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### AT HOME

Working together: Psychiatric patients and staff at a local hospital get great enjoyment from gardening./D6

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Music: The Emerson Quartet with Philip 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./E1

Theater: "Break a leg" isn't something you'll hear Stephanie Stephan say to her cast when the curtain rises on the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild's production of "A Chorus Line," opening Friday./E1

### REAL ESTATE

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## cock garners ear



Two city commissioners who publicly supportThe two had a meeting earlier this
ed Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock as

month with Sincock, encouraging him Steve Walters' replacement, have reportedly talked to other commissioners about abandoning the hiring process and appointing Sincock.

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Even as the first resumes for the Ply-mouth city manager's position arrive at City Hall, it appears two city commissioners already have their choice in

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.

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

Please see SUPPORT, A2



### **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

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-toback 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 threeday competition that narrowed the

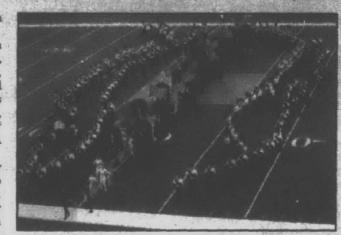
field down to 32 semifinalists, then to the 12 highest-scoring bands.

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



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 staff's. It's a total team

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

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



**BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

school definitely going by

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 activi-

ties.' 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 definite-different," added Carrie. "I never thought it would be so stress-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

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 STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

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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## Support from page A1

"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

Sincock "is a top candidate" in

McDonald went one step fur-

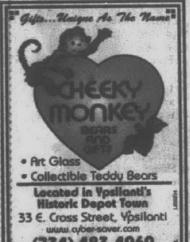
"My past tells me always go with the people you know the most about," he told his fellow commissioners. "My only conflict is letting the process con-vince me why we shouldn't hire Mr. Sincock."

### Familiar face

Afterward, McDonald elaborated, saying Sincock "is a" known quantity. Going in, he's my choice for the job. Let the pplication process exclude him rinclude him."

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

"The comments at the meeting were highly inappropriate. Our ob as a commission is to find the best person for the job," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle. "If Paul Sincock 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 leader-ship be questioned? I think there have been certain commissioners who have lobbied for Paul since it was known Walters was leav-

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

Dismuke was out of town and didn't attend Monday's meeting. Walters admits the declara-

tions by Pobur and McDonald could hinder the selection pro-

"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.

Sincock 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-



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

Sincock 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, Sincock said he needs to make sure he could work with the present commission.

"You need to have a very cohesive, forward thinking city com-mission," said Sincock. "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. Sincock will take over the regular adminis-

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trative duties on Dec. 21, continue 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

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

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 Southwestinspired paintings by Santa Fe, N.M., artist Michael Atkinson and jewelry designs by Albuquerque, N.M., silver-smith 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 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 3-9 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.

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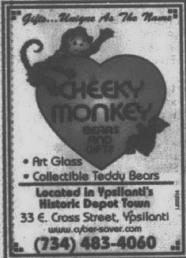
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Horn, along with husband Ken, bought the store in 1993. It has been open since 1989. Horn said the festival is expected to draw "a very nice turnout" into the store. Because the event will be held during peak holiday shopping season, she said she hopes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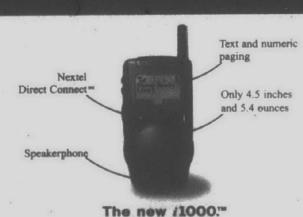
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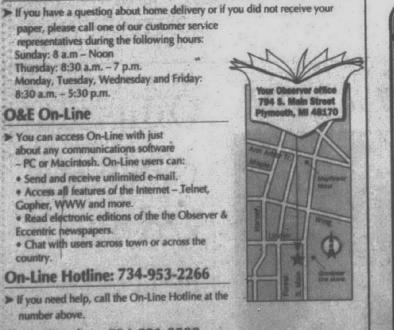
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## Pennies from heaven

## Plymouth students collect change for hurricane relief effort

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

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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 Hon-duras 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 fundraising 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

"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-



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 Hollwecky, 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

"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

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 thirdgrader 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,

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

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

For information on how to help, call (800)

"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 distribut-

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

"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 arersus 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 feel that that's a reasonable disthey'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.

vendor contract would be more way across town to get their 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 replied, "That's quite a few." from the township because we

tance for our citizens to have to

"They've already been in an accident and they have to come (to the station). Why make them Carey contended that a single- a victim twice by having them go

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. "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

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## Bookkeeper goes above, beyond Lynn Culotta, a Central Office bookkeeper, I 'Lynn will never leave a task

received the Extra Miler 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 governmen-

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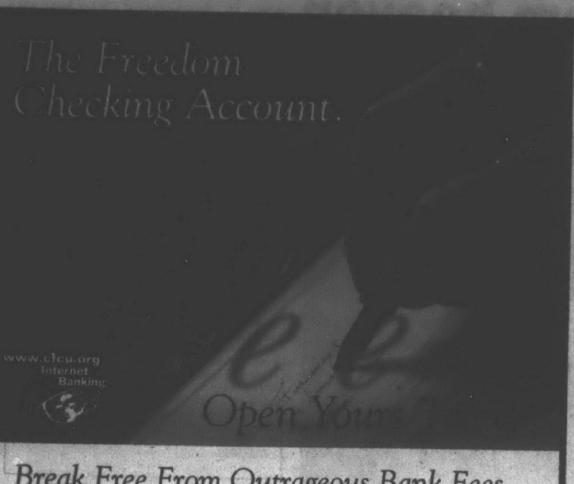
He further stated, "After 22 years in the District, Lynn will be retiring, effective March, 1999. It will be a very difficult task to effectively replace Lynn's knowledge, work ethic, and personality.

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 peo-ple 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 Salva-tion 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

local businesses. The annual fund-raiser runs through Christ-mas and provides about 25 per-cent 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 Fami-ly" program involving the fami-lies they help. Individuals, fami-lies, 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 ople in our shelter have a nice Christmas," said Karen Porter, associate director. "Holiday donations carry us through the

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

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 The fund-raising activities

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■ 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-

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 entally-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 par-

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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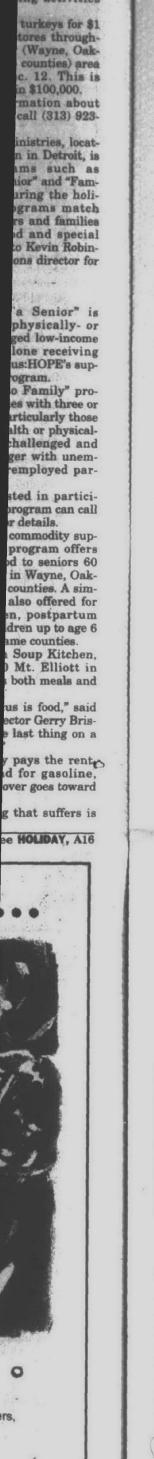
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## Trust fund donations up, local councils get more aid

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

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

According to Strong, the dona-tions 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 shak-

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

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

Additional funding through the checkoff and other direct donations from individuals and corporations will make it possi ble 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

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 ho 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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Plymouth Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock reminds residents to rake any remaining leaves out to the curb for pickup as soon as possible.

"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.

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"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 poli-cy," 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 pri-

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."

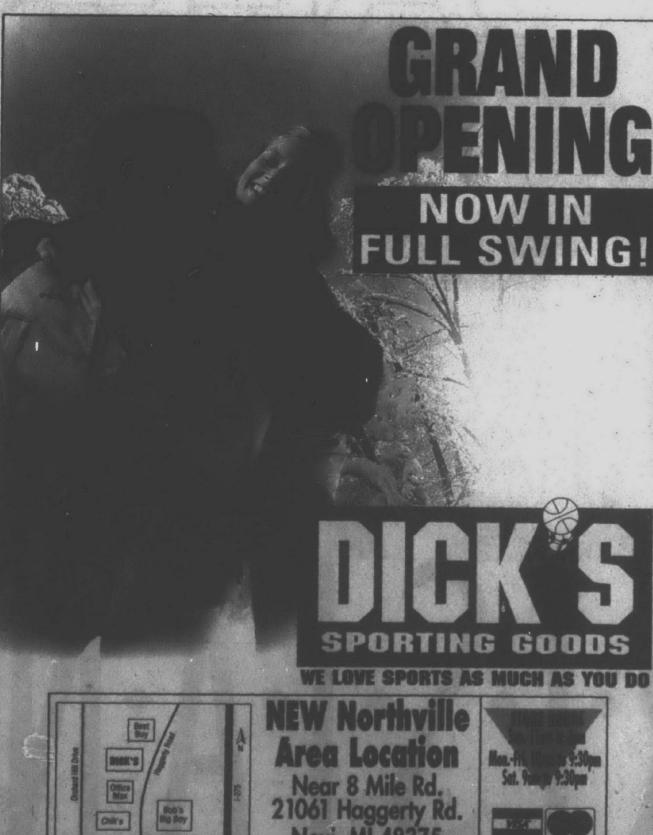
Former Plymouth Mayor Jim McKeon spoke at Monday's meeting against the private meeting.

"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 STAFF WRITER

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 Trans-

portation 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

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, believes a database including road information in the new GIS will allow county commissioners and other 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.

## Madonna tree dedication remembers victims of alcohol, substance abuse

Madonna University students and members of the public can attend the annual Remembrance Tree dedication at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, in the Take 5 Lounge at Madonna University at I-96 and Levan Road in Livo-

The Remembrance Tree is ded-

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

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

Against Drunk Driving at the event.

The ceremony will include the sharing of stories, passages from Scripture, poems and singing.

For information, call (734)

## 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.

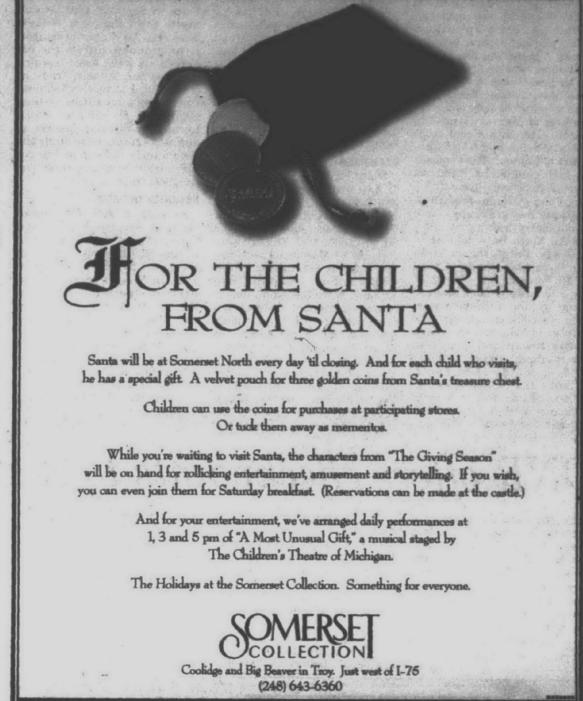
urday on WDIV-Channel 4.

"The Legend of Sleepoing 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 Gijsbert 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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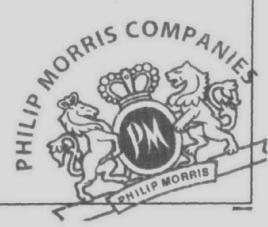
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**MILITARY NEWS** 

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Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeanette M. Jimmerson has graduated from the Air Force No sioned 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 tricare flight supervisor assigned to the 7th Medical Group at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas. She is the daughter of Judy and stepdaughter of Marvin Hopper of Canton. Her father and stepmother 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 Lack-land 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 relaions. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate egree 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 Central High School.

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 air-craft 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.

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 ele-ment. With the combination of

these teams, Littleton's unit sup-plies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplish-ment or clearing the way for folow-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, accord-ing 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.

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 traditions, 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

Army Pvt. Anthony M. Lollio 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. Lollio is the son of Sharon K. and Marco T. Lollio of Plymouth. He is a 1998 graduate of Huron High School, Ann

### MARINE 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. Branim, 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.

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### **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

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"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

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

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## **Utility deregulation**

## How will it affect consumers?

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Q. There's a lot of talk about allowing "competition" in the electricity industry. Does that mean the giants like Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy will get

A. Not quite. Competition, if any, will come at the generator level, not the distributor level. You'd still get your power off Edison lines, for example, but another company could be gener-

Q. Is it true - are local governments trying to get into the utility deregulation act by saying they want to grant franchises to electricity sup-

A. True. The Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association are telling their members to attend seminars and learn how to grant franchises beginning next February.

Q. How do the cities, villages and townships figure they have that right?

A. They held a news conference in Lansing last week and pointed to Art. VII (local government) sec. 29 of the Michigan Constitution. It says: No company operating a public utility has the right to use roads and alley rights of way for wires or "to transact local business therein without first obtaining a franchise from the township, city or village.

Q. What's a franchise?

A. It's the privilege of doing business that a government gives to a company. Other examples are operating a ferry or rail-

Q. Can a government grant more than one company a franchise?

A. Yes. The length is limited to 30 years under the constitution. Q. Presumably the government will ask for fees?

A. Yes, but the locals prefer to call it "an application fee ... a one-time charge to cover the

legal costs of the municipality incurred as a result of entering into a contract with a public utility," according to the MML and

Said MTA's Pat McAvoy: "We've heard local governments are potential obstructionists. It's not our intent."

Q. Will I as a homeowner have the right to pick and choose between electric gen-

A. It doesn't look that way. Customers would work through an "aggregator" to join their electric loads in order to have a load big enough (at least one megawatt) to negotiate a better rate. It would take 500 households to require one megawatt.

An aggregator must obtain a franchise from each local unit in order to transact business, according to the state Public Service Commission. Aggregators look on local franchises as a barrier to competition, according to MML and MTA.

An aggregator could deal with a class of customers - say, all the downtown retailers, or the government itself, especially cities that operate a sewage treatment plant.

Q. Where is the Michigan Legislature in all of this? A. It's hard to say. There has been no public debate in the

lame-duck session. Environmental groups say Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, and Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, are crafting legislation "behind closed doors" with Gov. John Engler and "make no mention of environmental or res-

idential customer protection." Q. Why are environmental groups sounding off?

A. Michigan United Conservation Clubs and friends say, "Competition in electricity markets will create additional markets for old, dirty coal plants, which are the largest single source of harmful air pollution in the country and responsible for about 40 percent of humancaused mercury emissions in Michigan."

Former Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, now president of the Michigan Environmental Council, said, "We could vault to the top of the states trying to protect the environment by reducing coal burning, or tumble to the bottom and become a dirty-coal

Environmentalists warn against the Legislature's taking hasty action in two or three days of a lame-duck session.

Q. Where's the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in all

A. The chamber on Nov. 16 released its own study that concentrated entirely on prices with no mention of the environment or dirty coal.

The chamber's view is that electric energy is a major cost of doing business - \$3.8 billion per year versus just \$2 billion for the single business tax. The chamber long has said Michigan's high electricity costs are an impediment to attracting business. Michigan rates are 15 percent higher than states like Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, the Carolinas and Wisconsin.

The chamber blames one utility - which it doesn't name - for administrative costs that "are

double the industry average." A major issue still is "stranded costs" - that is, the investments utilities have made in plants that it couldn't recover if customers switch to another generating company. Utilities want to recover those costs at customer

Edison, for example, said residential customers could pay 8 percent less in a competitive environment, but it wants to collect 13 percent more to recover stranded costs. In other words, you'd pay more to switch than you would save.

Q. What happens next? A. Your guess. A lot of the dis-

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## Foreign students enjoy school sports scene

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

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

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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 opportunity at school in Gersaid she would not have this

### 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 prepar-ing 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

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> "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 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 Hilfiger," 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 "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 you may

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), Steffe Graber of Germany (Churchill), Ramiro Ortiz of Brazil (Ann Arbor Pioneer) and Neco Do Couto of Brazil (Churchill).

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## S'craft registers for winter semester

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Students with a touch-tone phone and credit card can telephone in their registration by dialing (734) 462-4800. Winter phone-in registration continues

Walk-in registration begins Dec. 7 and continues through Jan. 15, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. The college

Schoolcraft College students now can enroll for winter classes, which begin Saturday, Jan. selor before registering. Students must meet with a country of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday ing the December holiday break, Dec. 28, 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-in registration at the Redeliff Confer takes place. to 4 p.m. Walk-in registration at the Radcliff Center takes place Wednesday, Dec. 9 between 1

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### Students from page A10

high schools gathered with Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high school students to go trick-or treating for the first time. All of the exchange stu-dents said Halloween is not celebrated in their countries.

Brauer said the only holiday they wear costumes for is Easter, when young people dress up like witches and wizards. It is not considered a religious holi-

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Jana Doroshko of Estonia, a junior attending Plymouth Salem High School, said they wear costumes to celebrate the

Even through there are differences between the schools and cultures here, area exchange student coordinators find simiarities and match the students

with families where they think the newcomers will be most comfortable.

Gideon and Lynne Levenbach of Plymouth Township have been placing exchange students with host families in the Wayne County area for 10 years and have hosted an exchange student in their home. Gideon says they work very hard to match the students with the right fam-

Brauer's host brother is Rob Welch, a senior at Plymouth Salem and the tri-captain of the football team. Welch notices a match with his new brother.

"I think they did a great job of pairing us up. He fits into our family, fits into the football team and the school," he said, "We have so much pop culture

"I think of Brauer as a brother, and once in a while I even a big expense. catch myself saying 'Mom wants us home at a certain time'," he

Another difference for the exchange students are the hous-

"Eighty to 90 percent of the exchange students live in flats, not single-family houses with yards," said Gideon Levenbach.

**Enjoys** the changes

Host parent Jim Pratt of Westland has welcomed Mariana Aydos of Brazil into his home. Pratt recommends hosting to all families.

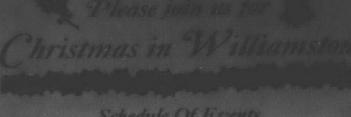
"We enjoy the change in the house. She is the daughter my wife always wanted. I think everybody should try it (hostPratt added that hosting is not

The Levenbachs are always

looking for host families. For the exchange of room and board, Gideon Levenbach says, a family "will have an experience they will never forget." The students come with there own medical insurance and pay for their own toiletries, vacations, restaurant meals, stamps and phone calls.

The Levenbachs look for 16 host families every year. They work with three agencies overseas: Program of Academic Exchange, International Education Forum and the Counsel of International Education Exchange.

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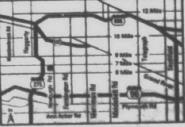
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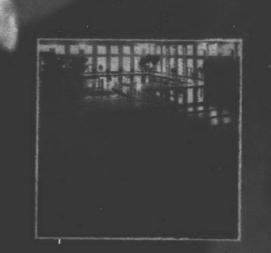
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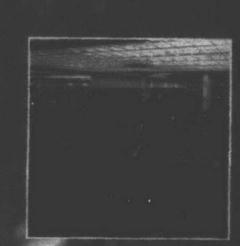
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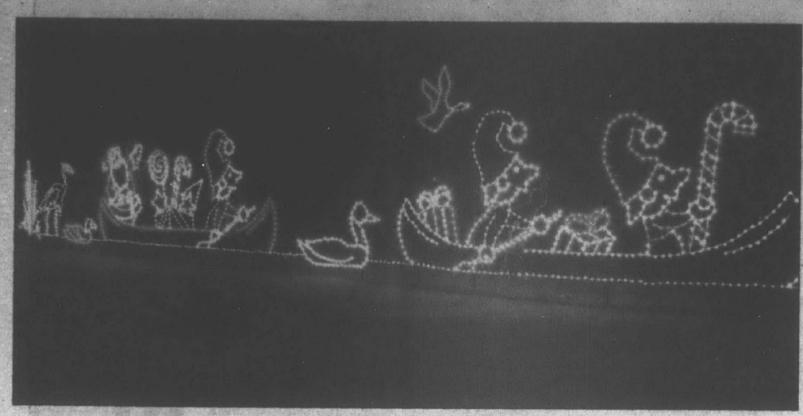
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Wayne County LightFest billed as "the Midwest's largest holiday show" features 39 giant displays and nearly a million

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

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

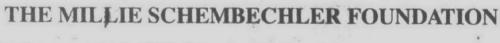
At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping, and, after Nov. 25, they can get a picture taken with Santa Claus.

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 TarM 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 Merri-**

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

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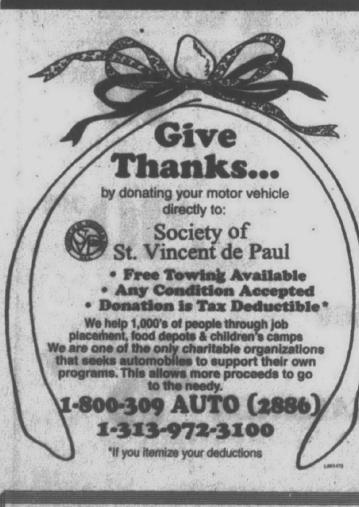


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### **OBSERVER NEWS ROUNDUP**

Livonia's Holiday Parade "It's a Winter Wonderland" is ready to hit Plymouth Road Saturday with an estimated 2,000 people and more than 80 groups registered to participate. The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Plymouth Road just east of Merriman Road and heads east to the parking lot of Wonderland Mall. Look for five marching bands, a Drum & Fife Corps, a unicycle club, several dance troupes, a wheelchair drill team, a Model A restorers club and more to join Santa and Mrs. Claus at the event.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel School students in Plymouth 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 children's fund-raising goal is between \$300 and \$500.

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.

CANTON

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band took 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. More than 22,000 spectators watched 81 top high school bands from 14 states, including eight from Michigan, performed during the three-day competition that narrowed the field down to 32 semifinalists, then to the 12 highest-scoring

Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band to advance to the Saturday evening finals competi-

The band's show this year, "America, Land of the Free," was a dramatic portrayal of this country's struggle for civil

### REDFORD

A Redford magician believes Toyota's going to love what his wizardry does for them.

John R. Pullum, a 28-year-old prestidigitator whose combination of sleight-of-hand, comedy extra-sensory perception (ESP) and hypnotism have made him internationally known in just five years, has been tabbed by the big Japanese automobile manufacturer to perform in car shows across the United States this fall and winter.

So far, Pullum is scheduled to perform at the Phoenix, Ariz., auto show later this month, Washington, D.C., around New Year's and San Diego in late March-early April.

### VESTLAND

JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT

Twenty-four high school senior young women will competing Saturday for the title of Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in Stockmeyer Performing Arts Center next to Wayne Memorial High School in

Ticket donations for the program are \$7 and can be purchased at the door on the night

In addition to the title and chance to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss finals, the girls will vie for scholarships and awards totaling more than

### **GARDEN CITY**

Vic's Diner, on Middlebelt north of Ford, will provide free turkey or ham dinners from 3-6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. The first 90 minutes will be reserved for low-income and homeless persons while the last 90 minutes will be open to the public.

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that began practice before the last school year ended. Their efforts earned them every Flight I first-place trophy and all captions for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect, as well as all overall high score trophies in their four Michigan competitions and at the State Championships on Nov. 7 when they scored a 94.65.

"All year long, they have been working incredibly hard," said McGrath, and the three-day national competition was no exception. More than 12 hours of practice were sandwiched between the band's three BOA performances.

"Their shows were each progressively bet-ter," said Rinehart. "At this level it is totally about commitment and concentration and training." Plus, he added, the adrenaline

"When you are prepared for something, adrenaline will make it go over the top," he said. "When you are unprepared, it will work against you. They were definitely prepared. They gave it up and the kids and the staff

The staff and student reaction left little doubt of that. "Incredible, awesome," were the first words that alto saxophonist Steve McLain could think of to describe how he felt about his band's performance.

"It was the most amazing experience of my entire life," said senior color guard member Erica Davis. Junior clarinetist Jessica McLellan said,

"It was the best we've ever done." "I feel great," said senior drum major Kay Gallinger. "I think they could not have done

any better. They put their heart and soul

For senior percussionist Julie McGuire, the hard work paid off. "It was more than worth it. I would do it 80 times more. It's great when you see your instructors jumping 20 feet off the ground."

"They were incredible! I just couldn't be more proud of them. It's a tribute to all their hard work and their parents' and the staff's. It's a total team effort."

David McGrath -PCEP band director

McGrath had nothing but kudos for those instructors, designers and arrangers who make up his staff. "They do incredible things," he said. "They are committed to excellence and maintaining a standard with the students in a very educationally sound

"If you talk to any one of the students, they'll say that all the sacrifices were worth it because that was 10 minutes of magic on the field tonight."

## Respected O&E carrier dies

A memorial service for Betty Ann Kane, 72, of Plymouth will be 11a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, in First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth

She was born on Sept. 29, 1926, in Detroit. She died on Nov. 15 in Plymouth Township. She worked in management at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. she retired after 39 years of service. She was involved in civil defense during a portion of her employment. She was an adult carrier for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Canton and Plymouth for the last six years. She was recently honored at the Carrier of the Year ban-



**Betty Anne Kane** 

quet with a special plaque for eing an outstanding carrier. She enjoyed flower arranging, making baskets, needlepoint. and gardening.

Survivors included her sister, Kathy Cline of Plymouth; nieces; nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews.

### **OBITUARIES**

Services for Carl J. Malik, 80, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Livonia, were Nov. 18 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

He was born Oct. 10, 1918, in Westland. He died on Nov. 14 in Grand Rapids. He was

owner/partner of Malik Heating in Westland from 1952 until 1982. He was married to his wife, Doris, for 54 years.

Survivors include his wife. Doris (Bridger) Malik of Grand Rapids; and three daughters, Bonnie Quarandillo of Grand Rapids, Toni Johnstone of Farmington Hills, Janet (James) Agius of Birmingham.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Grand Rapids, MI

SOPHIE GRZYWACZ

Private family services for Sophie Grzywacz, 82, of Westland were held in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Ply-

mouth. She was born March 29, 1916, in Detroit. She died on Nov. 14 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and a sales clerk at the Hudson's store in Northland Center, Southfield. She moved to Port

Richey, Fla., from Detroit 21 years ago; moved to Howell one year ago; and moved to Westland one month ago: She was a member of the Pascoe County Polish Club in Florida, and loved to garden in her free time.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael B. in 1994. Survivors include her two sons, Richard M. (Pat) Grzywacz of Plymouth, Michael J. (Diane) Grzywacz of Hamburg Town-

ship; two sisters, Cathleen Bender of Wyandotte, Loraine Lipski of Beverly Hills, Fla.; five grand-children, Darlene (Robert) Bacyinski of Plymouth, Debra (Robert) Hill of Kinross, Richard J. Grzywacz of Plymouth, Keith (Jessica) Grzywacz of Dewitt, Ross Grzywacz of Hamburg Township; and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Angela Hospice, Livonia.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of ce to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: McLaughlin
Staff Present: Durack, Minghine, Santomauro, Casari, Weyer, Pomorski,
Cripes, Mutchler, Tanner, Voyles, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF AGENDA General Calendar Item 1, Consider Amendment No. 2 to the Willow Creek PUD, and Item 2, Consider Site Plan for Arden Courts Elderly Housing, were

deleted from the agenda at the request of the petitioner. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of October 20, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of October 27, 1998 as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly. Abstain: Yack

PAYMENT OF BILLS lotion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented.

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Fire Fund	206	73,798.12
Police Fund	207	109,933.70
Community Center Fund	208	30,718.37
Golf Course Fund	211	5,833.74
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,917.16
Cable TV Fund	230	1,429.02
Community Improvement Fund	246	10,581.05
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	4,181.47
Federal Grants Funds	274	6,002.53
State Projects Fund	289	32.13
Downtown Development Auth.	294	11.99
Retiree Benefits	296	6,873.10
Public Improvements	245	127.50
Blg. Auth. Debt Fund	369	15.00
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	2,777.54
Blg. Auth. Construction Fund	469	4,248.03
Water & Sewer Fund	592	142,758.44
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,663.00
Construction Escrow	702	76,700.00
Tonquish Creek Storm Drain	804	196,249.56
Koppernick Corp. Park	812	416,591.33
S. Haggerty Paving	815	17.040.40
Total		1,442,777.98

PRESENTATIONS Supervisor Yack introduced Todd Mutchler and presented him with the Supervisor Yack introduced Eddie Tanner and presented him with the

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:10 P.M. to consider a grant award contract or the U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. After giving a brief overview Supervisor

Yack asked for public comments. Hearing no comments, Yack asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:13

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program Award Contract which includes \$32,700 of Federal funds and a \$3,634 local match. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to make appointments to the Senior Advisory Council. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the transfer of \$130,690 from Public Improvement Fund #245 to Community Improvement Fund #246 for the Independence Park lot paving project. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Palmer Road Paving Assessment Debt Service Fund to cover increased bonu paying agent fees:

Increase Revenues: #863-000-655-2000 Interest on Savings Appropriation from Fund Balance #863-000-699-0000 Increase Appropriations:

#863-905-998-0000 Paying Agent Fees #863-905-998-0000 \$ 25
This budget amendment increases the Palmer Road Paying Special
Assessment Debt Service Fund budget from \$82,860 to \$82,885.

GENERAL CALENDAR Item 1, Consider Amendment No. 2 to the Willow Creek PUD, and Item 2, Consider Site Plan for Arden Courts Elderly Housing, were deleted from the

agenda at the request of the petitioner.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to awar, the bid for the \$3,480,000 Charter Township of Canton 1998 Special Assessment Bonds (LTGO) to the low bidder EVEREN Securities Inc., in association with Old Kent Bank, and adopt the attached Awarding Resolution. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack Absent:

AWARDING RESOLUTION Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan (the "Issuer"), held on the 10th day of November 1998 at 7 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time. Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack Abeent: McLaughlin

Absent: McLaughlin

'The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member LaJoy:

WHEREAS. November 10, 1998 at 11 o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the Issuer's \$3,480,000 1998 Special Assessment Bonds (Limited Tax General

AND WHEREAS, said bids have been publicly opened and read; AND WHEREAS, the bids attached hereto and made a part hereof have

been received.

AND WHEREAS, the bid of EVEREN Securities Inc., in association with

Old Kent Bank has been determined to produce the lowest interest cost to Publish: November 19, 1968

the Issuer.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The bid of EVEREN Securities Inc., in association with Old Kent Bank,

as above stated, be and the same is hereby accepted.

2. Checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to each bidder's

representative or be registered mail. 3. The Issuer hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from adjusted gross income for general federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the 'Code'), including, but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of

arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. 4. The Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Finance Director are each authorized to execute a Continuous Disclosure Undertaking with respect to the Bonds and with respect to the Issuer's obligation pursuant to SEC Rule

5. The Preliminary Official Statement for the Bond is hereby approved.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack

ABSENT: McLaughlin
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on November 10, 1998, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the 1999 budget for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment Debt Service Fund 854

**Total Revenues** Total Expenditures \$226,228

Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the following 1999 budget for the Koppernick Corporate Park Special Assessment Debt Service Fund 852: \$175,290 Total Revenues

Total Expenditures \$175,290

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to purchase one 1999 Ford four-wheel-drive Expedition from Varsity Ford at a cost of \$28,626.12. The funds for this purchase would come from account number 592-000-142-0000 from the 1998FY. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award Building Company for the Phase I of the construction to the Western Wayne Auto Theft facility at 44508 Geddes Road in the amount of \$170,170.00 plus a contingency of 10 percent for a total not to exceed \$187,187.00. Motion carried Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to hereby agree with the order

from the hearing officer for 42195 Glen Arbor. The property owner, Mrs. Betty Lamb, must comply with this order within 60-days from this date, or if demolition is ordered an additional twenty-one (21) days shall apply. Motion Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize Greeley and Hansen,

consulting engineering firm, to provide for review of the YCUA plant expansion feasibility study and to provide a feasibility study for a treatment plant in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to finance the installation, by Wayne County Road Commission, of fiber optic changeable message signage on N. Haggerty for Eriksson School, on S. Haggerty for Field School, and on Sheldon for Gallimore School, for the cost of \$75,000. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the expenditure of an additional \$980.23 for the purchase of office furniture from BT Office Products

International, Warren, MI. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of 14-laptop computers (that will meet or exceed our required specifications) from Dynamic Computer Corp., Livonia, MI for a cost not to exceed \$94,619.00 and modems from Jason Price (Micro America), Royal Oak, MI at a cost not to exceed \$9,493.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to replace the current continuing part-time clerk position in Police with a full-time Clerk Typist I position and to create and fill a new continuing part-time clerk position in Police. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Special Incentive Award in the amount of \$1,500 to Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the creation and filling of the Banquet and Conference Center Coordinator and Banquet and Conference Center Specialist positions pending Merit Commission approval.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the attendance of the Community Center Manager and Operations Manger at Catering Update 99 in New Orleans on January 9 - 13, 1999 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per

person. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve Yellow Pages advertising in the West/Northwest and Downriver directories for Summit on the Park in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 to Ameritech Publishing, Inc., of Livonia. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve an expenditure of \$2,160 to increase the purchase order to Gezald Alcock Company to conduct additional work for the appraisal on the Coleman Trust Property. Motion

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, that the position of DDA/Community Development Coordinator be created and filled after January 1, 1999. Motion carried. OTHER

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a study session on Trustee Burdziak asked if Supervisor Yack could get the Board and update on Griffin Property and the ice arena.

ADJOURN Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 10, 1998 the text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 24, 1998

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

## Holidays from page A4

food, and during holiday times,

The soup kitchen, founded in 1929, distributes 1,200 food baskets on Thanksgiving and 1,200 on Christmas plus serves meals to about 3,200 people on each day. Funding comes mainly from private donations, with about 10 percent coming from corporations. Capuchin, through its two kitchens and pantry, serves about 1.1 million meals annual-

ly. About 800 volunteer hours are provided each month. On a typical day, about 150

people a day receive meals from Capuchin

Like the other charity organizations, Capuchin is always seeking volunteers, cash, nonperishable food, toys and winter clothing.

For more information about Capuchin programs, call (313) 579-2100.

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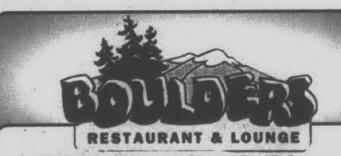
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### STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Oct. 7 - (Far left) Carrie huddles with teacher Jan Sutherland, who also advises the student senate and Students Against Druni 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 Ply-mouth physical therapist's office. (Left) Oct. 2 - Carrie (center) talks with Janell Tweitmeyer (left) prior to the Plymouth Can-ton 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

Senior from page A1

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 Col-

lege.
"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 medi-cal 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 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.

"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

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

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.

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## Right to know

## Open Meetings Act people's law

ast Thursday, the Plymouth City Com-mission got together with a paid consul-ment (a therapist) to get in touch with ch other after months of childish behavior that culminated with the firing of City Manager Steve Walters. After their 90 minutes were up, the group decided a three-day "touchyfeely" retreat was needed to resolve their dif-

Although the commission was never shy of stabbing each other in the back while the press was watching, the officials suddenly ecame self-conscious about discussing their problems in the public arena. That's when commissioners began discussing how to meet in a quorum without being regulated under Michigan's Open Meetings Act. Two of the commissioners suggested violating state law. After all, the penalty isn't much of a hindrance, they said. It is a misdemeanor punishable by fines up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail plus legal expenses.

We're offended that city leaders can have such a disregard for the law. We wonder what they would think if city residents had the same attitude. Why should motorists abide by the 25 mph speed limit on Main Street? Why not just park in handicapped parking spots or urinate on the front lawn of city hall? After all, how much is a ticket for breaking city

ordinance anyway? In the last two months, the city commission has violated the Open Meetings Act three times in our opinion: 1) meeting in subquorum groups with a female employee who accused the mayor of improper sexual advances, 2) telephoning each other in an attempt to obtain four votes to get rid of Walters, and 3) meeting behind closed doors to negotiate a settlement

with Walters. The city also refuses to turn over documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act pertaining to Walters' negotiated settlement.

The Open Meetings Act is law. It's about the people's right to know. Back in 1776, a document was written to form a government "for the people and by the people." The city belongs to all the residents who live within its boundaries. It's the people's city. It's not the city of Dave McDonald, Dennis Shrewsbury. Don Dismuke, Joe Koch, Colleen Pobur, Stella Greene or Ron Loiselle. These people were elected to represent you - as bankers, accountants, insurance agents, recreation and trash coordinators. They are overseers of the services residents see every day. How they get along and function as a group is your business. It affects the day to day operations. And the people have a right to know what they are

With the first issue all said and done there is a second issue here: Can group counseling help this commission?

An idealist may think there's a grain of hope if each does some serious soul searching and is willing to give of themselves. As realists, we wonder if there will ever be that warm fuzzy feeling among them.

The fact is three of these commissioners will be term-limited out in November and three new commissioners will be coming on board. Time seems to be running out to justify spending up to \$3,600 out of taxpayers' money for a conflict resolution consultant. Maybe, everyone needs to just use some common sense, professional courtesy t as they ride out the next 12 months.



### LETTERS

### **Help save butterflies**

as anyone noticed there haven't been as many butterflies or honeybees this year as there used to be? Scientific magazines are now telling us that pollinators of our crops are in peril and declining food crops are anticipated if nothing is done. The causes are habitat loss, pesticides and parasites. This could have a domino effect on our birds also. Not to mention food prices in the near future.

There are things that can be done to help. Such as: During warmer months, our highway administration should allow roadways to go natural, with just an area for emergency stops. Mowers could be put to work repairing

People in the subdivisions that eliminated habitat and who care enough might consider planting larvae plant foods, such as milkweed and dill in their garden fringes, to help our butterflies survive. Everyone needs to use pesticides and herbicides little as possible.

Developers could include small areas of attractive nectar flowers in their developments. Because if this decline continues not only will we no longer see our beautiful butterflies and the birds who need them to exist, but food prices will spiral upward and food shortages could occur. Your favorite food might be impacted. Everyone needs to help.

> Rosita Smith Plymouth

### **Great loss**

ave served on the Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals for the past eight years. During this time, I have had many discussions with Steve Walters on zoning procedures and the overall development of Plymouth. I always found his advice helpful, and appreciated his knowledge on city government issues. Steve always had positive words when speaking about the future of Plymouth.

If relations between the commissioners and the city manager were strained, perhaps the board should have examined how to improve the relationship, rather than remove the manager. Differences of opinions and personality conflicts are natural within any group. However, the ultimate rating of Steve's performance should have been based upon his many accomplishments within the community.

The commissioners and Steve have reached a settlement that both agree is in the best interest of the city. That may be true. But the city has lost a dedicated person who had over 25 years of local government experience.

Gerald Sabatini Plymouth

### Above the law?

he Plymouth city commissioners are beyond any help a conflict resolution con-

sultant might give. If the quotes in the paper ("what are they going to do fire me?" "we violated the law, now get out of here") are any indication of your leadership skills, I understand why you would want your retreat to be secret. Are you so arrogant that you feel you are above the law?

As for your need to spend money on teambuilding and conflict resolution, it would be in the taxpayers best interest if that came out of your pocket - not mine. I worked in management training for a number of years and unless you have a long term training plan with specific objectives in mind, you are just throwing your money out there to walk away with that warm, fuzzy feeling we all get after attending a workshop.

You do not deserve to spend a minimum of \$3,600 to find out how you can work with people you don't like or trust. Here's some advice and it's free - act like professionals and not a bunch of competitive/oppositional finger pointers. There will always be people you don't like that you are forced to work with; true leaders keep the goals and objectives of the city foremost in their mind, and lead the group with achievement-oriented thoughts and deeds.

So let's fire you and replace you with a group that doesn't get all tied up in petty, personal differences.

**Kathy Depp** Plymouth

### Land sale is disturbing

n certain counties in Ohio, about 40 landowners are receiving incentives from soil and water conservation districts to stop short of farming to the edge of their property. They grow a filter strip of wild grass that filters out a lot of pesticides and herbicides before they reach Lake Erie.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is working on collecting native prairie grass seed which will be used to restore native prairie ecosystems in various state parks and state game areas. These programs are encouraging, as we need grasslands, in addition to wetlands and forests.

However, the DNR is planning to auction 5,600 acres of state forest land in northern Michigan for an industrial and commercial park, some of which is in the AuSable State Forest. It is disturbing to learn that our public land may be sold for private use.

> Janet Wojna Plymouth

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## Band's feat is noteworthy

Being a newspaper staff, we confess to an occasional streak of cynicism. So it's easy to forget - or even dismiss - real accomplishments when they cross our desk. Especially if they happen with such regularity that we just shrug our shoulders and move on to the next item. That's usually the case with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

The PCEP marchers have been so good for so long that it would be easy not to take notice. But today the Observer is singling out all 205 band members, their instructors, parents and boosters for special recognition.

The PCEP band went to Indianapolis last weekend to compete in the Bands of American Grand National Championships and finished second out of 81 bands from 14 states. It was the band's best performance since winning back-to-back national championships in 1990-91. A high school from Marietta, Ga., finished first overall and shared first-place with PCEP for Outstanding Visual Performance.

This year's show, "America, Land of the Free," focuses on more the 100 years of the civil rights struggle. It has garnered top marks from judges at local, regional and state competitions throughout the fall. "All year long, they've been working incredibly hard,"

said David McGrath, PCEP band director. after Saturday's final performance. In fact, the band worked in 12 hours of practice time during the three-day competition at the RCA

Their accomplishments are even more noteworthy when you take into account that music students in Plymouth-Canton and other districts are often academic achievers and involved in other extracurricular activities as

Of course, the PCEP band has been a consistent top-10 finisher in national competiions for more than a decade. Along the way, band members have marched for presidential campaign stops and at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. Graduates have marched in bands at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and other top schools.

As with every top-notch band, PCEP parents and family members do much of the work behind the scenes and spend tireless hours on fund-raising so that trips like last weekend's are possible. With that level of dedication, it's easy to see why the band has enjoyed such

long-term success.

Take a bow, PCEP marchers. You deserve

## Education held in highest regard

There's an ironic twist to an old quotation attributed to Mark Twain, America's foremost man of letters in the 19th Century.

When I was a boy on the Mississippi River, there was a proposition in a township to discontinue public schools because they were too expensive. An old farmer spoke up and said if they stopped building the schools, they would not save anything because every time a school was closed, a jail had to be built."

The irony is that Michigan prison inmates are complaining about the discontinuity and lack of course offerings for those who want to earn high school diplomas or GED certificates.

The problem is immediate. The Michigan Legislature passed a law this year requiring every capable inmate seeking a parole to have a high school diploma or GED. Prison inmates know, sometimes better than us on the outside, that if you can't get the courses, you can't earn the diploma, and you can't get out and

The thought strikes home as we observe American Education Week, Few nations in the world have lifted themselves up by their social, economic and political hoststraps through the education system as has the United States of America.

Once, American farmers were among the least efficient in the world, earning subsis■ The states declared education to be a state interest, not just a frill.

tence livings. Under President Abraham Lincoln, the nation set up land grant colleges and agricultural extension services to make American farmers the most efficient in the world and our people the best fed.

American states, beginning with Michigan in the 1830s, made a commitment to free public education. The states declared education to be a state interest, not just a frill.

If public education is a state interest, it isn't a monopoly. American states have refused to outlaw private schools, parochial schools and even "home schooling." Non-public schools are regulated with a very light hand.

Our system has deliberately targeted the brightest for college - and succeeded. If in the process we neglected job training for the rest, we have been in the process of making amends during the last 10 years.

If America is beautiful for amber waves of grain and fruited plains, it's also beautiful because it has educated its people, through idealism and taxes, in how to manage and preserve its natural assets. As the Michigan Constitution decrees, "schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

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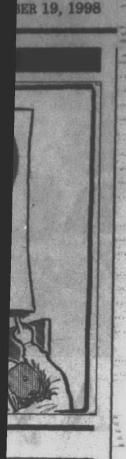
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### POINTS OF VIEW

## Hero worship ride often turns out to be a round-trip trek

ber sky, I couldn't help but wonber sky, I couldn't help but won-der if John Glenn could blow some high heat past Mark McGwire. Would Glenn have The Right Stuff to end the new Home Run King back to the bench just shaking his head, or would Big Mac be all over the space geezer's best offerings and put a rocket shot of his own into orbit? It would be an interesting matchup to settle the crown of The New American Hero.

Both men have ridden a wave of headlines into the record books and into the hearts of millions of people. They've not just reached hero status because of their deeds, it has also been due to both a "hero vacuum" in America, and, I think, a real yearning for the simpler times of the early

McGwire's home run chase took us back to the summer of 1961 when Yankee great Roger Maris knocked 61

he became the first American to orbit the earth. No knock on either one of these men, but the true value of their respective feats is in the nostalgia.

The innocence of that time is frozen in a memory of my first-grade class standing outside looking up trying to see Alan Shepard's dinky little spacecraft a few thousand miles away.

McGwire's record may stand for all time, but it is still only baseball: a too-slow game played by too-rich guys in too-expensive stadiums. And if any old guy other than John Glenn went up in the shuttle, we wouldn't be paying any more attention to this flight than to the other 90-plus shuttle

So, all in all, I think it's fair to ask What are we average American people really getting out of this?" Well, the only people whose lives have





**GARY BELANGER** 

changed because of McGwire's home run record are the guy who caught the record-breaking home run ball and the ones who had homers bounce off their heads. Let's face it, your life and my life really didn't change much because it is, after all, only baseball. He didn't cure 70 diseases or settle 70 international conflicts.

As for Glenn, the scientific value of

his work may be open to question, but | demic. Those times seemed so good it wouldn't be any different if it were | because we didn't know, or, perhaps, another 77-year-old up there. John Glenn's status as a hero was cemented into history during a five-hour ride on Feb. 20, 1962

What we as a county are getting out of all this is 1961 and 1962. We are getting the chance to revisit a time when it was easier to tell who our heroes were. We're stepping back to when it was easier to tell the good guys from the bad guys. It was America and the Soviet Union, cowboys and Indians, and cops and robbers.

Of course, a lot of that thinking has turned out to be either stupid, bigoted or naive, but nobody knew that back then. Now, all the hats come in slightly varying shades of

The period of 1961 and 1962 was before President Kennedy was killed, before Vietnam, before the drug epididn't care how bad they were.

There weren't the ubiquitous media probing into every corner of their lives. Heroes then didn't need to worry about undergoing a media autopsy while in the prime of their glory. Now, the media, particularly cable news shows, pour out so much information about the rich and famous that any would-be heroes fall into one of two categories: tainted or

A couple of months ago we slipped back in time to circle the bases with Mark McGwire, and then we slipped back again with John Glenn to circle the globe. But these journeys into the past are round trips, and they soon bring you back to where you took off.

Redford resident Gary Belanger may be reached at (734) 953-2045;

## Life in the great outdoors offers solitude without loneliness

t's good to know that our beloved legislators - with prison populations, failing charter schools, public health and wetlands to worry about can lighten up and contemplate more important things in life.

Each session day, a member of the Michigan House and Senate leads his/her respective chamber in prayer. On Nov. 10, it was the turn of Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, a devoted outdoorsman. His invocation, as printed in the Senate Journal:

"Lord, we give thanks for the seasons. Those of romance, planning, harvest and politics are past. Deer hunters give thanks that theirs is here at last.

"We hunt deer because we love to, and we love the environs where deer are found, which are invariably beautiful.

"Because all the television commercials, cocktail parties and assorted

social posturing we have to endure that we will escape.

"Because in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, our hunting is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion.

"Because deer do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, they respond to quietude, humility and endless

"Because we suspect that people are going along this way for the last time, we don't want to waste the trip. Mercifully, there are no telephones in most deer blinds, certainly not mine, because only in the woods can we find solitude without loneliness; because libations out of an old tin cup taste better out there.

"And finally, not because we regard hunting as being so terribly important, but because we suspect that so



TIM RICHARD

many of the other concerns are equally unimportant and nowhere near as much fun, we give thanks. Amen."

Dingell's prayer is not totally original. It's parodied from Robert Traver's "Trout Madness" which appeared in the 1960s. Traver was the pen name of John Voelker, who quit the state Supreme Court so he could return to his beloved trout ponds in God's country, area code 906, the Upper Peninsula. Voelker had his

One needn't be a hunter or trout fisherman to appreciate what Dingell and Traver are talking about. Although deer are fairly common. even in Wayne County, I count it a charmed day when I see one.

Somewhere I read that the Chippewa Indians said a prayer of tribute when they killed a deer or bear. They addressed the deer as "brother" and promised to use his meat and byproducts only for their own nourishment and shelter, never for wastage. I suspect Dingell's invocation was written in the same spirit.

No longer do we have wolves to prey on the deer herds, control their numbers and cull the weak ones. Either we let them overpopulate and starve, mow them down with our sport-utility vehicles, or hunt them graciously and with the reverence of the Chippewa.

Were you bothered that they named that glitzy, neon-lit megamall "Great Lakes Crossing," with its artificial nature themes? By the way, I found out what they were so anxious to finish it by Nov. 12. It wasn't so the lemmings could flock up I-75 to visit. The bosses figured that the construction workers would evaporate to the northland Nov. 15, the opening of deer season. Construction workers have their priorities straight.

My own ecological preference is for rivers. Sheila the Wonder Dog prefers rivers because she can wade them. cross them or swim out to greet canoeists. She's an Australian shepherd but thinks she's a Labrador retriever. Sheila frequently disturbs my fly-fishing, but that's OK; she needs her fun, too.

"Solitude without loneliness." Tim Richard's voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

## Dems need other voices as well

he caller was a well-known columnist for a Detroit daily newspaper.

"Things can scarcely get worse for the Democratic Party," he started off. "First, Fieger gets whomped by Engler. Then Democrats lose the House and their working majority on the Supreme Court. Come New Year's, the Republicans will be in control of the entire apparatus of state government. When are ordinary people going to take the party back from the UAW?"

Good question. It's especially good because the folks atop organized labor in Michigan continue to refuse to speak to reporters from either Detroit daily newspapers on the grounds that the newspapers conducted unfair labor practices in winning the strike. "No scab newspapers" conveniently means not having to answer potentially embarrassing questions from curious reporters.

Those Democrats who do speak to reporters are generally unanimous in asserting that their party needs to be "revitalized," a code word meaning easing the organized labor's stranglehold. Non-labor party activists have been complaining for years that organized labor would rather control the party apparatus top to bottom rather than share power and win elections.

It was not always thus. Way back in the 1950s, Democratic Party Chairman Neil Staebler, Gov. G. Mennen Williams and UAW President Walter Reuther worked out a kind of collective leadership for the party. Organized labor had a seat at the table, to be sure, but other groups - blacks, women, farmers, even business and professional people - also sat in. Decisions might be contentious, but no one group dominated.

It worked. Democrats experienced great success for more than a decade. Then gradually for organized labor and especially in the UAW, the idea got around that it was more "responsible" for labor to run things directly without going through the inconvenient process of consulta-

The problem now for reform-minded Democrats is they lack a suitable forum in which to discuss their grievances and work out a plan to take back their party.

The traditional way political parties reach conclusions is by holding conventions, ostensibly a gathering of all party members, whose decisions would be binding on the leadership. But organized labor still dominates party conventions - often by paying members to attend and busing cadres to convention sites and putting them up in hotels.

One method might be to adopt a system used in England to great effect by Tony Blair while



PHILIP POWER

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he was wrenching the Labor Party out of the thrall of organized labor and converting it into a successful, middle-class party.

The Labor Party operates through conventions, much like our own parties, but there is also something called the Parliamentary Labor Party, consisting of all Labor members of Parliament. Unlike the British trade unions, Labor Party MPs have a common and compelling interest in winning elections. In the English system, that's the only way they get the power to form a government.

Maybe Michigan Democrats should hold a convocation of all elected Democratic officeholders. Their overriding common bond - an interest in reforming the party so as to win elections - would provide them a good starting point to analyze what's going wrong with the Democratic Party. Their collective standing as Democratic officeholders might immunize them against retribution by organized labor.

Moreover, many Democratic Party officeholders are themselves members of unions. Their presence at a convocation would serve as proof that, as a practical matter, any move to reform the Michigan Democratic Party must include organized labor as an important part of the

For years now, organized labor has been at the center of the Michigan Democratic Party. The problem is that it has been a center without any circumference. Figuring out how to include other folks is the essential first step in any process of reform.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047. Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: ppower@oeonline.com



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## Holiday travel advice: Arrive early

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Doing little things like filling but identification cards on luggage at home before arriving at the airport can save time and is one less thing to worry about before leaving town, said Brian assaline, airport spokesman.

"If you are traveling on a domestic flight, you also should arrive at the airport at least two hours before your departure time, and if you fly an international flight, you should be here three hours before the flight leaves," Lassaline said.

Last year Detroit Metro serviced 31.6 million passengers, up 6 percent from 1996. That makes Metro the eighth busiest North American airport, according to passenger traffic statistics.

Metro officials continue to work to improve Metro's reputation and customer service. In the past year, the curbside space near the Davey Terminal in front of the Northwest facility has been tripled to allow for more vehicles for relatives and friends to drop

off air travelers.
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vehicles can use Travelthe inner lane for dropoff and pickups, which will help family and friends for airport's dropoffs and pickups of pas-sengers," Las-saline said.

Travelers will notice green-vested customer service agents, who are Wayne County employees available to

answer questions and give directions to gates. A new information center was opened between Concourse C and D to assist travel-

U.S. Customs, Immigration and Agriculture can now process 1,200 travelers an hour after 30,000 square feet of space was added to the Berry International

Improvements also include an extension of Concourse C, which includes the construction of six additional gates and a rampside shuttle stop. Between Concourses C and D, a new moving walkway was added to ease passenger

A new rampside shuttle bus service will help passengers with connecting flights.

Twenty of the airport's 65 restrooms have been renovated. "Fixtures, faucets and sinks have

been replaced," Lassaline said.

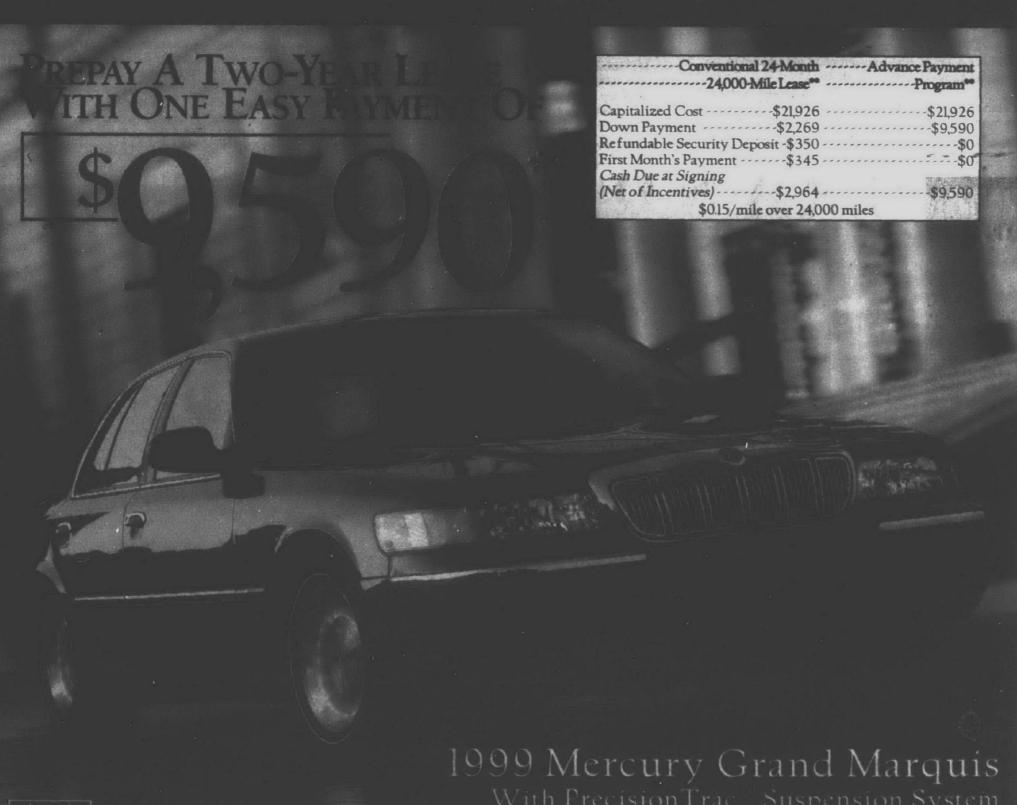
Lassaline advises people to call their airlines to confirm arrival and departure times. Travelers can call the airport's 24-hour parking hotline at 1-800-642-1978. Detroit Metro houses about 12,000 parking spaces.

"While most people are plea-sure travelers at this time of year and will be using curbside dropoffs, it's always good to call ahead if they are parking there," Lassaline said. "They can talk to a live person."

If travelers are transporting holiday gifts, they should not wrap them until they arrive at their destination, Lassaline said. Jewelry, money, passports and cameras should be packed on carry-on luggage, he added.



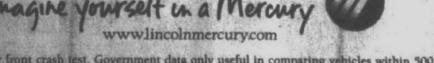
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## Tracking down traditions of Thanksgiving

he 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

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## **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

"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. Tm 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 makeup 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.



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off of I-75,

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.

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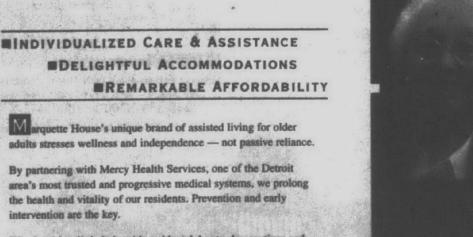


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## Garden City church readies for 'hot time'

Doug Weber figured he had to "prime the pump," so he came up with items for Garden City United Methodist Church's third annual "A Hot Time at the Auction Tonight."

The chairman of the auction committee, Weber kicked in a selection of autographed memo-rabilia bearing the names of some very recognizable sports celebs like Detroit Red Wing Kris Draper and ex-University of Michigan football coach Bo

"When there was an opportunity to get an autograph, I went and got them," said Weber. "You have to prime the pump somehow."

Area businesses as well as outstate resorts have made to donations that will go to the highest bidder in live and silent auctions at the benefit on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, south of Merriman Road, Garden City.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with bidding on the silent auction to start at 6:45 p.m. The live auction will start after 8

There will be hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet and music by the Ernie Matchulat jazz quartet. Tickets cost \$15 each or \$25 per couple and are available in advance by calling the church at (734) 421-8628. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

The auction originally was held in conjunction with the church's fall homecoming event. Held at the church as a church activity, it helped to raise money for the Methodist church's worldwide mission work.

The decision was to go public with a bigger and better event and solicit donations from outside the church community. Working with the Garden City,

"Mary Denning has been very supportive. She was the first one to call the very first year we did

Sue Weber

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-Auction committee member

Westland and Livonia Chambers of Commerce and using Crain's Detroit as a reference on restaurants to approach, the committee began putting the new auction together "as soon as last year's ended," said Sue Weber.

"After last year, we decided we needed to do something different," she said. "It had worn out its usefulness." By mid-November, the dona-

tions covered two pieces of paper and included: A hot air balloon ride for two

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A complete set of the 1998 Teenie Beanie Babies donated by Jeff Walsh

A basket with the Beanie Babies - Erin, Princess, Glory, Spooky and Valentino, an anonymous donation.

■ Brunch for two at The Whitney, donated by The Whitney.

A one-night stay for two with breakfast at the Dearborn Inn, donated by the Dearborn

■ Two gift baskets from Mary

Denning's Cake Shoppe.

"Mary Denning has been very supportive," said Sue. "She was the first one to call the very first year we did this."

There's also gift certificates to the Fire Academy in Westland, Amantea Restaurant and dinner for two at Genitti's Hole in the Wall and tickets for Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers (Tiger Den) from Mike and Marian

Church members also have donated. A hot item is the eight hours of handyman services from John Sullivan, but there's also a handmade mantle scarf from Linda Hanson and Delta Allard. handmade basket with placemats and napkins from Carol Middell and Detroit Symphony tickets from Lucia Bahoric.

"The donations have been very good and very encouraging," said

The committee, which includes Sue Weber, Carol Middell, the Rev. Jerry Smith, Jan Humphrey, Ron Showalter and Carolyn Riley, is hoping to surpass the \$2,500 that's been raised at the last two auctions. Weber's personal goal is "upward of \$5,000."

"That would be wonderful,"

### Hospice group aims at young adults

Services in December will begin a group for young adults ages 19-24 who are grieving after the death of a family member.

People interested in the group 4980.

Arbor Hospice's Bereavement can get more information by calling the Arbor Hospice office at (734) 662-5999 or the Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-



**Teter-Mathison** 

Laura Catherine Mathison

and James David Teter were

married May 23 in Roswell, Ga. Malcolm Mathison, uncle of the

bride, performed the ceremony.

Barry and Patricia Jones and

Tommy Mathison, all of Florida.

The groom is the son of David and Cheryl Teter of Garden City.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Florida with a

master's degree in accounting. She is employed as a certified

public accountant by DeWood

and Richardson in Palm Beach

The groom is a 1992 graduate

of Eastern Michigan University

with a bachelor of business

administration degree. He is

employed as a certified public accountant by Ernst and Young LLP in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The bride asked Aimee Mathi-

William and Elaine Kindl of

Downingtown, Pa., announce the

engagement of their daughter,

Sarah Jessica, to Richard Dominik Zylik, the son of Henry

Zylik of Stockbridge and Phyllis

1992. She is employed at Com-

puware as an administrative

assistant. Her fiance is a 1992

graduate of Plymouth Salem

He works at Detroit Edison as

A July 1999 wedding is

Karin Anne Carlisle and

Stephen Russell Harrison were

married July 18 at Memorial

Church of Christ in Livonia.

Mike Hazelton performed the

Jim and Cyndi Carlisle of Livo-

nia. The groom is the son of Greg

and Judy Harrison, also of Livo-

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School

and a 1998 graduate of Grand

Valley State University with a degree in psychology/special edu-cation. She is employed by Kirksville Public Schools in

The groom also is a 1994 grad-

uate of Livonia Stevenson High

School and a 1997 graduate of

Grand Valley State University.

He currently is a student at the

Kirksville College of Osteopathic

to serve as matron of honor, with

bridesmaids Kelly Carlisle, Christine Carlisle, Debbie Harri-

son and Amy Harrison.

Kirksville, Mo.

The bride is the daughter of

planned at Our Savior National

a Peoplesoft consultant.

Polish Catholic Church.

Harrison-Carlisle

The bride-to-be graduated in

son to serve as maid of honor

with Cathy Gagliardo as brides-

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## Rich-Gum

Robert and Mary Rich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Marie, to Stephen Matthew Gum, the son of John and Christine Gum of Madison Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Agatha High School, the University of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy. She is employed by Botsford Hospital.

Her fiance is a graduate of Lamphere High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by EDS.

An April wedding is planned

### Davis-Rich

The groom asked Don Emer-

The couple received guests at

the historic Naylor Hall in

Roswell before leaving on a hon-eymoon trip to Bora Bora and

They are making their home in

Moorea in French Polynesia.

son, Joe Shroat, Tom Flannery

and Steve Clay to serve as his

best men.

south Florida.

Donald and Marlene Davis of Battle Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Patti Jo, to Kevin John Rich, the son of Robert and Mary Rich of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lakeview High School in Battle Creek and Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in elementary special

Her fiance is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Federal Mogul.

A June wedding in Battle Creek is planned.

### Gora-Richardson

Robert and Judy Gora of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Therese, to James Boyd Richardson III, the son of James and Theresa Richardson II, also of Garden City. The bride-to-be is a 1997 grad-

uate of Garden City High School. She is employed at the accounting firm of Follmer, Rudzewicz and Co. Her fiance is a 1995 graduate

of Garden City High School. He is employed by Consolidated Freight Co.

A June 2000 wedding is planned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.

### **Roy-Treff**

Thomas and Barbara L. Roy of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Sara, to Robert Michael Treff. the son of John and Debbie Treff of Farmington Hills and Jeanne Treff of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan Uni-The groom asked Daryl Cham- versity. She is employed at Varnum Riddering Schmidt and berlain to serve as best man, Howlett in Grand Rapids as a Aaron Carlisle, Ryan TenBrink computer trainer.

Her fiance is a 1995 graduate The couple received guests at of Western Michigan University. The bride asked Kara McCall Lovett Hall in Greenfield Vil-. He is employed at First Union National Bank in Charlotte. lage, Dearborn, before leaving on honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian N.C., as a financial specialist.

An August wedding is planned at the Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.



at St. Scholastica Church in



### Clark-Tomer

Elizabeth Schmieding.

John and Sharon Figore of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Clark, to Robert Raymond Tomer, the son of Raymond and Charlotte Tomer of Allison Park,

studying law at the University of

Cincinnati College of Law. Before moving to Ohio, he was employed by General Dynamics-Land Systems in Warren.

The bride asked Charlotte

Mack to be her maid of honor

with Stacey Mason serving as

the bridesmaid. Flower girls

were Courtney Simpson and

Zylka-Tetiourenko

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration and a master of administration degrees in accounting. She is employed at Arthur Andersen LLP in Detroit as a certified public accountant.

Her fiance is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pa., with a bachelor of science degree in human resource management. He is

### Hayes-O'Neil

Sharlene Marie O'Neil and Kenneth Paul Hayes were married Nov. 6 at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. The Rev. Willard E. Toller offici-

The bride is the daughter of Dan O'Neil of Canton and Shirley O'Neil of Garden City. The groom is the son of Ronald and Mary Hayes of South Lyon.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is employed at Electro-matic Products Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by Embest Inc.

Jennifer Bergman served as maid of honor with Shaun Hayes

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The groom asked Eric Belas to be his best man with Jason Zylka serving as groomsman The ring bearer was Vladimir

After receiving guests at All Saints Knights of Columbus Hall in Taylor, the couple left for a honeymoon trip in Aruba. They are making their home in Blue Ash, Ohio.



employed at Allstate as a service

center manager.

A May wedding is planned at the University of Detroit Mercy



The reception and honeymoon were in Las Vegas.

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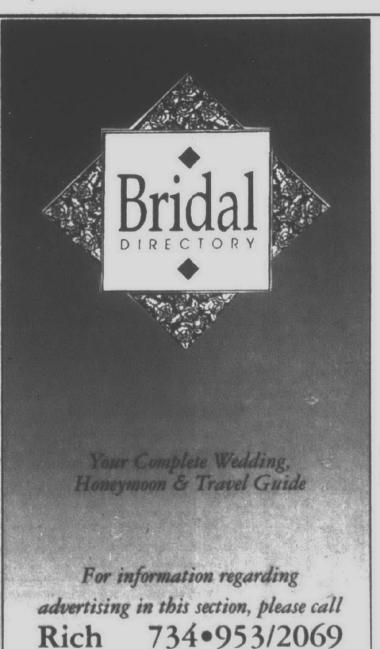
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## Gladden from page B1

story: Pilgrims and Indians and easting at the Plymouth Colony in 1621. But what did they really eat? And just how much do we know about that first Thanksgiving? Or subsequent ones, for that matter. Not a great deal, I dis-

According to the historians at Plimoth Plantation, the living history museum in Plymouth, Mass., there are only two references to that 1621 celebration, and the only surviving description of the event itself is in a let-ter from Edward Winslow in which he noted that the settlers and the Indians feasted for three days on wild fowl and venison.

The rest of the menu has been "extrapolated," based on general knowledge of the type of food available to the settlers. That's sort of like assuming that I must have a supply of dandelion wine on hand since I happen to have a yard full of dandelions every

### The correct date

So we're not sure what they ate, but we do know when the first Thanksgiving took place. Right? Well, not exactly. The folks at Plimoth Plantation think the 1621 event wasn't a "Thanksgiving" at all, but just a secular harvest celebration that

We've all been taught that But the historians say that, while such a celebration did occur in 1623, it took place in the summer, not November, and that the Bradford proclamation appears to be a hoax probably produced in the 20th century.

was never repeated.

The first documented Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony in 1623. We know that because of an extant proclamation issued by Governor William Bradford proclaiming Thursday, Nov. 29, 1623, as a day for "ye Pilgrims [who] landed on ye Plymouth Rock" to gather and "listen to ye Pastor and render Thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings." But the historians say that,

while such a celebration did occur in 1623, it took place in the summer, not November, and that the Bradford proclamation appears to be a hoax probably produced in the 20th century. They note that Plymouth Colony had no pastor at the time Bradford allegedly referred to him and that the document uses 'anachronistic" terms such as "vegetables," "Pilgrims" and "Plymouth Rock," terms that came into use long after the document was supposed to have been written.

We do know that the Conti-

nental Congress declared the first national Thanksgiving cele-bration in 1777, following the colonists' victory at the battle of Saratoga. National Thanksgivings were observed annually from 1777 to 1783, but in December, not November. The observation was dropped until President George Washington revived it, once in 1789 and

again in 1795.
In 1815, James Madison declared Thanksgiving celebrations twice, neither of them in the fall. The holiday was not observed again until the Civil War, when Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving observances in April 1862 and August 1863. Later that year Lincoln ordered that the holiday be observed on the last Thursday of November 1863, a practice that was followed by subsequent presidents until Franklin D. osevelt came on the scene.

### **Changing traditions**

In 1939, FDR declared Nov. 23, the next-to-the-last Thursday, to be Thanksgiving, a departure from custom that outraged traditionalists. When he did the same thing in 1940, declaring Nov. 21 to be the date of the observance, his critics labeled the day "Franksgiving."

In 1941, Roosevelt was presented with a congressional resolution, which he signed on Nov. 26, establishing the fourth Thursday in November as the official Thanksgiving holiday.

And it's stayed there ever since. But what about the cranberries, the turkey and the pumpkin pie? The Pilgrims may have feasted on wild turkey along with the venison, they did apparently grow pumpkins (called "pompion" in those 17th century cookbooks) and cranberries probably grew in New England at the time. But how did they get on the list of Thanksgiving tradi-

the Hallmark "Holiday Handbook," answers that question with one sentence: "It is not known how these foods came to be identified with Thanksgiv-

a tradition. Pass the cranberry

for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township. If you have a question or comment, e-mail him at jgladden@oe.homecomm.net.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Frank and Donna Robesky of Canton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a dinner with family and friends at the Leather Bottle Restaurant in

The couple married Sept. 21, 1973, at Dearborn City Hall. She is the former Donna Dec.

They have two children, Kevin Taylor and Kimberly Khatib and husband Sam, and one grand-

son, Billy. He is employed at the General Motors Poletown Plant. She is a

He enjoys carpentry and



mechanics. Her hobbies include ceramics and crafts. They also enjoy decorating their home.

### **Stokes**

Wayne and Margaret Stokes of Plymouth celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family gather-ing that included four generations,

They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchil-

Retired for more than 30 years, he worked at Ford Motor Co. in the Foundry Division for

They have two children, Al Stokes and Joanne McKechnie.

The authority on the subject, in Plymouth. The couple married on Oct. 14, 1933, in But we do know one thing: it's Detroit. She is chutney, please.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor the former Margaret Spindleman. They have lived in the Plymouth area since

## Supporting children means being involved

Supporting children is often do. Monitor their TV viewing, misconstrued, according to be willing to sit down and Dr. Diane Treadwell-Deering, help them with a school medical director of the Pediatric Psychopharmacology Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital and assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at Baylor College

"Some people think that supporting your children means praising them, regard-less of what they do," she said. "But it really means taking an active role in your child's life - enriching him or her with activities and experiand peer relationships, and setting limits."
Treadwell-Deering offers

these tips on supportive par-

Care about and show interest in what your children report.

Ask them about their friends and their interests.

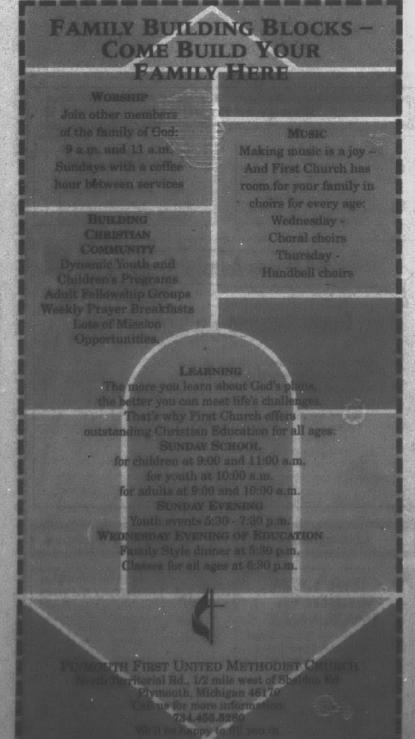
Be sure to give them chores and responsibilities. Maybe it's writing their grandmother a thank you note or setting the table.

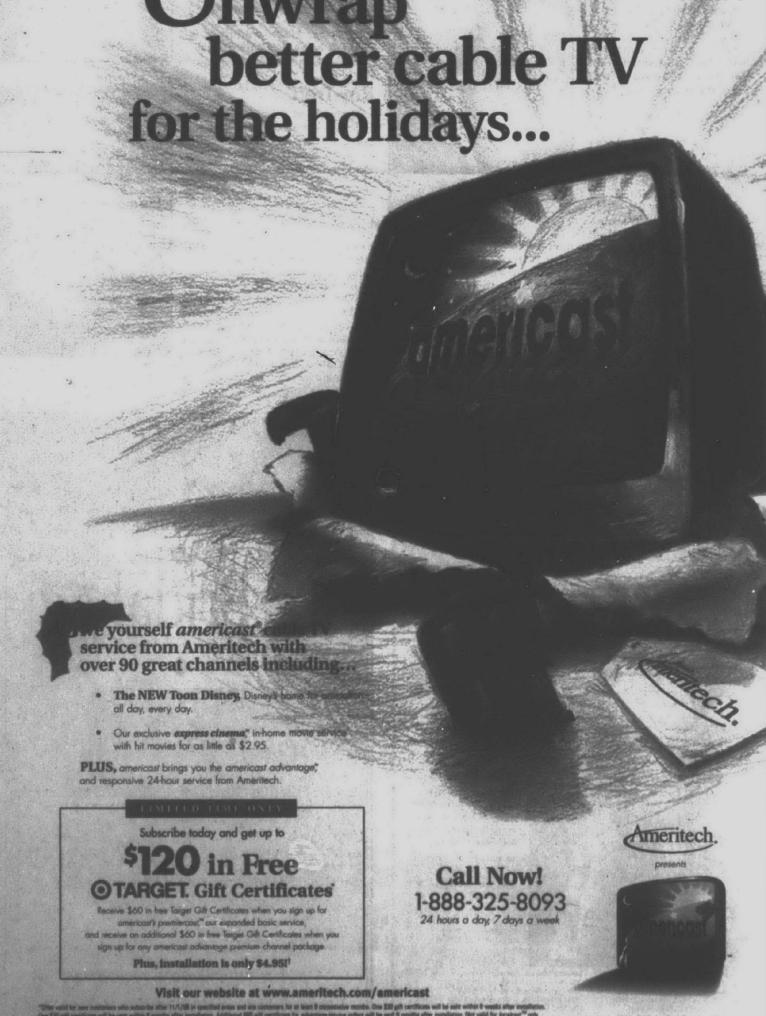
Set limits. For example, they should come home at the appointed time.

And if you are too tired to take them shopping, you can

"Give praise - but only for a job well done. Kids know the difference. If they have done something sloppily and you praise them for it, it devalues that praise," Treadwell-Deer-







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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is hosting an concert by the acoustic guitar duo US, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. Tickets are \$2 per person or \$5 per family. For more information, call (734) 722-1735.

**NEWSBOYS CONCERT** The Newsboys with special

guests Third Day and The Waiting are performing as part of "Teen Mania" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$20 reserved. Groups of 10 or more receive \$5 off.

Tickets also are on sale now for the Gaither Christmas Homecoming featuring the Gaither Vocal Band, Janet Paschal, Larry Ford, The Happy Goodmans, Anthony Burger, The Martins and others, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$17.50 reserved and \$24.50 for Superfan seating. Seniors ages 60 and older receive \$3 off reserved seating and children ages 12 and younger receive \$8 off reserved seating. Group rates are also

available. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com.

OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR
First United Methodist Church in Plymouth is hosting a "Walk Thru the Old Testament" seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Using interactive learning techniques - "mapping" the room with key Bible locations, hand movements and group recitations - this international seminar program helps people absorb and remember key characters, geography and major themes of the entire Old Testament. Separate seminars will be held for adults (seventh grade and up) and children (age 5 through sixth grade). The fee is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children. Materials are included. Participants may bring a sack

THE GAYLORDS

St. Edith Parish will present The Gaylords in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in the church's multipurpose building, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Tickets cost \$20 for the fundraising event. For more information, call Dale at (734) 464-1250 or (734) 464-1678.

lunch for the mid-day break. For

more information, call (734) 453-

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST** Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which pro-

vides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will meet for Mass and a pot luck dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. Kenneth Catholic Parish, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$5. The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass

10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

**EGATION BEIT KODESH** The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will hold its first annual "Bowling Bash and Bite" 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. A dinner will follow 6-8 p.m. at the , synagogue. The catering will be by the Pizza Gourmet Chef from the TV cooking channel. The charge is \$15 per person. For more information, call (248) 477-

The Sisterhood will also meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. There will be Hanukkah presentations and \$5 grab bag. Refreshments will be served.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Plymouth Community Thanksgiving week worship will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in the chapel at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five Mile and Six Mile (follow the signs of New Life Lutheran Church, the host congregation).

The message will be delivered by the Rev. Karen C. Lewis, assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church. Special music will include a combined choir of Plymouth church members. Worshippers are encouraged to bring food and/or monetary

contributions for The Salvation

Army food shelves to be used locally during the holiday sea-

A reception for worshippers and participants, hosted by New Life Lutheran Church, will follows the service. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181.

A worship service of praise and thanksgiving will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. For more inform tion, call the church at (248) 474-

A cluster Thanksgiving service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Rice Memorial Unit-ed Methodist Church of Redford. The Rev. Tom Badley of Newburg United Methodist Church will deliver the message. For

more information, call (734) 422-0149 or visit www.gbgm-umc. First Church of Christ, Scientist, will have its Thanksgiving Day church service at 10:30 a.m. \*\* Thursday, Nov. 26, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Members and

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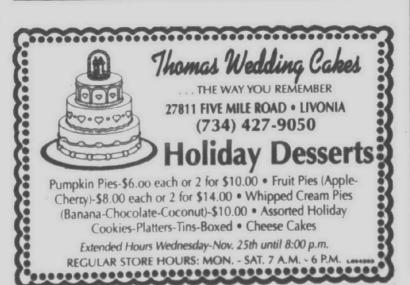


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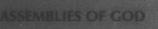
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St. John's Lutheran Church of say they believe.
Redford will hold a Thanksgiving worship service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road, south of I-96, Redford. People attend-ing the service are asked to bring at least two non-perishable items of food, personal care or cleaning product for donation to Redford Interfaith Relief food pantry. Call (313) 538-2660 for more information.

Ruth M. Favor of Angela Hospice will present "A Remembering Time," a worship service of Hope for the Holidays, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church's sanctuary, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be decorating and placement of ornaments, as well as moments of remembrance of loved ones who died. Refreshments will be served and the Cantabile Bells will perform. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or visit www. gbgmumc.org/ newburgumc

Mainstay Church Resources will present Adventure Training Conference at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Pastors and lay leaders will gather for a half-day orientation on the 1999 Promise Keepers/50-day spiritual adventure, "Promises Worth Keeping: Resolving to Live What We Say We Believe." The regional conference is one of 168 seminars being held throughout the coun-

The 50-day spiritual adventure is a Christina renewal event, nurturing accelerated, measurable and lasting spiritual growth. Most churches use the series during the 50 days leading to Easter, while other congregations participate during the New Year, Pentecost, summer and

For the 1999 adventure, MCR has teamed up with Promise Keepers and rewritten their Seven Promises to include the entire church. Together, the two organizations will encourage all Christians, including me, women and children, to live what they

Pastors and lay leaders looking for more information about the seminar or to register, can call MCR at (800) 224-2735.

A St. Andrew's Day service and dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 29, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The church service will. be at 10 a.m., followed by dinner. The St. Andrew's Society Bagpipe Band will perform during the church service and at the

The price for dinner is \$8 for those 12 years and older, \$4 for children ages 4-11 and free for children 3 years and under. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

### **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have an Advent Bible study, "Meet the Son of God," 9-10 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20, in the library of the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. The class will be led by the Rev. Ruth Billington. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit - West is holding its Christmas Fellowship Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The Stevenson High School choir will perform. Members are asked to bring personal hygiene products or toothbrushes and toothpaste for First Step. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 30. Call Norma Roberts at (734) 591-2127.

### **'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'**

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program, "The Glory of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays Dec. 4, 11 and 18, and 6 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20. Interpretation for the deaf and hearing-impaired will be provided on Dec. 4. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 for reserved seating. To order tickets, call (734) 414-3980. For reservations for the hearing-impaired performance, call TTY (734) 414-3992.

The church is located at 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

### **NION BREAKFAST**

The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council's 18th annual Advent Communion Breakfast will be 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill Road, at Telegraph Road, Dearborn.

The speaker will be Youngil Cho, a resident of Raleigh, N.C., and an elder and member of the DuRaleigh Presbyterian Church His topic, "The New Beginning," will focus on the present state of the denomination and what God is doing and wants to do to renew the spiritual vigor of the men's mission, ministry and wit-

Cho is a professor and associate dean at North Carolina Central University, past president of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, a member and past moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly Council.

Tickets cost \$6 each and are available through the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (734)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church will sell cookies by the pound during its annual cookie walk, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago Road, Redford.

Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Founder's Room and University Chapel in the Residence Hall on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia.

This year's theme will be "Embody Christ." The Rev. Dave Cornett, a missionary of the Divine Word, will lead the activities, which include prayer, quiet reflection, conferences, lunch, a reconciliation service and litur-

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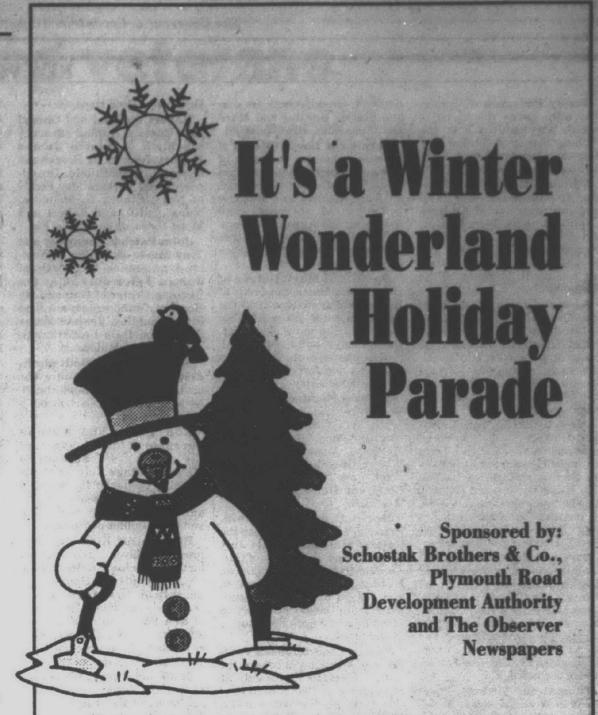
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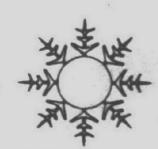


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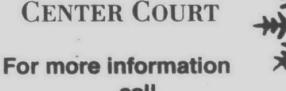
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### **NEW VOICES**

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Wilhelm Michael and Ginalyn Hartmann of Westland announce the birth of Andrew M. July 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Wilhelm and Auguste Hartmann of Austria and Adelita B. Maranan of the Philippines.

John and Lynn Steelicki of Livonia announce the birth of Dylan John July 28 at Huron Valley Hospital of Commerce. He joins a brother, Jake, 2-½ Grandparents are Ralph and Virginia Steelicki of Livonia, Ellen Johnston of Northville and the late Robert Johnston.

Troy Bunting and Trina
Henderson of Redford
announce the birth of Trey
Anthony Henderson July 13 at
the Birthing Center of Garden
City Hospital. He joins siblings,
Angela, 9, Tamara, 8, and Todd,
17 months. Grandparents are
Linda Henderson of Redford and
Pred T. Henderson of Livonia.

Gary and Karen Williams of Livonia announce the birth of Logan Michael July 21 at Huron Valley Hospital of Commerce. He joins a sister, Bailey Rose, 4½, and a brother, Douglas James, 1½. Grandparents are Leona Vogt of Livonia, James Williams of Livonia and Patrice Nestra of Clarkston.

Thomas and Michelle Raymond of Westland announce the birth of Ashlynn Rose July 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister,

Kayla, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Shirley Bowling and Mark and Diane Siira, all of Westland.

Bernie and Lucy O'Meara of Livonia announce the birth of Connor Joseph July 8 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Richard and Marlene O'Meara of Livonia and Dominick and Angelina Savona of Allen Park, Great-grandfather is Giovanni Santarelli of Buenos Aires Arzentina.

David and Mary Geiger of Detroit announce the birth of Brians Kathryn June 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, David Paul, 8, and a sister, Toni, 5. Grandparents are Ina Geiger of Inkster and Jerry and Dorothy Brower of Redford.

Michael Fochler and Corrie Boston of Canton announce the birth of Chase Michael Fochler Aug. 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Frederick and Joan Fochler and Clark and Diane Boston, all of Westland.

David A. and Christine S.
Price of Westland announce the
birth of Mathieu Daniel July
20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two
brothers, David A. Fullerton, 6,
and Joseph R. Price, 4. Grandparents are David Price of North
Carolina and James Fullerton of
Lincoln Park.

Vincent and Rebecca Grifficen of Westland announce the birth of Chelsea Ranee July 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sidney Lynn, 1½ Grandparents are James and Linda Collier of

Grifficen of Good Hope, Ga.

Robert Michael and Cheryl Ann Cates of Redford announce the birth of Justin James Robert June 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Barbara May Forkel of Novi, Elnora E. Miller of Napa, Calif., and Robert and Violet Cates of Gainesville, Fla.

John Patrick Connelley and Tina Marie McMillan of Westland announce the birth of Justin Tyler July 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John Pitt Connelley, Jeanne Marie Chalifoux, Dale Booterbaugh and Joanne McMillan.

Scott and Mary Beth Matherly of Livonia announce the birth of Gunnar Robert Aug. 3. He joins a brother, Carl, 6, and a sister, Virginia, 3.

Ron Flaga and Shonna Skrzpiec of Canton announce the birth of Samantha Michelle Flaga July 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tim and Laura Murray of Canton and Carol Collins of Ypsilanti.

Ricardo and Kimberly Hernandez of Livonia announce the birth of Carlos Enrique Aug. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Juan Jose and Sonia Hernandez of San Pedro Sula, Honduras and Thomas and Theresa Speck of Canton. Great-grandfather is John Speck of Kansas City, Mo.

John and Peggy Zassadney of Redford Township announce the birth of Brittany Louise July 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, James, 8, and Michael 6. Grandparents are Frank and Barbra Zassadney and Kathleen Templin, all of Detroit.

James Charest and JoAnn Rayburn of Livonia announce the birth of Austin James May 8 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins a sister, Carelyn Charest, 10. Grandparents are Clarence Charest of Livonia, Delphine Charest of Grayling and Bob and Betty Rayburn of Haines City, Fla.

Robert E. and Laura Hoeft of Ecorse announce the birth of Alyssa Marie July 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins three siblings, Kristopher, 3, Nikolie, 1, and Robert III, 19. Grandparents are Georgia Hoover of Kingman, Ariz., and Florence Grace of Garden City.

Clayton and Mary Beth Lawler of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Amy Christine Sept. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Patricia Markle of Hastings, Mich., and Elizabeth and Raymond Mielke of Marshall, Mich.

Michael Hayes and Michele Prusak of Garden City announce the birth of Jalen Michael Prusak July 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Jordan Prusak, 2½. Grandparents are Jeff and Lynn Willis of Garden City.

David and Jennifer Perrault of Escanaba, Mich., announce the birth of Jon Luke Aug. 23. Grandparents are Richard and Dianna Okon of Westland.

Martin and Dawn Schettler of Belleville and Westland, respectively, announce the birth of Dylan Michael July 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Blake Alvin, 14 months. Grandparents are Shirley Schettler of Belleville, and Walt and Carol Bacm of Westland.

Roger and Margo Van Hove of Richmond, Mich., announce the birth of Olivia Grace Sept. 1 at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. She joins a sister, Kathleen, 9. Grandparents are Don and Toni McCloud of Bloomfield Hills and Roger Van Hove Sr. of Garden City. Great-grandparents are Hallie and LaVilla Barkman of Munce, Ind., and Rita Poirier of Garden City. Great, great-grandmother is Laura Leroux of Allen Park.

Derek and Paula Westerbur of Redford announce the birth of Aaron Michael July 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins twin brothers, Adam and Alec, 3. Grandparents are Mary Jean Tatro, and Ted and Patricia Westerbur, all of Garden City.

Tim and Kimberly Ann Derry of Westland announce the birth of Taylor Renee July 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Bill and Carolee Lange of Garden City and East Tawas and Paul and Lorna Derry of Inkster.

Doug and Kris Topolski of Westland announce the birth of Corinne Nicole Sept. 14 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Joe and Priscilla Hite of Northville, the late Stephen Amador of Plymouth, Camille Topolski of

Dearborn Heights and the late David Topolski. Great-grandparents are Josephine Topolski of Westland and Miriam Forbes of Glen Rock, N.J.

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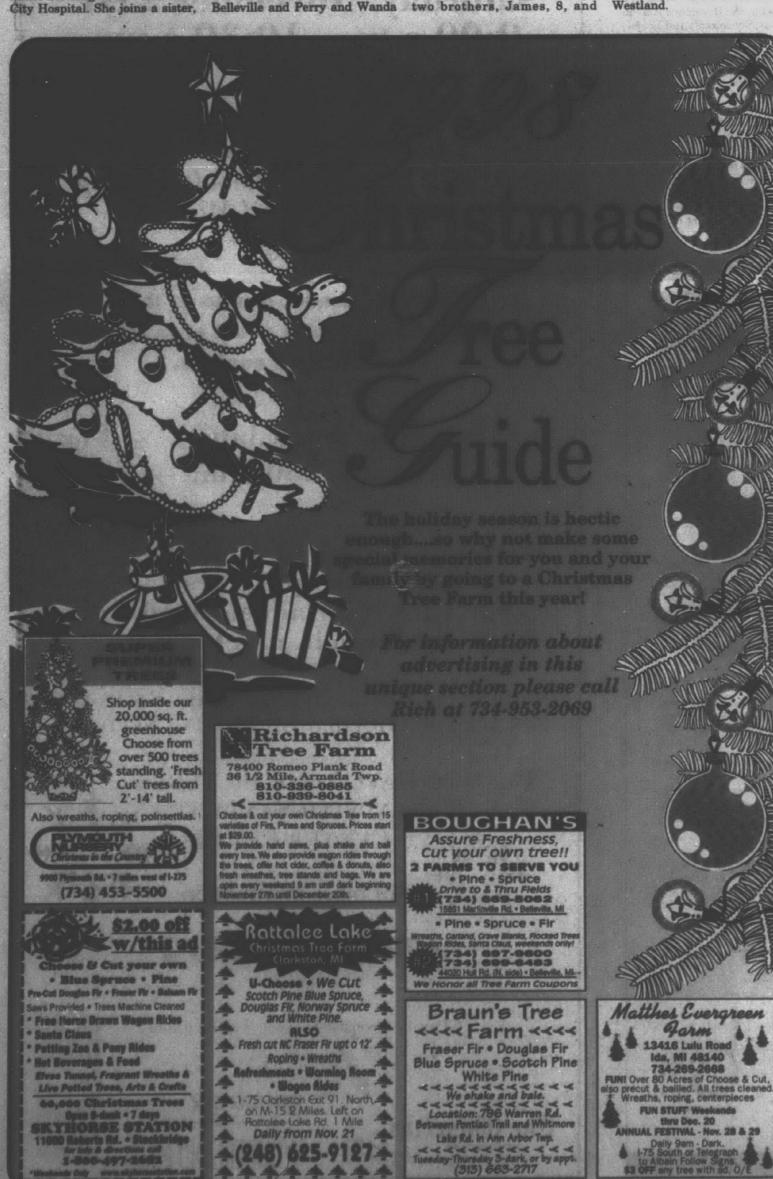
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Shane Padgett, 11, and Jessica
and Dylan Mullikin, 10 and 7,
respectively. Grandparents are
Bill and Judy Padgett of Dearborn Heights and Kathy
Williams of Freeland.

Shane and Laura Steffen of Garden City announce the birth of Alyssa Marie Aug. 28 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She has a brother, Justin, 3. Grandparents are Carl and Virginia Sadowski of Westland and Cecil and Sandy Steffen of Quincy, Ill. Great-grandparents are Chester and Wanda Jaremski of Livonia and Helene Firtha of Dearborn Heights.

James E. and Sally J. Bashaw of Canton announce the birth of Samantha Leann July 31 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Tyler James, 3. Grandparents are James L. and Dorothy Bashaw, and Douglas Vogel, all of Pinckney.

Bruce and Karen Lambert of Livonia announce the birth of Jacob Charles Oct. 10 at St. Mary Hospital In Livonia. Grandparents are Charles and Ann Myland of LaSalle, Sandra and Edward Karamol of Bay City and Edward and Delores Lambert of Bay City.







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## Remembering veterans

## 'Stars and Stripes Forever' celebration honors seniors who served

Nearly 100 veterans of World War II and the Korean War stood to be recognized at the second annual "Stars & Stripes For-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 cosponsored by the senior center and American House retirement

residence of Farmington Hills. Looking at the posters, Arnold

he was wounded.

Remember when: Ed and Joan Lewandowski examine

posters from World War II. Lewandowski served in the

J. Weingart, 78, of Livonia was from the National Archives. 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, ever" salute Nov. 6 at the 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

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

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

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

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

"I started my personal collec-tion 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 annu-

"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 grati-

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

May Arvo, active in the Farmington Musicale, sang "God

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

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 plotter, 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 Mount-

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.

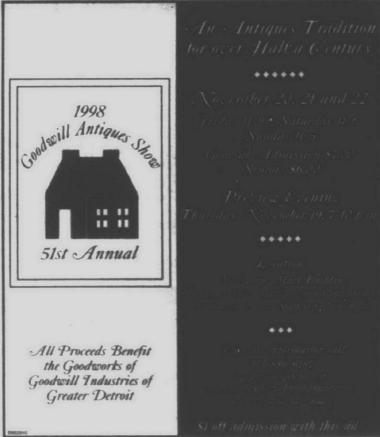
We met at the Masonic Lodge 35 years ago and connected because of our war experience, Andersen said. "We hunt and fish together."



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









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### CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

**NEW REDFORD HALL** New Redford Hall's holiday bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or (313) 592-8519.

**PRCUA SYRENA** The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will have its holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly. Table rentals are \$20 and \$23. For more information, call (313) 383-1821 or (313) 563-1761.

ST. VALENTINE The Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's seventh annual holiday craft shop will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 in the activities building, Hope Street at Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. There also will be two holiday raffles, one with prizes of a 27-inch television and Detroit Red Wings tickets, and a separate Beanie Baby raffle. Admission will be \$1. For more information,

call (313) 255-6825.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will have its annual arts and crafts bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be a bake sale, raffle and snack bar. Proceeds will go to cancer aid and research. Table space is available. For more information, call P.J. at (734) 721-6304.

**GOOD SHEPHERD** Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a Christmas craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the school, 31000 Joy, east of Merriman, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those 5 years and older. Space rental is \$50 for a 10-by-6-foot space. For more information, call (734) 522-5287.

**PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER** The Christmas Arts and Crafts Show is returning to the Ply-

mouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

SENIOR HOUSE Senior House of Livonia will have its 10th annual holiday craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the retirement home, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Ply-

mouth Road, Livonia. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth and raffle. For more infor-mation, call Madeline at (734)

LIVONIA CIVIC PARK

The Livonia Civic Park Senior Center is hosting a senior craft show from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livenia. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 466-2555.

**WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA** Crafters are needed for the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA's annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For an application or more infor mation, call (734) 721-7044.

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET St. Thomas a' Becket Women's Club will have its ninth annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. There will be more than 75 crafters, hourly raffles, bake sale and lunch. Admission will be \$1, seniors 50 cents and children

under 12 free. The building is

wheelchair accessible and

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more information.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL** Treats and Treasures, a sale of holiday cookies, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures and cutlery, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi. Admission is free. Call (248) 348-7757 for

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## McFarlane issues new action figures

Plymouth Township-based McFarlane Toys returns to its comic book roots this month with the release of action figures from "Spawn," called Spawn Series

ToyFare Magazine has hailed the line as "a monumental toy-making achievement."

The new series offers the Gruesome Twosome - Top Gun and Bottom Line - two figures that fit together to form one larg-

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The Heap, recently reintroduced in the Spawn comic book, is a menacing mound of garbage. A deluxe-boxed figure, Cy-Gor

2, features interchangeable hands, real chains and a removable chest cavity that reveals a cyber-chimp.

In February, McFarlane released the Marv action figure from Frank Miller's award-winning Sin City comic book.

"We wanted to come out with an all-star team," explained Beau Smith, executive director of publishing for Todd McFarlane Productions. "Why not start out with Frank Miller who is not only an innovator of creative rights, but also a crusader for the direct market?"

The line continues in May with Joe Linsner's Dawn action figure and in July with four figures from J. Scott Campbell's top-selling Danger Girl comic

### Jewelry expert set to speak

Janet Zapata will speak about The Jewelry and Enamels of Louis Comfort Tiffany," "The Jewelry of Tiffany and Co." and "American Silver Jewelry" from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at Ernesto's Italian Eatery, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

The event, sponsored by Joseph DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewellers, Gemologists, Auctioneers in Plymouth, begins at 6 p.m. with dinner. The \$45 tickets include dinner and the lecture. Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 20. Call (734) 455-4555 to reserve a

Zapata is an art historian, consultant and frequent lecturer who specializes in American jewelry and silver. As the former archivist for Tiffany and Co., she was involved in numerous projects for the firm.

Zapata is the author of "The Jewelry and Enamels of Louis Comfort Tiffany.

### Farmington OWL hosts holiday brunch, auction

The Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League will begin the holiday season with a festive brunch at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

The brunch will feature a silent auction and raffle of \$100 Shadowland gift certificate and handmade Christmas wreath. The Extension Chords, an ensemble from the award-winning Sweet Adelines Eastpointe Chorus, will provide the entertainment.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available in advance through Nov. 29. For information, call (248) 478-2635 after 6 p.m.

A principal fund-raiser for the chapter, proceeds enable the group to continue its work of advocating for a better quality of life for older women.



The figures stand 6-1/2 inches to 8 inches tall and are highly detailed. Marv, which stands at 6-3/4 inches tall, comes with a pistol, hacksaw, hatchet and

switchblade. Other Mary accessories include a gas can and a spare hand that holds a decapitated head.

"Depending on your point of view, it's either horrifying or hilarious. By 'horrifying' I mean

kind of sick humor that Todd and I do. I'm really thrilled with the results."

Each of the figures will be packaged in a diorama from the pages of their respective comic books and will be boxed in spe-

cial packaging.

Mary comes with a brick-wall background, creating a diorama from Sin City.

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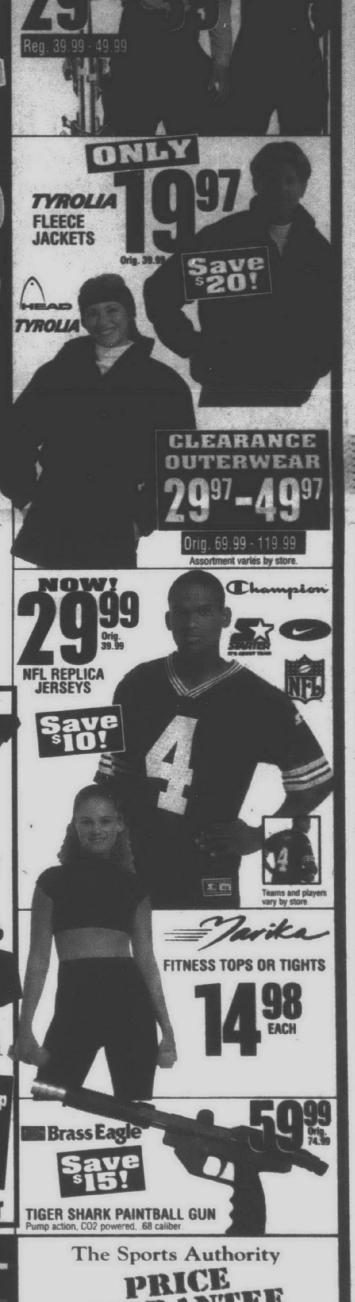
McFarlane recently won two major awards: an Emmy and a Gold DiVi award for the animated television series "Todd McFarlane's Spawn" and the





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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

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 Red-

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

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 volunteers 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 facili-



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

Leading the organization are Sally Randall of Livonia as pres-ident, Hasi Cislo 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

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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."

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

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 spiritu-

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 dally life, a willingness to help others to see it and an allembracing 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 gathering 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

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### SPORTS SCENE

### 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 scor-

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

ing with a 40-yard TD run.

The Canton Lions and the Ann Arbor Eagles took their junior varsity title game in the Western Suburban Junior Football League into doubleovertime 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

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## Miracle rally saves Salem

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

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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 McGlinnen'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

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecom

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-andone 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 Carbott.

It might be easy to overlook the 5-foot-3 Carbott 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. Carbott 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.



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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."

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## Chiefs too much for Churchill

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR ciricak@oc.homecomm

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

Final score: Canton 41, Churchill 34. Churchill bows out

at 10-11.

"They always play good manto-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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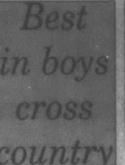
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## Fast afoot

## CC, Salem runners lead Observer's pack

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

Cross country teams like to run in a pack, away from the competition, and Redford Catholic Central takes that to the extreme each preseason.

For a week each August the Shamrocks can't be found in the metro area because they're putting in their miles in Grand Bend, Ontario. CC coach Tony Magni has been taking teams there for 34 years, the last 21 at

Being far away from home lets the Shamrocks improve camaraderie and think mostly about running without any distrac-

The Shamrocks run eight miles in the morning, six in the afternoon and finish the week with a 20 mile run.

"It's not too far away but it's not too close that the parents are there every minute," Magni said. "Some days (in the preseason), it's hot, some kids have to go babysit, some have to shop with their mother for clothes for school . . . When I first started I couldn't get kids to go. Now I have a limit of about 30."

The training paid off once again as the Shamrocks won another Catholic League championship and Class A regional and finished third at the state meet, their best finish there since 1992.

Magni, 52, who has won 11 regionals as CC coach, has been named Observerland's Coach of the Year.

A graduate of St. Anthony

High School in Detroit and the University of Detroit, Magni teaches history at CC.

His coaching career began at Grosse Pointe St. Paul and he also had a stint at Orchard Lake St. Mary's before arriving at CC. His cross country teams have won three state championships at CC, the last in 1989.

Magni likes getting his runners exposure which is why the Shamrocks compete at the Sturgis Invitational each year. Dufing their two-day stay there, the Shamrocks bus over to South Bend. Ind. to tour the Notre Dame campus.

"Some kids even make appointments with counselors," Magni said.

Behaving on the road is more important than where the Shamrocks finish in meets.

"If we go to a restaurant, 1 enjoy it when the waitress will say You have nice kids, well mannered," Magni said. "That's more important than the trophy. You run for only so long. You are nice the rest of your life.'

Here is a profile of each runner on the All-Observer First Team:

### FIRST TEAM

Nick Allen, Sr., Ply. Salem: The twotime All-Observer selection set a new school record for fastest time when he placed 14th in the team race at the Class A state meet in 15 minutes, 37

That was Observerland's best finish at the state meet and he also took third place at the regional (16:01.03). Allen placed second at the WLAA Meet as well as the Ypsilanti, West Bloomfield

the state's and Salem's best runners," Salem Geoff Baker said. John DiGiovanni, Soph., Redford CC: DiGiovanni finished 14th in a personal best time of 15 minutes, 39 seconds at the Class A state meet to lead the

> He won the Haslett Invitational (16:23) and was second in the Catholic League Meet (16:18) behind Birmingham Brother Rice's Ben Evans, one of the state's best He was third at both the West Bloom-

Shamrocks to a third-place team finish.

field and Sturgis invitational as well as third at the Class A regional, breaking 16 minutes (15:52).

average

"John is really into running and makes competitive edge. John runs with the same concentration and focus during practice as he does at the meets. He improved his times with each race and ran his best race of the season at the state finals. Having John with us made

Dan Jess, Sr., Redford CC: Jess also is a key member of the CC boys basketball program but this is one basketball player that runs cross country not just

to keep in shape in the off-season. He runs to win.

Bill McSween.

The senior won the Stugis Invitational (16:16) and took second at the Haslett Invitational (16:25). He was third in the Catholic League Meet (16:43) and fourth at both the Holly and Shamrock invitationals.

His time of 16:09 earned him fourth place at the Class A regional and he was 22nd (15:55) in the team race at the state meet

"Dan is a total team runner," Magni said. "He sets the pace for everyone to follow. Dan is a real team leader and an between Jason's success and the accomplished runner. His times continued to improve with each race. His country program," Churchill coach John strong leadership capabilities enhanced his personal performance and motivated his teammates in each and every race. He was our team stabilizer and never best runners in the area. Jason proceeddisappointed us."

Josh Burt, Sr., Liv. Pranklin: Burt finished fourth at the WLAA Meet and qualified for the Class A state meet for been contagious. He is very quiet, yet it a hobby rather than a sport," Magni a third-straight year with art 11th place he leads by example. I am looking forsaid. "He has a positive attitude and a finish at the regional. His time of 15:57 ward to working with him next year." was good for 37th at the state meet.

eight of the courses the Patriots ran at

Burt was Franklin's Most Valuable regional (16:09). Runner his last three seasons, earning a varsity letter in each of his four years. (16:11).

team for three years," Franklin coach Bob Holmes said. "He's' been our number one runner in each race over these three years. He has shown outstanding leadership and will be greatly missed." Matt Daly, Soph., Redford CC:

He is one of the school's scholar ath-

"Josh has been the mainstay of our

Described as the Shamrocks' most consistent runner because he never waivered from the third spot in dual meets while showing marked improvement throughout the year. His time improved nearly 1 1/2 min-

utes between the West Bloomfield Invitational, where he finished 19th (17:25), and the Class A state meet, where he finished 32nd (16:06).

He also placed fourth in the Catholic League Meet (16:48) and sixth in the Class A regional (16:31).

He's a 4.0 student.

"Matt astonished all of us this year," Magni said. "He just got better and better with each race. This was Matt's first experience as a varsity runner and he proved it's where he belongs. He wasn't afraid to run with the big boys and he gave it his all at the state meet his his best time. No doubt, Matt will be among the top runners next year. Jason Richmond, Jr., Liv. Churchill:

Richmond meddled at every invitational he entered this year. He was eighth in the WLAA Meet (17:07), 12th at the Class A regional (16:15.58) and 50th at the Class A state meet (16:09.7).

Richmond last year was the Chargers' Most Valuable Runner after earning second-team All-Observer and WLAA Western Division honors

"There is a direct connection improvement in Churchill's boys cross McGreevey said. "He has been an impact athlete. After his freshman year he decided he wanted to be one of the ed to intensify his off-season workouts. His teammates noticed his effort and the positive results. His work ethic has

Joe Verellen, Sr., Livonia Stevenson: He holds the school record on all. Verellen had Stevenson's fastest time in each race, earning a fifth place finish at never lost hope that he would come ! the WLAA Meet and sixth at the Class A

He was 51st at the state meet

"Joe is a strong team leader, in practice and at meets," coach John Goresia said. "He gives 100 percent effort when... ever he runs. He works hard and sets , his goals high."

**Ilm Curtiss** 

**Catholic Central** 

Brian Klotz, Soph., Liv. Franklin: Klotz is no klutz in a pair of running shoes, capping a banner sophomore year with a 63rd place finish at the Class A state

He placed 10th at the WLAA Meet and 15th at the Class A regional. Klotz was fifth in the Lincoln Invitational and the Livonia City Meet and eighth at the Redford Union Invitational.

"Brian moved from being a solid run-" ner to an outstanding runner as he made steady progress all season," Holmes' said. "He saved his best races for the biggest races at the end of the year."

Jon Little, Sr., Ply. Salem: Little ends his career as a two-time All-Observer selection. He was 43rd in the team race at Class A state meet, 68th overall (16:20) after taking fourth at the regional (16:08) and third at the WLAA Meet. He helped the Rocks to three straight

state meets where they finished eighth twice and 11th this year Little is also an academic all-state

"Josh's hard work has made him one of Salem's best runners." Baker said.

"He has been with me for five years and he will be hard to replace." Jim Curtiss, Sr., Redford CC: Curtiss

is a repeat selection on the All-Observers first team although his list of accomplishments isn't as long as last year's.

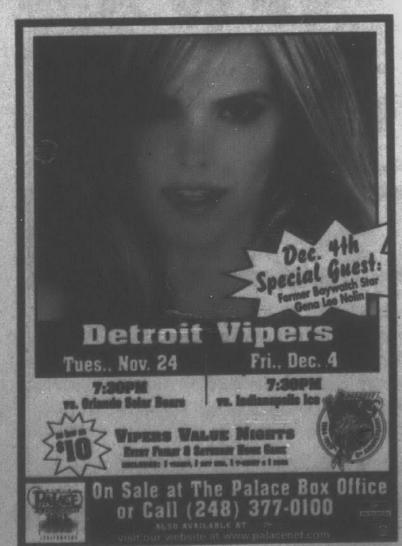
A knee injury from a car accident caused Curtiss to miss much of the season but he returned to finish 10th in the Catholic League Meet (17:10), seventh in the Class A regional (16:32) and 44th : in the Class A state meet (16:22).

His best performance earlier in the year was a 13th place finish at the Storgis Invitational (17:16).

He's a 4.0 student.

"Jim was one of our top runners last year and we had great expectations of what his talent would bring to the team this year," Magni said. "Despite several setbacks during the season, Jim never lost his determination to get himself back on the varsity lineup. The team back and he did. Although he ran colnpetitively only at the end of the season, he saved his best race when it counted most at the state final."

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34-33. But after each team mis-fired on one-and-one free throw attempts, Hasse - who took a pass at the low post from her twin sister Meredith at the high post — made her shot.

And that ended Canton's sea-

## Canton opener from page C1

The Chiefs led 13-10 after one period, then outscored Churchill 14-4 to carry a 27-14 advantage

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"Even though we had some breakdowns tonight, our kids continued to compete," said Can-ton coach Bob Blohm. "It's kind of the mentality of the group they go in there and fight you."

Despite their lack of offense —

the Chiefs' leading scorer was Janell Twietmeyer with 17

points; no one else had more than six — Churchill could get no closer than seven in the last

Unfortunately, the same could be said of the Chargers. Conklin did her part, without doubt; she lit up the Chiefs for a game-high 19 points. But next best was Lauren Ruprecht with seven.

## Whaler victory count rises

Two power-play goals in the first period gave the Plymouth Whalers a lead they would not lose Saturday in subduing the Kitchener Rangers 3-2 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The win, combined with Friday's 4-1 victory over the London Knights, allowed the Whalers to maintain the best record in the Ontario Hockey League at 17-2-2 - same as the Ottawa 67s. The Rangers fell to 6-10-2.

Harold Druken continued his assault as the OHL's top scorer, getting Plymouth's opening goal (his 27th of the season) on a power play with 9:33 of the opening period elapsed. David Legwand and Nikos Tselios assisted.

Rick Smith, who was voted the game's No. 1 star, set up the next two Whaler goals, scored by Jamie LaLonde and Eric Gooldy. Both came in the opening period, pushing Plymouth's advantage to 3-0; Gooldy's was a power-play marker.

Kitchener did not give up, however, scoring twice in the second period to narrow the gap to one. But the Whaler defense proved equal to the challenge; indeed, the Whalers surrendered just 17 shots, while taking 47 themselves.

Robert Holsinger was in goal for Plymouth; Mike Gorman started and went most of the distance for the Rangers, with Reg Bourcier taking over late in

The Whalers had a chance to pad their lead when Damian Surma was awarded a penalty shot midway through the third period, but Gorman

On Friday in London, Plymouth got two goals apiece from Druken and Legwand to skate past the Knights, who were 8-13 through the weekend.

The Whalers led 3-1 after one period, with Druken scoring twice and assisting on the third, scored by Legwand. Adam Colagiacomo collected

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Oshawa Generals		9	2	16
Kingston Frontenacs	7	12	1	15
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	16	4		33
Sudbury Wolves	8	10	3	19
North Bay Centennials	7	10	3	17
Toronto St. M. Majors	3	12	4	10
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	17	1	3
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
lymouth Whalers	17	2	2	36
SM Greyhounds	12	7	1	25
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assists on all three Plymouth goals.

Legwand's 10th goal of the season at the 7:46 mark of the second period insured the Whaler victory. Holsinger stopped 32 of 33 shots in goal to earn the victory; London goalie Gene Chiarello

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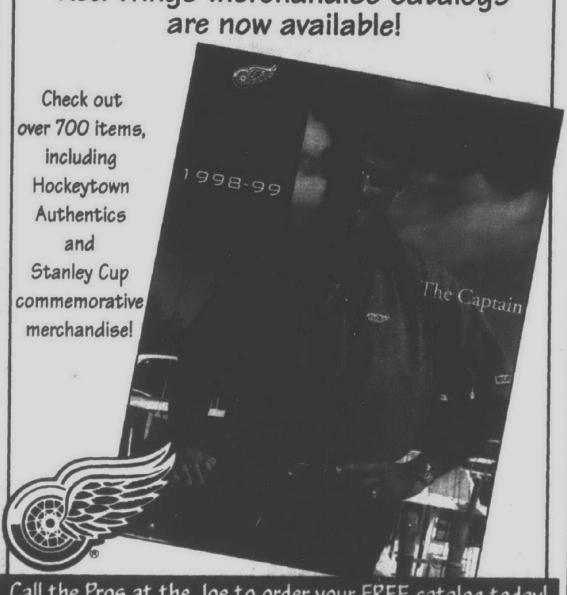
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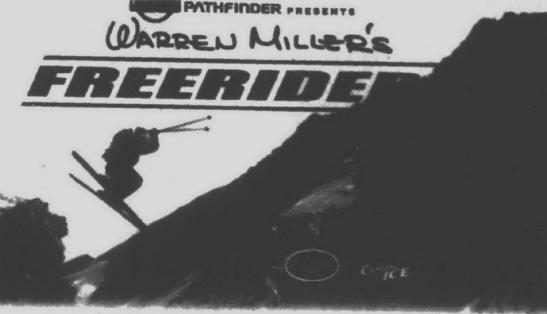


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## Longtime playoff rivals battle for title berth

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"We started off pretty crappy and I remember thinking 'Is this going to be a mercy game or something?' " Stevenson eoach Rick Bye said. "We came back, found some ways to move the ball. Then it just went back and forth the rest of the game."

The Titans led 17-14 with about 5 1/2 minutes left, leaving the Shamrocks feeling some of the desperation Bye had earlier. A fumbled punt was recovered by CC's Joe Sgroi and returned inside the Stevenson 5, leading to the winning touchdown and a 21-17 victory for the

"Any time you're ahead right up until

the last minutes against a team as strong defensively as CC, you hate to see it disappear like that," Bye said.

When it comes to the state semifinals, it seems like these two teams keep reap-

CC and Stevenson, the east side power, will meet for the third time in the last four years in a Class AA semifinal at 1 p.m. Saturday at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium.

CC is a five-time state champion, winning four Class AA titles in the 1990s and losing once in the finals.

This is the sixth straight semifinal appearance for Stevenson, which lost in the 1996 state finals to Walled Lake Western. The Titans also lost in the

CC coach Tom Mach needs one win

for 200 in his career, which started in just because he's his brother. 1976 with the Shamrocks. Bye, at Stevenson since 1975, needs 11 wins to reach the same plateau.

The Titans are led by senior tailback Michael Tennessee, who has more than 2,000 yards rushing, including a high of 446 against Mt. Clemens Chippewa Val-

"If he gets shut down you have to go to someone else or keep trying him, Bye said. "With a team as good as CC, you can't put any number on anything. You don't know if you can do anything against that defense. Their defensive backs are big, strong kids, not midgets like our defensive backs."

Stevenson also has an outstanding senior quarterback, Kurt Hunsanger, and a durable wide receiver, Dave Dun-

Hunsanger also throws a lot to his fullback, junior Rod Hunsanger, and not

As always, the Titans are big across the offensive and defensive lines and quick at the linebacker and secondary

Sean Pavlik, a 6-5, 275-pound senior, leads the offensive line. Scott Martin, a 6-3, 255-pound senior, is a standout on the defensive line and at tight end.

"It looks like the same team," Mach said. "They have a great back - we definitely have to stop him - and one of the differences is the quarterback is a year older and a lot better. Defensively they're very similar to us. They have a tradition, consistency in their coaching staff and produce a great product."

Bye can't say enough about CC's versatile senior Dave Lusky, who plays quarterback and safety and also punts and handles most of the placekicking. Lusky had a big game last year against Stevenson, playing only in the defensive

"The thing about Lusky was I noticed him last year as a free safety and I thought What an ideal size for a free safety,' " Bye said. "He can run, come up and hit you. We end up playing against him, and he's making all these plays, and I'm thinking Wow this kid is really good.' Then I found out he's the heir apparent to quarterback and he's done a great job at quarterback."

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He thinks junior tailback John Kava has been key to the Shamrocks' offensive attack and isn't sure how they'll defend senior tight end Nick Brzezinski.

"Brzezinski's unbelievable," Bye said "A tight end who can catch it is really tough to defend. Kava's been the guy who carries the mail, nickel and dimes

CC senior linebacker Casey Rogowski has returned to 100 percent since suffering a preseason broken leg.

## Shamrock's hold off Troy to keep their playoff hopes alive

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

Redford Catholic Central led 20-13 early in the fourth quarter and Troy faced a first down and 13 inside its own 1 yard line.

As Troy senior offensive tackle Brian Ottney dropped into a three-point stance, all CC senior defensive tackle Lou Willoughby could think of was two points.

The Colts tried to run behind their all-state lineman but Willoughby and fellow lineman Marc Frohm fought off their blocks and smothered the ballcarrier for a two-point safety and

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The play may have been the difference in the Shamrocks' 22-19 victory over the Colts in the Class AA football regional final on Saturday afternoon at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

Dave Lusky's 37-yard punt had pinned the Colts at their 4yard line and a holding call put the ball inside the 1.

"They had been running the little dive all game and Ottney got down in a loaded stance and I knew it was coming," Willoughby said. "All week long people said I had to handle Ottney. I didn't have the half we needed in the first half but I think I did my job in the second half."

The Shamrocks, who trailed 13-0 at one point, have become the Cardiac Kids of the football season, rallying to win their third-straight game by seven points or less.

The win sends CC, 10-0 overall, into the Class AA semifinals to face at 1 p.m. Saturday against familiar playoff foe Sterling Heights Stevenson at Port Huron Memorial Stadium.

Troy's Tim Fralick, who had 10 catches for 140 yards, made a leaping catch in the corner of the end zone from 24 yards out with 2:58 left to cut the Colts' deficit to 22-19.

John Kava blocked his second extra point of the game to leave the margin at three and the attempted on-sides kick went out of bounds. The Shamrocks picked up a first down on three

ran out the clock. Lusky completed 5-of-7passes for 84 yards and one touchdown and was sacked four times.

straight carries by Kava, who

finished with 128 yards in 29

carries and one touchdown, and

Troy led 13-7 at halftime but an interception by CC's Casey Rogowski led to a 56-yard, eightplay drive that put the Shamrocks ahead to stay.

A 26-yard TD pass from Lusky to Jason Woehlke, followed by Lusky's extra point put the Shamrocks up 14-13 with 5:42 left in the third.

CC responded with a sevenplay, 40-yard drive that was capped by Kava's 2-yard run with 1:25 left, giving the Shamrocks a 20-13 lead. Troy senior quarterback Mike

Clinton completed 14 of 31 attempts for 189 yards, including a 22-yard pass to Fralick in the second quarter that gave the Colts a brief 13-0 lead. CC responded with a 59-yard,

11 play drive capped by Rogowski's one-yard dive to cut the deficit to 13-7 with 4:08 left in the first half.

The Colts scored their first touchdown on a 6-yard run by Matt Kroge in the first quarter following his fumble recovery at CC's 40.

CC's first scoring drive and a stingy pass defense that allowed Clinton to complete only five of 17 second-half passes were key for the Shamrocks.

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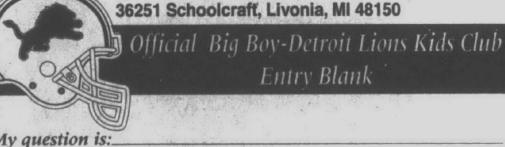
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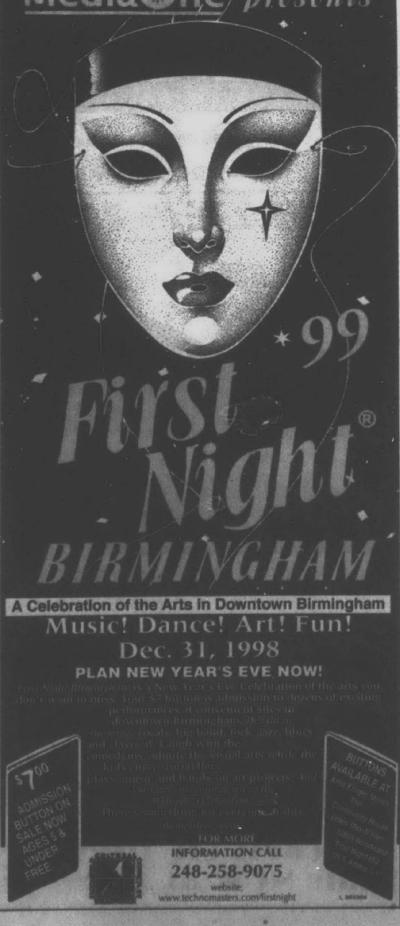
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## COLLEGE SPORTS

# WHAC title puts Madonna 1 step from nationals

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER cjrisak@oe.ho

As Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham put it, "So far, so

His Lady Crusaders took their first step in the post-season playoffs toward the NAIA National Tournament by beating Siena Heights 15-6, 8-15, 15-3, 9-15, 15-6 in the final of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament Saturday at Madonna.

The win earned the Crusaders (40-6 overall) an automatic berth and a No. 4 seed in the 12-team NAIA Great Lakes Regional, which runs today through Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Madonna opens in pool play

at 8:18 p.m. today against Ohio Domin-can; on Friday, the Crusaders play Indi-ana Wesleyan at 12:15 p.m. and thirdseeded Mount Vernon at 2:30 p.m.

The single-elimination round begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the regional semifinal slated for noon Saturday, with the championship at 4 p.m.

The regional champion advances to the 20-team NAIA Tournament, hosted Dec. 2-5 by Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Getting that far won't be easy, Abraham said. "We don't have an easy regional. We don't have an easy pool (in the regional), either.

"But we're playing some of our best State. volleyball right now. We've been serving But very well and we've been passing very ers or well. When we serve receive well, we have a lot of weapons to throw at you."

Those weapons begin with sophomore middle hitter Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston). On a team that's centered around its power up front, Malewski is best — which is why she was named the WHAC player of the

In last weekend's four-team WHAC Tournament, Malewski totaled 27 kills, four service aces, 16 digs, two solo blocks and 18 block assists. She had 15 kills (a .387 percentage) and 12 block assists in the win over Siena Heights, and 12 kills in Madonna's 15-4, 15-5, 15-5 triumph in the semifinals over Tri-

But as the number of Madonna players on the all-WHAC team indicates, it takes more than one player to create a team that's on a 17-match winning streak. Five Crusaders were selected to the first team and two more made the cond team. Abraham was named the WHAC's coach of the year, too.

Madonna players, other than Malewski, chosen to the first team were outside hitter Rayna Vert, setter Deanne Helsom, outside hitter Erin Cunningham and middle hitter Stephanie Uballe. Middle hitter Nicole Burns and outside hitter Jennifer Russell were named to the second team.

Vert, a senior, totaled 23 kills, 27 digs, four solo blocks and nine block assists in the tournament; Cunningham

collected 15 kills, four aces and 20 digs; Uballe had 14 kills, three soles and seven block assists; and Helsom fin-ished with 80 assists to kills, four aces, 25 digs, two soles and 10 block assists.

As well as the offense played against Siena Heights (54 kills with a .235 team kill percentage), the defense was even better, totaling 95 digs and 31.5 team

"We've played a tough, balanced; schedule this season," said Abraham; "We're playing at a good, high level; right now. We still have room for improvement, but we've been much more consistent lately."

Another strong showing just might be enough to propel Madonna into post. Thanksgiving Day play — at the NAIA Tournament.

# SC tumbles in semifinal

The fine season enjoyed by Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team wasn't enough to carry it past the NJCAA District semifinals.

The Lady Ocelots, ranked 12th in the NJCAA, ran into district host St. Louis-Meramec in Saturday's semi. After a fairly even first 60 minutes, the tide changed to favor fifth-ranked Meramec, which advanced to the championship game with a 3-0 blitz of

The Ocelots finished with a 13-4-1 overall record. Meramec (19-3) went on to upset fourth-ranked Lewis and Clark CC 1-0 in the final to advance to the NJCAA Tournament

in Trenton, N.J., today through Sunday. "They were a wide-open, high-pressure team," was SC coach Bill Tolstedt's descrip-

tion of Meramec. "In the second half, they stepped up their pressure and we had a hard

time clearing the ball effectively." With the defense having problems, the Ocelot midfielders started retreating to help out, which meant fewer offensive chances for SC and more for Meramec. "Our inability to clear resulted in too many (Meramec) scoring chances," Tolstedt said. "I knew going in what our weaknesses were. I thought when we got to the tournament it could be a concern, and it was.

"I really thought we could have done better, but there are no complaints."

Meramec got what proved to be the only goal it would need 17 minutes into the second half. It was 2-0 when the final goal was scored with seven seconds remaining.

SC's best scoring chance came early in the second half, when in one flurry the Ocelots hit the post, knocked the rebound off the Meramec keeper, then drilled another shot off a defender.

"We were not as effective against that style of play as we had been," said Tolstedt.

Players singled out for solid contributions in the game were Julie Majewski (from Plymouth Canton), Lisa Tolstedt and Annie Hagenah. Those three, plus Dianna Dean, are in consideration for NJCAA All-Ameri-

saders beat host Windsor, 82-79.

Four other Madonna players

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Madonna won despite being

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# Lady Ocelots are living up to their pre-season ranking

Another tournament, another indication that maybe that seemingly generous pre-season ranking Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team received wasn't so crazy after all.

Of course, it's still a bit early to say for certain; a No. 3 ranking in the NJCAA Division II national polls for a team that was 10-11 last year still seems overly optimistic. But last weekend marked the third time in three years the Lady Ocelots have won the Waubonsee (Sugar Grove, Ill.) CC Tournament; they defeated Carl Sandburg (Gales burg, Ill.) CC 70-46 in Friday's semifinal, then knocked off the host team 61-45 in Saturday's

Neither game was close. SC (now 3-1) led Carl Sandburg (2-2) by a 36-23 margin at the half, and was up on Waubonsee (1-1) by a 26-17 score at halftime.

"Our defense was outstanding," said SC coach Karen Lafata. "That was the difference for us. I wasn't pleased with our shooting . . . we had a poor shooting weekend, percentagewise. But in both games, we were out (in front) from begin-

The Ocelots also got "good scoring balance," Lafata noted, with four of her players in each; game reaching double figures in;

In the win over Carl Sandburg, Denise Willis paced SC: with 20 points and eight.' rebounds. Stacy Cavin added 14' points and seven boards, Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) had 12 points and Jamie Lewandowski collected 10 points and five assists.

Jill Grafton's 10 points topped Carl Sandburg.

In Saturday's final, improved free-throw shooting — SC was 5of-11 (45 percent) from the line against Carl Sandburg, and 12of-16 (75 percent) against Waubonsee — made a difference Again, Willis led offensively with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Washnock contributed 14 points and nine boards, Cavin had 10 points and eight rebounds, and Lewandowski collected 12 points and five assists.

Brenda Morris was best for Waubonsee with 13 points.

# Ocelots wreck Lake Michigan

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Cornerstone won despite mak-

Madonna was outrebounded

47-36 and made just 41 percent

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On Friday, Hurley scored a

team-high 26 points, hitting 10

ing only 22 of 42 free throws, but

It's two-for-two in the early going for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The Ocelots ran their record to 2-0 with a 100-71 win over Lake Michigan in the Macomb Tip-Off Classic

Detroit Cooley product Quentin Mitchell, a 6-foot-4 forward, led Schoolcraft with 22 points.

Point-guard Dave McGlown added 13 points, while Matt Bauman (Livonia Franklin) and Reggie Kirkland contributed 12

The 6-8 Bauman led SC with six rebounds, while Mike Murray

had eight assists. As a team, Schoolcraft had 29

"We showed in this game we other guys stepped up and put the ball in the basket," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "But we still have to get better

rebounding the basketball." Despite a 110-79 win Friday over Muskegon, Schoolcraft was outrebounded 38-37. In Saturday's meeting, Lake Michigan

outrebounded the Ocelots, 44-38. But SC, which led 50-26 at

intermission, shot 51.8 percent from the field (43-of-83) including eight-of-24 from three point

Lake Michigan (0-2) got a game-high 25 points from Dan

### Crusaders split pair

Madonna University (1-2) fell to fellow Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference member Cornerstone, 86-72, in the finals Saturday of the University of Windsor

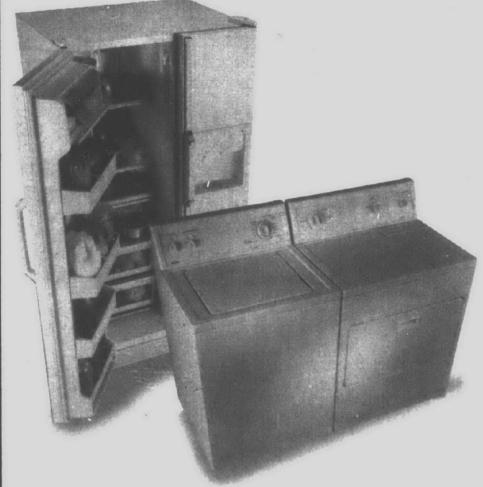
Six Cornerstone players scored in double figures led by Mark have a complete team because Zichterman's 16 points. Mike Loong and Alan Gortmaker each added 14.

Mike Massey scored 14 for Madonna, while Mike Maryanski added 13. Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton) and Jason Skoczylas each had 11. Hurley also had six assists.

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### Solid finish

The soccer career of Michigan State midfielder Jeff Fliss, a senior from Plymouth Canton, ended with Fliss as a solid con-tributor all four of his seasons. In his final season, Fliss tied for the team lead in assists with four, he also had two goals for a total of eight points. MSU was 7-12 this season overall, 1-4 in the

For his career, Fliss finished with 11 goals and nine assists for 31 points in 70 games.

At the other end of the Spartan spectrum, Brett Konley, a Plymouth Salem graduate, concluded his first season at MSU with the same totals as Fliss. The freshman forward had two goals and four assists for eight points.

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The men's league consists of 12 teams and the women's league has six teams. Play begins Monday, Nov. 30.

All those interested may register at the city of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information, call (734)

# Crusaders are ousted, 4-0

Madonna University's most successful men's soccer season came to a grinding halt Saturday in the NAIA Great Lakes Region championship game played in Springfield, III.

The Crusaders gave up four second-half goals as the host University of Illinois-Springfield Prairie Stars advanced to the NAIA National Tournament with a 4-0 victory.

Last year, Illinois-Springfield eliminated the Fighting Crusaders, 6-0, in the Great Lakes Region semifinals.

"If you take a look at it, we took one more step this year," said Madonna coach Pete Alexander, whose team finished 20-3 overall. This was our best record ever. Two of our three losses were to two top-25 teams in the nation. And we went unbeaten in our conference (Wolverine-Hoosier)."

Piper Lee scored what proved to be the game-winner with 42:42 left in the match on an assist from Bryan Spray.

Dan Butler's goal from Justin Stone with 29:04 remaining forced Madonna to push up into an offensive mode.

"Springfield is a very good team, but we had some opportunities," said Alexander, whose team fired off 14 shots. "We missed a breakaway, we missed the net on another, and they (Springfield) cleared three off the line with the ball already behind their keeper.

"But they (Springfield) capitalized on their opportunities. And the the first two goals we gave up were mental mistakes some miscommunication on our part."

Spray put it out of reach with 23:20 left on an assist from Ali Yigit. Chad Formea then scored on a penalty kick as the Prairie Stars (17-6-1) move on to the NAIA Nationals, Nov. 23 in Birmingham, Ala.

On Friday, Madonna avenged

a 2-1 regular season overtime loss to Rio Grande (Ohio) on a pair of goals from Sam Piraine (his 14th and 15th of the year).

Scott Emert also notched his 22nd. Lael Bryant also had an

Simon Lowey scored for Rio Grande, which bowed out at 17-4-1 overall.

Madonna goalkeeper Dave Hart made a couple of key stops and center-back Ryan Mollien sparked the defense to preserve the victory.

Mollien, Emert, Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton),

Jason Hazinski (Redford Thurston) and Victor Rode los (Livonia Franklin) all played their final games for

"It was a tough loss," Alexander said. "We just came up 45 minutes short.

"But I'd say our performance this year was a little unexpect ed because we had lost 14 guys. But once they started clicking they thought they could go to the nationals.

"We have some holes to fill but maybe next year we can take it one more step."

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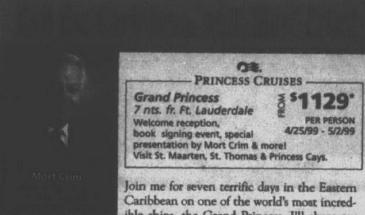
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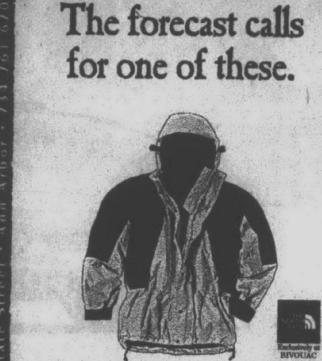
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# Entertainment

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# THE WEEKEND

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SATURDAY



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.

SUNDAY



Learn more about our nation's Native American heritage at the sixth Annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at the Novi/Walled Lake, Exit 162. Admission \$6, children age two and younger, free. Parking \$5. Call (248) 352-0990 for information.



Florentine Houdiniere and Sebastien Britten star in "Anastasia on Ice," through Sunday, Nov. 22 at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$30 (rinkside), \$17.50, \$15.50, and \$12.50, call (248) 645-6666, or (313) 983-6606.



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 STAFF WRITER

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

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HOW: Tickets are \$20 reserved.
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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-Please see NEWSBOYS, E2



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 STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

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,

WHAT: Emerson String Quartet, with planist Menahem Pressler, performs works by Mozart, Shostakovich and

Shostakovich and Brahms.

WHERE Rackham Auditorium,
915 E. Washington

St., Ann Arbor on

the campus of the

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WHEN: 4 p.m.
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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

and Brahms' pieces with Please see QUARTET, E2

## COMMUNITY THEATER

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

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homeo

"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 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 "bodOn 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 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."

# 'Anything Goes' misses boat in spots, steams ahead

presents the Cole Porter musical, "Anything Goes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 27, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Performances at the Water Tower The-atte, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Narthville Roads. Tickets \$11 in advance, \$12 at the door, call (248) 349-7110.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of the Cole Porter musical, "Anything Goes," has some strong leads, memorable songs, and a wonderfully versa-tile set.

The musical comedy is set aboard a 1930s ocean liner bound for London from New rk. Bill Crocker is an affable clerk in love with Hope Harcourt, a debutante engaged to a wealthy English Lord. Hope real-ly loves Billy, but feels obligated to restore her family's fortunes that have been wiped out by the

Mozart has written an unusu-

al work that gives a larger

responsibility to the cello," Set-

zer said in a telephone interview

from his home in New Jersey.

It's not just a bass line but a

character in the piece. He also

gives more responsibility to the

second violin and the violist, a

a lighter Mozart work.

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Wall Street Crash of '29. Reno ing lady. Somewhere along the Sweeny, an evangelist turned line, gentility became confused nightclub singer, jilted by Billy, is the secret object of the English Lord's desire. Throw in some criminals on the lam, a clueless mother, and a bumbling boss, and you have a recipe for humor and comic mayhem.

Billy Crocker, the poor elerk intent on pursuing his true love, is played with enthusiastic energy by Jim Meade. His stage presence, strong voice and natural charm made him a very likable leading man. He's a pleasure to listen to in his duet, "You're the Top," with Reno Sweeny, and his solo, "Easy to Love."

Unfortunately, his leading lady, Hope Harcourt, played by Emily Raymond of Farmington, showed little personality, and left one wondering why Billy rejected the vivacious Reno Sweeney for the dull, uninteresting Hope. If Emily Raymond had exhibited half the spirit and enthusiasm she showed when she successfully played Charity Hope Valentine in last season's "Sweet Charity," she'd be a likable lead-

with lack of spirit. Hope Harcourt needs to be played with

we get a hint of Hope's personality during her duet with Billy,
"It's De-Loverly." However, during her beautifully sung solo, "Good-bye Little Dream, Goodbye," she's still as a board, and evoid of emotion.

Reno Sweeny, played by Heather Bell of Royal Oak, was stiff and unemotional during her opening number, "I Get A Kick out of You," a potential block-buster, which was also hampered by limited choreography. However, she quickly loosened up and redeemed herself as the show progressed. Her personality sparkled during her "You're the Top" duet with Billy, and she took center stage during the rousing ensemble number, "Blow, Gabriel, Blow."

Colleen Meade, an excellent actress and singer, was wickedly delightful as gangster Moonface Martin's girlfriend Erma, conveying the character's clever

it's like an actor doing the com-

plete works of Shakespeare.

part of what we do," Setzer said.
"We did a lot of performances,

taping performances, analyzing

what was working and what

wasn't. A lot of people don't lis-

The violinist said he is an opti-

"There will always be people

The Emerson Quartet also

fights for social causes they sup-

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"My feeling is that everyone

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responsibilities. We are all

responsible for social issues,"

Setzer said. "We're very fortu-

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street smarts and sexiness. Her the other hand, left much to be other half, Moonface Martin, played by Marc Rosati, provided genuine comic relief with well first act, was not very impressing. It is taller frame way too delivered one-liners, physical humor and great timing.

John Mattiello was a riot as the English Lord mangling 1930s American slang. He maintained a delightful English accent and upper-class decorum while enthusiastically enjoying the shipboard mayhem and confusion, which brought peals of laughter from the audience.

Mattiello's choreography, on

first act, was not very impressive. Reno had little choreo phy to work with during her pening number, "I Get A Kick Out of You," and the closing number, "Anything Goes," seemed anti-climatic, as if the

cast was out of energy.

The set was cleverly designed with rotating sections that facilitated rapid scene changes. The costumes were a mixed bag: Reno Sweeney's were very flat-tering, while her Angels' white

well - at least the pants should have looked too short. A shaky spotlight that didn't always follow the performers also detracted from some of the solos and Detr

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Overall, the show was enjoyable show tunes, and an enthusiastic chorus. If you like Cole Porter's music, the show, which runs through Thanksgiving weekend, is worth seeing.

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ly been above our expectations. Most people haven't really heard of us outside of our fan base. Then here we are playing to 7,000-8,000 people while the top 40 band with the hits is playing the little theater down the road. The beauty of not being well known and having a good follow-ing," Frankenstein said.

"The last time we played The Palace, there were 12,000 people there. After the show we went and saw Seal play at the State Theatre to 2,000 people. He's the one selling huge.

Frankenstein chalks up his band's ability to sell a respectable amount of tickets to the Newsboys' grassroots follow-ing, which helped push sales of 1996's "Take Me To Your Leader"

(Virgin) past the 500,000 mark.

Thanks to active Christian youth groups and the return of pop music, the Newsboys haven't had to rely on commercial radio, which isn't exactly supportive of Christian music.

With the exception of MXPX, which plays Detroit's St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday, Nov. 21, Amy Grant and Jars of Clay, few Christian acts have weaseled their way into commercial radio. Frankenstein said he sees that as a start.

"There's a lot more quality stuff out there," he said of current Christian music bands.

"There is good stuff. There's no reason why it shouldn't be played. Seventy percent of the United States is Christian. I'm not sure why radio programmers are hesitant about playing it," he

"I think it scares radio programmers. But what, it doesn't scare you to play half the rap bands that you do?" added Frankenstein, who's been listening to The Cardigans, Fatboy Slim and Soul Coughing lately.

For its latest album, "Step Up to the Microphone" (Virgin) the Newsboys went with the DIY (do-it-yourself) work ethic. Instead of working under the constraints of a commercial stu-dio, they recorded at lead singer Peter Furler's home studio.

"Step Up to the Microphone" is the band's first since the departure of lead singer John James, who decided to pursue other interests.

"We decided that on the previous record we didn't have enough time to get it right. Plus we're always on the road. It's good to be in the comfort of a home. We have unlimited studio time. We had an engineer on

Furler acted as producer and the quintet - which also includes guitarist/vocalist/bassist Jody Davis, bassist/vocalist/guitarist Phil Joel, and drummer/percussionist/vocalist Duncan Phillips mixed the album themselves.

"Pete was steering the ship, and we just went for it. We learned a lot of things. We wanted to have a record that had continuity. The guys in the band grew up in different parts of the world. This is the first time we got all those influenced to mold into different sounds."

The modern pop record blends Frankenstein's keyboard samples with crunchy guitars and funky bass, while focusing on a strong sense of melody.

"To us, if Virgin breaks a single it's like icing on the cake. We've had eight long years of really good success. When you're on MTV, people get sick of you. When we roll into town, it's the fans only chance of seeing us."

Frankenstein rolls into Detroit as often as he can.

"I still call it home," said Frankenstein who now lives in Nashville. "It's a good city, actually. Detroit is pretty cool. People are just real. The south has a lot of hospitality and a lot of southern kind of love. But in Detroit people tell you what's going on."

"It's really been a huge rollercoaster ride for me. You hear about these things and you never think it would happen to you. I can't believe I do what I

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more equal role than in quartets before this. It's a real equality, a conversation, like a mini opera and each instrument is a character in the opera." Setzer said the piece was more purified and pristine," a work distilled down to the essentials. The Shostakovich piece, on the other hand, was written in 1944 and conveys the grimness of these times in Russia. Setzer said the work has a symphonic

quality to it. "Also Shostakovich was fighting tyranny at home. Composers there worked under such scrutiny, but they were given more freedom during the war," Setzer

ways, including using Jewish folk music in the quartet's second movement.

The third movement is a waltz, one of the most demonic waltzes I've ever heard. ... It's a danse macabre," Setzer said.

On the Brahms, Menahem Pressler joins the quartet, a group he helped in their early

"He was a mentor to us and one of the first people we recorded with," Setzer said. "Everytime we play with him it's wonderful." Setzer said it's been interest-

ing over the years to watch how the relationship with Pressler has developed from teacher-student to musical equals. The Brahms' piece is dramatic,

stormy and "in a very dark key." Setzer said the slow movement is one of Brahms' most beautiful This year the quartet has been

playing Beehoven works with 20th century pieces. The recording of the Beethoven cycle was one of the group's most ambitious projects.

> in Ann Arbor as a therapist. Still, he loves the theater, and

performing in "A Chorus Line" is a real kick. "A Chorus Line is really what my life was like," he said. "I used to go to auditions, but we didn't have to talk about ourselves like we do in the show. There was none of this get to " rus Line" is "that it can't be done know you. My life was getting rejected and always hoping, God I hope I get this job, so you can feed yourself and pay the rent. It's very real." Luther toured in Europe as a dancer with "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Jesus Christ Super Star," and the U.S. with "Caharet'

Urbaniak, who recently gradu-

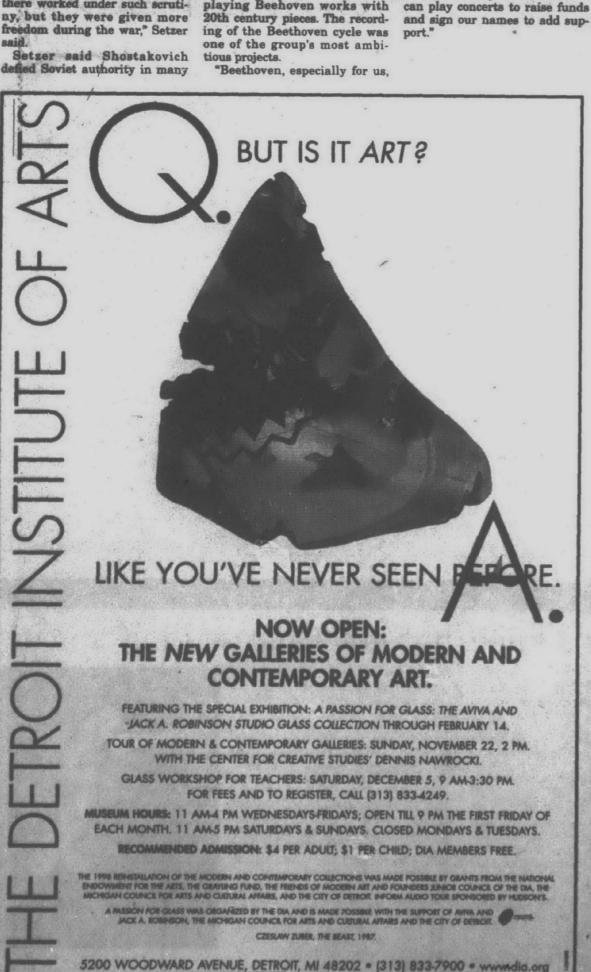
ated from Western Michigan University with a degree in theater, would ultimately like to end up working in New York City. She recently auditioned to perform at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla.

What she likes about "A Choong. It's about wha up for your art," said Urbaniak. "What you'll see is a nice, honest, genuine performance."

Luther agrees. "What I Did for Love," is his favorite song in the show. "It's what you do," he said. "The sacrifices you make to dance, perform. A lot of people don't have relationships, family,

because we love what we do, you have to really love this business

In their own way, every person in the cast of "A Chorus Line" loves the business, and all have made sacrifices to be on stage. When rehearsals began, Stephan said she made everyone talk ut themselves, and what they liked best whether it was singing or dancing. "They came away from 'A Chorus Line' with a good feeling," she said. "Because we give up so much to do what we do. We rehearse every night, everything suffers. This is something we all deal with."





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# Detroit Rep raises veil of liturgy

"Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," a two-act play by John E. Shea. Through Thursday, Dec. 31 at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Times: 8:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday; 3 & 8:30 p.m. Sat-urday; 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday; (313) 868-1347. e-mail: detrepth@aol.com

By Frank Provenzano Staff Writer fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.ne

In "Ad Altare De (Unto the Altar of God)," playwright John E. Shea sets forth an interesting idea for a spirited drama about a priest's reluctance to say the liturgy in English, shortly after the reforms of Vatican II. A topic that allows Shea to traverse ancillary subjects such as good, evil and redemption, while defending the need for faith to be espoused in a mystical language.

Overall, "Unto the Altar of God" is an ambitious play performed at the Detroit Repertoire Theatre, one of the few regional venues producing contemporary work. In fact, this season Detroit Rep features premiere performances for all four of its plays.

Few other theatres have demonstrated the commitment to the tradition of theatre and the healing power of setting contemporary dramas upon a stage as Detroit Rep.

Yet in the case of "Unto the



Robert Grossman (left to right) and Roy K. Dennison in a scene from "Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," a twoact play by John E. Shea.

Altar of God" even a talented cast cannot salvage a script with one too many quick turns and superficial subplots.

The Monsignor Rene LaFarve is played by Robert Grossman, a versatile actor who shows up frequently in Meadow Brook Theatre productions.

Grossman plays the role with an impious swagger and sarcasm, and from scene to scene, seems to be trying to figure out the emotional intensity of the story. Not an easy task since the playwright forsakes dramatic pacing for preaching, and worse, attempts several plot twists to set up the ultimate metaphor whereby the play's 13 characters assume positions at a modernday Last Supper.

While the topic of faith, lan-

guage and the mystery of life make for a fascinating idea for the drama, the application of the idea comes off as a tiresome gim-

For instance, Monsignor La Farve is threatened with dismissal if he doesn't conform to the Church's mandate to say the mass in English. The dictum comes from the archbishop takes on added melodrama when it's revealed that the holy patriarch is also La Farve's childhood

Throw in a prostitute whose mother had amorous intentions for the crusty monsignor, two adolescent boys fighting against their abusive father, and an African-American priest who is a combination of Sydney Portier

and Otis Redding, and the dramatic mix is more like a sampling from predictable tornfrom-the-headlines movie-of-theweek fare.

It even gets more implausible when La Farve's long-time secretary has the type of "secret" that wouldn't even make it into a

soap opera script.
What the story needs most is what it has the least - intimacy and mystery. The melodic whisper of Latin is an ideal vehicle to enter the spiritual realm of the newly reformed apostolic church.

Yet the set design of a long, bulky table, a desk and chairs creates an unnecessary distance with the audience.

But in fairness to the playwright and Detroit Rep, the ambitious production of "Unto the Altar of God" shouldn't dissuade audiences. The play offers

several compelling issues.

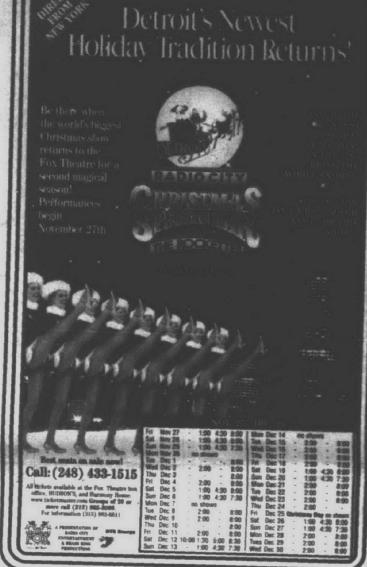
In addition, the cast, especially Grossman, Dee Andrus, and Roy Dennison wring the most pathos from their roles

And for any Catholic who recalls the sudden change when the mass began to be recited in English, the play will likely inspire memories when the veil began to be raised on the mys-

tery of the liturgy.
At its best, "Unto the Altar of God" makes the point that when mystery is taken away from faith, all that remains is a form of spiritual democracy.

# SATURDAY, NOV. 28 - 8PM ALL SEATS \$10! Tickets available at The Pulace Box Office and all Charge (248) 645-6666.

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# 'She Loves Me' nothing but fun, romance

Village Players of Birming- It has none of the realism, cyniham, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham, presents the musical "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 22. Tickets \$14, \$12 students, call (248) 644-

BY MARY JANE DOERR

Nobody is familiar with the musical "She Loves Me" now playing at the Village Players in Birmingham. No wonder! This 1963 production is by the same creative team who wrote "Fiddler on the Roof" (Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick) and "Cabaret" (Joe Masteroff). It wasn't until a 1994 revival won the Drama Desk Award that the show finally got any attention.

Too bad! "She Loves Me." taken from the movie "Little Shop Around The Corner" with between "Fiddler" and "Cabaret. two are on stage together, there guy than a stressful boss and

cism, or lessons to be learned. It is a soap opera tale about life in an Eastern European perfumery where life resembles the used-tobe cosmetic department of downtown Hudson's in its heyday, before downsizing and implosions. While this show is not the Chanel No. 5 of musicals, it isn't the drug store variety of Charlie

Jeanne DeLong and Y. Jamie Mistry, as leads Amalia and Georg, keep this perfumery from being perfunctory. They make perfume out of this cologne of musicals and turn their music into sweet smelling Hungarian

DeLong has a voice that is easily sustained for easy listening to many touching solos including "I Don't Know his Name," "Dear Friend," and "Ice Cream."

Mistry's diverse acting skills Jimmy Stewart is hardly a cross have earnest appeal. When the

The story begins with an accentuated "Good Morning" by Mark Maccagnone and Jason Groh as Ladislav Sipos and Arpad Laszlo who are contemplating a day of hooky from their work at Maraczek's Perfumery. The inimitable Holly G. Hellsten joins them as clerk Ilona Ritter, who is playing around with Kodaly another clerk. Kevin Edwards is the sleazy Kodaly, which comes through in his provocative song "Come with

In the story, Amalia who is searching for a little romance in her life, answers a "personal" ad in the paper. When she applies for a job at the perfumery, she doesn't know that the manager, Players got it right! Georg is her amorous pen pal. Their relationship is further complicated by th fumery owner Maraczek. John Picho plays him more like a nice

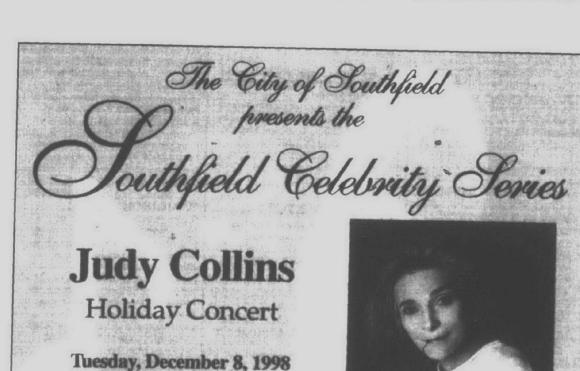
sings about love in "Days Gone

Jane Pfeifer directs this charmer that is nothing but romance and fun. Musical director Joan Bowes plays the piano, accompanied by a musical ensemble, hidden back stage. The singers on stage follow Bowes' lead via a TV screen mounted on the ceiling.

Lively choreographer Patty Ward creates the amusing "Café Imperial" and "Where are my shoes" scenes. The best scene has to be the finale, the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Maraczek's motto for this perfumery is "everything is attrac-

ear and the eye." The Village



"a voice of liquid silver" The New York Times Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person. Tickets available at all Ticket Centers including Hudson's and Harmony House Stores. To charge 248/645-6666. Tickets are also available by check or cash at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the Main Reception Desk weekdays 8 am to 5 pm; or the Parks & Recreation Building evenings 5 to 7 pm and Saturdays

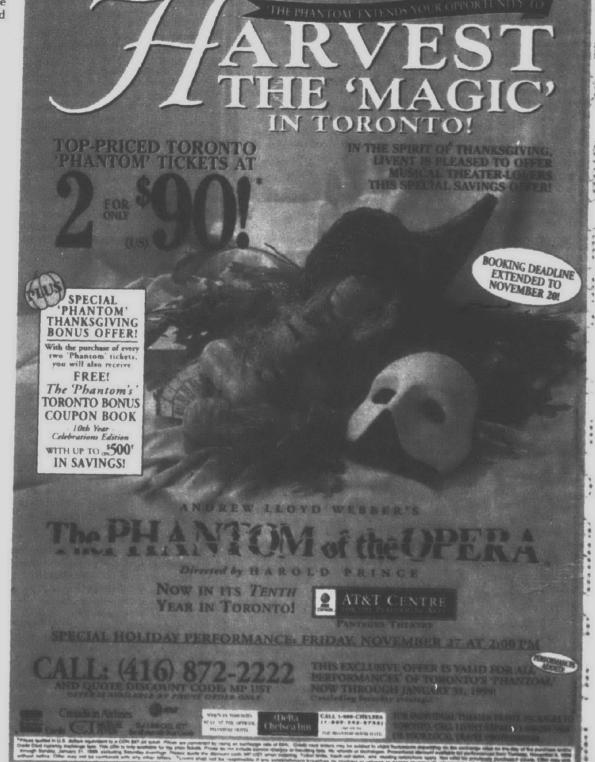
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medal at the 1998 Professional Figure Skating World Championship, and top honors at the American Open, also in 1998. In 1994 he took 10th place at the Olympic Games in Lillehammer.

"Anastasia on Ice," based on the story of the lost Russian princess, the fabled last surviving member of the Romanov family, blends action, adventure, comedy and romance. Heading up an international ensemble of figure skaters are Florentine Houdiniere of France as Anya/ Anastasia, Simon Aldridge of the United Kingdom as the wickedly wonder-

ful Rasputin; Scott Irvine of the U.S. as Dimitri's hefty henchman, Vladimir; and the acclaimed Russian pair team Marat and Marina Akbarov. "Anastasia on Ice" is a

first-time collaboration between Feld Entertainment and 20th Century Fox. Performances are scheduled 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sat-urday, Nov. 20-21, with additional shows at noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sun day, Nov. 22. Tickets are (\$30 rinkside, \$17.50, \$15.50 and \$12,50). Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606.

6. 13, 20, and Jan, 3; and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

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ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Troy Marriott Hote, on Big Beaver between Livernois and I-75. \$5, \$15 readings. (248) 528-2610 "CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DINNER" Featuring Italian dinner of Penne with Marinara Sauce, Linguine with White Clam Sauce, Chicken Piccata, antipasto, soup, salad, and spumoni, 5-11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Italian American Banquet Facility, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. \$36. (248) 349-8880 "DEEP LISTENING FESTIVAL 3: MICHIGAN AVANT-GARDE MUSIC" Featuring Ben Bracken (9 p.m.), Tribe 2 with Mikhal Caldwell (9:45 p.m.). Music Color Composers Orchestra (11 p.m.), and Immigrant Suns with Eugene Chadbourne (midnight) Thursday, Nov. 19; Ben Hall and Jason Shearer (9 . p.m.), Street Band (9:45 p.m.), Vizitors (11:15 p.m.), and Remote Viewing Ensemble (12:30 a.m.) Friday, Nov. 20; and Little Princess (9 p.m.), Frank Pahl (10 p.m.), Northwoods Improvisers (11 p.m.), and Faruq Z. Bey and Speaking in Tongues (12:30 a.m.) Saturday, Nov.

22 and 29, Dec. 21; and free improv jam session, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8 per evening, \$24 for Thursday-Saturday shows, \$5 for Sunday. (248) 645-6666 or

http://www.go **GREENBERG'S TRAIN AND TOY SHOW** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$5, \$2 children ages 6-12. (248) 348-5600 or www.green-

bergshows.com KWANZAA FEST

Featuring a black inventors museum, author's pavilion, Kuumba family center, keynote speakers, health, beauty and fitness pavilion, international soul food center, an African wedding center, a technological center and a Kwanzaa marketplace, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, Cobo Hall Detroit. (248) 557-4713 "LINEN THREADS AND BROOM TWINES"

2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, guest speaker is William Ruddock (author of "Linen Threads and Broom Twines") whose ancestors came from Gilford, Ireland to work in the linen thread mill in New York, at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club, 2068 Michigan Avenue, west of Tiger Stadium, Detroit. Free. (248) 879-9352/(248) 478-8496 SOUTHFIELD AMERICANA ANTIQUES

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1706/(810) 465-9441 or http://www.antignet.com/M&M "WASSAIL FEAST"

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$45. (248) 471-7786

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AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE Pre-parade activities are 7:15-8 a.m., with the parade beginning at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson avenues, Detroit. Free. \$15 grandstand seating available at Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666

COBO CARNIVAL Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. - AUDITIONS/WORKSHOP

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$36 gold circle, \$26 and \$21. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) JIM BUCKINGHAM

9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 20 and 27, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (Irish folk) GERARD EDERY ENSEMBLE Presents a "Mosaic of Sephardic

Song," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-3953 (Judeo-Sephardic) IMMUNITY

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Bogey's. 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (reggae) LUDDITES 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Copper

Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 PINO MARELLI 7 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 19 and 26 and 8

p.m. Fridays, Nov. 20 and 27, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Benedetto's 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (810) 790-1010 (Italian/Spanish)

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TANGO

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 JOHN GORKA 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, The Ark,

316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org WIL HOPPEY

Performs 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 to promote this thrid album "places," at Borders Books and Music, Farmington Hills.

THE LEWIS FAMILY 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Oakland Community College's Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road,

grass/gospel)
PETER OSTROUSHKO

Featuring the Rockettes, 70 per Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatr 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$

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**FOURTH FRIDAY FLING** Advanced contra dance with ca Peter Baker and music by Debb Jackson, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, N Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Art Saline Road (1/2 mile south of Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863 "THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER" Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-Dec. 6, I Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.\$15-\$50 for Friday-Sund formances, \$12-\$45 for Wedne Thursday performances. (734) 2538/(800) 221-1229 or

http://www.ums.org

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(734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAIS Chas Elstner, 8:15 p.m. and 10 Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$ \$24.95 dinner show package) p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 (\$8, \$20 Mike Green, 8:15 p.m. and 10: Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$: \$22.95 dinner show package), p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 (\$6), at 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOW Lewis Black, 8:30 p.m. Thursd 19 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p. Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12); Do Hines, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p. Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10), at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (73 9080

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"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Fri fifth anniversary celebration s spective, 8 p.m. Wednesdayswith additional shows at 10:3 Fridays-Saturdays through Fe the club, 2301 Woodward Ave \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.5 Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

### POPULA MUSIC

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624-9400 (blues) **BLACK BEAUTY** 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 24

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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Arbor, \$12.50, \$11.50 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"AN EVENING OF IRISH MYTHS, LEGENDS AND FOLKTALES" Featuring Richard Marsh and the music of Inis Ceol, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River Ave. (one ck west of Telegraph Road). \$8. (248) 542-5800 or http://indigo.ie/~legends RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS PECTACULAR

Featuring the Rockettes, 70 performances from Friday, Nov. 27-Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

DANCE

AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at Oakland University, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-3013

"COUNTRY CLASS" Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Plymouth Elks, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-2207 DANCE PARTY

Hosted by the Detroit Opera House Young Professionals and Hour Detroit, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, featuring the Ohio Players, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$100. (313) 961-

FOURTH FRIDAY FLING Advanced contra dance with callers Peter Baker and music by Debbie Jackson, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863 THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER" Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-Dec. 6, Detroit

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8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Chas Elstner, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12,

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MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Lewis Black, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12); Darwin Hines, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Billy Ray Bauer and J.R. Remick, Thursday, Nov. 19; and The Amazing Jonathan and J.R. Remick, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22 (\$17.50 Friday Saturday, \$15 Sunday); John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 25-29, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5). 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6). 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com SECOND CITY

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#### POPULAR MUSIC

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(rockabilly)

9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) BACK DOOR BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bad Frog. 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248)

624-9400 (blues) **BLACK BEAUTY** 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With The Pessants, Maggi Pierce, E.J., and Cylinderhead, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St.,

Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248)

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900

CALLIN' MARVIN 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-SUSAN CALLOWAY With Michelle Penn and Barb Payton, 8

p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (pop)
PAUL CAREY'S BLUE BAND 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson Ave., at Nine Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. (810) 498-3000

CENTRIFUSE With Superfiction, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-CHEAP TRICK

6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door; \$75 three-day pass includes ticket to all three concerts, participation in a question and answer session with the band on Nov. 26, and a limited edition souvenir laminate and commemorative poster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) BLAKE CHEN

With The Gentlemen, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, \$5 suggested donation for adults and students. (734) 327-2041 CHICAGO RHYTHM AND BLUES KINGS Formerly known as the Mellow Fellows, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (jump blues) CHRONIC STREET

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (rock)

With Taproot and Face, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock) GEORGE CLINTON AND THE P-FUNK ALL

STARS 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cancelled. (313) 833-9700 or

http://www.99music.com (funk) JAMES CLOYD GROUP Hosts electric blues jam, 9 p.m. Thursdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and

older. (313) 278-5340 (blues) JOANNA CONNOR 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, First Street Grill,

102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues) CRACKER

8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.99music.com (rock) THORNETTA DAVIS AND THE CHISEL

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues) DAYS OF THE NEW

5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cancelled. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock) DEMOLITION DOLL RODS

With The Light Strikes and The Go, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock) TIM DIAZ

Keyboardist for Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval. Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. 9313) 886-8101 (rock)

With Terrapin, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6200 (pop) GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Duggan's trish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, Smitty's, 220 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

With Eloise, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontlac. \$6, All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock) THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; Hosts acoustic blues jam, 9 p.m. Wedner Nov. 25, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (R&B)
PETE "BIG DOQ" FETTERS
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28,
Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester.
Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)
FOOLISH MORTALS

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Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock) FOUR GUYS DRINKING BEER 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (blues)

**FOURTH FUNKTION** With Switch and Sunday Afternoon, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

**GANG GREEN** 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk) THE GHETTOBILLIES

With Quasar Wut-Wut and Gravity Well, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) COREY GLOVER

Former lead singer of Living Colour, with Mr. Freedom X and 60 Second Crush, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) "AMY GRANT CHRISTMAS" With Grant, Michael W. Smith, CeCe

Winans and the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$24.50, \$27.50, \$34.50, and \$39.50. All ages. Groups of 10 or more receive \$3 off the ticket price. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (Christian) GRAVITY KILLS

With Econoline Crush, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages: (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

G.R.R. 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 988-1357; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 24, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

JOHN HIATT 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cancelled. 21 and older: (248) 546-7610 (pop)

LISA HUNTER 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (acoustic rock)

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Fox

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) NIKKI JAMES AND THE **FLAMETHROWERS** 

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Nov. 25, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B) BILLY JOEL 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

\$38.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 (piano-driven pop) **BIG JACK JOHNSON** Formerly of the Jelly Roll Kings, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (delta blues)

MIKE KING 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All

ages. (248) 651-1600; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (R&B) KUNG FU DIESEL 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, School Lake

2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458

Celebrates release of CD "Joy Box" with party and performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25,

St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues) 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (313) 961-MELT or

Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water

http://www.961melt.com (punk) MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free, 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900

**Detroit Red Wings national anthem** singer performs songs from her new holiday CD, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. Portion of the proceeds from the sales of the CD benefit the trust fund for the injured Detroit Red Wings. (248) 203-0005 (pop)

With Third Day and The Waiting, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$20 reserved. Groups of 10 or more receive \$5 off. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (Christian rock) **OPIE'S DREAM** 

With Trauma Coll, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, JD's Macomb Therstre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921

Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues) "POP O.D." CD RELEASE PARTY Featuring Twitch, Spat!, Forge, Kristiva with Skinhorse, Red September, Culture Bandits, The Immortal Winos of Soul, Down Boyz, Passenger to Nowhere. Agent 009, The Impaler and Cindi St. Germain playing Iggy Pop songs, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.detroitmu-

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# Till Be Home for Christmas' offers some fun

For your holiday planning con-venience, let's eliminate those of you who won't care if Jonathan Taylor Thomas makes it home

Teenage girls will likely pass, having decided that the middle son from TV's "Home Improvement" has peaked as an idol. Likewise adolescent boys, who don't know what the girls saw in him in the first place. Most adults won't buy Thomas as a college student - not while his voice is still changing.

So who does that leave? Only kids who can't read this anyway, and their grandmothers. But there are lots of kids and grandmas who'll want to see-not rent-a

Instead of an eight-year-old being left home alone to battle burglars on Christmas Eve, Thomas is a wiseguy freshman at a West Coast school who's left alone in the desert to battle a three-day deadline: he must make it home to suburban New York for Christmas Eve dinner.

Is he that homesick? Not hard-Is he that homesick? Not hardly. In fact, he cashed in his airplane ticket to rent a condo in Cabo San Lucas for him and his too-trusting girlfriend Allie (Jessica Biel). But dad (Gary Cole of "The Brady Bunch" movies) wants son Jake him the homest that he promises him the keys to

To which we ask: why? Jake is a first-class heel, the school's scam artist who sells fake IDs and test answers to dumb jocks. The girlfriend's got it right when she tells him, "you don't have one decent chromosome in your DNA." But every few minutes they cut back to his family moping around the Christmas tree in hopes that son Jake soon will be there.

Meanwhile Jake, as noted, has been stranded in the southern California desert in a glued-on Santa suit, the object of revenge by the jocks after one of his schemes was sabotaged by rival, Eddie (Adam LaVorgna). In the

family film, and there is enough in this reverse "Home Alone" plot to make it a "could-see," if not a the vintage 1957 Porsche they rebuilt together if the deadline is meets up with all manner of weirdoes, from a car-full of elderly Vegas-bound Tom Jones fanatics (including the wonderfully-cranky Kathleen Freeman, who's been doing this forever) to a Sad Sack singing cop. All the while, Allie and Eddie are heading east also, barely a step ahead in his Pathfinder, and their ride togeth-er suggests that he-Eddie-is a much better match for Allie than out-for-himself Jake.

Thomas has obviously learned much by hanging around Tim Allen, but attempting to copy Allen's style of off-hand quips is like a kid trying on dad's pants when they're still too big. Macauley Caulkin carried "Home Alone" in large part ecause the character was written so well. Jake's conversion from rat to loving son and boyfriend is far out even for Disney, and Thomas is in over his head as the male lead.

That said, the youngest moviegoers will still find some fun stuff here, from trained buzzards to a 5k run with hundreds of Santas to a Christmas parade

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Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 20

"ISLAND IN THE SON"

Film starring Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge, James Mason, Joan Fontaine and Joan Collins to be shown 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Part of the Cultural Arts Division of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Dept. Classic Cinema Series. Tickets \$3 and include light refreshments. Call (248) 424-9022 for tickets.

Exclusively at the Maple Art Theatre. Bennett Miller's homemade, videolensed documentary chronicles the life and times of an eccentric New York City tour guide.

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. Historical drama that chronicles how a young queen overcame internal conspiracy, assassination attempts and foreign opposition to emerge as one of Europe's most powerful monarchs during the 16th century. Stars Cate Blanchette, Geoffrey Rush, Joseph Flennes, Richard

"ENEMY OF THE STATE"

Action drama from producer Jerry Brockheimer about how a chance encounter with an old friend destroys one attorney's life when he is framed for murder. Stars Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight, Scott Caan, Regina King.

A comedy written and directed by Woody Allen set in New York with allstar cast including Kenneth Branagh, Judy Davis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Melanie Griffith.Winona Ryder.

Full-length animated feature based on

the popular Nickelodeon series. Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 25

An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one

Animated feature: Lil (left), Chuckie, Tommy and Phil star in "The Rugrats Movie." wants to marry her, the other to kill her.

The trio's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara. "THE LAST EMPEROR"

Bernardo Bertolucci's director's cut of

the Academy Award-winning drama based on the life of Pu Yi, the child who was the last emperor of China. "A BUQ'S LIFE"

Computer-animated comedy centering around a misfit ant as he tries to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers.

"VERY BAD THINGS" Savage comedy about five men who turn on each other after a bachelor party goes horribly wrong. Stars Christian

Slater, Cameron Diaz.

"BABE: PIG IN THE CITY" The sequel to the 1995 hit as Babe travels to an overseas state fair to demonstrate his sheepherding abilities.

"JERRY SPRINGMASTER: RINGMASTER" Comedy about a woman who suspects

foul play between her husband and daughter, and their venture onto a famous TV talk show. Stars Jerry Springer.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

"WAKING NED DEVINE" A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish

town wins a lottery and the towns people want to share. Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18 "JACK FROST"

becomes a real father after returning to

life as a cooler guy than he'd ever imag-

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"YOU'VE GOT MAIL" A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivals who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

# Medeski, Martin and Wood perform on Backstage Pass



of Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television. This is a must-see show that you are definitely not going to want to miss, so either use your VCRs or

remember to On this week's show we have a trio of musicians that can appeal to just about any age group and a legendary trumpet artist who was one of the first to ever introduce jazz and funk together. Also a behind the scenes look at the 27 Detroit area kids that will be performing with the Harlem Nuteracker Troupe as well as the ghost from Christmas future

will stop by to give us all a show from "A Christmas Carol." Medeski, Martin and Wood, three names that can pretty much stop traffic in the world of jazz, and we have them on the show. The tight knit group hailing from New York has often been called more funk than jazz, but either way there is not a soul debating that these guys are getting international praise

Hello again! It for their music. Medeski, Martin is time for and Wood, more often referred to as MMW, have created their newest record, "Combustication," and so far it has received rave reviews from critics.

> In the group's bio Martin says that the key to MMW's success is band chemistry. "We admire each other. It's like a family. We're here to play music, but we're also friends. All of our compositions are collaborations that we spontaneously develop on the road or in the studio. Everyone contributes and everyone balances each other out. But what's really important is that we feel comfortable trying new things together. Medeski added, "That's right. We could settle for just being a grooving organ trio. But that would be too easy. We not only like the challenge, but we're seeking new ways to express ourselves. Backstage Pass' music producer Ron Pangborn offered, "The jazz organ trio of Medeski, Mar-tin and Wood has something

curious about them, and that is

the fact that they can appeal to

a much younger generation.

Those that can appreciate the

Grateful Dead and the Dave Matthews Band can also appreciate MMW. These guys are on a

major electric tour with a DJ, but for their Backstage Pass show they are going to so an acoustic show for us. They are really excited about that because they can really get into this especially since they haven't had many chances to do that on this tour."

Also stopping by to do a live studio performance is Donald Byrd. Donald is a Detroit jazz legend and he is going to debut "A Voyage of Discovery, The Collection of Donald Byrd" at the Focus: Hope Gallery. This will be the first time Donald will display his extensive personal collection of African American and African art for the public to Ron Pangborn has set up an awesome ensemble to accompa-

ny Byrd in our studio. "We have a great group to back up Donald. Teddy Harris is going to be on the piano, Marian Hayden on bass and drummer George Davisen."

This week's show is just going to blow the roof off any house that is tuned into Detroit Public Television. You can catch this week's show Sunday at 7:30, Thursday at 5:30 and once more Friday at midnight.



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

"The record's been done for 2-1/2-3 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 bal-lad "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

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"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

"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

"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

Tom Wall specifically remem-bers 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 Immuni-

"We want to become teen idols."

Thanks to Miller Genuine Draft, the faces of Immunity lead guitarist/ percussionist/ vocalist 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

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.

Music Network.

"We didn't have a reggae band and they are playing a lot of the best young adult clubs in a lot of the key young adult areas. Plus they have a great stage personality," said Kraus, event manager for GMR Marketing, Inc., in New Berlin, Wisc.

Kraus said that the bands are chosen based on research by "the people working the streets for

Miller. We find these bands er, is lead singer Jonathan Pet-through local publications as tus, a Trinidad native who now well. We look and see what lives in Royal Oak. 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 Cuzins of Funk, Johnny "Yarddog" Jones, Kung Fu Diesel and the Killer Flamingos are also sponsored by Miller. Immunity's sponsorship runs through 1999.

As a benefit, the bands receive signs, posters, band-specific ban-ners, clothing and an incentive

"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

"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-

lives in Royal Oak.

"Jon gets out and moves. I can't do what he does. He moves. n a way that nobody else moves. He's quite dynamic and very

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 regions of the coatstanding regions of the coatstanding regions of the coatstanding regions. gae 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 nomina-tions, Koggenhop won the out-standing reggae/ska instrumentalist 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.

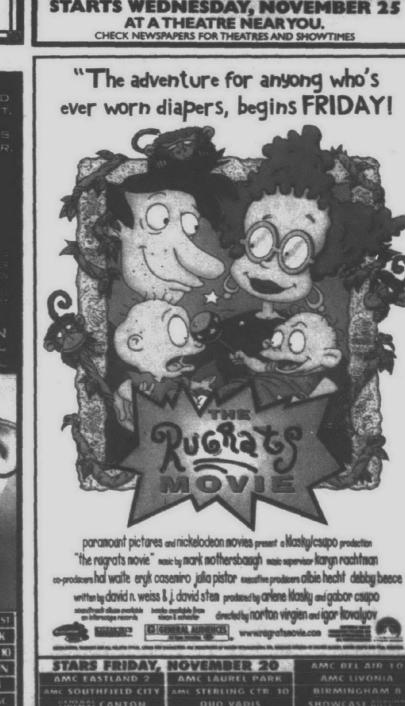
Besides the Miller sponsorship, Immunity has upped its visibility by playing 120 gigs a year, sometimes two in one day. This summer, the band performed at a private party for Janet Jackson in Joe Louis Arena's Olympia Room prior to her show at the arena.

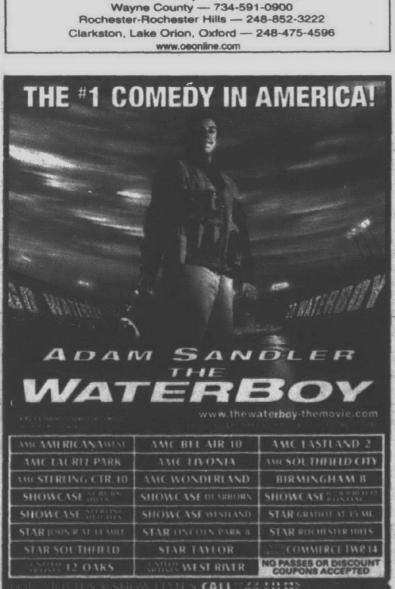
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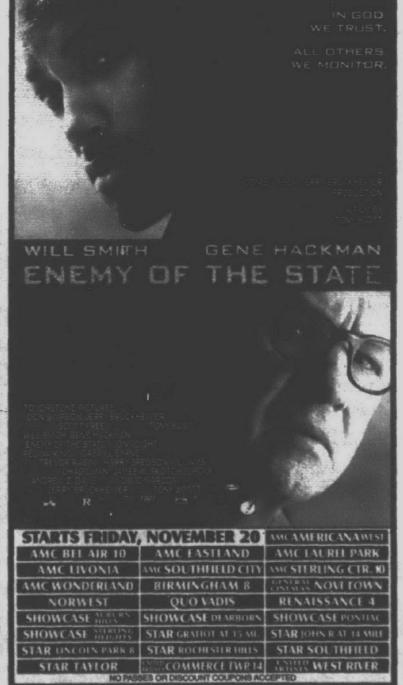






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BY MARY QUINLEY SPECIAL WRITER

Smile - it's your birthday! And to help celebrate the occasion many local eateries offer their customers a variety of incentives for birthday dining. Here's a sampling:

III SWEET AFTON TEA ROOM

450 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734)

We offer a complimentary birthday shortbread wrapped in a doily with a ribbon. People are tickled and surprised when we serve it," said Cindy Belanger, co-owner. Restaurant personnel are happy to accommodate birthday patron. If requested, adds Belanger, "we will send the ladies from the kitchen to sing."

M KYOTO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE

1985 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 649-6340; 21150 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, (248)

Does a quarter slice of fresh pineapple topped with vanilla ice cream entice you? Perhaps a piece of frozen strawberry ice cream cake sounds more appealing. The choice of a complimentary dessert is yours at local Kyoto

Here's a list of some other local eateries which cater to the birthday person Be sure to call first for specific

- Sill Knapp's (all locations) Blakeney's Ranch House, Farmington (248) 477-8545
- Chi-Chi's (all locations) ■ Golden Mushroom, South-field, (248) 559-4230
- M Hawthorne Gardens Res rant, Westland, (734) 422-3440 Max & Erma's (all locations)
- Mountain Jack's (all loca-
- Peabody's, Birmingham, (248) 644-5222 Station 885, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885

restaurants if it's your birthday. Fox & Hounds

1560 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800

This 1927 landmark offers a festive birthday package which includes multi-colored helium balloons, a 6-inch "Best Wishes"

cake, and a "Congratulations" banner hung over the booth. The charge is \$20.

Looking for a little less fanfare? Then order the cake for \$10. With advance notice the cake can be personalized.

### M EASTSIDE MARIO'S

31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 513-8803; 2273 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-9622; 29267 Southfield Road, Southfield, (248) 569-9454

Get ready for some silly shenanigans and lots of laughs. At a recent birthday dinner, the guest of honor was asked to stand up and hold a large green pepper in his hand (some celebrants hold an onion or a tomato!) while the staff clapped and sang an upbeat version of "Happy Birthday." Complimentary dessert follows the playful performance.

#### III MR. B'S FOOD & SPIRITS

423 Main St., Rochester, (248) 651-6534; Mr. B's Troy, 3946 Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 689-6070; Mr. B's Plymouth Grill, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-4190; Monterrey Cantina, 2601 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-

6800; and Mr. B's Spectadium, 2511 Livernois, Troy, (248) 362-

Birthday celebrants of all ages receive a complimentary entree priced up to \$8 at any Mr. B's eatery (there are a total of 13 restaurants in metro Detroit). Proof of birth date is required.

"Birthdays help our business because the birthday person comes in with other people," said Mark Menendez, manager Ply-mouth Mr. B's. "We probably get 10-15 (celebrants ) a day."

#### BENITO'S PIZZA

8129 Middlebelt Road, Westland, (734) 458-5130; Shell Foodmart, corner of Farmington and Six Mile Roads, Livonia, (734) 425-3933; 33447 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 427-2830; locations also in Canton, Southgate, Sumpter, Belleville, Wayne and Rockwood

Show ID (birth certificate for kids) and pick up a free small pizza with cheese and one item on the day of your birthday.

To avoid disappointment, call the restaurant before finalizing your plans. Happy Birthday!

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

Check out these Thursday, Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day dinner options available at the following restaurants. Reserving in advance is strongly advised and in some cases essential.

#### BOTSFORD INN

2800 Grand River, Farmington Hills (248) 474-4800.

Seatings for a Thanksgiving buffet in the main dining room begin at noon and can be scheduled on the hour until 4 p.m. In the coach house, seatings are on the hour between 1 and 4 p.m. The bountiful buffet includes sal-

ads, relishes, vegetable with dip in addition to roast turkey, savory dressing with all the trimmings, sliced roast beef with mushroom sauce, smoked ciderbaked ham or baked cod fish. Cost is \$19.95 per person plus \$1.50 beverage. Children age 10 and under half price.

#### M STEVE & ROCKY'S

43150 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 374-0688. Chefs Steve Allen and "Rocky" Rachwitz have a memorable experience planned with their limited sit-down menu. Turkey with all the trimmings is \$14 and \$8 for children.

In addition, 10 choices, some of them autumn favorites such as goose and venison, range \$14-22.

### MARVIN'S BISTRO & PIANO BAR

15800 Middlebelt, Livonia (734) 522-5600, Thanksgiving Day Buffet, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Menu includes Roast Turkey, Honey Baked Ham, Roast Beef Au Jus, and Baked Cod Fish served with Marvin's Turkey Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, pasta, vegetable stir-fry and an assortment of desserts. The cost is \$12.95 adults, \$5.95 children under age 5. Chuck Shelby plays

piano 3-8 p.m.

### WATER CLUB GRELL

39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 454-0666. Thanksgiving Buffet 1-6 p.m. Menu includes Roast Turkey, Glazed Ham, Lemon Encrusted Scrod and Pasta Primavera with a variety of side dishes - house salad with strawberry vinaigrette, mashed potatoes and gravy, sausage and cornbread stuffing, cranberry relish, and fresh vegetables. Pumpkin pie for dessert. The cost is \$13.95 adults, \$6.95 children.

### **EXCALIBUR**

28875 Franklin Road, (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 358-3355. Open for dinner 2-10 p.m. Service will be from the dinner menu and Thanksgiving specials. Call for details.

#### III HISTORIC HOLLY HOTEL

110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



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along with a variety of other entrees. Cost is \$20 per person. Children \$9.

#### MERIWETHER'S

25485 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 358-1310 from 2-8 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, \$16 and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Selections of seafood, pastas and steaks from the regular menu range \$14-17.





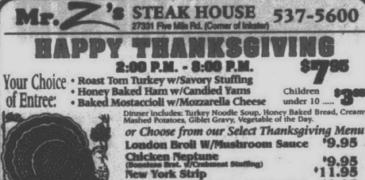
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