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Santa Claus is coming to town

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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With Thanksgiving here, the spirit of the next big holiday will be ushered in during a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in downtown Plymouth this weekend.

Friday will mark the official arrival of Santa Claus to the Plymouth area as he rings in the Christmas season during the ceremony, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. with a fire engine arrival in Kellogg Park.

"Santa and Christmas Carol will be coming in on a fire engine," said Fran

Santa's Hours

- Arrival is 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27
- 8-9 p.m. Fridays
- noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays
- noon to 5 p.m. Sundays

The Kellogg Park event is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "We do the countdown and (Santa) lights the big Christmas tree in the park. On that particular day, that

is the event."

Shortly thereafter, the jolly old elf will make his way to the Santa House, also in the park, where he will greet children during the remainder of the evening.

Photos with Santa will be made available for purchase, but personal cameras are also welcome.

"The big thing is that Santa is coming to town," added Toney. "He's coming this Friday and we're very excited."

Linda Siegrist, who helps coordinate the setup and takedown of Santa's House, also enjoys the event.

"To me, it's not a lot of work," she

said. "I enjoy being able to contribute and give something back to the community."

"When we're in there decorating the tree, it's so cute because a lot of people come by and peek in. The kids will come by and smile and wave. We just tell them 'Santa's not here right now. He's working on his toys ... come back in a week.'"

This is Siegrist's fourth year of involvement with the event but the first time she won't be at Friday's ceremony.

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CHEER CLUB

It's Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club time again! So join the Cheer Club by bringing donations of new toys and canned boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main Street in Plymouth, during normal business hours.

The items will be collected until Dec. 11, when we'll turn them over to the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make Christmas special for everybody, not just the lucky families where mom and dad have plenty to spend.

So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy, or maybe a gift of warm clothing, a new hat, scarf or gloves your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donation by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor's names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. But you can be an anonymous donor, if you prefer.

Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

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Kids cook up 'gourmet feast'

STORY BY TONY BRUSCATO
PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN



Grandma's secret recipe: Soap and water is called for in Elise Allen's interpretation of her grandmother's recipe.



Brandon Ekblad



Roxana Gamble



Rachel Walrath



Nevan McKelvey

Preparing Thanksgiving dinner is a time-consuming, energy-draining couple of days for the cook. There's a lot of thought and work put into grocery shopping, managing all the prep work, not to mention the full day it takes to prepare the meal Thanksgiving Day.

And the hard work has made an impression on children, who have observed and taken mental notes on how their Thanksgiving Day dinner is prepared.

Students in Carolyn King's first-grade class at Allen Elementary in Plymouth Township have a few tips for those who need the recipe.

Rachel Walrath gave us her mom's recipe, saying she's a better cook than her dad.

"You put the turkey in the oven for 50 minutes on 30 high," said Rachel. "Oh, I forgot, first you have to take off the feathers. You wouldn't want to eat those. They don't taste very good."

Brandon Ekblad said his mom has a great recipe.

"First she cleans it, puts salt on it, then puts it in the oven for 10 hours on a temperature of 10," he said. "When it's done, it goes beep, beep, beep."

Emma Robinson said don't forget to take out "the yucky stuff in the middle of the turkey before you cook it. Then you put it in the oven for 12 minutes on hot hot."

Elise Allen hesitated, but then gave us her grandma's secret recipe.

"First you pull the guts out with a spoon, then you clean it with soap and water," said Elise. "Then you have to bake it in the oven for 20 minutes. Don't put the oven

on too high, maybe 14."

"Go to the store and get a turkey, but if it still has its head make sure you chop it off," said Nevan McKelvey. "Then you cook it on way hot. You put a stick in it to check if it's done."

When it comes to the first Thanksgiving, the first-graders have just as vivid an imagination.

"The Pilgrims cooked with a fire in the dirt and cooked the turkey for 45 minutes," said Jenny Piper. "They had birthday cake for dessert and played games when they were done."

Lauren Donaldson believes the Pilgrims "cooked deer meat instead of turkey. They invited the Indians to dinner and the kids played together, shooting arrows at each other."

Mark Shankus remembers his history.

"The Pilgrim families worked in the fields and threw rocks at the turkeys," said Mark. "Then they killed them and took the guts out. Then they put them on a stick and rolled them over a fire. The Indians went to the store and brought dessert."

Timmy Newby remembers the first Thanksgiving like it was just yesterday.

"The Pilgrims had Thanksgiving dinner on the Mayflower because they wouldn't let them go to church," he said. "There were 32-hundred people. They cooked the turkeys in the sun because if they cooked them in a fire the boat would burn down."

And what did they do after dinner?

"Some of them used diving gear to swim in the river. Some stayed and played soccer on the boat."



Lauren Donaldson



Timmy Newby



Jenny Piper



Mark Shankus

Disaster touches hearts of residents

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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When disaster struck Central America last month in the form of Hurricane Mitch, Paul Martin of Heritage Door in Canton knew he had to do something.

Heritage Door has a factory in Honduras which employs 50 people. And while the factory miraculously escaped damage, his employees needed help.

"Half of our employees had severe damage to their homes, or completely lost them," said Martin, one of the owners of Heritage Door. "Our plant manager told us how he was up to his armpits in water trying to help people salvage some of their belongings. After the storm, some of those same homes had 4 feet of mud inside."

On Monday, Martin, with the help of longtime friend and customer, Walt Menard of Menard Builders in Plymouth, a custom home builder, shipped a 40-foot container (as large as a semi trailer) filled with food, clothing and other necessities to Honduras.

"The goods won't just go to our employees, but to thousands of people

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New Home Depot adds rivalry for small store

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
STAFF WRITER

With the anticipated construction of a Home Depot in Plymouth Township, the hardware business is becoming a slightly tighter market these days.

With locations in Northville and Canton already, Home Depot and its warehouse style building-supplier counterparts are putting the squeeze on the small hardware stores.

"It's like, how does any other little store compete with a big store?" said Fred Smith, co-owner of S & W Pro Hardware in Plymouth. "We just go more in depth and have more items than they do."

The larger stores wow you with their cavernous buildings and dozens of aisles but, according to Smith, you can't get the small-town service a local hardware store can offer.

Last week, the planning commission recommended approval for rezoning property at the southwest corner of Five Mile Road and Beck across from Scott Correctional Facility for the Home Depot project. The property was zoned for residential use. An industrial zoning is needed for the warehouse

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who work in the industrial park in San Pedro Sula, where our plant is located" said Martin. "We've probably got enough left over for another half container. As soon as we fill it, we'll ship it out. Hopefully by the middle of December."

That's approximately the same time frame the first container is expected to be delivered in Honduras, just before Christmas.

"It's filled with everything imaginable," added Martin. "Farmers up north donated 7 tons of beans; we have a hundred cases of water donated from Absopure and Spartan. We also have canned goods, clothing, and even some toys."

Good feeling

Menard said he had a heart-warming feeling as the container was being taken away.

"It felt pretty good knowing that we accomplished something that will benefit so many people," he said. "And it feels good knowing there are a lot of people out there willing to help."

"In the beginning we didn't know how it would go," added Menard. "But then the phones started ringing off the hooks."

Martin said a Romulus company is supplying the containers, with the cost to truck them

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Walt Menard
-builder

to Miami then put on a ship to Honduras about \$2,500 each.

"We'll accept anything that's nonperishable," said Martin. "Things you wouldn't even think about on a daily basis are now priority items."

Meanwhile, students at Hulsing Elementary School in Canton on Monday presented the American Red Cross with a check for \$1,352.96. Most of the money came from their allowances to help victims in Central America.

The campaign began as a brainchild of the fourth-grade classes of Cindy Grahl and Beth Sexton.

"We were studying hurricanes in science when Mitch struck," said Grahl. "The children were overwhelmed at the devastation."

"The two classes wanted to help, so they decided to challenge the entire school to donate a week's allowance," she added.

"Many of them donated on a daily basis, giving their change instead of buying that extra candy bar or ice cream."

"At first we were going to ask for 25 cents from each student, then a dollar, but then we decided on a week's allowance," said Allen Aberkamp of Canton.

"It's a lot of money," added Kristine Mattarella of Canton. "It will go to help buy food, clothing and medicine."

The final tally was bolstered by a \$500 check from a Hulsing School family.

Good Counsel

Students at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth have begun collecting pennies for "Pennies & Prayers" for victims of Hurricane Mitch. While the goal is \$300, the total is expected to be larger because of matching donations from area businesses.

Parishioners from Our Lady



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Helper: Alicia Lesko of Plymouth is helping to spread the word through the Chilean Club, an effort to raise donations for storm victims throughout Central America. Lesko is one of many helping out storm disaster victims.

of Good Counsel collected \$4,000 during church services Nov. 13 for storm-ravaged victims in Central America.

Absopure Water Company, based in Plymouth Township, delivered an entire truckload of water to Metro Airport last Saturday for delivery to Honduras. It was part of a relief effort called Flight of Champions, sponsored by the Detroit Pistons and delivered by the team's jet, Roundball One.

"The history of our company is to give when we can," said Darwin Watts of Plymouth, manager of operations. "We donated at least a thousand gal-

lons to that relief effort."

The Chilean Club of Michigan has fewer than a hundred members statewide, but they're doing their part in collecting what they can for relief efforts.

"This is so horrendous. There are no words to describe it," said Alicia Lesko of Plymouth, a past president and current board member of the Chilean Club. "I don't have any relatives there, but I certainly understand there are children and families affected. It will take years to rebuild their lives."

Lesko is helping to spread the word through the Chilean Club,

an effort to raise donations for storm victims throughout Central America.

"I'm bilingual, so if I could go I would to help," said Lesko. "But I'm trying to help in my small way. I'm compelled to do something."

Arrangements to drop off donations can be made by calling Heritage Door in Canton at (734) 414-7100; Menard Builders in Plymouth Township at (734) 451-7400; and Bonniebrook Development in Northville at (248) 380-0905. Monetary donations can be made to American Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW.

Beyer Drugs raises funds for area Salvation Army

Beyer Friendly Drugs has set a goal of raising \$1000 to be donated to the Salvation Army of Plymouth to provide Christmas gifts for the less fortunate.

On display at the store is the world's largest Christmas stocking filled with toys and games. Beyer's is selling raffle tickets at 50 cents a chance with the win-

ner to be drawn at 10 a.m., Dec. 19.

One hundred percent of the proceeds of the raffle will be donated to the Salvation Army. Beyer's invites all of the neighbors to participate so that they may spread the joy of the season.

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Purse snatching reported at Kroger

On Nov. 5, a woman had her purse stolen out of a shopping cart at the Kroger grocery store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The suspect was described as a thin white male with a shaved head. According to the victim, he got out of a red or orange, rusty Ford vehicle and snatched the purse while she was loading her groceries into her car.

He then fled the scene and police were not able to apprehend him.

High-speed chase

A high-speed chase involving township police and a driver wanted for reckless driving took place on Nov. 12.

According to reports, the vehicle, described as a dark, late model Firebird or Trans Am, was pursued by an officer of the Plymouth Township Police Department, but "due to suspect-vehicle speed, time of day and traffic volume," the chase was ended.

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BY PAMELA CO SPECIAL WRITER

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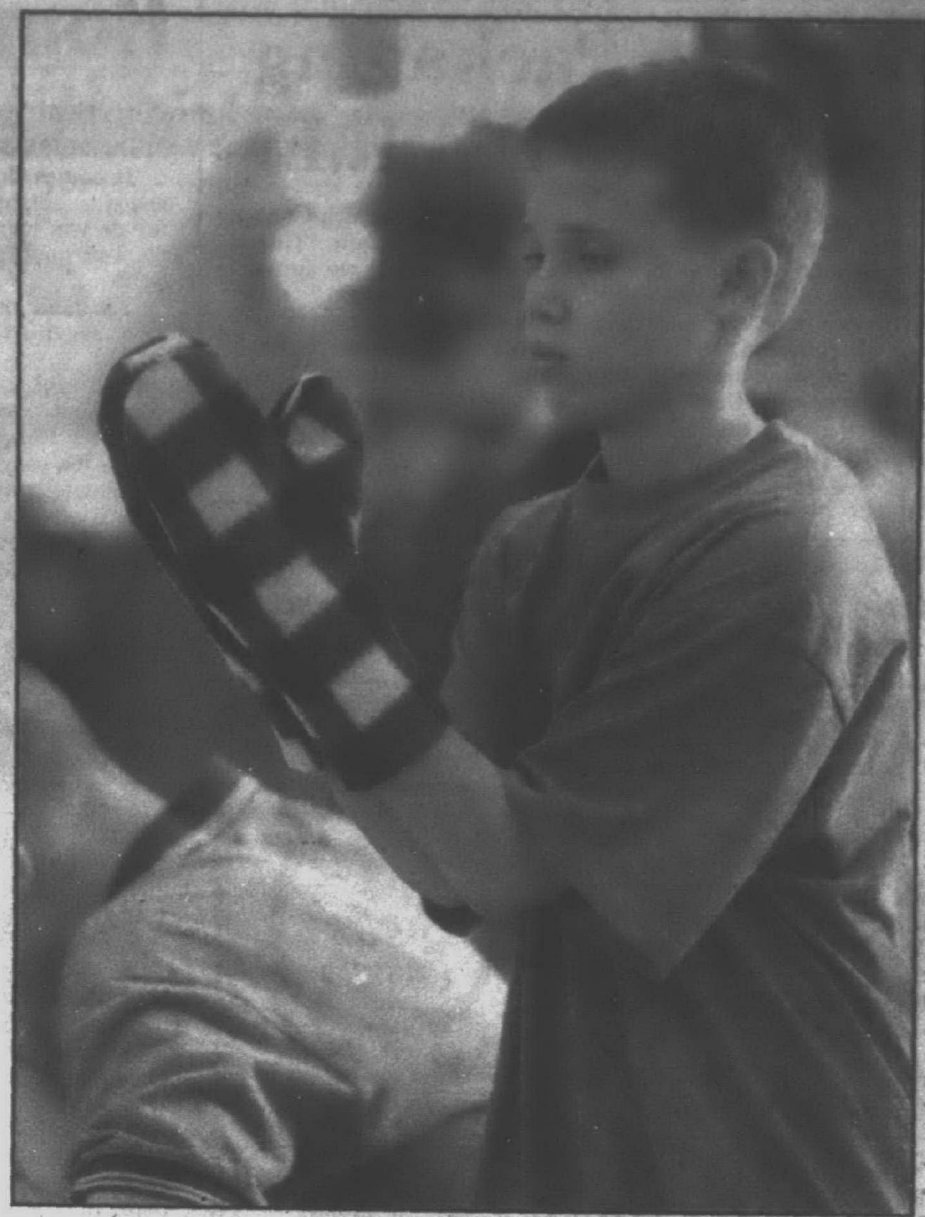
Students in Susan Kolbas' Skills for Living II class at West Middle School made gloves and hats from fabric donated by the Delta Kappa Gamma national teachers organization last week.

The garments will be returned to Delta Kappa Gamma where they will be filled with books, writing materials and other literacy-promoting materials and then be donated to the Plymouth Clothing Bank for distribution to needy children and families.



Busy as elves: Students at West Middle School were busy last week making hats and gloves for the Plymouth Clothing Bank for distribution to needy families. At right, Brandon Ross, 13, of Canton checks out his handiwork. At left, Alexis Mily, 13, gets some help from Tiffany Bray, 14, both of Plymouth as they begin their project.

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Speeders top concern of new school neighbors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Speeding traffic and the safety of schoolchildren were the main concerns of nearly 65 people who attended an informational meeting about the new middle school to be constructed in Canton.

Most of those in attendance are neighbors of the new school, to be built on the southeast corner of Hanford and Canton Center roads.

"Already I see the police sit outside my house bringing in plenty of revenue from people who aren't doing 25 mph," said Wanda Derico, who lives only a few houses from the proposed school. "Several neighbors have been calling Wayne County incessantly to get a traffic study

and stop signs."

John Birchler, the district's executive director of business and operations, told the gathering that "safety across Canton Center Road has not yet been discussed. The transportation department will look at those who walk to school, whether they would be bused to avoid crossing Canton Center, or there would be crossing guards."

Birchler also noted there are ongoing discussions with Wayne County and Canton Township officials about speed limits on Hanford Road.

In light of those concerns, neighborhood residents generally seemed pleased there would finally be a middle school in Canton.

"I think it's great. My kids will be able to walk there," said Linda Bedard,

who has three children in the district. "The value of the houses will go up."

Tom Maletic lives in Sunflower Subdivision, and likes the idea there will be a new school in walking distance.

"I'm glad we're getting one in Canton," said Maletic, who has a daughter attending Central Middle School. "It's nice to be within walking distance. It gives a nice community feeling."

Birchler said the new school will have more parking than any other school in the district.

"We will keep as many trees as we can. We'll probably plant more," he said.

He used a rendering to show where the softball fields, football and soccer field, and tennis courts will be located, noting the site is compact.

"The site is tight. We would like to

have five to 10 more acres," added Birchler.

The Housing and Facilities Committee will be deciding within the next year which students will be attending the new school. The district has a 1 1/2-mile distance rule for middle school students who walk. While there are no guarantees, those within that range most likely will attend the new school when it opens in August 2000.

This will be the first new middle school in 30 years to be constructed in the district, replacing Lowell Middle School which is being leased from Livonia Public Schools.

Voters overwhelmingly approved \$18.8 million in bonds to construct the school, as well as furnish it with furniture and technology. Some of the money

will go to buying up to 10 new buses.

As for the name of the new school, that has yet to be determined.

"The Board of Education names all the school buildings," said Judy Evtol, director of community relations.

"The elementary schools are all named after educators, board members and other people," she said. "The middle schools are all directions, except for Pioneer, which was a pioneer concept when that building was constructed."

Birchler did have an idea of who the building won't be named after.

"The new school won't be named after the current superintendent," Birchler said with a smile. "It will not be called (Chuck) Little Middle School."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Mural of life: Tiina Ristich, owner of the Cozy Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail, poses in front of a new mural as artists Barbara and Steve Pugsley of Royal Oak continue to work on the painting of her native Estonia on Monday. The mural is a rendition from Ristich's memory and photos from her visit to her homeland five years ago and incorporates significant people and landmarks from her childhood, many of which are not true memories but those of her mother's stories of her childhood.

A lifetime of memories gives a new look at The Cozy Cafe

BY PAMELA CONN
SPECIAL WRITER

The two murals being painted on the walls of The Cozy Cafe represent a personal quest.

Restaurateur Tiina Ristich fled with her mother from her birthplace of Tallinn, Estonia, when she was just 3 years old. Estonia had become a captive nation, part of the USSR. When Tiina was 3-months-old, Russian soldiers had come without warning to take her father off to Siberia.

Fifty years later, after Estonia had regained its indepen-

'We wanted to give The Cozy a new look, a European look, because we both came from European backgrounds and because The Cozy has so many international customers.'

Tiina Ristich
—owner of The Cozy Cafe

dence, Tiina went with her husband Nick (co-owner of The Cozy Cafe), and with the sto-

ries her mother had told her over the years, back to her hometown of Tallinn, Estonia. In search of her roots, she attempted to find a trail that would lead her to information about her father, who had never been heard from again.

"In the 17 years we've been owners of The Cozy, we had never made any real changes," said Ristich, who runs the cafe's day-to-day operations.

"We wanted to give The Cozy a new look, a European look, because we both came from European backgrounds and because The Cozy has so many international customers."

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Tenneco Packaging donates to D.A.R.E.

Tenneco Packaging, a Plymouth Township company that manufactures cardboard boxes, recently donated \$350 to Plymouth Township's D.A.R.E. program.

Tenneco plant manager Bill Moffat presented the check.

"We're giving this donation to aid in the education of chil-

dren in the Plymouth-Canton schools," Moffat said. "This is to let them know we support the D.A.R.E. program."

"We use the money to buy things we need for the program," said Plymouth Township police officer William Groff, who is also a D.A.R.E. officer.

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hardware store to be built. The township board has final approval.

"It comes down to personal service and speed ... getting in and out," he said. "How far do you want to walk across the parking lot and how long do you want to stand in line?"

"You can't give the knowledge or the quality of service there, I don't care what they say."

Fred and his brother, Warren Jr., took over the company from their father in 1971, who built it in 1953.

And it's easy to tell that hardware is close to home for this duo.

"I've always wanted to work here," said Fred. "I started in here when I was 12 years old and I've seen a lot of changes."

"We've gone from the days of housewares and toys and hockey skates and sleds and lawn furniture and Lionel Trains we used to

"I'm not overly concerned. I mean, let's face it, it's like drug stores ... there's one on every corner. But I think hardware, especially small hardware, has its niche."

Fred Smith
-S & W Hardware

have in the front window, to being a hard-lines hardware store, which we are now."

After continuing the legacy of a family-owned store that started 45 years ago, Fred doesn't easily flinch when it comes to competition.

"We've outlasted them all so far. It's just another change," he said after hearing of the

plans for a new Home Depot. "How many of them have been here and gone? I don't know who's next or who's going in behind Home Quarters. Lowe's is talking about kicking in, but they haven't come yet."

"I'm not overly concerned. I mean, let's face it, it's like drug stores ... there's one on every corner. But I think hardware, especially small hardware, has its niche."

That niche has gotten them through the last 45 years without too many problems and, if things continue in that direction, another generation of Smiths will continue to run the store at Ann Arbor Road and Main Street.

"My brother's got a boy (Chris) working here," said Fred. "And maybe. If he stays interested."

Representatives from Home Depot were unavailable for comment.

Santa from page A1

"I look forward to it," she said. "It's so much fun on that first day. When the kids get excited and first see Santa. That's a lot of fun."

The tree lighting ceremony is just the beginning of many holiday events in the local area. Here are a few other ideas for enjoying the season:

Nov. 27-29: The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will hold its annual Christmas arts and crafts show Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Show admission and parking are free. An 8-foot table space is \$95.

Crafters interested in being in the show should call show direc-

tor Carol Donnelly at (724) 455-6620.

Nov. 28: Citizens will have the opportunity to "Skate with Santa" at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena from 1-3 p.m. Call 455-6620 for prices and additional details.

Dec. 4: The Women's National Farm & Garden Association of Plymouth will sponsor a holiday greens mart 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. There will be a bake sale. Items featured will be wreaths, bows, swags, and different arrangements. Proceeds go to benefit scholarships and civic projects. For more information, call Karen Horton at (734) 207-0563 or Pat Robinson at (734) 453-1187.

Dec. 4-6: The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will present its Christmas concert, "Joy," at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets can be bought at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton; Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest, Plymouth; and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (734) 455-4080.

Dec. 4-6: The Whistle Stop Players will present "The Velveteen Rabbit" in the Plymouth Community Arts Council, JoAnne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2

p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Dec. 6: A candlelight sing-along and dedication of the "Walk of Trees" begins at 6 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. About 10 trees are still available for sponsoring, at \$50 each. To find out more about taking part, call (734) 453-1540.

Dec. 11: "Home for the Holidays," a late-night shopping extravaganza, is set for 5-10 p.m. in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540 for more information.

Dec. 11-13: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra performs "The Nutcracker Ballet" at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Call (734) 451-2112 for additional information.

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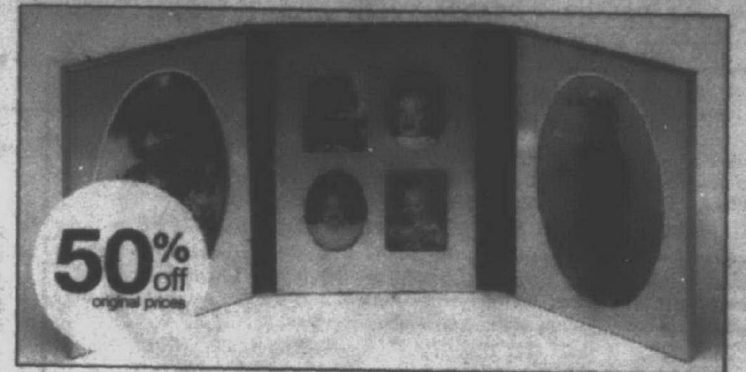
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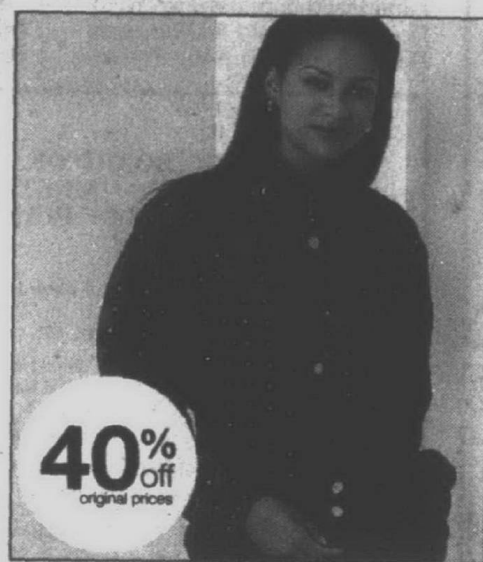
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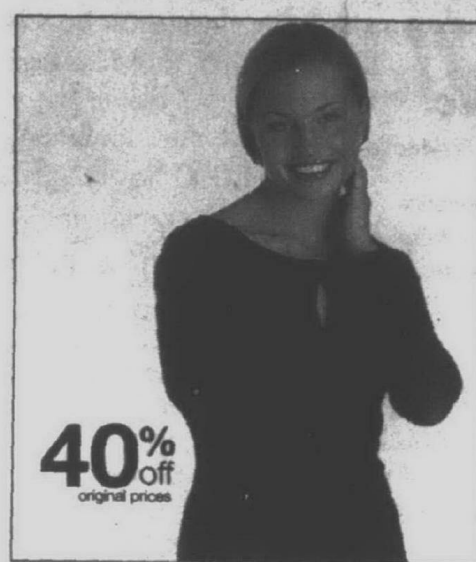
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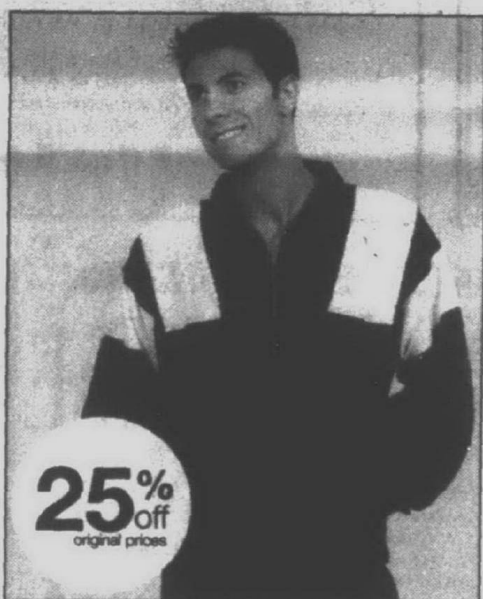
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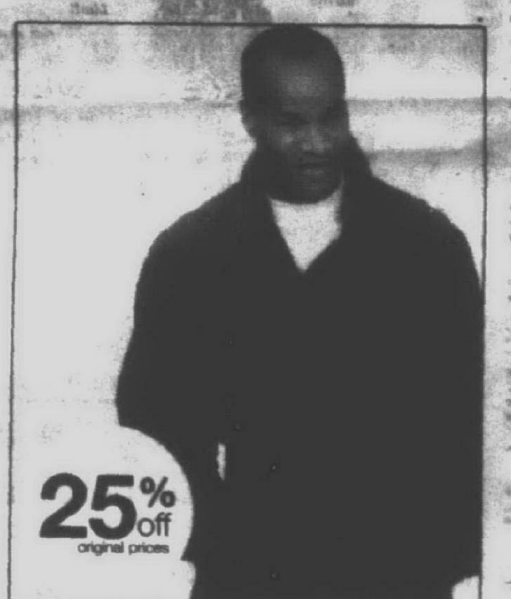
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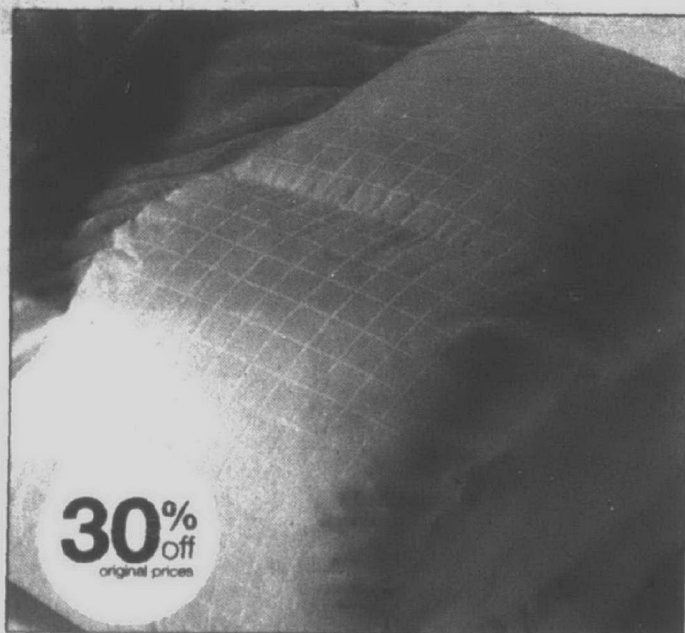
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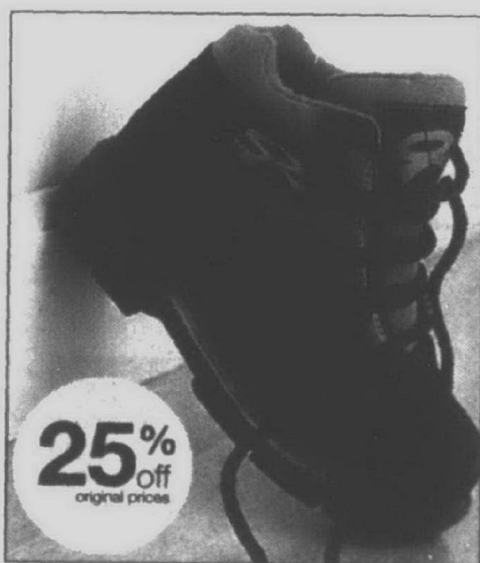
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Bill regulates fire death probes

Concerns by law enforcement officials around the state that criminals are using fire to cover up homicides has prompted legislative action recently by the House of Representatives.

House Bill 5238, sponsored by state Rep. Gerald H. Law, R-Plymouth, regulates investigations by county medical examiners of suspicious deaths involved in a fire. The bill passed the House last Thursday, 95 to one.

"There have been so many cases where the death appeared to be from fire, but after intense investigations, the cause of death was really a homicide and the fire was a coverup," Law said. "If there is suspicion or evidence to support that the death may not have been a

result of the fire, we need the county medical examiners to look into it."

Once such instance involved a Southfield woman beaten to death by her husband, who then set fire to the house. The death was originally ruled accidental due to careless smoking. Only after the state fire marshal identified the fire to be arson was a full autopsy completed and the real cause of death identified.

"This bill doesn't order a medical examiner to perform an autopsy in every situation, only when the prosecutor or police have suspicion to believe the fire was not the cause of death," Law said.

The bill requires a law enforcement agency to submit a written

request for a complete autopsy. The county medical examiner has 48 hours to deny the request.

If the request is denied, the law enforcement agency must petition the court for a hearing within 24 hours. The court must make a ruling within 48 hours of the petition.

The bill also prevents autopsies from being performed on anyone whose religious beliefs are in contradiction to such an examination.

"Some faiths do not believe in autopsies, and we must respect their beliefs," Law said.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

Whalers help United Way to reach its holiday goal

Skate with the Plymouth Whalers 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, in Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck. Those attending will meet the players and get autographs. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Community United Way.

Cost is \$5 per person at the door or \$15 per family (limit six). Skate rental is \$3. Fans will skate in groups of 150 with each group skating for one 30-minute block.

The Plymouth Community United Way needs help to achieve this year's fund-raising goal, said Linda Langmesser, the chairwoman for the Plymouth Community United Way. Currently, the campaign is at 43 percent. The 1999 goal is

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\$350,000. Many of the larger companies have yet to finish their campaigns.

Any individual or company that would like to help should send a donation to Plymouth Community United Way, P.O. Box 8356, Plymouth, MI 48170.

OBITUARIES

CARL ALBERT RAYMOND PETERSON

Services for Carl Albert Raymond Peterson, 92, of Plymouth were Nov. 25 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Mr. Peterson was born Sept.

12, 1906, in Manistique, Mich. He died on Nov. 22 in Ann Arbor. He was the owner/operator of Peterson's Drug Store in Plymouth. He opened the store in 1948 and retired in 1971.

Prior to 1948, Mr. Peterson managed several Kinsel Drug Stores in the Detroit area, working for Kinsel for 18 years. He worked for many years at the main location in downtown Detroit, Griswold and Michigan. He graduated from the Practical

Institute of Pharmacy in Sandusky, Ohio, in November 1928.

Mr. Peterson came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Detroit. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He loved to travel, play cards and golf. He loved attending Kiwanis Club meetings; he had been a member for many years.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Maude and Bertha. Survivors include his son, Carl

(Linda) of Rochester Hills; one daughter, Beverly (Donald) Schmidt of Hinsdale, Ill; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

LAWRENCE HENRY McDONALD
Services for Lawrence Henry McDonald, 85, of Plymouth were Nov. 21 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Jay Cubbison of Newburgh Baptist Church, Westland, officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia.

He was born on March 28, 1913, in Cambria County, Pa. He died on Nov. 18 in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth community in 1945 from Pennsylvania. He was a maintenance supervisor for the Plymouth Schools. He retired in 1977. He had 20 years of service in Smith Elementary and Plymouth Salem High School.

Survivors include his two daughters, Grace (Fred) Krause of Westland, Bernice (Charles) Merryfield of Roscommon, Mich; two sisters, Sally Fulton of Florida, Naomi Miller of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren, Debra (Gary) Pack of Westland, Vicki L. (David) Gallinat of Livonia, Cheryl (William) Frost of Westland, and Scott (Denise) Merryfield of Plymouth; and three great-grandchildren, Jason Pack, Shannon Frost and Julie Pack.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 3, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-98-11	575 Auburn	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Variance
		Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
		Applicant: Andrew & Shelly Schwartz
Z-98-12	471 W. Ann Arbor Tr.	Non-Use Variance Requested Sign
		Zoned: RM-1, Multiple Family Residential
		Applicant: Joseph & Kimberly Villarosa

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Parole violations

Court denies O'Hair's role in revocation cases

BY TIM RICHARD
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Yes, it would save Wayne County taxpayers some money.

But no, Prosecutor John O'Hair can't have superintending control over the state Parole Board, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

The Court of Appeals, in a 3-0 decision, upheld Circuit Judge James Rashid when he denied the prosecutor a role in parole revocation cases.

O'Hair wanted to avoid having to re-try parolees who violate the terms of their probation by committing new crimes.

"That'll cost \$10 million a year in Wayne County alone," said an unhappy George Ward, Plymouth Township resident and assistant prosecutor who argued the case on appeal.

Ward cited the case of Robert Owens, who has 22 prior convictions for car theft, burglaries and the like and was arrested while on parole. "The guy's already convicted. He's got 20 years unused time on his sentence. The Parole Board has the punishment authority," said Ward.

It works this way: Suppose an inmate was given a four-10 year

sentence. He serves four years, is released on parole and then is charged with another offense.

"An arrest for a parole violation is a 'triggering' event," requiring a Parole Board hearing, said Ward. The defendant can be required to serve the remaining six years of his sentence.

But the Parole Board doesn't do it that way, Ward complained. He cited the case of Gregory Young, paroled in 1989 for armed robbery, his 14th conviction. Two years later, Young burglarized a Detroit store, his 15th crime. Instead of revoking parole, the Parole Board discharged Young, forcing the prosecutor to try him for No. 15.

Young could have been sent up for 47 more years. "By frittering it (unserved time) away, the Parole Board forced Wayne County taxpayers to foot the bill for a 15th prosecution," Ward wrote in a 1996 Michigan Bar Journal article.

Judge Rashid didn't agree. Neither did the Court of Appeals panel, consisting of Maura Corrigan (recently elected to the Supreme Court), Barbara MacKenzie and Robert P. Griffin, a retired Supreme Court justice sitting on the Court of

Appeals by assignment. Excerpts from the appeals panel ruling:

"Absent an abuse of discretion, this court will not disturb the denial of a request for an order of superintending control ..."

"The Parole Board is part of the Department of Corrections ... (T)he length of the parole period is generally discretionary with the Parole Board:

"A prisoner on parole is still in the 'legal custody and control' of the Department of Corrections ... A parolee is entitled to a preliminary probable cause hearing within 10 days after arrest for a parole violation" and may cross-examine witnesses. "A parole violation must be established by a preponderance of evidence."

"Preponderance of evidence" is a lower standard than "beyond a reasonable doubt," the standard in criminal cases.)

"After the hearing, the hearing officer prepares a report and rec-

ommendations as to disposition for the Parole Board. The board then enters an order either rescinding parole or reinstating it."

"Significantly, however, it (statute) does not provide for (prosecutor) participation at parole revocation proceedings. A court must not judicially legislate by adding into a statute provisions that the Legislature did not include ..."

"The Parole Board had no clear legal duty to allow (the prosecutor) to intervene. Accordingly, we find no abuse of discretion in the circuit court's decision to deny plaintiff's (O'Hair's) request for an order of superintending control ..."

"However, we can and do urge the Legislature to consider amending the parole revocation statutes to allow prosecutor participation ..."

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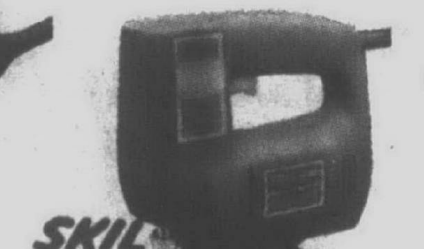
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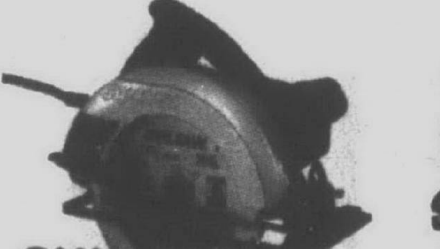
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Casinos, ballpark, retail lift area economy

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Southeastern Michigan will lead, rather than trail, the state's economic growth for the next two years, say University of Michigan forecasters.

"Sluggish growth" - but growth nevertheless - will mark 1999 and 2000, Dr. George A. Fulton told the Michigan Economic Outlook annual conference Nov. 20.

The jobless rate will rise from the current 3.7 percent to 4.2 percent by the end of 1999 and 4.6 percent by the end of 2000. Chief reasons: a tapering off of vehicle sales as the domestic market becomes saturated, the closing of two General Motors plants in Flint and one in Kalamazoo.

"The Detroit area is expected to experience a mini-boom in construction activity over the next few years," Fulton said. "Several major projects are planned over the forecast horizon," he said, citing:

■ **General Motors** - "A week ago, GM formally announced plans for a \$1.5 billion building and renovation project in the

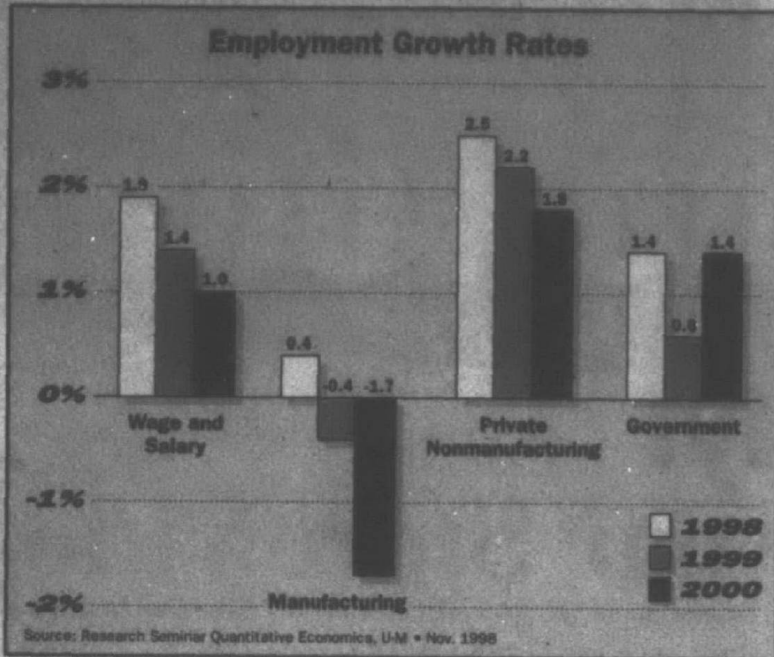
Detroit area over the next five years, to consolidate its engineering and research functions." It will bring some of the industry's best jobs to the region.

■ **Casinos** - "The state license applications for the three casino projects in Detroit are currently being reviewed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. We are assuming that these applications will be approved, and that construction activity on temporary facilities will occur during the spring and summer of 1999. Investments for three temporary casinos are assumed to total about \$300 million." Temporary casinos are expected to be operating by fall of 1999 and permanent casinos from 2000 to 2002. The investment: \$1.5 billion.

■ **Stadiums** - Tiger Stadium construction is in progress for opening day in April of 2000. The Lions football stadium will start going up in late 1999 with completion by 2002. Total investment: \$500 million.

■ **Retail** - The Great Lakes Crossing mega-mall on I-75 in Auburn Hills is stimulating job growth already.

The economists assumed



labor peace, though there will be sharp bargaining between GM and the United Auto Workers, and a slightly higher inflation rate of 2.3 percent.

Fulton, distinguished senior research economist, has been working on state and regional

forecasts in Ann Arbor since 1985. His colleague, Joan Cray, joined U-M in 1979 after a year on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

A year ago, they forecast a 1.2 percent rise in wage and salary employment. The actual num-

ber: 1.9 percent. In 1997, they forecast a 4.8 percent increase in state personal income, and it turned out to be 5.1 percent.

In the last 10 years, their annual errors have been 1.06 percent, "so apparently we do learn a bit as time passes," Fulton quipped.

Two more years of growth would give Michigan nine straight plus years in a row - "our longest run of job creation in the past 50 years," he said.

Some listeners misinterpreted the U-M's economic forecasts as negative. A Detroit paper headline used "downturn." Not so. Growth in both income and employment will continue, but not at the hot pace since 1992, they said.

In fact, there will be labor shortages in some areas, impeding economic growth. Asked where workers will come from, Fulton cited three sources: unemployed workers finding jobs, 30 percent; increases in labor force participation, 7 percent; immigration, 63 percent. He called Michigan's population growth "modest," at less than 1 percent.

Jobs in the manufacture of

durable goods will decline in 1999 and to a lesser extent in 2000 after an increase of 8,000 this year. New retail jobs will taper off but continue to grow. Government will add 5,000 jobs for the 2000 census.

The big growth will be in "service" jobs, which covers everything from lawyers and accountants to barbers and casino workers - 10,300 jobs per quarter.

People with some college education will have lower rates of unemployment and higher workforce participation than those with high school diplomas or none at all.

"There's really quite a payoff to an associate's degree," Fulton told a questioner.

He had fairly good news for Madhu Anderson, the former Farmington Hills resident and the new acting state treasurer since the resignation of Douglas Roberts. Revenues earmarked for the school aid fund rose by 5.3 percent in 1998 and will continue to go up by 2.9 percent next year and 3 percent in 2000 - a total of \$9.27 billion for education in 2000.

New generators to keep airport operating in case of power outage

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Wayne County will buy two diesel generators to provide emergency electrical service at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport in case the power goes out during a storm.

On Nov. 19, county commissioners approved the purchase of

a 1,500-kilowatt generator and a 500-kilowatt generator for \$252,000 from Standby Powers of Redford.

The generators will be used in the event of a power outage, but they do not generate enough power for the airport's entire operations, said airport spokesman Mike Conway.

"We already have an emergen-

cy generator that generates 4,800 kilowatts," Conway said. "These generators will supplement that power."

The generators were purchased after the airport lost about two-thirds of its power during a storm last summer. The airport was operational, for the most part, in terms of flight departures and arrivals, but escalators, moving sidewalks and air conditioning were not

working, which inconvenienced air travelers.

"It wouldn't have taken us as long to power these things up," Conway said. "We could operate sump pumps to keep the runways clear." During the power outage last summer, water flooded some runways.

The generators are portable, which will also help since most airport power outages are localized, Conway said.

The Federal Aviation Administration also has backup generators at the airport to power air traffic control operations, runway lights and other air transportation operations, Conway said.

Commissioners also approved a \$3.1 million contract between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation

for preliminary engineering for the construction of a six-lane concrete boulevard at the airport. The South Access Road will be completed from the north tunnel to Rogell Drive.

The project will be financed with \$2.5 million in federal funds and \$629,900 in county funds.

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Beard offers ordinance to help war veterans

County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, has introduced an ordinance to help indigent war veterans.

More than 50,000 of 212,000 veterans in Wayne County do not qualify for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, which provides relief for veterans who have served at least 180 days during an armed conflict, Beard said.

"We have so many more veterans who are indigent. Some are homeless, and some have mental health problems," Beard said. "There are fewer options available to them since the federal government has cut back."

"For the people who do not qualify, these are the ones we are trying to help."

Beard's ordinance calls for the Veterans Affairs Division to conduct a public information campaign to inform all veterans' organizations, social welfare agencies, emergency medical services, police departments, homeless shelters and food kitchens of the criteria and benefits available.

The division also will provide to the county executive and commissioners an annual report of its activities, accomplishments and costs. A public hearing on the ordinance may be scheduled the week after Thanksgiving, Beard said.

About \$500,000 could be earmarked for this program, Beard said.

County wants DDA notification

Wayne County commissioners passed an ordinance requiring that cities, villages and townships notify the county commission of plans or intent to start a local development finance authority or a downtown development authority.

Commissioners also must be notified if municipalities wish to revise the authority district's boundaries. Commissioners must exempt the district area for the local municipality to "capture" county taxes to use for

infrastructure improvements.

The commission ordinance states that the request will be scheduled for a commission decision and final action by the commission "in sufficient time" to allow the county executive to veto the commission's action. The request also must provide time for the commission to override that veto, that is before the deadline is reached to file a copy of the resolution with the local municipality.

Holiday lights



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HANLEY

Aglow: Wayne County LightFest is now open with what county officials call "the Midwest's largest holiday show," featuring 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights. Four new displays are featured along the 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day. A \$5 per car donation helps keep LightFest operating. Hines Drive will be closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly to ensure it is clear for motorists to see the LightFest. Traffic enters the LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriman. For more information on LightFest, call (734) 261-1990.

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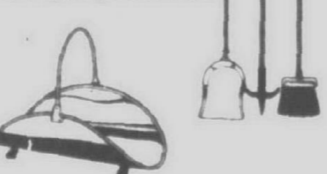
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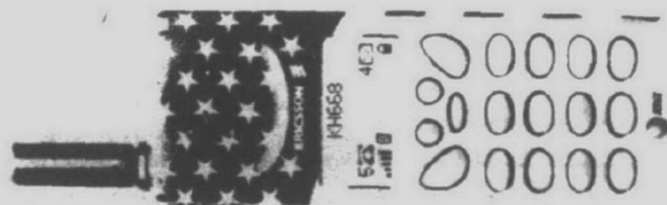
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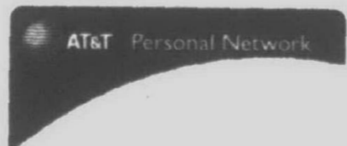
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'The Nutcracker Ballet' set for Salem's auditorium

An annual holiday tradition is upheld as the Plymouth Symphony joins forces with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers to present the classic fairy tale, "The Nutcracker Ballet."

Canton's Hilari Smith will again appear in the role of Clara, the young girl who dances with the Nutcracker doll and later is transformed to the Magic Kingdom. Timothy Seola, a member of the Dance Company of Ann Arbor, will perform the part of the Nutcracker. He has had other roles in the past and we are happy to have home return," said Dawn Green, Plymouth-Canton Ballet director and choreographer.

Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell, both performing courtesy of the Cincinnati Ballet Company,

will share their talents as the sugar plum fairy and the king. More than 150 musicians and dancers join together to celebrate this classic. This year's performance will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13, in the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$17 for reserved seating and \$10 for children.

Sponsors include Art Van Furniture, Ford Motor Co., Co-op Services Credit Union, Panasonic and the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs.

For additional information or tickets, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets are also available at the following outlets: Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth; Dearborn Music in Canton; and Evola Music in Canton.



Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Rajal P. Dubal has been promoted to audit senior in Arthur Andersen's Detroit office. Dubal received her BBA in Accounting from the University of Michigan in 1994. She is a founder and member of Victors Investment Club. Dubal resides in Plymouth.

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Plymouth City Commissioner Dave McDonald is to appear in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." McDonald has been selected as one of the best teachers in America by the best students and his biography will be published in the fifth edition of



McDonald (JROTC) program at Redford Union High School, Redford.

He was hired by the Redford Union School district upon his retirement from the United States Army in the summer of 1993 to establish the JROTC at the high school.

The program, now in its sixth year is classified as an Honor Unit with Distinction, the Army's highest rating for its high school level program.

Col. (Retired) McDonald, is married to the former Linda Sue Cherry of Eastpointe and they have three children - daughter, Sheena, and sons, Stephen and Jason.

Koyo Machinery U.S.A., Inc., a supplier of state-of-the-art machine tools and materials handling systems, broke ground

BUSINESS NOTES

Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 1998.

McDonald is the Director of the Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

Oct. 20 on a 12,000-square-foot facility at 14878 Gallison Ct., in Plymouth Township. DeMattia Group, which designed the building, will also serve as general contractor.

The new structure will accommodate a machine demonstration area, training facilities, a process control lab, inventory storage, parts assembly and test grinding.

Koyo Machinery, U.S.A., headquartered in Plymouth, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koyo Machine Industries Co., Ltd., which employs more than 750 people and has annual sales of more than \$200 million.

DeMattia Group, also based in Plymouth, is a full service real estate, construction and design firm offering innovative solutions in site selection, land planning, design/build construction, architecture, engineering, real-estate financing, interior

design and property management.

Hector J. Ramirez of Plymouth was appointed to a three-year term at Madonna University's board of trustees. He is a quality assurance manager at Ford Motor Company.

Ramirez, graduated from Henry Ford Community College and also completed requirements for the Quality Control Certificate Program. He serves as President of Latinos de Livonia, an organization made up of dedicated individuals from many diverse backgrounds, whose members assist students with their educational pursuits. In 1989, Latinos de Livonia established a scholarship fund at Madonna University, making higher education accessible to local Hispanic students.

The board of trustees consists of 25 members who advise and assist in advancing Madonna University by determining priorities and policies with respect to reviewing academic programming, setting investment guidelines, planning and achieving resource development goals and approving operating budgets.



Ramirez

WSDP invites boys, girls for station tour

WSDP, 88.1 FM, invites area Cub Scouts and Girl Scout Troops to visit the station for tours.

"It's good for the troops to get out and find out how the station

works and to be able to watch the students," said Kathy Weinberg, den leader of Pack 1540.

The studios are located in Salem High School and allow students the opportunity to see

how the station runs first hand. "Our doors are always open to area scouting troops looking to see the station," said Bill Keith, station manager.

WSDP is owned and operated

by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and has been on the air since Feb. 14, 1972.

If your troop would like to visit the station call (734) 416-7732.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OFFICE FURNITURE

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for office furniture for its Middle Rouge facility. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 783-2793

All submittals must be received by December 11, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road.
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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 7, 1998 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan:

CHERRY HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN - TOWNSHIP INITIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE CHERRY HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS A SEPARATE ELEMENT. This Plan affects properties located within the Cherry Hill Historic District and surrounding area, general boundaries being Saltz Road (north), Cherry Hill Road (east), Proctor Road (south), and the western Township boundary.

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

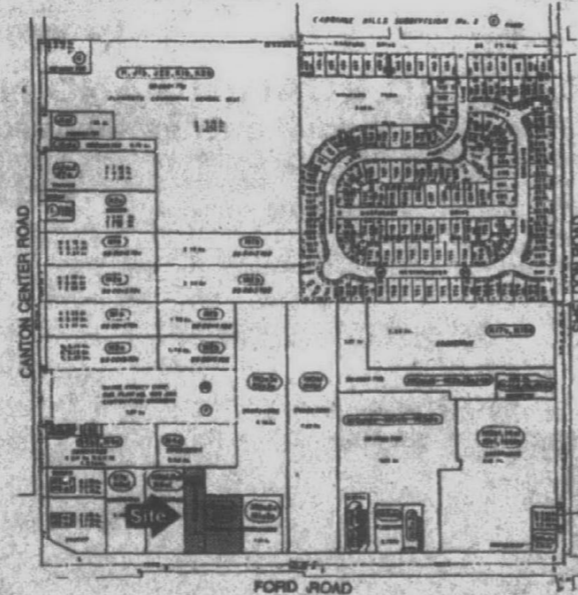
VIC GUSTAFSON,
Chairman

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting room of the Administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

TACO BELL RESTAURANT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 038 59 0023 003 AND 038 99 0024 004 AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.5 FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT. Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon Roads.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: November 26, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santomauro, Nemecek, Kuska

Also Present: Timothy Cronin, Township Counsel

ITEM 1 ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Director Santomauro explained the concept and history behind Public Safety's Employee Development Program. The department has instituted a system for personnel development through positive recognition and the establishment of individual goals and objectives. The Employee Development System (EDS) provides an opportunity for the department to acquire feedback from the employee on how the organization is meeting its mission statement: "The Canton Public Safety Department shall provide excellence in the delivery of public safety services through a philosophy which promotes creative, proactive approaches."

Entrepreneurship in Education

LA Nemecek emphasized that Canton is established as an area leader in public safety training education. Marketing and training have led to the establishing a connection with other departments and resources throughout the state. In the last 7 months, \$20,000 of revenue has been raised from entrepreneurship. Training Canton personnel develops our instructors, gives Canton control, generates revenue and saves money. He explained the selection policy regarding instructors. He offered that Canton had Certified Instructors in various training classes such as Special Weapons and Tactics, Sniper School, Motorcycle Operation, and Hunter Safety. Additionally Canton has certified other officers from departments all over Michigan.

Professional Standards

Director Santomauro said that the department strongly feels that the organization needs to pro-actively move forward. This can be accomplished through higher education, empowerment of employees, literature, and discussion and training on futuristic topics and ideas. He reviewed Canton's demographic information; existing pre-employment requirements, existing training requirements, and proposed professional standards for department personnel. He pointed out that given the demographics of the community, complexity of the job, technological advances, and a better educated public new professional development standards are being proposed.

Director Santomauro explained that the department was already moving toward new standards. He said present contract negotiations were including an attempt to require a Bachelor degree as a pre-employment requirement. He pointed out that staff meetings command personnel are presently required to facilitate discussion on articles. Pre-qualifications will be emphasized and necessary before you apply for a position. A booklet has been developed regarding professional standards.

ITEM 2 UPDATE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 143

Tim Cronin, township counsel, reviewed the history behind the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143. State legislature passed a Michigan

Telecommunications Act in 1996 excluding telecommunications as utility industry, thereby prohibiting municipalities from requiring a franchise from telecommunication providers. Canton became involved after a letter from MediaOne addressed to Supervisor Yack, indicated that they wished to become a telecommunications provider and to consider their letter a permit application. This letter triggered a 90-day time period requiring the township to process the permit application. Following the First Reading of Ordinance 143 on August 11, 1998, MediaOne and Ameritech submitted written comments on the ordinance. The entities agreed to extend the 90-day time period allowing the township to respond to their comments and process the permit application by December 15, 1998.

Mr. Cronin reviewed the revisions to the First Reading and responded to questions by the Board. He said that conditions reasonably related to the permit should be specific and included in the permit. The ordinance provides for the telecommunication provider's responsibility for damage to sidewalks, areas around sidewalks, roads or areas around where lines are put in, or cross cuts provisions for posting bonds. Additionally notification of road rights-of-way, cut and easements should be 10-days with follow-up inspections and included in the permit as conditions. Posting of bonds by the telecommunications provider should reflect an amount not exceed the reasonable cost to ensure that the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Ways are returned to their original condition during and after the provider's access.

Mr. Cronin said that the permit application fee should take into consideration staff review, recommendations, Public Hearing, consultations and follow up inspections. He emphasized that the Board may put unique conditions in place for the applicant. Giving blanket rights to access and easements would not be advised as the township would be forfeiting control.

Discussion occurred regarding permit application fees. Counsel recommended fees reflect processing, cost of staff, consultants and anything envisioned to be needed to process the information on the permits. The annual permit fee should reflect the fixed and variable cost of the maintenance of the right-of-ways and easements that the Township carries. Mr. Cronin suggested a study session to establish reasonable annual permit fees and then establishing that fee by resolution. The consensus was to tentatively set the fee at \$10,000 for the permit application.

Motion by LaJoy, supported by McLaughlin, to move to a closed session at 10:00 P.M. for discussion of purchase of property. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Motion by Shefferly, supported by LaJoy, to return to an open session at 10:25 P.M. and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 17, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 24, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Pursuant to state law, Notice is here by given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on December 18, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each unit. Cash Only.

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Unit #566-MARK TURCHAN OF 14134 CAVELL, LIVONIA, MI 48154

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New county juvenile facility set to open

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
kabranczyk@oe.homecomm.net

The new \$46 million Wayne County Juvenile Justice Facility is expected to be open in late December.

It's been a long time coming, too, as a tax to construct the facility was first approved by county voters in 1988 to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender facility. That tax was again approved in August for five years.

With the facility's opening, Wayne County officials hope to quell criticism over the time it took to build the facility and end the problems of county's operations of the facility. The old Wayne County Youth Home lost its license from the state in 1992, due to the poor conditions of the facility and overcrowding. In 1994, a U.S. Justice Department investigation found roaches, worms and rocks in food and inappropriate staff behavior at the facility.

The state license was restored

in 1997 after Wayne County corrected problems with staffing and training of staff, and facility overcrowding by improving screening programs of youths.

About 140 to be housed

The new two-floor building is located in Detroit Greektown on St. Antoine, facing the county jail. The facility will house teenagers aged 13-17 who have been arrested but not yet convicted of a crime or sentenced.

It will house 194 beds, but the average daily population will be no more than 140, said Jeriel Heard, director of the county's Community Justice Department.

"We are using alternatives much more effectively. More tethers and drug treatments now are available. Also, drug testing will be conducted right at the facility."

The most significant improvement is the integration of residential and educational programs, Heard said. "The teaching and residential staff will be working more closely."

The new two-floor building is located in Detroit Greektown on St. Antoine, facing the county jail. It will house teenagers aged 13-17.

Heard said those staffs did not always share information at the old facility, but that should change.

"The kids will actually never leave the building," between classes and residing there, Heard said. "Instead of walking along halls, they are right there."

Juveniles will watch videotapes on drug abuse while they are housed there. They will learn about technology. They will learn about health and what constitutes risky behavior to health, such as drug and alcohol abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

The facility also will house medical equipment. "Now we'll be able to have kids diagnosed with X-rays," Heard said.

Wayne County needed to

address overcrowding issues at the facility. The facility staff members worked with the court to address docket issues and the prosecutor's office to address where the juveniles actually should be housed, Jeriel said.

3,000 admitted annually

About 3,000 kids are admitted each year, and 60 percent leave the facility within 20 days, Heard said. Most are released on bond, released to the custody of a parent or guardian or are placed on a tether. "This a facility where two-thirds of them are ultimately returned to communities. Others are placed on probation or diversion programs."

If the youths are charged as adults, they are placed in the Wayne County jail. "I think we've learned to improve alter-

natives and have better relationships with prosecutors."

Wayne County also uses a tether program, which Heard said the court finds "remarkably successful" with an 85 percent placement level into programs. "We also get the kids off the street."

"So many kids fall out of the mainstream, they don't have anything to learn, when their parents are on drugs."

Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works of Plymouth, said the new facility will help Wayne County with juvenile justice programs, but added that the facility's opening was just "the tip of the iceberg" in addressing the problems of juvenile delinquency.

Growth Works provides juvenile diversion programs and drug treatment for 17 of the 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of western Wayne County communities, including the cities of Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Redford.

Yagiela said he hasn't seen the facility yet. "From what I've heard, it's a much better facility for the kids." Housing someone in jails or other facilities can cost \$75,000, Yagiela said, which makes early intervention crucial and less expensive than jail.

"The county's been working to break the cycle with early intervention," Yagiela said. "The county's been doing the best they can with what they've got."

Yagiela said Heard has worked to get block grant funds back to the county and working with county organizations and groups for earlier intervention. "He's also worked to get a charter school there," Yagiela said.

County officials are making final preparations to move staff and juveniles to the new building.

"We probably won't transfer the kids until after the first of the year," Heard said.

Wild lights aglow at Detroit Zoo

The fifth annual Wild Lights exhibit at the Detroit Zoo is open 5:30-8 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays and 5:30-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 3.

Tickets are: adults, \$3; children aged 2-12, \$2. The exhibit is closed Thanksgiving Day,

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Call the Wild Lights hotline at (248) 541-5835 for more information. Parking is free for this event.

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We also mistakenly featured the DVD movie *Blade Runner* as one of five free titles received with purchase of a DVD player after mail-in rebate. The correct DVD title is *Lost in Space*.

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School rules Flexibility needed in classroom

Cheryl Johnson, principal at Bentley Elementary School, flat out made the wrong call last week when she suspended a fifth-grader, Greg Lankford of Canton, for inadvertently bringing cigarettes to school. That was clear when the punishment was softened somewhat by Plymouth-Canton school district officials.

Johnson was going by the book, handing out a one-day, in-school suspension for violation of the district's zero tolerance policy on tobacco.

But the principal failed to take into account the unusual circumstances surrounding Lankford's transgression. The cigarettes belonged

to Greg's stepfather, Alan Berezansky, and were in a D.A.R.E. jacket the two share. When Greg discovered the contraband, he reported it to his teacher and disposed of it in front of her. The teacher informed the principal and things escalated from there.

Rules are important. And Greg, who is by all accounts an exemplary student, understands that. So too is flexibility and the idea of dealing with disciplinary situations on a case-by-case basis. In Greg's case, it seems he was punished despite demonstrating honesty and good intentions. Is that the classroom message we should be delivering?

Thanksgiving harvests myth

Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after have a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

— From a letter by Edward Winslow, sent from Plymouth in New England to England on Dec. 11, 1621.

The picture of Pilgrims celebrating one of the first Thanksgivings in America painted by Edward Winslow in a letter home to England depicts a lovely relationship between native peoples, the environment and the new colonists.

There was food for all, people were treating each other with some dignity and there was a respect for the earth and waters that produced the grains, fish and wild game that made up the Thanksgiving meal.

In the years since that first Thanksgiving, the holiday has become more myth than reality. Instead of being a time when we give

thanks for a good harvest and good fortune, it has become the kickoff of the Christmas shopping season.

We've ended up with a watered-down commercial event. Even the turkey we eat is a far cry from the colorful wild turkeys that were the fare at the first holiday. Ours are now commercially raised and scientifically fattened assembly-line versions of a turkey.

The birds aren't the only species to be cleaned up for modern consumption. The Pilgrims were a colorful breed themselves. We now gaze on them as pious, upright Protestants dressed in starched white collars.

Not only didn't they wear such clothing, but some had criminal records for such offenses as dueling, fighting and being drunk and disorderly. One man was even accused of murder.

Such historical facts about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving actually help humanize and revitalize the holiday. They put real faces on those pious Pilgrims, making them more real and accessible to us.

That's important, because the Thanksgiving story is a beautiful one that plays itself out time and time again when new groups arrive and discover the bounty of America.

Things these days in America aren't as idyllic as they were when Winslow described the conditions at the Plymouth colony. The succeeding waves of colonists nearly destroyed the native peoples, imported slavery and went on to do severe damage to the environment, all in the name of greed.

But there was that first Thanksgiving when there was plenty of venison, wildfowl and corn for everyone and the Native Americans and the new immigrants got along.

That should be the Thanksgiving story that we tell to our children.

Organ donation is worthy talk

The topics aren't light and frothy, but they're good ones for a family gathered for Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays. The topics are dying and organ donations.

■ **Last illness** — Medical people can't "pull the plug" when they believe there is no brain activity or any chance a patient will regain consciousness. Families have gone through much courtroom agony saying a patient "would have wanted the plug pulled." But they can't prove it. Not unless you discuss it with your family and put it in writing on a form your family doctor can supply.

■ **Does your family know your wishes** about use of life-sustaining equipment if you become comatose? According to Dr. Anne Eschelmann, senior health psychologist at Henry Ford Hospital, if the family is in conflict as to the patient's wishes, "any hospital would choose to keep the patient alive by whatever means and resolve the conflict" before making a life-altering decision.

Eschelmann said physicians would prefer to honor the wishes of the patient and that's made easier if a discussion has taken place beforehand and everyone is aware of what their loved one would like to have happen in that situation.

"Unfortunately, people typically don't think about these issues until a person is terminally ill or an unexpected tragedy occurs," said Eschelmann.

"I would encourage someone to designate a surrogate decision maker who not only knows the person well but knows what they want to have happen," said Eschelmann. "The physician would then honor the wishes of the surrogate decision maker."

The Henry Ford psychologist said it's easier on everyone if the patient's wishes are clear and it's much better if their desires were put in writing through an advanced directive. Eschelmann added that discussions of these nature should be done by families regardless

of a person's age or health status.

■ **Accidental death** — Under new state laws, drivers renewing their licenses will be asked to include organ donation willingness. So will people applying for state identification card. Votes in both chambers were unanimous, although there was much behind-the-scenes wrangling about details.

Basically, you are asked if, after death, your heart, kidneys and corneas can be salvaged and transplanted to a patient in need. "About 11 people die in Michigan each month because organs are not available, and more than 2,000 are on organ transplant waiting lists," said Rep. Lynne Martinez, sponsor of one of the laws. "Michigan ranks 45th among 50 states in the number of people who are registered organ donors."

One law requires the Secretary of State to give an applicant for a driver's license information on making an anatomical gift and forming a central registry.

■ **Last step** — Even if you have signed a license sticker, when you die, hospital officials may ask your next of kin if your organs may be donated. Your next of kin make the final decision. But you certainly will make their moral obligation easier if you discuss the matter with them first.

"We never talked about donation in our family because it just didn't seem important to us," said a Michigan cornea transplant recipient. "Not until my eye injury forced me into blindness. Now that I can see again, I make it a point to help others realize the importance of family discussion and the impact that a donated cornea has made in my life. I am thankful to my donor family every day of my life."

Now, there is one family that will have special reason to give thanks this holiday. Next year, you may be the recipient. Or the donor. Think about it. Talk about it over turkey.



LETTERS

Make your wishes known

As families gather this holiday season, it is the hope of nearly 60,000 Americans that conversations include a discussion of organ, tissue and eye donation. They are the ones waiting to have their lives begin again through a transplant.

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Most people think that filling out a driver's license sticker regarding their donation wishes is enough. But it most definitely is not enough. People need to realize that the decision to donate organs and tissues ultimately lies with their next-of-kin. Family members ultimately make the final decision about donation. It is much easier to talk about your wishes before death and to find out how others in your family feel, rather than be faced with the decision during a time of grief.

For the thousands of Americans who have had their lives renewed through transplantation the message is clear; they are living healthy, joyful lives not because others died but because of the gifts they gave that allowed lives to continue. Thanksgiving takes on a new meaning when something precious has been returned. This is how transplant recipients view life, indeed, how we should all view life.

For free information about donation, contact the Michigan Eye Bank at 1-800-247-7250 or visit our web site at www.mebtc.org.

Patrick Pruitt
Canton

Wrong message

I was both appalled and angered after reading the story on the suspended D.A.R.E. student in the Nov. 22 edition of the Observer.

I truly hope that principal (Cheryl) Johnson is reading this because I have a few things to say to her. First of all, like many parents who reside in Canton, I have a son who graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. So, I know full well what the course and program outlines in reference to drug, alcohol and violence resistance. When young Greg Lankford found the cigarettes that his father had left (by mistake) in the pocket of the jacket that he was wearing, he did two things that the D.A.R.E. program, and I'm sure, that his parents taught him to do. First, Greg was honest with himself, and with his teacher by openly admitting what he was in possession of. Greg did so at

great risk of peer condemnation and embarrassment. Secondly, and probably the most important, Greg Lankford destroyed the cigarettes in the presence of an adult.

Greg Lankford did exactly as the D.A.R.E. program promised that he would do. He made a "life decision" for himself. He needed no adult intervention to make a decision, he needed no hand-to-hold onto in order to do the honorable and decent thing. In his mind, Greg Lankford took the first step in proving the validity of the program as well as his own maturity.

And what was Greg Lankford offered in return? He was further punished or disciplined by an adult who is supposed to be able to separate right from wrong, minor and major incidents, as well as the ability to weigh the consequences of her actions. The decision to discipline young Greg was a very, very poor one. Mixed messages are not what I expect our educators to send. I expect that if educators are to provide boundaries with disciplinary ramifications, those ramifications had better be weighed against the desired results.

Was principal Johnson attempting to prove that "rules are rules, are rules"? Or, perhaps should she have commended Greg for doing what the D.A.R.E. program helped him to discover for himself? And when principal Johnson was informed of the entire set of circumstances leading up to the incident, she refused to show any flexibility by giving her reply that "This will be a good lesson for Greg to learn."

Well, after hearing that principal Johnson's decision was overturned, and that Greg did not receive a commendation from the senior educator of his school, Greg certainly did "learn a lesson." I have learned a lesson as well. And that lesson should be that when you teach your children to think for themselves and they do so, commend them. I am also reminded that grown-ups do indeed make mistakes. But, what separates the "grown-ups" from the adults is the ability to admit when you were wrong.

A little humility is what we want from our children from time to time, and I think principal Johnson needs not only to learn humility, she should apologize to Greg for the way she treated him and commend him for doing what was correct and honest.

If it's worth anything Greg, I commend you, you did just as expected.

Frank Finch
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POINTS OF VIEW

Thanksgiving has a special meaning in its own right

The turkey should be coming along nicely when my parents arrive for Thanksgiving dinner this Thursday.

My husband does most of the cooking in our house, but I'll try to do my share, helping with the potatoes, stuffing, rolls and variety of other dishes. I'll set the table with our everyday dishes, eager to welcome family for Thanksgiving. My mom will bring her green bean casserole.

Christmas, the flashy neighbor of Thanksgiving, tends to get the ink, but I've always liked Thanksgiving. I mean no disrespect to Christmas or to my fellow Christians, but something about Thanksgiving just makes me happy. Maybe it's not having to worry about breaking the everyday dishes.

It's probably not the football, although I've watched the Lions

stumble through many a turkey-day contest in my life. No, I think it's just the feeling of being together with family, celebrating all we have to be thankful for.

The obvious things that come to mind are good health, gainful employment and, last but certainly not least, the love of family, friends and neighbors. I wish for all to enjoy these good and wonderful things.

Christmas will be fun, too, but in a different way. My brother will fly in from Los Angeles, and it will be great to see him. Cards will arrive from distant friends, bringing us up to date on changes in their lives. The first to arrive is usually from friends' parents in England, Fred and Mary King of Luton.

There will be time to finish up our Christmas shopping in December.



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We're well along the way, but I still need to find something for my husband. I've asked him for gift suggestions but haven't had too much help, usually getting "You don't have to get me anything" as a response.

It'll be fun to go to Laurel Park Place and see the Angela Hospice Christmas tree, to which we have con-

tributed for the past several years. There'll be time to go to Plymouth Nursery for our tree, a Scotch pine, and plenty of time for decorating.

All of that is worth looking forward to, but still there's something about Thanksgiving. We'll wear casual clothes on Thursday, in contrast to the dressier red-and-green for Dec. 25, which falls on a Friday this year.

There's no gift buying, just some food shopping, to do for Thanksgiving. There's the Detroit parade, which I haven't seen in person in some years but which still brings a thrill.

Thanksgiving brings happy memories of earlier celebrations, spent with grandparents and other family members now gone. It's nice to remember them and to think they are celebrating a special Thanksgiving of their

own. Thanksgiving is social, too, but also solitary, a time to reflect on change and tradition. It's the traditional start to the Christmas season, although I've noticed that's been creeping back earlier and earlier, toward Halloween. A summer Christmas is fine at Bronner's in Frankenmuth, I think, but not really suitable elsewhere.

Whatever traditions your family enjoys at Thanksgiving, I hope this will be an enjoyable one for you. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

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Charter school test results tell story governor shouldn't like

Ooof! Ouch! Uncle! That's what Gov. John Engler should be saying as he views the dismal performance of his beloved charter schools across the state.

But he won't. On his last visit, Engler was still touting charter schools, asking that the legislative cap of 150 be removed so that "even more of these innovative and creative new public schools will open their doors."

Not only that, but he wants to allow "city and county governments, foundations and other secular non-profit corporations," although they have no staffs to supervise schools.

On Nov. 10, the MEAP high school proficiency test scores came out. Students last spring were tested in math, reading, science and writing. The scores are lumped in four categories: levels 1-3 are passing; level 4 is flunking.

Rather than numb the reader with a million statistics, let's just study the math scores starting in Wayne Coun-

ty. At Heart Academy, zero reached level 1, exceeding state standards, and 66 percent flunked. At Michigan Automotive Academy, zero were at the top and 46.3 flunked. At Michigan Health Academy, the comparable scores were zero at the top and 34.6 flunking.

In contrast, Detroit Public Schools had 2.5 percent at level 1 and 61.5 percent flunked, which was better than Heart Academy. Garden City scored 14.2 at the top and 22.9 at the bottom; Livonia, 23.8 and 17.9; Northville, 38.2 and 1.3; and Plymouth-Canton, 33.4 and 9.2.

Few public school academies (their official name) operate at the high school level. There are many more at elementary grades, where costs are cheaper.

Now for Oakland County and science scores.

Academy of Detroit at Oak Park had zero in the level 1 category and 76 percent at the flunk level. New



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Directions Institute scored zero at level 1 science and 85.7 at the flunk level.

Oak Park public schools scored zero at level 1 and 43.7 at the flunk level. Oak Park public schools looked bad, but nowhere near as bad as the Academy of Detroit charter school.

Rochester schools reported 23.6 at level 1 and 7.3 percent flunking; South Lyon, 12.7 at level 1 and 7.3 percent flunking; Clarkston, 10.1 at level 1 and 9.8 percent flunking; Huron Valley, 9.9 and 13.3.

And so on, and so on. Charter school fans have a set of alibis. The first is that charter schools are new, though this is the third year. The next is that charter schools are skimming kids from the bottom of the academic barrel rather than the top.

That's an odd alibi. For years, enemies of public schools have been yelling about "low test scores." Now when their pet charter schools are doing badly, they claim the weakest academic kids are showing up there.

They make no sense. Charter schools are supposed to be free from the "bureaucratic red tape" of public schools. Charter schools are supposed to be "innovative." Charter schools are supposed to "free up teachers to teach." They should do better than true public schools.

They're doing worse. Take the Pansophia Academy in Branch County: 35 percent flunk math, 79 percent flunk reading, 50 percent flunk science, and 84 percent flunk writing. Or the controversial

Walter French Academy of Business and Technology in Lansing: fewer than 4 percent are at level 1, but nearly 36 percent flunk math and 47 percent flunk reading.

Politicians advocating more charter schools will tell you they're great because "parents like them." That's not how life works. Few graduates get jobs from their parents. If the parent is an ignorant, book-hating, redneck like Pap Finn type, then parental approval is hardly a rational criterion for judging schools. Test scores are.

Engler's troops should forget about issuing any more charters. They should shut down at least one-third of existing charter schools. And then they should employ researchers from the State Department of Education to figure out what the good schools are doing right.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Job advice for young centers on staying in school, avoiding UAW

Although it's kinda dry, the annual forecast "The Michigan Economic Outlook for 1999-2000" just issued by the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics is the best in the business.

As everybody knows, our economy flourished in the 1990s. If we have two more years of job growth, Michigan will have experienced the longest run of job creation in the past 50 years. The forecast suggests this might well be possible, although at a somewhat slower rate of growth than in the past.

The forecast assumes no big national strike by the UAW against General Motors. It takes into account the GM plant closings in Flint and Kalamazoo, offset against a boom in construction activity in the Detroit area stemming from new casinos and stadiums and the \$1.5 billion renovation of engineering and research facilities at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

The forecast foresees job growth over the next two years but slowing in the year 2000, with just moderate inflation. Conversely, unemployment is expected to rise a bit, to 4.2 percent in 1999 and 4.5 percent in 2000. If these rates are sustained, Michigan unemployment for the four years since 1997 would be the best since 1970.

What's the big worry? As anybody who reads the Help Wanted section in this newspaper knows full well, it's the labor shortage, especially intense in the higher-skills categories. "The risk posed by labor shortages is that they can impede job growth," the RSQE forecast dryly notes. Most employers would snort, "Impede, my foot!" What they're faced with is absolute labor shortages and increasing costs, especially for skilled workers.

Traditionally, economies get new workers from three sources: From the unemployed; from increases in participation in the labor force (for example, women deciding to go to work instead of staying home); and from increases in the working-age population. But in Michigan unemployment is at record low levels, and job growth over the past years has sucked about all the women who want to work into the job market.

So the pool of labor supply is drying up, especially at the higher-education end of the spectrum, where most of the higher-wage jobs are concentrated. The U-M data show that people who never got to an associate's degree from a community college are three times as likely to be unemployed as those who have an associate's degree and above. Unemployment for those with a college degree will be at just 1.1 percent; for



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those with a master's degree, 0.6 percent.

Readers with kids who are thinking of dropping out of high school or getting a job after getting their high school diploma would do well to urge them to think again!

This also goes for those who are thinking of getting UAW jobs in the auto industry. UAW membership peaked at 1.51 million members in 1979 and has declined steadily to the present level of 760,000.

How come? The UAW lost the auto supplier sector during the 1980s, when the percentage of unionized workers fell from 52 percent in 1979 to 21 percent today. Why? A 100-percent wage gap between for Big Three-UAW parts plants and independent nonunion parts plants.

This, in turn, forces attention on GM and the UAW. GM wants to spin off its Delphi parts operation because it faces far higher parts labor costs than Ford or DaimlerChrysler. The UAW faces the bind of either seeing parts plants spun off (and, potentially, decertified) or consenting to a reduction of wages.

The situation is even tougher when it comes to Big Three plants versus the Japanese transplanted plants. According to Sean McAlinden of U-M's Transportation Research Institute, the labor cost advantage for a Japanese transplant is \$1,670 per small car manufactured.

So, when your family gathers around the dinner table for Thanksgiving, urge them to stay in school, get good skills, stay away from UAW auto plants. Then give them a second helping of mashed potatoes!

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Keeping silent doesn't stand for character

As Jennifer went through the 17-week D.A.R.E. program, her enthusiasm to carry the message of "Say No To Drugs" increased with every passing week. At the D.A.R.E. graduation, her story was selected as the one that was read out loud. If you'd have asked her, she would have sworn that she would never smoke or drink.

Fast forward three years. Jennifer, now an eighth-grader, isn't recognizable. She now wears all black clothing, has a pierced nostril and accentuates her look with black lipstick and nails. You'll find her outside her school, mingling with other "punksters," all holding a cigarette.

Jennifer candidly admits to partying every weekend and often spending the night with her boyfriend. The group of friends close to Jennifer in fifth, sixth and seventh grades observed the changes in attitude, behaviors and looks, but when questioned about what they might have done on her behalf, they all said that what she did with her life was her business.

In the movie "L.A. Confidential," a story about the Los Angeles Police Department in the 1950s, one of the themes running through it was about

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Up and away

Volunteer keeps balloons in line on Thanksgiving

For some people, Thanksgiving Day means a huge turkey dinner and Detroit Lions football. For others, like Mike McCarthy of Canton, it means balloons and a good parade, specifically Detroit's annual Thanksgiving Day parade.

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As a volunteer for The Parade Co., Mike McCarthy has been pummeled with rain, covered in snow and slapped by high winds. But much like a postman, America's Thanksgiving Parade must go on.

And when he sees the faces of children light up at the sight of stories-high balloons of Chilly Willy, toy soldiers, Barney and other characters floating down Woodward Avenue, it's all worthwhile.

"The greatest thing for me is the smiles on kids faces," said McCarthy, 30, of Canton. "You can see that they appreciate it."

McCarthy hopes to generate those feelings once again when he leads the giant balloons down the Thanksgiving Day parade route.

The 1986 Redford Thurston High School graduate began volunteering for The Parade Co. in Detroit in 1989 after the father of a friend introduced him to the non-profit organization.

"I thought I'd try doing some volunteer work, and I've been hooked ever since," he said.

McCarthy's experiences have included balloon handling, which, he said, "takes a couple of parades to get used to."

"You have to keep it straight down the line," he said. "The parade is a straight shot down Woodward. When we get toward Jefferson, that's where we go on TV. The balloons have to be

picture perfect.

"The wind is huge. Going over I-75 can be hectic. You get people who are inexperienced, a rookie. Once that wind starts to pick up, sometimes you have to grab the ropes and help them out."

Still, he tries his best to please the audience.

"When you get to a certain area, the crowd starts yelling 'Spin' or 'Turn it.' You have to keep everyone in sync. It could be a mess when people go the wrong way," he said with a laugh.

McCarthy has also experienced inflating and deflating of balloons. Prior to this year, balloons were stuffed with latex bladders, which were, in turn, filled with helium. Now the balloons are filled straight with helium.

"There's a lot less problems that way. A lot of it depends on the weather. When it's hot out, that expands the bladder and that expands the latex balloons. They can pop," he said.

In order to minimize potential problems on Thanksgiving Day, the balloons are washed and inspected throughout the year.

"After Thanksgiving, we wait a few days, and everybody starts working on next year's parade."

Nevertheless, McCarthy still has his share of challenges. The night before the parade the balloons and floats are lined up near the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit. One Thanksgiving morn

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Guiding force: Once a "rookie" himself, Mike McCarthy of Canton pitches in to help when it comes to steering the huge Thanksgiving Day parade balloons through windy spots along the parade route.

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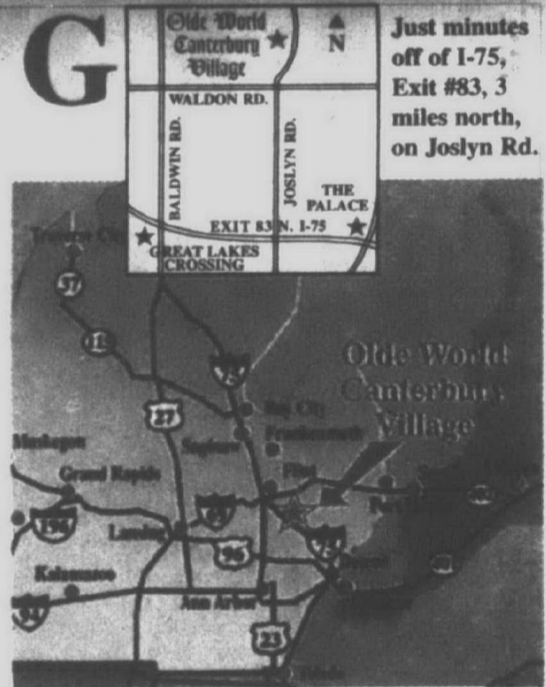
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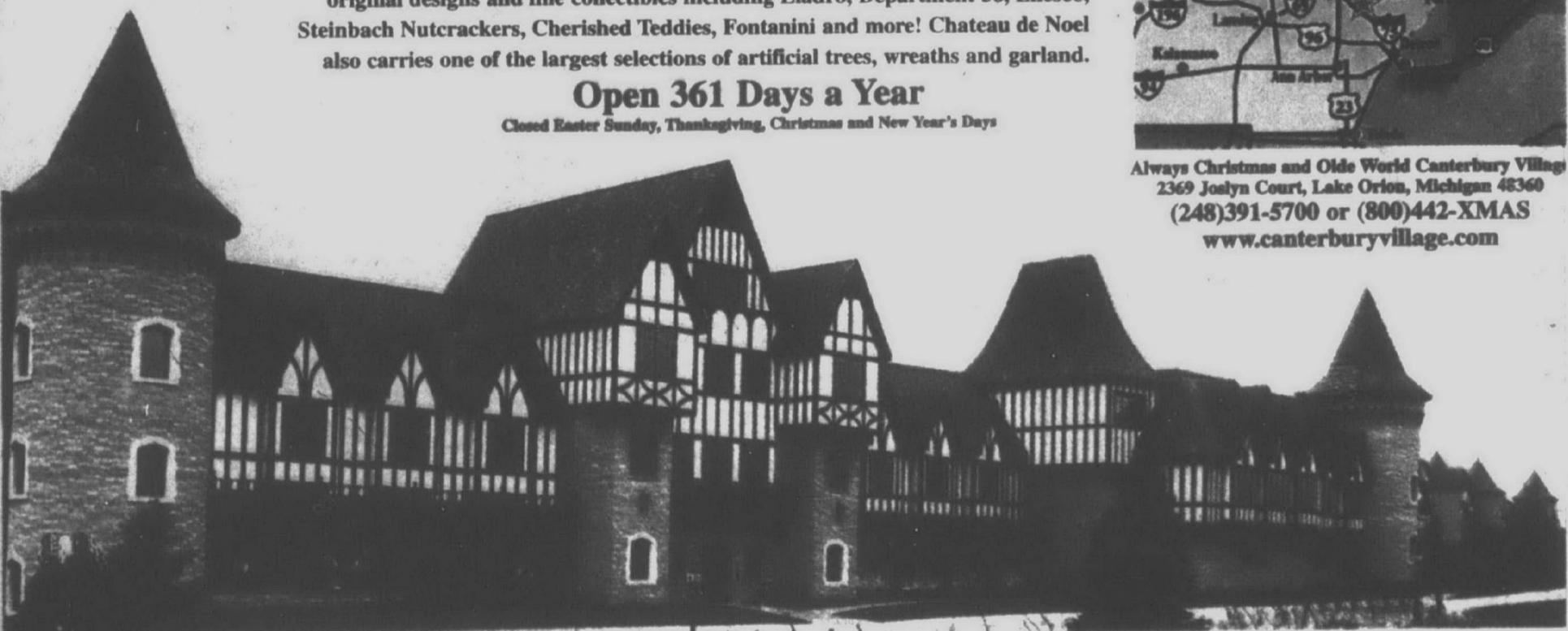
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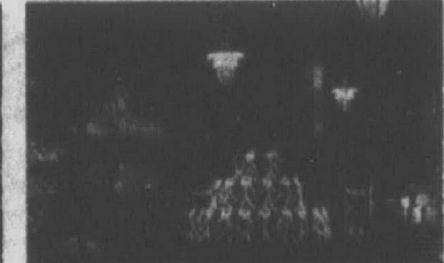
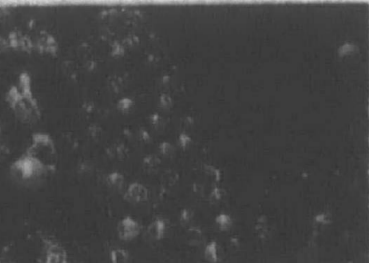
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ing he arrived to find the Chilly Willy balloon missing.

"When I got back there the next morning, I just saw strings broken off. Chilly Willy tore away and flew over the Detroit River and landed on a remote island in Canada. Now there's a Chilly Willy fan club," McCarthy said.

Another balloon partially deflated in the middle of the parade.

"We had a balloon whose leg had deflated. So it was going down the street with one flimsy leg and one stiff leg. So we had a leaf blower in the balloon to keep it inflated while it was going down the route."

McCarthy's experiences with parades extends past the Detroit area. He has visited Mexico City, Boise, Idaho, Vermillion, S.D., and Atlanta, Ga. The day after Thanksgiving he will head down to Austin, Texas, to take part in its parade.

On Labor Day, McCarthy, a salesman at The Saw Mill furniture store in Northville, returned from Moscow where he took part

Enjoy a holiday tradition

America's Thanksgiving Parade will be 9:15 a.m. to noon along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson in Detroit. The event is free and open to the public.

The parade also will be broadcast locally on WDIV-TV Channel 4, WJR-760 AM and WPLT-96.3 FM and nationally 10-10:40 a.m. on CBS TV.

The Parade Company also is hosting an indoor carnival with a full-scale midway, including games, rides and family entertainment. Santa will lead spectators to Cobo Center's Oakland Hall immediately after the parade to kick off the carnival.

The hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Admission to the carnival is free. Attendees may pay as they go for rides and games, or buy a ride-all-day wristband for \$15. Coupons for \$5 off a wristband will be available at all city of Detroit neighborhood city halls.

in a parade honoring the city's 851st birthday. Most of the volunteers with whom he worked were from the Russian army. Interpreters, one per balloon, relayed directions for handling balloons.

Although the Russians were appreciative, they didn't respond as fervently as Americans.

"They were a lot more low key; they were really mellow, but you have to consider the times," said McCarthy, who is working

toward a bachelor of business administration degree at Central Michigan University. "The value of the ruble plunges every single day. Our American money is worth more every day."

"They were appreciative of the parade, but they weren't over enthusiastic. It's not like here where you can see people 10 rows deep."

It was McCarthy's first trip to Europe, and he had to admit he experienced culture shock.

"The driving over there is really different," he said. "There's no rules for pedestrians. Pedestrians are at their own risk crossing the street. It's like playing human Frogger."

As for this Thanksgiving, he's looking forward to that instant gratification of American crowds: "I take pictures of the audience. It's all worth it when I see their eyes light up."

Historical museum hosts workshop for children

The Detroit Historical Museum is providing children and their families an opportunity to learn more about native Americans with a program Thanksgiving weekend.

The museum will host a showing of the Disney classic "Pocahontas," followed by a Native American workshop, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. The workshop will feature a speaker and an opportunity for children to make a dream catcher to take home.

The workshop is for children ages 5-10. There is no fee for the program, but advance registration is required, and regular admission fees apply: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children ages 12-18 and children under age 12 free.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Betty Hurte at (313) 833-1262 or Amy

DeWys-VanHecke at (313) 833-9720.

Exhibits at the museum include the popular "I Discover" in the Stark Hall, "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses" in the Kresge Gallery and "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" in the Booth-Wilkinson Gallery.

The museum's Children's Only Shop also will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6. Children can make their holiday selections, with the help of a volunteer, in the shop where all items are priced under \$10. Purchases will be gift wrapped and tagged.

The Detroit Historical Museum is at Woodward Avenue and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Family Resource Center offers parenting classes

The Family Resource Center will present two programs for parents in December.

Parents can learn ways to live with teenagers in the eight-week-long "Does Life with a Teen Have To Be Crazy?," beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Presenter David Denhouter will use the "Using Active Parenting With Teens" video series for the class, which will meet 6:45-8 p.m. at the Family Resource Center, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland.

The cost will be \$10. To register, call (734) 595-2279.

The second program will be a parenting workshop, "A Plus Parenting," 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Hicks Elementary School, 100 Helen, south of Cherry Hill Road, Inkster. Free child care and snacks will be provided.

The programs are being funded by the cities of Wayne and Westland, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the United Parcel Service Foundation.

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a young rookie cop who bucked the status quo by turning in fellow cops for bad behavior.

One night, while on duty, he witnessed his comrades pulverizing some prisoners. His attempts to stop them were not only futile, but he was locked in a nearby cell to keep him quiet. Later, when asked by his superiors why he was the ONLY ONE coming forward and talking about the beatings, he said, "Because they (the other cops) think silence and integrity are the same thing."

As it would be, his name was mud throughout the precinct, and few peers would talk to him.

As this author has brought out before in this column, examples of kids protecting other kids is a theme that runs rampant among our young people today. The idea that keeping silent connotes character has transcended down

So if your child comes home and tells you that the kids in class took turns throwing stones at the smallest child in the class, are you certain your child was not an active participant?

through the generations.

A vast number of people in this country don't stand up to others when they are doing something wrong by calling them on it. It is far and away easier to "go along with the crowd" than it is to stand out and stick up for what's right and what's wrong. The young lieutenant in the movie was the only one willing to call his colleagues on their crime.

"Lone Rangers" just as the title says, are all by themselves. They know they will be ostracized or humiliated because of their stance, and yet, something

inside of them tells them they need to stand firmly on their values. They know their enemies are nearby ready to pounce and make fun of them.

Perhaps you follow the controversial radio talk-show host, Dr. Laura. No matter what you think about her on-the-air confrontations, she is a classic example of a person who believes that silence is not synonymous with integrity. She is not only standing up for what she believes to be right, but preaching and nagging us to do the same.

So if your child comes home

and tells you that the kids in class took turns throwing stones at the smallest child in the class, are you certain your child was not an active participant? If you are, give them tons of kudos for not taking part. That took far more intelligence than what the pranksters did.

And if they didn't report it, share with them the value in protecting someone. After all, wouldn't they have wanted someone to tell the teacher, if they were the victim?

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Announcement forms available

Forms to announce weddings, engagements, births and anniversaries are available at our offices in Livonia - 36251 Schoolcraft - and Plymouth - 794 S. Main St. They also are available by calling Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 or Tiffanie Lacey at (734) 459-2700.

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PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER
The Christmas Arts Show is returning to Plymouth Cultural Center to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. The show is in Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth, Mich. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or 8519.

NEW REDFORD HALL
New Redford Hall's bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, and 29. The bazaar is at the retirement home, 1000 Farmington Road, Farmington Road, Livonia, Mich. For more information, call (734) 425-3050.

SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House of Livonia will have its 10th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the retirement home, 1000 Farmington Road, Farmington Road, Livonia, Mich. For more information, call (734) 425-3050.

Hospice remembers

As the holidays pile tend to reflect friends and loved ones, Hospice and Services and Home Care are just that with streats.

CHCS is invited to dedicate a golden moment in honor of loved one to hang Memories, which play at the Westland Library on Centway, north of Farmington Road, now through Dec. 24.

"In past years, such touching no the backs of the Maureen Butrico, executive director. "It feel very good to their loved ones in a meaningful way during season."

Several local organizations are participating by displaying their members to the program which directly benefits families of CHCS.

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PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER
The Christmas Arts and Crafts Show is returning to the Plymouth Cultural Center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. The center is at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

NEW REDFORD HALL
New Redford Hall's holiday bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at the hall, Plymouth Road at Inkster Road. Tables are available at \$15 each. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or (313) 592-8519.

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 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information, call Madeline at (734) 425-3050.

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, Livonia. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 466-2555.

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE
Presbyterian Village of Redford will have a holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the R.C.D. Center, 17383 Garfield. Various crafts, Christmas gift sets and culinary delights will be for sale.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, 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 strollers are welcome.

A little knowledge

Agency helps parents of disabled children

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Margaret Rozman is a firm believer in what can be accomplished with knowledge, so much so that eight years ago, she decided to do something for the parents of disabled children.

Armed with a grant and a legal pad, she walked into the Family and Neighborhood Services office in Inkster in June 1991, ready to help five families become more knowledgeable to get better services for their developmentally disabled children.

It was a small step for Rozman and a giant step for the Parent Support and Advocacy Program, now an incorporated agency that has served more than 15,000 families.

"It was more than a pebble thrown in a pond," said Rozman, PSAP executive director. "It started out as a pilot demonstration project to demonstrate the need. I was going to impact five families, and it developed itself and became what it was supposed to be by itself."

"It took on a life of its own." Sponsored by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board, the non-profit agency provides information, resources and parent-to-parent support to more than 15,000 families in Wayne County.

For the children

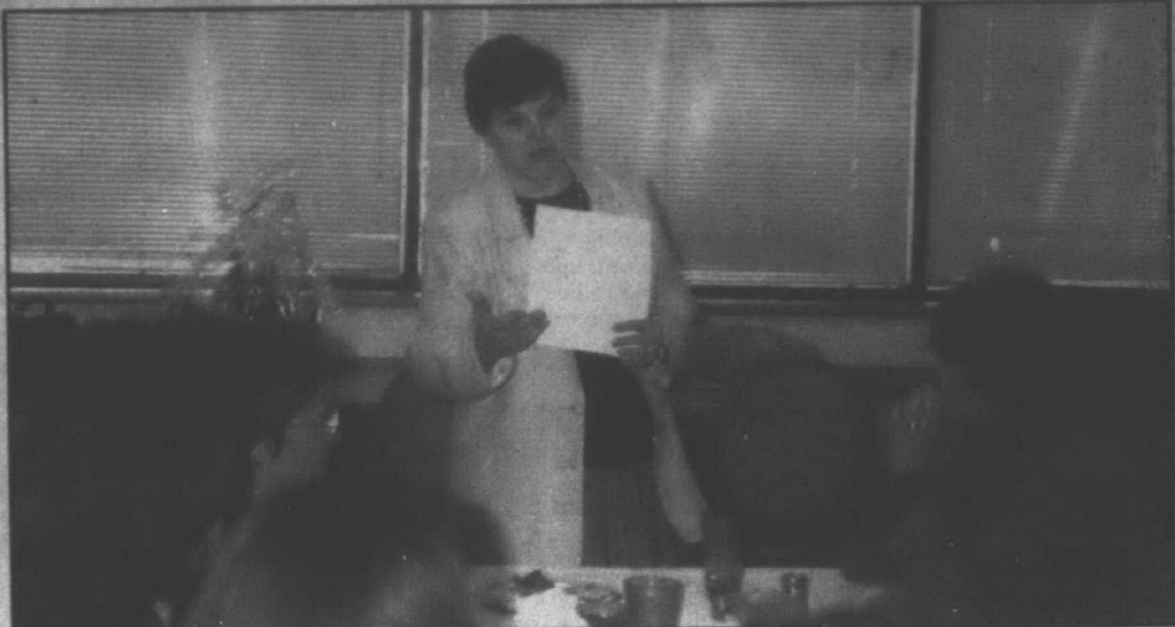
The Livonia-based PSAP serves children of all ages, from birth to life's end, and all disabilities. It maintains an extensive telephone network, calling families every month to see if they are getting the services they need and to assist with other agencies.

PSAP-trained volunteer parent-advocates serve in schools, clinics, hospitals and Head Start programs, giving parents the skills to better help themselves.

Its home-visiting service helps families identify sources of formal and informal support. Started in 1994, it was added to the PSAP lineup after the agency tracked families and saw many who were "stuck" at home because of no transportation.

Early On services for children up to age 3 supports the development of a family-centered care philosophy and empowers parents to better negotiate the complexities of service delivery on an equal footing with professionals.

"Everything we do is on behalf of the child," Rozman said. "But it's the parent, that's what makes this work. We're all parents. Yes, we need the professionals, but the nuts and bolts are the parents."



Power of knowledge: As the executive director of Parent Support and Advocacy Program Inc., Margaret Rozman uses every opportunity to educate parents so they can get the services they need for their developmentally disabled children.

"In my role, I come in as a professional, but when I speak, I speak as a parent. I always speak as a parent."

There's also a quarterly newsletter "produce for families by families." The newsletter features stories about families and professionals (which are given equal weight in the publication) and aims to reach an audience the agency can't reach in any other way, Rozman said.

"We look at the parents and their disabled children from the positive," she said. "Anybody can build on success, and you can find success if you look around. It's an affirmation of the individual child. Certainly, they are challenged and their problems can be debilitating, but we need to look in their eyes and let them lead us to help them reach their full potential."

The origins of PSAP are in Rozman's experiences with her son who was born with a collapsed lung and cerebral palsy and spent most of his life in a wheelchair. In their numerous trips to clinics, she saw many parents who were exhausted trying to get help for their children.

Her first day on the job, Rozman listed the agencies that had provided services to her son. She focused on Wayne County because she lived there and that was where her son received his services. Then she started calling the people she knew. She found that one person led to another her family may not have used but could be passed on to someone else.

"This program developed because of the people; what it is because of the families," Rozman said. "Because of what I saw and what I needed, I pressed the mental health system to give families what they needed. We linked families so they have become a voice in the system."

While the staff numbers 20, there actually is 77 parents who have gone through the 12-week training sessions and are able to provide services in the community. Scheduling depends on the needs of the agency. Rozman considers it a phenomenal feat, done by one staffer, because the agency doesn't miss anything.

Since they are all parents, everything is done during the day; nothing is planned for the weekend, and the minimal number of evening functions are usually planned for 5 p.m. and last about one hour.

In need of help

PSAP provides a reliable service, but having a single source of money has made it difficult. With its only additional money coming three years ago for the telephone service, PSAP has trimmed its services at the dental clinic at Children's Hospital and in Head Start.

A part-time staff person has been hired to work strictly on writing grants. The staff is putting the finishing touches on its first fund-raiser, a fashion show/ luncheon/ raffle noon-3

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the first-floor auditorium foyer of Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

The hospital donated the space for the benefit, and the Target store at Wonderland Mall and Meijer are providing the fashions. The models will be parents and their developmentally disabled children. The PSAP Board of Directors is helping with the luncheon, and the raffle will have a 19-inch color TV as one of the prizes.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available by calling PSAP at (248) 615-9207. The deadline for ordering is Friday, Nov. 27. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

"We've tried to structure it so we don't have any costs," Rozman said of the benefit. "We want to show how to focus on the child and celebrate, celebrate. We want to get the money and turn around and use it for the kids."

The Parent Support and Advocacy Program Inc., a service provider of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health, is in Suite 500 of the Corporate Tower, 29200 Vassar, east of Middlebelt and north of Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 615-9207, or contact the agency by e-mail at PMAR007@aol.com

Hospices sponsor remembrance trees

As the holidays approach, people tend to reflect on family, friends and loved ones. Community Hospice and Home Care Services and Angela Hospice Home Care are letting people do just that with special holiday trees.

CHHCS is inviting people to dedicate a golden angel ornament in honor or memory of a loved one to hang on its Tree of Memories, which will be on display at the Westland Public Library on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland, now through Thursday, Dec. 24.

"In past years, there have been such touching notes written on the backs of the angels," said Maureen Butrico, CHHCS executive director. "It makes people feel very good to reconnect with their loved ones in some meaningful way during the holiday season."

Several local credit unions are participating by displaying trees in their lobbies to encourage their members to participate in the program which raises money to directly benefit patients and families of CHHCS.

CHHCS has been serving the needs of the terminally ill in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties since 1981. For more

information about the Tree of Memories program or about CHHCS, call (734) 522-4244.

Angela Hospice's Tree of Life will be on display at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia, Saturday, Nov. 28, through Thursday, Dec. 31. A dedication ceremony will take place at noon Nov. 28.

For a tax-deductible donation, ornaments bearing the named of loved ones, living or deceased, will be hung on the tree.

"Our patients have given us the gift and privilege of being able to care for them during their final stages of life," said Sister Mary Giovanni, founder and president of Angela Hospice. "Our benefactors have given us the gift of their faith, their commitment and their trust in the philosophy of hospice and have ensured, through time and contributions, the success of our programs."

Angela Hospice cares for terminally ill patients and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties. Established in 1985, the nonprofit is owned and operated by the Felician Sisters of Livonia.

For more information, about the Tree of Life program or Angela Hospice, call (734) 464-7810.

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER EVENTS AND

WEEKEND

RAFTERS NEEDED

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department has openings in its annual Christmas arts and crafts show. The show will be Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Show admission and parking are free. An 8-foot table space is \$95. Crafters interested in being in the show should call show director Carol Donnelly at (734) 455-6620.

SKATING STATION

Skatin Station II will sponsor a "Wish Bone Skate" 1-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton. Bring in a wish bone from your Thanksgiving turkey and receive \$1 off your admission. Admission is \$4.25 per person; skate rental is \$2 and blades are \$4. For more information, call (734) 459-6400.

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

Whistle Stop Players will present "The Velveteen Rabbit" Dec. 4-6 in the Plymouth Community Arts Council, JoAnne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

CHARITY DANCE

St. John Neumann Singles Group is hosting a children's charity dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, on Warren Road, west of Sheldon. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. The dance includes baked goods, pop, and a Top 40 disc jockey. Casual dress, no blue jeans. Bring a new and unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. All proceeds go to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

ADVENT RETREAT

Madonna University will hold an advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Founder's Room and the University Chapel in the Residence Hall. 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 a liturgy. The public is invited. The cost is \$12 for the day. The cost includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, or for reservations, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 482-5419. RSVP by Dec. 3.

LUMINARY KITS

The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood Garden Club will hold their annual fund-raising sale of luminary kits 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, in Kroger's at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, and in Plymouth Market-place at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road and Westchester Mall. The cost of a set of 10 candles with white bags is \$4.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having their annual special Christmas cookie walk from 9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 12, in the church, 38075 W. Seven Mile Road, between Newburgh and Farmington roads, Livonia. There will be fancy ethnic cookies, an assortment of Greek, Ukrainian, Russian, Italian, and many more. There will also be an assortment of homemade

pierogi, stuffed cabbage, sweet bread, and nut, apricot and poppy seed rolls. For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The Village Potters Guild will host a holiday sale Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, at 340 N. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There will be 25 ceramic artists exhibiting both functional and decorative work in porcelain, stoneware, raku, and pit-fire.

The Spinner's Flock will sponsor a holiday fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in Matthaei Botanical Garden, Ann Arbor. Admission is free. The fair will feature finished items and equipment, tools for gift giving, garments, hats, scarves, handspun yarns, rugs, baskets, quilts, ornaments, books, jewelry, toys, etc. For more information, call Nancy Burkhalter at (734) 475-2306.

The Women's National Farm & Garden Association of Plymouth will sponsor a holiday greens mart 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. There will be a bake sale. Items featured will be wreaths, bows, swags, and different arrangements. Proceeds go to benefit scholarships and civic projects. For more information, call Karen Horton at (734) 207-0563 or Pat Robinson at (734) 453-1187.

USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse, 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. Anyone may sell sports or recreational equipment. Sellers can take their equipment to the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Items will be priced and tagged for the sale on Saturday, Dec. 5. Seller sets the price - Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent. Volunteers will do the selling, so you need not be present. Collect money or pick up unsold items 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. For more information, call 397-5110.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

The Plymouth Poets will sponsor their annual Christmas party to decorate the Michigan Poets Christmas Tree at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. The public is invited to cover the tree with laminated photos of Michigan poets, then everyone will retreat to the Box Bar for food, festive libations and a reading of the Plymouth Poets holiday verse.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will present its Christmas concert, "Joy," at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets can be bought at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton; Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest, Plymouth; and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (734) 455-4080.

HEALING TEMPLE

Heartlight/Bodyworks Healing Center is sponsoring its monthly Healing Temple noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at 819 N. Mill in Plymouth. Alternative healing therapies are

Holiday book drive



Book drive: Mary Middleton of Little Professor Bookstore stands behind Kathy Mount, who is holding Bambi. Little Professor is selling new books to be donated to Mott Children's Hospital as part of a book drive to update book carts for the hospital's patients. Mount has raised \$185,000 for various projects to benefit kids at Mott.

offered. There is no cost but donations are accepted. November's focus will be on reiki, an Eastern healing practice that enhances the flow of Universal Life Energy. For information, call 416-5200.

OPEN HOUSE

The Canton Historical Society will host a holiday open house and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the museum. The bake sale will feature a politicians' table with homemade treats donated by township officials and local politicians. Refreshments will be served. The museum is at the corner of Canton Center and Heritage Drive (Proctor).

SINGLES' EVENTS

Single Place presents a potluck dinner and games night beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Bring a dish to pass (enough to serve six people). Admission is \$2. General admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911.

Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington. Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

AROUND TOWN

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. Submissions should be

made by Nov. 30. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that all children will receive a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will begin identifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Choral Concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. The Madonna Choral, which is made up of students, faculty, and local community members, is conducted by David Wagner, associate professor of music at Madonna University. The public is welcome to attend and admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The concert will feature the Midnight Mass for Christmas by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, the Magnificat by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi and many other Christmas favorites. The choral will be accompanied by a small string orchestra. This year's Christmas concert will be dedicated to the Felician Sisters who are celebrating the 125th anniversary of their American foundation. For more information, call David Wagner at (734) 432-5708.

LIBRARY PROGRAM

The Plymouth District Library will host an informational meeting for those wanting to know "How To Buy a Computer" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the library. Richard Truxall, who works as the continuing education coordinator for the Library Network, will answer questions and

discuss basic computer buying information. Truxall helped develop the Internet Public Library and is the collection librarian for the Michigan section of the Michigan Electronic Library. The program is free. Registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

Suburban Children's Cop Nursery has openings in all classes for 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parent involvement. Low tuition rates. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

YMCA

The Plymouth community is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory to dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and step aerobics fitness class and aquatics. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

SING-ALONG WITH SANTA

Ring in the holiday season harmonizing side by side with the red suited one himself at the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's annual sing along with Santa. The benefit will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth in downtown Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, \$25 for families, and \$50 for patrons. Patron tickets include priority seating and a listing in the program (if order received by Dec. 3). For more information, or to

order tickets, call (734) 994-4801. Tickets are also available at 527 E. Liberty, Suite 208, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the church beginning at 2:30 p.m. the day of the event.

WINTER CONCERT

The Ann Arbor Youth Choral conducted by Ruth Datz, Richard Ingram, Donald Williams and Shyla Powell will hold a winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Trinity Chapel, Concordia College, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 per family, \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students and seniors. For more information, call (734) 996-4404.

KIWANIS

Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis invites you to visit the 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

KOEZE NUT SALE

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is sponsoring a fund-raiser of Koeze nuts. The proceeds are used for local and international service projects dedicated to world peace, providing community service and improving the status of women worldwide. Orders can be delivered at your convenience. For more information, or to order, call Candy Martin at (248) 348-1410 or Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374.

MEDILODGE GROUP

The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, contact the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

NURSE REFRESHER COURSE

Nurses can refresh their basic physical assessment techniques and earn credits to maintain their licenses by attending physical assessment refresher courses at Schoolcraft College. The one-day course will include the respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological and musculoskeletal systems. Participants should bring stethoscopes and wear loose, comfortable clothing. The fee is \$65 for the class, which will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary of Plymouth is looking for a volunteer age 12-15 who has done exceptional volunteer work. Two \$1,000 savings bond are awarded nationally. For more information, notify Ann Smith at 453-1529.

CERTIFIED SITTER CLASS

Oakwood Healthcare System presents a certified sitter class 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 and 9, and 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. The program is for people 11-15 to develop skills to become knowledgeable, safe and responsible baby-sitters. Includes infant, child CPR and choking intervention, information on age-appropriate activities, basic first-aid, bathing, feeding, growth and development. Cost is \$30. For more information, or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

LOW FAT COOKING CLASS

Oakwood Healthcare Systems presents a quick and easy lowfat cooking class 7-9 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 3, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. The registered dietitian teaches participants about lowfat cooking and eating. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

ADULT DAY CARE

Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. serving seniors who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give needed relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Trained professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. For more information, call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

SUPPORT GROUPS

PARKINSON EDUCATION

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets in Ann Arbor 1:30-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 13 in the Education Center. It will be a potluck/holiday party/white elephant exchange. Please bring a dish to pass as well as your own place settings. Coffee and juice will be provided and a ham will be prepared by the committee. For more information, call (734) 930-6335 or (734) 741-9209.

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors a variety of grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief support group. The group meets 6:30-8 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month to support and affirm people grieving a loss through death. To learn more, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

WIDOW AND WIDOWER'S GROUP

Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to gather and share their feelings of grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, as well as learning to rebuild a new life. The meetings, which are free, take place 1-3 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. To learn more or to register, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton every Sunday. Check-in is at 7 p.m. Child care is provided through fifth grade. The church is at 7000 Sheldon, Canton. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include facing your anger, facing your loneliness, depression, new relationships, KidCare, and forgiveness. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. For more information, call Bernice at (734) 459-3333.

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Donaldson-Werblin

Douglas Michael Donaldson and Wendy Leilani Werblin were married Sept. 6 at the Francis J. Dewes Mansion in Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Paul Koch and Rabbi Allen Secher performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Carol Werblin of Syosset, Long Island, N.Y. The groom is the son of Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Syosset High School, Cornell University and Duke University. She is employed as a health care consultant for CSC Healthcare in Chicago, Ill.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, the University of Michigan and Duke University. He is employed as a health care consultant for Arthur Andersen in Chicago, Ill.

The bride asked Jill Werblin to serve as maid of honor, with



Amy Donaldson, Krisanne Combs, Anne Hoff and Melissa Levitt as bridesmaids.

The groom asked David Donaldson to serve as best man, with Jay Laney, George Manoli, Rajeev Seth and Todd Zielinski as groomsmen.

The couple took a honeymoon in the Tahitian Islands of Bora Bora and Moorea.

Hill-Suchora

Shannon Susan Suchora and Deryck Kyle Hill were married Sept. 26 in the Chapel at Mill Race Historical Village in Northville. The Rev. Allen Wollenberg performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Ilene Suchora of Detroit. The groom is the son of Charlotte Hill of Morrisville, N.Y., and David Hill of Scottsdale, Ariz.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia and Ferris State University. A first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and a registered nurse, she is assigned to Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Ariz.

The groom is a graduate of Morrisville Central School and Albany College of Pharmacy in New York. A captain in the U.S. Air Force and a pharmacist, he is assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

The bride asked Nicole Todd-Thomas, Andrea Adzema, Joanne Bolda, Jill Buist and Allison Weinschreider to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Roman Daneyew, Jeffrey Kupiec, Scott Burgess, Albert Melita and Nicholas Weinschreider to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Marriott Hotel



in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Montana.

ANNIVERSARIES

Link

Alvin and Gladys Link of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family celebration at the Country Epicure in Novi.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 24, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Gladys Schiman.

They have two children, Robin Kristy of Livonia and Cynthia House of Plymouth, and six grandchildren - Kelly, Kimberly and Benjamin Kristy and Sarah, Daniel and Rachel House.

He retired 10 years ago as a home improvement contractor. She is a homemaker.

Members of Ward Evangelical



Presbyterian Church, the Links received a trip to Williamsburg, Va., as an anniversary gift from their children.

Hoffman

Richard and Mary Elizabeth Hoffman of Northville, formerly of Redford, gathered with family and friends at a luncheon at the Country Epicure in Novi on Oct. 24 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchange vows on Oct. 22, 1948, at St. Paul Methodist Church in Highland Park. She is the former Mary Elizabeth Garlick.

The Hoffmans have two married children - Elizabeth Anne Thomas and husband Charles of Greensboro, N.C., and Paul Richard Hoffman and wife Debra of Farmington Hills. They also have one grandchild.

Retired for 21 years, he worked for Jacobson's stores and Beaumont and Providence hospitals, retiring as the director of patient affairs at Providence.

She was a preschool teacher and retired as program director for the Rosedale Christian Child Care Center.



Ryzinski

Stanley and Helen Ryzinski Sr. of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a luncheon with family and friends.

Forty-three-year residents of

Vroman

Robert and Nellie Vroman of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with more than 100 family members and friends at a party at Roma's of Garden City on Sept. 4.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1948, at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Allen Park. She is the former Nellie Louise Petka.

They have five children - Cyndi Edwards, Robert and Daniel and wife Deborah, all of Garden City, Chris and wife Jeanne of Norco, Calif., and Victoria Fincher of Taylor. They also have eight grandchildren and are awaiting the birth of their first great-grandchild.

Retired in 1978, he worked at DeSoto, the Pilot Plant in Dearborn and at Ford Motor Co.'s Wixom Plant for 29 years. She is a homemaker.

Their hobbies include travel, fishing, card playing, hunting and visiting friends and relatives. She also enjoys crocheting, working in the yard and taking photographs and has amassed a collection of more than 100 photo albums from the time they first met.



They also bowl on a senior league at Super Bowl in Canton.



Livonia, they have four children - Carol, Stanley, GayAnn and Jeffrey - and three grandchildren.

He has been retired for 16 years. They are active in the VFW and enjoy reading and traveling.

Dec. 3, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. The registered dietitian teaches participants about lowfat cooking and eating. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

ADULT DAY CARE

Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. serving seniors who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give needed relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Trained professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available.

For more information, call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

SUPPORT GROUPS

PARKINSON EDUCATION

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets in Ann Arbor 1:30-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 13 in the Education Center. It will be a potluck/holiday party/white elephant exchange. Please bring a dish to pass as well as your own place settings. Coffee and juice will be provided and a ham will be prepared by the committee. For more information, call (734) 930-6335 or (734) 741-9209.

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors a variety of grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

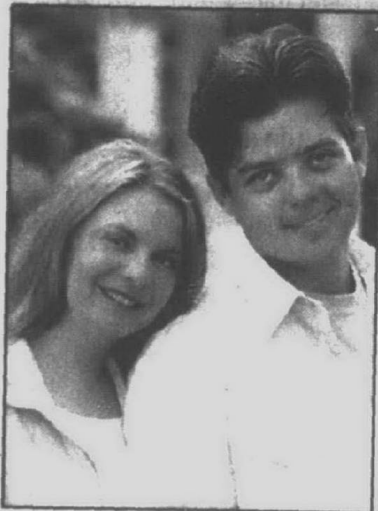
Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief support group. The group meets 8:30-8 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month to support and affirm people grieving a loss through death. To learn more, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

WIDOW AND WIDOWER'S GROUP

Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to gather and share their feelings of grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, as well as learning to rebuild a new life. The meetings, which are free, take place 1-3 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. To learn more or to register, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton every Sunday. Check-in is at 7 p.m. Child care is provided through fifth grade. The church is at 7000 Sheldon, Canton. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include facing your anger, facing your loneliness, depression, new relationships, KidCare, and forgiveness. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. For more information, call Bernice at (734) 459-3333.



Morrow-Trush

Bonita Lynn Morrow and Christopher Joseph Trush, both of Novi, are planning a January wedding at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David Krom of Novi and Raymond Mason of Westland and the late Carol Mason. Her fiancé is the son of Nicholas and Suzanne Trush of Lake Orion.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her master's degree from Wayne State University. She is a media buyer at Valassis Communications in Livonia.

Her fiancé received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from GMI in Flint. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at General Motors.

George-Badrak

Jim and Mary Ellen George of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Suzanne, to Brian Badrak, the son of Donald and Jo Badrak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and a graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in elementary education. She is employed as a teacher in Farmington.

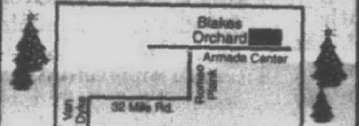
Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a graduate of Saginaw Valley University. He is employed by Sunshine Honda as business manager.

A December wedding is planned at Old St. Patrick's Church in Ann Arbor.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE
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 information, call the church at (248) 474-0675.

A special service of praise and thanksgiving, "Giving Thanks to Our Heavenly Father," will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road, Westland. The service will feature uplifting music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, Cherub and Chorister choirs, Sunday School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubellation Handbell Choir. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold a Thanksgiving worship service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 13542 Mercedese, east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 service drive. People who attend should bring at least two non-perishable food items, personal care or cleaning products for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief food pantry.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a worship service of praise and thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Mary Baker Eddy in her book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," said that "Divine love always has met and always will meet every human need." Plymouth 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.

SUCCESSFUL RALLY
Eighty-five people recently attended a youth rally held at

Creche
In a tradition 12 years, the The Church of Latter-Day Sabbath creche exhibit. More than many from out the world, 10 a.m. to 9:45 Saturday, Dec. 27, 31450 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The exhibit a selection of musical performance each evening and church those perform Livonia Church Chorale, Chorale of Pat Hu 7. The creche mals manger ing to Saint placed Jesu

Community Free Church in Westland evening included singing, a Jimmy Lawson, a munity Free Wil tured speaker. Fr ally, refreshmer in the church gy Lawson is a May Southeast Free V lege in North Ca accepted the pos the Westland ch **HELPING HONOUR** Plymouth Sev tist School is sell to raise money f Hurricane Mitch Oranges and gra available by the case. Oranges ar (4/5 bushel), and \$16 per case. De must be placed b pick-up schedule 12:30-4 p.m. Dec school, 4295 Nap (between Ann Ar

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Creches are focal point of exhibit

In a tradition that now spans 12 years, the Livonia Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints kicks off the holiday season with its annual creche exhibit.

More than 800 creches, many from countries throughout the world, will be displayed 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Saturday, Dec. 5, and Monday, Dec. 7, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church, 31450 Six Mile Road at Merriam Road, Livonia.

The exhibit also will feature a selection of quilts as well as musical performances at 7 p.m. each evening by community and church groups. Among those performing will be the Livonia Churchill High School Choralations, under the direction of Pat Hutchinson, on Dec. 7.

The creche refers to the animals' manger in which, according to Saint Luke, the Virgin placed Jesus when he was



In the beginning: Legend has it that that it was St. Francis of Assisi who celebrated midnight Mass in a stable where men and animals re-enacted the Nativity which led to the displaying of creches in churches and homes.

born. It later came to mean the place of the Nativity and then the Nativity.

The term creche from the German word krippe, appeared in the 12th century. Legend

ed the Nativity.

The first church creches appeared in the 18th century and the fashion for family creches expanded in the 18th century.

The custom of setting up a creche under the Christmas tree became widespread during the 1930s. Many families built their own small stables to shelter commercially-bought figures.

"There are very few places any more in this world where the nativity of Jesus Christ can be displayed," said Shirley Hutchinson who is chairing the creche exhibit. "This is a time for people to think about their families and the Savior of the world."

"We want to help give them an opportunity to view many nativity scenes and to enjoy a musical program from community and church groups."

For more information about the exhibit, call (734) 261-4734.

including a new and improved building.

COMMUNION 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 witness.

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) 425-3024.

COOKIE WALKS

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, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Cookies will be sold by the pound, so come early for the best selection.

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church will have a special Christmas cookie walk beginning at 9 a.m. at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. There will be an assortment of Greek, Ukrainian, Russian, Italian and other ethnic cookies, homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage, sweet breads and nut apricot and poppy seed rolls for sale. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-3432.

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Garden City will have a cookie walk and mini bazaar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road. Cost will be \$8 for a large tin and \$6 for a medium tin. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

for the Religious News be submitted in writing than noon Friday for the Thursday's issue. They can be sent to 36251 Schoolcraft, # 48150, or by fax at 591-7279. For more info, call (734) 953-2131.

GIVING SERVICE
Worship service of praise and thanksgiving will be held at Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmingdale, Westland. The service features uplifting music by the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Choir and Chorister choirs, School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubilation Bell Choir. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-3030.

SPECIAL SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
"Giving Thanks to Our Heavenly Father" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Christ the King Lutheran Church campus, 14175 Farmingdale, Westland. The service features uplifting music by the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Choir and Chorister choirs, School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubilation Bell Choir. For more information, call the church at (734) 3030.

JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
will hold a Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of I-75 and south of the I-75 drive. People who should bring at least two washable food items, perfume or cleaning products to the Redford Relief food pantry. St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a worship service of praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 475-3030.

DR. BAKER EDDY in her Science and Health with the Scriptures, said that the love always has met and will meet every human. Plymouth First Church of the Scientist, will have its Thanksgiving Day church service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the church, 1100 W. Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

YOUTH RALLY
Twenty-five people recently held a youth rally held at

Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland. The evening included a service with special singing, and the Rev. Jimmy Lawson, pastor of Community Free Will, as the featured speaker. Following the rally, refreshments were served in the church gymnasium. Lawson is a May graduate of the Southeast Free Will Baptist College in North Carolina. He accepted the position of pastor of the Westland church on July 12.

HELPING HONDURAS
Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist School is selling Florida fruit to raise money for victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. Oranges and grapefruit are available by the case or half case. Oranges are \$18 per case (4/5 bushel), and grapefruit are \$16 per case. December orders must be placed by Dec. 3 with pick-up scheduled for between 12:30-4 p.m. Dec. 13, at the school, 4295 Napier Road (between Ann Arbor and Warren

roads), Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-8222 or (248) 349-5683.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY
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 dinner.

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.

ANNUAL AUCTION
Garden City First United Methodist Church will hold its third annual auction Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the silent auction beginning at 6:45 p.m. A live auction as well as hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and entertainment will be a part of the evening's festivities. 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. Money raised at the auction will be used for the church programs.

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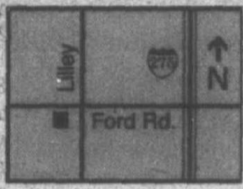
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Oh, nuts! Sale chair Candy Martin (left) of Northville and Mary Jo Plante of Livonia of Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area may have found the porch of the farmhouse at Greenmead Historical Village a nice place to sit a spell, but not without a few Koeze's nuts.

Zonta goes 'nuts' with sale

Looking for some tasty gift ideas for the holiday season? Need a special housewarming gift or a way of saying thank you?

The Zonta Club of the Northwest Wayne County Area is once again selling a selection of Koeze's nuts, just in time for the holidays.

Available this year are colossal cashews, mixed nuts and mixed nuts with macadamias in 12-ounce gift boxes, 16-ounce gold foil bags, and 20- and 30-ounce decanters.

For sweet tooths, there are 10-ounce boxes or 20-ounce decanters of milk chocolate or

dark chocolate pecan puddles.

Prices range from \$10 for a 16-ounce bag of classic mixed nuts to \$25 for the 30-ounce decanter of cashews.

Orders are being taken through Saturday, Dec. 5, with Christmas orders due by Tuesday, Dec. 1. Orders can be picked up from or delivered by club members.

For more information or to place and order, call Candy Martin, who is chairing the project, at (248) 348-1410 or Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374.

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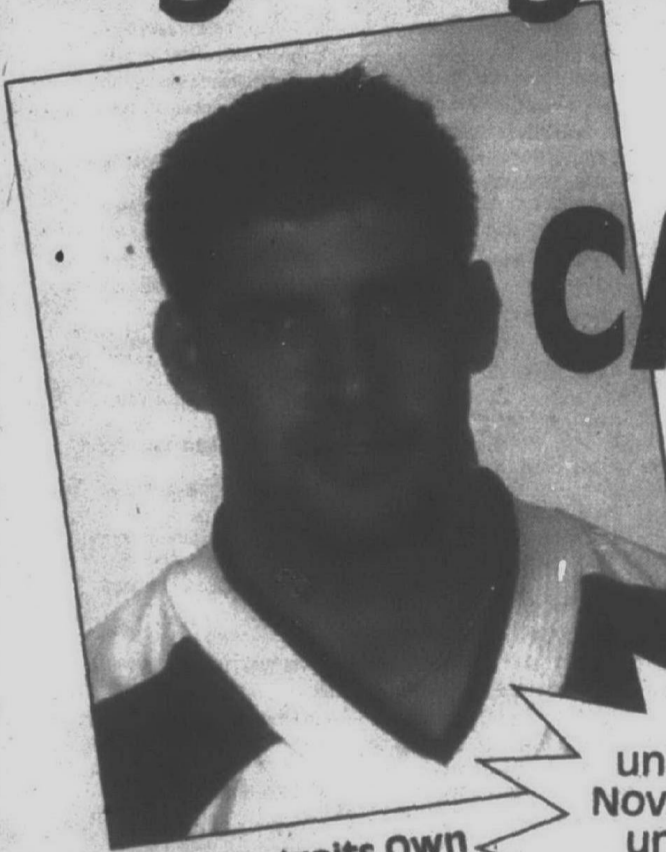
professions working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

Founded in 1919 in Buffalo, N.Y., the organization has some 35,000 members in more than 1,100 clubs in 69 countries.

Proceeds from the sale are used for local and international service projects dedicated to promoting world peace, providing community service and improving the status of women worldwide.

Locally, the sale has benefited Seedlings' Braille Books for Children, Greenmead Historical Village and Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Raptors roar

The two boys teams representing the Raptors Track Club both turned in sparkling performances at last Saturday's USATF Cross Country Regional Meet, held in Medina, Ohio.

In the Young Men's Division (17-18 year olds), Raptor runners captured the top five places in the team standings and five of the top nine in the overall standings. Leading the Raptors and finishing first in the team standings (fourth overall) was Dave Sage (from Clarkston) in 16:22.

He was followed by a pair of Plymouth Salem competitors: Nick Allen (second team, fifth overall) in 16:33 and Jon Little (third team, sixth overall) in 16:35. Next was Josh Burt of Livonia Franklin (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:40, followed by Dan Jess of Redford Catholic Central (fifth team, ninth overall) in 16:45; Bobby Cushman of Salem (ninth team, 15th overall) in 17:02; and Matt Haver of Clarkston (12th team, 23rd overall) in 17:09.

The Raptors' young men's team placed first in the three-team race, qualifying for the USATF National Cross Country Meet Dec. 12 in Lisle, Ill.

In the Intermediate Boys Division, the Raptors' team placed second in the seven-team race to the A Team, also from Michigan. Best for the Raptors was John DiGiovanni of CC (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:38. He was followed by Brian Klotz of Franklin (ninth team, 13th overall) in 17:00; Matt Daly of CC (11th team, 19th overall) in 17:12; Donnie Warner of Salem (14th team, 25th overall) in 17:30; Craig Little of Salem (18th team, 29th overall) in 17:45; Al Gill of Salem (19th team, 31st overall) in 17:55; and Jeremy Auer of Walled Lake Central (24th team, 41st overall) in 18:20.

As one of the top three teams, the Raptors' intermediate boys squad will also compete in the USATF Nationals Dec. 12 in Lisle, Ill.

PCJBA signup

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have its high school registration 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 5, at East Middle School.

This registration is for boys and girls in grades 9-12. Cost is \$100 per person.

Shock registration

The Detroit Shock will have tryouts for girls AAU basketball teams from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills campus. Tryouts will be for girls in four age divisions: those born in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Coaches for the Shock teams have experience in taking their squads to the AAU Nationals.

There will be a \$5 registration charge at the door. For more information, call: Rich (1983 age group) at (810) 786-1417; Larry (1984 group) at (248) 620-0238; Stacy (1985 group) at (810) 636-2006; or John (1986) at (248) 693-8943.

Used sports stuff

The annual used sports equipment sale, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be Saturday, Dec. 5, at Pleasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The public is invited to both sell and buy. Those wishing to sell may drop off their items between 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Pleasant Run clubhouse. Sellers set their own prices; volunteers will handle all sales, with those dropping off items to be sold collecting the profits (minus 15 percent for the Parks and Rec department).

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation department at (734) 397-5110.

Basketball leagues

The city of Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department will host both men's and women's basketball leagues this winter.

Cost is \$525 per team, plus \$20 per non-city of Plymouth resident. Play begins Monday, Nov. 30.

All those interested may register at the city of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

It's over Lakers prove too tough for Salem

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Two teams collided and spun off into opposite directions at Monday's Class A girls basketball regional at Novi HS. But it didn't take a final shot, or even a final quarter, to decide which team was headed in which direction.

This game was over early. A 19-point first half by Kim Kilpela propelled a high-flying West Bloomfield team to a surprisingly easy 53-38 victory over Plymouth Salem, sending the Lakers (now 19-4) into the regional final against Birmingham Marian at 7 p.m. tonight at Novi.

The result sent Salem packing with an 18-5 mark.

"We couldn't make anything go," said Rocks' coach Fred Thomann. "We missed our inside shots, we missed our perimeter shots, we missed our free throws . . . Against a high-level team like this, you can't do that."

"Early in the game, we had some great looks at the basket. We just couldn't get them to fall."

West Bloomfield — Kilpela in particular — had no such problem. Two-and-a-half minutes into the second half, the tide started to turn in the Lakers' favor, and it never altered direction again.

Kilpela was the key. The 6-foot-1 senior followed her eight-point first quarter by scoring 11 more in the second, nine of them coming in a decisive 18-2 run.

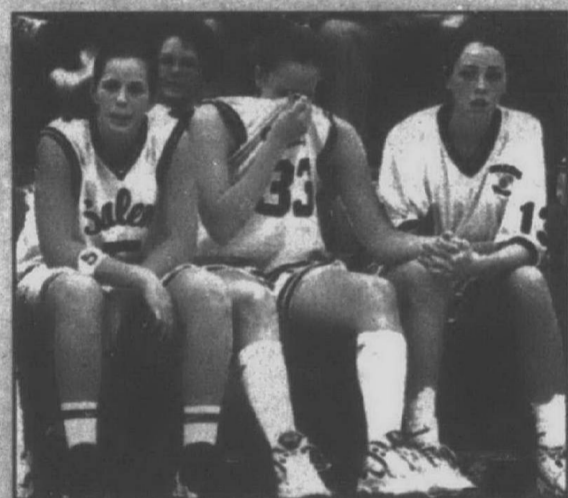
A basket by Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh had given the Rocks a 17-13 lead with 5:43 left in the half. Jen Kristensen answered with a three-pointer 13 seconds later, and West Bloomfield was off and running.

Any good team has stretches of superb play in a game; that's what



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Struggling: Salem's Andrea Pruett (right) had to fight both West Bloomfield defenders like Lisa Copeland and sickness, which kept her from performing at her best level.



End is near: Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh (left), Christine Phillips (center) and Andrea Pruett await the finish.

makes them good. The Lakers' 20-5 run in that final 5:30 of the second quarter was their game-winner; Salem's problem was, it could never find an answer.

"We wanted to play an up-tempo game against them, to see how they'd play against pressure," said West Bloomfield coach Lance Davis. "We thought we could wear them down."

"Our focus was tremendous tonight. We can do some things better . . . We can score a little more from the perimeter. But our focus is right where I want it to be."

The Rocks, trailing 33-22 at the half, did have a chance in the second half to get back in it. Kilpela, who didn't have a foul in the first half, had three before the third quarter was four minutes old and

went to the bench. But by then, Salem's offense was MIA; the Lakers limited the Rocks to just three third-quarter points on 1-of-9 floor shooting. Salem contributed to its own demise by converting just 1-of-7 from the free-throw line and making eight turnovers.

West Bloomfield had increased its 11-point halftime cushion to 19 points after three — all while turning the ball over seven times in the quarter.

Kilpela, who's committed to the University of Buffalo, finished with 24 points. When she got the ball at the low post, she was unstoppable, even when triple-teamed. Heather Robbins added 10 points and Lisa Copeland scored seven.

Grubaugh's 17 points paced Salem. Christine Phillips added nine. Andrea Pruett, the Rocks' best inside scorer, was sick and for the most part ineffective throughout the game, a key factor in the final result. Pruett

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Back-to-back losses strike Whalers



How quickly things can change.

In a 24-hour span, the Plymouth Whalers' loss total doubled — and the Whalers dropped from a tie for No. 1 in the Ontario Hockey League to a tie for second place.

The trouble started Saturday, when Plymouth battled back from a three-goal deficit after two periods to tie Owen Sound 5-5. However, the comeback effort drained the Whalers; Chad Woollard scored his third goal of the game to give the host Platers a 6-5 triumph.

On Sunday at Guelph, Plymouth was frustrated once again by the team's personal nemesis — goalie Chris Madden, the same guy who led the Storm to a four-game sweep in the OHL semifinals last April. Madden stopped 32 of 33 shots in beating the Whalers, 3-1.

The two losses left Plymouth at 18-4-2 — none too shabby, by any standard. Ottawa now leads the OHL, however, with a 20-2-2 record; the Whalers and the Barrie Colts are next best. Ottawa is first in the East Division, Barrie is best in the Central and Plymouth remains atop the West.

Guelph improved to 17-7 with the victory, first in the Midwest Division. Owen Sound is 10-9-3 (through Sunday).

Against the Platers Saturday, the Whalers had only a goal from Harold Druken in the first two periods as Owen Sound built its 4-1 lead. But Plymouth rallied quickly in the third period, getting a pair of power-play goals in the first 3:34, one by Eric Goody (his fourth of the season) and another by David Legwand (his 13th).

Woollard's second goal of the game pushed the Platers' lead back to 5-3 with just over 14 minutes remaining, but the Whalers got a third power-play goal, this one by Druken (his league-leading 29th), with 9:04 left to make it a one-goal game again. Paul Mara tied it for Plymouth 26 seconds later (his sixth), beckoning overtime.

Woollard's game-winner (his seventh goal of the season) came after 2:29 of OT.

Legwand and Adam Colagiaco each had two assists for the Whalers. Rob Zepp made 34 saves in goal for Plymouth; Curtis Sanford had the same number for Owen Sound.

Against Guelph, the Whalers found themselves battling from behind once again after the Storm followed a scoreless first period with two second-period goals. Mara's goal (his seventh) drew Plymouth to within a goal early in the third period, but the Whalers could get no closer — thanks to the combination of Darryl Knight's second goal of the game with 15 minutes left and Madden's goalkeeping.

Madden made 32 saves in gaining the win. Robert Holsinger had 30 stops for Plymouth.

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STATE SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL

CC stops Stevenson in semi

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Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach is pleased with where he's at, and absolutely thrilled about where he's going.

A 35-21 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson before 6,000 fans on Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium put Mach at 200 career wins and, more importantly, sends CC back to the Pontiac Silverdome to defend its Class AA state championship.

CC, with four state titles in the 1990s, will meet Rockford, a 48-7 winner over Lake Orion, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Mach, 200-42 in 23 seasons, became the 25th coach to reach 200 wins and he did it faster than any other coach.

Stevenson, which has lost to CC in three of the last four semifinals, took the first lead on a 41-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kurt Hunsanger to Jesse Lombardo with 8:48 left in the first quarter.

But the Shamrocks responded with 21 unanswered points and led 21-14 at halftime.

The first CC scoring drive came after Stevenson jumped offsidelines on fourth down during a Shamrocks' punt at midfield. The penalty gave the Shamrocks earned a first down and five plays later, senior fullback Casey Rogowski scored the first of his five touchdowns on a 30 yard run with 1:43 left in the first quarter.

"We work on that (drawing teams offsidelines)," Mach said. "We learned that from (former Fordson coach) Charlie Jestic, who did it to us in 1979 and have used it ever since."

Rogowski also scored on runs of 5, 2, 5 and 5 yards and finished with 115 yards in 24 carries. His backfield mate, junior John Kava, added 136 yards in 19 carries.

"The coaches gave me the opportunity and I felt I could do the job," Rogowski said. "This is very special (Mach's 200 victory). He deserves it. I think he's one of the best coaches in the state, or the

country."

Stevenson's star back Michael Tennessee was held to 47 yards in 10 carries, 30 coming on one carry. Tennessee also caught three passes for 22 yards.

Hunsanger finished 19 for 36 through the air for 225 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown pass to Dave Dunlap with 12 seconds left to cut the final deficit to 14. Dunlap, who finished with six catches for 77 yards, also caught a 5-yard TD pass from Hunsanger near the end of the first half.

Stevenson coach Rick Bye has heard talk that this is Mach's best team ever — and he tends to believe it.

"When they walked on the field I got a real good picture of how big they are," Bye said. "They're tall but they're put together. They pride themselves on stopping the run and Michael is a great back but he's not Superman. His picture has been plastered all around in the media. You don't think it's

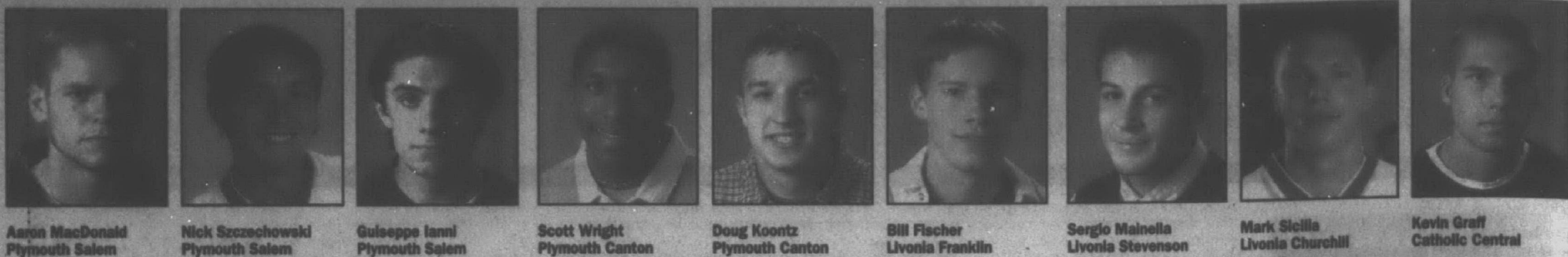
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All-Observer soccer



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One of the best: Canton's Scott Wright led the Chiefs to the state semifinals, while becoming one of the most feared offensive players in the state. The all-Observer soccer team is profiled on C2.



Aaron MacDonald, Plymouth Salem; Nick Szczechowski, Plymouth Salem; Giuseppe Ianni, Plymouth Salem; Scott Wright, Plymouth Canton; Doug Koontz, Plymouth Canton; Bill Fischer, Livonia Franklin; Sergio Mainella, Livonia Stevenson; Mark Sicilia, Livonia Churchill; Kevin Graff, Catholic Central; Mike Randall, Livonia Westland; Tom Eller, Livonia Stevenson; George Kithas, Livonia Churchill; Craig Hearn, North Farmington; Tim Rals, Farmington; Joe Suchara, Livonia Stevenson

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER

Star-studded

Observerland still boasts state's best talent

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There were a lot of good soccer teams in Observerland in 1998 — no surprise there — but there wasn't an outstanding one.

For the first time in more than a decade, and only the second time since the MHSAA started hosting state finals in boys soccer, a Western Lakes Activities Association team did not reach the championship game. The only other time there was such an occurrence was 1987.

And yet, while some may see this as a harbinger of what is in store as the rest of the state's soccer team catch up to the

WLA, it should be noted that this isn't just a four-team league any longer. Certainly Livonia's Stevenson and Churchill remain imposing, as do Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem, but Farmington made inroads by tying Canton and beating Churchill, while others provided far better competition for the frontrunners.

In short, the WLA's pre-eminence in soccer will continue statewide, but not by as big of margins. It isn't just the talent that makes both the league and the area the best in soccer. Good coaches are imperative, and the Observerland has them.

The coach of the year is Canton's Don Smith, who guided the Chiefs to a 16-6-1 record and into the Division I state semifinals, gaining back-to-back wins over Salem and Stevenson en route. Canton also played the Spartans in the WLA title game, having won the Western Division once again.

In his first season as the boys' coach in 1989 (he also coaches Canton's girls team), Smith guided the Chiefs to a 5-10-2 mark. It was their only losing season in his tenure; as Smith put it, "We've done pretty well since then."

Indeed, in his 10 years as Canton's boys coach, he has posted a 133-59-23 record, with one state title to his credit (1994).

FIRST TEAM

Aaron MacDonald, Sr. defender, Ply.

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Salem: As McCarthy noted, making an impression as a defender is never easy, and yet MacDonald managed it. An all-WLAA and all-state selection, MacDonald's ability as a marking back was so sound he was named his team's Most Valuable Player.

"He's an aggressive marking back," said McCarthy. "And he's good in the air. I'd rate him as the premier marking back in the state. He was by far the best player on our team."

"You won't win a state title if your marking backs aren't any good, because you're bound to see some of the state's best forwards during the tournament."

Nick Szczechowski, Sr. sweeper, Ply. Salem: Szczechowski was in one of the most responsible positions on a team ranked No. 1 in the state for much of the season — and he handled it with relative ease.

"He is one of the most poised, calm players I've ever seen," said McCarthy of Szczechowski. "He's a great distributor, he has great vision, and he's strong in the air."

"Nick's a three-year starter at sweeper — and that doesn't happen at Salem too often."

Szczechowski was a third-team all-state selection and was named to the all-WLAA team.

Bill Fischer, Sr. defender, Liv. Franklin: The four-year starter never missed a game for the Patriots.

He was second on the team in goals, including three off set pieces, and led Franklin in assists. He made All-Region and was named honorable mention All-State.

Fischer is a two-time All-Western Lakes selection.

"Bill's obviously the best player I've had since I've been at Franklin," coach Dave Hebestreit said. "He's a great player and a great kid. We didn't have a good year, but the coaches in our league recognized what kind of player he was."

"He was the person who secured our defense and was a creator in the middle," Fischer, who carries a 3.3 grade-point average, is considering Madonna, Eastern Michigan and Michigan State.

Mike Randall, Sr. defender, Luth. Westland: The three-year letter winner was named Metro Conference MVP, first-time All-District, All-Region and All-State (Division IV).

Randall, a senior, played stopper, leading a defense which allowed just eight goals all season.

"Mike often had the job of marking the opposition's biggest threat while still being responsible for supporting the attack," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Michael was given the nickname 'Animal' his freshman year by his teammates for his aggressive style of play."

"That aggressive play often resulted in many fouls, but this year he disciplined his game and greatly reduced his fouls while still playing with great intensity."

Kevin Graff, Sr., Redford CC: The three-year varsity starter used his 6-foot-3, 180-pound frame for more than just intimidation.

CC coach Dana Orsucci said the Shamrocks improved when Graff was moved from defender to midfield a month into the season. Graff, a tri-captain and third-team Class A all-state

ALL-OBSERVER 1998 BOYS SOCCER TEAM

FORWARDS
Andrew Kogut, Sr., Redford CC
Steve Epley, Sr., Ply. Canton
Bob Whisman, Sr., Garden City
John Sterling, Sr., Westland Glenn

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Plymouth Canton: Chris Houdek, Kirk McKee, Johnny Demergis, Jeff Parent, Adam Davis; Livonia Stevenson: Jeff Budd, Adam Coulter, Jeremy Hornak, Tony Maldonado, Tommaso Mainella; Plymouth Salem: Scott Duhl, Aaron Rypkowski, Jeremy Findlay; Brian Wozniak; Livonia Churchill: Ken Kotlow, Steve Kleczynski, Mike Koivunen, Scott Smith, Rob Sharp, Tim Kaminski; Livonia Franklin: Ryan Kracht, Ross Boheler, Mike Vega; Redford Union: Mike Dadourian, Adam King, Marty Bartram, Tim Hunter; Redford Thurston: Tim Moxie, Josh Boven, Shawn Pressnell; Redford Catholic Central: Josh Brooks, Gavin Walsh, Ken Toporek; Lutheran Westland: Ryan Ollinger; Farmington: Justin Gerwatowski, David Tweedey, Jeff Frederick; North Farmington: Brian Horr, Viktor Juncaj, Tony Munaco, Mat Evory, Kyle Meteyer; Farmington Hills Harbison: Jay Mentzel, Deive Licht, J.R. Mankoff, Scott Mower, Kris Wong; Westland John Glenn: Jeff Ruppel, Justin Ballard, Derek Giamondi, Kevin Derwich; Wayne Memorial: Ken Raupp, Austin Rowland, Justin Tucker; Garden City: Jeff Backus, Justin Maynard; Livonia Clarenceville: Brian Parkow, Trevor Tipton, Steve Shaw; Plymouth Christian Academy: Travis Yonkman, John Gale, Dave Carty, Ryan Copeland.

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Defenders
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Forwards
Scott Wright, Sr., Ply. Canton
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Tim Rals, Sr., Farmington
Giuseppe Ianni, Sr., Ply. Salem
Goalkeepers
Joe Suchara, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Doug Koontz, Sr., Ply. Canton
Coaches of the Year
Don Smith, Ply. Canton

SECOND TEAM
Defenders
Phil Gasparatto, Sr., Farmington
Robert Barnes, Sr., Ply. Canton
Jon Mathis, senior, Liv. Stevenson
Midfielders
Josh Ray, Sr., Red. Thurston
Justin Street, Sr., N. Farmington
Mike White, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Patrick Faloon, Sr., Farmington
Pat Griffin, Jr., Red. Catholic Central
Justin Fishaw, Sr., Ply. Canton
Dan Wislowski, Jr., Ply. Salem

selection, finished with four goals and five assists.

"We moved him because we needed to control the midfield more," Orsucci said. "His size is such a great asset to him. He uses his body extremely well, tackles hard, and for a big man has great ball skill. You wouldn't think a big man could control the ball and have a great touch and passing-skills like he does."

"He's extremely strong in the air as well. He kept a lot of teams on their toes, pushing up and dishing the ball out."

Sergio Mainella, Sr. midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: The senior co-captain had seven goals and 16 assists en route to All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and second-team All-State honors.

Mainella was a vital cog in the Spartans winning 17 of 19 games, including the Western Lakes championship.

"Sergio was our engine and a great leader by example," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "His energy, work ethic and desire spread throughout the team."

Mark Sicilia, Sr. midfielder, Liv. Churchill: A three-year starter, Sicilia finished the season with 17 goals and 13 assists.

His varsity career totals are 26 goals and 25 assists.

He also served as team captain this season.

"Mark was a very physical player, it was hard to knock him off the ball,"

Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "He had a cannon for a shot and he goes to the goal with speed and power."

Scott Wright, Sr. forward, Plymouth Canton: Rated the fourth-best player in the state, Wright was one of the most consistent scorers in the state. An offensive midfielder, he scored in 18 of the Chiefs' 23 games — a total of 27 goals with seven assists. He was named to the all-WLAA conference team and to the state's Dream Team.

"He was definitely a big-time goal scorer," said Smith. "The thing was, you never saw miss badly. If he missed, it was never by much."

"When he got the ball, he always did something good with it. He's deceivingly fast, and he's got good ball control, too."

Tom Eller, Jr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: The junior is making his second straight appearance on the All-Observer squad.

This season he finished with 18 goals and 15 assists, earning All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and first-team All-State honors.

He had three goals and two assists in a 7-1 win over Beverly Hills-Country Day and a hat trick in the WLA championship game over Plymouth Canton.

"From what I was able to see, Tommy was the most dynamic player in the state this year," Richters said. "When he gets the ball, you simply expect something special to happen."

George Kithas, Sr. forward, Liv. Churchill: The senior captain scored 27

goals and added eight assists in 20 games.

As a three-year starter, Kithas had 40 career goals and 19 assists. "George was our go-to guy because of his great one-on-one skills," Campau said. "He was equally skilled facing the goal and with his back to the goal."

Kithas made All-Western Lakes.

Craig Hearn, senior, N. Farmington: Hearn earned first-team, all-state honors in Division II this year after scoring a school-record 49 goals, breaking the record of 26 he set last year, and recording 19 assists.

A sure-fire college prospect, Hearn finished a four-year varsity career with 91 goals and 33 assists.

"He's a great one-on-one player, one-on-two or one-on-three," North coach Ron Meteyer said, adding Hearn's forte was beating the opponent off the dribble like a basketball player does.

"Sometimes play just stopped on the field while everyone watched to see what he was going to do. Sometimes the defenders and goalie did, too."

"When teams allowed him to turn with the ball and face up one-on-one with a defender, he was really at an advantage. He has a lot of moves and when he gets the quick step on you, he has the advantage. When he gets you rocking back on your heels, then he can use his speed."

"I've never had a player like him in all my years of coaching, and it's quite possible I'll never get anybody like him again."

Tim Rals, senior, Farmington: Rals was named to the Division II all-state second team after scoring 20 goals and assisting on 11 others for the district champion Falcons.

Rals, who will play at Madonna University next year, concluded a four-year varsity career with 74 goals and 35 assists. He had a career high of 26 goals last year and was Farmington's leading scorer each of the last four years.

"Tim is certainly one of the best forwards in our league and the state," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "Whenever we needed a goal, he was the one to get it for us. His forte was his speed, putting the ball by the defender and outrunning him to the net."

"Whenever the ball was crossed in the box, Tim was so quick he beat the other players to the ball and often ended up putting the ball in the net."

"He's one of the best players ever to play at Farmington."

Giuseppe Ianni, Sr. forward, Ply. Salem: There were plenty of reasons for Ianni to be an all-Observer selection, but perhaps the best was provided by his coach, Ed McCarthy. But it wasn't something McCarthy said of his second team all-state forward.

"There were a number of coaches who thought he was unbelievable," the Salem coach recalled, "who said he was our best player out there."

Ianni's tough inside play and his ability to put the ball in the net were his biggest assets. He scored 19 goals and assisted on nine others as the Rocks' leading point-procurer; last year, in Salem's run to the state final game, he had 20 goals.

"He has a quick release, and he comes back to the ball better than anyone around," said McCarthy. "When he gets the ball, he's hard to bring down, he's so big and strong. He'll be a tremendous college player."

Eastern Michigan University and University of Detroit Mercy are among those Ianni is considering.

Joe Suchara, Sr. goalkeeper, Liv. Stevenson: The co-captain won 15 of 17 games, allowing just nine goals with 10 shutouts.

The highlight of his season was a 19-save performance in a 2-1 victory over top-ranked Plymouth Salem.

Suchara made All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and second-team All-State.

"Joe is athletic, dependable and a competitive player," Richters said. "And he is certainly one of the very best goalkeepers in the state this year."

Doug Koontz, Sr. goalkeeper, Ply. Canton: Koontz made his first year as Canton's first-string keeper a solid one, making every key start for the Chiefs. In the 21 games he played in, he surrendered 30 goals (1.43 goals-against average) while posting six shutouts. He was chosen to the WLA's all-Western Division team and was honorable mention all-state.

"He had some real good ball games for us," said Smith. "He had some good games against Stevenson, against Salem he came up big both times, and he had some big games against Churchill. He'll play some more (in college), there's no doubt about it."

Koontz is considering several schools, including Hope College, Adrian College and Madonna University.

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Crusaders fall in semifinal

Through its first four matches at last weekend's NAIA Great Lakes Regional, hosted by University of Michigan-Dearborn, Madonna University's volleyball team dominated, losing a total of just two games. But in the regional semifinals, it was Taylor University that was the dominant force.

The Lady Crusaders were eliminated in three-straight games by Taylor, 15-9, 15-7, 15-7, to end an outstanding season. Madonna finished the year with its second-straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship while posting a 44-7 record.

The Crusaders never quite got their offense in gear against Taylor on Saturday, collecting just 28 kills in the three matches. Erin Cunningham paced Madonna with eight (and a .400 kill percentage); she also had five digs and two block assists.

Brandy Malewski (from Redford

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thurston), who together with teammate Rayna Vert was named to the all-region first team, added seven kills, six digs, one solo block and four block assists against Taylor. Stephanie Uballe had six kills, two solo blocks and three block assists; Vert got five kills, nine digs and two block assists; Jennifer Russell collected 10 digs; and Deanne Helsom, a second team all-region selection, finished with 24 assists to kills, six digs, one solo block and three block assists.

In the quarterfinals Friday, Madonna disposed of host UM-D with ease, winning 15-5, 15-3, 15-6. Cunningham had 13 a team-best kills (.360) with 17 digs, while both Vert (.435) and Malewski (.476) added 11 kills apiece. Malewski also had three solo blocks

and eight block assists, while Vert collected 15 digs and four block assists. Russell led Madonna with 26 digs, and Helsom totaled 44 assists to kills, two service aces and four block assists.

Earlier Friday in pool play, the Crusaders rolled through unscathed, beating Dominican University 15-6, 12-15, 15-3, 15-13; Indiana Wesleyan 10-15, 15-2, 15-3, 15-7; and Mount Vernon Nazarene 15-5, 15-6, 15-5.

Malewski led Madonna in the three wins with 43 kills, 37 digs, seven solo blocks and 26 block assists. Cunningham added 38 kills, 35 digs, two solo blocks and eight block assists; Uballe had 39 kills, one solo block and 20 block assists; Vert finished with 19 kills, 44 digs, five solo blocks and 13 block assists; Russell had 27 digs and six aces; and Helsom totaled 153 assists to kills, 12 aces, 21 digs, one solo block and 13 block assists.

Bauman, Bigby propel SC; Madonna wins consolation

Lamar Bigby and Matt Bauman had it going last weekend for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The two teamed up for 43 points as Ocalots ran their overall season record to 4-0 with a 98-75 victory over host Fanshawe University in final Saturday of a four-team tournament in London, Ont.

Bauman, a 6-foot-8 center from Livonia Franklin and transfer from the University of Detroit Mercy, led the Ocalots with a game-high 27 points, going 18-for-18 from the field. For the weekend, Bauman was 14 of 15 from the floor.

"Matt made smart plays and he can score inside," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "He played well both offensively and defensively and he's shown a lot of leadership."

Bigby, the tournament MVP, added 18 points. He was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week after racking up 37 points, while shooting 45 percent from three-point range, to go along with 14 rebounds and six assists in two games.

Dashawn Williams chipped in with 12 points and five rebounds, while point-guard Dave McGlowen had 11 points.

Schoolcraft shooting guard Derek McKelvey, who recently signed with Tennessee-Martin, added eight points and was also all-tournament.

Fanshawe (9-6) had Schoolcraft deadlocked at 42-all at halftime and had a brief lead in the second half.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and moved some guys around," Briggs said. "Our pressure defense eventually work them down."

"It was good for us to be tied at the half and it was the first time we trailed this season in the second half. It was interesting to see how we would respond and we did a good job."

Schoolcraft hit 36 of 60 shots from the floor (60 percent). Fanshawe was 29 of 61 (47.5 percent) and 11 of 18 from the line (61.1 percent).

Madonna gets a win

Madonna University salvaged a split in the Hampton Technologies Classic at Wilberforce (Ohio) with an 87-75 win over Ohio University Southern as Mike Massey and Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) each scored 19 points.

Narvin Russaw added 17 points and 10 rebounds, while point-guard Nick Hurley chipped in with 15 points and seven assists as the Fighting Crusaders improved to 2-4 overall.

Madonna made 30 of 60 shots from the floor, including 10 of 21 from three-point range.

Carlos Henderson and Andrew Stevens scored 33 and 23, respectively, for Ohio University Southern.

On Friday, host Wilberforce put five players in double figures as the Crusaders fell, 92-78.

Lamont Branch led the winners with 24 points, while Barry Martin chipped in with 21.

Massey (Walled Lake Western) had a team-high 22 for Madonna, while Mike Maryanski added 20 points and 13 rebounds. Jason Skoczylas added nine points.

Madonna was outrebounded 46-32.

Cushman carries Madonna to title

It was "Katie Bar the Door" last weekend for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

Senior guard Katie Cushman (Flint Powers) led the Lady Crusaders to the Dominican Classic title in River Forest, Ill.

Cushman, named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week, averaged 23

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points in wins over host Dominican (82-70) on Friday and Illinois Tech (98-57) on Saturday.

She also averaged 9.5 assists and 3.5 rebounds as Madonna improved to 3-0 overall.

Cushman had 20 points and 10

assists in the championship game. Kathy Pangonis chipped in with 18 points, while Mary Murray and Kristi Fiorenzi each added 14.

Beth Gawlinski was the only Illinois Tech player in double figures with 14 points.

Madonna shot 52 percent from the field (39 of 75).

Cushman hit nine of 18 from the floor, including five of eight from three-point range in the win over Dominican. She also dished out nine assists.

Lori Enfield added 15 points, while Chris Dietrich contributed 15.

Julie Heintz led Dominican with 18.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL FINALS

AT PONTIAC SILVERDOME

Friday, Nov. 27

(Class A Championship Final)

Harrison vs. Hudsonville, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

(Class AA championship)

Redford CC vs. Rockford, 1 p.m.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS C

at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD

Wednesday, Nov. 25: Redford Bishop

Borgess vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7

p.m. (Winner advances to state quarter-

finals, Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Troy Athens

vs. Sandusky regional champion.)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Siena Hts. JV at Oakland CC, 7:30

p.m.

Friday, Nov. 27

Oakland CC at St. Clair (Ont.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Wm. Tyndale at Schoolcraft, 7:30

p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Madonna at Webber (Fla.), 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Madonna at Rollins (Fla.), 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Redford Union vs. Stevenson,

Franklin vs. Dexter

at Edger Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Redford CC vs. Divine Child

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Nov. 27

Ply. Whalers vs. North Bay

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Ply. Whalers vs. Peterborough

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS NEWS

Polanski Mr. Golf

Livonia Stevenson senior Steve Polanski, the Division I

individual medalist and Michigan Amateur runner-up, was recently selected Mr. Golf by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association.

Polanski has signed a national letter-of-intent to play golf next year at Texas Christian University.

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King's front line too powerful for Blazers

BY BRAD EMONS
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Livonia Ladywood gave a better account of itself in its Class A regional meeting Monday night with girls basketball power Detroit Martin Luther King.

But the Blazers will have to wait again until next year as the Crusaders' front line, led by 6-foot-2 junior Oviina Lewis, was just too strong.

Lewis had 24 points and 17 rebounds as King advanced to the finals of the Dearborn High regional with a 59-43 win over Ladywood.

King (23-2 overall) will face off for the fourth time this season against Public School League rival Detroit Western in Wednesday's championship game at Dearborn. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

Western defeated Detroit Cody in the first game of the double-header, 54-46.

Ladywood, a 66-28 loser to King in last year's regional final at Southfield,

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blowed out at 13-11 overall.

But the Blazers played a scrappy game for four quarters and protected the basketball better (21 turnovers) than the 1997 game against King.

Offensive rebounds — 23 for King — and poor outside shooting by the Blazers — 16 of 58 from the floor (27.5 percent) — led to Ladywood's undoing.

"When we watched them against Bishop Foley they got 22 offensive rebounds," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "You can't give them two or three shots. A lot of times we had them boxed out, but they'd jump over us and tip it to somebody else."

"Their arms are so long."

The 6-2 Lewis had help from teammate Stephanie Solomon, a 6-2 junior who finished with 14 points, and 6-foot senior Nathania Howard, who scored eight.

King led 16-10 after one quarter and increased their margin to 36-16 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Lewis scored all 12 of King's points, including a bucket with 2:47 left in the period for the Crusaders' biggest lead of the night, 48-20.

Ladywood, however, refused to quit, scoring the next nine points capped by Elena Sventickas' two free throws to make it 48-29 after three quarters.

The Blazers outscored King 14-11 in the final quarter.

"In our half-court defense we forced them to take the shots we wanted and I felt our defense stayed with them, even when we had to go man-to-man in the second half," Gorski said. "And I thought we handled their pressure fine and got the shots we wanted."

"But mentally we were a little rushed and we couldn't knock our shots down. If we had hit the 'threes' early it would have been closer."

Senior guard Erin Hayden, playing

her final game as a Blazer, scored a team-high 14 points.

"Ladywood has a good squad and their point-guard (Hayden) is a good player," King coach William Winfield said. "We had to be aware of her at all times. That's why we played a box-and-one on her at times."

Sophomore Michelle Harakas was the only other Blazer in double figures with 10 points.

"We scouted them twice and basically they played man-to-man," Winfield said. "They came out in a zone and it took awhile for us to adjust. But once we got in a groove, we didn't have a problem with it."

Lewis, in particular, was hitting on all cylinders.

"Seventeen rebounds is not too shabby," Winfield said. "She plays hard in practice all the time and hard all the time in the game. She's a good-natured kid who loves basketball. And when you have a kid like that, you know you have something special."

King did not exactly shoot the basketball accurately — 22 of 72 (30.5 percent) — but the Crusaders made only 11 turnovers.

"The good thing about this game is that everybody got to play," Winfield said. "I thought our starters played well, but our younger kids didn't play as well."

So what's the future for Ladywood?

"We have reason to feel optimistic that we'll improve even more next year," said Gorski, who just finished her third season. "We have Melissa and Michelle (Harakas) back and they can matchup up athletically with most teams. Liz O'Brecht (a freshman) is a big body who only going to get better. And Kristen Barnes is a good three-point shooter, even though she didn't show it in this game."

"I thought our juniors developed. We'll try to develop our guards to play a team as quick and skilled as King and not feel rushed."

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for information.

CLASSES

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An instructional clinic covering the basics of edge and base conditioning, waxing and detuning your alpine or nordic skis begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile). Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

The firearms season runs Nov. 15-30 statewide. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb.

7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE

A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

METROPARKS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are

required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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The Huron-Clinton metroparks are serving as collection spots for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing them with new, unwrapped

toys during the holiday season. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy that has no violent connotations can drop them off at park offices of the HCMA Administrative Office through Dec. 16. Call (800) 477-2757 for more information.

BACKPACKING PICTURED ROCKS

Take a slide-illustrated backpacking trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Stony Creek.

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scored just two points. "We've played some really tough competition this season," noted Davis. "We've improved our schedule, so that in games like this we're better prepared. No matter how far we get down, we don't get rattled. We've learned how to handle adversity better."

That resolve will be tested tonight against Marian (21-3),

the team that eliminated West Bloomfield in the regionals last year. "They match up to us pretty well," Davis said of the Mustangs. "But I think we have experience on our side, and we have the motivating factors on our side."

If the Lakers execute the way they did against Salem, Marian could be in for a long night.

Whalers from page C1

The Compuware Ambassadors moved into first place in the nine-team North American

Hockey League with a 7-0 rout of the St. Louis Sting Sunday at Compuware Arena.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	20	2	2	42
Peterborough Petes	14	9	0	28
Belleville Bulls	11	9	3	25
Oshawa Generals	10	9	2	22
Kingston Frontenacs	7	15	1	15
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	18	4	2	38
Sudbury Wolves	9	11	3	21
North Bay Centennials	9	11	3	21
Toronto St. M. Majors	6	12	4	16
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	21	1	3
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	18	4	2	38
SSM Greyhounds	14	7	1	29
Sarnia Sting	9	11	2	20
London Knights	8	15	0	16
Windsor Spitfires	7	14	2	16
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	17	7	0	34
Erie Otters	13	7	1	27
Owen Sound Platers	10	9	3	23
Kitchener Rangers	6	13	2	14
Brampton Battalion	3	20	0	6

J.J. Swistak and Steve Jackson each scored two goals to spark the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski and Beau Fritz made 13 saves apiece in splitting the shutout in goal.

The win, combined with a split earlier in the week-end against Danville (the Ambassadors won 5-3 Friday, then lost 4-3 Saturday at Compuware), left Compuware with a 16-4-1 record — one point better than second-place Soo Kewadin (16-5).

D.J. Vogt scored twice and Kowalski made 35 saves in the Ambassadors' win Friday.

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Shamrocks should be the favorites against Rockford

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Within the Rockford Files is a game that certainly catches the attention of Redford Catholic Central football players, if not makes them overconfident, heading into the Class AA state championship game.

Rockford brings an 11-1 record into its first-ever state finals appearance, with the only loss to Birmingham Brother Rice, 41-14, in the regular-season finale.

A Rockford File that lacked suspense is a head-scratcher because Rice is a team CC handled with ease, 35-14, in the third week of the season.

Comparative scores alone should make the Shamrocks prohibitive favorites but CC coach Tom Mach prefers to focus on what Rockford has done lately, beating three playoff opponents by a combined score of 114-35.

The Rams reached the state final with a 48-7 semifinal win Saturday over Lake Orion.

CC, a five-time state champion trying to become the first Class AA team to win consecutive state titles, will battle Rockford at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"Any time you get to a semifinal game and beat someone 48-7, that's got to wake up a lot of people," said Mach, who's probably also reminded his players that Rice's preseason all-state quarterback candidate Tim Craddock played against Rockford but not against CC because of a knee injury.

"I talked to (Birmingham Brother Rice coach) Al (Fracassa) and he said they just caught them at a time when they had just made the playoffs and Rice was still fighting to get in. Looking at them, it might have been a great thing for them because they're playing great right now. Losing sometimes motivates you better than a win.

"They look very good. They do a lot of different things, throw all over the field and put a lot of pressure on your defense. Their quarterback is very good, very mobile."

Rockford coach Ralph Munger was asked what he said to his players after the Rice loss.

"We've got another football game and it's back to work," he said.

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The Rams run the ball by committee with Chris Maksim leading the way with 418 yards in 61 carries (for a 6.9 yard average per carry), and five others gaining more than 200 yards.

The defense is led by senior Luke Botsis (5-11, 225) and junior Mike Lundberg (6-foot, 190), both inside linebackers. Lundberg leads the team in tackles.

Rogowski, out the first four weeks with a broken leg, has become the leader of the CC defense at inside linebacker. He had 16 tackles last week and is there if the Shamrocks' out-

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A lot of high school followers thought Rockford's team last year, led by all-state quarterback Mike Segard, would end up in the finals. Rockford was upset by Ann Arbor Huron, 17-14, in the semifinals.

"It was a powerful team, probably the best we had in quite a while," Munger said. "That was last year and now we're playing with a new group of guys."

Senior quarterback Dan Richard leads Rockford on offense, completing 76 of 135 passes for 969 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions. Four of his receivers have at least nine catches and Courtney Yon leads with 15 receptions for 148 yards.

The Rams run the ball by committee with Chris Maksim leading the way with 418 yards in 61 carries (for a 6.9 yard average per carry), and five others gaining more than 200 yards.

The defense is led by senior Luke Botsis (5-11, 225) and junior Mike Lundberg (6-foot, 190), both inside linebackers. Lundberg leads the team in tackles.

Rogowski, out the first four weeks with a broken leg, has become the leader of the CC defense at inside linebacker. He had 16 tackles last week and is there if the Shamrocks' out-

standing front three of Jeremiah Hicks, Lou Willoughby and John Abshire don't make the tackle.

Rogowski scored five touchdowns against Stevenson.

"I was real happy with Casey's running, the way he played both offense and defense," Mach said. "He's come a long way back."

"Those three guys (Abshire, Hicks and Willoughby) are as good as we've had as down three together. They're not as big as we've had but are very good in terms of mobility."

Rockford coach Ralph Munger was asked what he said to his players after the Rice loss.

"We've got another football game and it's back to work," he said.

Rockford's defense has allowed nearly 300 yards per game, which sounds inviting if you're a CC offensive lineman or running back, but the defense was Ram tough against an impressive Lake Orion offense.

The Rams led 34-0 at halftime and Lake Orion quarterback Darren Tooley, a Division I prospect, was sacked several times, completing only six of 24 passes with two interceptions.

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WANTED: MAN IN UNIFORM
Laid-back, caring SWF, 24, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, walks, dining out. Seeking uniformed S/DWM, 22-30, for friendship, possible LTR. Kids ok. #1008

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Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth DWWF, 38, 5', brunette, N/S, one son, homemaker type. Seeking someone who can appreciate a fun, committed, family-oriented LTR. #1009

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DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a S/DWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. #1002

INTERESTING GEMINI
SWF, 60s, N/S, N/D, no dependents, sense of humor, spiritual, spontaneous, easygoing, seeks tall, polished gentleman, 58-65, intelligent, honest. Must be interesting. #9971

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Very attractive, athletic SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs, seeks attractive, fit SWF, 23-35, who enjoys exercising, shooting pool, movies and plain old fun and dating. LTR. #1654

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Gentlemanly, warm, sincere SWM, 47, enjoys movies, flea markets, country buffets, etc. Seeking expressive, attractive SWF, for LTR. #1652

UNIQUE, BALANCED...
good-looking SWM, 51, 5'7", professional, homemaker, SWM, 47, enjoys movies, flea markets, country buffets, etc. Seeking expressive, attractive SWF, for LTR. #1652

OLD FASHION ROMANTIC GUY
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SWIAF soulmate. For monogamous LTR. #1714

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
Outgoing, handsome, degreed SWM, 40, 5'8", N/S, enjoys dining out, movies, theater, cultural events, long walks, humor, and good conversation. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, who is sincere and interested in LTR. #1710

SHARE LIFE
Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6', 170lbs, N/S, college graduate, foster parent, enjoys the outdoors, travel, outdoor, humor, and good conversation. Seeking refined SWF, 50s, LTR, to share life, adventures. #1014

SINCERELY YOURS
Seeking sincere, attractive, affectionate, very feminine SWF, 35-45, slim to medium build, intelligent, artistic, dignified, nice-looking SWM, 47, 5'7", 140lbs, who desires long-term, monogamous relationship. #1540

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Sincere, outgoing, nice, pleasant DWM, 40, N/D, N/S, enjoys bike riding, rollerblading, movie watching, video sets. Seeking full-figured S/DWF, 35+, for friendship and relationship. Plymouth area. #9551

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Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 48, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. #9963

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Easygoing SWPM, 28, 5'7", 155lbs, seeks mature SWF, 24-32, for friendship, music, the outdoors, quiet evenings, sporting events, and is not afraid of commitment. #9975

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Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", love to be outdoors, watching movies, and quality time together. Seeking SF, 40-50, petite-medium, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. #1548

FULL-FIGURED HIPPIE
Affectionate SWM, enjoys boating, pool parties, movies, dining out, much more. Seeking attractive, warm, loving, caring, affectionate full-figured hippie female, 35-48, any race, for possible LTR. #1547

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Tall, intelligent, witty, warm DWP, 39, dark brown/green, seeks S/DW/F female, 30-40, for movies, music, books and stimulating conversation. #9261

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Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of gorgeous little girl, with N/S, seeks 30ish, warm-hearted female's smile to fit our day. Lashes, travel, snowmobiling, etc. #1196

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SWCM, 50, enjoys dancing, long walks, having fun, playing cards, traveling. Searching for a good woman, 35-50, to share #1545

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European, good-looking male 5'10", likes fun stuff, horses, sailing, swimming, trips, back rubs. Looking for that special lady, for LTR. #1546

PLEASE CALL MY DAD
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 59, 5'7", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Branch area. #9538

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DWM devoted dad, 6'11", 235lbs, resembles An 'Tool Time' N/S, N/D, seeks S/D/F, 35-47, race/religion open, N/S, who likes to laugh and be treated well. #1439

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A KEEPER
Kind, caring, affectionate, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, N/S, social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, seeks female, 18-35. Kids ok. #1015

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I AM WHAT I AM
DWM, 50, 6', 210lb, blue-collar, enjoys the movies, summer things, football. Seeking a faithful S/D/F, 35-52, that I can talk to, make happy, maybe more. #9908

TIME FOR A CHANGE
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LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP
Honest, hardworking, outgoing, easygoing SWM, 52, likes to have special times with special people. Seeking S/DW/F, 40-52, under 5'7", HW proportionate, for LTR. #1003

SINGLE IN DETROIT
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ADVENTUROUS
SWPM, 29, 5'10", 155lbs, considered good-looking, with dark hair and eyes, enjoys sporting events, traveling, camping, working out, rollerblading, humor, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and fun woman. #1722

SIMPLY YOU
DWM, 52, 5'11", 180lbs, blond/blue N/S, social drinker, seeks single girl, WF, HW proportionate, open-minded, for a mutually caring, committed LTR. #1530

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Handsome BM, 33, who has a nice smile, GQ style, is looking for a romantic, attentive, full-figured WF, 30-45. #1377

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Passionate, romantic Widowed W/M, 6', 165lbs, great sense of humor, enjoys big band music, traveling, dining out, quiet times, and dancing. Seeking passionate WF, 55-65, medium build, for loving friendship. #1539

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Pretty WWCWF, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, country drives. She seeks a tall, handsome DWCM, 45-50, 5'10"+, without kids at home. Ad#2130

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Soft-spoken DWF, 21, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, music and more. She is looking for a romantic SWM, 20-33, who likes children. Ad#5253

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MONOGAMOUS
Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad#2753

CAN YOU RELATE ?
He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar inter- ests. Ad#4242

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Affectionate, caring Catholic DWF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys dan- cing, gardening, movies, indoor and outdoor activities, is in search of an affectionate, Catholic SWM, 45-55, with good morals. Ad#1217

DIVERSE INTERESTS
DWC mom of two, 47, 5'3", with dark hair, who enjoys the out- doors, biking, reading, music, Bible study and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, for a possible relationship. Ad#7388

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Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible rela- tionship. Ad#8860

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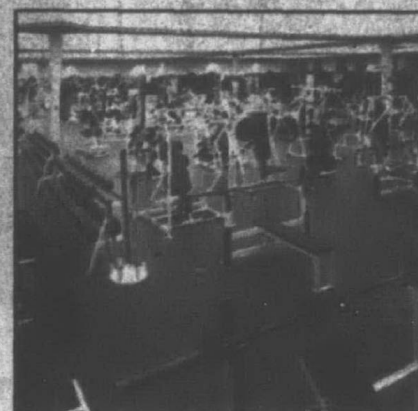
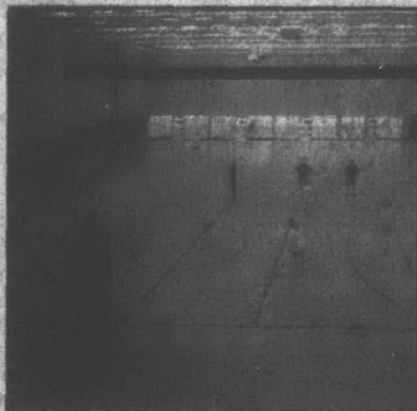
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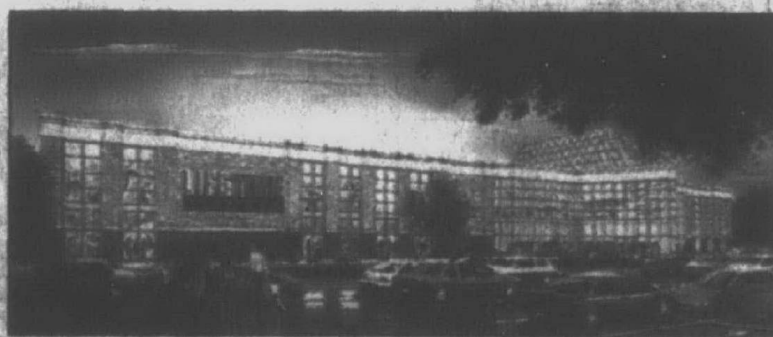

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," makes a historic first appearance 8 p.m. with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$50, \$75, \$125 and \$150, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



New Millennium Youth Theatre Company performs "The Snow Queen," by Hans Christian Andersen, 2 p.m. at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets \$5, call (248) 552-1225.

SUNDAY



University Musical Society presents "The Harlem Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Detroit Opera House, 26 Broadway, Detroit (corner of Madison Ave.), Detroit. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (800) 221-1229, (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Museum, visitors will marvel at a 720-square foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults \$12.50, senior citizens 62 and over \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old \$7.50, children under five free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEADOW BROOK'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"



Piecing together: Scenery designer Peter Hicks, right, oversees the assembly of the intricate set for "A Christmas Carol."

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BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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It only seems appropriate that the story Charles Dickens claimed he laughed and cried over like no other would require the staging synchronization of a Swiss watch assembly line.

For Meadow Brook Theatre set designer Peter Hicks, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" translates into 17 pages of densely filled blueprints, a large-scale hydraulic-powered turntable that reveals a two-sided, unfolding set and enough ersatz fiberglass bricks to build a small mansion in the rolling hills of Rochester.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Meadow Brook Theatre initiated the holiday season with the opening performances of their 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Amazingly, the production hasn't grown tiresome over the years, largely due to Charles Nolte's lively adaptation, the intricately magical set designed by Hicks, and the

WHAT: "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte

WHEN: Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Performance times vary, call for information.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester.

TICKETS: \$25-\$30.50, call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316 for group tickets. Special discounts Thanksgiving weekend, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29. Adults paying full price may purchase half-price tickets for children age 12 and under.

1840s period costumes created by Barbara Jenks who counts more than 1,000 wardrobe pieces in "A Christmas Carol."

Before the curtain rises

Only the agonizingly agnostic and terminally crusty haven't read or watched a version of Scrooge's conversion from a greedy sinner to benevolent patriarch.

But long before the illusion of 19th-century London streets, the

sniveling Scrooge, and the suffering Cratchits make their way onto the Meadow Brook stage, the architecture of the play must be constructed.

"The physical plan of the set must serve the play and the director's interpretation," said Hicks. "And in our case, it must also fit the tight confines of a former recital hall."

Back in 1982 when "A Christmas Carol" was first performed, the guest designer hadn't planned on the set being used from year to year.

By the late 1980s, Hicks redesigned the set and the reconstructed carousel hasn't stopped turning. The play is unquestionably the most popular in Meadow Brook's history.

From year to year, "A Christmas Carol" attracts thousands of students and young families to the Wednesday-Sunday matinees over a six-week run.

"Before the curtain goes up, there's a few moments when the audience should be getting information from what's on the stage," said Hicks.

In those moments, audiences see a set seemingly pulled from a Currier and Ives painting, and hear costumed carolers in the hallways.

Time of joy

While most productions of "A Christmas Carol" borrow sappy Disney-like interpretations, Meadow Brook's holiday classic is perhaps more gritty, and closer to Dickens' bitter-sweet original tale.

And if anyone wants to see the closest dramatization of the real-

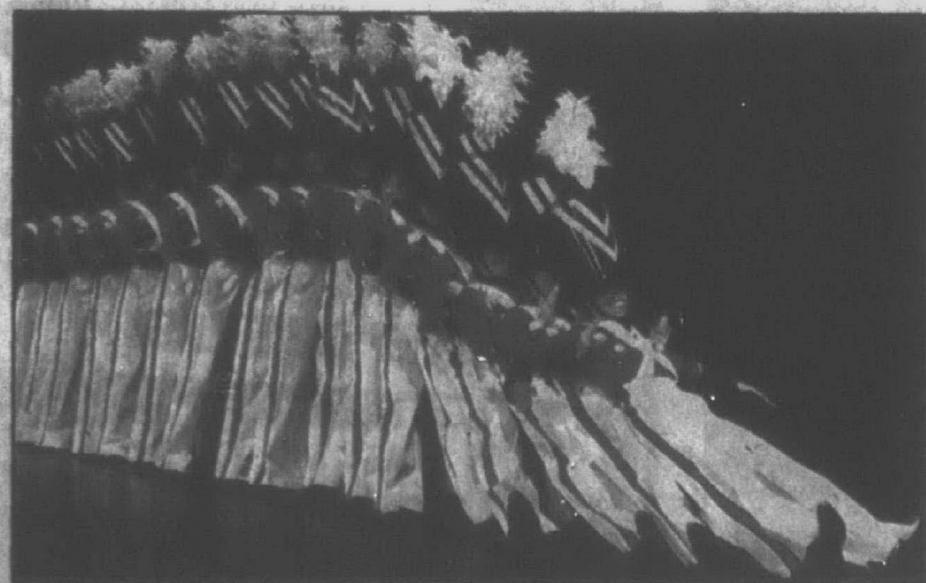
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Hung up: Barbara Jenks, costume coordinator at Meadow Brook Theatre, stands amid the hundreds of costumes prepared for "A Christmas Carol."



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Christmas comes early for local dancer - she's a Rockette



Holiday tradition: With military precision, the Rockettes perform their popular toy soldier dance.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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It's safe to say that Tracy Rysdale is thrilled about being a Rockette in this year's "Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes."

"Living in Michigan, I grew up going to the Fox (Theatre) and seeing the ballet with my parents. This is not only a dream to be a Rockette but to be performing at the Fox Theatre. It's an absolutely beautiful theater. It's overwhelming but very exciting," Rysdale explained.

With non-stop enthusiasm, Rysdale tells of the thrill she gets performing as a Rockette. Since she was a child growing up in White Lake Township, she has dreamed about becoming a part of the team.

"I've wanted to be a Rockette since I was 7 years old. I didn't have a lot of flexibility when I was younger. Everyone else could do the higher kicks and

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes"

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: Range from \$10-\$52.50. For ticket information, call (248) 433-1515, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or any Ticketmaster outlet. Groups of 20 or more should call (313) 965-3099.

PERFORMANCES: Several performances are scheduled, call for more information. This week's shows are 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

the splits. I was the one that couldn't do it. But I said one of these days I'm going to be a Rockette," Rysdale said.

A 1991 Waterford Kettering High

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Song & dance troupe shares Chinese treasure

Birmingham Seaholm High School plays host to an appearance by the Chinese National Song & Dance Troupe 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The program "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" features Tibetan and Mongolian dancers.

Gang Chen of Rochester Hills, an engineer with Chrysler, is the chairman of the organizing committee for the program and general secretary of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit.

Chen said the company features 27 dancers who perform 17 dances in a two-hour program.

"We are extremely pleased to bring a true national Chinese treasure to the Metro Detroit area," said Chen. "We hope that the show will bring our audience a richer Thanksgiving holiday season."

The company is making stops in New York City, Columbus, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Honolulu.

"This December they have been invited to perform at the UN in New York on Dec. 25 and the company has arranged to appear in 20 cities in the U.S.," Chen said.

The dancers will be accompanied on traditional instruments.

"Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" will feature a mix of group and solo as well as modern and traditional folk dances. The Golden Drum and the Goddess, for example, describes how a Tibetan Buddhist uses a golden drum as a ritual object in temple ceremonies.

"The dances reflect the people's happiness, prosperity and feelings, dreams and desires," Chen said.

The Drum Dance features a group of male dancers wearing small bells on legs and waist who dance rhythmically to the beat of sheepskin drums.

Zhouma is the Tibetan word for fairy and is the central character in a dance featuring a female solo with a group of male dancers in which Lady Zhouma attracts the attention of the young herdsmen.

Odzer is Tibetan for "light" or "fire." In this female solo performance the dancer expresses the hope that "light may eternally shine on humankind."

In addition to Tibetan and Mongolian dances, the program features other folk dances as well.

The Rainbow Sleeves dance is a Tu nationality dance featuring all women and centers on the seven colors of the rainbow, a prominent feature of the

Center features festive holiday events

From youth theater, Judy Collins, to Gemini, there are lots of entertaining ways to celebrate the holidays in Southfield.

Youth Theater

The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company will perform Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fairy-tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J. L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for groups of 10 or more. Call (248) 552-1225.

Members of the New Millennium Youth Theatre Company, who come from all over metro Detroit, have been rehearsing since September. "They will put on a show your family will remember for years," said Chris Guyotte.

Judy Collins

Judy Collins will perform a holiday concert at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, and available by cash or check at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the main reception desk, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or at the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers, or call (248) 645-6666.

The Golden Mushroom is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the Judy Collins concert. The dinner is \$25 per person and begins with chilled chicken smoked chicken breast on mixed field greens, red wine vinaigrette, crumbled blue cheese and avocado.

Diners can choose between two main courses—smoke-roasted beef tenderloin with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, grilled vegetables and wild mushroom gateaux, or bronzed Atlantic salmon on lemon risotto with artichokes and tomatoes.

Dessert will be chocolate French flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream. Call the Golden Mushroom (248) 559-4230 for dinner reservations.

In this concert, Collins will share her joy of the holiday season. Her concerts are well-known for creating a warm, enjoyable evening filled with traditional and new songs for Hanukkah and Christmas. She will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin.

Her recordings of "Both Sides Now," "Amazing Grace," and

"Send in the Clowns," stand as classics for all time. Her 24 albums have sold millions of copies and have been certified gold and platinum.

Gemini

Internationally acclaimed children's folk singing duo, Gemini, will appear at the Millennium Centre in Southfield 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 for their annual Family Holiday Concert.

Winner of multiple Parent's Choice awards for their recordings, Gemini will perform songs from around the world and showcase the holidays of Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah as well as many cultures.

The Ann Arbor based twins have been performing and recording for more than 20 years.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for groups of 10 or more, call (248) 552-1225.



Holiday classic: Booth Colman performs as Ebenezer Scrooge and Stephanie Kasmicki (left) and Joel Carpenter alternate the role of Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol."

Dancer from page E1

School graduate, Rysdale tried out three times in San Francisco and Las Vegas before being asked to join the troupe.

"The first time I auditioned I walked into the audition really, really wanting the job. I got psyched up too high. I wasn't prepared for the disappointment," she explained.

But she did have enough confidence to give it another go.

"If you're ready to give up after one audition, you shouldn't be in this business. I knew it just be timing and just a matter of them seeing me and knowing that I wanted the job. I even heard of one of the line captains in the past who auditioned seven or eight times before getting hired."

The auditions, she said, were rigorous.

"They were very, very military. There were at least, I'd say, 150 girls there and they teach you a routine in two seconds and you have to pick it up as quick as possible," Rysdale explained.

The dancers were judged on a variety of categories including accuracy, how fast they learn the routines, and the strength of their backgrounds.

"That's all in a matter of four

minutes. You have to look very confident, be confident in ballet, jazz and tap, and look like you are enjoying yourself. You're nervous and you're scared but they also have to see that you want to perform and that you want the job," she said.

The Las Vegas audition was the winner. For 3 1/2 years she had been a line captain for the American Superstars tribute to impersonators show at the Flamingo Hilton in Reno, Nev. When she got the call in June, she took a leave from that position and flew home to Michigan.

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes" runs from Friday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Last year Rysdale watched the show from the audience, now she's a part of it.

"It's just so breathtaking. I go to church and I'm very into God. It's such an inspiration. It's absolutely beautiful," she said of the show.

The "Christmas Spectacular" is a variety-type show that features The Rockettes, its cast and live animals staging the "Living

Nativity." Teddy bears dance in Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." There are a few new twists as well.

"We have new renditions of some of the numbers. We've switched some of the choreography. Overall, it's a Christmas spectacular."

The show involves a lot more than the trademark kicks, she added.

"The kicks are always the big thing for most people. But there is so much more to this show. You have to be disciplined to be able to mirror all 18 girls. You don't have your own style. The only style you have is your face," Rysdale explained.

"I hate to use the word 'military' but it is so military. There is no style. You can't just add a couple heads or a couple hips ... they're so particular. For this dance you have to have your thumb back, the next step you have to have it forward. They say if it's uncomfortable, you're doing it right."

One of the biggest challenges for Rysdale is working with props.

"You have to have a back-

ground in ballet, jazz and tap but you're also flipping wreaths and holding up canes, dancing on props, tapping with boxes and twirling sticks," she said.

"Never in my life have I ever worked with a prop. These things are 10 to 15 pounds each. I'm using muscles I never thought I had."

When she's not rehearsing for "Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes," she teaches master classes at her former studio, The Dance Place in Waterford.

"I tell the girls, don't give up and don't think that you're not good enough. You are. One day it will be you. They're all going to auditions now so they know it's a hard business. But you have to be strong."

After the "Christmas Spectacular" ends its run, she will return to her position as line captain in Reno, Nev.

"I'll probably do that for another year. But I'll leave my schedule open for the next 'Christmas Spectacular.'"

"It's so much fun. I was telling my mom my feet are tired, everything aches. But I can't wait to do it again tomorrow."

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life Scrooge, there are no better performances year after year than Booth Colman's.

Often forgotten by audiences is Dickens' stinging indictment of the perverse consequences of "progress" at the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

"If we wanted to be more historically correct, there'd be more rags and less beauty," said Meadow Brook costume coordinator Jenks, who redesigned the wardrobe two years ago.

More jewel-tone colors have been added to the current production, said Jenks, whose design for Meadow Brook's opening play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," merits the highest recognition for the year's best costumes.

After all the actors have been fitted and the costumes were neatly pressed, Jenks handed over responsibility to two dressers. For now, she'll join Hicks to begin work on Meadow Brook's next play, "Scotland Road," scheduled to open in mid-January.

But neither will be far from the holiday celebration occurring on stage.

"This is a time of joy," said Jenks. "A lot of old friends come to the production, and a lot of people who might not be in any of this season's plays come back and do 'A Christmas Carol.'"

In theater, that's the closest thing to running like clockwork.

Treasure from page E1

sleeves of their ethnic costumes. Seven dancers personify a rainbow of colors, seen so often on the grassland of Qinghai plateau.

The dance Flowers and Youth in a Han Chinese dance "to express the true meaning of love

through a composition of gentle, graceful movements."

Tickets for "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" are \$20, \$30 and \$40. For more information, call (248) 852-1886 or (248) 649-9844. Seaholm is at 2436 West Lincoln Road.

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Second City marks 5th anniversary with new revue

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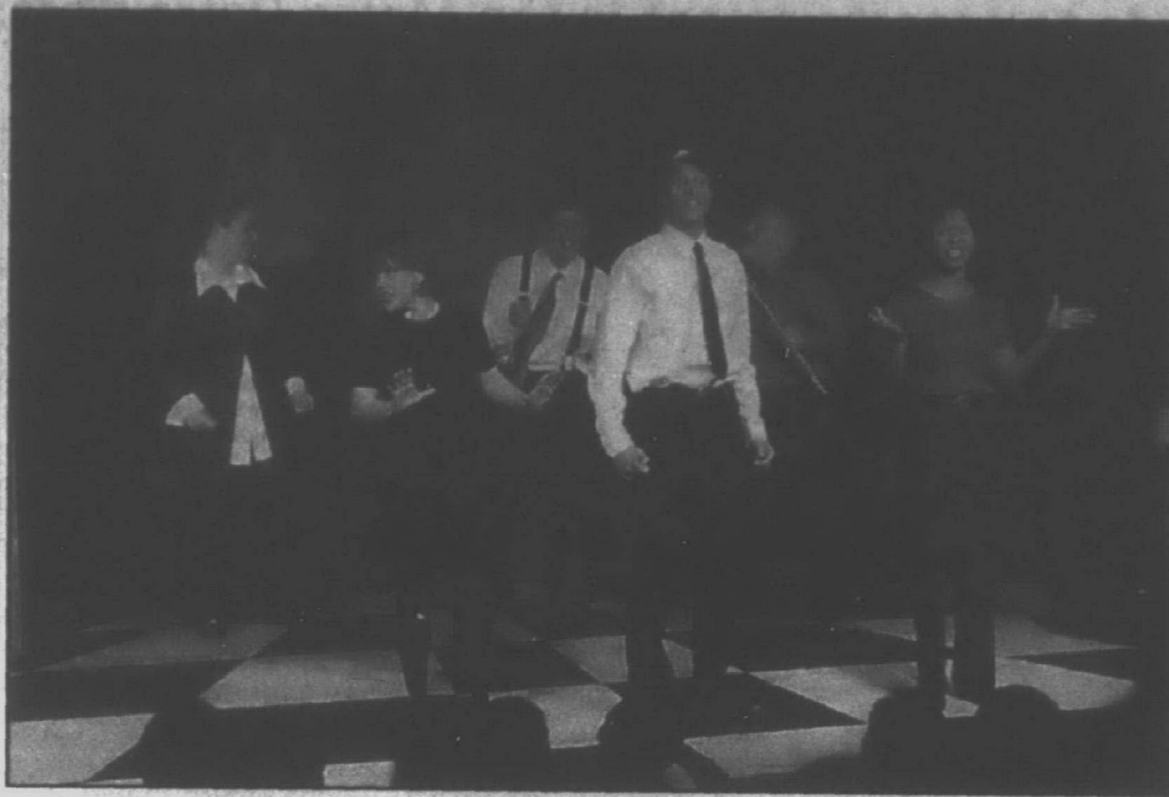
Irreverent as ever, The Second City-Detroit celebrates its fifth anniversary with "Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend," their 14th live-comedy revue.

In typical Second City fashion, the show, which opened Thursday, has nothing to do with Daimler or Chrysler. It's edgy in spots, the kind of comedy that makes you think, and disappointingly, a little offensive.

When will comedians get it — the f-word isn't funny, and because it's so over-used, doesn't even have much shock value. So why use it?

Opening day at the brand new Tiger Stadium, same old Tigers, score 0-14, could have been played a lot of different ways. Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key were funny as the sportscasters with their running commentary and commercials — "Down River Ale, if you're gonna go down, go down smooth." The scene where Eric Black slaps (hardly a tap) Mary Jane Pories, "you're so annoying I had to hit you," was upsetting. Pories in the skit is Kate, the friend of newcomer Nyima Anise Woods who divorced Black and finds herself sitting next to him at the Tiger's game. Upon discovering his ex-wife's newly acquired knowledge of baseball, Black is smitten, and wants to get back together. Kate and Margaret Exner are her girlfriends who run interference.

I suppose they were exaggerating to bring light to an issue, but you can take things a little too



Main Stage: The cast of Second City-Detroit, (back row, left to right) Margaret Exner, Eric Black, Larry Campbell, and Mary Jane Pories (front row, left to right), Keegan-Michael Key, and Nyima Anise Wood in "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend."

far. Maybe that was the intent. Seeing someone slap a woman on stage, no matter how lightly, is disturbing. It was just a little too real to be comedy.

That's not all. There's more sexual innuendo in this show than other shows, sometimes aimed at homosexuals. Like the

slap, they're cheap shots — not very creative when measured against previous revues.

Fans will enjoy repeat performances of popular skits from previous shows. The Lawn Guy (Key) returns to help poor Miss Angela (Woods) who's African American and lives in Birmingham, sort out racial issues. "I don't feel black enough," she says. "Eight Mile seems really wide." This is what Second City does best, take a charged issue like racism and diffuse it to make their audience think.

If you're stressed at work, you'll enjoy the skit where

Woods, Pories and Key, downsize everyone else out of a job — "although you will always be part of our family, you'll be part of our extended family. The only thing is, the staff doesn't get it. "If we're not working here, then where are we working? We need to know so we can be there in the morning."

There's a new spin, an Affirmative Action sequence where Black and Campbell lament, "No one's hiring white guys."

TV is cleverly pictured as "evil and sucking the life-blood out of us," and President Clinton (Campbell) and his wife Hillary (Exner) share a joint and conversation on the White House roof.

"Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend"

What: The Second City-Detroit's 14th live comedy revue
When: 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational set, free of charge, after every performance Wednesday through Sunday (after 10:30 p.m. Show Friday-Saturday).
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There's a lot of really creative animated humor such as the video game skit where Bill Clinton (acting like a video game character complete with robotic moves) goes to battle with Linda Tripp, Kenneth Starr, and

Hillary, who of course, wins. Open mike night at Auschwitz, featuring Key as the comedian, was funny, but not offensive. "What's the difference between Hitler and Himmler? It's the spelling." The situation was absurd. Skits on men and women failing to communicate were a riot, and to hear "All the Crazy People are from Michigan," featured in a previous skit, was a treat.

Changes made by producer Rico Bruce Wade are apparent. The cast finishes the skits they start. There's more emphasis on relationships between men and women.

In a clever move, just before the ending, each cast member stops, and comments on unfinished business. They hurry up, go back into character to complete the scene.

Stagecrafters' 'The Heiress' awakens from sleepy 1st act

"The Heiress" continues through Sunday, Nov. 29 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, with additional performances 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Tickets \$10 and \$12, all seats reserved, call (248) 541-6430.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Catherine's life was doomed from birth, for she would always bear the burden of her mother's death in delivery. That burden includes an impossible task, as her stern and unloving father has been waiting for this plain young woman to "approach the perfection of your mother." How perfect was she? She even tuned her own piano!

Stagecrafters presents "The Heiress" as its season's prerequisite drama. Set near the turn of the century when New York's Washington Square was populated with the genteel upper crust in pillared brownstones, the play glides along, well, genteelly. The final scene, however, packs a wallop that could qualify Catherine for an appearance with Sally Jesse Raphael.

Who amongst us hasn't felt like the proverbial square peg in life's round hole? Painfully shy, Catherine (Robin Thomas) is without charm or poise. She crumbles like a cracker when company comes into the parlor. Why isn't she getting married like cousin Marian (Michelle



Main Stage production: Aunt Lavinia (Jeanine Matlow of Farmington Hills, left to right) chaperones the courtship of Catherine (Robin Johnson of Farmington Hills) and Morris (Tony Castellani) in a scene from "The Heiress."

Held)? "Someone must love me," she declares. "Someone must tell me he wants me."

Her new brother-in-law's cousin Morris (Tony Castellani) eagerly applies for the job. This oily cad, having gone through his own inheritance, sets his sights on Catherine's, and it seems there's not much he's unwilling to do to get it, short of

breaking into a chorus of "On the Street Where You Live."

To her father (Pat Reid), Morris' motives are "pitifully clear." Catherine, as expected, is dazzled by their first kiss, and succumbs to his quick proposal. Is Morris' love true? Will father cut her off if she marries him? How much of herself is Catherine willing to sacrifice to meet

the expectations of others — or can she summon the courage to tell the world where to go?

Robin Thomas is a woeful caterpillar and an even more glorious butterfly, her metamorphosis a superb accomplishment. Like her Venetian crystal so desired by Morris, Thomas' Catherine is delicate and easily shattered, yet durable and, yes,

beautiful in ways that her self-motivated relatives and suitor can't see.

Pat Reid's Dr. Sloper is the living embodiment of every Victorian-era portrait. Have you ever seen a smiling face in one? You won't on this man, either; his bitterness is so deep it stays with him right into the grave. Reid plays the doctor as your most intimidating college professor, only he happens to be your father, too: "There are some things one cannot give to others; one cannot give eyes or understanding if they have none." Yes, sir-may I go now?

Tony Castellani is a wolf in chamois gloves. His Morris skulks outside the hen house licking his chops, even winning over the doctor's two sisters: sympathetic, somewhat-vacant Aunt Lavinia (nicely played by Jeanine Matlow) and no-nonsense Mrs. Almond (Linda Ham-mell, a five-foot tornado who'd make Carrie Nation a wimp).

"The Heiress" suffers from a sleepy first act that doesn't awaken until the closing line, but it rolls to its "what's she gonna do?" conclusion with vigor and much audience interest. The set is rich with velvet and French Provincial, but could have used a background flat to add to the authenticity, rather than go for the abstract. Costuming is a Stagecrafters' strength; lavish dresses and handsome waistcoats abound. Sound reinforcement was lacking in conversations between Catherine and Morris; at least one plea of "louder" came from the house on opening night.

"The Heiress" has much contemporary relevancy; it's intriguing to see a woman at the close of the last millennium demanding the same right of self-determination that women of today have yet to fully achieve.

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," Saturday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

"NUTCRACKER ON ICE"
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors, \$28 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

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"Cinderella," through Jan. 3, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Jan. 2; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec. 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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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

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Holiday Magic show with magician Don Jones, Saturday, Nov. 28, the Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium. (248) 569-4670/(800) 348-0112

CLASSICAL

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Collegium Concert of choral and instrumental music of the 17th/18th centuries, under director Anthony Iannaccone, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 West Forest, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-0482/(734) 663-2534

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
"Joy," a Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$9 donation. (734) 455-4080

ORGAN

MIKE ECCARD
Presents a Lowrey Organ Concert, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Evola Music Store in the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Free, but donations of canned goods accepted for the Franciscan Poverty Program. Reservations, (248) 442-9682

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (big band)

"HOLIDAY SWING"
With Bud Forrest and the String of Pearls Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$25, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

PAUL KLINGER'S EASY STREET SWINGTET
5-8 p.m. Fridays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$2. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing/rockabilly)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (western swing)

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for "The Sound of Music," children 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, adults 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-2, in the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, west of I-275, at 41001 West Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. For performances Feb. 19-20, 26-28 and March 5-6. (734) 427-1775/(248) 478-8932/(248) 349-7110 or www.causeway.com/ptg/

YOUTH THEATRE
Youth theatre needs eight volunteer ushers for children's programs at the Music Hall in Detroit. Call Larry Loyer (313) 962-4214 or http://www.youththeatre.org

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD QUARTET
CD Release Party-Concert, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Bakers Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, south of Eight Mile, Detroit. Free. (313) 345-6300

ALLEN BARNES TRIO
Featured during brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

GARY BLUMER TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

RON BROOKS TRIO
9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(vocals/piano/bass)
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Aretha Franklin, performs works from Leonard Bernstein, William Grant Still, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 upper balcony, \$50 mid balcony, \$75 main floor B and the dress circle, \$125 main floor, \$150 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAZZ JAM
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

KIMMIE HORNE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-0550; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 471-7667/(248) 471-7700

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matlie, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

HAROLD MCKINNEY
4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays-Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

MARION MEADOWS
With Norman Connors, Jean Carne, Angela Bofill, and local jazz saxophonist Darron McKinney, who was recently featured on BET's jazz discovery showcase, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-2366

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

DANILO PEREZ TRIO
8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

ROBERT PIPHO DUO
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SACHAL VASANDANI
Vocalist, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (jazz standards/originals)

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

PAMELA WISE
The pianist performs 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 27-28, and Dec. 4-5, Bacil, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

CHRISTIAN MUSIC

"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"
Featuring concert of Christmas carols by Twila Paris, Crystal Lewis, Avalon, and Anointed & Nichole Nordeman, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$28, \$25, \$22. (800) 585-3737/(810) 286-2222

WORLD MUSIC

JIM BUCKINGHAM
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road. (248) 367-3607

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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Franklin, performs Leonard Bernstein, Saint-Saëns, Duke Ellington, Gillespie, 8 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Hall, 3711 Woodward, \$30 upper balcony, \$75 main floor Bress circle, \$125 main 10 box seats. (313) 576-1111
<http://www.detroit-symphony.org>

KEINER'S JAZZ JAM
11 a.m. Sundays, Bird of 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. 21 and older. (734) 662-1111

PLER & MICHELE RAMO
Mondays at Too-Chez, 1000 Merit Dr., Novi, (248) 335-3790; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to 11 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's 2875 Grand River Ave., (810) 305-7333

HORNE
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, 8 p.m. at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian/Spanish)

LANDIS
8-10 p.m. Friday, Borders Books and Music, 1000 Merit Dr., Novi, (248) 335-3790; 10 p.m. Saturday, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, (810) 305-7333

MCKINNEY
Tuesdays and Fridays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Blvd., Southfield. (313) 299-9909

MEADOWS
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ADMIRATION SOCIETY
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, 711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-3838

A NURULLAH TRIO
8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 220 Merrill St., (313) 831-3838

PEREZ TRIO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 214 S. Ann Arbor, Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

PIPHO DUO
Monday, Nov. 30, Duet, 3711 Grand Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

VASANDANI
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28,presso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Ann Arbor, Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

VORNHAGEN TRIO
to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 220 Merrill St., (313) 831-3838

WALKER AND BUDDY
on Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Grand Ave., Birmingham. Free. (248) 594-7300

WORLD MUSIC
Friday, Nov. 27, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, (313) 831-3838

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Garden City, Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (Irish folk)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS
DAVID BARRETT AND DAVID MOSHER
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JOHN HARTFORD
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26 and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian/Spanish)

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD
JIM BERTIN & GEORGE GARCIA
8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, open mic 8-8:30 p.m. in the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House at St. William Parish Hall, downtown Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 student. (248) 624-1421

DANCE
"COUNTRY CLASS"
Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Plymouth Elks, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-2207

DETROIT FOLK DANCE CLUB
35th anniversary party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 27, live music by Balkan Quartet, international folk dancing for all levels, no partner required, all ages, at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, corner of Webster and Crooks. \$10. (248) 338-2339

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 Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$15-\$50 for Friday-Sunday performances, \$12-\$45 for Wednesday-Thursday performances. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY
Contra and square dances with Don Theyken and Don's Choice Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$7. No partner or experience is required. (248) 542-2093

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE
"Leaving Ground," a concert featuring works Oakland University students, faculty and guest artists, directed by Laurie Eisenhowe. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Featuring the Rockettes, 70 performances from Friday, Nov. 27, Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

COMEDY
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Leo DuFour, Chris Zito from radio station WPLI (8 p.m. Saturday only), Tim Rolands and Rich Higginbottom, Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$12), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$12); Paul D'Angelo, Robert Mack and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, Saturday, Dec. 3-5 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8

p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 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
Mike Green, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 (\$6); Randy Lubas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5 (\$10 and \$22.95), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Darwin Hines, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 26-29; Jack Mayberry and Jeff Margrett, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 2-6, 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
"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

JOHN VALBY
18 and older. (313) 961-5451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Showing of Disney film "Pocahontas" followed by a Native American Workshop 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroit-historical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM/BELLE ISLE AQUARIUM
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29 pay regular admission at either facility and the other will honor your entrance fee, see the "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes" exhibit on the history of competitive and recreational sailing and the "Yachts of the Auto Barons" exhibit at the museum, on Strand drive on Belle Isle. \$2 adults, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS
Featuring St. Peter-St. Paul Jesuit, Christ Episcopal, Second Baptist, St. Dominic Roman and St. Paul Cathedral Episcopal churches, Monday, Dec. 7, leaves from the Detroit Historical Museum's parking lot at 10 a.m. \$11 Detroit Historical Society members, \$16 non-members, includes bus, tour and luncheon. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroit-historical.org>

MEADOW BROOK HALL
"1998 Holiday Walk - Picture Perfect Holidays," Friday, Nov. 27, Sunday, Dec. 6, at the mansion, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 370-3140

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM
"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 children ages 17 and

younger, free for members and children younger than 5. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ANTHRAX
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

BACK DOOR BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com> (blues)

JASON BONHAM BAND
Featuring "The Zep Set," 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

THE BOOGIEMEN
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

GALLIN MARVIN
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

CENTRIFUSE
With Superfiction, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

CHEAP TRICK
8:30 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. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

JAMES CLOYD GROUP
Hosts electric blues jam, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 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)

THORNETTA DAVIS AND THE CHISEL BROS.
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues)

DEFTONES
With Quicksand, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

DEMOLITION DOLLRODS
With The Light Strikes and The Go, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-1991 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550 (blues)

EDEN'S JOURNAL
With Pharmacy and Seven Down, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

88 FINGERS LOUIE
5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

ELIZA
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
Hosts acoustic blues jam, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or <http://www.siskos.com> (blues)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

AVE., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

FORCE OF HABIT
With Krank, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, JD's 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. 28, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (blues)

THE GHETTOSBILLIES
With Quasser 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)

STEVE GORNALL
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or <http://www.siskos.com> (blues)

"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)

G.R.R.
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (rock)

HARBINGER'S MILE
With Funk and Medicine Ball, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

LISA HUNTER
2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (pop)

J. TRAIN
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B)

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)

MIKE KING
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (rock)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Nineteen Wheels and Dovetail Joint, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funk/rock)

KOTTONMOUTH KINGS
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL
10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUE
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (R&B)

STONEY MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

PAT MCGEE BAND
9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

MR. B TRIO
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> (boogie-woogie)

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With Taproot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.com> (rock)

EDDIE MONEY
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$10. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

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BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. followed by performance by Hot Rod Lincoln, Sunday, Nov. 22, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show; "Solar" night with Chuck Hampton, Carlos Souffront, and DJ Disco D, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the club. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

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THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 4815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>

ONE X
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Function Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

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"Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; Alt X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB
"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

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Swing, lounge and big band tunes spun by DJ Sonny, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. \$3. 21 and older; Swing, big band and Latin dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$3. 21 and older; "Cute Little House" with house and techno, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays. \$5. 21 and older; Intermediate and advanced swing dance lessons, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 18 and older; Beginner swing dance lessons 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. Free. 18 and older; "Ready Steady Go," Brit pop music night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays (\$3), at the club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

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'Enemy of the State' is thrilling and scary

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

DeMille, Hitchcock, Capra. When you want to see a movie with one of their names above the title, you know what to expect. Several filmmakers today offer that consistency of style, including Woody Allen, Martin Scorsese and Jerry Bruckheimer and Tony Scott.

Who were those last two, you say? Think "Top Gun," "Crimson Tide," and "Beverly Hills Cop II." Bruckheimer co-produced and Scott directed them all. With their latest collaboration, "Enemy of the State," you know what to expect, and you get it. "Enemy" is not just the latest Will Smith vehicle; it's a two-hour chase scene. Take a very

deep breath when you sit down; you may not take another until you get up.

Smith—who continues to find new ways to lead the most-liked list of the movie-going public—plays Robert Clayton Dean, a Washington D.C. attorney on his way up, with a loving wife and son. During a chance meeting with an old college buddy, the man slips a Game Boy-type cartridge into his shopping bag. On it is incriminating evidence linking a corrupt National Security Agency official (Jon Voight) to the murder of a congressman (Jason Robards, in an uncredited appearance).

To get the tape, the NSA proceeds to unravel Dean's life. They use ultra-sophisticated

surveillance equipment—from tiny "tracers" planted in his clothes to a spy satellite 155 miles overhead—to find him, access his financial and phone records and leak misinformation that gets him fired and thrown out of his house. In order to extricate himself, he must find and team up with a mysterious operative named Brill (Gene Hackman), whom he has dealt with before to gather case evidence, but only through a go-between (Lisa Bonet, oldest daughter from "The Cosby Show").

"I want credibility. I want people to know he's lying before he says it," orders Voight to his willing crew of computer geeks and former Marine toughs. "I want,"

he says, "to get into his life." Now comes the part that makes "Enemy of the State" not only a tense thriller, but also one of the scariest movies in memory.

It has no monsters, no aliens, no wackos in goalie masks. The scary part is that all this is real. There really is an NSA, nicknamed "No Such Agency" because of its super-secret status. And these boys can do anything. They can break any lock, manipulate the media, hear your every conversation (no pun intended, but 1974's "The Conversation," with a similar theme, is still one of Hackman's best big-screen performances). With over 100 spy satellites they can even, as Hackman tells Smith, "read the time off your wrist-watch." And with every order that Voight gives his people, they reply "It's already done."

So Smith goes on the run. We know so because the geeks use high-tech phrases like "He's a rabbit." There are chases through hotels, tunnels, train yards and Baltimore's abandoned Dr. Pepper warehouse. Director Scott employs what could be an all-time record for "cuts" in a major motion picture to establish the tension and never let up. The shots come at you in MTV rapid-fire fashion, but here, at least, they do so with intelligence and pace.

Smith and Hackman (who doesn't appear until an hour into the film) click like they've been doing buddy flicks for years. We



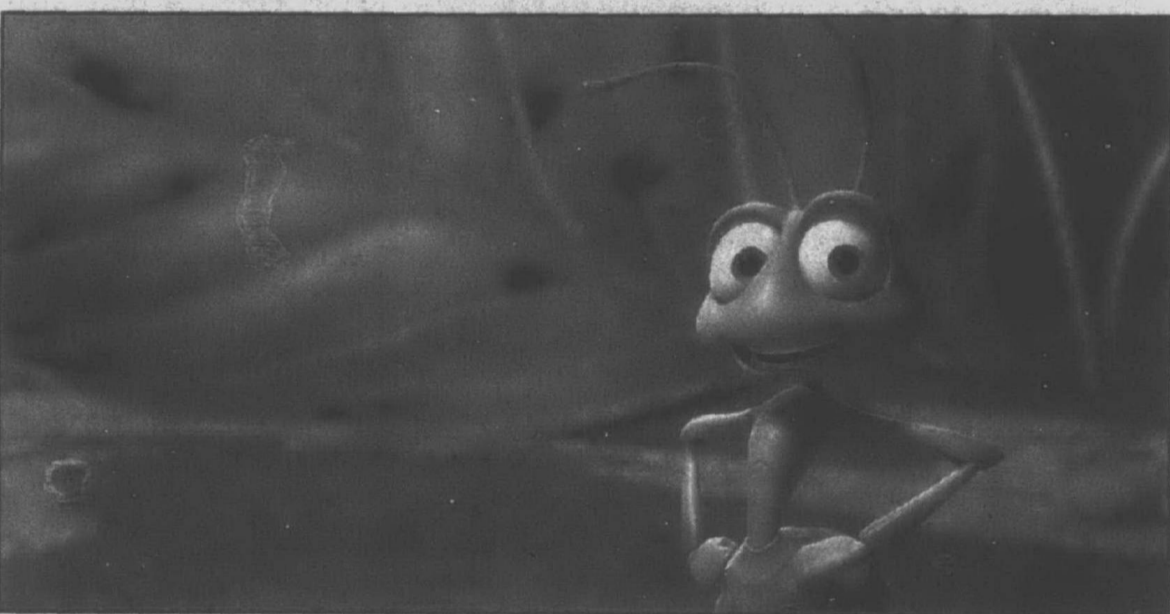
LINDA CHREMPER

Drama: A chase encounter with an old friend destroys attorney Robert Dean's (Will Smith, left) fast-track career when he is framed for murder. Dean's only hope to reclaim his life and prove his innocence is a mysterious underground information broker known only as Brill (Gene Hackman) in "Enemy of the State."

do have a problem with Smith discarding his Georgetown-graduate attorney characterization mid-way through and sliding into a more familiar wise guy mode from "Independence Day." We also wonder why he's been paying off the investigator out of his own bank account rather than from the law firm's, and why his liberal lawyer wife turns on him without much of a fair hearing.

"Enemy of the State" is about "the sanctity of my home," as Larry King puts it in a cameo role. "The more technology you use," explains Hackman, "the easier it is for them to keep tabs on you." Jon Voight calmly rationalizes his actions: "The only privacy left is the inside of your head. You think we're the end of democracy? I think we're democracy's last hope." As we say, a scary movie indeed.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



DISNEY ENTERPRISES INC./PIXAR ANIMATION STUDIO

Unlikely hero: Flik, an original thinker out of step with the rest of the more traditionally-minded bugs on Ant Island, unwittingly triggers a major confrontation with a gang of greedy grasshoppers led by the menacing Hopper in "A Bug's Life."

Just opened on Wednesday, Nov. 25

"HOME FRIES"
An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one 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.

"A BUG'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.

"PSYCHO"
A scene-by-scene remake of the 1960 Alfred Hitchcock classic. Stars Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche.

"JACK FROST"
Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he ever imagined possible—below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.

"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.

"HARD CORE LOGO"
Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. The story of four characters who struggle to reconcile their mythic punk rock past with the hangover realities of the present. A tale of lost dreams, the lure of the open road and memories of youth that fade in the rearview mirror.

"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.

"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.

'Fallen' becomes predictable

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Police Detective John Hobbes pays a visit to a death row convict he apprehended for a series of murders in the opening of "Fallen," 1998 supernatural thriller.

It's not the first time Hobbes, played by Denzel Washington, has witnessed an execution. This time is different—the killer sings the Rolling Stones' "Time Is On My Side" and speaks in an ancient language.

The killer also gives Hobbes a riddle that eventually leads the detective, who is investigating copycat murders, to the death 30 years earlier of a decorated police officer. The cases are further complicated as Hobbes figures out that the common denominator is a demon—a fallen angel without corporeal form

—that moved from the executed man through a variety of other people to commit new crimes.

An ethical man who supports his brother and young nephew, Hobbes apparently caught the demon's attention during the murder investigation. He wasn't susceptible to accepting the demon, usually by touch.

Directed by Gregory Hoblit, "Fallen" starts out as an interesting film, both in story and visual appearance. Washington gives a good performance as does the supporting cast which includes John Goodman, Donald Sutherland and Embeth Davidtz, as the theology professor daughter of the long dead police officer.

There are a couple of creepy scenes one starting in the police station—where Hobbes gradually becomes aware of what is happening and how. In another

scene the demon tries to transfer itself into the theologian, where the evil spirit moves through a of people like a game of tag as she tries to flee.

About midway, the film starts to breakdown. The plot becomes predictable as Hobbes becomes a suspect in the homicides and the threats from the demon hit closer to home.

The only thing unexpected that happens in the rest of the film is how Hobbes decides to fight the demon. I won't reveal the ending but it's frankly one of the stupidest plans ever conceived and one that already had been tried unsuccessfully by someone else. I had already thought of a variation of the plan that actually would have had more potential for working and I'm sure most other viewers could do the same.

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'Best of Bullfrog' CD celebrates Michigan musicians



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Jim Forner has two missions in life - to promote Detroit-area music and to raise awareness of the genetic disease hemochromatosis.

This weekend he's folding both causes into one when his bar, the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford, celebrates the release of its compilation CD "The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1 Michigan Music."

"Me and Aaron Ormanian, my partner in the Bullfrog, we just saw so much talent in the Michigan area and bands that aren't really being noticed nationally. We didn't see any bars doing anything like this so we decided to do it," Forner said.

"We wanted to broaden the scene. We think more people should be able to hear these bands."

"The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1 Michigan Music" features music from Bridge, Gods Made Love, Robb Roy, Government Honey, Without a Face, Brotherhood, Face, Daisychain, Brilliant, the now-defunct

Schugars, and White Guys Dancing.

"The people who have reviewed it so far say a lot of them have a potential for being a national act," Forner said.

A handful of those bands, including Bridge, Face and White Guys Dancing, will perform during the CD release party at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the bar, 15414 Telegraph Road in Redford. Cover charge for the party, open to those ages 21 and older, is \$6.

"Extreme Radio," radio station WKRK 97.1 FM, along with Labatts beer, is sponsoring the event. At the event, "The Best of the Bullfrog" will be available for \$10. Afterward, it will be found at Harmony House and various independent record stores throughout town. The price will vary according to store.

The CD release party has a sobering aspect to it, however. Proceeds from the event will go to the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc., in Albany, N.Y.

Jim Forner's father, Richard died at age 48 in 1987 during liver transplant surgery after the effects of hemochromatosis destroyed the organ. According to the Hemochromatosis Foundation's Web site: <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>, the disease is the most common genetic disorder in which excess dietary iron is absorbed causing iron accumulation in, and damage to, vital organs and joints.

Symptoms include weakness/fatigue, arthritis, abdominal pain, diabetes, heart irregularities/failure, large liver/cirrhosis, decreased libido/impotence, and a tan not due to sun exposure.

"I'm trying to spread the word about it because one in six Americans have it and people don't even know about it. That's the study that just came out," Forner explained.

"The good thing about it is it's treatable if you catch it in time and you're able to give blood."

One treatment, he said, is to give blood to rid the body of some of the excess iron. To help people like his father, Forner encourages people to sign the organ donor stickers that come with driver's licenses.

Forner and Ormanian waded through music by 126 local bands before deciding on the 11

that made the cut. The European-style band Brilliant, based in Ferndale, saw it as a good opportunity to increase visibility.

"When we were approached, we were not planning to release a CD due to the cost at that point in time. So the Bullfrog CD seemed like a good opportunity to get our name out on a mass-produced CD," said Stephen Vilnius, who plays fretless bass for Brilliant. The band, who is unable to perform at the CD release party due to scheduling conflicts, contributed the song "Never" to the compilation.

Caos Music recording artists Robb Roy was one of the first groups that was approached, according to Susan Leigh of Select Management, which represents Robb Roy. The band contributed the songs "Dirt" and "Shine."

In between the songs are clips from Capital Records comedian Roy D. Mercer. The release of the CD comes just before the Bullfrog celebrates its two-year anniversary.

"Since the beginning, everything has been renovated or changed in one way or another," Forner explained. The new year will bring a full menu and a new chef.

For Thanksgiving weekend, however, Forner and Ormanian are concentrating on "The Best of the Bullfrog."

"We're real proud of the CD; the flow of it and the quality of the bands. There's a lot of compila-

tions out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

For more information about the CD or the release party, call (313) 533-4477 or visit <http://www.bullfrogbar.com>. To contact the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc., write to P.O. Box 8569, Albany, N.Y., 12208-0569, call (518) 489-0972, or visit <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>

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Ye lords and ladies, take heed! You are invited to gather of a winter night and laud the holidays with a lusty meal and a draught of fine wine. The king, his queen and court will assemble for Schoolcraft College's 22nd Annual Madrigal dinners, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12.

The pageantry begins 7:30 p.m. in the College's Waterman Center where royalty and guests dine on bounties prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department. You'll hear joyous sounds produced by members of the music department and visiting minstrels.

Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve SeGraves, enter the hall in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season. Dinners then partake of the prime rib menu's many choices, each presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony.

Throughout the evening, the dulcet tones of Good Neighbors All provide music on period instruments, the Madrigal Singers intone the songs of the season, and a court jester amuses guests with magic and juggling.

Celebration proceeds enhance the student scholarship fund. The cost is \$35 per person, call (734) 462-4417. Saturday, Dec. 12 is sold out, seats remain for the Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 dinners.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275).

Oakland Community College

The college's annual Wassail Feast will be presented 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The cost is \$45 per person, call (248) 471-7786 for details.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Tickets are still available for an Elizabethan England Wassail Feast, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12, and Dec. 17-19 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Ave.

The evening commences with an open bar reception in the museum's Kresge Court and continues to the majestic Great Hall, an opulent setting for the candle lit tables, mimes, acrobats, madrigals, dancers and strolling museums.

Trumpets herald the beginning of the feast, and revelers are seated for a sumptuous five-

course meal that was served to nobility of yesteryear.

Highlights include a golden-crusted pork and leek pie, prime rib with Yorkshire pudding, and a finale of bread pudding with brandy sauce.

A vegetarian menu is also available. Wassail punch, a mixture of ale and other libations, is served throughout.

The Wassail Feast runs each evening from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each for Fridays and Saturdays; \$135 each for Thursday, as well as for purchases of 20 or more tickets.

Tickets include valet parking and are tax deductible. All proceeds support the DIA's general operating fund. Call (313) 833-4005 to reserve.

Eagle Tavern at Greenfield Village

The holiday menu at Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village in Dearborn, offered on select nights through Jan. 2, reflects the seasonal availability in mid-19th century Michigan and is created from authentic recipes of the time.

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field Village located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, and west of Michigan Ave., and drive directly to the Eagle Tavern parking lot.

Reserved seating at the Eagle Tavern is provided family style

at tables of eight, as was the custom in 1850.

The menu includes assorted cheese and crackers, corn chowder, Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Chicken Pie, Roasted Rib of Beef, roasted redskin potatoes, and hot vegetables.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. The evening begins with a cash bar at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 982-6001 for information and reservations.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail hwuygonik@oe.homecomm.net

New at Troy's Somerset Collection - P.F. Chang's China Bistro, is scheduled to open Monday, Nov. 30 at the Somerset Collection (South) in Troy. Occupying the ground floor location of the former Sebastian's, the restaurant claims to offer a unique blend of traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality in an upscale, modern bistro atmosphere. Hours will be Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight. Phone (248)352-7779.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro has locations across the U.S., but this is its first entry into the Metro-Detroit dining scene. Keeping reading DINING for a full feature on P.F. Chang's to learn how Asian, as in authentic Chinese, and bistro, a French notion, harmonize in this unique concept.

Van Gogh's Improv Grill, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road) offers an interactive dining theme. General Manager Stewart Sloan described the experience as one where "you will be able to choose everything you want to eat and watch it being prepared at the grill in the middle of the room. Something like The Mongolian Barbeque; only we won't be strictly Asian. We'll have a lot of choices."

Van Gogh proprietors are William Gitre and Duane Gmerek who also own Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill across the street from Van Gogh. They've named Patrick Houston, formerly with Larco's in Troy as executive chef. In the future, stay in touch with DINING for a review of the menu and an explanation of the Van Gogh name.

The Golden Mushroom, 18100 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, has reopened its popular Mushroom Cellar, closed temporarily for a facelift. New carpeting with an upbeat Art Deco pattern has been installed. Wood floors have been replaced

with tile. New art work has been added and the popular gathering spot has been generally spruced up!

The same quality food and service as main floor Golden Mushroom dining is offered in the lower-level, cigar-friendly Mushroom Cellar.

Flying Fish (17600 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham) has cast off to a receptive dining audience. Wednesday evening last week saw a full house of diners enjoying the brightly-colored and remodeled interior. They were taking advantage of the "Flight Arrivals" boards announcing best catches of the day.

Birmingham's Flying Fish is different from the one at Orchard Lake and Maple Road because it has retained two dining levels from its days as Tavern on 13. Downstairs can get a bit noisy around 7 p.m., but upper-level tables afford a quieter dining atmosphere.

Common at both Flying Fish locations is lots of good food at modest prices. Dinner for two with check below \$25.

Champagne Feast - Eat, drink and be merry as Matt

Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation toasts the holiday season with the Champagne Feast. The feast celebrates the rich history of Veuve Clicquot Champagne and the flavorful cuisine of URC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. The event will be held on two separate evenings, Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, and Thursday, Dec. 3 at Duet. Each feast begins at 6:30 p.m. Holiday revelers will savor an array of Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin selections from the rich and elegant La Grande Dame to the sweet and fresh Demi-Sec. Barnett has prepared a menu that partners the finest Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin varieties with delicate dishes. The evening features five Champagnes. The cost is \$125 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Morels is at 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, (248) 642-1094, Duet is at 3711 Woodward Ave., Orchestra Place Hall, (313) 831-3838. Call for reservations and information.

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Farwell & Friends - is decorated for Christmas.

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Also, they are planning their 14th annual Kid's Sing-Along with Santa 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Kids eat for 99 cents.

Farwell & Friends is located at 8051 Middlebelt in Westland. They offer a variety of dishes including chicken, steak, pork chops, and seafood. Specialty menu items include Crab

Stuffed Mushrooms, Sautéed Perch, Crab Stuffed Shrimp, and Montreal Steak Bits.

Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, (lunch), 4-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, (dinner). Call (734) 421-6990 for reservations/information.

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