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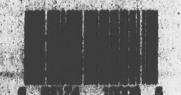


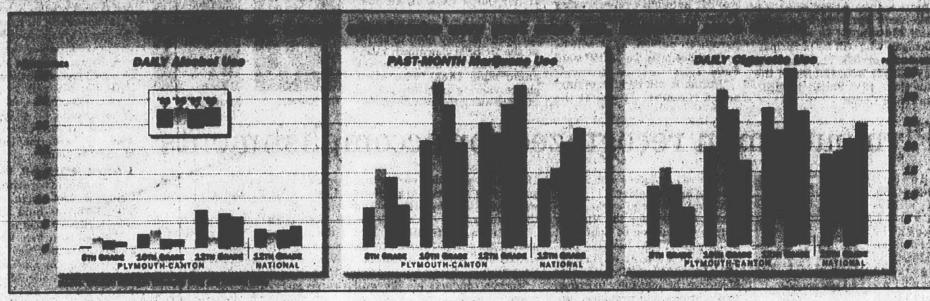
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vey: Drug use higher here

■ The most recent study conducted by Western Michigan University contains some not-so-good news for Ply-mouth-Canton schools – drug and alcohol use by district students is higher than the average for students on a national basis.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

According to the latest study of drug usage throughout the nation, Plymouth-Canton Schools' students are above the national averages when analyzing the use of so-called gateway

"Students in the Plymouth-Canton school district have a problem with illegal alcohol, tobacco and drug usage," said Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Smith. "Many people want to believe that because we are in an affluent community there isn't a problem. However, the data doesn't support it."

The data comes from Plymouth-Can-

ton's participation in a Western Michigan University Drug and Alcohol Study, which has some alarming statistics showing Plymouth-Canton students use of cigarettes, drugs and alcohol above the national averages. The study is done every two years, and questions eighth, tenth and twelfth graders in the district about their con-

"The trends show statistics locally are down, but they are still high compared to national averages," said Smith. "We need to aggressively deal with the problem. There are a lot of poor choices being made by students,

statistics locally are down, but they are still high compared to national

Bob Smith -Plymouth Township lieutenant

including binge drinking, drinking and driving, and riding with a driver who is intoxicated."

Cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol

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Lessons in lore



Proud artist: Chris Contos shows a Thanksgiving picture that he colored, (which his mom then laminated), during his "Sharing Bag presentation (similar to Show and Tell), in Maureen Visser's afternoon kindergarten class at Smith Elementary Monday.

STAFF PHOTOS

Students learn about Thanksgiving traditions

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go ...

Thanksgiving was in the air throughout the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools this past week as children made pictures of turkeys, constructed pilgrim hats and Indian headdresses, made necklaces from macaroni, and learned about the first

volunter mom, assists Chris-tian Morgan With his native

American headdress.

Thanksgiving dinner by helping to pre-

The underlying theme in the kindergarten classes of Maureen Visser and Susan Justice at Smith Elementary in Plymouth was friendship.

"We try to teach the children about being good friends, and relating it to how the pilgrims and Indians became good friends," said Visser. "We've been working on being a good host and also being a good guest and sharing, inviting someone to play, using kind

Monday was Friendship Day, when kindergartners learned to practice their friendship skills with each other as the two classes mingled, drawing pictures of each other, making necklaces and baking muffins.

"This is at their level, where they can actually feel like someone new coming over, like the pilgrims were," added Visser. "You just think like a 5year-old and how it affects their lives." Thanksgiving is the day when the

Indians celebrate the day when the pilgrims came here," said Jenna Smith, 5, of Plymouth. "It's the day we have turkey." We learned about the feast the Indians had with the pilgrims because they

were nice," said Christian Morgan. "I

try to be nice. Thanksgiving is when you eat turkey," advised Chris Contos. "The Indians killed them."

In this class, you won't hear how the early English settlers crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower and founded Plymouth Colony, holding the first Thankegiving feast in 1621.

"We've talked about Native Americans and pilgrims and how they tried to help each other," said Justice. "We've also talked about being thank-



History lesson: Summer Powers wears her Native American headdress while drawing in Maureen Visser's afternoon kindergarten class at Smith Elementary Monday. Visser's class and her neighbor Susan Justice each swapped half of their classes for an afternoon of sharing and learning about Thanksgiving traditions. The children had an opportunity to make the headgear, bake muffins, draw pictures and create pasta necklaces.

can share it with others."

The idea wasn't lost on 5-year-old Dakota Borensik.

"The Indians and pilgrims shared turkeys because they were friends," Dakota said. "I learned to share the turkey at my grandma's house."

At Hoben Elementary in Canton, the Thanksgiving feast has been a tradition since the school opened in 1988.

First grade teacher Sharon Belobraidich played the piano and led first and second graders in song as parents proudly stood by. All were dressed in Indian or pilgrim garb made in class.

Then it was on to the main course, the Thanksgiving feast with turkey. vegetables, applesauce, muffins and, of course, pumpkin pie with whipped

"This year the students helped make

ful with what we have and how they the feast," said Julie Darnell, Hoben second grade teacher. "With our social studies unit there's a big push to compare then and now, so what better way than seeing what it was like years ago to prepare Thanksgiving dinner and

what it takes now. "And with the study of pilgrims and Native Americans, we've been able to talk about the change in the community of Capton, how the culture and geog-

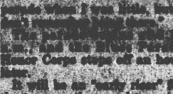
raphy has changed," she added. Second grader Adam Sawle obviously learned his social studies lesson well.

"The first Thanksgiving lasted three days," said Adam. "This guy went to get the chief and they came back with 90 Indians. Five of them went out to get deer and turkey for dinner."

Thanksgiving is about giving thanks," said Alexis Hotz, 7. "The pilgrims traded with the Indians."

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"I think it will be a lot of fan," added Haunert. "I was at the





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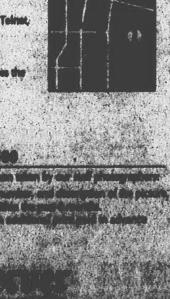
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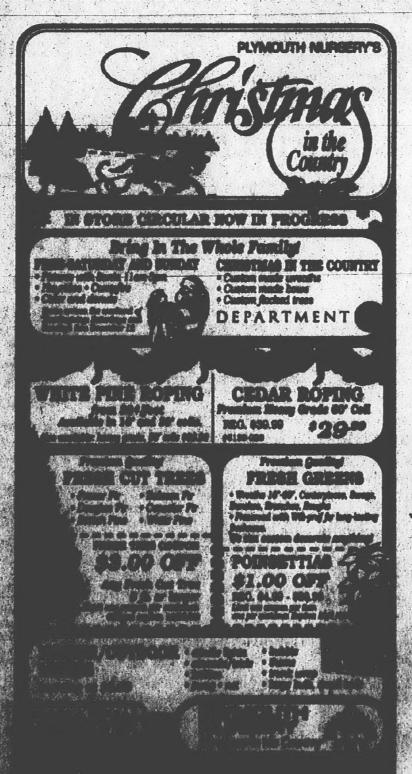
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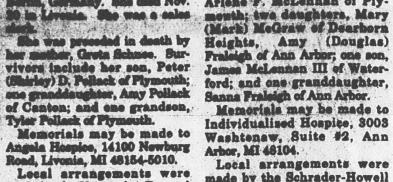
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A memorial gathering for

James H. McLennan, Jr., 69, of Plymouth was held Nov. 23 at

the Mayflower meeting house. He was born Feb. 22, 1930 in

Detroit. He died Nov. 19 in Ply-

mouth. He was a principal with the Detroit Public Schools until

his retirement after 37 years.

He was a member of Phi Delta

Kappa Fraternity and a member

of the VFW Mayflower-Lt. Gam-

ble Post 6695 in Plymouth. In

his retirement years he worked

the Korean Service Medal and

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made by the Schrader-Howell made by the Vermeulen Funeral Funeral Home, Plymouth.

shild. He enjoyed gardening and reading, especially English mu-der mysteries. He also enjoyed being a handground a home. Survivors include his wife, Arlene P. McLennan of Ply-

MOR W. GALLDIAT

Services for Frederick W. Gallinat, 89, of Canton were held Nov. 23 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livouis with the Rev. William Lindholm officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Ceme-

He was born Oct. 18, 1910. He died Nov. 18 in Canton. He was a jewelry store owner.

Survivors include his two daughters, Barbara (Wright) Hollingsworth, Patricia (James) Bevak; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

part-time as night deak clerk for the Mayflower Hotel. He served Memorials may be made to Hely Cross Lutheran Church or in the U.S. Army as a sergeant Arbor Hospice. in the Korean War. He earned

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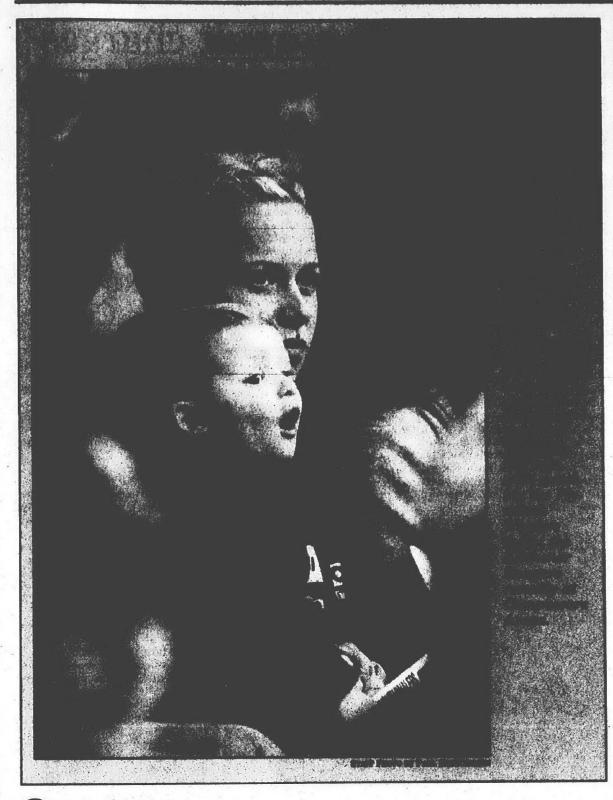
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are considered gateway drugs, steering kids to using drugs and leading them to substances which are considered hard core drugs, like cocaine and heroin.

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The report indicates inhalants - the sniffing of glue, paint, gasoline and aerosol products are the drug of choice for eighth graders in Plymouth-Canton, and their use is well above the national average. More than 25 percent of local eighth graders surveyed say they've used inhalants, compared to the national average of slightly more than 15 percent.

"Teenage girls are most likely to use inhalants at an early age," said Smith. "Kids easily go from tobacco to inhalants. It's the first drug they try to experiment with.

School board president and Growth Works program director Sue Davis has a theory.

"Inhalants are easily available in your house. Just open the cabinet under your kitchen sink," said Davis. "There's usually a decline in the use of inhalants after the eighth grade

because they move on to other substances.

Daily alcohol use among eighth, tenth and twelfth graders is falling, but nearly 60 percent of seniors report they're drinking, compared to the national average of just under 40 percent.

There is considerable use of alcohol on a daily basis. These are kids with a real problem," added Smith. "Binge drinking is not isolated to college campuses. For the most part, kids are getting alcohol; at parties or a friend's house.

"And when it comes to drinking and driving, kids are making poor choices out there," said Smith. "I don't know how many times we need to have such tragic results, or more flowers at the rock, to get it through the kids' heads as to what's going on. We have far too many house parties where we find 150 kids in a house when mom and dad are away for the weekend."

The study shows a significant drop in the use of marijuana by eighth and tenth graders.

"That's a trend we like to see." said Smith. "About eight or nine years ago we really felt we started seeing marijuana disappearing from the community because arrests were down. Now, not a day goes by that we don't take marijuana off a kid. And, (P-C) seniors are still above the national average."

Smith said local police departments are working hard to stop alcohol and tobacco sales to minors: however, the battle con-

"Kids say they can get narcotics easily through their friends," he said.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick O'Donnell said there are a number of intervention programs in the schools to help students.

"However, given the results of the survey, maybe we'll have to do less conflict resolution and more prevention and intervention in relation to drugs and alcohol use," said O'Donnell.

Principals hear suggestion for drill to deal with crisis

Township police Sgt. Jeff Felts wants schools in Plymouth Township to hold a practice drill to prepare for potentially critical incidents where an "active" shooter may be inside.

Felts is making the suggestion as the result of at least two influences: the almost weekly reports of school violence across the country, which both police and school officials admit come up often in conversations about current events; and the implementation of House Bill 4240, which addresses the responsibility of schools to report incidents involving possession of a dangerous weapon.

"Just as we have fire drills and tornado drills, I would like to see us do drills in each school for critical response," Felts said. "I would like to see the administrators going through the steps."

Western High School in Detroit, for example, has already held this type of mock disaster drill, according to weekend news

reports.
"We hope nothing will ever happen, but we want to be prepared" said Jamie Senkbeil, community resource officer.

Felts has been a nine-year member and primary instructor of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team. He, along with Sgt. Dennis Wilson, who is retired from the team, spoke to three Plymouth Township principals Nov. 16 at Fiegel Elementary School. The goal is to implement a safety information policy based on the requirements of HB 4240 that addresses reporting dangerous weapons

Lee Harrison -Isbister Elementary principal

Present were James Johnson, principal of Fiegel Elementary: ee Harrison, principal of Isbister Elementary; and Jane VanSteenis, principal of Bird Elementary.

The meeting was held because of mutual interest on the subject, Senkbeil said. The group will meet again in January, Senkbeil said.

This allows us to think through things in a calm atmosphere," Harrison said. "We are sometimes lulled to sleep in a safe community like Plymouth Township."

The police presentation was an eye opener," Harrison said.

During the discussion Harrison asked if a test could be run to make sure telephones in the school send accurate information to the police department when calling 911. Felts and Wilson both said yes. Sometimes the caller must first dial the numeral nine on some systems before dialing 911, they said.

Plymouth firefighter Don McDurmon was also present at the meeting. Firefighters go in after the police department during critical incidents.

McDurmon advocated testing phone systems. One Plymouth Township business, for example, learned it had to re-program its phones because its new phone system wouldn't allow it to dial 911. McDurmon noted.

Felts drew upon his experi-ence specialising in critical response in situations like barricaded gunmen and bestage situations. He estimates that exciting hours is

spent in special response.
"We train extensively and research these areas," Felts said. The higgest topic is active violence in a facility and how we will respond to it as a special operations team and a patrol force. If you have semebody in your school actively injuring, shooting, or stabbing any of your children or faculty it is not a SWAT operation. We are not going to come and surround the school and wait for SWAT to get here. Our instructors are trained in certain tactics to get desper penetration into the schools and cease that person's violent behavior and stop him.

That means police may initially walk over people who are injured with their first priority being to stop the person so he can't injure others. The evacuation of the wounded can then begin, he said.

Throughout the critical incident, teachers will stay with the children to reassure them, Wilson said.

Administrators should also realize that the person doing the shooting in a school may be a student, Felts said.

These incidents require a different response from officers.

Road officers generally have the mentality that their safety is first, Felts said. That paradigm changes with special response officers who put the safety of hostages first, other "innocents" in the area second, police officers third and the suspect fourth, he

Pioneer students win spots on Honors Choir

graders Sara Bradbury, Annemarie Miller and Ayaka Nakamura have won spots on the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Junior High State Honors Choir.

They were among 159 students from around the state who auditioned for a position Oct. 16

PLAY IT AGAIN

Pioneer Middle School eighth- at Grosse Pointe North High intonation (performing in tune), School.

> The audition piece was "Now Is The Month of Maying" by Thomas Morley

Students had to sing this piece as a three part trio for a judge. They were rated on various musical criteria, such as their ability to hold their own part,

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phrasing, dynamics and tone quality.

Miller, Nakamura and Bradbury will perform Saturday, Jan. 22, on the campus of the University of Michigan at Hill Auditorium for the Midwest Music Con-

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Latest invasion similar to others

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Plymouth Township police took a report Nov. 19 of another home invasion that matches the method of entry used in six previous and similar incidents on the west side of the township during a two-week period ending Nov. 3.

In the most recent incident, which occurred sometime between 6 and 7:45 p.m. Nov. 19 on Covington, the homeowner returned home from work to find a rear window pried open and a bedroom in disarray with several jewelry items stolen, said Jamie Senkbeil, community resource

Officers canvassed the area, interviewing neighbors, and nobody saw anything," Senkbeil

Two days later a Ridgewood

resident discovered a jewelry chest in his yard with the drawers of jewelry missing, Senkbeil

According to Senkbeil, it is too early to tell if the same person or persons is responsible in these incidents.

In the pattern that has developed, larger items are overlooked by the thief, who pries open an unobtrusive window when the residents aren't home. In one case the intruder was scared off by an alarm. In a Nov. 3 attempted home invasion on Naples, the homeowner was home with her two small children, according to police information.

The incidents stopped early this month following widespread publicity as the police department diligently cautioned residents with flyers and crime prevention tips:

However, police want to dispel

any notion that Plymouth Township is anything but a safe com-

Police Chief Larry Carey sent Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy a Nov. 9 memo indicating that Plymouth Township had the lowest total index crime, also called serious crime, in 1998 for 26 listed Michigan communities with populations numbering 25,000-49,999.

The comparisons show, for example, that Plymouth Township had 663 crimes compared with 814 crimes in Van Buren Township, 832 crimes in White Lake Township and 837 crimes in Garden City.

These uniform crime statistics are reported to the Department of Criminal Justice.

The information was also included in meeting packets given to township board members and the press.

Security officer faces larceny charge

A private security officer faces, set at \$10,000. Richardson a preliminary examination at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 29 in 35th District Court on a charge of larceny over \$1,000, with a "habitual

second" designation added on. Lyle Brent Richardson stood mute at his arraignment Nov. 16. A plea of not guilty was entered for him, and bond was

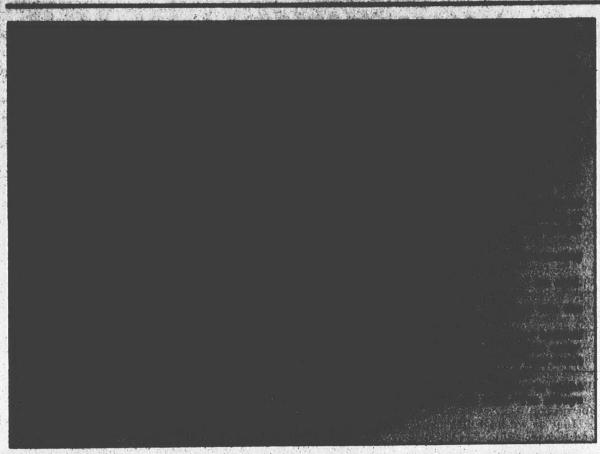
remains in Wayne County Jail.

If convicted, Richardson, 53 of Detroit, faces up to 15 years on the felony charge that alleges the theft of one IBM laptop computer valued at \$3,000.

The "habitual second" designation means the penalty that typically would be 10 years in jail

potentially increases by 50 percent to 15 years, said Plymouth Township Sgt. Steve Rapson.

Police were contacted by the loss prevention office of Home Depot, 14492 Sheldon. A surveillance tape, which showed the suspect, helped lead to the .arrest, according to a police



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Suspect faces assault charges in dispute with woman, officer

A Clinton Township man faces a preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court on misdemeanor charges of assault and battery on a police officer and domestic assault and battery.

Tchalta Moss, 35, was arraigned and released Nov. 14, said Plymouth Township Sgt.

stood mute and a plea of

not guilty was entered for him. If convicted, Mose could spend 93 days in jail on the domestic assault charge and an additional 90 days in jail for assault and

battery on a police officer.

A Plymouth Township police officer on his way to M-14 and Haggerty said he saw a couple arguing outside a car. The couple said the car had broken down, police said.

When the officer stepped between the man and woman, the man put both his hands on the police officer's chest, accord-

ing to the report.
Soft mud caused both the man and police officer to tumble into a ditch. A second police officer pulled them out of the ditch, the

Plymouth man charged with DUI in Canton

A 20-year-old Plymouth man was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in Canton Sunday.

A township officer was on patrol near the intersection of Morton Taylor and Warren roads when heard a loud exhaust coming from the Plymouth man's 1991 Ford Escort. The officer pulled the 20-yearold over and noticed a strong smell of intoxicants.

He had the Plymouth man perform several sobriety tests. A

preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .11, which is over the state's legal

The man was transported to Canton's Police Department. He was issued an appearance date of Nov. 24 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Quarters stolen

About \$300 worth of U.S.

quarters were stolen from the Canton Auto Wash on Michigan Avenue over the weekend.

According to township police reports, a coin box at the auto wash was smashed sometime between 8 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Police have no

Marijuana possession

A 16-year-old Livonia boy was charged with possessing nearly 10 grams of marijuana Friday in Canton.

A township officer saw the teen along with three other people parked in a 1992 Ford Explorer in the parking lot of a Ford Road strip mall at about 8 p.m. The officer smelled marijuana when the teen rolled the window of the vehicle down to talk to him, reports said.

The officer later searched the vehicle and found a bag of marijuana. The Livonia teen was arrested and transported to Canton's Police department.

Local shop hosts show

Lina & Julio's Bridal in Plymouth sponsors the Mon Cheri Bridal Trunk Show Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to

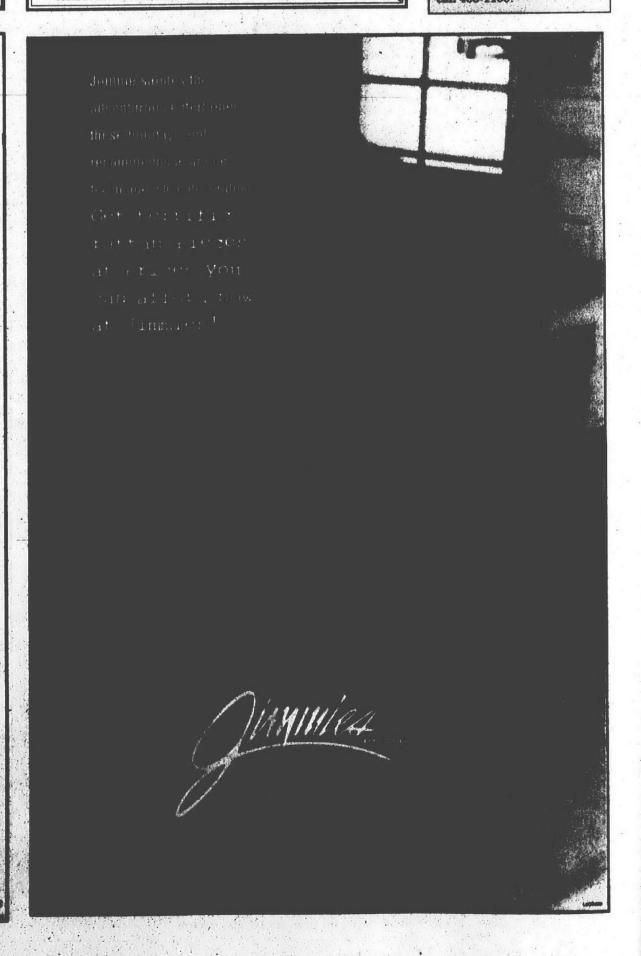
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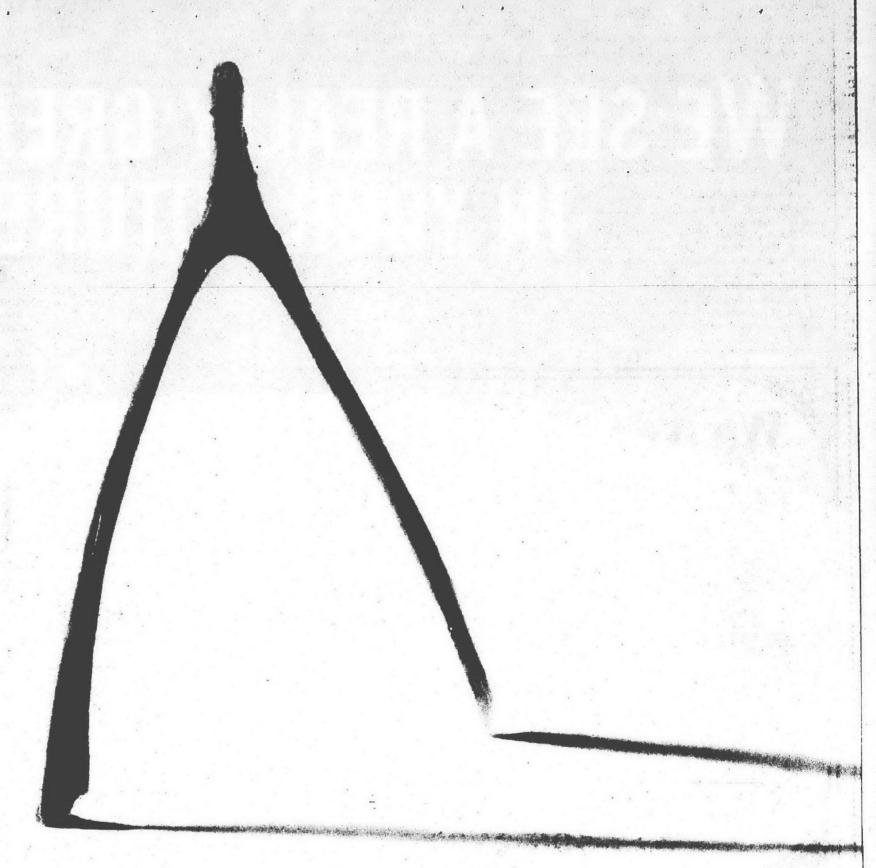
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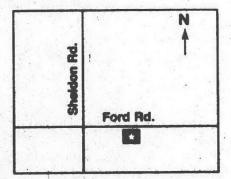


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State warns: 'Don't panic about the Y2K bug

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Completed by the Michigan Department of State Police's emergency management divi-sion, the Michigan Department of Management and Budget and the Year 2000 Project Office, the report concluded that Michigan's critical infrastructure – electric, and telecommunications - is not expected to experience any system failures that would "sig-aideantly interrupt" essential es for resid

Water supply and sewage sersergency services and the h care industry.

"All indications are that the majority of critical infrastructure providers are progressing safully in their mitigation hets and that widespread disruptions will be no more likely than they are on any other typical day," the report concluded.

There probably will be interruptions of some systems related to Y2K failures that may cause



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inconveniences well into the year 2000, but their scope and severity should not be of a magnitude to threaten public health and

But public fear and misinformation may create additional hazards. Communities at low risk from Y2K may face a greater threat from inappropriate preparedness activities.

a fire hazard for homes and neighbors, or the incre of generators, alternative heating and cooking devices that increased the danger from mis-use of those devices.

Large cash withdrawals due to banking concerns may lead to increased rebbery, swindle and theft, the report states.

The Michigan Emergency Management Division con-

The large electric utilities responsible for the bulk-power system are "progressing well."

There is "less assurance for the small electric utilities, but the risk they present to the bulk-power system is small, as is their risk of service disrup-

There is relatively less risk for the natural gas industry, and utilities are progressing well.

In telecommunications, the public switched network has a relatively low risk of Y2K fail-

■ 100 percent compliance cannot be assured, but built-in

redundancy and contingency General Accounting Office stan-planning will help avoid service derds.

Telecommunications systems may have problems but not with Y2K: instead, customers may and the resulting increased phone unage or customers check-ing their phones for YZK service

Water supply and sewage services are at low risk. These are largely electromechanical, gravity systems that have manual. workerounds available and face little impact from Y2K problems," the report said.

County is ready

Wayne County also is Y2Kready, according to Wayne County officials.

Sue Hansen, deputy director of Wayne County's Year 2000 Program Office, said the county's central communications system, providing radio communications for roads, public works, airports and the sheriff's staff will be operational.

"It has been tested and is ready to go," Hansen said.

Hansen said Wayne County spent \$26 million for Y2K programs over two years. Hansen said the Y2K tests followed U.S.

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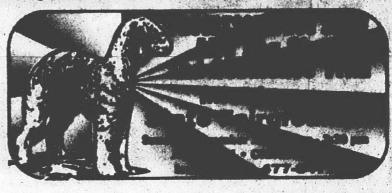
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Thanksgiving holiday travel- during the Persian Gulf War, the ers will find no-lead gas prices in Michigan up 5.4 cents per gallon this week, according to AAA Michigan's weekly Fuel Gauge survey, reaching a nine-year high at \$1.339. The last time prices reached this level was

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During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, 91 percent of stations surveyed plan to remain

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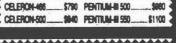
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wanted to go flying at \$3,000 as well.

Angels Hospice in Livonia was the beneficiary of this and other spirited bidding wars at Jacobson's Laurel Park store. This year's event draw a crowd of 800 and raised \$130,000 up from last year's record \$100,000.

The proceeds will go toward supporting many Angels Hospice programs including their "My Nest is Best" pediatric program, home care and others.

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In addition to the live auction and a silent auction, the evening also included gourmet food offerings from 28 area restaurants and food

Attendees were able to shop at Jacobson's and for every sales receipt \$100 and more. Jacobson's donated \$20 to Angela Hospice.

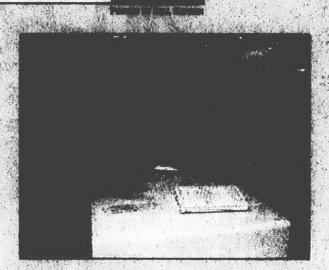
Honorary chairs for this year's event are David Brandon and wife Jan with Angela Hospice President Sister Mary Giovanni, Carolyn DiComo and Georgia Scappaticci, the benefit

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Metro Airport says plan ahead for the busiest travel weekend

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themselves plenty of time.

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

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"Commercial vehicles now park on the outer lane and private vehicles can use the inner lane for dropoff and pickups, which will help family and friends for dropoffs and pickups of passengers. Lessaline said.

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Deputy prosecutor found dead in van

BY ANDREW DIETDERICE HOMETOWN COMMUNICATION

Ray Walsh, deputy Wayne County prosecutor and Northville Township resident, was found dead in his van Tuesday morning. Northville Township police are treating the death as an apparent suicide.

Northville Township police found the 53-year-old man locked in his van on the north end of the parking lot of Meijer, 20401 Haggerty Road, 12:54 a.m.

Tuesday.

The body was turned over to the county medical examiner who is investigating the cause of

Police could offer no immediate explanation for the death of Walsh, who was the subject of numerous stories in The Northville Record regarding his department's investigation into the political activities of a

Northville Township resident. "There was no note or any evidence indicating what led up to this," said Chip Snider, Northville Township public safety director.

Snider said the cause of death has yet to be determined pending completion of the medical iner's report. He said there was no blood in the van and investigators are focusing on possible suffocation.

Police say Walsh's family filed a missing person's report at 2:20 p.m. Monday. The family told police they had last seen Walsh early Saturday night. Police discovered Walsh in the back of the van behind two bucket seats Tuesday morning.

A subsequent review of Meijer security cameras showed Walsh's van entering the parking lot at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Snider said.

"The missing person informant gave information on the last known vehicle he was in and our officers were given a BOL," Snider said.

A BOL is a "be on the lookout" alert, Snider said, and includes detailed information on the vehicle. Snider said officers patrol the Meijer parking lot regularly, and when doing so early Tuesday found the van matching the description of the vehicle from the BOL.

After they opened the door with a "slim jim" prying device, Snider said Walsh was discovered dead in the back of the van.

Walsh lived in Northvelle Township and has a wife and two children. He worked for the prosecutor's office for about 25 years. Walsh was appointed deputy chief of the out-county prosecutor's office in Westland about five years ago. He was credited with starting the faxing of warrant requests and using video cameras for interrogating witnesses to support warrant

Chief Assistant Prosecutor George Ward called Walsh "a wonderful public servant, a very

creative guy."
."He was really such a hardworking proposutor. Ward said.
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George Ward Chief assistant prosecutor

Carel May, also of the prosecu-tor's office, said: "He was a very respected member of the staff and his death is a great less not only to his coworkers, but family

May said Walsh was responsible for bringing "innevative and creative" methods to his position.

"I'm sure he was under a lot of pressure," said Dorothy Knox, chief investigator for John O'Hair, Wayne County chief prosecutor. "And I'm sure a lot of it came from (The Northville Record) office.

Walsh had been part of more than 20 articles in the Record concerning an investigation into local businessman Jim Nield, whose wife, Martha, is a Northville school district elected trustee. The investigation was started after Walsh filed a complaint against Nield and said his office had received a complaint that Nield was using school dissonal metho

including O'Hair, state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes (R-Livenia) later investigated Walsh but he was cleared in all probes, including the attorney general's investigation just last week.

"Everyone is shocked," May said. "I can't speak for everybody, but that's my guess.

Waish and Prosecutor John O'Hair recently represented the resolution from Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard (D-Westland) citing prosecutors for their work in shutting down the adult-entertainment Melody Theater in Inkster. Garden City Police Chief David Harvey represented that city's police department, which was also recognised, along with Westland, Wayne and Inkster police

departments.

Ray was very much on a crusade against child pornography and pernography in general,

Harvey said. Garden City police take all of their felony warrant requests to

the out-county presecutor's office that was headed by Walsh. "You could always turn to Ray for an answer. Whether I was a detective, a lieutenant or chief, he always would stop what he was doing to take the call," said Harvey. "He would research things and give us an answer."

Ward didn't have personal

knowledge of any health prob-lems Walsh may have suffered. "I played golf with him in September. He played better this year than he did last year. I talked to him Friday and he

sounded fine to me."
Andrew Distderich may be reached via a-mail at adietderich Oht. homecomm. net. Observer staff writers Darrell Clem and Leanne Rogers contributed to this story.

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'Caring' group helps set 150 Thanksgiving tables

BY SCOTT DANSE.

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Od Need knows no season for Bill use Morits.

As accial services director for the Salvation Army, he helps to people heat chemical dependency, cy, coordinates medical and mental care as well as feeds homeless people.

But try as he might, Morits can't do it all for the needy of Canton, Plymouth and Northville – especially during

Northville - especially during the holidays.

That's where folks like Wayne

Hill come in. As part of Caring People of Canton, he'll help feed

150 families this Thanksgiving.
It's work that doesn't go unnoticed.

"It helps us tremendously," said Moritz. "They take a load of weight off my shoulders. We want to help everyone at Thanksgiving time, but we can't."

Food was distributed yesterday in the parking lot of B.J.'s Bowery restaurant in Canton.

"It's a great feeling to see the expression on their faces," said

Hill. "I get teary-oyed some-

Hill, a longtime township resident, began Caring People of Canton in 1995. His wife, Sheron, had just survived a mericus illustration and he wandered how he could help those less fertunate than himself.

After speaking with the flabration Army, Hill decided providing food for needy families at Thankagiving would be his way.

Along with Sharon and friends
Lynn Green and Nancy Dargun,
the organization helped 15 families that first year. That number
jumped to 100 a year ago.

Hill said his goal was to add 50 families each year. He hit that mark this year.

"It feels great to help, and it's a challenge, too," he said. "Hopefully next year, we can do the same thing."

While not part of CPC, Moritz plays a critical role. He helps connect families in need with Hill.

"We've seen an increase this

year in the need for food," said

loritz.

Changes in welfare allocations

Doing their share: Joe Donoghue (from left), Dave Lethbridge and Wayne and Sharon Hill, of the organization Caring People of Canton; fill boxes with Thanksgiving foodstuffs for needy individuals. The Hills have stored the donated goods at their home in Canton in

are one reason, he said. Other reasons are the "working poor," people who are working full time

preparation for the holidays.

but making very low wages.
"It's hard for people to live on those kinds of wages," Moritz

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said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

(734) 397-5435

writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator

What Hill and CPC does makes a big difference, he

"It really helps people out," Moritz said. "There's a need for Chipse Copie of Caston Chipse Copie of Caston Casto Topics of Caston Casto Topics of Tanadays

Cannot working as Thursday's first but in Section of Cannot goods, for example, were bought from Meijer. Hill ordered more than 800 cans such of corn and beans. A similar number of beans of measureni and chasse were also bought.

And that's just the tip of the

More than 1,500 pounds of potatoes were brought in from Alpena. "We washed and bagged them ourselves." said Hill.

them ourselves," said Hill.

Then there 160 turkeys, assorted juices, bread and at least one pie for desert.

Food baskets are customized

Food baskets are customized for each family. Sharon Hill estimates that she made 500 calls to families to discover their particular needs and desires.

"Some families get two turkeys," Wayne Hill added. "Some are vegetarian."

Baskets were made this year for single people up to a family of 12. Each food basket cost CPC \$20-25 to put together. Hill said he's glad to help. "It's

Hill said he's glad to help. "It's doing something to give back to the community," he said. "We get a lot of people that cry. We get a lot of hugs too."

Wayne Hill

—Caring People of Canton

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CPC received help from a number of local people and busi-

Shurguard of Canton was one.
The firm rented a truck to CPC
at half-price for food pick up and
distribution.

"We don't get a chance to help charities much," Manager Daryl Resnowski said. "We thought this was a good way to help."

Other business making donations included: Merlin Cartridges, Pepsi, Static Control of North Carolina and Southern Aluminum of Alabama.

Ron Ponkey, Jeff and Mary Pat Petrillo, Jim Miller and Diane and Larry McDonell were among these who pitched in.

Those wishing to become involved with Caring People of Canton or making a donation should call Wayne Hill at (734) 961-6368.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

SCHULER HYDROFORMING SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR HEADQUARTERS, PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT AND LIGHT MANUFACTURING IN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.1 AND 6.08D.7 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 003 99 0008 714 AND 046 99 0002 001. Property is located on the west side of Commerce Boulevard between Koppernick and Warren Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, December 2, 1999, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



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PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE
CHARTER OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE
COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canten will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1180 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zening Ordinance:

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A special joint meeting of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth was held Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Canton Township Supervisor and Chairman of WTUA Board of Commissioners Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

NOVEMBER 17, 1999

ROLL CALL: Canton Board of Trustees Present: Bennett, Burdigiak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack; Canton Board of Trustees Absent: Kirkgatter; Canton Staff Members Present: Machnk; Also Present: Johnson, Canton Planning Commission; Members of WTUA Beard of Commissioners, Northville Township Board of Trustees, Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, Ypsilanti Township Board of Commissioners, WTUA staff, YCUA staff, members of the public.

ITEM I YOUA EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Following introductions, opening comments were made by Supervisor/Chairman Yack, WTUA Operations Mgr Faas, and YCUA Director Thomas. A presentation by Joh Kang, McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Consulting Engineers for YCUA, was made outlining the content and findings of the feasibility study to expand the existing 29 mgd YCUA wastewater treatment plant. Following the presentation, a brief questions and answer period was held. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 17, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the regular meeting of the Board on December 14, 1999.

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

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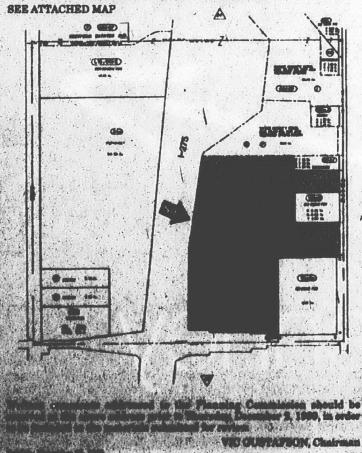
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE NO. 138 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variance to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as DEEE CREEK STT. CONDOMINIUMS located on the west side of Lots Road north of Palmer Read.

The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Article 4, Design. Standards, Section 4.1A1, Street and Alleys, Access to Major Streets, to reduce the required 50-foot wide landscaped berm to 30 feet for one side only of the south entrance of the project onto Lots Road.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 16, 1990

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 16,1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin Shefferly, Yack; Members

Absent: None

A review by the Departments of Public Safety/Police and Fire, Resource

Development and Administrative Services was presented to the Board indicating that due diligence has been made during the past year for the provision of emergency preparedness and Y2K compliance.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 16, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 23, 1999.

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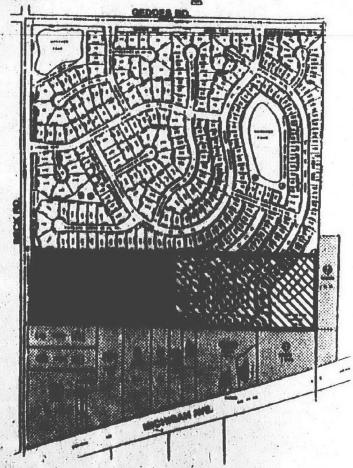
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 1959 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 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

GOFFAIOHNSON FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 130 99 0005 000. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue.

CANTON TOWNSHIP INTIATED PUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT: CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (4 UNITE/ACRE) FOR THE SOUTH 660 FEET OF MEADOW VILLAGE SUBDIVISION 92, AND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 129 99 0009 000, 131 99 0001 000, 131 99 0002 000, 131 99 0003 000, 131 99 0010 000, 131 99 0010 000, 131 99 0010 000, 131 99 0011 000, 131 99 0013 000, 131 99 0014 000, AND 131 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue east of Back Road.



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Police launch campaign to ensure kids are buckled up

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 18 /PRNewswire/ - Armed with new information that Michigan children are buckled up at rates substantially below that of adults, hundreds of Michigan law enforcement agencies are readying to take action by strictly enforcing child safety belt

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More than 400 Michigan law enforcement agencies are joining the national effort, Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children. Starting Monday through the Thanksgiving weekend, police departments, county sheriffs and Michigan State Police will patrol city streets, county roads and expressways looking for adults who neglect to buckle up chil-

According to the National Air Bag and Safety Belt Campaign, Michigan has among the highest number of participating police agencies in the nation.

A just-released Michigan survey reveals that "forgotten children," ages 4 through 15, are buckled up only 58 percent of the today if an adult had made sure

time, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI). This special survey, conducted earlier this year, examined safety belt use for children ages 0 to 15. Researchers found that overall restraint use for this group is 66 percent (59 percent for Wayne County) and 93 percent for children ages 0 to four.

Each year, UMTRI conducts a survey for the state to determine safety belt use by front seat vehicle occupants. Belt use for this group, mainly adults, is about 70 percent, the 1998 study found.

"It's appalling that adults are not taking this responsibility seriously," said Col. Michael D. Robinson, director of the Michigan Department of State Police. We can do something about this by taking aggressive enforcement action.'

Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for children of all races. Nationally, nearly six out of 10 children who die in crashes are unbuckled. Of those, nearly half would be alive

they were buckled up.

This kind of law enforcement participation and support is nearly unprecedented," Colonel Robinson said. "There is overwhelming support to protect our state's children by seeing to it that they're buckled up. These children are being forgotten after they grow out of their toddler. they grow out of their toddler seats. Parents need to be aware that safety restraints are needed

The UMTRI study also found that child safety restraint use is closely related to driver belt use, with child restraint use at more than 81 percent when the driver is buckled and only 33 percent when the driver is unbuckled.

"It's a parent's responsibility to see to it that they do everything within their power to keep them safe," said Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. According to Posthumus, seat belts and safety seats do just that. "They provide important protection if there is ever a crash," Posthumus added.

Current Michigan law requires children up to age one to be in a

The bill will be on the House cal-

endar when it returns to session

Nov. 30, but Bennett believes

"high priorities" will keep it from

being taken up until the start of

child safety seat in the front or back seat of a vehicle. Children ages 1 to 4 must be in a child safety seat in the front seat. That same age group must be in a child safety seat or safety belt in the back seat. Passengers up to age 16 must be wearing a safety belt in the front or back

Beginning Spring 2000, Michigan's standard safety belt law will take effect. Children up to

age four will be required to ride in a child safety seat in the front and rear seating positions.

In addition, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is funding special overtime enforcement to further support the program in the state's 15 highest crash counties. These counties are: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Genesee, Ottawa, Ingham, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Bay, Barry, Berrien,

Eaton, Mason and Newaygo

Michigan began building statewide support for the ABC campaign in May 1999, when more than 300 law enforcement agencies took part in a national Memorial Day mobilization to buckle up children. The next enforcement wave will take place Feb. 13-19, 2000, in conjunction with National Child Passenger Safety Week.

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Bennett bill would bar students who riot from campus for 2 years

cover the cost of damage done.

Bennett's bill won approval in

the Senate in the spring. It was

reported from the Criminal Law

and Corrections Committee in

the House earlier this month.

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Rioting on campus at a university in Michigan will get you barred from college all across the state for as much as two years, under a bill proposed by state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

The bill is a response to disturbances at Michigan universities, most recently Michigan State. But Bennett's legislative aide Bill Sullivan said there have also been incidents at the University of Michigan, Central Michigan and Western in recent years. The MSU disturbances "just brought it to a head" for the senator, Sullivan explained.

Under Senate Bill 525, students convicted of a misdemeanor related to a riot within 2,500 feet of a college campus can be barred from college property for up to a year, at the discretion of the judge. For those convicted of a riot-related felony, a judge could order them to stay away from college property for up to two years.

And the bill applies to all campuses in Michigan. Students from Western were recorded at the MSU disturbance saying they thought "it was great" being able to participate in the disturbance at MSU without getting in trouble at their own school, Sullivan explained.

For anyone caught participating in a campus riot who is not a student, the bill also allows a judge to order restitution to

Rep. Rivers holds coffees in December

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will conduct "coffee hours" in Canton and Livonia over the next several weeks.

Rivers will visit with constituents at Tim Horton's, 41276 Ford Road, in Canton, 8:30-10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and again during the same hours on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Silverman's Restaurant, 36480 Plymouth, in Livonia.

All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss concerns with her.

Rivers also will hold a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday; Dec. 2, at South Middle School, 45201 Owen, in Belleville. Constituents are encouraged to attend and discuss concerns they have about the federal government.

For directions or further information, call Deborah Johnson in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

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Superintendent

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the Observer

Decision requires great care

he second round of interviews is under way to fill the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent's job and we like what we're hearing - both in terms of questions asked by the board and responses from the finalists. The district, its students, staff, residents and all three candidates

full-fledged effort at the search process designed by the Bickert Group consulting firm and approved by the school board.

Outgoing: Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott has said he won't stay long after his contract expires in January.

trustees to keep an open mind about the search and its parameters - even if that means starting over again and/or finding a new interim superintendent after Ken Walcott's contract expires in January.

School board members interviewed William Weber, currently an assistant superintendent in South Redford, last week. This week's scheduled interview is with Phyllis Wilson, deputy superintendent in Columbus, Ohio; and next week trustees will meet with Kath-

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we sit down to a feast with our

and for bringing us through yet another year.

We do this in commemoration of a hearty

country on a small sailing ship they called The

Mayflower. About half of those who left Ply-

formists who had previously escaped to Hol-

land; the others were people just anxious to

tentious groups came together to sign The

Mayflower Compact. This document gave

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validity to the group, which was about to set-

As the group settled, they established a

more detailed organizational charter, a pre-

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mouth, England, were religious non-con-

leave their old lives behind.

families to give thanks for all that we have

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leen Booher, current Berkley superintendent. Trustees hope to begin negotiations with a top candidate next month and name a superintendent by Jan. 1.

The superintendent's job is too important to fill on a stop-gap basis, or with anyone less than an ideally qualified candidate who is a good fit for Plymouth-Canton. The superintendent's job obviously calls for a top educator and administrator. But we also believe Plymouth-Canton is at a crucial juncture, requiring someone with long-term vision about educational needs in the next century and the fortitude to make those changes.

This is not intended as a slight to the three finalists. But some board members expressed disappointment following the first round of interviews earlier this month. And others have questioned whether the plan to fill the job in the middle of a school year hurt the overall quality of the applicant field.

Walcott has stated his preference is to leave at the conclusion of his contract, which effectively turns up the pressure on the board to finish the search process in a timely manner. Finding a second, qualified interim leader at this late date wouldn't be easy.

And we're sure teachers and other employees would like a done deal. It's always easier to get the job done when there's stability in top management

The Observer believes it would, indeed, be rough working with an interim superintendent for the remainder of the school year. But that's a far better scenario than hiring the wrong person for the permanent job.

cursor of our Constitution. They also made

just relationship between the two peoples

whose ways were alien to each other.

peace with the Indian Massasoit, outlining a

Of course, we know, that relations between

white settlers and Indians did not remain hos-

pitable. We know that the Pilgrims and their

erance that others would rise to protest.

followers would create an atmosphere of intol-

But for one brief moment, probably some-

time in late October 1621, the white settlers

from England who had survived the terrible

previous winter and their new-found Indian

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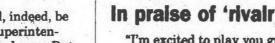
May your Thanksgiving be in that spirit.

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ship of people at the end of the earth.

friends would come together to share athletic

games, a harvest feast and the strange friend-



That is an uncommon phrase you hear from rivals, but not at PCEP. Here at the park it's not your ordinary rivalry. It's a friendly competition between two schools that share the

envy that might become vicious - with schools less than 200 yards apart, conflict and hot tempers cannot be tolerated.

A lot has been done to assure that the competitive nature in everyone is kept in-house. Security is on alert when it's a game day. They make sure no one gets carried away. Our coordinators also attend the athletic events

you think of rivalry you think of hate. Michigan and Michigan State have that. Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem lack in more ways than one.

True rivals are merciless. Vandalism occurs, insults are hurled and, in some cases, it can turn violent.

The absolute worst thing you can do at our schools is paint the rock. The rock is a symbol of Salem's effort to have school spirit. The rock is usually painted in blue and white, since those are Salem's colors.

Whenever a sports team has had a big victory over another, the object is to sneakily paint the rock in your school colors and claim

That's about as far as the practical jokes can go. It's the only way our competitive spirit is played cut. That just shows you how harmless it really is. It is all bark, no bite. We are different from the rest.

We are watched carefully to make sure nothing gets out of hand. We cannot have hostility between the schools. We share our athletic facilities and are usually good friends with the opposing team.

Your best friend could go to Salem when you attend Canton. Everyone accepts that because you are actively involved with the rival students daily.

We hang out with each other after school. We might even be teammates in city leagues.

opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Brad Kadrich, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Brad at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

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WE'RE GETTING TOUGH

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In praise of 'rivairy'

"I'm excited to play you guys, good luck

same campus.

All agree that we cannot afford to have any

and try to regulate demeanors.

We have a false definition of rivalry. When

the territory.

We live in the same community - my neighbors can go to Salem and I to Canton.

After a big Canton/Salem game bragging rites begin, but life goes on. There might be a little bit of teasing, but that's it. The next day in school everyone will act as if nothing happened. Consider it forgotten until the next big

There is a lot of school spirit, however. The only time there is a division of schools is the day of a game.

That's when students and faculty will wear their sports team apparel. There could possibly be some face painting and creative homemade T-shirts.

We have spirit clubs that go to all the games and cheer on their school. Posters are put up in the hallways and school fight songs

are played over the speakers. The enthusiasm will also motivate the authorities. Some teachers give extra credit for those students who can sing the fight song in front of the class. Occasionally you will find that faculty member attending the event who

will be covered in school colors. You might be asking yourself, "How is this possible, two schools on the same campus without fighting?" Yes, we are different.

I am glad to be part of this false rivalry. I find it a great way to demonstrate self-control. My view is 100 percent for the two schools interacting together and keeping the friendship strong.

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You will find this incredible camaraderie only at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. We are proud of our school and the systems we have to maintain this rare fellowship. Meghan Meier



Keep teen drivers accountable

Thanksgiving: Tolerance reins

State Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Hills)
has the right idea. Simply stated: No school . . . no wheels. It's just that simple, boys and girls - and parents, too. Michigan's teenagers attend classes on a regular basis, or they just don't drive.

So says Peters, who recently introduced legislation that would give school officials new ways to enforce attendance requirements. A key part of the package, Senate Bill 759, would allow a court to delay issuance of a driver's license, or suspend an existing license, for a student who is not regularly attending

Peters' package, Senate Bills 758-761, would also:

Require parents to be notified if a student is absent without an excuse twice in 30 days.

Require an "agreement for attendance" if a student is absent without an excuse five times in a month, and allow court intervention if a child is absent seven times in a month.

Increase ponalties for parents who fail to send their children to school. Sentences for parents could include fines from \$50 to \$500, or juil terms from two to 90 days.

While we can't endorse the entire package

III While we can't endorse the entire package without additional information, we think the basic idea of linking a driver's license to attendance in school has merit, and we hope the Legislature takes favorable action.

huge event in the lives of most American teenagers. If there's a more important "right of passage" for a young person, we've not noticed it. And parents, who have come to depend on just-licensed Johnny or Janey to run those family errands in the family van, would be most unhappy at the prospect of los- . ing their designated drivers.

Peters told reporter Mike Malott of our HomeTown News Service that the package is a way to intervene early in the lives of youngsters headed for trouble. Truancy is often an early sign a youth is on the way to delinquency, the senator said. Seen by many as a "status crime," truancy often is not taken seriously. Some school districts punish truants by suspending the offending students from classee. That makes no sense at all.

It would be up to the Family Court and Protective Services to determine which parents are making the effort and which should be subjected to the sanctions.

However the details finally are worked out, are that Sen. Peters has come up with a set (strategy to cope with a problem that hope the idea eventually gets a chance.

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other things, the report argues that ligan's economy needs to go way beyond where Michigan has a real competitive go against other states:

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Information technology. Headquarters for t 2, the effort to produce the next version the Internet, is in Ann Arbor. Everybody we how fast the Internet is changing the world, and it only makes sense for Michito take fullest advantage of the IT capability morging right here.

Link

An enermous chunk of life sciences research now going on in our universities where, for le, the University of Michigan leads the in sponsored research, much of which is things medical and biological. State governat has pledged to plow \$50 million per year is life sciences initiatives now emerging at U-MSU and at the Van Andel Institute in and Rapids. The potential here is awesome.

What MEDC wants to do get people focusing how best to get there. The report recognizes, for example, that the is and intelligence of our work force are vital.

but the perception of many Michigan's brightest

ng people is that there are "hotter economies work in and cooler places to be."

The report suggests some good ideas such as ex reductions and tuition support for college and technical school students and promotion of careers in technology at high schools. Using oney from the tobacco lawsuit settlement, Gov. Engler has funded college scholarships at Michiion schools for kids who score well on every section of the 11th-grade MEAP test.

One idea, not mentioned in the MEDC report, has been kicking around for years: Establish a Michigan Math and Science Academy, where the brightest kids in the state would go to get really serious math and science training from the best teachers in the state. It could start as a summer program modeled on the music curriculum of interlection, but there's no reason it could not be year-round and residential.

Another area highlighted by the report is infrastructure. This begins with adequate roads



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and effective airports and ends with high bandwidth fiber optic connections into every home and business. Around a third of the Michigan business leaders surveyed in the MEDC report consider Michigan "in the dark ages" when it comes to technology.

A couple of years ago, I served as a member of the Michigan Information Technology Commission. Supported by a generous grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the Commission chewed on how Michigan could become a world leader in IT.

One of the ideas that came out of our discussions was to create the equivalent of the Baldridge Award - a rigorous and much soughtafter award given to companies that absolutely excel in their sector - for local communities that get their information technology infrastructure in order. Towns that, for instance, require developers to put fiber optic connections in all new homes and offered incentives for phone and cable companies to retrofit existing structures with fiber could be certified as "technologically friendly."

We reasoned that once folks understood what such designation could do for local jobs and economic development, natural competition between communities could spur improvements in infrastructure through the entire state without having to rely on the heavy hand of government regulation.

Reading the MEDC report is encouraging. It suggests the time has passed for hand-wringing about the state of our economy, and it provides focus for what needs to be done to grow a diversified and healthy economy.

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Freshman rep has valid points

State Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison
Standard, come to the indicators with a
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Michigan Education Assessment Program has in its current form and to have received, as a result, a state endorsed diploma.

At age 23, this freshman has criticisms of the way the MEAP is run presently. Not surprisingly, he plans to introduce legislation he hopes will make the educational assessment test a little better.

Among his criticisms is that the current test does little more than pit school district against school district. It doesn't provide educators with the information they really need to improve the quality of education their students

are getting, he contends. "I want to see it used a tool to improve education," he explained. "Some of the things that I know best, I know because I got them wrong on a test, and I took the time to understand why I got them wrong."

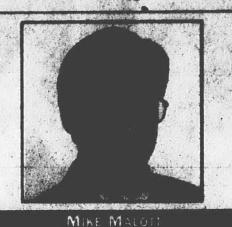
Woodward plans to include in his proposal a provision requiring that each student who takes the test be given an itemized list of their answers, along with a list of which were right and which were wrong. Woodward would like to see teachers get back copies of students' writing samples with evaluations placed on them by the graders, so that teachers can work with the students to improve areas of weakness identified in the test.

Furthermore, he'd like to see that teachers get copies of the test so they can better teach the skills covered.

He also wants the results returned to schools more quickly, so teachers can work with students on those weaknesses. As it is, the results come too late, he said.

The MEAP scores, as they are handled now, simply serve to praise or shun a particular school district, leaving districts little alternative but to teach to the exam, or risk a negative stigma. Teaching how to take a particular exam is much different than teaching materials covered in the exam for the sake of learning and gaining knowledge.

Now, there is a lot of room for disagreement with the representative. I for one don't think it's a bad thing that MEAP test scores allow people to compare one school district to another. Initially, that was one of the key purposes behind the test, giving parents a way to compare and contrast the performance of schools so that they could best choose where to place their



kids when moving to a new home

Of course I've heard the arguments from some that the MEAP is a one-dimensional way to compare districts. Parents would be better off to look at the curriculum, the services and programs offered to students, the variety of coun offered by the school districts, and the staff that

run the district, so the argument goes.

They are probably right, but most parents really don't know what to look for or how to compare school districts.

Test administrators will no doubt object to Woodward's proposal to give teachers co the test. They'll say that is a sure way to look the test to the public, and some students will no doubt get a hold of copies to cheat. Of course, that could be easily avoided by having several versions of the test, then mixing and matching questions at random, so that students taking the test in the future can't possibly know what questions they'll see on the test.

Still and all, Woodward's primary suggestion of getting detailed information back to teachers and students on an individual basis so they can look at where they erred is a valid one. As he points out, seeing where you made mistakes can be a very valuable learning tool. And if MEAP administrators don't want to give the answers back with right and wrong marked, they should at least consider giving individual students a list describing the skill areas where they came up short.

Just saying, "Sorry, you don't know basic skills. No, you don't meet state standards. No, you can't have an endorsed diploma," hardly seems like adequate feedback.

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Sewer meeting true waste of time

y father always used to tell me that there things. If you're not going to do it the right way, he would say, don't bother.

If you happened to have the misfortune of attending the Nov. 17 meeting between the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville and Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority efficials, you saw a perfect illustration of the wrong way of doing things.

Not that I'm faulting any of the township representatives. A good portion of each comnity's board showed up for the meeting, which was held at Canton's administration building. They appeared genuinely interested in hearing what YCUA had to say.

That was a mistake.

For their trouble, board members were treated to a patronizing and pathetic presentaion. Having taught elementary school, I can oll you directly I've seen better reports from Ath-graders.

The authority made a feeble attempt at manipulating numbers. It was an effort to convince the boards they should help pay for an expansion of the Ypsilanti wastewater treatment plant instead of building their own.

It was insulting. Anyone with even a rudimentary understanding of the situation had to bite their lip, as one Plymouth Township official did, to keep from bursting out with laugh-

Perhaps a bit of background might help

explain why. in 1974, YCUA was formed. It serves the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. The two municipalities comprise the authority's

Superior, Pittsfield, Augusta and Sumpter townships are YCUA customers. So, too, are Canton, Plymouth and Northville, which form the Western Townships Utilities Authority.

Each town receives water and/or wastewater service from Ypsilanti. WTUA began shipping wastewater to the authority in the early 1990s.

The Ypsilanti plant has a current capacity of treating 29 million gallons of wastewater or day. It's nearly at capacity now with WIUA sending about 9 million gallons every

The question is, is it more cost-effective for the townships to help-expand YCUA's facilities or construct its own plant?

Further clouding the issue is the idea of rep-

YCUA has steadfastly refused to give the townships a voice on its board. That means WTUA has no control over what its residents are billed for wastewater services.

Understandably, WTUA's board, which is omposed of each community's supervisor, voted to build its own plant in September. The



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move was designed to end the authority's relationships with YCUA and Detroit.

It's a \$130 million proposition, however. That being the case, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy asked for a last-ditch negotiation effort between WTUA and Ypsilanti officials.

Talks have been on-going for more than a month. A final bargaining session was held

WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said after the Nov. 17 meeting that he always tries to see the glass as being half-full when it comes to negotiations. Frankly, it's a courtesy Faas doesn't owe YCUA.

Ypsilanti Engineer Joe Kang made the presentation to the townships. He explained how expanding YCUA in two phases would "save" the townships big money.

If a 16-million-gallon-per-day facility were built by 2004, Kang said WTUA would save nearly \$50 million in capital costs. He failed to mention a few things.

First, the townships are planning to build a 29-million-gallon-per-day facility. While it's true WTUA would save in the short term, it would pay more money later to help Ypsilanti expand a second time.

There's no savings.

In fact, it's likely that building a plant big enough to handle all of the townships' future needs now will be cheaper over the long haul. We know what the cost is in today's dollars. Higher interest rates, labor costs, etc... will mean more out-of-pocket later.

On Monday, Faas will recommend to WTUA's board on which direction it should go.

I, for one, think the choice is painfully obvious. If you want to continue to get treated like children, stick with YCUA. If you want to control your own destiny, provide better and more cost-effective service to residents, build your

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Have 'berry' good dinner

orty years ago this month - on Nov. 9, 1959 – Arthur Fleming, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, made an ominous announcement: A shipment of cranberries from Oregon had been found by FDA investigators to be contaminated with aminotriazole, a weed killer that had been approved for use in cranberry bogs, but only after the harvest.

He said other berries from Oregon and Washington "might be" contaminated. And, while he said that berries from Massachusetts, Wisconsin and New Jersey showed no evidence of contamination, he was asked by a reporter if a housewife could be sure the cranberries she was buying were

Fleming's response: "To be on the safe side, she doesn't buy."

The announcement and Fleming's offhand remark set off a national panic that later came to be known as "The Great Cranberry Scare of 1959." In Chicago and San Francisco - and in the entire state of Ohio - cranberry sales were banned. Other states -Kentucky, Michigan and Washington - called for voluntary suspensions.

Stores pulled cranberry products off the shelves, restaurants took cranberry dishes off the menus and schools dumped anything containing cranber-

Agreed to help

Cranberry producers agreed to help the government look for contaminated berries, but, facing potential losses of millions of dollars in cranberry sales, they demanded an apology from Fleming.

As far as aminotriazole was concerned, it had been tested on laboratory rats and, indeed, shown to produce cancer in the rodents. But, according to the American Council on Science and Health, the risk to humans, if there ever was one, was infinitesimal at best. The lab rats were given a dosage that would have been equivalent to a human consuming 15,000 POUNDS of berries every day for several years.

Other government officials, worried that the scare was getting out of hand, tried to smooth things out a bit. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson announced that he was having cranberries for Thanksgiving. And presidential candidates Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy consumed cranberry sauce and cranberry juice at campaign stops. Even Fleming announced that he was having cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving din-

By the time Thanksgiving actually arrived, canned cranberry sauce was back on supermarket shelves, with labels telling buyers that the fruit had been inspected and was safe. But the damage had been done and millions of nervous Americans had cranberryless Thanksgiving dinners.

Back to normal, but ...

By the next year people had forgotten about contaminated cranberries and Thanksgiving dinners were back to normal. But the cranberry panic was just the beginning. It was the first of the modern food "scares."

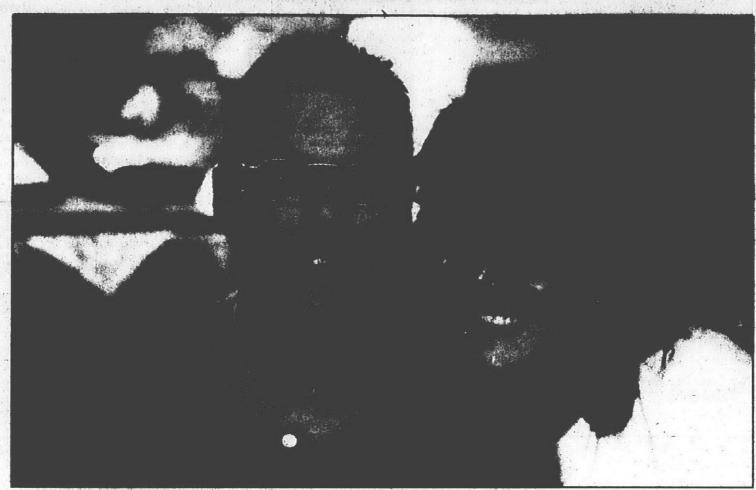
Dr. Elizabeth Whelan, president of the American Council on Science and Health, summed it up:

"The cranberry scare of 1959 set the stage for decades of unfounded anxiety about trace levels of agricultural chemicals and additives in food. Many other food scares based solely on highdose animal studies would follow, involving nitrite in bacon, the artificial sweetener saccharin, and most notably, the chemical Alar, which was used in regulating the growth of

So if you have bacon and eggs for breakfast, then a Thanksgiving din-ner including apple pie, cranberry sauce and coffee sweetened with sac-charin, don't pig out (moderation is always beet), but don't panic either. It's all perfectly safe (unless you're a laboratory rat).

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for

Something to be thankful for



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

In sickness and in health: This Thanksgiving Day John and Stacey Blackport of Canton Township have plenty to be thankful for. For John, it's the gift of life his wife gave him. For Stacey, it's being a match so she could give her husband one of her kidneys.

Husband, wife share gift of life

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

tacey Blackport came up with the best anniversary gift ever - a kidney that saved her husband's life.

On Oct. 20 they both underwent surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to transplant Stacey's kidney to John's body. They were married Dec. 5, 1998.

"From the beginning she thought she would be a match," John said. "She saved my life."

It turned out that her hunch was right despite what statisticians would have predicted. Since they aren't blood relatives the chances that she would be a compatible donor are rare, however, medical advances are making it more and more common for people who aren't related to donate

kidneys, according to a hospital spokesperson. Stacey, 30, returned to their Canton Township apartment two days after the operation and John, 36, joined her one day later.

John, who has a small incision where the doctors dropped in Stacey's kidney, is recovering much quicker than his wife. Stacey has a 9-inch scar reaching from her front to her back.

"She's having trouble getting up and down and

I'm here bopping around," John said. Laughing and then pausing, Stacey added: "Now

you look healthy and I don't.' "I'm waiting on her hand and foot for a change."

John said. "I can't do enough for her now. It's great. I love her so much that it's fun.'

A 4-year wait

For nearly four years before he received Stacey's

kidney, John remained on two kidney transplant waiting lists - one at the U-M Hospital and another at the University of Wisconsin Hospital.

"No one in these two states could help me, whether they were dead or living," Blackport said. "Stacey did something that no one in the world could do for me.

John's medical problems began when he was 12 and was diagnosed with diabetes. His regimen included daily insulin shots and a restricted diet, but over the years, the stress of the disease weakened his kidneys.

Finally, in February 1994 his name was chosen to receive a kidney and pancreas from someone who had died. His organs weren't removed during either transplant.

"It's like a lottery and you wait for your name to be picked," John said.

If his stomach seems to protrude a bit, it's not from eating too much fast food or drinking beer, he said, but because he has three extra organs. He has four kidneys and two pancreas' Most people

have two kidneys and one pancreas. Meanwhile the operation forever changed his life, because the new pancreas worked properly and that meant he was no longer diabetic.

"That was a blessing," John said. But, the operation wasn't all good news. His new

kidney began to fail two years later and his body

The kidney was rejected, but the transplant was a blessing, because it worked for nearly two years," he added.

John was on dialysis for four years, which meant his diet was highly restricted again, with no dairy products or dark pops to name a couple of the limitations. He also ingested piles of pills everyday.

"It's hard to watch your diet all the time and take all the pills, including 16 for breakfast, when I didn't even feel like a piece of toast," John said.

Suitable match

The Blackports learned Stacey was a suitable match about two years ago, but the operation was delayed, because she had high blood pressure and he had an infection from his dialysis treatments.

His new kidney has given him another chance at a healthy life, except for a recuperation period. When the Blackports returned from the hospital, they were told not to drive for two weeks and not to lift anything heavier than a telephone for six

Their ordeal has been lightened by friends at the Church of the Savior in Livonia, the church Stacey has attended since her childhood.

Families there took turns bringing dinners, grocery shopping, doing laundry and house cleaning, taking them to doctor visits, running other errands and even providing financial aid.

"John and Stacey are a wonderful couple," said the Rev. Tom Daubenspeck, Church of the Savior

Likewise, the couple are bowled over by the kindness and generosity they've received.

"I think (the organ donation has) done some things at several levels," Daubenspeck said. "It's brought John and Stacey closer in a short period of time than most couples ever are. In terms of their own faith, it's been a great experience putting their trust in God and seeing God at work in their

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Santa's helper. Kristy Even of Garden City has "a lot of fun" writing personalized letters to children on behalf of Santa Claus.

Letter-writing 'elf' handles Santa mail

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.homecomm.net

Kristy Even tells her children she's one of Santa's elves, but her children -Micaela, 5, and Connor, 2 - don't believe her. When she dressed the part for a craft show last year, they thought she was silly.

But they do help her stuff envelopes with very special letters and magic keys and snowflakes for other boys and girls around the country. Even is a member of the Professional Association of Santa's Elves

"I've been doing it four years, and each year it's grown," said the Garden City resident. "I started doing it for the kids and my nephews and nieces for their scrapbooks. And when I went through AOL looking for a home-based business, I found PASE.

Founded in 1997, PASE ensures that its members have the resources necessary to write quality letters for Santa. PASE letter-writing elves "are dedicated to putting a smile on the face of a child and also offer Santa's encouragement in areas that need improvement."

For \$5, Even writes a personalized

letter from Santa Claus to a child, an adult, even a family pet. She has written letters encouraging a 3-year-old to go to bed on his own or another to become potty trained and letting a boy know his girlfriend knew he had cheated on her. For that, he received a naughty letter with a bag of coal.

She has helped children who are dealing with divorce or the death of a grandparent ("those are not good letters to write") and sent some magic snowflakes to a child who lacked

"I used the 'Wizard of Oz' idea and told him to put the magic snowflakes in his pocket," said Even. "His father wrote back to say that that little trick helped him keep his courage up.

"I sent one to my nephew who was 8 and at that age where they don't quite believe in Santa Claus. I included the names of his teacher and his friends, His mom said his mouth just dropped: He knew only Santa would know his teacher's name.

Getting the word out

Even uses fliers that she leaves on

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they can by praying for them

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Byen the the service better from Santa Claus and letters from the Easter Bunny, which aren't as popular as the letters

The first year, Even wrote 10 Santa letters, the next year it was 20. Last year, she wrote 150 and is heping to triple the number this year.

She dose most of her writing while Conner is napping or when her husband takes the children to see grandma. The letter writing is in addition to working part-time as a customer service specialist et SnethKamp Chrysler Jeep and part-time as a customer service auditor for about 100 stores

Even isn't getting rich doing the letters. She does it mostly for fun. The head elf, whom she looks up to, makes \$40,000 a year for the six weeks leading up to Christmas. He hires his children to work for him and has 10 printers running, she said.

"I mainly make \$1 from the letter and \$1 I donate (of each \$5) to charity (Canine Companions for Independence)," Even said. "It's a lot of fun ... a lot of work, but a lot of fun."

ett and Victoria Canton announce the birth of Jacob Scott Aug. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Monty and Susan Lewis, Dennis and Carol Pagna and Gary and MaryJo Maki.

Kirk Thompson of Westland and College Thompson of Garden City announce the birth of Kyle Darian Aug. 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Karen and Bert Edwards of Garden City and Sharon and Mike Wallen of Westland and Curt and Maryann Thompson of Deckerville.

Lee and Carrie Scabelaki of Livenia announce the birth of Kristin Nicole Aug. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Josephine Szabelski of Livonia and William and Marilyn Cole of

Garden City.

Ty and Kelly Hee of Livonia announce the birth of Casey Ann Aug. 7 at St. Joseph Mercy. Hospital-Oakland County. She has a sister, Dana Anne. Grandparents are Tom and Grace Makowski of Middletown, N.Y. Richard and Karen Porter of Holly and Eileen Iles of Frankfort. Ill. Great-grandmother is Angela Ambrose of Livonia.

John and Michelle Cook of Livonia announce the birth of Nicole Maldondo-Cook Aug. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has three siblings, Natalie, 12, Jennifer, 13, and Jaclyn, 13. Grandmother is Peg Cook of Livonia.

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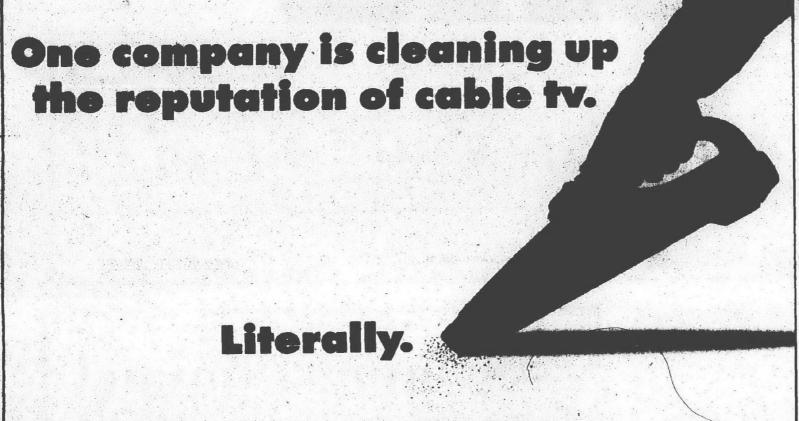
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Karl and Danielle Kerkhof of Garden City announce the birth of Shelby Danielle Aug. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a brother, Tyler, 4. Grandparents are Gary Kerkhof of Ypsilanti and Mike and Deborah Cannon of Garden City.

Paul and Misty Young of Westland announce the birth of Hope Lynn Aug. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tom and Pam Janis of Westland and Ron and Corrine Young of Royal

Anthony and Jennifer Gossett of Westland announce the birth of Roman Bailey Aug. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has one brother, Steven Brolyes III. Grandparents are Richard and Carol Tjernlund of Garden City and David Gossett and Judy Byrnes of Allen Park.



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Dennis Spieth and Cindia Spieth of Napoleon, Ohio, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelly Ann, to Kevin Kenneth Kneip, the son of Kenneth and Jayne Kneip of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Napoleon High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University. She works as a customer service agent for Northwest Airlines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed as a equipment service employee by Northwest Airlines at Detroit Metropolitan

Yaquinto-Armstrong

Maureen Armstrong and Todd Yaquinto were married Aug. 6 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. The Rev. Scott Thibodeau officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Barbara Armstrong of Farmington Hills. The groom is the son of Donald and Charlene Yaquinto of Northville, formerly of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. She is employed as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

The groom is a graduate of Wayne State University and Michigan State University. He is employed as a district sales executive by Expeditors Internation-

The bride asked Andrea Kosiba to serve as maid of honor. with bridesmaids Maria Huhn, Kim Kregoski and Gina Yaquinto helping. Shelby Armstrong was the flower girl.

The groom asked Tony



Anne Kristen Flessar and Matthew Russell Bohrer were married June 12 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia by the Rev. Denis Theroux.

The bride is the daughter of Eugene and Joan Flessar of Livonia. The groom is the son of Raymond and Stephanie Bohrer of Traverse City.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. She is employed by Abbott Laborato-

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Traverse City Central High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. He is employed by Financial Investment Management Group in Suttons Bay.

The bride asked Denise Truesdell to serve as maid of honor with Megan Bohrer, Jean Butrico-Cooper, Michelle Kopek, Kelly Pizzuti and Melaney Truesdell as bridesmaids. Jennifer and Jessica Fleszar were the flower

Hale-Meyers

Donald and Janice Hale of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ellen, to Dean Arthur Meyers, the son of Don Meyers and Carol Meyers of St. Clair Shores.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 grad-



The groom asked Chris Willbur to serve as best man with Aaron Bohrer, David Bohrer, Jake Brehmer, Pat Erway and Justin Fleszar as groomsmen. Josh Bohrer was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Traverse

uate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed as a shipping and receiving clerk with Air Gage Co. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of St. Clair High School. He is employed as a service engineer at Air Gage Co.

A May wedding is planned at El Dorado Country Club.

Cheal-Clapham

Robert Cheel and Sharon Bar-bare of Livenia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Barbara, to Matthew Aaron Clapham, the son of Edwin and Patricia Clapham of

The bride-to-be is a senior in the elementary teacher education program at Eastern Michigan University. She works in the chemistry department at the

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan where he majored in engineering and music. He is employed by Microsoft in Redmond, Wash.



A May 2001 wedding is planned.



Sports - Where the hoops are

Daniels-Smukal

Michael and Kathy Daniels of Hartland announce the engagement of their daughter, Inga Britt, to Garrett Smukal, the son of Garrett Smukal of Livonia and Kim McKay of Lincoln, Neb.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High School Westland. She is employed as a secretary in the family business.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Lutheran High School Westland. He is studying to become an elec-

A September wedding is being planned.

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honeymoon trip to Jamaica.

They are making their home in

The couple received guests at a

ring bearer,

Northville.

A November wedding is

planned at Emmanuel Lutheran

Church in Napoleon.

For more information, call Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 or Tiffanie Lacey at (734) 459-



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107 COLLECTION

Mel's Golden Razor **Annual Toy Collection will** take place from Nov. 25 until Dec. 18 at 595 Forest, Plymouth. There will be new and used toys for needy and handicapped children for Christmas. Call (734) 455-9057.

CANTON GOODFELLOWS ■ The Canton Goodfellows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items until Tuesday, Dec. 14, to provide gifts and holiday food baskets for needy Canton families and senior citizens. The collection is now under way. Non-perishable food items needed include: soup, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, treats such as candy and gum, holiday dinner trimmings including cranberry sauce, stuffing/dressing, instant potatoes, gravy, Jell-O, pudding, cake mixes and

frosting. Please don't gift wrap toys as they must be sorted by age and gender. Donations may be dropped off at the Hanford Road Clubhouse in Sunflower Village, 45800 Hanford, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays. PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the z holiday season. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving 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, please 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. The Goodfellows fund-raiser (selling the Goodfellows edition at area road inter-sections) will be held Saturday, Dec. 4.

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Dec. 4. You set the prices, you get the money (Centon Parks and Recreetion keeps 15 persont). Volun-teers will be on hand to do the selling, so you need not be present. You may collect your money or pick up your unsold items from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

RUNCH WITH SANTA Bring the family to have brunch with Mr. Claus himself at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, or Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Summit on the Park, Canton, in the **Banquet and Conference** Center. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Children under 4 are free. All children will receive a photo. Reservations are required. Reservations can be made 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Wednesday, Nov. 24. Call (734) 397-5110, ext. 410.

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW n There will be a "Holiday Doll Show," Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer St. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5, and \$2 for people age 4-12. The show features dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique, collectible dolls and doll accessories of all kinds. Call (734) 455-2110.

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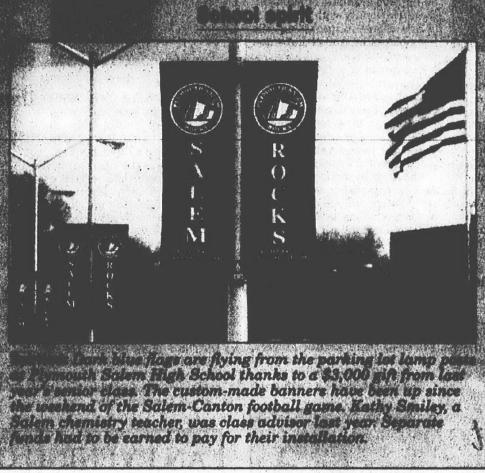
DONNIT n The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee Dec. 1 through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. (Dec. 17 through the holidays by appointment only). A reception to meet the artist is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Arts Council. Call (734) 207-3918.

DIN MEETING The Plymouth chapter of **Business Network Interna**tional will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800. The Canton chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-

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AED TESTING GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place 5-10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, and Wednesday, Dec. 1. Day testing will be offered 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 2. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Register in advance. Call (734) 416-

4901. OPEN HOUSE

Summit on the Park invites parents to come and observe a small demonstration, meet the instructor and ask any questions you may have about the Kindermusik program 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Ash Room at Summit on the Park, Canton. Kindermusik is designed for lap babies, crawlers and walkers between the ages of newborn and 1 1/2 years. This class will open the door to your relationship with your baby through music. You will sing, dance, explore instruments and meet new parents. Call (734) 397-5110.

ART & JEWELRY PESTIVAL ■ Native West will celebrate its 10th annual "Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival" 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The festival will include new art jewshy by Native American artists. The abow will he held at 263 W. An Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.

n The Plymouth Community Arts Council "Whistle Stop Players" children's theater group presents two

holiday classics in duet. Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge and The Bird's Christmas Carol by Kate Douglas Wiggin will be performed at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the PCAC; at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 4; and at 2 p.m. Dec. 5. Tickets are \$5 for all ages. Call (734) 416-

CANDLE LIGHTING

n L.A. Turowski and Neely-Turowski Funeral Homes will host a memorial candle lighting service at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The public is invited to attend and pay tribute to a loved one. In addition to the candle lighting service a special presentation will be made entitled, "Handling The Holidays," which will provide specific information about how to more effectively deal with grief during the holiday season. Wes Baldwin, director of Pointe Care Counseling will lead the presentation. The service will be held at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 525-9020.

PRINCETON REVIEW ■ The Princeton Review will hold free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT and ACT from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. These are 90-minute sessions where students learn SAT and ACT test-taking techniques as well as receive information on the college admissions process. Students and/or parents must call the Princeton Review to register for the strategy sessions. They may call to ister by dialing (800) 2-REVIEW.

VANUE BREAKFAST CLUB The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Parmer, Plymouth. Guests are wel-

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ■ The Entertainment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Community Chorus to support its educational and charitable activities. The book contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at restaurants, hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you. Call (734) 459-6829.

The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony 3016. Copies are also available at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony. ■ Entertainment Y2K

books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. All proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40, home delivered. Call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619, or Bill Von Glahn, (734) 453-8253. Entertainment 2000 savings books are available through the Divine Savior Senior Jet Setters. Save money at restaurants, movie theaters, video rentals, car care, and more. This year's book is \$40. For more information or to order, call Mike at (734) 464-1263 or Dolores at (734) 464-0369.

DISCUSSION GROUP

"Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group, will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies and TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing any of these topics may join the "Shooting The Breeze" group. A donation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For more information and to register, call Dianne Neihengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444. KIWANS CLUB

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been establish for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. Call (734) 455-6250. First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for their winter session enrollment. Sign up in November and receive a free T-shirt or an instrument. Call (734) 354-9109.

■ Garfield Co-Op still has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-Op is located in Livonia, at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, S. of Six Mile and West of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135.

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

STARTING OVER ■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

NOGLA HOSPICE Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the class-room with large-group activities, to assist children dulting recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times: If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

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■ Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who have died. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

■ Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382. ■ William Beaumont Hos-

pital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931. Head Start needs volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers with subjects such as art. computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196. Senior citizens and retirees in the Plymouth/Canton area are welcome.

■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning School is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

CANCER SOCIETY

■ American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, ext. 336

ALZHEIMER'S

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES ■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday. Call Sue at (734) 459-9324.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style. is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843 for additional information.

STAMP CLUB

Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club take place at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Park way, Canton. Web site is www. beonline. com/~ pnj/ weee. html

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When Maria Galloway's kidney problems made having children an impossibility, she and husband Jeff turned to foreign

adoption. For the Allen Park couple, there was no question about the country.

"Jeff is a Korean adoptee," said Maria. "His mom and dad had three girls and adopted four more children from Korea. He was adopted in 1958.

The Galloways adopted their first child - Jason, who's now 8 years old - in 1991. During the process, the agency they were working with told them about a support group and suggested they see if they liked it.

Nine years and the addition of daughter Emily, 5, later, they are the coordinators of Families for Children, a support group for families who have adopted children from foreign countries. Most members have adopted children from Korea, but there also are youngsters from China, Japan and India.

"I knew a little about it (the support group) from when my parents were adopting," said Jeff. "I'm 42 and I have a friend

who lives in Muskegon whom I met as a child through a support

FFC has about 150 member families living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. It has an elected board that meets monthly at each other's homes. The four counties are split into six areas with leaders who hold monthly meetings at area restaurants or members'

The support group meets September through May and holds group activities around the four-county area, activities such as a fall hayride at Middleton Berry Farms in Lake Orion and the upcoming Dec. 11 Christmas party at Joy Manor in Westland.

"We're involved with the Korean (Methodist) Church in Ann Arbor," said Maria. "We share information and celebrate the Korean New Year's Day. The Korean Presbyterian Church in Southfield sponsors a Korean cultural camp where the children learn about the culture, the songs and draw pictures.

We also have an adoption seminar in the spring and bring in the different adoption agencies, and Dr. Linda Yellin does programs on adoption issues."

Get the word out

With November being National Adoption Month, The Galloways want to get the word out about support groups like FFC. Yes, they say, there is a lot of information out there, but it's important for families with foreign adoptees to have one-on-one contact with a similar family.

"It's so vital and important to meet other families no matter where the children are from," said Maria. "The parents share a common goal of the kids and the kids meet other kids their age from their birth country."

"I can identify with what the children go through," said Jeff who also belongs to an adult adoptee support group. "I grew up in Lincoln Park and at that time there were no other racial groups. I was called names like gook' and 'slant eyes.' It was a different time, a different culture when my parents adopted.

"Adoption is not a big deal now. There's a lot more networking and information out there."

The Galloways have found that most families join when their children are small and tend to drop out by the time the kids are teenagers.

They speak from experience. They took over the job of coordinating the group from a man

race for Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving

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Duryea car.

The exhibition run pitted the

who had done it for three or four years and whose sons had gotten

"We're going on our seventh year as coordinators," said Jeff. "It's more or less a labor of love."

"Jason really looks forward to seeing his buddies." Maria added. "But I know there'll come a time when he doesn't want to do it. By age 8 or 9, they want to be like other kids.

With that in mind, the Galloways are looking to start a preteen group with activities geared for older children, things like pizza parties and roller skating.

Going home

An Amer-Asian (part Korean and part American), Jeff has been back to his homeland twice - once with Maria to get Jason and the second time by himself to pick up Emily.

It was very emotional going back to Korea in 1991," he said. "My mom and dad went in 1963 and had home movies; I had an image of Korea from that, but it was so different.

When I went back the second time, I felt more comfortable. I fell in love with the country, the people and the customs. Now, I feel proud to be Korean."

The Galloways know Jason will want to go back some day, and when he's ready they will

"Emily and Jason know they are adopted and Jason has been asking questions," Maria said.

"We tell the kids they've been Americanized," said Jeff. "We tell them we can't change the color of their skin. We tell them we can't change their heritage, but they can be proud of it."

People interested in more information about Families for Children can call the Galloways at (313) 389-1846 or Area 4 leaders Jim and Lisa Nelson at (248)

Area 4 includes the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Ann Arbor, Northville, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Brighton, Novi and South Lyon.



Munday practice their sales technique for Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County's annual Koeze nuts and candy sale going on now.

Zonta club feels 'like a nut' sale

Evelyn Mundy has sold a lot of nuts and candies. A charter member of the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, which started in 1979, she's been active in the club's annual major fundraiser.

Sister Elizabeth Ann, the newest club member, is getting her first taste, so to speak, of the

Mundy is a founder and owner/operator of Mundy's Sports Medicine, established in 1946. She retired two years ago and was recently honored by the National Trainers Association. Sister Elizabeth Ann is the administrator of Marywood Nursing Care Center and Marybrook Manor in Livonia.

And for the two women and other members of the Zonta club,

Members are selling a selection of nuts and candies, some in glass canisters, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$26 and packaged for gift giving.

Money raised by the club from the Koeze sale and fashion show goes to both local and international projects like the Amelia Earhart Scholarship supports women graduate students in the fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

Locally, the club supports Seedlings Braille Books for Children, the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College and Greenmead Historical Vil-

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Weather didn't stop running of America's 1st auto race



delighting crowds with Thanksgiving. parades Dav around 75 years ago. That makes the tradition old enough to have

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began.

captured the hearts of generations, but too young to provide a glimpse of how folks entertained themselves on the holiday at the turn of the last century.

There was, however, a single event in 1895 that excited Victorian crowds lining the streets of Chicago. Many did not yet believe the event that particular snowy Thanksgiving Day sigchanges, but it did. This was America's first auto race.

It was nothing like today's races with sleek cars pushing speedometers to incredible heights. These early automotive inventions were simply carriages rendered horseless by elemen-

Macy's De- tary engines. At best, they averpartment Store aged 12 to 15 miles an hour.

> Ironically, Chicago, which hosted the race, had just that year banned autos from public streets to protect bicyclists and pedestrians. A photo exists of bicycle cops there purportedly pulling over an inventor for breaking this law.

Nervous Nellies in cities everywhere passed restrictive laws. Some regulated speed limits to two or three miles per hour. Others required that red flags (following railroad tradition) or lanterns precede cars into town, or that Roman candles be fired off to warn approaching horsedrawn vehicles.

A ragged start

The Chicago competition got off to a ragged start. It was originaled the advent of dramatic nally scheduled for Nov. 2, but only two of the 83 prospective gasoline, steam, and electric machines managed to show up.

> The race's sponsor, the Chicago Times-Herald, turned the 92mile course into an exhibition and scheduled a revised, 55-mile Chicago-to-Evanston roundtrip

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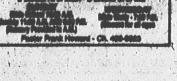
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The service will be at 10:30 m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the sech, 1100 W. Ann Arbor all, north of Harvey Street, mouth. For more information, the church at (734) 453-70.

Families dressed in Pilgrim attire will greet the congregation and guests for the annual mankagiving Eve services 7 am. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plynouth.

The services recreates the worship services attended by the Pilgrims who met at Old South Church in Boston. For more information, call (734) 459-9550.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will present a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The service will feature music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, the Cherub and Chorister Choirs, Sunday School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubellation Handbell Choir. The Rev. Robert Bayer will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

There also will be a Thanksgiving service at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 25, at Christ
Our Savior Lutheran Church,
Canton Campus, 46001 Warren
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feature a blend of traditional
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Bayer's Thanksgiving message.

For more information on the services, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

Residents are invited to join the members of Trinity Lutheran Church in giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings they've received at a Thanksgiving Eve service with communion at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290 or visit its Web site at www.timothylivonia.com.

M Garden City Presbyterian Church will have a Thanksgiving service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

Garden City Presbyterian
Church and the Church of Christ
in Livonia are serving as drop-off
sites for the American red
Cross's Blanket Days.

People are asked to bring slightly used of new blankets to Garden City Presbyterian, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, between 9:30 a.m. and noon Sundays through Jan. 2. Blankets also can be dropped off at Garden City Park, Merriman and Cherry Hill roads, after the Santa parade Saturday, Nov. 27.

Look for the Blanket Days sign.
The church hopes to collect
8,000 blankets for the Red Cross,
which will distribute them to
homeless, domestic violence and
teen runaway shelters in Wayne,
Oakland and Macomb counties.

People can drop off blankets 2-4 p.m. daily Saturday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman Road at Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-8743.

David Weaver and the Trio will bring their Gospel music to the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 4580 W, Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Sunday, Nov. 28. The group will perform at 6 p.m.

Proclaim, with soloist Jim Kitchen will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at St. Gemma Catholic Church, 23450 W. Davison. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. Cost is \$12 at the door. For more information or to order tickets, call (313) 255-3666.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

St. James Presbyterian Church will celebrate St. Andrew's Day at a 10 a.m. worship service and 11:30 a.m. dinner on Sunday, Nov. 28, The St. Andrew's Society Band bagpipers will perform during the service and at the dinner.

The dinner costs \$9 for those 12 years and older, \$4 for those 4-11 years and free for those 3 years and younger. St. James is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

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him off. Not unlike accidents on streets and expressways today, his quadricycle skidded into a ditch, damaging the differential housing and putting an end to that day's driving.

The night before the rescheduled race, a blizzard descended on the city. Rising and falling temperatures left wires and train and trolley tracks encased in ice. A hard crust and ruts of packed snow hampered travel.

Even with horse-drawn scrapers clearing the way, road conditions eliminated all but six of the 100 entrants. Among those competing for the astounding top prise of \$2,000 were the Duryea and the Mueller.

A carnival atmosphere accompanied the spectacle. Crowds cheered and jeered along the way. Sleigh bells jingled. Engines rumbled and backfired. It's reported that 200 kids threw mowballs at policemen near the finish line. Twenty people participated as drivers, ride-along umpires and observers and indicate.

From the start

Mishaps abounded from the start. The two electrics dropped out when their batteries wore down, but they proved their machines could handle short dis-

Mechanical repairs, deep snow, wrong turns, a passing train blocking an intersection, and an overturned sleigh in the road delayed the contestants.

Two more dropped out.

No road aid or roadside prages were around. The rivers had to seek help at a slacksmith shop and, with some persuasion, induced a tipsmith sopen on the holiday.

The race was down to two. The Duryea, the only American-made cas-powered car, finished the course in just 10 hours and 23 minutes! This was long after dark, however, and weary unlockers had all gone home.

Mueller brought up the rear 24

car's driver, debilitated by exhaustion and cold, had to be replaced, and his unconscious observer had to be carried off in a cutter. Charles King, later noteworthy in Detroit automotive history, took the controls and finished the course.

Since all entrants broke one rule or another, the judges took a week to decide the victors. In the end, everyone was a winner. The Duryea won first prize, and the Mueller second. Awards were also handed out for design, workmanship and technical excellence, noise, odor, vibration control and safety.

Not the earliest

You may be surprised to find that these primitive, turn-of-the-century autos were not the earliest self-propelled carriages. Inventors had been working on the idea for 125 years! The first, a French design in 1770, was a rogue contraption remembered for knocking down a wall.

Successful horseless carriage motors were actually produced at the opening of the 1800s, nearly a century before the Chicago auto race. They were a long way from being perfected, though, since, by 1863, the record run was six hours to travel three miles.

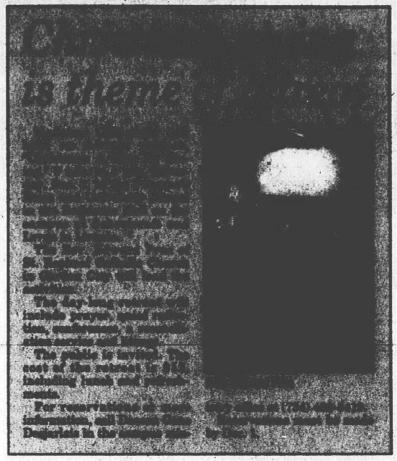
A century after the race, we're still trying to improve technology, pollution control and safety. One hundred years from now at the dawn on the next century—these will probably still be issues, although the vehicles will have undergone incredible transformations. Perhaps airmoblies will routinely glide above the

highways.

Given weather and traffic damage to roads in this state – which, no doubt, will still be a problem – that is one advancement that would make Michigan

drivers rejoice.

Historian and author Virginia
Bailey Parker has a bachelor's
degree in history and a master's
degree in historic preservation.
She lives in Canton Township.



an Church will have a free seminar, "Is Mormonism Christian?," presented by the Rev. Luke Wilson, executive director of the Institute for Religious Research, at 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Child care will be available for children through age 4. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

Dr. Julius Del Pino, senior

pastor of the Detroit Metropolitan United Methodist Church will be the guest speaker at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at The Gathering at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

The son of a United Methodist minister, his special interests include providing ministries where the church can enable its members to grow in their ability to exercise their faith by engaging and becoming involved in the

lives of those less fortunate, less educated, less hopeful and less knowledgeable of the gospel of Christ.

For more information, call Sonja Styles at (248) 474-8444.

Alderagate United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. Call (313) 937-3170 for a blood donation appointment.

Weather's attivice

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its annual women's Advent service and creche display at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will be a tea reception following the service. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to remember "One Night in Bethlehem" during Advent services 7:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 and 15, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Drama, music and a brief message will help worshippers focus on the history-changing events of Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Each of the three weeks will focus on a different scene in Bethlehem—"At the Inn" on Dec. 1, "In the Fields" on Dec. 8 and "Near the Stable" on Dec. 15.

There will be a fellowship dinner 5-6 p.m. prior to the services and mid-week classes and confirmation classes 6-7:20 p.m.. The cost of the meals will be \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children age 3-12 and free for those age 2 and

under. A package deal of three meals for \$0 is available, if ordered by Nov. 26. Reservable can be made by salling the

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"Can the new millennium change your life?" will be addressed by David Degler of Nashville, Tenn., at a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arber Road, Plymouth.

Degler has a master's degree in journalism from Ohio University. He is in the full-time practice of Christian Science healing.

The topic for the Thursday, Dec. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Making It through the Holiday." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.



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Teens want to hear more from parents about sex, values

In Chapter 4 of "Healthy Teen: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives," Alice McCarthy presents an overview of issues parents and caregivers need to consider as they discuss sexuality with their teen.

Teens want to hear more from their parents about sex, values and relationships, according to James Jaccard, distinguished professor at the State University of New York in Albany, who has studied information from 20,000 students in grades 7 through 12.

Contrary to popular expectations, kids care about what adults think, even though parents and other adults often say they feel awkward discussing sex and relationships with teens, that they are not sure what to say, or that teens do not listen

anyway.

"Don't nag or lecture," says
Jaccard, a researcher with the
National Longitudinal Study of
Adolescent Health. "Listen to
what your adolescent has to say
with an open mind. Express your
feelings and expectations."

Dr. Jaccard outlines central facts in communicating with teens about sexual activity. These are:

Parents and caregivers tend to underestimate the sexual activity of their children. They may talk to their children about sexual issues at around 12 years of age, but statistics show that a number of children are sexually active at this age. It is important to talk about sexuality before your child becomes sexually active.

Adults talking to their children about sexual activity will do so using their own value system. If parents and caregivers talk about a broad range of reasons for not engaging in sexual-risk behavior, they will be more successful than dwelling on just pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.

Another consideration is to talk about what positive benefits your teen sees in engaging in risky behavior. If a boyfriend or girlfriend is pushing for sexual activity, what does this say about a relationship?

Too often, adults turn discussions into one-way lectures. This will not work with adolescents. Communication, in this area as in every other area with your adolescent, should be hon-

est, open and respectful. Each side needs to listen to the other. If Parents and caregivers need to be sure that discussions about

Parents and caregivers need to be sure that discussions about sexuality and sexual activity are held in a quiet place, free of interruption and stress. It is not a good idea to combine tasks with this kind of discussion.

know all there is to know about sexual issues do not know any more than other teens. Statements such as "I know everything" should be disregarded; parents and caregivers must take responsibility for providing helpful information.

For adults who know that their child is sexually active, who discover that their daughter is pregnant, that their unmarried son is a father, or that their teen has HIV, the issues are complex.

At such a time it is important to remain as cool as possible and to use these problem-solving strategies: define the problem, carefully discuss options, seek community resources and evaluate your direction. It is a time to do away with ranting and anger and to be supportive about a difficult life experience for a son or daughter.

Practical suggestions include further serious discussions about the value of abstinence and family values. Providing contraceptive information, seeking medical services and treatment are important.

Dangers of ignorance

There are numerous myths about sex, sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. Be sure to address each of these issues with your child. Ask them to explain to you their views and beliefs about each of these areas and encourage them to be specific and detailed.

Create an environment in which they feel emotionally secure to share with you. There will be no effective communication with them unless you have their trust and respect. When listening to them, it is important that you do not appear to be judgmental or aghast at their responses.

If these topics of discussion are very difficult for you, then perhaps there is a friend or family member whom you trust and who has a good rapport with Il Remember, each child eventually seeks managers to their own questions; it is best if these movers come from you or a trusted relative or friend.

your child. Remember, each child eventually seeks answers to their own questions; it is best if those answers come from you or a trusted relative or friend.

All too often, peers and television become the source of reference. Parents and caregivers who make sex education an ongoing process – something normal to discuss – can save themselves and their teens from the awkward, one-time, big deal conversation about sex. They might even save their teen's life.

The following guidelines come from the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding what to tell teens about sex. Well before they reach their early teens, both boys and girls should already know:

■ The basics of sexual "plumbing," that is, the names and functions of male and female sex orwans.

■ The purpose and meaning of puberty (moving into young womanhood or young manhood).
■ The function of the menstrual cycle (period).

What sexual intercourse is and how women become preg-

Once your child becomes a teenager, the focus of your talks about sex should shift. You should begin to talk to your teen about the social and emotional aspects of sex and about your values. Try to communicate

Everywhere the researchers for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy went, the teens told them they want to hear more from their parents about sex, values and relationships. Contrary to popular opinion, kids care about what adults think.

Even though you might be uneasy about your conversation, you should not stop trying to communicate. You can always say, "I am uncomfortable with this discussion, but please know how important I believe it is." Be very clear about your values. The more you listen to what your teen is saying, the greater chance of keeping lines of communication open.

Become aware of the world your teen lives in. Talk to a friend, buy some teen magazines, and visit your public library. Read as much as you can about teen sexuality and be prepared to be open and honest in your conversations.

Go to school and read the health lessons offered to middle school and high school students. Follow up with your student's teacher, if you have any questions about the lessons. Join with your school in seeing to it that positive, constructive, thorough information is taught.

Help your teen understand the internal and external pressures

to express their sexuality and to make responsible decisions. In other words, your teen needs to know where you stand. Bear in mind that you do not own your child, nor control his or her thinking. You can influence your teen's decisions but cannot make decisions for him or her.

Make sure that your teen knows the facts about pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and AIDS. If you cannot provide information yourself, find someone who can and ask him or her to talk with your teen.

Most importantly, find out when, how and how much information about HIV your student is learning at school. In many states, HIV education is mandated by law; the quantity and quality of the education varies.

Try to be available to your teen, no matter what. Teens tend to live for today. Discussions you and your teens have and decisions you make together will be tested by time and events in your teen's life. It is a good idea to be realistic about the fears and pressures your teens face on a daily basis.

The environment today is faster paced and perhaps more dangerous than when you were a teen. Sometimes, teens are more capable intellectually than they are emotionally. Let them know you will always be there. Listen to them when they need help without judging or criticizing them for getting stuck in their thinking. Your help in an emotional crisis could lead to lasting awareness.

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" by Alice McCarthy costs \$14.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, and is available through Bridge Communications Inc., 1450 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham 48009. For more information or to order the book, call (248) 646-1020 or order by e-mail at bridgecomm Gaol com

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Geppert

Henry and Lorraine Geppert of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at The Whitney for family and friends, given by their children.

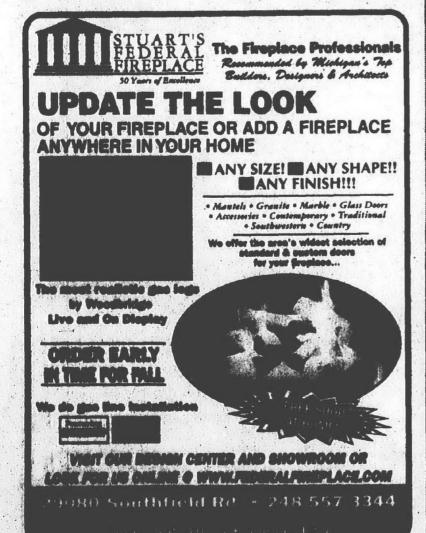
They are 48-year residents of Livonia and have four married daughters.

He worked as a engineer at Detroit Edison.

They are active in their church and enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren.

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Canton grad sparkles

Plymouth Canton graduate Kristin Mayer scored nine points and made four steals to help her St. John Fisher College women's basketball team rout Seneca College of Canada in an exhibition game Nov. 14.

The Cardinals forced 31 Seneca turnovers in the first half alone while limiting the visiting Sting to 14 points. The win marked the 25thstraight season Fisher opened the season with a win, and improved coach Phil Kahler's overall record to 610-114 - best in NCAA Division

Spirits soar

The Plymouth Spirits, an under-9 1/2 boys soccer team, finished first in the Huron Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 9-0-1 record — a notable accomplishment. considering it was the Spirits first season in the league.

Team members included Matt Brown, Matt Burgess, Dexter Gregg, Giffin Leiting and Ryan Schocki, from Plymouth; Andrew Grawbowski, Christian Huch, Logan Lewis, Brad Lineberry, Michael Martucci, James Meiers, Travis Newton and Alex Thorpe from Canton; and Brad Mangune from Livonia.

The team is coached by Lucian Popescu and Jose Mangune, and is managed by Dale Leiting.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene of Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

End of the line

Marian sidelines Salem in regionals, 50-34

One team had lost nine games. The other had lost just one.

So who's the favorite?

That's an easy one - unless that "obvious" underdog happens to be Birmingham Marian, winner of two of the past three Class A state championships in girls basketball.

Don't want to look past the Mustangs, whatever their record. And Plymouth Salem coach Fred Thomann was certain that didn't happen.

But it would be difficult to find another feasible reason for what occurred in Monday's Class A regional semifinal, played at Birmingham Groves. It was almost like role-reversal, with Marian playing like the 21-1 team and Salem looking lost, maybe not even good enough to be 14-9.

The Mustangs jumped all over the Rocks from the start, building a 20-5 lead after one quarter and then repelling all comeback attempts to eventually coast to a 50-34 triumph.

Marian, now 15-9, advances to tonight's (Nov. 24) regional final against West Bloomfield, which defeated Detroit Northern in the other semifinal at Groves Monday.

"You always dream of those kinds of starts," said Marian coach Mary Cicerone. "You lie awake the night before and hope for something like that

From Salem's viewpoint, that dream was a nightmare. While the Mustangs were scoring the game's first eight points, the Rocks were missing their first four shots and committing four

"We had trouble with our post-up (defense)," said Salem's Thomann. "And I knew we might. But we didn't expect 31 (Amber Mazza) getting off



Looking to score: Salem's Bree Pastalaniec (with ball) looks to score against Marian's Crystal Andrews. Unfortunately for the Rocks, it was Andrews who did the scoring - 20 points worth.

Indeed, throughout the game, it was a two-player show offensively for Marian - Mazza, a 6-foot-1 junior, and Crystal Andrews, a 5-11 senior — and Salem couldn't control it.

Andrews' explosion should have been anticipated. As Cicerone noted, "Crystal's done that all season long, to every-

But not Mazza. The two virtually traded baskets in the first quarter, with Mazza finishing the period with 10 points and Andrews collecting eight.

The two combined to score 34 points in the game, Andrews scoring 20 and Mazza 14.

"Our game plan was to get the ball." into Crystal, and then kick it back out to Amber," explained Cicerone.

It worked to perfection in the open-

ing quarter, but in the second Salem managed to claw its way back into it. The Rocks limited Marian to three baskets and six points while forcing five turnovers in the period, outscoring the Mustangs 14-6 — thanks to six points from Tiffany Grubaugh and four more from Bree Pastalaniec.

With the deficit trimmed to 26-17, Salem's chances seemed much improved. And through most of the third quarter, it stayed that way.

The Mustangs did get the early jump, with Andrews' three-point play pushing their lead to 33-21 with 5:45 left in the quarter. But over the next 3 1/2 minutes, the Rocks were on top of their game, outscoring Marian 10-4 while forcing six turnovers.

Lindsay Klemmer's basket with 2:10 left in the period made it a six-point game (37-31). And Salem had another chance to narrow the gap with yet another steal of a Marian inbounds

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Whalers salvage road trip by beating division leaders



Points on the board: The

Whalers Steve Morris got one goal and assisted on another over the weekend.

At least the Plymouth Whalers were able to salvage one win from their weekend road trip.

After losing at Peterborough and Kingston, the Whalers bounced back to beat the Ottawa 67s, leaders of the Ontario Hockey League's East Division, 5-2 on Sunday in Ottawa.

The win pushed Plymouth's record to 9-12-3; Ottawa is 15-6-

Kris Vernarsky's second goal of the game (and sixth of the season), scored 5:44 into the second period with assists from Steven Morris and Rob McBride, broke a 2-2 tie and ignited the Whalers.

Damian Surma made it 4-2 10:00 into the second period, his 12th goal of the season, with Bryan Thompson assisting. Jared Newman bumped that to 5-2 with his first goal of the season with 2:01 left in the second period, assisted by Tomas Kurka and Surma.

Aaron Molnar made 23 saves in goal to earn the win for the Whalers. Seamus Kotyk and Lavente Szuper divided time in

goal for Ottawa, combining to

make 17 stops.

Shaun Fisher got Plymouth going with a goal 7:12 into the first period (McBride and Morris assisted). After the 67s Brendan Bell tied it five minutes later, Vernarsky scored on the power play (Kurka and Thompson assisting) to make it 2-1 with 14:25 elapsed in the opening period.

Lance Galbraith tied it for Ottawa just 1:57 into the second period.

Two Kurka goals helped keep Plymouth alive in the first period of its game at Kingston last Friday - for a while, anyway. By the time the period ended, seven goals had been scored. The two by Kurka were all the Whalers had, a good reason they ended up losing 8-4.

Jonathan Schill had two of the Frontenac's goals in the opening period. Others were scored by Brett Clouthier, Michael Zigomanis and Tomas Skvaridlo.

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Swimmers stall at state

Following last Monday's special state-qualifying session at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS, Plymouth Salem's swim team was well-represented at the Class A state championship meet last weekend at Oakland University

And coach Chuck Olson had high hopes for his team. Unfor-tunately, those hopes went

"I thought we were on our way, seld Olson Monday, "I thought to very ready to go. But to alday go anywhere Silms has premitted qualified

peak at the right time, turning in their best performances at the biggest meet.

For swimmers that realize state qualifying times, that meet would be the state finals. But Salem's swimmers improved in just one event; and that drop

was slight.

The Rocks had trimmed nearly four seconds from their previous best last Monday in qualifying for the 200-yard medicy relay. The team of Karl Foust, Alex Evans, Monica Glowski and Emily Laskie were clocked at

But that was Monday. In Friday's state preliminaries, their time was 1:57.52.

"Almost all of them were a half-second slower," said Olson, unable to offer an explanation.

The same was true in four of Salem's five other events. Sarah Rogers, who qualified for the 200 freestyle in 2:00.2, had a 2:01.12 time at state.

Glowski qualified in the 50 free in 25.30; at state, she swam 25.57. And Foust's qualifying time in the 100 backstroke was 1:01.59; at state, she turned in the 18th-fastest clocking, Glowski, Laskie, Alicia Dotson

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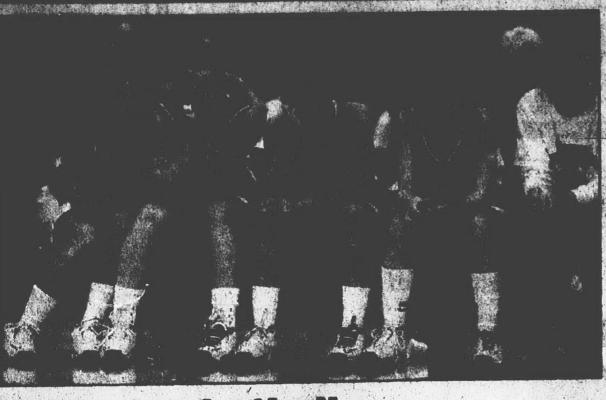
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ed to rally: Salem ent off to a late start, trailing by 15 after one quarter. But, led by Tiffuny Grubaugh (right), the Rocks raid and got to within Tale Champion Blim ingham Marian. But that was as close as they could get; their comebach stalled in the fourth quarter, leaving some on the team stunned (photo at left).

Rocks basketball

But the Rocks couldn't capitalize. And then disaster struck.

Marian played keep-away, running the final minute of the clock until, with 12 seconds left in the quarter, Mazza knocked down a short jumper. Salem rushed the ball downcourt for a final shot, but it missed.

Andrews rebounded, got the ball over midcourt and launched the inevitable 40-foot desperation shot - and hit it. The fivepoint surge, which increased

Marian's lead to 42-31 going into the final quarter, finished

"That," described Cicerone, "is a little balloon-popper."

Thomann, who believed the shot came after the busser, agreed. "Getting back from 18-2to a two-possession game was a monumental climb," he said. "We just didn't have enough left. They gave their all.

"It's just too hard to maintain

that kind of pace."
As for Andrew's quarter-ending three-pointer, Thomann said his players "couldn't help thinking Oh my God, what else can go

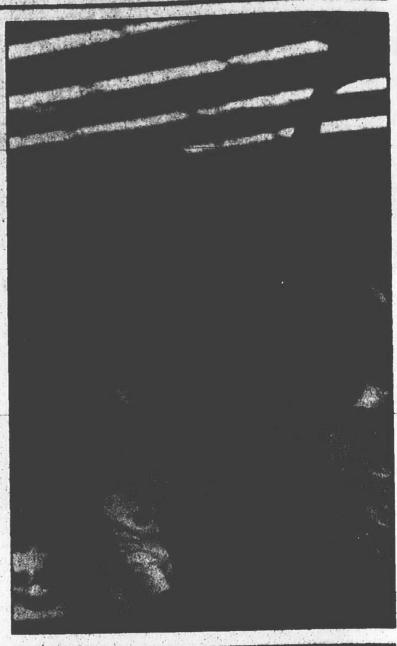
Salem did not score for the first 6 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter, making its scoreless dry spell 8 1/2 minutes. Monica Mair's triple provided the Rocks

with their only points.
Grubaugh led Salem, but she

managed just 11 points. Next best was Kelly Jaskot with

Marian made 21-of-39 shots from the floor (53.8 percent) while Salem hit just 15-of-43 (34.9 percent).

In the end, the game was decided early - and by a combustible combination: one team starting dead-slow while the other gets out of the gate at hyper-speed.



Rec offerings

Northville's Parks and Recreation Department is offering several activities for the winter months.

·Adult women's basketball league: The 11-game schedule will be on Tuesdays, from Jan.

18 through April 4. Entry fee is \$380 per team plus \$15 for each non-resident; referee fees are

·Adult men's basketball league: A 10-game schedule, running on Sundays from Jan. 16 through April 2. Entry fee is \$355, plus \$15 for each non-resident; referees fees are extra.

·Adult volleyball leagues: A 12-week schedule, running Jan. 10-April 3. Play in women's and co-ed competitive leagues will be on Mondays; co-ed intermediate leagues will play on Wednesdays. Cost is \$195 per team, plus \$15 for every non-resident. Referees fees are extra.

. Women's A.M. volleyball leagues: Play is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with participants required to know the basic skills of passing, setting, hitting and serving. There will be individual registrations

·Badminton: A 14-week season of competitive badminton. from 8-10 p.m. Fridays from Jan.

21-April 28. All skill levels are welcome. Entry fee is \$45.

For information on any of the above activities, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club will have open registration for its spring season from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the lower level meeting room at the Canton Township Hall.

The league is open to boys and girls, five to 19 years-old. Costs range from \$45 to \$100, depending on age and division, and is due at time of registration.

Registration forms are available at the Summit at Heritage Park. For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

Used sports sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club club-

Those with items to sell may bring them to the clubhouse between 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for sale on Dec. 4.

Volunteers will be on hand to do all of the selling; those with items to sell need not be present. Those who have had items sold can collect the money or the unsold items between 1-2 p.m. Dec. 4 (those doing the selling keep 15 percent).

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

Prospects tourney

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

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Sean Avery added a pair of goals in the next two periods. Jean-Francois Seguin also had a

goal. Zigomanis also had four assists, while Avery had three.

The Whalers got third-period goals from Morris (from McBride and Vernarsky) and Eric Gooldy (from Justin Williams and Andre Robichaud), Surma and Jon Billy assisted on one of Kurka's firstperiod goals; the other was unas-

Kingston was 11-8-1 after the weekend.

The Whalers play at Owen Sound Wednesday and at Brampton Thursday before returning to Compuware Arena to host Peterberough at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, they travel to Windsor.

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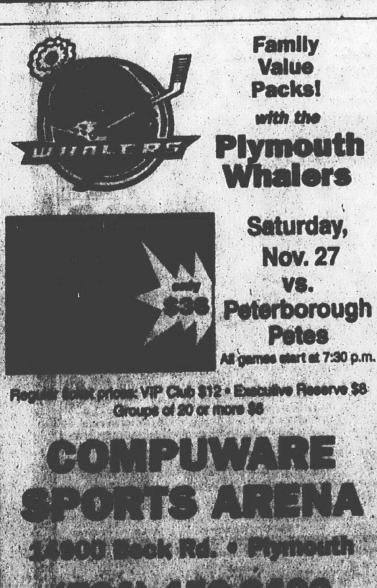
The Compuware Ambassadors collected their fifth-straight win and took over the top spot in the North American Hockey League's East Division with a two-game sweep of the Grand Rapids BearCate last weekend.

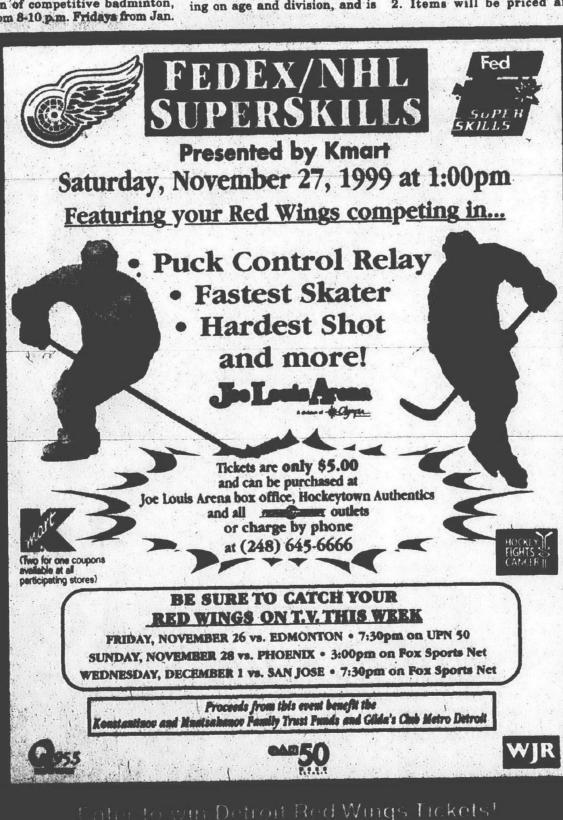
The Ambassadors beat the BearCate 4-2 last Friday in Grand Rapids, thanks to two goals by Steve Jackson, including the game-winner. Craig Kowalaki was in goal for the win, stopping 29 shots.

On Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the Ambassadors beat the BearCats once again, this time by a 7-4 margin. Mike Smith secred four goals and Ryan Webb totaled four assists in the victory, which pushed the Ambassadors shead of Soo Kewadin Casine Indians in the standings by a point. Smith, who leads Compuware

in scoring and has verbally committed to attend Niagara University next fall, has scored 11 goals in his last five games. He has 16 in 18 games this season.







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The 400 free relay team of Glowski, Rogers, Jess Hala and Poust qualified in 3:49.03; they went 3:48.51 at state, a drop of only .52.

"I guess maybe we should have swam the state meet on Monday," Olson summarized.

For Canton's qualifiers, it wasn't any better. None showed drastic improvement over their state qualifying performances.

Danielle Drysdale qualified individually in two events for the Chiefs and swam on the 200 medley relay. Drysdale went 1:02.71 in the 100 butterfly slightly better than her state qualifying time - and 1:02.28 in the 100 back, slower than her qualifying clocking.

Drysdale, Erin Rogala, Michelle Nilson and Lindsey Muliolis were Canton's 200 medley relay team. They finished in 1:57.66, worse than their quali-

Rogala also qualified individually in the 100 breaststroke; at state, she couldn't match that previous time, finishing in 1:11.64.



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State qualifier: Salem's Alex Evans swam the breaststroke leg on the Rocks' state-qualifying 200-yard medley relay. Salem made it to state with a superb, finalchance performance the previous Monday.

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200 freestyle: 1. Carly Piper, Grosse Pointe North, 1:50.68; 2. Krissy Tinney, Ann Arbor Huron, 1:51.26; 3. Clinique Brundidge, Southfield Lathrup, 1:54.75; 4. Katie Ladewski, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:55.08; 5. Lindsay Rodin, Grosse Pointe South, 1:55.86; 6. Abby Johnson, Grand Haven, 1:56.40; 7. Kelly Carlin, Farmington Hills Mercy, 1:55.27; 8. Elizabeth MacDonald, Farmington Hills Mercy, 1:55.55; 9. Jenna Perry, Howell, 1:55.95; 10. Kristin Loridas, Farmington Hills Mercy, 1:56.54; 11. Kim Beals, Bloomfield Hills Marlan, 1:57.09; 12. Kris Utley, 1:57.87.

200 Individual medley: 1. Sara Johnson, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 2:03.48; 2. Katie Winkelhaus, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2:07:10; 3. Drue Orwig, Zeeland, 2:09.06; 4. Lindsay Fetters, Farmington Harrison, 2:09.54; 5. Lindsi McErlean, North Farmington, 2:09.78; 6.

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100 betterfly: 1. Kammy Miller, Grosse Pointe North, 57.52; 2. Michelle Lane, East Kentwood, 58.19; 3. Amy Hartland, Novi, 58.35; 4. Erin Downs, Farmington Hitis Mercy, 58.46; 5. Ketie Clark, Livonia Stevenson, 58.51; 6. Katle Ladewski, Ann Arbor Pioneer 59.00; 7. Amanda Johnson, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 58.55; 8. Erin Spiro, Bloomfield Hills Marian, 59.54; 9. Amy Ingersoll, 59.64; 10. Larisa Graham. Forest Hills Central, 59.68: 11, Tori Throckmorton. Ann Arbor Huron. 1:00.22; DQ, Jesse Levknecht, Forest Hills

100 freestyle: 1. Abby Seskevics, Grand Haven, 51.47; 2. Elizabeth Posvar, Farmington Hills Mercy, 52.82; 3. Clinique Brundidge, Southfield Lathrup, 52.96; 4. Jennifer Thompson, 53.11; 5. Kelly Carlin, Farmington Hills Mercy, 53.11; 6. Melissa Pietras, Jennison, 53.38; 7. Betsy Armstrong, Ann Arbor Huron, 53.97; 8. Julie Kramb, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 54.05; 9. Karyn Schachinger, Utica Eisenhower, 54.07; 10. Erika Steele, Portage Northern, 54.13; 11. Casey Nicholson, Ann Arbor Huron,

54.20; 12. Rochel Ward, Brighton, 54.00.

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Canton loses to Redford in final

Dave Sellin scored three goals and assisted on two others to lead Redford Unified to the championship of the Redford Tournament with an 8-3 victory over Plymouth Canton Saturday at Redford Ice Arena.

Redford Unified is now 2-0 for the season; Canton slipped to 2-

Cody Bartlett got Redford off to a fast start, accorning twice in the first 7:23 of the game. Justin Jagoss made it 3-0 in favor of Redford by period's end.

Canton got on the board just 31 seconds into the second period on a goal by Jeremy Majesak. John Bockstans picked up the first of his two assists in the

But Redford reasserted itself, getting goals from Brad Geistler and Sellin to close the second.

Ryan McCabe opened the third

period with a goal for the Chiefs at the 1:25 mark, narrowing the gap to 5-2. But Canton would draw no closer, with Sellin scoring one goal and assisting on another by Dave Aird in the next four minutes.

Majssak got his second goal of the game for the Chiefs (assisted by David Commisky and Bockstans) at the 7:47 mark, making it 7-3. Sellin closed out the scoring in the game two minutes later.



Four-prone

Ocelots lose twice at tournament

Schoolcraft College's trip to the Southern Idaho Tournament last weekend didn't reap much in terms of victories — the Ocelots lost two-of-three games. But it provided some valuable insight into what SC must do to get its game on line.

On Saturday against Mount San Antonio, the Ocelota surrendered more free-throw attempts (52) than field-goal shots (50). With San Antonio converting 34 of those foul shots (a 65.4 percentage), it's no wonder SC lost, 83-73.

The Ocelots fell to .500 at 2-2.

"It would have been a real good tournament for us if we had finished 2-1 instead of 1-2," said SC coach Carlos Briggs.

Three players fouled out for

SC and two others had four fouls. Four more had three fouls each as the Ocelots were whistled for 35 feuls. Mount San Antonio also lost three players to fouls, but was called for only 24 fouls.

SC trailed 37-35 at the half, thanks in great part to its 14-of-31 shooting from the floor (45.2 percent). San Antonio was 12-of-26 (46.2 percent) in the first half.

The second half was a different story. San Antonio was 10-of-24 from the field (41.7 percent), including 5-of-10 from three-point range (50 percent). SC was 11-of-32 (34.4 percent) and missed all seven of its three-

pointers.

Still, SC managed to stay within four points until the final two minutes.

Robert Brown provided the Ocelets with the bulk of their offense, hitting 10-of-11 from the field to score 20 points; he also had three steals. His performance helped earn him a berth on the all-tournament team.

Lamar Bigby added 15 points, but was 3-of-18 from the floor. He also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. Next best was Quentin Mitchell with eight.

Keith Holmes led four San Antonio players to reach double figures in scoring with 17 points. Sean Stokes and Shawn Frederick each scored 14, and Kasib Thomas had 11.

Crusaders get a split

Madonna University salvaged a split Saturday in the Huntington (Ind.) College women's basketball tournament with a 72-62 consolation victory over Trinity Christian College (Ill.).

The Lady Crusaders (3-2 overall) got a team-high 22 points from Jennifer Jacek, who made eight of 11 shots from the floor and six of eight free throws. Jacek, who played at Dearborn Divine Child, also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) added 14 points, while Lori Enfield contributed 10. Point-guard Chris Dietrich dished out nine assists, while Carissa Gizicki grabbed six rebounds, along with eight steals and four assists.

Kara Bruxvoort and Tabithan Mentink scored 17 and 16, respectively, for Trinity Christian

Madonna led 38-26 at the half. In Friday's opener, Cedarville (Ohio) College rolled to an 80-66 triumph behind Julie Nourse's

game-high 23 points and 10

rebounds.

Farmington High product Amanda Porter chipped in with 18 points on eight of 11 shooting from the floor.

Fiorenzi led Madonna with 16 points, shooting seven of nine from the floor. Enfield added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Jackie Kocis (Schoolcraft College) contributed 10 points.

Madonna trailed 33-26 at halftime.

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The Lady Crusaders shot only 39.1 percent from the floor, while Cedarville hit 30 of 60 shots (50 percent).



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Livonia Stevenson graduate Kelly Travis, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, finished 30th out of 255 runners in the NCAA women's cross country championship held Monday at the Indiana University in Bloomington.

Travis covered the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 22.7 sec-

Sophomore Erica Palmer of Wisconsin was the individual champion in 16:39.5.

Travis qualified for the NCAAs by finishing fourth Nov. 13 in the Southeast Regional at Furman University (Greenville, S.C.) with a time of 17:24, becoming only the second runner in UNC-Charlotte history to qualify for the NCAA meet.

She was also runner-up in the Conference USA meet held in Charlotte with a school-record time of 17:05.5.

MSU'S LEO 175TH

Michigan State University senior Joe Leo (Redford Catholic Centrall) wrapped up his cross country career by placing 175th out of a field of 250 in the NCAA men's cross country championship held Monday at Indiana University.

Leo's time in the 10-kilometer race was 33:03.06.

Leo, who resides in Northville, qualified for the NCAA by pacing seventh and earning All-Great Lakes Region honors on Nov. 13.

PARKER 13TH AT MEET

Four-time All-Observer runner Andrea Parker (Livonia Stevenson), representing the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association team, took 13th last weekend with a time of 18:34 (for 5,000 meters) in a regional meet held in Dayton, Ohio.

The meet featured teams from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio

Parker was fourth among Michigan runners. She qualified for one of the 10 state team spots by finishing ninth the week before in Grand Ledge.

COLLEGE SOCCER NOTE

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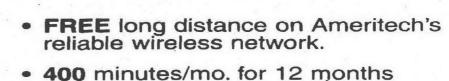
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Creston's speed means trouble for Hawks

Farmington Harrison's defense has to switch gears and start thinking pass instead of run for this week's game — the last one in 1999.

Literally, it's the last game of the high

The Hawks will try to win a recordtying 10th state championship when they play Grand Rapids Creston for the Division III title at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

It's the last game of the two-day, eight-game finals weekend sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Asso-

Harrison (9-4) reached the final stage of the tournament by defeating a power running team in Monroe Jefferson last week, 24-20. Creston (12-1) presents an entirely different challenge with its penchant for passing.

"They're complete opposites; there couldn't be two teams that are more different," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We're going from a team that runs one or two formations and pounds it out to 30 formations and a wide-open

The booklet containing Harrison's scouting report on the Polar Bears was a record 34 pages thick

Fourth-year coach Charles (Sparky) McEwen, a former quarterback for Creston, runs an offense similar to what you'd see in the Arena Football League.

Junior quarterback Carlton Brewster is the offensive catalyst for the blueand-gold Polar Bears. His favorite receiver is Bret Haney, who wears No. 1, but Creston has a number of other players who are capable of providing

They have six people they throw to," Herrington said, adding the Hawks haven't seen a passing team as good as the Polar Bears since Ryan Huzjak (University of Toledo) played quarterback at Northville nearly a decade ago.

"They'll throw 40 times a game. The most times we've thrown was probably 15. They'll throw it on their 1-yard line, and they'll throw it on your 1-yard line.

"(Brewster) sees the whole field and has a great release. He's tough to sack because he has quick feet and, if you leave someone open, he throws timing

Ironically, the Hawks were hurt by Jefferson passes in the first half last week, partly due to the fact they were looking for the run so much.

"With this team, you know they're going to pass," Herrington said. "They don't throw off play-action, so you don't have to commit as much to the run.

"In some ways, it's easier but it's harder, because they have great receivers. They have outstanding skill position players.

Herrington has said the strength of the Harrison defense is its secondary of seniors Nick Hall, Brian Nelson and Lou Hadley and junior Chris Roberson.

The Hawks have given up more passing yards than they would've liked in their last three games, but Herrington believes his secondary will rise to the occasion Saturday.

"I think we do have a good, solid secondary, even though the last two weeks we haven't shown it," he said. "They'll step it up for this game.

"It should be a fun game for people to watch. It will be an interesting matchup between our defensive backs and their

But all the talk of passing makes it

easy to overlook Creston's running game, much as Jefferson's rushing

attack had the opposite effect last week.

Though the Polar Bears sometimes line up with five receivers and no backs. they do have a good runner in senior tailback Andrew Terry.

"This team has the most skilled players since we played (Saginaw) Arthur Hill (in 1989) with Shorte Peoples (Michigan) and Brian Pruitt (Central Michigan)," Herrington said.
The Hawks, led by all-state quarter-

back Mill Coleman, won that game in Saginaw, 34-18.
"We have speed (in the secondary).

We have good cover people, but we can't forget they run the ball, too," Herring-ton added. "And, when they spread you out so much, they run the ball effective-

Harrison has speedy backs in Kevin Woods and Chris Roberson, and quarterback Lou Hadley is coming off his best game as a passer.

The game shapes up as a contest between two finesse teams. Could it be a high-scoring shootout?

"It could be, but you get to the Silverdome and the scores are not as high as you think," Herrington said. "If we get a few sacks or picks, it could slow things

"I don't think we can get outside because of the speed they have. On some plays, we're going to have to take it right at them and break some seams.

"Like every big game, special teams will be important. We have to contain them and put some pressure on their

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The Polar Bears have good size on the offensive line, averaging 227 between the tackles.

"They pro pass block," Herrington said. "It's nothing real complicated. They have big bodies. They get side by side and use their hands to keep passing the defensive linemen off one to

Creston is led defensively by senior Maurice Carthen, whom Herrington considers the best defensive lineman he has seen this year. The Polar Bears also have good size up front defensively and at linebacker.

"We have to move the ball and do a good job holding on to the ball," Herrington said. "We don't want to let their offense have it.

"The past couple weeks Lou has come on as a thrower, and we definitely have the receivers with people like Hall, Nelson, Agim (Shabaj) and (Tim) Doig."

Late fumble saves Harrison, earns berth in final

The situation appeared bleak. It, as well as everyone on the Farmington Harrison side of the football field, cried out for decisive action.

Junior linebacker Tim Doig gave the Hawks what they desperately needed and hoped to see - a turnover!

With Monroe Jefferson headed for the winning touchdown, Doig caused a fumble that enabled Harrison to hang on and win a Division III semifinal game at Rochester High School, 24-20.

After blocking a punt at midfield, the Bears had the ball at the Hawk 9-yard line with a minute remaining.

Doig made contact with Jefferson fullback Adam Servey, who chewed up the Harrison defense for most of his 142 yards (34 carries) in the second half, and knocked the ball loose.

Senior Brian Nelson, who recovered the fumble at the 2, and the rest of the Hawks were overjoyed at Doig's big hit.

"I hit him as hard as I could," Doig said. "I put my face on the ball and ran through him.

"We knew we had to stop

ball on us at the end, and we had to come up big.

"I didn't know it was a fumble. I just saw everyone jumping around and (then) I knew we got

The fumble recovery, which allowed quarterback Lou Hadley to down the ball twice and run out the clock, afforded Nelson the opportunity for redemption.

He intercepted a fourth-down pass (his seventh) at the Harrison 46 instead of knocking it down, which would have given the Hawks possession at the Jefferson 21 with under three min-. utes left.

"I wasn't even thinking," Nel-

them. They were pounding the son said. "Coach told me to play tight D and stay on him. I wasn't even thinking it was fourth

down. We would've had the ball at the 20, and that would've been the game," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "But, then, if he's not there maybe they catch the ball, too.

The Hawks (9-4) failed to get a first down, and the Bears (11-2) blocked Nelson's punt with 2:13 to play, setting up Jefferson for a short drive from the 35 and the potential winning TD.

"We thought we had things going our way," Nelson said. After the blocked punt, we sorta got down. I was just thinking we had to step up the D. We knew we could do it.

It took the Bears four plays to

reach the 9 at which point the game took a fortunate bounce and turn for the Hawks. "Their back did a great job the whole game and fumbled." Her-

rington said. "It was just fortunate for us he did. But it was a caused fumble. Doig went in there and knocked it loose." Harrison was in good shape in the first half, thanks to the passing arm of Hadley, who had his

best game of the season, completing eight of 12 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns. Hadley had first-half TD tosses of 21 yards to junior Chris

Roberson, 41 to sophomore Agim

Shabaj and 40 to Nick Hall. Senior Kris Wong's three extra points gave the Hawks a comfortable, 21-6 lead, but the game began to turn around just before

halftime. Ironically, Harrison did a good job against Jefferson's strong rushing attack in the first half but was stung by the passing of quarterback Steve Kinsland, who was 6-of-7 for 84 yards and two touchdowns in the first half.

Tight end Lee Wilder caught both TD passes — a 12-yarder yarder on the final play of the half after Mike Barton made a 33-yard catch as he was falling down and out of bounds at the Harrison 5 with :01 on the clock. Wilder also missed both extra points, leaving the halftime score 21-12.

On the play just before Barton's catch, Kinsland's incomplete pass bounced off Harrison senior defensive end Brad Person, who almost certainly would've had a touchdown (for a possible 28-6 lead) if he had intercepted.

"We were concerned, when they got their second touchdown, it would give them momentum for their opening drive (of the second half)," Herrington said.

It did. The Bears, resorting to the ground game, went 79 yards in 17 running plays to start the third quarter to score on a 1yard run by Servey. Kinsland passed to Jeff Davidson for the two-point conversion, cutting the Harrison lead to 21-20.

Wong kicked a 38-yard field goal for a little insurance, and the Hawks stopped the Bears on downs on their next two possessions, the second ending in Nelson's interception.

Given the unusual turn of events, Cisco still held out hope even after the lost fumble.

"I've been in this game too long," he said. "Anything can happen until that scoreboard (clock) is dead."

Fortunately for the Hawks, nothing else of consequence did.

Jefferson had a 236-98 advantage on the ground and a 334dge in total wards Zake Jaworski added 47 yards on nine carries for the Bears, Mike Mason 37 on five. Kinsland was 8-of-10 passing overall for 98

The Hawks, who had only 72 yards in the second half, had 53 rushing yards on 15 carries from senior Kevin Woods and 29 on eight from Roberson.





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Scrambling toward a win: St. Agatha's Jessica James (right) battles for a loose ball, showing the kind of scrappiness the Aggies needed to get past Lenawee Christian.

Into the finals

Aggies trip Lenawee Christian

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.ne

That Krystol Dennis earned a starting role in her first year on Redford St. Agatha's girls basketball team wasn't such a sur-

That Dennis is still playing this late in the season, however, will raise some eyebrows.

Dennis, who transferred to St. Agatha last January after 2 1/2 years at Redford Bishop Borgess, scored a game-high 15 points as the Aggies continued their best season in years with a 40-39 win over Adrian Lenawee Christian in the Class D regional semifinal in Potterville.

The win earned the Aggies, 23-1 overall, a spot in the regional finals at 7 p.m. against Portland St. Patrick.

Krystol showed potential but rarely played in three seasons at Borgess. The irony is the Spartans, who made six straight trips to the Class C Final Four, were eliminated this season in the district championship game.

At St. Agatha she joined her sister, sophomore forward Kim Dennis, who also starts.

"I love it," said Krystol Dennis. It's funner.

Holding her portable Compact Disc player after the game, Krystol Dennis also mumbled something about Jang-A-Lang, one of her favorite sayings on the big screen, while celebrating the victory with teammates.

"She's obviously our main low post threat and it's a great luxury to have," St. Agatha co-coach Tim Szakal said. "We're not deep at guard and she also helps when teams press us because she's a big target. Having her in the middle as a safety valve is

While Krystol Dennis and Kim Dennis, who added eight points, played key roles, the biggest points came from the smallest player on the court: senior guard Sonia Lousia.

Trailing 39-38 in the final minute, Lousia and Jessica James trapped a Lenawee Christian player near half-court, causing a turnover. Lousia, who hadn't scored in the previous 31 minutes, got the steal and coasted in for an uncontested layup with 42 seconds left for a 40-39

It was a little redemption for Lousia, who had turned the ball over on the previous two St. Agatha possessions.

"I thought it was my turn, that I've got to make this layup," Lou-sia said. "I was thinking There's no one behind me because the girl was stuck behind Jessica. Just concentrate on going slow." Lousia St. Agatha senior forward Kerry Shivers is grateful for her new teammate, but her body isn't sure it's worth it.

The Cougars still had a chance to win but a missed shot from inside the paint with 8.5 seconds left was rebounded by Krystol Dennis. The Aggles missed a free throw at the other end, which also was rebounded by Krystol Dennis, and the final seconds ticked off the clock without the Cougars getting another shot

Lenewee Christian, led by senior forward Danielle Psante with 10 points, finished its season with a 19-5 record.

"The height factor we had to deal with - I think 22 (Krystol Dennis) had a soft touch - and more than anything she kept us from getting second looks (rebounds after missed shots)," Lenawee Christian coach Cheri Smith said. "When you're not shooting well, like we were tonight, that's what you count

The Aggies trailed 7-5 after one quarter but used a 15-9 second-quarter advantage to lead at halftime, 20-16. Lenawee Christian cut its deficit to one, 29-28, after oustcoring St. Agatha 12-9 in the third quarter.

Krystol Dennis, who made four

of five free throw attempts, scored nine second-half points. She was the only one who shot well from the line, however, as the Aggies were 5-for-15 as a

Senior forward Kerry Shivers, who added six points, seems to be reminded each practice of Krystol Dennis' presence.

"Most of my bruises are from her, her and Jessica (James)," said Shivers, who added that rebounding is stressed by the new coaching staff, which includes Patricia Rich. "They've helped us improve our weak spots, like boxing out and fighting for the ball. We're not just watching the ball roll out of bounds.

James is proud of her aggressiveness

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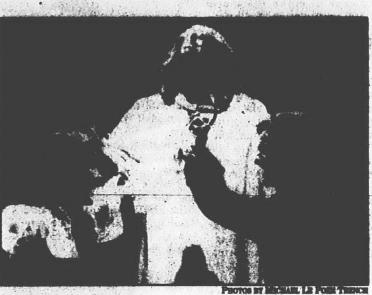




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New musical: Erin Dilly as Bertrande (left to right), John Herrera as Father Dominic and Hugh Panaro as Martin Guerre in a scene from "Martin Guerre."

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tinues through Sunday.

By JULIE YOLLES SPECIAL WRITER

When Erin Dilly was 16, she and her best friend, Danny Gurwin, went downtown to the Fisher Theatre to see "Les Miserables" for the first

The lights went down, and when Eponine came on stage, I just cried, 'I

want to be her, I want to do this.' That was the first moment in my life when I realized that I wanted to be a professional actor," said Dilly, who grew up in South-

Eleven years later, when Dilly heads downtown again to the Fisher Theatre on Dec. 1, she'll have the best seat in the house. Center stage, in fact. Dilly's coming back home as Bertrande, the female lead of the U.S.

premiere of "Martin Guerre," is a little mind-blowing for Dilly, she said.

As a high schooler at Birmingham Groves, Dilly was like the Energizer Bunny; she just kept on going, and going and going. The self-professed study bug was on the varsity tennis team, the forensics team and an

"I did all the roles that I could

never do professionally," said the 27year-old actress, who's been performing since graduating from the musical theater program at the University of Michigan.

"I was Dolly in 'Hello Dolly' when I was 17, which still makes me giggle. I also played Maria in 'West Side Story.

Here I am blonde and blueeyed. I was so far away from this Spanish woman but, you know,

someone's get to play. those parts." Millionaire theatrical Cameron producer Mackintosh chose Dilly to play the plum part in the pre-Broadway run of 'Martin Guerre" after an eight-month search

Knighted "The Wizard of

Ahhhs" by Forbes ASAP. Mackintosh has pro-

(248) 645-6666. duced more than 300 shows and is best known for "Cats," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables" and "Miss

Saigon. Mackintosh reunites with "Les Miz" and "Saigon" French composing team Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg for "Guerre."

The "Martin Guerre" casting team

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Holiday spec-

tacular: Paul

Hopper, (left) as Bob

Cratchit and

Scrooge, in a

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HOLIDAY TRADITION

Subtle changes keep 'A Christmas Carol' fresh and fun

BY SUSAN B. TAUEER STAFF WRITES

Just as families in southeast Michigan carry on the tradition of seeing "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre every year, the tradition of the play is just as strong for many of the

Take Paul Hopper, for instance. A familiar face in the annual production, he repeats his release as His Ofstehit and Petricula this season. He once officed the role of form Servey.

Not state I just my hair, quipped Hopper.

This year, he's giving up a trip to Hawaii with his wife, Barbara Ellis (Coven) and daughter, Nicole Coven, to return

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on stage and those involved backstage keep the production fresh when it has opened to audiences more than 800

Charles Nolte is the author and director of the beloved "A Christmas Carol" script adapted from the original story written by Charles Dickens. The

1999 production is the 16th using Nolte's script. There were two years when other scripts were used but the theater returned to Noite's version three

seasons ago. Nolte flies in from his home in Minneapolis for rehearsals and stays through the first week or two of performances, returning throughout the run to look things over. He works hard at keeping the play fresh but tries to do it in sub-

tle ways that don't

attract attention.

I always change the blocking and other things a little ng to who is in the cast," said who created the title role in the original production of "Billy Bud."



mas Carol.

"Many of our actors return to us year after year, but we also get new ones. particularly in the children's roles."

In this year's production, for instance, the actors in the umbrella scene are moving differently from in

Booth Colman, the epitome of Ebenezer Scrooge, has played the role every year but one since 1981.

"This isn't a difficult role to keep fresh because the play isn't a straight run," said the actor, who lives in Los Angeles. "We have almost a year off

from the time it ends in December

until we open the next November." He said much of what keeps the play fresh is the interaction with the other actors on the stage.

"Different actors facilitate a different response," Hopper added.

For Mary Benson, who plays Mrs. Cratchit and Mrs. Fezziwig, performing in "A Christmas Carol" is like coming home from her West Virginia residence. She's done the holiday play at

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Barbara Jenke Seametrees

From all the years of re viewers' commente, we'y learned our audiences like to se the same script, the same a ing, the same story every he said. "It's part of their holiday tradition, just like people who watch 'It's a Wonderful Life'



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continually called Dilly to audition for the show. But she was either on the national tour of "Beauty and the Beast" as Belle, ill with the flu or had just

ned off-Broadway. It was the morning after opening night of the play, and I was in no shape to audition. But they kept calling me back, and I said 'Oh, OK, I'll go in," Dilly said. I had slept late, didn't even take a shower, threw on some clothes, jumped in a cab and got caught in a traffic jam. I had no sie with me. I did the audition completely by the seat of my

Dilly was called back. Here I was, standing there, unshowered, hair sticking up all over the place, no makeup on and They wanted to see me aghin," she laughed.

She was hired five days later. After the audition, Cameron approached me, extended his hand, hugged me and said Well, we start rehearsals in eight weeks.' I said, 'Oh, my God.' The conductor looked at me and said Remember this day, there are very few moments in your life where Cameron Mackintosh will offer you a job on the spot.' It was all so surreal, it really didn't sink in until about two weeks later'

For Mackintosh, "Martin Guerre" has been an eight-year battle. Dissatisfied with the initial version of "Guerre," that opened in London in July 1996, Mackintosh closed down the production after three months. Mackintosh, Boublil and Schonberg started writing a revised version. That version of "Martin Guerre" won the 1997 Olivier Award for best new musical and ran for more than 700 performances at the Prince Edward

Theatre in London's West End before Mackintosh shut it down again for a total overhaul.

Detroit audiences will see the third version, featuring an all-American cast that includes

The epic is on a five-stop pre-Broadway tour and will open in New York on April 26, 2000. After its premiers at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, "Guerre" comes to Detroit with Dilly Dec.

1 and runs through Dec. 19. Boublil and Schonberg set out to recreate the legend of Martin Guerre (played by Hugh Panaro) in 1553 Artigat, France. After a loveless marriage to Bertrande (Dilly) and ridicule by the villagers, Guerre leaves the town for a better life. Seven years later, on a battlefield in France. Guerre is presumed dead after his friend Arnaud du Thil (Stephen Buntrock) attempts to

save his life. Arnaud returns to Artigat to bear the tragic news to Bertrande and is mistaken for Guerre by the townsfolk. Through the deception, Arnaud and Bertrande fall in love.

"They both actually live the perfect love for a very short time," said Mackintosh.

"The story hasn't changed at all (from the initial version), but what's changed dramatically which is why its been so well received now - is actually we've done it better. We've done it through the eyes of the characters. ... We start with a flashback, and we see the story through the central trio's eyes. The visual look is very simple, but a theatrically and terribly exciting look that gets to the heart of the storytelling.

"There's no golden rule to follow to keep you out of trouble when putting on a musical. You just do what you feel is best for the moment and sometimes that moment takes a lot longer than you really thought it would in the first place."

"Cameron Mackintosh has always been this extraordinary name in the theater. He's almost been this icon that didn't seem like I could ever attach it with the literal person," Dilly said. "But when I met him, he's the most salt-of-the earth, warmest man I've ever met. He's completely accessible, wildly creative with a phenomenal sense of humor. I've never met a man so passionate about a show."

Mackintosh has more than 50 musicals in production, including "Putting it Together," the Stephen Sondheim review that just opened on Broadway and stars Carol Burnett.

Dilly hoped to catch "Putting it Together" while she was on a

small hiatus from "Guerre" before coming to Detroit. Dilly was temporarily living at Danny Gurwin's apartment. One show she definitely wasn't going to miss was "The Scarlet Pimpernel" on Broadway, with bestfriend Gurwin in the show.

per (left to right) as Bob

Booth Colman . Ebenezer

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Both had appeared in Nancy Gurwin (Danny's mom) Productions in West Bloomfield and attended the homecoming dances together at Birmingham Groves and Southfield-Lathrup High School.

"I'm thrilled to be able to come to my hometown in a show that I'm so proud of," said Dilly. She will stay for three weeks with her parents, Stewart and Ann Dilly, in the house Erin grew up in. "It's the kind of theater that can change a person's life, and I think that's rare."

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Show highlights local talent

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the adult comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner," written by Marc Camoletti, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, at the Guild playhouse, 21730 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, all seats are reserved. Senior and student rates are available. To purchase tickets, call (313) 561. TKTS. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

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When a husband uses his best friend as an alibi for a weekend with his mistress, trouble ensues when his wife decides to stay at home and renew her affair with the best friend. The best friend. who is hiding both infidelities, then mistakes the caterer for the mistress, setting the stage for subterfuge and silliness.

Kirk Haas, who directed the Guild's comic delight "Moon Over Buffalo" last year, has assembled a talented ensemble worthy of the clever script and capable of delivering it with a crucial combination of talent and breakneck speed.

Joe Donovan of Farmington Hills is clever and acerbic as Bernard, the philandering husband whose plans for a relaxing weekend turn into a chaotic yet hysterically funny romp. Donovan is the master of understatement, and can bring down the house with laughter with a wellaimed look or his physical comedy. He not only caught the seltzer in the pants, he wore the main course of the intended dinner party. Kudos to the costume

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ous changes of clothing.

To intensify the comic treat, Joe is paired with his real life wife Kim Donovan, who plays his stage wife Jacqueline. The two make a dynamic duo from a comedy standpoint, and have delighted Guild audiences in the past as the couple in "Move Over Mrs. Markham" and in numerous other roles.

Kim Donovan exudes class and stage presence while keeping a light enough touch to keep the show funny and moving along at a brisk pace. She was able to switch from passionate to sisterly with the bat of an eye.

Ron Williams of Redford shows he can play the debonair bachelor Robert as well as the troubled teen he portrayed so well in last season's "Blood Brothers." He has the right blend of teddy bear cuddliness and sophisticated conniving to be both convincing and likable.

As he must concoct more lies and convince more people to go along with them, he invokes gales of laughter from the appreciative house. He also deserves a commendation for memorizing an extremely long, funny and complicated speech that attempts to finally catalog every committee for supplying numer- lie, subterfuge and mistaken

Cindy Gonko of Canton, who plays the cook, is mistaken by Robert as the mistress. She brings her own flair and energy to the equation, and is an enthusiastic and self-assured addition to the ensemble.

Gonko has fun with the role, and is probably the only cast member who eventually understands the entire equation. Her ability to wear a waitress skirt like a strapless designer original gown is a very funny part of the comic romp. Her composure in the face of chaos gives the character the ability to inspire even more laughter.

Maria Kovac of Royal Oak is the perfect mistress, oozing the glamour and sophisticated wit to which a man like Bernard would be attracted. She makes her character likable and sympathetic. avoiding the stereotypical flakiness associated with the mistress role and bringing the right mixture of coy charm and naughty poise to the role.

Hank Bennett of Farmington Hills completes the ensemble as George, the cook's understandably confused and indignant husband who stumbles into the mess at the height of the action.

Haas designed a set as worthy of praise as the cast he assembled. Ceiling beams lend a permanence to the nicely decorated farmhouse, which is wellappointed. Costumer Marsha Barnett-Krause dressed the cast with an elegant sophistication and deserves combat pay for the constant costume clean-ups demanded by Bernard's ongoing encounters with spray bottles and errant food.

Story of 'Truth' told at EMU

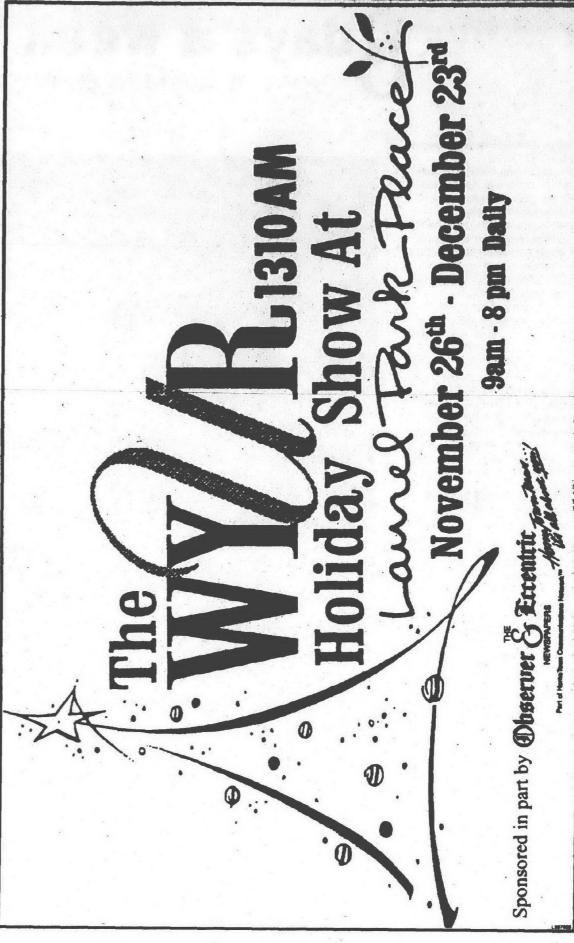
Eastern Michigan University's Theatre of the Young presents "A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Quirk Theatre, on EMU's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets are \$13. Call the box. office at (734) 487-1221 for tickets and information.

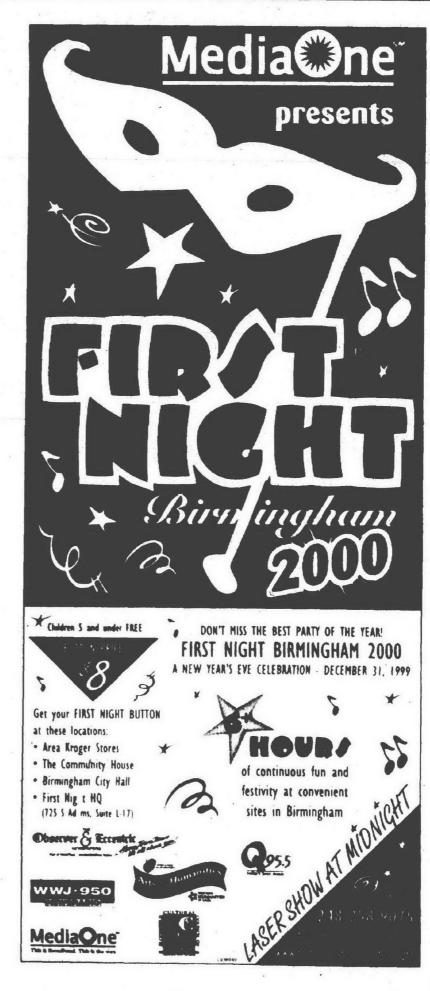
"A Woman Called Truth," written by Sandra Fenichel Asher, is a celebration of the life, courage and wit of Sojourner Truth, a woman who was sold as a slave and taken away from her family as a young girl.

The story follows her historic fight for freedom and emergence as a respected speaker on the abolition of slavery and importance of women's rights. Truth continued fighting for those causes until her death in 1883 in her Battle Creek home.

Directed by Patricia Moore Zimmer, the play is appropriate for ages 11 and older.







A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50, (313) 963-9800 R THEATRE

"Martin Guerre," opens - Wednesday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE "LFChicago," the Drop-Dead Broadway Musical continues ethrough Nov. 28, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, no performance Thursday, Nov. 25, at the theater. 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 832-DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight." a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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EMU THEATRE

"A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Dec.3, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 20-21 and Saturday, Dec. 4. Quirk Theatre, on the Ypsilanti campus. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays, \$11 Sunday matinee. (734) 487-1221

"Skylarks,"8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 5. (313) 993-1130 WSU HILLBERRY

"Some Americans Abroad," through Feb. 5. 8 p.m. Friday. Nov. 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27; "Merchant of Venice," 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

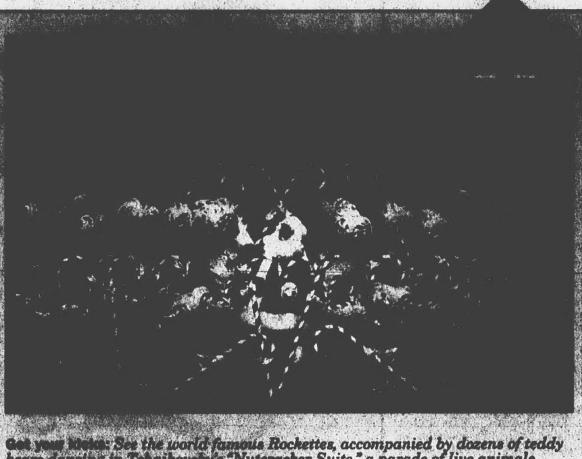
"The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955 PLANET ANT THEATRE

"Sexual Perversity in Chicago," :Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. .19, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10, \$35 season tickets available until Dec. 19. (313) 365-4948 PLYMOUTH THEATRE QUILD

"It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of Haggerty. Northville. \$10, \$7 students ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

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"The Man Who Game to Dinner." \$ g.m. Friday: Seturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the Ulauter, Chestrut Street and Woodward, \$12, \$10 students, (248) \$44-2075



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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER

The classic Russian tale "The Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 27-28, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777 **GEMINI**

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, instrument-petting zoo onehalf hour before the shows, at The Ark, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 761-1800 **MARQUIS THEATRE**

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSQIVING PARADE

9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, from Woodward and Mack. ART TRAIN USA

"Artistry of Space" features works from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, at 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8300 COBO CARNIVAL

Through Dec. 5, in Oakland Hall at Cobo Center, Detroit. Free. (313) 923-7400

HOLIDAY PARADE/SNOW CARNIVAL

11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 (parade), noon to 2 p.m. Snow Carnival, from Wisner Stadium on Oakland Avenue to the Phoenix Center on Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 209-2621 HOLIDAY PIANO CONCERT

Ryan O'Naill performs 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the JC Penney Store at Westland Mall. Wayne and Warren roads,

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To benefit Haven, an Oakland County domestic violence shelter, decorate your own bowl symbolizing hunger around the world, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, hot soup by Zoup! \$20 per parent and one child for one hour. \$10 each additional child. (248) 350-3007

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE **MADRIGAL DINNERS**

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, entertainment by Good Neighbors All and the college's Madrigal Singers, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$35, proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. (734) 462-4417

A TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Aretha Franklin, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$75-\$200, proceeds to Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. (313) 576-5111 TURKEY TROT

8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the corner of Jefferson and Woodward, \$20, proceeds benefit America's Thanksgiving Parade. (248) 544-9099

CLASSICAL DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bach and Handel, with soprano Christine Brandes and mezzosoprano Marietta Simpson, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

POPS/SWING

ARETHA FRANKLIN

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.\$25-\$75. (313) 576-5111

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Andemo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

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With Meridian in a "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday: Seturdays through Dec. 3, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Islagraph Road at Maple, d Hills. (248) 865-9300

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Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE Sing Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at historic St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, \$10, proceeds go towards the chorale's tour to Ireland in June. (734) 432-5708 PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Presents a "Holiday Greetings" concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. (734) 455-4080 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Holiday concerts featuring Mozart's "Regina Coell and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other season favorites, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, between Warren and Hancock, Detroit. Free; 8 p.m. Sgturday, Dec. 11! at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435 **UMS CHORAL UNION**

Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University. Ann Arbor. \$10-\$18. (734) 764-2538

JAZZ

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at The Ark, et 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1800 OM JAZZ TRID Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-

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JOHNNY & AL Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Sweet Lorraine's, 29101 Greenfield, Southfield. (248) 559-5985 RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

at Ron's Fireside Inn. 28937. Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756 **QARY SCHUNK**

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Edison's, 220 Merrill. Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

STRAIGHT AHEAD 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248)

645-2150 JANET TENAJ TRIO Featuring Sven Anderson, plano

and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 WARREN COMMISSION

Sunday, Nov. 28, at Andiamo Osteria-Royal Oak, Main Street. (248) 582-9300 ED WELLS

The planist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave.: Detroit. (313) 963-9800 PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN

ALLSTARS 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-2150

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, at Cowley's Old Village Inn, Grand River and Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-

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KATIE GEDDES & THE USUAL SUSPECTS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, also Dell and the Rough Cuts, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, west of I-275, Livonia, \$12, \$10 members. (734) 464-6302 WATERSON: CARTHY

8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, JOSH: WHITE, JR. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at The

Ark, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800

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7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at The Ark, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1800 BETHANY YARROW

With Peter Yarrow 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Temple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile. Oak Park. \$10 Jewish Community Center members, \$15 non-members. (248) 661-1000

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7568

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE . 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863 BALLROOM DANCING

9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-8300 THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER Presented by Donald/Byrd/The Group, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

\$12-\$50. (734) 764-2538

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF

Dence and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn, (313) 581-3181 STARDUST BALLROOM

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Highway... Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678 WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCE

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB Norm Stulz with J.R. Remick & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Kevin McPeek, also John Turnball and Bam Bam 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27 (\$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

Bill Hildebrandt Friday-Sunday. Nov. 26-28; Bill Shannon, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

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SECOND CITY "Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM Re-opened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734)

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995-5439 **DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Film festival and family workshop based on the new On the Air! exhibit 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, the exhibit allows visitors to walk through time and the area's radio and TV broadcast industry. \$3. (313) 833-9720; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, 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.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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 addition-Please see next page Luays a week

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Continued from previous page al \$4. (313) 577-8400 **DETROIT ZOO**

The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

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MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd.. Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL Holiday Walk features French treasures in the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, beginning Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 5 the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 30-Dec.

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"I Made This Jar ... " the life and orks of the enslaved African American potter, Dave continues through Jan. 2, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM "Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$.50 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

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9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty.

Plymouth. Cover. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues) **GREG ALLMAN**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, State Theatre, Detroit, Tickets \$28.50, \$24.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

THE BACK DOORS

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$10 in advance. (248) 544-3030

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With Tal Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

THE BEACH BOYS 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$25, \$15 for general admission. (248) 645 6666

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With Criminals, LES Stiches, Ducky Boys, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. The Shelter, 431 E. .Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$8. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

BUCKCHERRY 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. All ages, (313) 961-MELT.

COMMON GROUND CD RELEASE PARTY With Scott Campbell, Jill Jack,

Hope Orchestra, Miriam Shor, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5, 18 and over, (248) 335-8100. CHAIN REACTION

Friday, Nov. 26, Scalici's Lounge, Allen Park. (313) 438-0029; Thursday, Dec. 9, Token Lounge, Westland (313) 513-5030 CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING

10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

THE COREVARES With Mr. Tidy, A Planet for Texas, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk) CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND

YOUNG 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

LACY J. DALTON 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at The Ark, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800 (country) DEEP SPACE 6

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 DJ VADIM

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 341 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (313) 961-MELT

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With The Lash, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$6 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-

3030 DED FAC 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, The Ark, 316. S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451

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EKOOSTIC HOOKAH 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale.

(248) 544-3030 **ELECTRIC BOOGALOO** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 (with Baked Potato), Thursday, Dec. 30, Karl's Cabin, 9779

Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 EL VEZ 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 7th

House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. (248) 645-6666 EMINEM

Friday, Nov. 26, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, Tickets \$20. (248) 645-6666 (hip hop star comes home)

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With Workhorse Movement. Sunday, Dec. 19, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron at Mill Street, Pontiac. Tickets \$12. (248) 645-6666.

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www.ticketmaster.com EARL KLUGH AND BOB JAMES 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$45, \$27.50, \$15. (248) 645-

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LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday jazz)

EUGENE MANN 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 652-0558 (saxophone)

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PILFERS 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

PODUNK 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$6. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

OUEENSRYCHE With Caroline's Fire, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, \$29.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

RACHEL AND KAPP 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

With Gang Starr, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$25. (248) 645-6666

JAKE REICHBART 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday guitar)

RARE EARTH Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856 SATIN DOLLS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (vocal quartet) STEPHANIE SCHINDLER

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. (248) 335-5013 (jazz)

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STEREOLAB With Jim O'Rourke. 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, Tickets \$12 advance, \$13 day of show 18 and older. (248) 645-6666. STING

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With Forge and Fringe, Thursday, Dec. 16, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

WU-TANG CLAN'S U-GOD AND FRIEND SHYHEIM 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$6. 18 and over. (313) 961-MELT or

www.961melt.com YOUNG COUNTRY CHRISTMAS WITH STEVE WARINER 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets

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Dogma' takes cynical, comic look at religion

Carl Reiner's "Oh God" (1977) gave us George Burns and a Borscht Belt take on the Old Testament. In Kevin Smith's profound and profane comedy-fantasy "Dogma," the Lord is angst singer Alanis Morisette. If you can accept that, the rest of the often clever, quite pro-faith plot may make perfect sense.

Loki (Matt Damon) and Bartleby (Ben Affleck) are fallen angels of death. Expelled from Heaven, they've been commanded to live in Wisconsin for the length of human existence. This is some cruel God we're talking about here.

The two discover a loophole that will allow them back into Paradise if they can pass through the archway of a newly rededicated church in New Jersey. But for two fallen angels, to return home would prove an infallible God to be fallible; this would negate everything and everyone - starting, we assume, with New Jersey.

To prevent Armageddon, the Voice of God (Alan Rickman) is dispatched to enlist the aid of a human to save all humankind. They choose an abortion clinic volunteer, Bethany (Linda Fiorentino). No random choice, Bethany is - stand back, now the great, great, great (repeat a few dozen times) ... niece of Jesus. It seems that Mary and Joseph did a bit of begetting of their own.

And there's more, lots more. The 13th apostle, for example. He's an angry young man named Rufus (Chris Rock), who literally falls from the sky to help out. Did he really know Jesus, asks Bethany, "Knew him? He owes me 12 bucks." Apparently they listen to "2000 Year Old Man" albums up there, as Rufus rips off old Mel Brooks punchlines with no remorse. And why haven't we heard of him? "I was left out because I'm black." Just what we need, an apostle with an attitude

"Dogma" takes on a lot, and spends a lot of screen time



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Comedy-Fantasy: Matt Damon and Ben Affleck in a scene from director Kevin Smith's latest effort "Dogma."

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explaining Catholic doctrines such as plenary indulgence,

sorts. At the heart of the film, however, is writer/director Smith's assertions that an idea is better than a belief and it doesn't matter what you have faith in as long as you have All shows \$1 except shows after 6

> For all its controversy, planned or not, "Dogma" is as pro-Bible as it is anti-organized religion. There is a real "Wizard of Oz" sweetness there if you dig far

which is an eternal amnesty of

enough below the sophomoric language and "Lost in Space" effects (a demon from the bowels of the earth is a poop-monster that emerges from a toilet).

Affleck and Damon do the Butch and Sundance routine as well as any contemporary duo could: Rickman and Rock are each hilarious in delivering their very different types of humor. George Carlin as a cardinal is great casting, as it was Carlin's original comedy monologues on his parochial school upbringing that inspired Smith.

Fiorentino as the modern-day Dorothy brings nothing special to the role. And Smith, himself, teams up with Jason Mewes for the fourth time in his films : ("Mall Rats," "Clerks" and "Chasing Amy") as hipsters Jay and Silent Bob.

Many of those who flock to this film may find Jay's unceasing foul mouth funny.

It may or may not be a sin, but it has long ago stopped being

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Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 24 "FLAWLESS"

Comedic drama of a retired security guard who suffers a stroke and is

assigned to a rehab program which includes singing lessons with his neighbor, a drag queen. Stars Robert De Niro and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

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Set in a small European town, a village dreamer aims to save his town from Nazi invasion. Stars Lionel Abelanski. Rufus, Clement Harari and Michel Muller.

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A sequel to the 1995 animated comedy, Buzz Lightyear and fellow toys must save their pal, Woody from becoming a museum piece. Stars the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Don Rickles and Jim Varney

Set at the dawn of the new millennium, this thriller follows Satan's visit to New York City in search of a bride with whom he hopes to rule the next thousand years. Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne, Robin Tunney and Kevin Pollack.

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"THE GREEN MILE" Remarkable story of a guard in a

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Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22

"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"

Drama about a an aging star quarter-

young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that drew him to his career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis

because a gifted and unprincipled

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25

"LIBERTY HEIGHTS" A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion. race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars

Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe

Mantegna "MANSFIELD PARK"

Based on the book by Jane Austin, the 'story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances

O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller. Film lacks believability, focus

ing, bear arms and lead an

Joan convinces Charles (a

prissy John Malkovich) and his

mother-in-law (Faye Dunaway)

of her divinely blessed mission,

and indeed wins a series of bat-

tles before being betrayed by

her own people and burned at

Besson ("The Fifth Element")

presents Joan as a petrified kid,

shivering and stammering

things like, "I am the drum on

which God is beating out his message." She is quick to lose

her temper, foolish in battle and

lacks confidence, Now all this might well have been true, but

something told those soldiers to

follow her; the viewer is just not

her element. As an actress,

she's a terrific model. And

what's the deal with her hair

color? She's a sunny blond to

begin with. Somewhere in the

middle, after cutting her long

Jevovich in armor is out of

as convinced as they were.

the stake as a heretic in 1431.

army.

By Jon Katz Special Writer

Some husbands put their wives on a pedestal. French filmmaker Luc Besson put his (model/actress Milla Jovovich) on the big screen with thousands of extras. A few husbands may think of their wives as a saint. Besson's was cast as one. And then, to believe the

tabloids, she left him. Frankly, their off-screen lives may prove more exciting than this latest retelling of Joan of

Before the details, one warning is in order. "The Messenger" is not the film to take your catechism student to. He or she will learn about Joan, all right, but also about the language the English used to describe her. It is very plain English, not how we thought they talked in the pristine 15th century. A groan-

ing audience seemed to agree.
If you're still interested, "The Messenger" is an ambitious effort that is visually attractive and graphically detailed. Young peasant girl Joan witnesses her tiny French village overrun and her older eister raped and mur-dered during the bloody Hun-dred Years' War. A deciding factor in the war was who would control the city of Orleans. Only one thing could save France ... a

miracle. Soon after, Joan hears voices from the sky and has strange visions. She is, she is told, the chosen one who will restore France and give aid to the Dauphin Churles so that he might be crowned king. To do



In battle: Milla Jovovich is Joan of Arc in "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" in theaters. now.

locks, she's a redhead. She tells so, she must wear men's cloththe English troops lined up against her outnumbered forces, "I have a message for your King Henry from God - go home!" Well sorry, but she looks like Opie telling the school bully that his father's the sheriff. Finally, at the burning, she's

plainly a brunette. The battle scenes are well staged, albeit quite graphic (a head is severed, limbs are scattered about), but the troops and their uniforms all look alike. At least you could tell Spartacus

from the Romans. Where "The Messenger" is meaningful is in Joan's prison scenes, where she is confronted by her conscience (a hooded and bearded Dustin Hoffman). Only here is Joan's uncertainty believable, but the fact that her conscience is so much smarter than she is becomes confusing. At one point she says "Get thee behind me, Satan," which only adds to the muddle that is "The

Give it all: Ferndale band heads into local studio

Tempermill Recording Studio in Ferndale Tuesday night, I heard the intermittent sounds of a strumming guitar, and the quiet, reflective expressions of a group of musicians warmly welcoming me

If you haven't already heard of Give, chances are pretty good you've seen these musicians perwer the years. Singer-songwriter beris George, bassist Ray Echlin, guitarist Allen Liggett, drummer Scott Spellman and fiddler Jim Fignn have made their way in and around the local music scene, each searching for the perfect combination, the perfect sound. Together, they seem to have found it.

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Give members are currently working on what will become their first album, and performing regularly in area clubs. Music fans might have caught the band at a Whitney Garden Party, or performing at "Pumpstock" outside the

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Town Pump in Detroit. It was outside the Town Pump that band's
moniker adopted meaning. Echlin
was approached — in a Detroit
alloy — by a man who seemed to
know immediately he was a musitits music: "God is visiting Earth."

Give formed less than two years
age with George and Echlin at the
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helm, just an upright bees, lap steel guitar and the sound of George's voice. Additional instruments and musicians were added into the sound which has come to signify the band — a genre Flynn calls mainstream modern rock (even though the hand doesn't really fit any particular mold).

The creative approach

Songs, like the melodic "Up and Down" and "Something Unpredictable" are carried in the forefront by George's voice, lyrics and acoustics. Flynn's fiddle gives a modest, romantic, and gently pervasive side to the music. Give is far from your typical drum-bass-guitar rock combo, "Ferris writes the lyrics," said Echlin. "He's got the

But as far as music goes, the band bounces ideas off one another.

Writing music is a collaborative and somewhat spontaneous effort for Give. "It's more egestional," said George, strumming softly on his guitar. "We just sit in a reem and watch the vibe happen." Behlin said the band's songs develop from a simple riff or the initial boom of a base line. Even if they argue over a song structure, the bandmates agree they are passionate about the music. Echlin said he doesn't always use words to express where he sees the music going.

You can communicate it easier with a guitar," he said. "Often I find myself scatting a drum or Ferris will hum a baseline in my ear. A lot of times these ideas will stick."

Give's song lyrice take on the same sort of life of their own. George admitted that: "Sometimes I don't even know what the theme of the seng's going to be... If you trust it, it comes out almost perfect," The true test of the music, according to George, is the emotional impact it expresses. "Is it touching me?" he asks of a song. "If it touches me it

must touch someone else."

But Flynn insists the real magic of Give is to be experienced in a live

Echlin - who at this point is providing the appropriate "interview music" on a nearby piano,

adds confidently, "It's always a positive reaction. People come and listen." While you might be moved to dance or sway when Give takes the stage, it's more likely the music will capture your attention and your mind. "Some of the music is kind of trance-y," Liggett explained.

Flynn added of the typical audience: "They get into the zone with

What's most evident about this group of musicians is the passion they share for making music. Liggett said the passion for performing and making music simply something you're born with, something he's always wanted to do. From the first show Give performed as a five-piece, a benefit for a fellow musician at St. Andrews Hall, he said "We all knew it was something

Dave Feeny, owner of Tempermill Studio and sound engineer, knows first-hand how the musicians work. "It's an interesting collective," he said of Give.

Their strengths are their experi-

ence of being around the block, knowing what it takes to put come-thing together," added Poong, while working on a song. Their weekness is their experience of being around the block. It's a double-segod sword. Everyone has a strong opin-

Those strong opinions only serve to make the band's passion for music that much more noticeable

The album is going to be a workin-progress," said Liggett. With five songs near completion, Give is compiling material to send out to record companies and radio stations, while completing a full

There's no better time for a group of dedicated and talented musi-

cione like Give to seek the lime-3 light. Detroits a real helbed," said? Flyon of the meeting talent finding the metre gree, It's only begun to receive recognition as such on a national level.

"We all couldn't believe, when we' first started playing tegether, have' well we just jalled," said Liggett.

As for future aspirations, Echlin's ffered a blanket statement: "We" just want to share the music with die lot of people, to give the music out." See Give perform Priday, Nov. 26 at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob in Ham-4 tramck. Call (313) 876-6565.

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David Mead

The Luxury of Time RCA Records

Since Fat Boy Slim and Len have made smart pop singles hip again, music fans should be primed and ready for David

On his debut album "The Luxury of Time," the guitarist/composer takes his clever, shrouded lyrics and laces in upstart instrumentation to create thirteen instantly familiar tunes.

Comparisons to Squeeze, Elvis Costello, Beck and even the Beatles are almost unavoidable, yet this is the work of a young artist vision is solely-owned and musical ambitions sustained.

With "Touch of Mascara" and "Breathe You In," the engaging tenor redefines ballads as warm

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and integral chapters in a collection, rather than mere footnotes to the big hits.

But with a fat bass guitar, a retro Wurlitzer, the Havana horns and beguiling lyrics in the "World of a King," Mead proves he can pump out glossy tomes,

The familiar themes of love and loss are evident throughout this album with a seemingly endless array of emotional twists and turns. Mead recorded "The Luxury of Time" with Jason Lehning and British producer Peter Collins, whose credits include Brian Setzer, Jewel and the Indigo Girls.

The result is a tight debut effort which hearkens back to classic pop style - not lost in time - but merely luxuriating in its inexhaustibility.

Garth Brooks

In the Life of Chris Gaines Capitol Records

When it was announced that Garth Brooks' latest release would be an alter-ego rock concept album, fans and understandably confused. And when comparisons between his "Chris Gaines" and David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust" began

circulating, there was no choice but to offer up a bit of skepticism: You, sir, are no Ziggy Star-

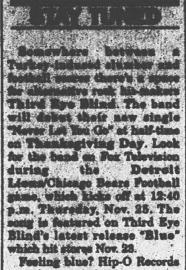
Trouble is "Garth Brooks ... In the Life of Chris Gaines" is good. It's not groundbreaking, but it is an ambitious attempt by the man who has sold more albums than any recording artist save the Beatles.

The album is billed as a "presoundtrack" to a movie. Whether Brooks retains the Trent Reznor wig and artsy "soul patch" to play the capricious rock star is still a Paramount secret. Produced by Detroit-area native Don Was, "Gaines" is a carefully crafted, solid production which pulls from many musical genres.

"Main Street," co-written by Trisha Yearwood, draws heavily from Dylan, and "Right Now," which combines a '90s rap with the Youngbloods' classic "Get Together," is the album's most compelling tune.

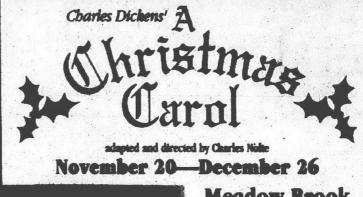
Though Brooks has the talent to reach beyond the confines of country, his rocker persona takes no unnecessary risks.

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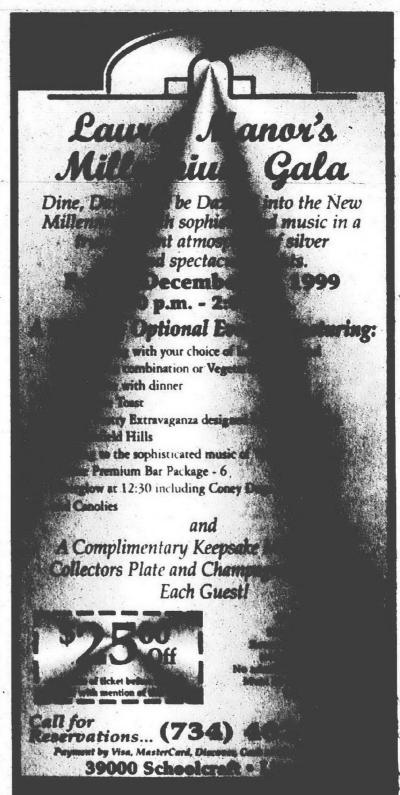
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Relocation to Northwestern Highway last month allowed Rones to double the size of his

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Chef Andy Brenner also offers salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and two homemade soups, Mom's Chicken Noodle and Grandma's Minestrone. "Mom" is Todd Rones mother Rona and it is her recipe with broad noodles, carrots, celery, parsley, and generous chunks of chicken.

"If you're chickened out, there's minestrone," Rones quipped.

Not on the regular menu, but running as a special some days is Chicken Chili without beans. With chunky tomatoes, onions, and plenty of pulled chicken, it's a twist on the standard with a light level of spicing. Brenner sometimes makes a batch with beans, so ask.

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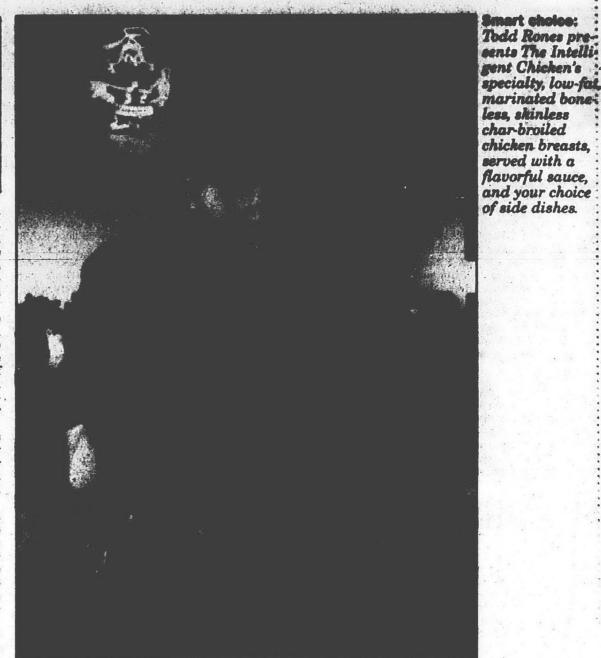
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