll be able to discuss personal matters in private."

While some commissioners at last week's workshop with the consultant were hesitant to commit to the retreat, all finally agreed.

And while there was discussion on who would pay for the sessions, even those who suggested each commissioner pay his or her own way voted to bill the city.

However, Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury now says he's

changed his mind.

"I voted to have the city pay, but I still feel uncomfortable with that," said Shrewsbury. "I will pay my share. I will not allow taxpayers to pay my way for my problems. I don't want to disrupt attempts to work with the commission. I just don't think it's a taxpayers' problem."

Former Plymouth Mayor Jim McKeon spoke at Monday's meeting against the private meeting.

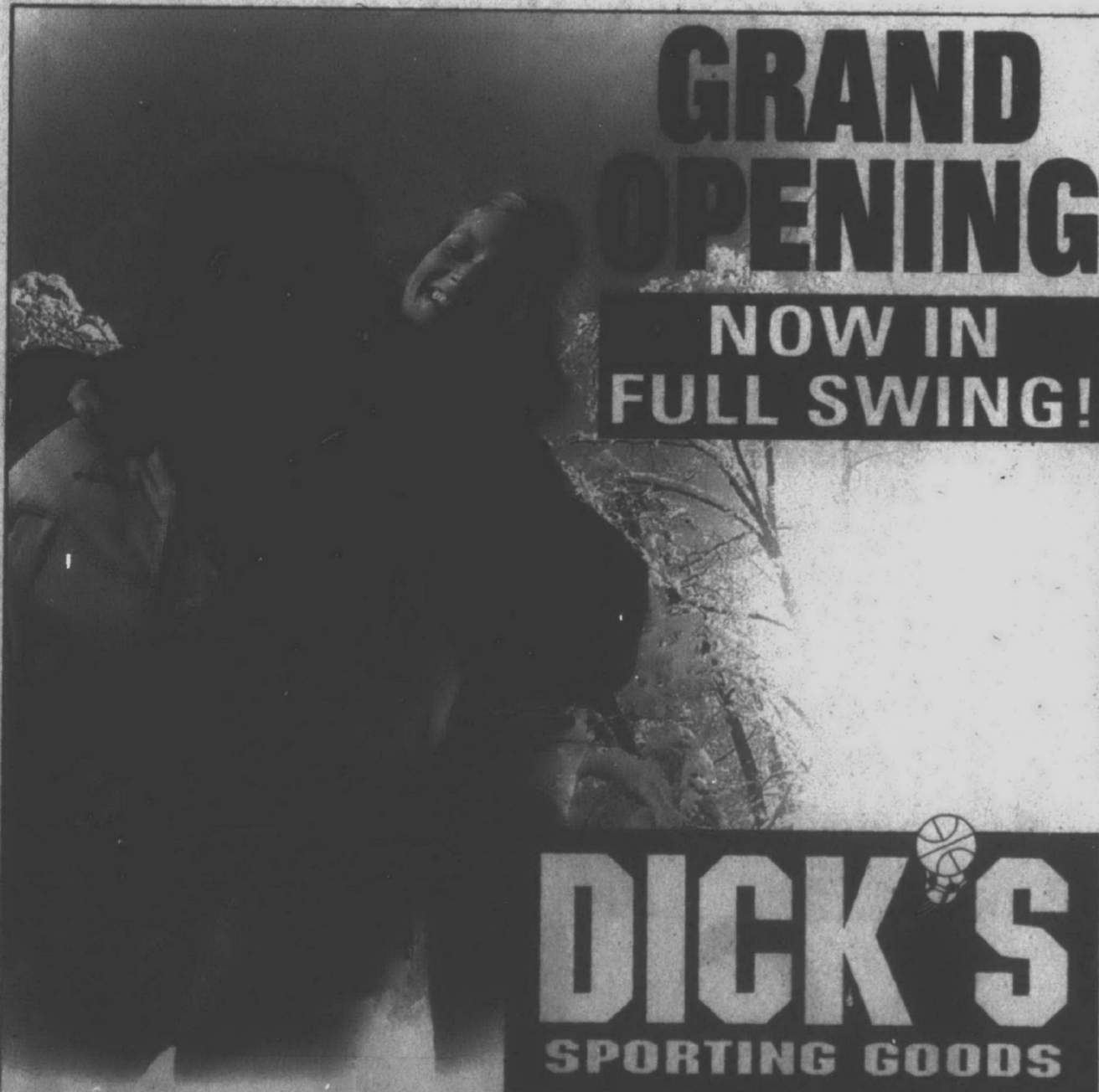
"You should either resign ... or work together without having someone tell you how to do it," said McKeon. "I would feel better if the meeting was chaired by Hulk Hogan or by five taxpayers with baseball bats."

The commission will spend money out of its portion of the city budget. Finance Director Mark Christiansen said there is \$3,373 left of the commission's \$4,500 conference and workshops budget. He said any amount exceeding that could be transferred from other parts of the commission's \$66,000 total budget.

The commission voted to pay Mary Ann Hastings, who was brought in by Pobur, \$1,200 a day for up to three days. They also authorized an expenditure of \$200 to pay for her 90-minute session last week.

Hastings told the commissioners she would contact them by phone individually to get their impressions of the commission's problems. She will use that information at the retreat to help them learn how to work with each other.

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County waits for Lansing to act on revenue sharing

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Revenue sharing, utility deregulation and juvenile justice block grant funds may be tackled by state lawmakers in the six session days left this year.

Robert Morris, lobbyist for Wayne County, and Dennis Cawthorne, a consultant with Cawthorne, McCollough and Cavanagh, told county commissioners Tuesday that lawmakers didn't have much time to act.

"Whether it can be done in six session days, I have some serious doubts," Morris said.

Revenue sharing is money distributed to Michigan cities, villages and townships generated by the state sales tax. State Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, wants to revise the distribution formula's current base on population and "relative tax effort," to one that combines population, property value and need.

The Republican-controlled Senate in June passed a bill that cuts Detroit's share and gives more to growing suburban cities and townships (SB 1181). The House has passed HB 5989, giving Detroit \$62.5 million a year for the next six years.

Author of the Senate bill is Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids. "For a quarter century, Michigan's cities, townships and villages have been shortchanged by a revenue sharing formula that

is biased toward one city - Detroit," said Steil.

The Senate approved 30-6 Steil's new formula for sharing \$1.4 billion with local units. It limits any local unit to 8 percent in one year. Most importantly, it crimps the "relative tax effort" standard, a formula that benefited units with already high taxes - namely, Detroit.

Wayne County would take a cut of \$46 million, or 9.1 percent; Detroit would lose \$306 million, or 7.5 percent. Due for the full 8 percent increases are Livonia, Northville Township, Garden City and Westland.

Detroit won't be the only loser, according to Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit. Once SB 1181 is fully phased in, South Lyon, Southfield and even Northville would lose significant chunks of aid down the road.

The Senate Fiscal Agency said the next year's pot will be up 2.5 percent from the current year and estimates future annual increases at 3 percent.

On Tuesday, county commissioners sent a resolution introduced by Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, of support of the House version to its full commission for action today (Thursday).

Another issue - regional transportation - was not expected to be discussed this year. Cawthorne said he didn't expect discussion on funds for the Detroit Department of Transportation and Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

"Next spring the (House) Appropriations Committee may introduce the issue again in Lansing," Cawthorne said.

Road info wanted

At least one county commissioner wants to include road construction in a new geographic information system in Wayne County.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, believes a database including road information in the new GIS will allow county officials to tell residents quickly how much money is spent in their districts on roads.

Husk's resolution stated the GIS presents "an ideal opportunity to capture and analyze road work order and contract expenditure data on a systematic basis."

"Needless controversy could be better avoided and public policy on such expenditures could be more intelligently framed if all persons knew reliably how road funds are expended on a geographic basis," Husk wrote.

The commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services sent a proposed resolution to the commission's legal counsel Ben Washburn to redraft.

"I think it will make Wayne County accountable for how it spends road dollars," Husk said.

Daniels narrates 'Legend of Sleeping Bear'

An animated version of one of Michigan's most cherished tales, "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," will air at 7 p.m. Saturday on WDIV-Channel 4.

"The Legend of Sleeping Bear," is one of a mother's undying love. It was released as a children's book earlier this year. Written by Kathy-Jo Wargin and illustrated by Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen, the book received an official title when the House of Representatives passed Resolution No. 286 commemorating

"The Legend of Sleeping Bear" as the official state of Michigan children's book. Oscar-winning actor Jeff Daniels will narrate the animated version, which will air nationally next month on PBS stations across the county.



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The Remembrance Tree is ded-

icated to all the victims of alcohol and substance abuse related traffic accidents. The event is free.

Madonna University's Psychology Club and Social Work Student Association are sponsoring the event and will be distributing ribbons provided by Mothers

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he commission will spend ey out of its portion of the budget. Finance Director k Christiansen said there is 73 left of the commission's 00 conference and work- budget. He said any unt exceeding that could be rferred from other parts of commission's \$66,000 total get.

he commission voted to pay y Ann Hastings, who was ight in by Pobur, \$1,200 a for up to three days. They uthorized an expenditure 200 to pay for her 90-minute ion last week.

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GRADUATED

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeanette M. Jimmerson has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, in San Angelo, Texas. The graduate received advanced military leadership and management techniques, communications skills, and behavioral science studies. Jimmerson is a tri-care flight supervisor assigned to the 7th Medical Group at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas. She is the daughter of Judy and step-daughter of Marvin Hopper of Canton. Her father and step-mother are Jim and Clara Jimmerson of Canton. The sergeant is a 1980 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Plymouth.

Air Force Airman Joseph J. Williams has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Williams is the son of James Williams of Canton and Annette Cummings of Detroit. In 1988, he graduated from Detroit Cen-

tral High School.

DEPLOYMENT

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron J. Bell, son of John J. and Sarah A. Bell of Plymouth, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Cape St. George, home ported in Norfolk, Va. During the deployment, Bell participated in Sharem 125, a seven day exercise held in the Central Mediterranean Sea. In addition to Bell's ship, 10 ships and 30 aircraft from Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Spain and the United States participated. Bell's ship also participated in Exercise Matador Livex '98, a combined forces exercise. The 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School of Canton, joined the Navy in March 1993.

EXERCISES

Navy Hospitalman Stephen D. Littleton, son of Douglas A. and Beverly J. Littleton of Canton, recently participated in Exercise Cooperative Best Effort 98 in the former Yugoslavian republic of Macedonia with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Home based in Camp Lejeune, N.C., Littleton's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEU's are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of

these teams, Littleton's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces. He joined the Navy in Jan. of 1997.

DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM

Michael Peters, son of Linda Colburn of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program May 26. Peters, a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Sept. 23, 1999, according to Staff Sergeant Gilbert Beavers, Air Force recruiter. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a munitions systems apprentice. He will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

RECENTLY RETURNED

Airman Brian D. Vogan recently returned to Yokota, Japan, after a three month tour of Kuwait. Airman Vogan was stationed at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait where he was part of Operation Southern Watch. In Kuwait, Vogan had the chance to ride in a black hawk helicopter. He is in the civil engineering squadron which performs maintenance service on generators which are the only source of power for the base. While in Kuwait, Airman Vogan was promoted to Airman First Class receiving his second stripe.

He was also awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in Operation Southern Watch. Vogan will be in Japan until September, 1999, when he will return to the states to finish out his military duty. Vogan is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and joined the Air Force in April, 1997. He is the son of Bill and April Czerniawski, brother to Janelle and Jacob.

BASIC TRAINING

Marine Pfc. Tuan A. Vogle, son of Paul D. and Kim T. Vogle of Plymouth, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank. Vogle successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Vogle and fellow recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Vogle joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country. He is a 1990 graduate of Salem High School.

Army Pvt. Lindsay B. Clark has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and tradi-

tions, and special training in human relations. Clark is the daughter of Barbara S. Wheeler of Canton. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Army Pvt. Anthony M. Lollo has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and first aid. Lollo is the son of Sharon K. and Marco T. Lollo of Plymouth. He is a 1998 graduate of Huron High School, Ann Arbor.

NAVY CORPS 223RD BIRTHDAY

Navy Hospitalman Stephen D. Littleton, son of Douglas A. and Beverly J. Littleton of Canton, Marine Cpl. Ronald K. Cullen, whose wife is the daughter of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton, and Marine Lance Cpl. Nathan M. Branin, son of Debra J. Lehner of Canton, are three of more than 170,000 active duty Marines celebrating the Marine Corps' 223rd birthday this month. The Marine Corps was created on Nov. 10, 1775, in Philadelphia by a Continental Congress resolution raising two battalions of Marines. Since then, the Corps has served the nation from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. Today's Marines continue to serve on ships and at bases around the world.

DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM

Jeremy W. Hall has joined the United States Army under

the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Caro, Mich. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The recruit qualifies for a \$6,000 enlistment bonus. Hall, a 1998 graduate of Millington High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on Jan. 19, 1999. He is the son of Jerry Hall of Canton.

HEADMASTER'S LIST

Cadet Michael Clark, a 12th-grader at Howe and the son of Walter and Susan Clark of Plymouth, received this special award by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Clark has been attending Howe Military School since August 1997.

NAVY'S BIRTHDAY

Navy Airman Gregory J. Demarest, son of Marcia L. Demarest of Plymouth; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian M. Paul, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School; Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class.

EXERCISE COOPERATION

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block, whose wife, Janet, is the daughter of Harold B. and Dorothy Palmer of Plymouth, recently participated in exercise cooperation from the Sea '98 while assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). During the peace-keeping exercise, Block had the opportunity to work and train closely with Russian counterparts during a scenario in Vladivostok, Russia.

DNR offers checkpoints to evaluate state's deer population

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has 10 deer check stations set up in southeast Michigan to help evaluate Michigan's deer herd.

By bringing in their deer heads, hunters can share valuable information with the DNR and earn themselves a 1998 Deer Management Cooperator patch.

"The patch is a reward in exchange for biological data," said Tim Payne, district wildlife biologist. "By examining the deer head, taking some measurements and asking a few questions, DNR staff can determine the age and general health of the deer."

"It's important for us to obtain as much information on deer in southeast Michigan as possible.

The more deer that are brought in, the better we can evaluate the health of the herd," Payne said.

This year, deer will not be checked at the DNR Waterford Field Office, as the building is closed for renovations. Hunters who usually stop at the Waterford Office should go to the deer check stations at Bald Mountain Recreation Area and Holly

Recreation Area. Deer check stations are also set up along several freeways for hunters traveling south. ■ Algonac State Park, (810) 765-5605, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. seven days a week. Call ahead.

■ Bald Mountain Recreation Area, (248) 693-6767, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. seven days a week. Call ahead.

■ Harsens Island Wildlife Area, (810) 748-9504, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Note:

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■ Holly Recreation Area, (248) 634-0240, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. All others by appointment.

■ Maybury State Park, (248) 349-8390, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Call ahead.

■ Mount Clemens Field Office, (810) 465-4771, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ Pte. Mouillee State Game Area, (734) 379-9692, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Call ahead.

■ Southeast Michigan DNR District Office-Livonia, (734) 953-0241, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Foreign students enjoy school sports scene

BY LILLY A. EVANS
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever wonder how it would be to live in another country or to go to high school abroad?

Exchange students from all over the world come to western Wayne County high schools, and one of the first things they notice is sports. Many schools in other countries don't have sports at all or, if they do, it is to foster school spirit and not competition. The exchange students who come here are encouraged by their host families to get involved in sports to make friends.

Johannes Brauer of Sweden, who is a senior and a tight end/linebacker for the Plymouth Salem football team, says they don't have sports or American football at his high school in Sweden.

"Sports is not as big as it is here. You can play for extra

credit, but it is not affiliated with the school," he explained.

Steffi Graber of Germany, a senior at Churchill High School in Livonia, has won first in singles and second in doubles for the varsity tennis team. She said she would not have this opportunity at school in Germany.

Competition here

"We don't have teams at school, you would have to join a private club. It's very competitive here," she added.

She also has noticed a difference in school curriculum.

"In Germany everything is required. It is more diverse. Here you decide on your own path for the job you are preparing for and you don't take extra languages," she said.

Sara Derefalk of Sweden, a senior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, won first in singles in

the regional for the varsity tennis team. She had similar comments about her school curriculum.

"We take 15 or 18 subjects a week in Sweden," she said.

She also said they wear straight-legged pants at home; bell-bottomed jeans are out of style.

Graber said she wanted to come here as an exchange student for new experiences and to meet new people.

"Everybody wants to come here (to the United States). We see American movies, MTV and we have American products like Tommy Hilfinger," she said.

Neco Do Couto of Brazil, a senior at Churchill in Livonia, said there's more freedom here with the exception of having a curfew.

"My friends here have to be home at 12:30 (a.m.) At home we don't have curfews and stores stay open all night," he said.

Do Couto adds that here students may have just a few friends, while in Brazil they may have five or six best friends.

Holidays also differ from country to country.

New experience

Last month, nine of the 16 exchange students from area

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Foreign students: Gideon and Lynne Levenbach (not pictured) of Plymouth Township hosted a Halloween party for exchange students at the Colony Farms Meeting House. It was a special treat for the students who come from countries that don't mark Halloween. Pictured are (from left): Mariana Aydos of Brazil (Westland John Glenn), Fernanda Leite of Brazil (Churchill), Elisa Zamojda of Poland (Poland), Jana Doroshko of Estonia (Salem), Sara Derefalk of Sweden (Stevenson), Steffi Graber of Germany (Churchill), Ramiro Ortiz of Brazil (Ann Arbor Pioneer) and Neco Do Couto of Brazil (Churchill).

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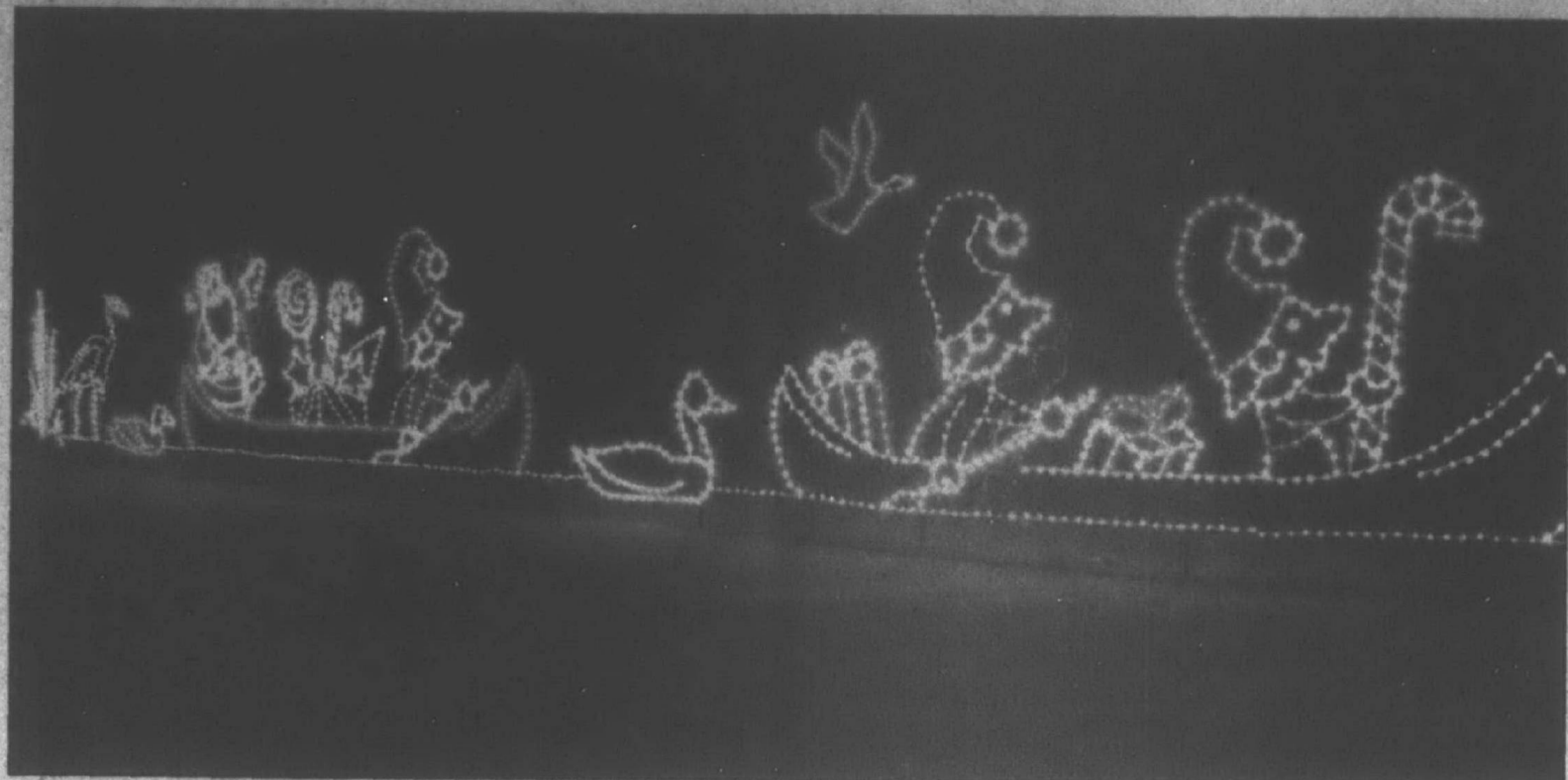
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Aglow: Nearly a million lights in 39 giant displays decorate a 4.5-mile stretch of Hines Drive for this year's LightFest. Pictured here is one of four new displays, Santa's Canoe. The LightFest runs 7-10 p.m. now through Jan. 1. It is closed on Christmas. At the end of the festival drive, youngsters are invited to visit Santa Claus at his shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area.

Wayne County LightFest billed as "the Midwest's largest holiday show" features 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights.

This year four new displays have been added: Santa's Canoe, Santa's Colossal Sleigh, a toy soldier shooting a cannon and Santa's Flight School with Parachuting Reindeer.

In its sixth year, the Wayne County LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., now through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day, along 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights.

Each display features animation, and this year children can expect to see a ball being shot across Inkster Bridge.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping, and, after Nov. 25, they can get a picture taken with Santa Claus.

A \$5-per-car donation helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses, whose operators are encouraged to register in advance. Discount coupons are available at Hudson's and Tar-

Hines Drive will be closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly to ensure it is clear for motorists to see the LightFest. Traffic enters the LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriman.

get stores.

LightFest has been made possible through donations from festival visitors and event sponsors including AAA Michigan, Ameritech, Arbor Drugs, Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan, Detroit Edison, Friends of Wayne County Parks, WDIV-TV, Torre & Bruglio, Warren Valley Banquet Center, the Farbmans Group, Lewis and Munday, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Ring Screw Works, Melody Farms, Avis Ford, Lewis & Thompson Agency and NTH Consultants.

Hines Drive will be closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly to ensure it is clear for motorists to see the LightFest. Traffic enters the LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriman.

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Oct. 7 - (Far left) Carrie huddles with teacher Jan Sutherland, who also advises the student senate and Students Against Drunk Drivers. Carrie often meets with Sutherland following her lunch hour, as she has no classes scheduled, before departing for her part-time, co-op job at a Plymouth physical therapist's office. (Left) Oct. 2 - Carrie (center) talks with Janell Tweitmeyer (left) prior to the Plymouth Canton High School homecoming parade, as her boyfriend, Sam Walton, looks on. (Below) Oct. 7 - Carrie and Allison McShane laugh together in the hallway at Plymouth Canton High School between fourth and fifth hour.

A year in Carrie's life is a busy one

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lot going on." Carrie said adding to the stress level is the anxiety and time spent applying for college and scholarships.

"It's so hard to get them done in between school and work," said Carrie. "All have different kinds of questions, some including essays. It seems I've been working on them endlessly."

Some of her hard work has already paid off, as Carrie has been accepted at both Michigan State University and Albion College.

"My parents agree that Michigan State is a better choice," she said. "I think I would be happier at a larger university."

However, that doesn't mean Carrie has completely made up her mind.

"On the one hand, I don't want to miss out on the small classes that are offered at Albion," she noted. "But Michigan State does have a beautiful campus and lots of activities."

Carrie is attempting to get into the medical scholars program at Michigan State, which would give automatic acceptance in medical school after four years of undergraduate study.

"That way I can go to classes without having to worry about getting into grad school," she said.

Carrie is a 3.7 student, and received that on her first report card this year. However, physics is giving her fits.

"Physics is really challenging. No matter how hard I try I feel frustrated," said Carrie of her C+, one of the few C's in her high school career. "I'm hoping I can get through it now, so it will be easier when I have to face it again in college."

It's been a busy year for activities, including Student Senate, Students Against Drunk Driving, being a Junior Rotarian and tutoring.

"It's nice to know there are people who are concerned for students," she said of being a Junior Rotarian.

Carrie also tutors a third-grader and fifth-grader.

"It's really rewarding to help them through their struggles and watch them get better," she said.



Oct. 7

One of the highlights of her senior year definitely included homecoming.

"It was the best of my four years," said Carrie, who helped organize and decorate for the event. "It was cool watching everything come together."

"At the end it hit me, it's my last homecoming," she remembered. "But I'm not going to get sad now. I'm going to enjoy my senior year and then get sad."

Oct. 3



Oct. 7



(Far left) Oct. 7 - Carrie speaks with the national office of SADD to coordinate an upcoming event. (Above) Oct. 3 - Carrie and Sam swing the night away at the Plymouth Canton High School homecoming dance. (Left) Oct. 7 - Carrie talks with Andy Schumont during lunch in the Plymouth Canton High School cafeteria.



JACK GLADDEN

Tracking down traditions of Thanksgiving

The Feminist is moving into her Thanksgiving mode. This is her holiday. I make the cornbread for the stuffing, help her load the turkey into the roaster, take it out when it's done and make a valiant (and usually bumbling) effort at carving the bird.

But she does everything else: the stuffing, the assorted veggie dishes, the odd combination of potatoes and parsnips, the something with cranberries (it varies from year to year) and the pies, always pumpkin and then a couple of others like apple or apple/cranberry. This year she's thinking about adding a sweet potato pie to the menu.

It's her holiday and she's welcome to it. Two or three days of prep cooking beforehand, getting up at 5 or 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day and working steadily in the kitchen until the dinner is served around 3 or 4 o'clock. Half an hour at the dinner table, then back to the kitchen for the cleanup.

Why does she do it? It's a tradition. An American Thanksgiving tradition. And I'm not complaining one bit. But where, I wondered, do these Thanksgiving traditions come from? After all The Feminist's ancestors were still in Poland when the Pilgrims were chowing down on the first Thanksgiving turkeys.

Please see GLADDEN, B4

Sweet-tempered Santa returns

The twinkling white lights of Cornwell Pool and Patio's Christmas display illuminate a portion of Ann Arbor Road on cold, dreary winter nights. The warm and fuzzy feeling extends inside where the kindness of Mike Beal, a 45-year Santa Claus, embraces children.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Meet Mike Beal of Plymouth Township. Every year during the holiday season, Beal - sorry, we mean Santa Claus - can be seen at Cornwell Pool and Patio's Christmas Center in Plymouth surrounded by children with long wish lists.

It all started 45 years ago when Beal, then a skinny 18-year-old, saw a sign in J.L. Hudson's in downtown Detroit for a two-week Santa training school, uniform provided.

"I had a yearning to do this," he said. "I used to go around to the kids in the neighborhood a few days before Christmas Eve and bring them candy." Besides, his father was a Santa.

Beal graduated from Santa school with flying colors (but no reindeer), and the rest is history. He's marched in hundreds of parades, visited countless nursing homes, and hoisted thousands of children onto his lap at Kmart and Kresge's.

"I'd never get paid for it," Beal said of department store Santa days. "They'd pull out a big 10-pound box of candy and say thanks for being Santa."

For the last 17 years, he's been the Cornwell Pool Santa. He will be visiting the store, at 874 W. Ann Arbor Road (at Main Street) in Plymouth, Fridays through Sundays beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

Beal shared his secret of being an authentic Santa: "Oh, I am Santa Claus. I have to say to myself I am Santa Claus. And you have to love children. And you have to listen. You also have to know what the hot toys are or else they won't believe you."

And you have to create belief. Beal recalled a young girl named Donna who used to visit him every

year until she became "too big" for the Santa scene. When she was 17, she came back. "She said she had decided she wasn't going to believe in Santa Claus. I'm sorry I did that. There's no one who's more Santa than you. I'll be back," she told me.

Beal says he never gets upset or cross with children. And he always has an extra suit with him in case some kid throws up or has a bladder problem. He's also careful about what he promises. "I never promise kids I'll bring them everything. I always tell them I'll bring them something special. I tell them I'll call mom or dad."

Preserving his Santa identity can be difficult at times. His mustache is real, but his beard and wig are fake. He's developed a technique for discouraging sticky fingers: "When they see you pull your mustache, they won't bother you with your beard."

One time a curious 3-year-old girl managed to peek under Beal's wig. Only his quick reply saved the day. "I told her one is my summer hair and the other is my winter hair."

His closest call came one year when his son, then 7 or 8 years old, climbed up on his lap. Beal survived the scrutiny until his son spied his watch and remarked it was the same as his dad's.

Beal, who volunteers at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, has done a little bit of just about everything in his life. His mother wanted him to be an actor, and he even attended the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Art. Since then, he's been a dog catcher, an ambulance driver, a make-up artist, and the lead singer in his own band, The Dukes of Detroit.

"All my life I've been preparing myself to be Santa Claus," he said of his varied career.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Sneak peek: Samantha, 4, and Madeline Fuoco, 2, of Canton Township shared their Christmas wishes with Santa (also known as Mike Beal of Plymouth Township) early this year at Cornwell Pool and Patio in Plymouth. Santa arrives at the store the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 27.

Being Santa is in Beal's genes. His father, Russell, 83, who lives in Tampa, Fla., is still a Santa. His brother in Kansas also is a Santa. Beal plans to be Santa until it no longer snows in Michigan. "This is what I want to do. I want to be Santa Claus."

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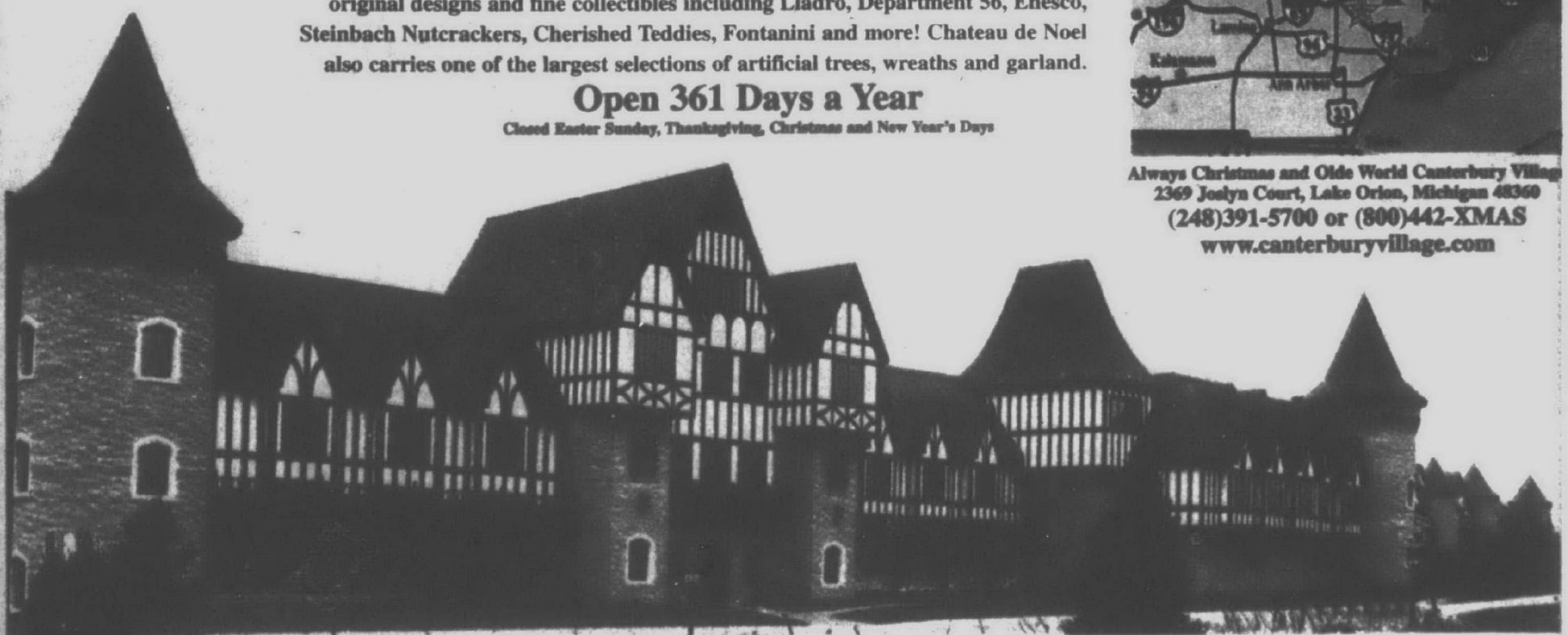
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Remembering veterans

'Stars and Stripes Forever' celebration honors seniors who served

BY MARY RODRIQUE
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Nearly 100 veterans of World War II and the Korean War stood to be recognized at the second annual "Stars & Stripes Forever" salute Nov. 6 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The center was transformed into a USO Canteen, complete with live Big Band music, American flags and banners, balloon and flower centerpieces and an extensive poster display of World War II battles. The event was co-sponsored by the senior center and American House retirement residence of Farmington Hills.

Looking at the posters, Arnold

J. Weingart, 78, of Livonia was transported back to another era.

Weingart, a former U.S. Marine who served from 1942-46, recalled in vivid detail various aspects of his tour of duty.

"I drove an amphibious truck, transporting ammo, food and medical supplies," he said. "We'd also bring the wounded back to the hospital ship. I was mostly in Guam and Okinawa."

Weingart recalled how the Japanese would shoot the amphibious vehicles out of the water.

"If the pumps don't work, you're dead."

Livonia residents Ken Bussler and his wife, Dolores, also enjoyed the display of posters

from the National Archives.

"I was in the Navy in 1945-46, on an aircraft carrier," Bussler said.

The poster collection was provided courtesy of active local World War II Navy veteran Jack Curd.

"I started my personal collection for the 50th anniversary commemoration of World War II," Curd said. "The Defense Department sent some of them. I went to Washington and they gave me a lot. Some I received as gifts and others I purchased from the National Archives."

The display was mounted on a stars and stripes background by senior activities program director Nora Dolan, who dreamed up the idea for the grand scale Veteran's Day salute last year. It has now become an official annual event.

"After last year's program I heard from many veterans that this program was the first time they were thanked for their role in World War II," said Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, who served as an interpreter during the war. "All of our veterans deserve our undying gratitude."

Sgt. Mike Cannon, commander of the American Legion U.S. Air Force ROTC program at Livonia Churchill High School presented a color guard of four cadets to carry the U.S. and Air Force flags and lead the "Pledge of Allegiance." According to Cannon, the average age of the veteran who died in battle was 19 years.

May Arvo, active in the Farmington Musicals, sang "God Bless America."

John and Ann Whitworth of Farmington Hills enjoyed the Stars and Stripes program last year so much that they brought along their friends Bob and Betty Andersen of Garden City this time.

John, a native of England, served in the Royal Air Force as a gunner on B-24s from 1943-46. Ann, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland was drafted into the British Women's Army and served 1942-46.

"I was a plottor, plotting enemy aircraft from occupied France using radar, which was brand new then and highly secret," she said. "We were stationed in southeast England and were a mobile unit."

Wearing headphones, she would pick up on radar the location of V-1 missiles targeting England. Using long sticks, she would move miniature planes on a map from where they were picked up on radar.

When the war ended, her commanding officer selected her to march in the victory parade in London. She remembers marching before Winston Churchill, King George and Lord Mountbatten.

She and John met on military leave. In 1950, they emigrated to the U.S. and have lived in Farmington Hills for 30 years.

John's friend, Bob Andersen, served in the Signal Corps Airway Command 1944-46. Both men served in India and China and it was that connection that led to their friendship today.

"We met at the Masonic Lodge 35 years ago and connected because of our war experience," Andersen said. "We hunt and fish together."



In step: Betty Weingarten and Leroy Papineau enjoyed dancing to the music popular during the war.



Remember when: Ed and Joan Lewandowski examine posters from World War II. Lewandowski served in the Army and saw action in France and Germany, where he was wounded.

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Redford teen earns Gold Award

Redford resident Bridget McCann is one of 16 metro Detroit area girls to receive the Gold Award, Girl Scouting highest honor, according to the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

In earning her award, McCann recruited the help of community organizations to build and install habitat boxes for endangered eastern bluebirds.

A Girl Scout for 12 years and member of the Senior Girl Scout Troop 761, the 16-year-old McCann is a student at Thurston High School in Redford.

In explaining how the project affected her personally, McCann said: "My project allowed me to honor my grandfather who taught me about bluebirds and their houses."

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council also presented its Appreciation Pin to Kathy Tell of Livonia in recognition of her outstanding volunteer service.

Tell has been a Girl Scout volunteer for 11 years. She is an adviser for Livonia-area high school girls in Senior Girl Scout Troop 761. She also serves the metro Detroit area as a council trainer and program aide facilitator.



Bridget McCann



Kathy Tell

Employed by Ameritech, Tell was honored by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Ameritech in April as a 1998 Corporate Volunteer of the Year. "Girls are our future, and being able to help them to meet their goals is what I am here for," said Tell of her Girl Scout involvement. "I enjoy seeing the girls mature and become independent young women."

Tell credits her husband, Greg, and daughter, Quin, both of whom are registered Girl Scouts, for their active participation in Girl Scouting. Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth-largest Girl Scout council in the United States. It provides leadership development opportunities for more than 40,000 girls in most of Wayne and Oakland counties.

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Zonta of Northwest has new leaders

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County has a new slate of officers. Leading the organization are Sally Randall of Livonia as president, Hasi Cialo of Westland as vice president, Barbara Mansfield of Livonia as secretary, Kathleen Diggs of Plymouth as treasurer and Evelyn Shuput of Highland, Mary Bowersock of Plymouth and Diane Oakley of Livonia as directors. Zonta is a worldwide service organization of women executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political and professional status of women.

Locally, Zonta of Northwest Wayne County supports Seedlings, Braille Books for Children, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, Greenmead Historical Village, the Wayne County Shelter for Families, environmental projects and Zonta Leadership Camp in addition to international sponsorships, such as UNICEF and Amelia Earhart scholarships. An upcoming fund-raiser includes the annual Koeze Nuts sale for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information on the fund-raisers, call Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374 or Candy Martin

at (248) 348-1410. Three local club members are attending the international convention that will be held in Paris, France. Participating are Sylvia Vukmirovich, a counselor at Schoolcraft College, and Barbara Mansfield and Kathleen Diggs, club delegates. For Young Women in Public Affairs, a candidate is selected based on a demonstrated commitment to their school, community or the world. The young women have not begun their careers, and their awards are based on accomplishments and plans.

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Students become spiritual 'pioneers'

Three western Wayne County youths were among more than 1,500 college students and faculty members to gather in Boston, Mass., recently to consider their role as "Pioneers of the Spiritual Millennium."

ering that as important as a worldwide dialogue on spirituality, the most important responsibility is to love. "That's the only hope this world has," she said. "Until we get that straight, until we can look at each other and our hearts just melt in a puddle of love, we're not going to make much headway."

The international university and college conference was sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and attracted participants from 39 countries. Attending were Corey Rea and Matt Riley of Plymouth and Kyle Herrmann of Northville who accepted the conference's invitation to become pioneers in humanity's increasing search for spirituality. "If the focus of the 20th century has been on outer space, the focus of this (new) century will be on inner space," George Gallup, chairman of Gallup International Institute, to the conference participants. "If our country and our world are less sexist, less racist, less polluted, more peace-loving and more technically minded, then we owe a lot to young people, because in surveys conducted over the last 20 years, it is young people who have been on the leading edge of all these encouraging trends." For decades, secularism and materialism have actively pushed spirituality out of such disciplines as medicine, physics, education and ethics, but recent research shows that interest in spirituality is not only resurfacing, it is intensifying, hence the spiritual millennium, according to information brought out at the conference. During talks, panel discussions, break-out sessions and question and answer periods, the students learned how to use their innate intuition, enthusiasm, ideals and faith to respond to humanity's search for spirituality. Participants found that their most important tools are the same ones used by Jesus Christ - spiritual understanding, an ability to see God's presence in daily life, a willingness to help others to see it and an all-embracing love. They also discussed how to sharpen their tools, making use of the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. Exploring Jesus' command to love one another, Olga Chaffee, a member of the Christian Science Board of Directors, told the gath-

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Steelers win title

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team captured the Western Suburban Junior Football League championship Sunday with a 30-14 triumph over the Westland Meteors at Annapolis Field in Dearborn Heights. The victory allowed the Steelers finish their season unbeaten in 10 games.

The first half was a wide-open affair, with the Steelers dominating. Brandon Wilcox scored three first-half touchdowns, on runs of 22, 50 and 5 yards, and Steve Carter booted three two-point conversions to allow the Steelers to go up 24-8. Following a Larry Mitchell interception in the second half that gave the Plymouth-Canton team possession of the ball near midfield, Tony Stott capped the scoring with a 40-yard TD run.

Westland scored both of its touchdowns on kickoff returns. The Steeler defense dominated the Meteors, with Pat Calzone's fumble recovery setting up one of Wilcox's first-half touchdowns. Indeed, the only team to beat — or score against — the Westland team all season was the Steelers.

Lions JV falls in OT

The Canton Lions and the Ann Arbor Eagles took their junior varsity title game in the Western Suburban Junior Football League into double-overtime before a winner could be declared, with the Eagles prevailing 12-6 Sunday at Annapolis Field in Dearborn Heights.

The game ended in a scoreless tie after regulation, although the Lions dominated play. In the first overtime (each team gets possession at the opponent's 10-yard line), the Eagles scored first by recovering their own fumble in the end zone. David

Please see JUNIOR FOOTBALL, C2

Miracle rally saves Salem

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No, Plymouth Salem did not look particularly good through the first three quarters of its state district basketball semifinal against Novi Wednesday at Plymouth Canton. But the Rocks were at least leading, 37-31.

And then, in the first 7 1/2 minutes of the last quarter, things really deteriorated. Turnovers, missed shots, missed free throws all combined to put the Rocks into a 41-37 hole with 32 seconds left. That's when Andrea Pruett's three-point shot missed — and Novi's fortunes changed.

Tiffany Grubaugh grabbed the offensive rebound for Salem and was fouled with 29 seconds remaining. She made both, narrowing the gap to two and setting up the key play of the game.

Novi's Kelly Bendernagel took the ensuing inbounds pass, but was trapped by a pair of Rocks in the corner. She tossed the ball to an open player under her own basket — who happened to be Salem's Christine Phillips. Phillips quickly converted and the score was knotted at 41-all.

Grubaugh then forced a turnover with 15 seconds left and Lindsay Klemmer grabbed the loose ball. Fouled with 10.8 seconds to play, Klemmer converted both free throws to save Salem, 43-41.

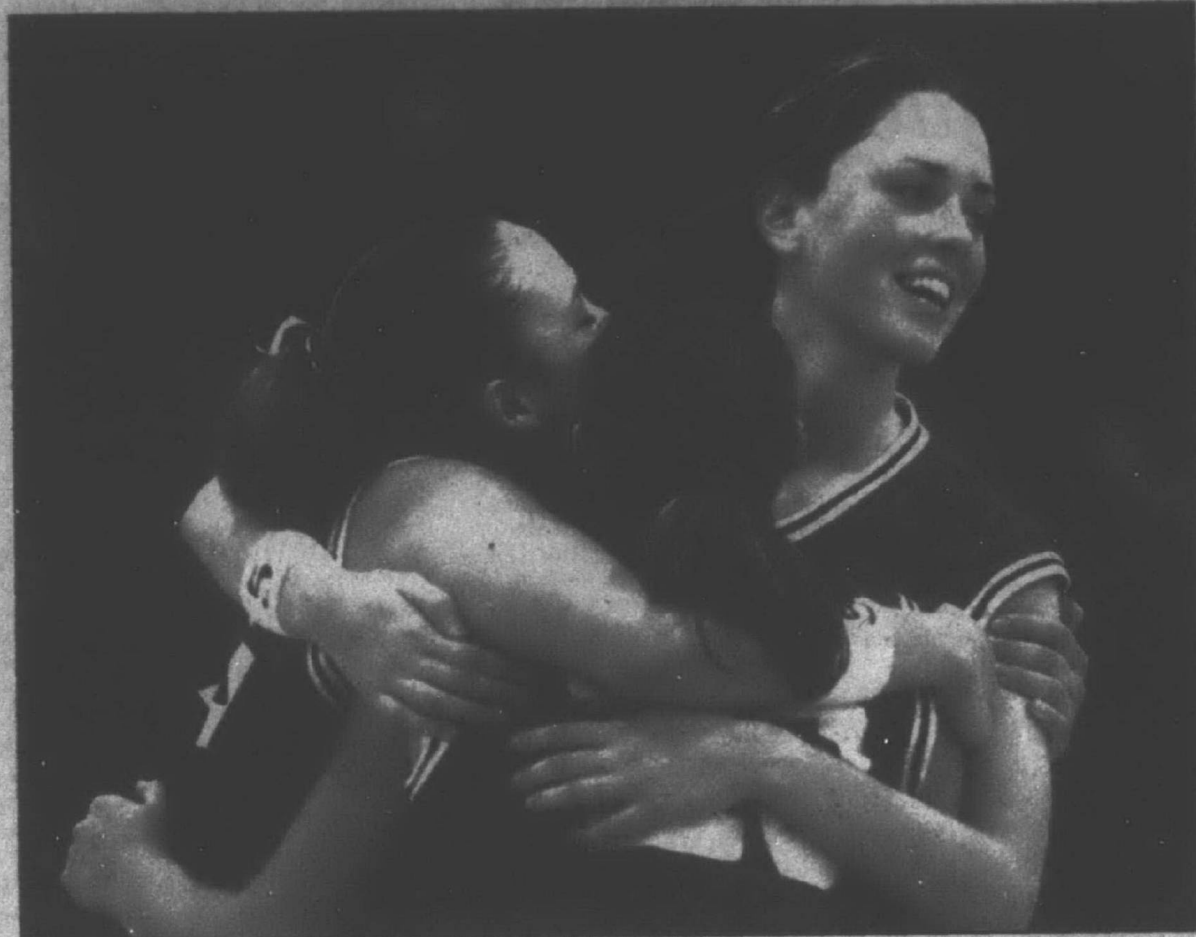
The Rocks, now 17-4, advance to the district final against Northville, a team Salem beat during the Western Lakes Activities Association season 50-38. Game time is 7 p.m. Friday at Canton.

"I thought we were in trouble when we went to the free-throw line (in the fourth quarter) and missed two one-and-ones," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We had some great looks (down the stretch), we had some great opportunities, we just didn't convert."

"The clock was winding down, that's for sure. I'm just glad we got it done."

Salem should never have been in such a situation, but turnovers and mistakes kept the Rocks from pulling away. Still, they increased a 22-20 halftime lead to 37-31 after three periods, thanks mainly to Grubaugh. The junior led Salem with 19 points, 13 of those coming in the first half. Pruett and Phillips added 10 apiece.

Novi, which bowed out at 12-9, kept it close thanks to Kristen McGlennen's 13 points. In the



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What a relief! Salem's Andrea Pruett (right) is hugged by teammates Christine Phillips (left) and Tiffany Grubaugh after the Rocks used a fourth-quarter rally to edge Novi in Wednesday's district semifinal.

fourth quarter, however, it was Bendernagel who ignited the Wildcats' comeback by scoring seven-straight points. Beth Rice's two free throws with 48.8 seconds to go pushed Novi's lead to 41-37, setting the stage for the wild finish.

"(Bendernagel) caught the inbounds pass near the end line," said Novi coach Dennis Cichonski, "and we were hoping she'd get it up higher. It's too

easy to get trapped there. She saw a body under the basket and thought it was one of ours. And to be fair, we do run a press-breaker like that.

"It's such a shame to end the season on a play like that. It's tough to lose anyway, but on a play like that . . . I couldn't be prouder of our kids. They gave a tremendous effort."

Fate, however, favored Salem.

Long-range loss

Northville's 3s doom Canton

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Everything, it seemed, was going Plymouth Canton's way.

The Chiefs had expanded a nine-point lead after three quarters (27-18) to 11 early in the fourth, a gap so large it caused Northville to alter its defensive scheme from a box-and-one zone to a man-to-man.

"We attacked their box-and-one and made some nice shots off of it," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They went to a man and I thought we had them where we wanted them."

Think again. What didn't figure into the equation was diminutive sophomore guard Emily Carrott.

It might be easy to overlook the 5-foot-3 Carrott in the Mustangs' sizable lineup (two 6-2 starters), and that would be a mistake — which she made clear in Wednesday's girls basketball district semifinal, hosted by Canton. Carrott knocked down three consecutive three-pointers to fuel a fourth-quarter Northville rally that was capped by Janel Hasse's layup with three seconds remaining, giving the Mustangs a 35-34 victory over Canton.

The Chiefs bow out with a 16-6 record. Northville, now 14-7, advances to the district final opposite Plymouth Salem, a 43-41 winner over Novi in Wednesday's first game.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Heartbraker: Canton's loss was a moment of dejection for Amanda Lentz, who is consoled by her teammates.

"We had our opportunities," said Blohm. "We put ourselves in a position to win. But give (Northville) credit — they came back and won it at the buzzer."

For the first three quarters, the decision to play a box-and-one against Canton — which allowed Northville to double-team Janell Twietmeyer — didn't seem like a good move. The Chiefs took the lead early and kept it against the much bigger Mustangs, mostly by knocking down medium-range jumpers. Canton was up 8-3 after one

quarter and 16-12 at the half; the Chiefs increased that to 27-18 after three periods by making 5-of-8 third-quarter floor shots.

At that point, Canton was a solid 13-of-27 from the floor (48.1 percent) to Northville's 8-of-24 (33 percent). "We were counting on giving up some open shots to Canton by guarding Twietmeyer in our box-and-one," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "But after getting down nine after three quarters, we had to get after them."

Please see CANTON SEMI, C3

Chiefs too much for Churchill

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In the final quarter of its opening game in the Class A district tournament, Plymouth Canton was limited to just three points.

A recipe for disaster? Perhaps — but at a later date, not now. The Chiefs first-round opponent in this girls basketball district, which Canton hosted Monday,

was Livonia Churchill. And the simple truth is the Chargers, able to muster little offense beyond Kersten Conklin, could do little to crack the Canton defense.

Final score: Canton 41, Churchill 34. Churchill bows out at 10-11.

"They always play good man-to-man defense," said Charger coach Dave Balog. "We knew that. I can't take anything away

from their kids. They played hard. But so did we.

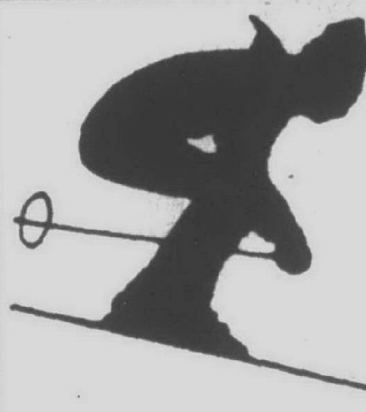
"After the first half, I was afraid we were facing a blowout. But we hung in there. We were still in it. We just gave them too much of a lead in the second quarter."

That quarter, indeed, was the difference in a game in which points were at a premium — just the style Canton likes to play.

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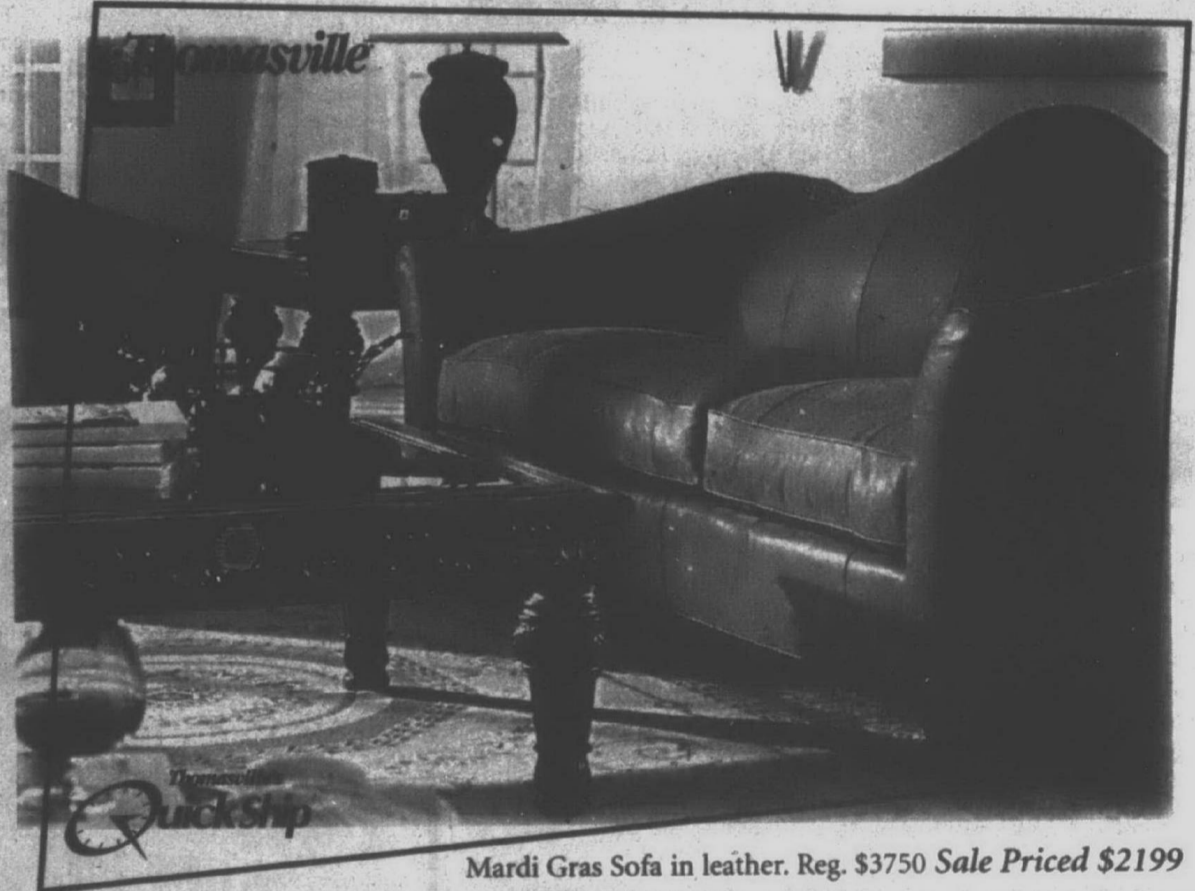
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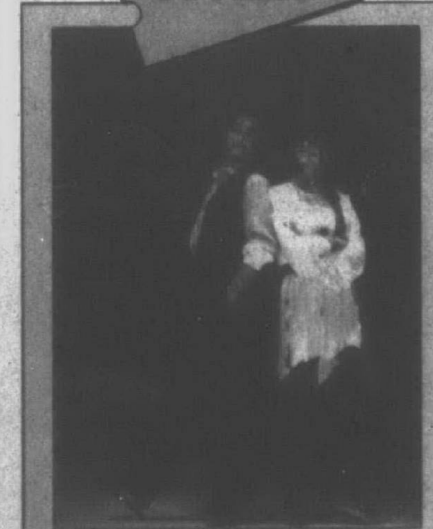
Singer Tony Kenny, along with guests Noel V. Ginnity, Dermot O'Brien, Deirdre Reilly, Debbie O'Shaughnessy, and Seamus Brett, invite you to "Come Home to Ireland for Christmas," 8 p.m. at Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 11 Mile Road (at Middlebelt) Farmington Hills. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door, call (248) 649-1140 or (313) 562-5610.

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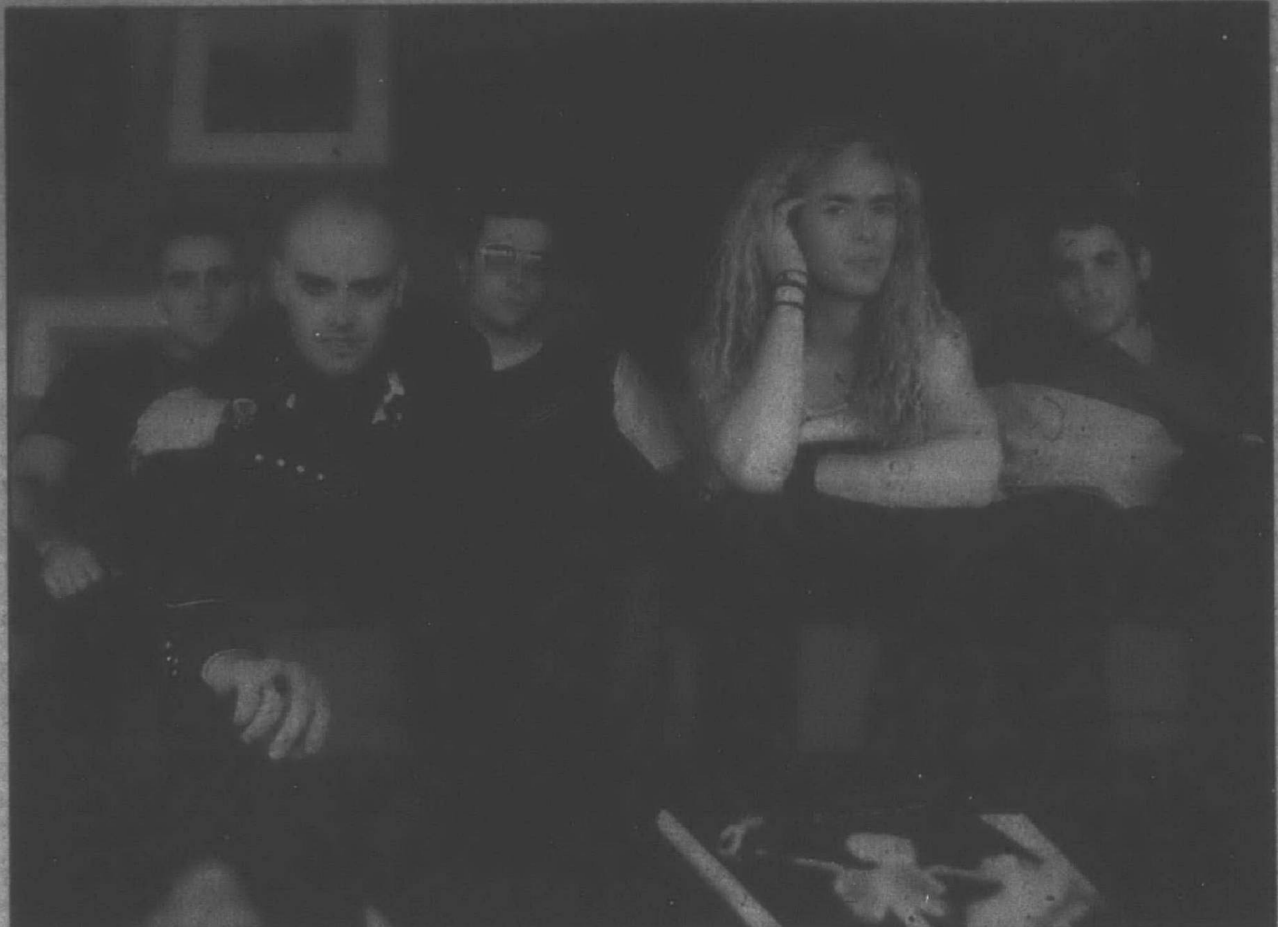


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Coming home: The Christian pop act the Newsboys features keyboardist Jeff Frankenstein (far right), a Sterling Heights native and 1992 graduate of Bethany Christian School in Troy. The band, which plays The Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday, Nov. 21, also includes, from left, drummer/percussionist Duncan Phillips, lead vocalist/guitarist Peter Furler, guitarist/vocalist/bassist Jody Davis, and bassist/vocalist/guitarist Phil Joel.

Newsboys delivers Christian pop to Palace

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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When Jeff Frankenstein attended a Christian high school, it was practically a crime to listen to Christian modern rock bands like DC Talk and the Newsboys.

"Kids have been kicked out of the school for going to Newsboys concerts," he said with a laugh. "We couldn't listen to music like that. We could only listen to hymns and classical music. So I'm probably the underground hero at the school," said Frankenstein, a Sterling Heights native.

For the past four years, the 1992 graduate of Bethany Christian School in Troy has been breaking that rule. In 1994, Frankenstein was recruited to join the Newsboys as their keyboardist.

Frankenstein met the members of the Newsboys, most of whom hail from New Zealand and Australia, in 1991 while he was working as a runner for one of the band's shows.

He mentioned that he was a keyboardist and if they ever needed one to give him a call.

"They just said, 'Yeah, OK. Whatever.' A year and a half later

WHO: Newsboys, Third Day and The Waiting.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

WHERE: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

NOW: Tickets are \$20 reserved. Groups of 10 or more receive a \$5 discount. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>. The Newsboys' website is <http://www.newsboys.com>.

I was coming home from a night class at Wayne State and my mom said this guy with this accent called and wanted to know if I'd play keyboards," explained Frankenstein, who was studying public relations and journalism.

He was invited to rehearse with the band during its soundcheck prior to a show in Holland, Mich., that weekend.

"Needless to say I stayed home from school the next three days and learned the songs. I played along with them during soundcheck and they said it was pretty good. 'Why don't you play tonight?'"

The quartet was impressed with Frankenstein and offered him a

job with the band.

"I went home and told my folks what was happening. I had three days to leave school and pack everything."

His parents, he said, have been "actually pretty cool about it."

"My mom's a choir director at Oakland Christian Church in Rochester so obviously there's music around the house all the time. They tell everyone that they knew I was pretty much destined to do that," he said.

That was in January 1994 and shortly thereafter he returned to area to open for Steven Curtis Chapman in front of 12,000 fans at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Grassroots following

Things have changed for the Newsboys since the first Palace show; The Newsboys are headlining the arena on Saturday, Nov. 21. Despite virtually no airplay, they have been able to sell almost as many tickets as Depeche Mode and labelmate Janet Jackson did this year at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"The tour's been great. It's real-

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Dedicated musicians: The Emerson Quartet, (left to right), Lawrence Dutton, Philip Setzer, Eugene Drucker and David Finckel is dedicated to music and social causes.

String quartet supports classics and causes

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Next year the four members of the acclaimed Emerson Quartet will celebrate 20 years together. It's a rare accomplishment that violinist Philip Setzer credits to luck and a good sense of humor.

"It's not that we haven't had problems or don't have arguments," he said. "It's not always easy to work together. We've been lucky to be successful."

The Emerson Quartet with Setzer and Eugene Drucker on violin,

Lawrence Dutton on viola and David Finckel on cello will perform Sunday at the University of Michigan's Rackham Auditorium.

The quartet will perform Mozart's Quartet No. 2 in D Major, K. 575 and Shostakovich's Quartet No. 2 in A Major, Op. 68 and will be joined by pianist Menahem Pressler on Brahms' Piano Quintet in f minor, Op. 34.

The quartet has been hailed internationally as one of the finest in the world. Setzer and Drucker, who take turns on first violin, started playing together in 1970 in what Setzer calls "a pretty good student quartet." The Emerson, named after Ralph Waldo Emerson, was founded in the Bicentennial year of 1976. Dutton joined the group in 1977 and David Finckel joined in 1979.

For the past 10 years, the group has recorded for Deutsche Grammophon and has recorded the complete Bartok and Beethoven quartets and are currently working on the complete Shostakovich.

Setzer is primarily responsible for programming the concerts, working with the venue and his fellow quartet members. The Ann Arbor program is an attempt to balance the heaviness of the Shostakovich and Brahms' pieces with

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Injury breaks director's knee, but not 'Chorus Line' spirit

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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"Break a leg" isn't something you'll hear Stephanie Stephan say to her cast when the curtain rises Friday on the Livonia Redford Theatre Guild's production of "A Chorus Line." She's all ready done that, well sort of, if you count a knee as a leg.

"It happened three weeks ago during rehearsal," said Stephan who is directing and choreographing the show. "I was doing the opening combination and when my foot landed it went out to the side." But the show must go on, and Stephan is getting along on crutches. "She'll take someone to be her body and explain to them how to do something," said John Luther who's in the show. "She hasn't given up, that speaks to the show, you just don't give up."

Marci Urbaniak, a Churchill High School grad, is one of Stephan's "bodies."

On Stage

WHAT: Livonia Redford Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford, presents "A Chorus Line"

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$11 seniors and students, call (313) 531-0554

"She explains it to me step-by-step and works me through it, then I'll break it down into steps for everyone else," explained Urbaniak. "It's a lot easier than I thought it would be, and it's gone smoothly."

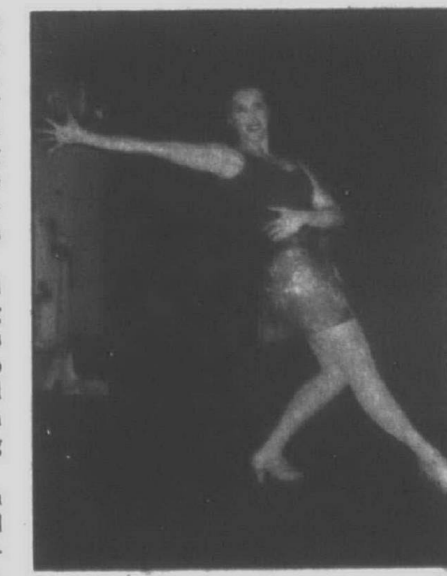
Talking to the cast isn't as good as being able to show them, but Stephan is optimistic. "Things are coming together," she said. "It's been a challenge. We've got limited space, and had trouble getting guys to fill the roles. One of the guys just joined the cast three weeks ago."

"A Chorus Line" is one of Stephan's favorites. She's performed in it three times, and played the parts of Bobbi, Judy and Sheila. "It's a musical theater dancer's dream show," she said. "It's a wonderful piece of theater, and having the opportunity to do it is a dream come true. I've seen the show a zillion million times, but I still laugh at things today."

Stephan joined the Livonia Redford Theatre Guild two years ago believing that she could make a difference. This show is her chance. "They've worked so hard," she said about the cast. "It will be such a pay-off when they get an audience. I've really enjoyed working with them. They're great."

Luther worked in New York City as a dancer until he turned 30, and decided to go to college to become a psychotherapist. After attending Hunter College, he moved to Michigan to attend the University of Michigan and now works

Please see **SPIRIT, E2**



Rehearsing: Christine Maurer of Troy portrays Cassie in "A Chorus Line."

STREET SCENE

Glover shares a labor of love



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Corey Glover, former lead singer of Living Colour, is eager to let people know that he has a new album out, "Hymns" (LaFace Arista). You can't really blame him.

"The record's been done for 2-1 1/2-3 years. I was on another label. I got off that label because I didn't think they had what it takes to make it work. We moved to another one and tried to find someplace else that was a lot more friendly," Glover explained.

Hopefully this label will work out for him. "Hymns" is an incredible album that brings Glover's powerful voice into modern R&B, soul and pop arenas. Songs like the unabashed sexuality of "Do You First, Then Do Myself," the ballad "April Rain," and the slow groove of "Sidewalk Angel," make this one to listen to. The soulful ballad "Little Girl," if released to radio, could be an instant hit.

"Hymns" takes Glover in a different direction than Living Colour. While the rock band experimented with a variety of sounds, Glover sticks close to modern R&B, soul and pop with "Hymns."

"With Living Colour, we were trying to be cutting edge. I wanted something very warm and intimate and very much like the songs themselves. It's very introspective," Glover

said.

"A lot of the stuff was done very organically. There are no synthesizers on this record whatsoever. It's all real sounds. It was very much a band process. We all sat in the same room with no special guests for the most part."

The songs are intensely personal, many of which were written soon after the death of his father. Glover is still uncomfortable singing some of them.

"Some of the songs are hard in that they were very intimate things that I wasn't sure if I wanted to talk about," Glover explained.

"When I was in Living Colour, I had to express my emotions in a group context. But with this record, I was really able to dig down inside. The ability to emote in music helps transform anything bad into something good, and it keeps me alive and happy."

Glover is coming to town on Saturday, Nov. 21, to play Alvin's in Detroit.

"It's an album that literally I've been working on for three years and now many people know about it. It's a true labor of love. It's something I'm married to and born to."

Corey Glover with special guests Mr. Freedom X and 60 Second Crush, perform Saturday, Nov. 21, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For more information, visit any Ticketmaster outlet, call (313) 832-2355.

Reggae band wins Miller support

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Tom Wall specifically remembers the day he was entranced by reggae music.

"I always really liked Bob Marley. Back when I was really young, in my teens, I saw him play live. I thought, 'This is too much.' He just captivated the crowd. It was unbelievable," said Wall, a graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

So inspiring, in fact, that it motivated him to start a reggae band. Now, 11 Detroit Music Awards nominations, two wins, and a Miller Genuine Draft sponsorship later, Wall has a new goal with his band Immunity.

"We want to become teen idols."

Thanks to Miller Genuine Draft, the faces of Immunity—lead guitarist/percussionist/vocalist Tom Wall, rhythm guitarist/percussionist Tom Varga, bassist Bill Koggenhop, a graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills, singer Jonathan Pettus of Royal Oak, and percussionist/vocalist Tony Mitchell of Pontiac—can be seen on posters plastered around town.

Immunity is the first reggae band to be sponsored by the Miller Genuine Draft Michigan

Who: Immunity
When: Performs from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20
Where: Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township.

How: The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. For more information, call (248) 360-7450.

Other upcoming performances:
From 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441; From 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 349-9110; and from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Union Lake Grill and Bar. All the shows are free and open to those 21 and older.

Miller. We find these bands through local publications as well. We look and see what names are playing, which places they play frequently, and ask around," he said.

In the past 19 years, the Band Network project has sponsored the Fabulous Thunderbirds, The Del Fuegos, The Producers, Roomful of Blues and Johnny Clyde Copeland.

Locally, The Rev. Right Time and the First Cousins of Funk, Johnny "Yarddog" Jones, Kung Fu Diesel and the Killer Flamings are also sponsored by Miller. Immunity's sponsorship runs through 1999.

As a benefit, the bands receive signs, posters, band-specific banners, clothing and an incentive bonus.

"They produced 2,000 posters with the band's likeness that we can put up where the band is going to play. We also receive a good discount on equipment," said Immunity's manager Terri Koggenhop.

"I worked on Miller for a year. Once they saw us, it was a done deal," she added.

Immunity's live shows are energetic, bringing over the band members' trademark senses of humor. Impromptu jam sessions are common-place, with Wall trading his guitar for percussion.

The showpiece, he said, howev-

er, is lead singer Jonathan Pettus, a Trinidad native who now lives in Royal Oak.

"Jon gets out and moves. I can't do what he does. He moves in a way that nobody else moves. He's quite dynamic and very 'hyper,'" rhythm guitarist/percussionist Tom Varga.

Immunity formed three years ago, spending its first year playing on the west coast of Michigan. The band broke into Detroit in 1996. A year later, it was nominated for the outstanding reggae group, outstanding world music group and outstanding live performance Detroit Music Awards. Bassist Bill Koggenhop was up for outstanding jazz bassist in 1997.

This year, of the seven nominations, Koggenhop won the outstanding reggae/ska instrumental prize, while Pettus landed the outstanding reggae/ska vocalist award. Wall was also up for the same award.

"It was cool to have two people in the band nominated for the same awards," Wall said.

Besides the Miller sponsorship, Immunity has upped its visibility by playing 120 gigs a year, sometimes two in one day. This summer, the band performed at a private party for Janet Jackson in Joe Louis Arena's Olympia Room prior to her show at the arena.



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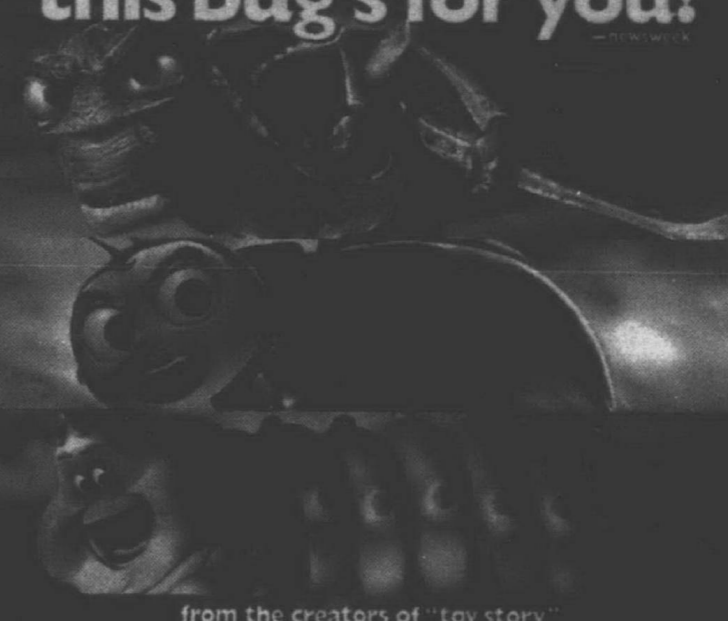
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