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Projected budget surplus rises



Wayne-Westland school officials are now projecting a \$5.9 million budget surplus for the fiscal year ending next June 30. The board also decided unanimously to place a \$108 million bond proposal on a special Feb. 17 ballot.

Wayne-Westland school officials are

among other budget-boosting mea-.

The latest financial outlook followed state aid legislation approved Nov. 19. and Wayne-Westland school officials reflected the changes Monday night by

receive a \$14 million state settlement from the Durant special education law-

However, Superintendent Greg Baracv has said the bulk of the \$14 mill.on will be spread over 10 years and shouldn't be viewed as a windfall. The district won't see any of the money for a year, at least.

The board's vote Monday to amend the 1997-98 budget came on the same night that the seven-member board decided unanimously to place a \$108 million bond proposal on a special Feb. 17 ballot.

The vote was a formality, culminating recent school board discussions

SCHOOLS

that stemmed from a building-by-building study conducted by a bond commit-

Baracy has said the 4-mill, 22-year bond issue would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$200 a year in additional taxes.

Despite the district's elevated financial situation, Baracy has said the bond issue is "desperately" needed to pay for school building repairs and to improve classroom technology.

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McCusker: Remarks still stand

By DARRELL CLEM

A Wayne-Westland school board member is refusing to apologize for statements he made about Westland senior citizen programs, despite warnings that his remarks could hurt a \$108 million school bond proposal.

Board vice president Mathew McCusker stood by his statements that Westland city officials spend an inordinate amount of money on senior programs at the expense of youth services What's more, McCusker challenged

"Prove that I'm wrong," he said during a Monday night school board meet-

His remarks followed criticism from Westland resident Jerry Mercier, who warned that school officials "need seniors" to pass a \$108 million bond issue that school board members decided Monday to place on a Feb. 17 ballot. School officials want the money for

building repairs and classroom tech-"All it takes is one statement and

everything you've done here tonight is

thrown out," Mercier said.

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City man arraigned in shooting

By Valerie Olander STAFF WRITER

An Internet connection with two girls from Canton resulted in a shooting at Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park that seriously injured a 20-year-old Livonia man.

The attempted homicide is the third gun-related incident at a Canton trailer park in the past two weeks, although Sunday morning's shooting is not connected with the other two; police believe.

Sunday's victim, Thomas Each of Livonia, is recovering at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after being shot in the lower back with a 12-gauge shotgun about 4 a.m.

Esch underwent emergency surgery to remove the bullet, which lodged in his chest. He is listed in stable condition, according to police. A hospital spokesperson said the family requested that no information be released on his

Two men were arraigned in 35th District Court Monday and are being held in Wayne County Jail on \$10,000 bond. Timothy Scott, 26, of Westland was

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BY DARRELL CLEM

now projecting a \$5.9 million budget surplus for the fiscal year ending next June 30 - more than double an earlier estimate of \$2.4 million.

The rosier financial picture follows higher-than-expected state foundation dollars, a student enrollment increase and new revenues from property sales,

approving a budget amendment.

The changes came one month after Wayne-Westland school officials learned that the district also will

On the jobs







Career day: Joe Chopko from the Department of Agriculture demonstrates for Marshall Middle School students how Buddy, a beagle, would sniff for fruit coming through customs. Top left, Scott Lucas, from the Westland Fire Department, suits up student Bernard Tarver with an air pack. Top right, Congresswoman Lynn Rivers speaks to students.

Students learn about work world

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AT HOME

Ho-ho-holiday time: It's getting down to crunch time for holiday shopping and our gift guide offers help with some gift-giving ideas.

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They're on the career track.

Students at Westland's Marshall Middle School got the benefit of hearing about career opportunities from the horses' mouths - so to speak.

During a recent career day at the school, professionals in all types of jobs talked to students about careers and what it takes to make one, according to Jan Tomlinson, counselor at Marshall. The third annual career day fea-

"The great thing about it as the years go on is that the students become a more and more integrated part of the program," Tomlinson said.

from auto technician to mayor.

The school is moving toward more career education and the career day is a part of it, she said. As the students prepare to head

into high school, teachers tell them what they will need to enter certain careers, but hearing from people in those jobs really brings it home to tured presenters in careers ranging

"There's quite a bit more impact,"

Presenters included: Tim Paul, a graphic artist at Crown Design Company; Steve Johnson, an attorney; Sgt. G. Bellinger of the U.S. Army; Mark Batko, auto technician at the Ford Career/Technical Center; Clarence Wright Jr., superintendent of the Detroit Building Authority; Darline Schultz, ultrasound techni-

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Birds get set up to a good feed

By TONY BRUSCATO

Winter is for the birds - literally.

If you're one who takes care of our fine feathered friends during the winter, nowadays you aren't alone. Area stores report that business in the winter booms as more and more people are setting up feeders and baths in their backyards to help those birds who don't head south for the winter.

"Interest is definitely growing in bird feeding," said Marj Ferguson, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Farmington Hills. "We are more urbanized, but many people want to get closer to nature."

That theory is echoed by Terri Bennett, owner of Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth Township.

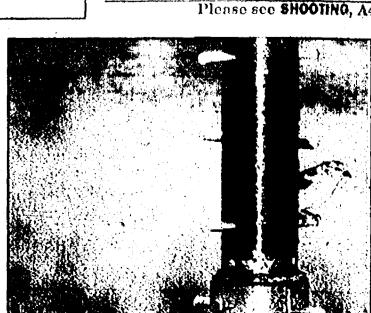
"From the first time we opened our doors 18 years ago, people have been asking for birdseed and bird feeders," said Bennett.

For all ages

At one time, bird feeders were thought to be for retired people who had nothing better to do than watch the birds. However, it has become big business because young and old, and those in-between, are making it a hobby.

"A lot of children who have science in school are studying full units on birds and their habits." said Ferguson. "Kids are becoming more interested at a younger age."

Please see BIRDS, A4



Meal time: A feathered friend dines.

Gay student threatens suit against district

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A gay student who said he dropped out of Wayne Memorial High School because he was harassed by educators threatened Monday to file a lawsuit against the Wayne-Westland dis-

Michael Stachowski, 18, said he would consult this week with attorneys who already have pledged to challenge Wayne-Westland officials for failing to protect him from discrimination and harassment.

His remarks indicate that a bitter, months-long policy dispute between gay activists and school officials may be headed for a courtroom showdown.

Stachowski and other gay rights activists say Wayne-Westland should reinstate "sexual orientation" to non-discrimination policies.

the term in January and then deleted it in August, heeding an attorney's advice and declaring that other policies already protect all students and employees.

After Stachowski and other activists addressed the board Monday, school trustee Ed Turner suggested eliminating public discussion of an issue that he said has become "a form of harassment" against the board.

He warned that gay activists are "doing more damage than good" to their cause.

Some activists seemed appalled by statements from board member David James, who questioned whether sexual orientation policies could provide protection for pedophilia, incest and bestiality.

"Where does it ...?" James asked as his voice trailed off. Board president Debra

School board members added Fowlkes repeated earlier assertions that the policy won't be reconsidered, despite protests that have dominated the public discussion portion of board meetings for several months.

"We will not change the policy," she said.

One resident charged that outof-district activists are hurting Westland's image and that they shouldn't be allowed to continue to address the policy.

"They're running Westland down," Frankie Middleton said.

But Stachowski said school officials should consider what happened to him as a Wayne Memorial 11th-grader last school year. Rather than protecting him, he said, educators publicly humiliated him for being gay.

Stachowski said the incident started when he confided his sexual orientation to a school counselor because he was afraid

of talking to his parents. He said the counselor referred him to a psychologist and that his father was contacted.

"They told my father I was gay after I specifically told them not to," he said.

Stachowski said school employees refused to let him return to classes the following day until he brought a note from a psychologist. He also said a teacher mentioned that he was gay in front of an entire class of students.

"What policy protected me?" he asked.

"I never felt so cheap in my life, like I was a terrible person because I was gay," he said later. Stachowski said the incident caused to him transfer to another district, although he said after Monday's meeting that he isn't currently attending school.

"I was too ashamed to go back

to Wayne Memorial High School," he told the board.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said his administration conducted an investigation of how school employees handled Stachowski's situation. Baracy said he is "satisfied" that the school "made the appropriate referral."

Another student, Amanda Reames, also told the board Monday that she transferred from Wayne Memorial after she saw the treatment her friend Stachowski received.

Fowlkes halted former students as they pressed Baracy for his position on Stachowski's situation. "We will not discuss Michael's problem anymore," she said, adding that students "are not going to use Wayne-Westland school board meetings as a forum to come out."

District resident Michael listen."

Donovan supported the board's actions.

"This situation should be put to an end," he said, "and I hope that the school board will not change their opinion."

Board member David Cox said a sexual orientation policy won't prevent bigotry.

"These aren't issues a public school system can solve," he said, adding later, "I don't want anybody mistreated, but we can't solve every social ill."

Cox and others pledged again that they will protect all students from harassment.

But Stachowski said his treatment proves otherwise.

"I will press charges," he said after Monday's meeting. "I will go ahead with the lawsuit. It wasn't until tonight that I thought it was necessary. But the board wasn't even willing to

McCusker from page A1

Mercier was upset by comments McCusker made in November, when McCusker said he wishes Westland city officials would spend as much money on youth programs "as they do on the temple on Newburgh Road."

McCusker was referring to the senior citizen Friendship Center on Newburgh Road, which provides a wide range of programs and services for thousands of senior citizens.

"I take that very personally," Mercier said Monday, "because my mother- and father-in-law go there."

McCusker, 61, said he is "unset" that critics are accusing him of attacking senior citizens. He noted that he will be eligible for Social Security benefits in six months.

"I am a senior citizen," he said. "I will probably use those (senior) services myself when I retire."

*Rather than condemn me for saying it, prove me wrong.'

Mathew McCusker -school board vice president

receive their fair share of city

dollars. "Rather than condemn me for saying it, prove me wrong," he told Mercier.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said Monday that school officials want good relations with the city and its senior citizens.

Some of McCusker's board colleagues have privately voiced concern about his remarks, although they haven't challenged him publicly on the issue.

warned Mercier that McCusker, alone, can damage the board's credibility with senior citizens.

But he stood by his statements ... "All it takes is one bad apple to that youth programs don't spoil the whole bushel," he said.

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Churchill collects 26,000 cans of food

The Livonia Goodfellows and all of the families that they help were the winners this week, as the group hosted its annual Goodfellows Newspaper Drive and students in Livonia-area schools wrapped up their canned food drives.

Students and members of the Churchill community did an exceptional job this year, according to students activities director Bill Halvangis. More than 26,000 cans of food were brought into the school and picked up for distribution this

"People just dug in and they went crazy," Halvangis said. "It became apparent that we weren't going to meet our goal and they weren't going to let that happen."

The school collected 18,000 cans last year, and had a goal of 20,000 for this year's effort. Goodfellows representatives told school officials the 26,000plus cans collected this year amount to about two thirds of the total collected by all groups.

"Churchill is essentially ... taking care of its own," Halvangis added. The event at Churchill was spearheaded by the Spirit Committee and

Churchill Student Council. Ken Ray, president of the



Successful drive: Churchill High School food drive organizers Amelia Skwiers and Valerie White with the fruits of their work.

Livonia Goodfellows, said the canned goods were shared with the Westland Goodfellow group, since the school serves students and families from

both communities.

"Everything always goes back into the community," he

The school was one of several

contributing to this year's canned food effort, which is used to create baskets for needy families and distributed by Goodfellows volunteers.

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Moreover, school officials say the latest budget-boosting measures are simply a Band-Aid to deeper financial problems that local educators blame on the state.-

Board member Mathew McCusker said Monday the district has a difficult time budgeting because of state-level

"voodoo economics." Despite earlier projections of a \$5 million budget deficit, school officials expect to finish the 1997-98 fiscal year with a \$5.9 million surplus.

The surplus is projected even though the board is expecting to spend about \$3.3 million more than it receives in revenues for

the year, said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business. Although the board's spending will outpace its revenues, offi-

cials still expect the \$5.9 million surplus because of better-thanexpected budget figures for the last fiscal year, which ended June 30. Brand, in a Dec. 1 memo to Baracy and board members,

noted that a \$9.2 million fund

balance last June 30 has helped

the district predict a \$5.9 million surplus for next June 30. In discussions Monday, Brand cited several reasons why revenues have increased. Among

the highlights: ■ Student enrollment was above projections for the 1997-98 school year.

■ State aid was higher than anticipated.

The sale of vacant property, such as land next to Adams Middle School, has brought in extra money. ■ The state's decision to pur-

chase the development rights to the heavily wooded Sassafras Trails meant \$520,000 for the district. ■ The district has received

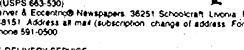
some rental income by leasing the former Cherry Hill alternative education center.

■ The district has seen savings in Medicaid.

■ Retirement costs are lower than expected.

Still, school officials tempered the good news by saying the district could face a budget deficit the following year, in 1998-99.

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charged with assault with intent spotted the fleeing Thunderbird to commit murder and Edward Boldon of Detroit, 19, was charged with assault with intent to murder and felony firearm

Esch and his friend, Patrick McVeigh, 20, met the two Canton girls through the Internet and were going to their home at Holiday Estates on Geddes, west of Canton Center Road, said Canton Police spokesman Leonard Shemanske.

One of the girls allegedly told McVeigh that a dark-colored Ford Ranger or Thunderbird would be outside her mobile home, police reported.

According to what McVeigh told police, he saw a dark-colored Thunderbird at Hemlock and Drchard and circled around the trailer park. As he neared the car again, McVeigh saw the passenger step out of the car, then he heard the gunshot. Esch said he was hit.

McVeigh sped off, calling 911 on his cellular phone.

The two suspects, Scott and Boldon, were friends of the two girls, said Shemanske.

Police officers on a domestic violence call at Sherwood Village

as it headed east on Michigan Avenue. The men were apprehended at the I-275 entrance

Officers found a 12-gauge shotgun on eastbound Michigan Avenue, west of Haggerty. The gun was in two pieces after apparently being thrown from the car window, police said.

Henry Moore, president of the Northwest Homeowners Association, said he heard the shot at neighboring Holiday Estates Sunday morning.

"There's a lot of crime in there. We've had problems with B & Es and theft. It's the same thing at Sherwood Village and Westpointe Manor," he said.

Moore would like to see police put a substation for an anticrime task force in the trailer parks.

At Canton Commons, a subsidized housing complex, a fulltime police officer is assigned to the complex through a federal

Correctional officer David Martell, 21, was killed in an ambush at Sherwood Village on



For the birds: Gary Phillips, owner of Backyard Birds in Plymouth, stands among the many bird feeders in his store.

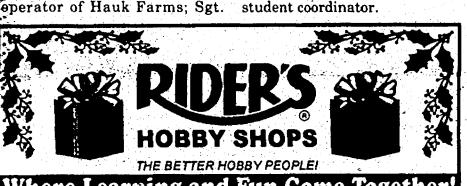
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Marshall's program was coordinated by Tomlinson, Dennis Westland; Mary A. Hauk, ownercounselor; and Bianca Woods, student coordinator.

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Birds from page A1

"Every age is into bird feeding," said Bennett. "Some people think along environmental lines, but for most of us it's for enjoyment. It's nice to hear them in the morning, and it catches on."

Gary Phillips, who owns Backyard Birds in downtown Plymouth, believes interest in birds never waned.

There has always been a love for birds and nature," said Phillips. "I think what has happened is that people have noticed." No matter what the reason,

bird feeding in winter has increased. And, that means more money for area feed stores and pet shops. "Bird feeding is 15-20 percent of my business in the winter-

time," said Craig Eardley, owner of Chaps Feed Store in Livonia. "We carry a lot of different mixes of bird seed, and this time of year we keep a big supply of bird feeders on hand."

Big business

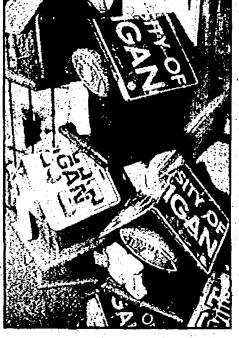
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"We not only cater to function, but also to aesthetics as people have different tastes," said Ferguson.

"If somebody wants something slick and sophisticated, I've got it," said Phillips. "If they want an old country look, I've got that too. And, if they want a hightech look, I have that as well."

If you're just getting started, bird feeders can range from

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about \$15 to more than \$200. The top-of-the-line feeder includes a monitor, much like a baby room monitor, so you can hear the birds chirping while feeding. Food, for one feeder, will cost

approximately \$25-\$40 a month. "There are a lot of different mixes of bird seeds out there as manufacturers see more of a market for it," said Eardley. "We sell a dozen different suet cakes, which contain the fat and energy birds need for the winter. They can be made with berries, hot peppers, peanuts, cherries and apples."

Seed mix is key

"However, it's not as simple as just saying 'I want to feed the birds,' " said Phillips. "Anyone can throw seed on the ground and attract a lot of birds, but you won't like what you see. You have to know what kinds of birds are attracted by a particular seed mix. And it has to be fresh. The birds will know if it is just filler."

"You can have the greatest bird feeder in the world, but if you don't have the proper bird feed, it won't matter," Phillips added. "Good food, good feeder, good location ... it's not rocket science."

Store owners also report an increased interest in bird baths, fountains and ponds.

I 'We not only cater to function, but also to aesthetics as people have different tastes.'

Marj Ferguson owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Farmington Hills

"There are not a lot of sources in the winter for birds to get water," said Ferguson. "They can't drink the cold snow or bathe in it, so bird bath heaters and pond deicers are selling well."

A good heater can cost \$30-

"Bird feeding is more popular because people are really getting into it, and it's enjoyable," said Bennett. "And, once you start, vou can't stop because you feel guilty."

Donna McGurk lives on 10 acres in Salem Township, and spends a few dollars at keeping birds coming back.

"I've been doing it ever since I can remember," said McGurk. "I spend about \$25 a month on food. My bird feeders get replaced every other year, at about \$65 each. I probably spend \$600 a year on the birds, but you don't know how much enjoyment we get out of it."

McGurk attracts gold finches. full redheaded woodpeckers, orioles (which are rare), and hummingbirds (she recognizes the same family) every summer. In the winter, she sets up her feeders for cardinals and blue jays.

Besides bird supplies, there are some related sales that can be attributed to the increase in

"We're selling more cat bells," quipped Bennett. "People who have cats still want to feed the birds, without hurting them. I've sold some pretty big cat bells recently."



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Senate package would move school elections to November

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

School elections would be held in November instead of June under a package of bills awaiting state Senate

"It will dramatically increase voter participation," predicted Sen. Loren Bennett, R Canton, sponsor of one of the bills.

"Elections should be limited to a few days each year," said Sen. Glenn Stell, R-Grand Rapids, lead sponsor of the "It will dramatically increase voter participation."

Loren Bennett -state senator

package. "Voter turnout needs to be unless there's a major controversy, increased, and we must ensure that vot- rarely more than 15 or 20 percent. ers are fully aware of the issues before them."

In general, the bills seek larger voter

They also seek to reduce the number

of special elections on money issues. School districts are expected to resist turnouts by moving school elections to the call for November elections, particu-November. Currently, June voter larly in even-numbered years when parturnouts are as little as 3 percent and, tisan issues and constitutional amend-

ments crowd the ballot.

At last count, Michigan has 555 K-12 school districts and 57 intermediate districts (sometime called county service areas). They held 1074 millage elections in 1994 and 641 in 1995.

The bills would: Require that school elections be held in November beginning in 2002. At least one school board member would have to be elected in every November

Place conduct of school elections in

the hands of cities and townships. No longer would school districts conduct them or have to pay for them. In some areas, voters would go to their city or township precincts for all elections, not a separate school precinct.

To municipal clerks' worries that their election burden would be increased, Bennett said, "As a former township clerk, I don't see it as a problem - just a matter of printing addition-

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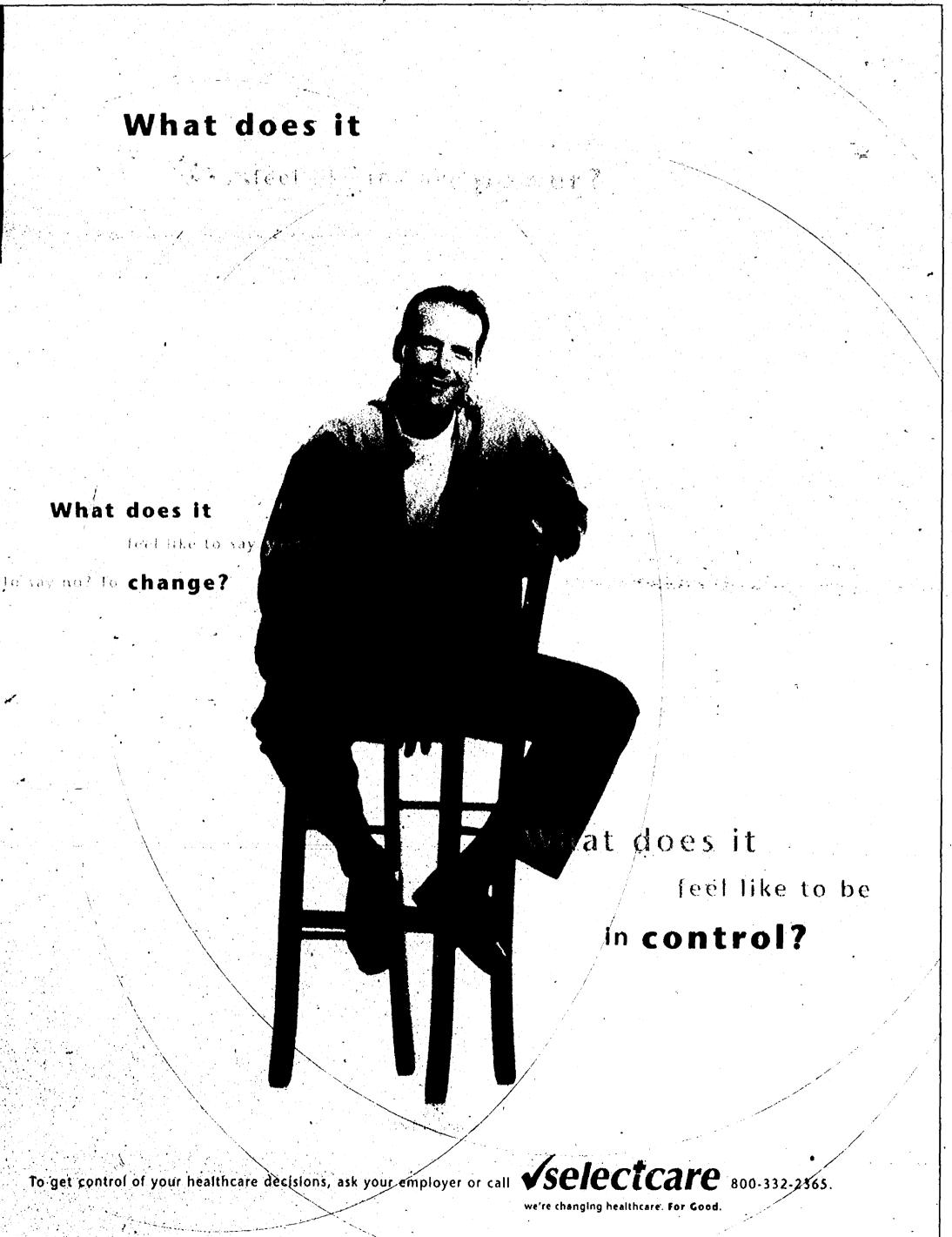
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Number, please

Area code changes to 734 for most of western Wayne County

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

It's time to reach out and touch ... another area code.

Starting Saturday, part of the 313 area code will change to 734, which will affect thousands of telephone customers in western Wayne County, and Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

Wayne County communities affected include Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Westland.

Greater Detroit will retain the 313 area code, including Redford and portions of Westland. This area includes Hamtramck, Highland Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, the city of Detroit, Melvindale, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Ecorse, River Rouge, Harper Woods, the Grosse Pointes and portions of Inkster, Taylor and Romulus.

With hopes of minimizing confusion, Ameritech will initiate a seven-month optional dialing period in which the new and old area codes will work. Starting July 25, 1998, the 734 area code must be used to complete calls.

Seven-digit numbers will not change as a result of the new 734 area code. Ameritech officials said Ameritech's rates will not be affected by the area code change.

More numbers needed

The area code was changed because southeastern Michigan has experienced what Ameritech calls an "explosive" demand for telephone numbers for several telecommunication services, including fax machines, cellular phones, pagers, voice mail, computer modems and additional phone lines.

The region would literally run out of phone numbers, if the change were not made. Ameritech officials said.

"We understand that changes in area codes are no fun, but that's why we've been talking about this for two years," said Sara Snyder, spokeswoman for Ameritech.

313 to leave Livonia

Most of Livonia switches from

■ 'The public had little or no choice.'

Jack Kirksey
—Livonia mayor

the 313 to 734 area code, but the 248 area code remains in an area of the city roughly north of Curtis. The northeast corner of Livonia will switch from 313 to 248 next March.

Everything south of Curtis will be within the 734 area code.

In Westland, the 313 area code will remain in the southeast corner of the city in an area bounded by Annapolis, Harrison, Inkster and Van Born. The remainder changes to 734.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who opposed the area code changes for Livonia and fought the changes, remains unhappy with the change.

with the change.

"The public had little or no choice," Kirksey said. "Now they have to change stationery, business cards and computers."

Add up the 5,000 businesses and 38,000 homes with homeowners who use stationery and the \$500-\$1,000 costs for businesses, and that is a large expense, Kirksey said.

But officials from the local Chambers of Commerce in western Wayne County have not received that many complaints about the change.

A business expense

Linda Shapona, executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, said she had not received any complaints. "It's just the inconvenience of having to change," Shapona said. "We haven't received anything concrete (in complaints), but I wish it was easier to remember."

Shapona hopes Ameritech would work to ease the transition for business owners and residents.

Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said the change should not be a surprise for people since it was announced more than a year ago.

"I don't know anyone who is delighted with it, but certainly with the demand for cell phones "We understand that changes in area codes are no fun, but that's why we've been talking about this for two years."

Sara Snyder

—Ameritech spokeswoman

and fax machines, we have created a need for additional numbers," Toney said.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has not received any complaints from its members on the number change, said Carleigh Flaharty, the chamber's executive director.

"Ameritech has been good in getting releases out and letting people know about the changes they need to make in business cards and advertising."

Flaharty said the businesses can use their old stationery because the old number will work for another seven months.

work for another seven months.
"It's obviously a headache, but
it's good for the printing business," Flaharty said.

If printers expect more business, it may take a while.

George King, a printer and owner of Graphic Communications in Plymouth, has not yet noticed any increase in business orders for stationery or business cards because of the change.

"People just aren't rushing in because they know (the old area code) is good until next year," King said.

Other changes

Snyder said Ameritech cellular users will have the option to decide whether they change their area code. Users of cellular phones from other companies should contact those companies about the changes.

Business owners also should contact their telecommunications vendor about changes needed in software or default functions in their computers to communicate with the 734 area code, Snyder said.

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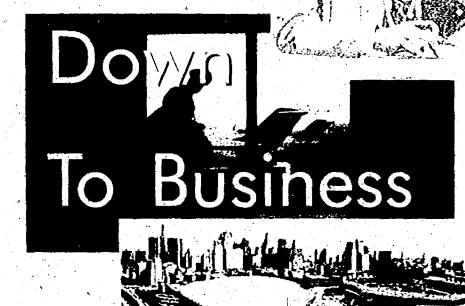
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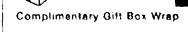


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Some prefixes will have more than one area code. Those havfing 313 and 734 area codes *include: 221, 311, 750 and 950. Those with 248 and 734 are 998. numbers, while those in all three area codes are numbers with the 472, 490 and 959 prefixes.

The old area code can be dialed 💆 until July 25, 1998.

The former 313 numbers changing to 734 include:

■ The 200 prefix numbers of 205, 207, 213, 214, 221, 241, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 254, 258, 261, **264**, 265, 266, 269, 279, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288 and 289.

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741, 747, 750, 753, 758, 761, 762,

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763, 764, 769, 782, 783, 784 and

■ The 900 prefix numbers of 913, 930, 936, 939, 941, 942, 944, 946, 947, 950, 953, 955, 957, 959, 971, 973, 975, 981, 985, 994, 995, 996, 997 and 998.

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al ballots.

Steil added that the change would free schools to focus on educating our children."

■ Limit school elections to three dates each year: one in April, one in August and the November general election.

■ Require the school district seeking approval of a bond issue to include on a ballot proposal

classroom costs for the facilities

the estimated annual tax cost. ■ Require the ballot language to include the per-pupil and per-

for which the bonds are issued. ■ Hike the cost of special elections by requiring the school dis-

trict to pay the city and/or township 105 percent of the actual cost of conducting a special elec-

Conducting special elections is a virtual science among school districts. For example, March is considered a good time to run a money proposal. Tactics include phone banks that target "school people" such as parents and school employees.

The House has worked on a different set of ideas but produced no bills for floor action.

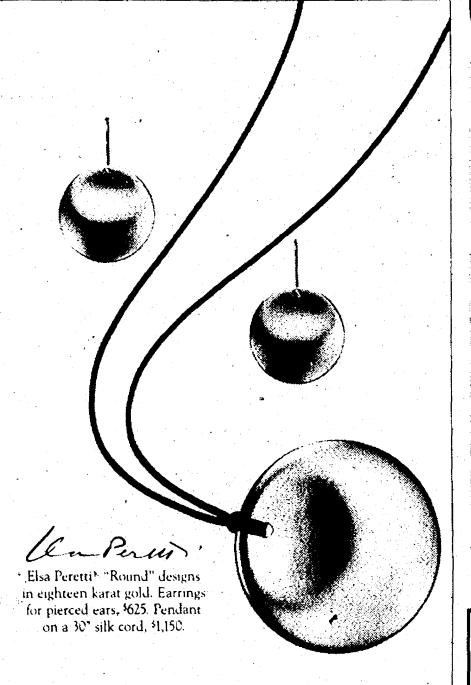
House members have talked of reducing the number of total elections to three or four a year and requiring schools to use one of those elections for money questions.

Historically, Michigan has run school elections mostly in May and June, so that newly elected members could vote on the budget before the fiscal year starts on July 1

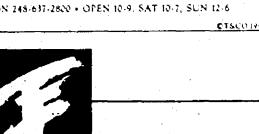
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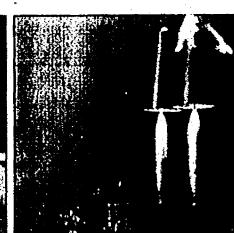


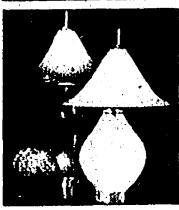
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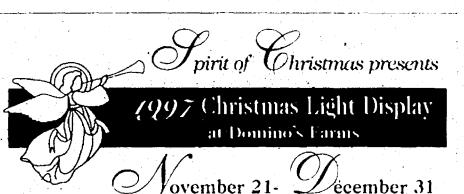
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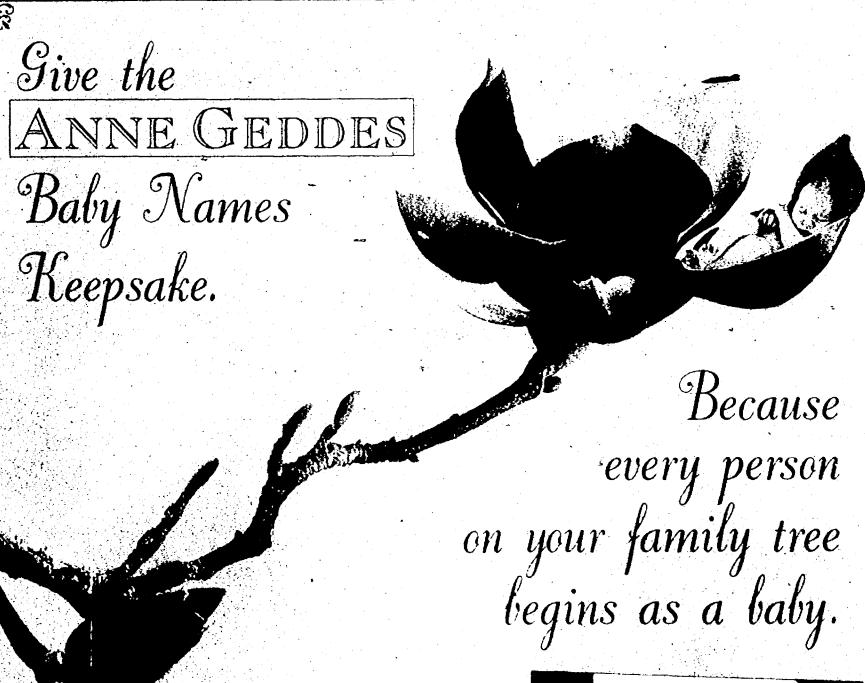
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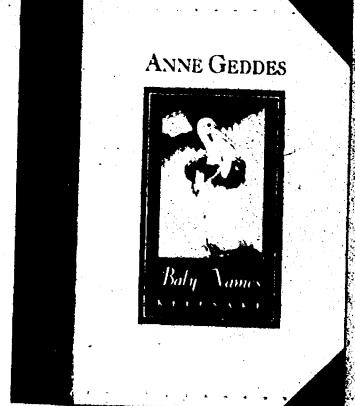


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Senate actions stall efforts of assisted suicide supporters

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Merian's Friends, the Northvillebased group seeking a statewide vote on regulating assisted suicide, will have an uphill battle in the wake of two state Senate votes.

It will have to conduct a 260,000-signature petition drive to place its proposal before voters in November of 1998 -"which is a monumental job unless you have a lot of money," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

"It's not like you had casino money supporting the drive. The track record (for volunteer-run petition drives) is never very good," he said.

Peters and Bob Moreillon, spokesman for Merian's Friends, said polls show 57 to 60 percent of voters would favor a law regulating physician-assisted suicide. The group is named for Merian

Kevorkian.

During the Dec. 4 Senate debate, Peters proposed a shortcut to a petition drive: putting on the ballot both Senate Bill 200, to outlaw assisted suicide, and SB 653, Peters' regulatory bill that is similar to the Merian's Friend proposal.

His amendment, which required a two-thirds vote, fell 7-24. Local senators voting yes were Peters and Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, and five other Democrats. There was no record roll call.

How they voted

Instead, the Senate approved SB 200 by a vote of 28 to 7. Here is how area senators voted:

Yes - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, John Cherry, D-Clio, Mat Dunaskiss, R-

Fredricks, a client of Dr. Jack Lake Orion, Robert Geake, R-Northville, George Z. Hart, D Dearborn, Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.

> No - Peters and Alma Smith. Absent - Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford. SB 200 declares:

Assisting in a suicide is punishable by up to four years in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000. "A person who knowingly or inten-

tionally by force or coercion causes an individual to commit suicide is guilty of murder."

Exempts "withholding or withdrawing medical treatment."

■ Exempts administration of painkillers, "even if the medication may hasten or increase the risk of death," if certain medical requirements are met. Bouchard praised this provision.

Euthanasia feared

Sponsor is Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, who held extensive public hearings during fall.

Speaking of Kevorkian, who has assisted in an estimated 71 suicides in Michigan, VanRegenmorter said, "Most were not immediately dying. Many were not even terminally ill. Four young women weren't ill at all.'

SB 200 is the Legislature's second attempt to outlaw assisted suicide. An earlier law was "sunsetted" after four years and no convictions.

Backers pointed to the Netherlands, saying 1,000 people a year are euthanized (subjected to mercy killing). They fear assisted suicide will evolve into euthanasia.

Elderly people's fear is so great, said VanRegenmorter, that groups are giving senior citizens cards saying, "If I'm hospitalized, don't kill me."

VanRegenmorter scoffed at the polls cited by Peters and Merian's Friends. "It (favorable view of assisted suicide) depends on how you ask the question. But the numbers drop dramatically when you talk about hospice care and pain relief.

"At our public hearings, people were 2-1 in support of SB 200." Opposing Peters' amendment to put SB 200 on the ballot, VanRegenmorter said, "We're not elected to put our fingers in the wind and look at polls."

"If someone wants to take his own life, they can find ways to do it," said Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, the Senate's only physician. "The question is getting someone to help. It's tanta-

mount to murder. "The physician should be allowed to

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State economy still relies on auto industry

BY TIM RICHARD

"Diversity" is the word they use not only in university admissions but in the economy. For two generations, politicians and economists have said Michigan is too dependent on the auto industry and needs economic diversity.

After 20 years of downsizing, however, the auto industry still is the mainstay of Michigan's economy, according to a first-ofits-kind report from the state Senate Fiscal Agency.

One of every 15 employees in 1996 worked directly in the motor vehicle and equipment industry - 6.5 percent versus a high of 12.2 percent in 1973. That was 280,000 auto-related

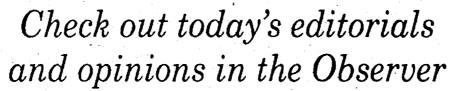
jobs out of 4.3 million in the

In wages, the auto industry is doubly important, paying \$1 of every \$8 earned by all workers. Auto, light truck and automotive equipment workers were paid \$140 million or 13 percent of all wages: Top year was 1977 when the industry generated 18.4 percent of all wages.

The SFA report was compiled by Rebecca Ross, economist and fiscal analyst, with charts prepared by Karen Hendrick, SFA serves the Senate Appropriations Committee with help on budget bills, analyses of all Senate bills and rules, and economic forecasting.

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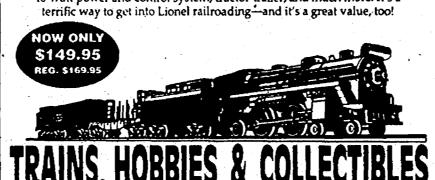
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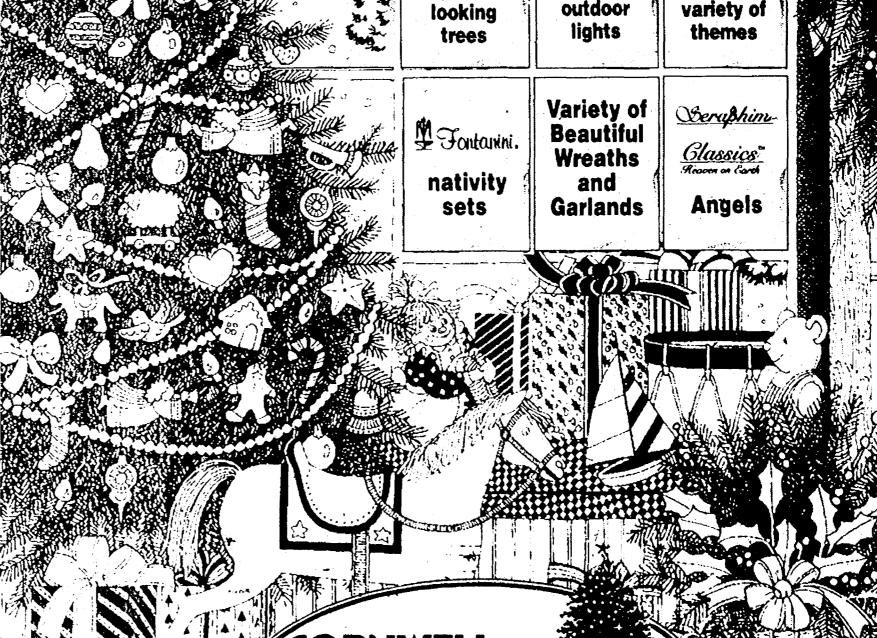
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Sculpting minds: A sculpture of "Ring Around the Rosey" will highlight the Children's Garden Project at Schoolcraft College. It will symbolize a mixture of nature, education and art in front of the Children's Center. People who wish to contribute toward the project can purchase a personalized brick.

Sculpture, garden symbolize education, art and nature

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Ring Around the Rosey is a whimsical and playful child's

That game — in the form of a sculpture — is expected to symbolize a serious mix of nature, education and art at the Children's Garden Project at Schoolcraft College.

Organizers hope that garden grows through a fund-raising program in which the general public can purchase a personalized brick:

The sculpture is expected to be installed in front of the Children's Center next fall, according to Dorothy Whitten, director of child care and development at Schoolcraft College.

"We're pretty excited about the sculpture," Whitten said. The life-sized bronze sculpture will be created by Bernadette Zachara of Farmington Hills. The idea of using the theme of playing children was Whitten's.

"We wanted to show the joy of active play, kids getting together, enjoying themselves and life in general." Whitten said.

Children will learn about nature by working in the raised beds of the garden, Whitten said. Raised-bed gardens, walking paths and nature trails will extend from the Center's entrance to the natural areas west and south of the building.

The children learn about art at the center through the use of water, clay and sand, and the sculpture will help promote that theme.

"The arts are very important to children and they're fascinated by that," said Whitten.

The surrounding brickscape and paths will include laserinscribed bricks with the names of donors or loved ones who donors have chosen to honor. such as a child or grandchild.

Persons making a \$100 or more contribution may have a personalized brick installed in

the brickscape and adjacent baths, with their name or the name of a loved one or organization inscribed on the brick.

A \$100 contribution entitles the donor to a 4-by-8 inch brick with two lines of 14 characters each. A \$200 contribution earns an 8-by-8 inch brick with five lines of 14 characters each. Buying a brick also counts as a contribution to the Schoolcraft College Foundation Annual Campaign.

The fund-raising drive has raised \$5,000 towards its \$20,000 goal.

The Child Care Center houses 110 children. Students, faculty, staff and community parents use the facility, which operates five days a week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The center is open on the same days as the college.

The project is supported by a combination of grants, donations and volunteer labor.

For information call the Child Care Center at (313) 462-4442.

Economy from page A11

tion. In 15 years, the number of below the 15 percent mark. vehicles per capita in use has inched up from 0.82 per person to 0.97 with little increase in the

1990s. Other highlights, as of 1996: ■ Imports as a percentage of total U.S. auto sales rose from 15 percent in 1970 to a high of 31 percent in 1987. By the early 1990s, however, imports shrank

Reason: "Transplants" - foreign-owned car companies operating in the U.S. - grew from zero in 1970 to 1984 to more than 26 percent of the current market.

■ Auto sales by domestic manufacturers (both transplants and the Big Three Michigan-based firms) have topped 85 percent of the market with imports sliding

below 15 percent. Michigan's share of total U.S. auto production peaked at 35.8 percent in 1988. In 1996, Michigan accounted for 30.5 percent of total U.S. output.

M Analysts no longer think of "autos" and "trucks" separately. They think of autos and "light trucks" as one type of consumer In 1984, just 1.4 percent of sales \$27,400; of total cars, \$18,565.

vehicle. "Light trucks" includes pickups, minivans and sportutility vehicles.

■ Light trucks have leaped to 45 percent of the market - 6.5 million of a total domestic "light motor vehicle" sales of 15 million - from less than 20 percent in the early 1970s.

were leases; currently, 21.2 percent.

Luxury cars are most frequently leased - 64 percent. Budget car owners used leases for less than 14 percent of their acquisitions.

Average price of a domestic new car was a shade below .# Leasing is growing popular. \$17,000; of an import, more than

Cars are getting older on average. In 1970, average age was 5.6 years; since 1991 the age has risen from 8.1 to 8.5 years currently. Average age of trucks was more stable - 7.3 years in 1970, 8 to 8.4 years throughout the 1990s.

Businessescan obtain healthinsurance

Blue Care, Inc., a nonprofit corporation affiliated with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and St. John Health System have teamed up to provide Wayne County small business owners affordable health coverage for their employees.

Through HealthChoice, Wayne County's program aimed at helping businesses retain workers, the two health care providers are offering the HealthChoice Part-

ners program. "Affordable health care motivates employees to stay in the area and on the job," said David B. Siegel, M.D., senior vice president of managed care for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

"We see the HealthChoice program as an important linchpin in the strengthening of access to health care services within Wayne County and we are very excited to be part of that effort,"

Blue Care Inc.'s HealthChoice Partners program offers:

■ A wide choice of doctors affiliated with St. John Health System through eight hospitals and more than 50 medical and specialty centers

■ No or low copays on most

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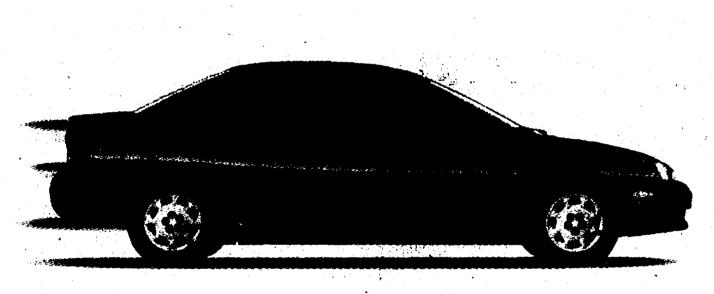
Since 1994, Wayne County's HealthChoice has collaborated with health care providers to offer health care services to Wayne County businesses that don't have health coverage.

Eligible business owners include those with five or more employees, with at least 50 percent of their workforce being

paid \$10 an hour or less. The county pays one-third of the cost, while the employer and employee split the remaining two-thirds.

Employers also have the option to offer their employees expanded coverage by purchasing riders for vision, dental, outpatient physical therapy, durable medical equipment, unlimited inpatient hospital days, and in-patient drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

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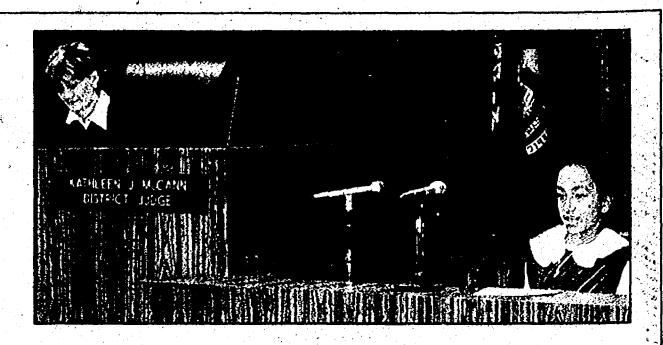
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Under oath: Bailiff Michael Robertson swears in defendant Derek Myers of Westland (left photo), while role playing at the 16th District Court. Plaintiff Nisha Asher testifies (upper right photo) as Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempien takes notes in a seat normally held by District Judge Kathleen McCann.



Holding court

Students learn about law, play roles with legal ease

By Tony Bruscato Staff Writer

career in law may be in store for at least some of the dozen elementary students who participated Saturday in a mock trial, the culmination of an eight-week law course taught on weekends at Schoolcraft College.

The students, ranging in age from 8 to 12, participated in a Junior Lawyer class, part of Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services.

"Most of these students are part of the (Talented and Gifted) programs at their respective schools, and they really took a keen interest in the class," said Margaret Lourdes, a firstyear Westland attorney who taught the course. "I was really surprised, some of the questions the students asked were questions I heard in law school. Some even told me they were think ang about becoming

lawyers. The course taught students all facets of law.

"We talked about criminal law, tort law, wills and estates," said Lourdes. "I had the students write wills and the last day we held a mock trial."

Lourdes said in their wills, students were asked to describe what they would do with the things in their bed-

"Some of the wills were a mile long," said Lourdes. "However, they were very sophisticated. Many wanted to donate books to their local libraries, and give other items to charity and their parents. The strangest will was from a boy who wanted to have his head put in a jar

to give to his dad." Last Saturday, the group held a mock trial in the 16th District courtroom of Judge Kathleen McCann in Livo-



Judgment day: Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempien gives the young jurors instructions.

nia. The presiding judge was earth, it's a good thing," Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Jeanne Stempien from Northville.

"We put on a mock negligence trial, a slip and fall case at a used car lot," Lourdes said. "I gave the students a script to look at a week before the trial so they wouldn't get overwhelmed, and they grasped their roles very well. The jury deliberated and found the property owner 50-percent liable, and the victim 50-percent liable. They did a wonderful job."

Stempien was impressed, also.

"I thought the kids did a great job," said Stempien. "I was totally impressed at how hard they worked, and how they understood the basic rules of law. They were so enthusiastic.'

Stempien took the students and their parents on a tour of 16th District Court, and answered questions afterwards.

"Anytime you can take the mystery out of the court system and bring it down to

Stempien said.

That's the same sentiment expressed by Danielle Frimenko of Northville, whose 8-year-old daughter, Hilary, was a defense lawver.

"The program was excellent, and provided the students with a unique courtroom experience," said Frimenko. "And, with Judge Stempien there, it made the students understand the decorum in a courtroom. They took it quite seriously."

Hilary said she really learned a lot from the class.

"I learned a lot about law, which could help me if I become a lawyer," said Hilary. "I've wanted to become a lawyer since I was 3 years old."

When asked about the trial, Hilary noted the hardest part "was trying to think of a way to win."

Of the verdict, Hilary noted "it probably ended the way it would have turned out, anyway (in a real court.)"

Anger directed at U-M's admission policy

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Defense attorney Hilary Frimenko

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State Capitol capsules:

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There's a mood of anger in the state Legislature, and it's directed at the University of Michigan's racial quota practices.

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, has introduced a constitutional amendment based on California Proposition 209. It would prohibit preferential treatment based on race or gender in public contracting, public employment and university admissions.

"The (U.S.) Supreme Court upheld what the people in California voted for and want," said Bullard. The high court refused to hear an appeal, affirming the lower courts' rulings that Prop 209 is

Bullard's resolution would have to be approved on two-thirds votes of the Senate and House to be placed on the ballot, then approved by voters.

In the House, Reps. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, were on the short end of a 98-3 vote on a bill allowing forfeiture of properties for violation of copyrights, sought by U-M.

"U-M should not be rewarded at a time when their administrators are flagrantly in violation of federal law for their use of reverse discrimination in admissions," said Kaza in a formal protest.

A lawsuit alleging the U-M practices reverse discrimination was assigned to U.S. District Judge Patrick Dug-

"U-M routinely admits students from politically-correct groups who have lower grade point averages and college admissions scores than non-minority student-applicants to the university. U-M stopped maintaining internal documents confirming their use of reverse discrimination after we announced our probe," he said.

Kaza and Whyman were among four legislators who held public hearings to recruit plaintiffs for a suit against U-M. The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan, a Livonia resident. The students charge U-M with violating the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution (equal protection of the laws) and the Civil Rights Act of Christian callers 1964.

"We will end reverse discrimination at U-M," said Kaza, referring to administrators there as "New Class mandarins who have made a mockery of the principles of equal opportunity."

Mail vote nearer

The House Local Government Com-

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mittee has approved a bill to create a system of voting by mail in Michigan. "It will increase voter participation," said panel chair Agnes Dobronski, D-Dearborn.

After Jan. 1, 2004, the Secretary of State could conduct a vote-by-mail election for the August primary, November general election, statewide special elections and any election for which a candidate for statewide office, the Court of Appeals or federal office is nominated and elected.

Voters would have to return their ballots by 8 p.m. on election day, either by mail or by dropping them in a designat-

The Christian Coalition, a heavyweight in Michigan Republican politics, has a method for supporters to help it through long-distance telephone bills.

Glenn Clark, state director of the Troy-based group, says the MCC will receive 10 percent of a subscriber's domestic long-distance billing by signing up with AmeriVision Communication's "LifeLine" service. The company

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> Bill Bullard -state senator .

is based in Oklahoma City.

"You will no longer risk subsidizing the homosexual or abortion movements through your telephone bill," said Clark's solicitation letter.

More road waits

Michigan must still wait for a longerterm, solution to its shortage of federal road money, says the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Gov. John Engler wants \$200 million more per ear in federal aid.

"U.S. House and Senate leaders agreed to a compromise that results in a short-term extension of ISTEA, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act," says SEMCOG's Nov. 24 bulletin. It's only a six-month extension, but better than nothing, SEMCOG says.

The extension provides federal highway funding through next March 3.. It includes \$5.5 billion in additional contract authority and \$9.8 billion in obli-

gation authority. And it's more flexible in allowing states to transfer money from one highway category to another.

Adds Carmine Palombo, SEMCQQ transportation program director: "If the economy continues to do as well as 12 has, it may be possible to significantly increase the total amount of funds for transportation and to improve Michie gan's share of these funds. Michigan's congressional delegation has worked well in a united, bipartisan effort to improve the state's position."

New House bills

Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmin ham - House Bill 5323, which changed the wording on Michigan marriage licenses to say: "This is a license to marry - not to abuse." The freshman lawmaker says it will "raise awareness" Last year the 45 state-funded domostic violence shelters received nearly 76,000 crisis calls on their state hotline (1.800. 996-6228).

Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge - a bill to make it a felony to use the Internet to promote sexual abuse of children. "On-line chat rooms are used on a daily basis by pedophiles for trading and distributing child pornography." said Fitzgerald. Penalties for conviction: two years in prison, \$2,000 fine for a first offense; five years and \$5,000 for subsequent offenses.

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Judge wants report in 14 months on Rouge

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

U.S. District Judge John Feikens will allow three counties and 43 communities 14 months to report back to him on progress made on the Rouge River before he decides whether a management authority should take over the cleanup project.

Feikens decided on Nov. 13 to allow the time extension after a conference was held in his courtroom. Several community representatives, Oakland and Washtenaw county drain commissioners and representatives from the state Department of Environmental Quality attended the conference.

Feikens appointed a committee, chaired by court monitor Jonathan Bulkley, to discuss over the next 14 months the communities' requirements and how they should be addressed in general stormwater permits. The committee also includes George Kuhn, Oakland County drain commissioner; Janis Bobrin, Washtenaw County drain commissioner, and Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment and

■ 'We believe there are about 5,000 (illegal storm drain connections), but we don't know where they're at.'

Jim Murray —director of Wayne County Department of Environment

state officials.

Murray expects the discussions will focus on what communities will need to do with septic tanks, illicit downspout connections and public education and how these issues will be outlined on general permits issued by the DEQ to Rouge River basin communities.

Murray also believes dialogue will continue with the state DEQ on the 2002 deadline to build retention basins to control combined sewer overflows. CSOs are combined sanitary and storm sewers that overflow into the Rouge after heavy rainfalls and empties sewage into the Rouge.

Murray and local community leaders are concerned that any mandate to build retention basins could cost communities millions in bonds and higher sewer rates.

Murray would prefer that those communities have an

opportunity to "spread these costs out" over several years. "I think some of the communities, namely Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Redford. need more time to build them."

Septic tanks and illicit connections are two issues that need to be addressed before evaluating the effectiveness of the program, Murray said. Surveys have shown some Rouge basin communities have high septic failure rates.

"The city of Southfield did a survey, and found a 40 to 60 percent failure rate," Murray said. "Other communities that have newer systems have 5 to 10 percent failure rate."

Wayne County and communities do not have a septic tank program in place, but Murray expects that issue will be discussed with communities.

"This is an issue that has to be addressed," Murray said. "These septic tanks should be pumped out every three to five years. Nobody is doing that right now."

Murray also estimates that about 5,000 illegal storm drain connections into combined sewer overflows also add runoff to the river. "There are 900 that we know of," Murray said. "Based on that we believe there are

where they're at." On the retention basins, Murray believes communities need more time to allow communities to fund the facilities and give them the ability to construct these facilities.

about 5,000, but we don't know

The committee will also discuss the use of a geographic information system and who will manage it.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Road. The meetings are open to the public and community leaders are encouraged to attend.

Anyone who wishes to get on the mailing list to be notified about these informational meetings can call the Rouge Program office at 961-0700.

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man, D-Adrian. "People will find a way (to end life). No one should have to go into the basement with a gun. No one should have to find his father hanging in the garage." Two days earlier, VanRegen-

morter's Senate Judiciary Committee rejected Peters' SB 653. which is similar to the Merian's Friends initiative. It would: ■ Limit the option of assisted

suicide to Michigan residents who are terminally ill and have six months or less to live. Require patients to get two

doctors' opinions state the illness is terminal. Require patients to undergo psychological counseling.

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Madonna University adds full-time faculty members

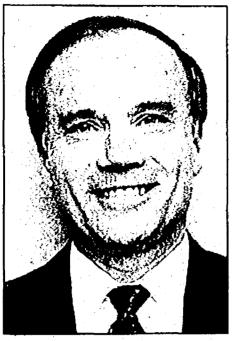
Madonna University officials have added several new full-time instructors to the faculty.

Sister Victoria Marie Indyk has joined the faculty of Madonna as a full-time instructor in the nursing department.

Prior to joining the faculty, Indyk worked at Saint Joseph/Angela Hall from 1993-97 in the Felician Sisters Infirmary as the director for nursing services. She is a member of the Healthcare and Retirement Committee and serves as a volunteer at St. Frances Cabrini Clinic for Poor in Detroit.

She received both her bachelor's in 1975 and her master's in 1993 in nursing from Madonna University. Indyk took her vows to become a Felician sister in 1969 and is a Livonia resident.

Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski has joined the Madonna faculty as a part-time adjunct lecturer in the art department. A Livonia resident, she also taught at St. Florian and Ladywood high schools. An alumna of Madonna University, she received her bachelor's degree in art in 1991. In 1997, she graduated from Wayne State



Roger Crownover

University with a master's degree in printmaking.

Roger Crownover has joined the faculty of Madonna University as a full-time assistant professor in the history department, where he has worked part time since 1991. Crownover has taught at Oakland Community

College and Schoolcraft College. He is a graduate of Union Institute's doctoral program in



Sister Victoria Marle Indvk

Cincinnati, where he studied military history. In 1990 he received his master's degree in history from Eastern Michigan University and is a 1989 alumnus of Madonna University where he received his bachelor's degree in history.

Marvin Weingarden also joined the Madonna faculty as a full-time assistant professor in the mathematics department.



Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski

Weingarden worked for the Detroit Public Schools where he began his career in mathematics in 1961. He also taught at Wayne State University, the University of Detroit-Mercy and Oakland Community College.

A past president of the Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics, currently Weingarden serves on the board of



Marvin Weingarden

directors. He received the honor of Mathematics Educator of the Year for the 1997-97 academic vear from the Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathe-

He has published several books, his most recent titled "Algebra I and II - Explorations

and Applications." Bernard Travnikar has joined

the faculty as a full-time associate professor in the education department.

Travnikar, a 1992 graduate 😘 Wayne State's education leadership/administration doctoral pregram, has taught at Oakland University, Northern Michigan, University and Western Michigan gan University. His offices. include chair for the Special Education Advisory Committee and president of the Michigan Chapter of the Council for Chass dren with Behavior Disorders.

Travnikar received his bachlor's degree in English in 1970 and his master's degree in species cial education in 1976 from Oak land University.

Laurie Kaufman also has joined thefaculty as a full-time assistant professor in the education department. Previously, stors taught at Oakland University as a visiting professor.

In 1968, she graduated with her bachelor's degree and teaching certification in Spanish from Wayne State University, She received both her master so degree in 1982 and her doctorates in 1997 from Oakland Universi-

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Business leaders want tougher standards

The Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence is urging the state House and State Senate to strengthen the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) and to maintain the stateendorsed diploma.

"The Michigan Legislature must continue to raise academic standards for all Michigan children and the time for action is now," said MBLEE Chairman Dave Whitwam, chairman and CEO of Whirlpool Corp.

Specifically, MBLEE wants to strengthen the HSPT by retaining a high standard in cut scores, with clear definitions as to what each level means.

Quick action on the Senate floor is needed to ensure that a complete HSPT process is in place for testing this year and that past problems with administering the test are avoided.

The business group said the HSPT is a major step to restoring the value and integrity of the high school diploma, to fairly measure a student's ability to apply the knowledge they have gained and raise the standard of education in Michigan's schools.

"While we are pleased that the Senate Committee moved a majority of the House bills quickly, we remain concerned that policy makers may be backing away from high standards and the power the HSPT has in improving curriculum," said Whitwam.

Not to be overlooked is the importance of maintaining the endorsed diploma, noted MBLEE Director Jim Sandy. "For years, we assumed that any child completing 13 years of schooling would be equipped with the necessary skills to enter the workforce or go on to college.

"Unfortunately, we were wrong, but the endorsed diploma will send the message that these skills are necessary and impor-

MBLEE has been engaged in a campaign to raise the awareness of Michigan employers about how the endorsed diploma can be a useful tool in their hiring prac-

Jim Barrett, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said, "It is up to the employers to include the endorsed diploma as part of the employment process. This will send a strong message to schools and students that a quality education is a prerequisite to procuring a quality job.

MBLEE is an education reform initiative formed in 1991. It represents a collaborative effort between the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan-Business-Roundtable,_ corporate sponsors and key policy makers.

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Proposal allows sheriffs secondary employment

Wayne County Commissioner George Cushingberry Jr. introduced an ordinance recently that would grant greater freedoms to Wayne County Sheriff officers.

The proposed ordinance would allow Sheriff Department officers to obtain secondary employ---adopted, the decision of whether ment and to wear Sheriff uniforms while on that secondary job, The jobs would be limited to avoid conflicts, said Cushingber-

The Wayne County Commission heard the proposed ordinance and then referred it to the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary and the Ways and Means Committee for review. The issue could return before the County Commission as early as the Thursday, Dec. 4 meeting.

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Cushingberry, who represents the 6th District in Detroit, currently serves as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and is a member of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary.

Should the ordinance be an officer can hold a secondary job — not to exceed 20 hours per week — would be left up to the Wayne County Sheriff for approval.

"It will make the community safer because they'll have trained people in place to offer services such as security," Cushingberry said. Security jobs are not the only options, he added.

Cushingberry got the idea while attending a National Association of County Officials (NACo) and heard that others, such as Atlanta, already similar programs.

Cushingberry worked with the Wayne County Sheriff Department, particularly Sheriff Robert Ficano and Commander Eric Smith, in drafting the legislation.

"This is something we've been looking at for a long time,' Ficano said. "We're trying to enhance the opportunities for our officers. We'll work with them if they want to explore out-

side employment." If the outside employment is "the right fit" and doesn't present any liability for the Sheriff's Department, Ficano said he didn't object to his deputies having other jobs. At this point, he isn't

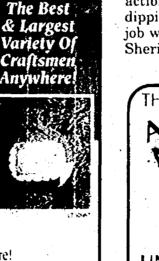
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sure how many deputies would take advantage of the secondary employment avenue.

The secondary job cannot make the officer unavailable for duty during an emergency; special consideration for the Sheriff officer's schedule; constitute a threat to the status or dignity of the department or Wayne County; and cannot be within the interior of lounges, clubs or bars where the principal business is selling alcoholic beverages or nude entertainment.

Approval would be granted on an annual basis. The only deputies who would be eligible are those who have passed their probationary periods and are in good standing with the department. The secondary employment privilege can be revoked if the deputy receives disciplinary action or is found to be "double dipping," working the secondary job when scheduled to work as a Sheriff deputy.





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MBLEE includes executives Pharmacia & Upjohn; from Chrysler Corporation; Whirlpool Corporation; Uni-Comerica, Incorporated; Con-versity of Michigan; and sumers Energy; Dow Chemi- Michigan Chamber of Comcal Company; Ford Motor Company; General Motors Corporation; Kmart Corpora-

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HEAT offers advice on holiday safety

The holiday season is the busiest shopping season of the year.

It is also a prime season for. criminals to prey on the hordes of holiday shoppers burdened by packages and often too preoccupied to pay attention to the allimportant parking lot safety precautions.

Topping the holiday shopping list should be safety, says the director of Help Eliminate Auto Thefts, a statewide auto theft prevention program which operates a confidential toll free tip reward line at 1-800-242-HEAT.

"People have lot on their minds during the holidays and often do things for the sake of expediency they might not otherwise do, like leaving their carrunning or open to make a quick stop for some item or leaving packages in plain view," said Bill-Liddane, director of HEAT. "Unfortunately, this carelessness is precisely what criminals are counting on during the holiday season.'

To help holiday shoppers stay safe. HEAT has compiled the following list of hints for safe holiday shopping:

/n Park in well-lighted areas near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near Dumpsters or large vans or trucks. These obstacles decrease ability to see the space around your vehicle, where carjackers could be hid-

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/n If you are shopping late at night and your car is parked in the lot, ask the store clerk if it is possible for store security to escort you to your car.

/n If you leave purchases or wrapped gifts in the car, place them into the trunk and out of

/n Even if burdened down with packages, try to keep one hand free with ignition key in hand. Look around and inside car before getting in.

/n If threatened by a carjacker with a gun or other weapon, give up the car. Don't argue. A life is more important than any car.

If you are carjacked or witness a carjacking, try to remember what the carjacker looked like sex, height, build, race, age, hair and eye color. Once you are in a safe location, report the crime by dialing 911 or the police. Also report your information to HEAT's toll-free tip reward line at 1-800-242-HEAT. Your confidential information could be worth up to \$10,000.

HEAT rewards tip line callers up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring members and/or chop shop operators. HEAT also rewards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

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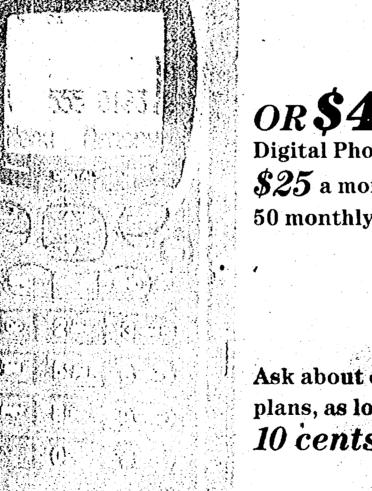
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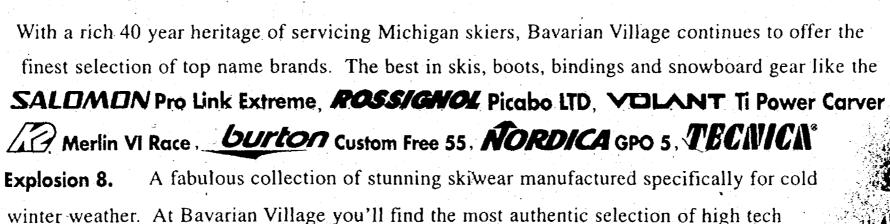
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The Westland Shopping Cen- plocal community." ter, managed by ERE Yarmouth, is among 47 malls throughout the country that are participating in "Share the Warmth" programs.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY **RESOLUTION #12-97-462** NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 1997, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 97-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 161.003 AND 161.162 OF CHAPTER XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS: (1) That the following definition be added to the definitions section, Section

FORTUNE TELLING AND SIMILAR USES: Shall mean and include telling fortunes, forecasting of future events or furnishing of any information not otherwise obtainable by the ordinary process of knowledge, by means of any occult or psychic power, faculty or force, including, but not limited to clairvoyance, clairaudience cartomancy, phrenology, spirits, tea leaves or other such reading, mediumship, seership, prophecy, augury, astrology, palmistry, necromancy, mindreading telepathy, or other craft, art, cards, talisman, charm, potion, magnetism, magnetized article or substance, crystal gazing, or magic, of any kind or nature.

That the following use category shall be added to subsection 161.162.B.11 of the Code of the City of Garden City. Fortune telling and similar uses

All sections of the Zoning Ordinance in conflict with provisions of this amendatory ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed. Except as herein modified, said Code shall remain in full force and

effect. '5) This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City of Garden City at a meeting of the City Council duly called and held on the 1st day of

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 1997

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek,

Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none. Also present were City

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Kaledas: 11-97-435 RESOLVED: To go into

closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding Lyle Dickson versus

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Brisco: 11-97-436 RESOEKED: To accept

the recommendation of the attorney in regards to the matter of Lyle

Dickson versus the City of Garden City. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker and

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: 11-97-437 RESOLVED: To approve

the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of November 3, 1997 and the

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: 11-97-438 RESOLVED: To approve

Moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: 11-97-439 RESOLVED: To appoint

Chris Crawford to the Planning Commission with a term to expire, March

Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: 11-97-440 RESOLVED: To appoint

Mike Steenberg to the Planning Commission with a term to expire, March

Moved by Lynch; supported by Wiacek: 11-97-441 RESOLVED: To appoint

Doyce Waynick as Council Liaison to the Planning Commission. AYES:

Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: 11-97-442 RESOLVED: To appoint

Jacqueline Schatz to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to

Moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: 11-97-443 RESOLVED: To appoint

Mike Wiacek as Council Liaison to the Downtown Development Authority.

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge: 11-97-444 RESOLVED: To reappoint

Jim Barker as Delegate and Doyce Waynick, as alternate to the Central

Wayne County Sanitation Authority as the City's representative. AYES:

Moved by Lynch; supported by Waynick: 11-97-445 RESOLVED: To appoint

Joanne Dodge as Delegate and James Barker as alternate to the

Moved by Kaledas; supported by Waynick: 11-97-446 RESOLVED: To

appoint Joanne Dodge as Council Liaison to the Recreation Commission.

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: 11-97-447 RESOLVED: To appoint

Albert Briscoe as Council Liaison to the Zoning, Board of Appeals: AYES:

Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: 11-97-448 RESOLVED: To approve

payment to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., McNeely & Lincoln and Testing

Engineers & Consultants, in the amount of \$34,479.77, for services

performed on the Sewer Separation Construction Project, for the months of

August and September, 1997, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES:

Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: 11-97-449 RESOLVED: To award

the bid for a TV Sewer Inspection System to Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc., the

sole bidder, in the amount of \$59,500, as recommended by the City Manager.

Movel by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: 11-97-450 RESOLVED: To award

the bid for Reload Ammunition to Michigan Ammo, the lowest responsible

bidder, in the amount of \$1,680, as recommended by the City Manager.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: 11-97-451 RESOLVED: To award

the bid for Factory Ammunition to CMP Distritubors, the sole bidder, in the

amount of \$8,698.55, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES:

Moved by Waynick; supported by Dodge: 11-97-452 RESOLVED: To award

the bid for Traffic Citation Books to Forms Trac., the lowest responsible

bidder, in the amount of \$1,954.80, as recommended by the City Manager.

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Briscoe: 11-97-453 RESOLVED: To approve

the SDM Liquor License for K-Mart Corporation, located at 29600 Ford

NAYS: Councilmember Dodge and Wiacek. Motion passed.

Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments. AYES: Unanimous

Manager Bayless and City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter.

Special Meeting of November 10, 1997. AYES: Unanimous

the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous.

the City of Garden City. AYES: Unanimous

Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

31, 2000. AYES: Unanimous

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expire, April 30, 2000. AYES: Unanimous

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The meeting was then adjourned.

JAMES L. BARKER Mayor RONALD D. SHOWALTER City Clerk-Treasurer

'Adopted: December 1, 1997 Publish: December 11, 1997

Westland Shopping Center Shoppers who take part in the "Share the Warmth" program can turn in receipts totaling \$150 or more to the Westland Shopping Center Customer Service Center from now until Dec. 24.

> "We are very excited and Incorporated. pleased to be able to work with Cotton Incorporated again on an expanded 'Share the Warmth' program," said Graham J. Bond, ERE Yarmouth's senior executive vice president responsible for the Retail Group. "This program allows our shopping centers to help others while

"This program captures the essence of the holiday season; sharing, caring and giving," said J. Nicholas Hahn, president and chief operating officer of Cotton

strengthening our ties to the

"The 'Share the Warmth' program really strikes a chord during the holiday season because in the hectic rush of gift shopping it is often difficult to remember those less fortunate. We hope this program makes it easier. We are thrilled to be working with Westland Shopping Center to enable their shoppers to reach out to charities that have a direct impact on their community."

For more information about the Share the Warmth program at Westland Shopping Center, call the Center Office at (313) 425-5001.

Honor from page A10 NICOLE NOWAK,

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Livonia Public Schools

15125 Farmington Road

November 17, 1997

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of November 17, 1997; the full text of the minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters, Absent: None.

American Education Week Proclaimed: Motion by Lessard and Nay that the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District designate and honor November 16-22, 1997 as American Education Week as proclaimed by Livonia Mayor Jack E. Kirksey. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

1997-98 Teachers of the Year: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of recognition and appreciation for the following 1997-98 Teachers of the Year: Elementary-Charlotte Worthen and Secondary-Katherine Ladd.

Gift-Jackson Center PTA: Motion by Nay and Timmons that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of \$16,000 to the Livonia Public Schools Jackson Center program from the Jackson Center PTA. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. Closed Session: President Kokenakes withdrew Item No. X. Closed

Session from the Board of Education meeting of November 17, 1997. Audience Communications: The following persons addressed the Board regarding Dr. Coller's suspension: Kirsten Galka, William Fried, Lynne Larmee, Ruth Kibler, Bill Rabe, Jill Ritzler, Leslie Snow, Patrick Falcusan, Terry Goodfroud-Marechi, Nancy Gaston, Chessa Georvassilis, Jeff Wilshaw, Vince Moceri, Jordyn Godfroid, and Kim

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: IV. Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 1997; VI.A. Approval of check nos. 289612-290300 in the amount of \$1,597,481.65; Approval of general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,527,576.77; Approval of Building Improvement Technology Fund check nos. 1865-1867 in the amount of \$66,330.90; VI.B Approval of 57 Lochinvar boilers, 1 pool

heater, and 10 stack stands from Harrison Pipe and Supply of Livonia for \$531,884; VI.G Approval of Robert Lopez, Republican, and Marjorie Gartz, Democrat, be appointed to the Board of Election Canvassers of LPS for four-year terms of office, with said terms commencing on January 1, 1998. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. Presentation-Technology: Clare Howell presented the video entitled,

Technology: A Tool for Learning. Franklin/Stevenson Pools: Motion by Watters and Timmons that the

Board of Education authorize Aristeo Construction Company to modify the swimming pools and repair acoustical ceiling at Franklin and Stevenson according to specifications for \$655,000. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Lighting and Electrical Work for Pools: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the Board of Education authorize the low bid from Wader Electric to provide electrical work in the pool areas at Franklin and Stevenson for \$70,890. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters.

Library Management System Contract: Motion by Nay and Morgan that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the contract with Library Systems and Services, Inc. (LSSI). Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. LC/TC Construction Home Sale: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education authorize the director of operations to enter into the sale of the home built by LC/TC located at 9273 Stonehouse and pursuant there to execute any and all necessary documents. Ayes: Kokenakes,

Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Heather Crider,

Leave of Absence: Motion by Lessard and Watters that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence to Lynda Melcher, effective 11/10/97. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval of Teacher: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1997-98 school year to Elizabeth M. MacKenzie. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays:

Retirements: Motion by Morgan and Timmons adopt resolutions of appreciation for: Judith Kirkeby and Jonathan Swift. Ayes: Kokenakes,

Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None:

Sympathy Resolution: The Board unanimously adopted a sympathy resolution for the family of Janie Grandinett. Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson reported that Fred

Krueger, supervisor of the bus garage, was quoted in an article from the "American School Board Journal" in which he spoke of the usage of computers for school bus maintenance personnel, applauded Ken Bourgon, assistant principal at Stevenson High School, for committing 50 years of involvement with the Boy Scouts of America; and announced that Franklin Principal Mike Fenchel was informed that the District School Improvement "Back to School" project, hosted by Franklin High School in recent years, received 1st place honors at the National Association of Secondary School Principals Public Relations Conference held in Washington, D.C.

First Reading-Board Policy: Board received revised language for Board Policy AA-District Organization/District Legal Status, for first reading prior to adoption at a future meeting.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board members remarked on the following topics: American Education Week; congratulated the Teachers of the Year; technology video; and Grandparents' Day. Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the regular meeting

of November 17, 1997 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. President Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY **RESOLUTION #12-97-463** NOTICE OF ADOPTION

"Notice of Election to Forfeit"

The Estate of Shirley P. Cicchelli gives notice that a certain land contract, by

and between Shirley P. Cicchelli, as seller, and Robert Harris, as purchaser,

dated June 24, 1996, covering the property at 7926 West M-115, Mesick, MI

49668, is in default because of non-payment of installments of principle and/or

interest. Robert Harris, as purchaser, has forfeited his rights under the land

contract, and payment is demanded by Russell Cicchelli who holds the land

contract as Personal Representative for the Estate of Shirley Cicchelli. The

sum of \$8,521.79 is now past due in principle and interest under the land

contract. The dates upon which payments were due are August 1, 1996

through December 1, 1997. The total amount due, or the material breach(es) of

contract, must be cured or paid within 15 days from the date of the service of

notice upon you. If the total amount due is not paid in full within the time

stated, or if the material breach(es) is/are not cured within the time stated, the

land contract will be forfeited, as provided by the purchaser, Robert Harris, in

the contract, and he will be required to move out and give up the property

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 1997, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 97-007 PR, PUBLIC RECREATION DISTRICT Section 161.191 - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE -

The intent of the PR, Public Relations District, is to provide a district wherein the City of the Garden City's parks can be located. The district shall preserve and protect the parks from intrusion by incompatible uses. Section 161.192 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

A. Principal Uses and Structures In all areas zoned PR, Public Recreation District, no building shall be erected, used, or structurally altered, nor shall the land or premises be used in whole or in part, except for one or more of the following principal

permitted uses: Public parks

without further notice.

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10. Special events

B. Special Land Uses

11. Ancillary uses to a park including ticket booths, guard houses,

comfort station/rest rooms 12. Other uses not specifically listed in this ordinance, after determination by the Zoning Administrator that such is similar to other permitted uses in this district.

The following uses may be permitted, subject to: the conditions specified for each use; approval of the site plan; any special conditions imposed during the course of review; and, the provisions set forth in the Development Standards in this section, Article 7.00 and Article 22.00.

1. Food or beverage facilities or equipment shops designed for the exclusive use of the patrons of the public park. 2. Community buildings including educational, social, neighborhood, or

community centers so long as the facilities serve the residents of the City and do not adversely impact adjacent residential areas. At the request of the Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission shall have the authority to determine the impacts created by any of the above uses and require measures to mitigate those impacts. 3. Buildings used for the storage and maintenance of equipment for

Section 161.193 - DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

A. Required Conditions

Unless noted, all uses within the PR, Public Recreation District, shall comply with the following requirements: 1. All development shall be subject to the requirements in Section

161.072.Q of the Ordinance. 2. There shall be no outside storage of any goods, inventory, or equipment except picnic tables and garbage cans. All storage must be

within an enclosed building and clearly accessory to the principal permitted 3. No permanent outdoor advertising shall be permitted, except for those businesses, not-for-profit groups or individuals that donate land or provide donations for the actual purchase of land or construction of the park and recreation facilities or provide donations for recreational activities and

4. No temporary signs, banners or flags shall be permitted except for those used during specific events. These temporary signs, banners or flags shall only be allowed to remain for the period of the event and must be

removed immediately after the event. 5. The need for off-street parking, whether improved or unimproved, shall be determined on a site by site basis. In determining the need for offstreet parking, the function of the park (i.e., neighborhood, community, or regional), and the uses proposed for the site will be taken into consideration as well as the availability for shared parking. The parking space dimensions

and parking lot design shall meet the standards in Article 4.00. 6. The height, type and size of fences and walls shall be determined on a site by site basis. At the request of the Recreation Commission, the height and type of the fences and walls may deviate from the standards in Article 6.00 when a determination is made by the Planning Commission that it is

for the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare. B. Site Plan Review Site plan approval is required for all uses in the PR, Public Recreation

District, in accordance with Article 22.00. Area, Height, Bulk, and Placement Requirements Buildings and uses in the PR, Public Recreation District are subject to

the areas, height, bulk, and placement requirements in Article 21.00, Schedule of Regulations. D. General Development Standards

Buildings and uses in the PR, Public Recreation District shall be subject to all applicable standards and requirements set forth in this Ordinance except as noted in Section 161.193 A, above, including the following: Articles and Chapter Tople

Article 2.00 Article 4.00 Article 5,00 Article 6.00 Article 7.00 Article 21.00 Article 153

General Provisions Off-street Parking Landscaping, Screening and Loading Fences and Walls Site Development Standards Schedule of Regulations Sign Regulations

Mayor RONALD D. SHOWALTER City Clerk-Treasurer

Road, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, Cty Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted: December 1, 1997

JAMES L. BARKER

Publish: December 11, 1997

Some lawmakers still unhappy with Durant payoff to districts

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

As the Durant case battle sputtered to a close, some lawmakers still were unhappy about the way state government paid off 84 school districts that won a 17-year lawsuit to recover special education funds.

Gov. John Engler signed the pair of bills, calling it a "win-win" proposal for public school K-12 students. "The bills will add an additional \$1 billion to help children learn," he said.

That amount includes \$211 million for the plaintiff districts, which will get lump sums next April; \$640 million over a decade for 400-plus other districts which could have filed claims; and the rest in line items for at-risk pupils.

The Senate passed the bills 34-0 with three absent, including the hospitalized Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

A band of House members filed formal

protests as the bills sailed through 99-7. Among them:

■ Unequal treatment - Rep. Mike Goschka, R-Brant: "It does not treat all special education children the same.' Plaintiff districts get their money immediately, but "the rest of the school districts will receive only half of the money that is due them immediately, and the balance will 'supposedly' he paid in equal increments over the next 10 years. There is no guarantee that this will actually happen, as no legislature is bound by the agreements of a previous legislature."

■ Money source - The payoff came from the budget stabilization fund, the so-called "rainy day" fund, instead of the year-end surplus in the general fund, Goschka said.

■ Inequity - Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt: "When Proposal A was voted by the people. . . the Legislature promised

to work toward equitable funding of the

public schools. . The poorest school districts are penalized under this scheme, and the wealthiest school districts are the beneficiaries."

■ Shortage of funds - Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti: "It is unconscionable to me that this state can continue to ignore the will of the people as expressed by . . . the Headlee amendment (requiring the state to pay for all services it mandates from local government). Now, to add insult to injury, this government seeks to deny the guarantees. . . by at least an inflationary increase in state financial support for their public education.'

■ No refund - Rep. David Jaye, R-Utica: "This Legislature and the governor rejected Jaye amendments which would have 1) returned \$983 million to the property taxpayers, just like a utility overcharge; 2) require a vote in each school district in November 1998 on whether the money should be returned to the property taxpayers or spent of school teachers and bureaucratic perks: 3) any school spending programs should be approved by the voters.

State 'a model'

Meanwhile, the battle over special education costs - the biggest chunk of money in the Durant lawsuit - continued in the State Board of Education.

The board, during a special meeting Nov. 13, said it will make "significan't revisions" to the special education delivery system, but indicated it will support Michigan's higher and costlier stan-

"Our laws served as a model for the first federal laws passed back in 1975," said Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester Hills, vice president of the board. "We continue to be the only state educating students with disabilities from birth to

"It is our intent to enable, rather than constrain, local efforts to service children with disabilities," said Jacquelyn Thompson, acting director of the state's

office of special education services. But many suburban K-12 school officials are worried about two things: 1) the rising cost per-pupil of special ed and 2) the growing numbers of kids

whose parents demand special ed. Suburban officials, such as those in MAISL (Michigan Association for Improved School Legislation), fear special ed will eat up general ed funds. No longer do they have the power to go to voters and ask for more property taxes.

A year ago, an Engler administration official floated a trial balloon: Follow federal rules and provide funds for ages 3-21 instead of birth to 26. Lawmakers fled from the idea, but so far haven't come up with a method of controlling special ed costs.

Bill directs attention to students' reading disorders

More state Capitol capsules:

Reading bill OK'd

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, won unanimous House approval of his bill to give more attention to students' reading

The House Nov. 13 voted 104-0 for his HB 5215 and sent it to the Senate for action, probably some time in 1998. If the Senate approves the bill, it would become law immediately.

Brown's bill requires that new elementary and secondary school teachers be trained to recognize the signs of reading disorders and to make informed decisions about the help kids need in read-

"We left politics at the school house door," said Brown after receiving bipartisan support.

New bills

■ Bills to end tax foreclosures on property are being sponsored by a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers. Currently, owners unable to pay taxes after three

STATE NEWS years see their property picked

up by professional lien buyers in a tax sale. Under the new bills, delinquent property would be forfeited directly to the state Department of Natural Resources. Owners would have a greater chance to redeem their properties. Sponsors are Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, Rep. Kirk

Profit, D-Ypsilanti, and Rep. Bill

Bobier, R-Hesperia.

Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, wants to tack a \$10 assessment on top of tickets issued to motorists for both parking and moving violations. Her House Bill 5324 would give \$1 to the courts, \$5.40 for county roads and \$3.60 for municipal roads. Her bill is in the House Transportation Committee.

Child support unit

Ten Michiganians have been appointed by the governor and chief justice to a Child Support Coordinating Council, created

last month to improve the child support system. Among the members are:

■ Kirsten Frank Kelly, who will be presiding judge of the new Family Division of Wayne County Circuit Court - appointed by Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr.

In an unusual step, the group was formed jointly by a gubernatorial executive order and a Supreme Court administrative

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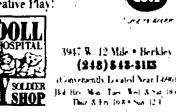
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King holiday

It's right for city to pay tribute.

he city is taking a step in the right direction. For the first time, the city of Westland is planning to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas announced last week that a committee has been formed to study the issue of honoring King in 1998.

While King's birthday has been made a national holiday, in many cases it has not been fully recognized. We're glad to see that officials in Westland are interested in changing that and would be doing so in the year that marks the 30th anniversary of King's death.

We hope the committee's study results in a tribute to King of which the city can be proud.

Several area communities' offices are closed in observance of the holiday, and some communities host ceremonies as a tribute to the slain civil rights leader. There's no reason Westland shouldn't join in the movement to

tragedy occurred last week in Westland Aand ironically coincided with a sad ending

Last week, a young man pleaded guilty to

manslaughter charges stemming from the

student, Nicole Murgurian, last March.

death of a 14-year-old Franklin High School

Just after the plea was entered, a second

Madgwick, died of complications from a traffic

accident in Westland. Both girls lived in West-

14-year-old Franklin High freshman, Alycia

to a similar case.

honor King.

After all, honoring King is not about race, as one local activist has noted. It's about humanitarianism.

King, who was killed in 1968, was a Nobel Peace Prize-winning advocate of nonviolence and racial brotherhood.

Local NAACP activist Jim Netter, who called the Westland plan a first step, said he hopes Westland will eventually join cities that close down on King's birthday to allow citizens of all races to do volunteer work in churches, senior citizen homes and other places.

While we don't know that Westland's plans will involve closing city offices for the holiday, Westland's observance could take many forms ranging from a ceremony to an effort to do vol-

We think that could only make Westland a better place to be.

Although these accidents were unrelated

The situation is made all the more tragic as

they have an eerie similarity that is difficult

The holiday season is a stressful one for

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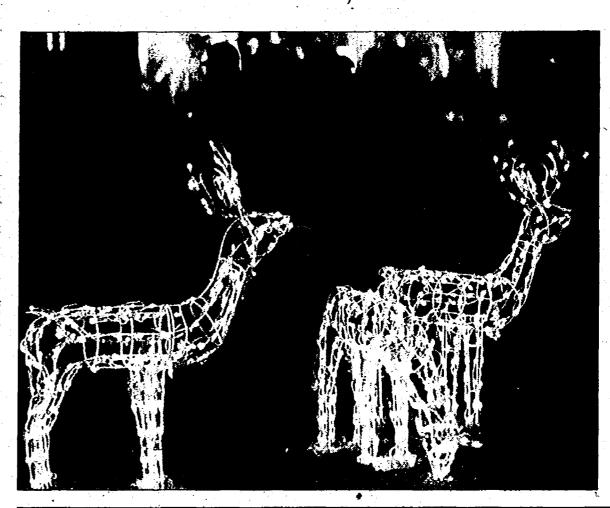
Let's keep them all in our thoughts.

most everyone. The families, friends and peers

it occurs during the holiday season.

added burden this year.

Oh, deer



Season's scenes: The holi $day sea \cdot$ son is upon us and the signs are most everywhere. A pair of reindeer light the way near Westland's city. offices at the holiday tree lighting last week.

LETTERS

fter reading today's Observer, I was both Adistressed and disheartened. I am referring to the article about Karen McDougal, i.e. Playboy Playmate "Miss December." No one would deny our constitutional right to freedom of speech, yet everyone seems to forget exercising our constitutional rights demands

I don't believe this is what is meant by the phrase "use the gifts God gave you." Regardless of motivation and the false belief it is a form of artistic expression, baring one's body for public enjoyment and financial gain is immoral. The end doesn't justify the means despite the claim that Playmates "visit hospitals and do other charitable work." The complete lack of values sends a message that not only is this acceptable but admirable. Is this the type of standards we want young women

The community and our young people in particular, would be better served reading about "success stories" which reflect morals and values as an integral factor in daily life and a vital ingredient to all forms of achievemen success.

Disheartening story

responsibility.

Ms. McDougal's experience is quite a Cinderella story - a beautiful but previously unknown "country girl" is discovered by Playboy and is now enjoying the excitement, glamour and prestige of her accomplishment. What's more, her family, boyfriend, and home town are ecstatic and proud of her success and the potential for greater opportunities.

to live up to, the goals they should aspire to?

Jilda Macuga Westland

Give blood; help save a life

Girls' tragedies hit home

It's certainly a busy time of year, what with the demands of work, family and holiday preparation. It's all too easy to forget those who need our help, such as patients scheduled for surgery and others who need blood.

The American Red Cross experiences a decline in blood donations this time of year, but it's not due to lack of opportunity to give

By rolling up your sleeve and giving just a few minutes of your time, you could be saving Those who benefit from your gift will thank

you in their hearts, even though you will likely never meet. In addition to permanent Red Cross facilities, a number of blood drives are scheduled,

throughout the area. Red Cross officials encourage you to get out and give blood, to help fight the traditional

holiday blood shortage. Wayne County sites include:

7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Newburg United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (313) 422-0149.

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church-gym, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford, (313) 937-1500.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Redford Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall, 25295 Grand River, Redford, (248) 277-4061.

■ 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Century 21-Chalet's conference room, 37290 Five Mile, Livonia, (313) 432-7600.

Oakland County sites include:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Cranbrook High School-auditorium, 550 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 775-7086.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at EDS Tower-Small Cafeteria, 26533 Evergreen, Southfield, (248) 363-7157.

■ 2-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church-Fellowship Hall, 23225 Gill, Farmington, (248) 615-9191.

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Safety Council for Southeastern Michigan-Tower 14, 21700 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 557-7010.

■ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at Henry Ford Medical Center-conference room, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-

■ 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Jewish War Memorial, 16990 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, (248) 968-7239.

7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Providence Hospital-Doctor's Dining Room, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, (248) 424-3180.

■ 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Providence Hospital-Doctor's Dining Room, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, (248) 424-

Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh 110 pounds or more "and be in general good health," said Ann-Marie Morris, public relations specialist for the American Red Cross.

For those who can't make it to one of the holiday season blood drives, there's a permanent donor center in the Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 Six Mile, Livonia, as well as other sites throughout the metropolitan area. Appointments to give blood can be made by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Blowing off steam

ere we go again. Another ill-informed resident blowing off steam from the past. In a letter to the editor, on Nov. 20, J. Varcoe criticized the newly appointed superintendent and made several outlandish allegations about a proposed bond issue for the Wayne-Westland Schools. First of all, there are no federal dollars available in a Clinton 10-point plan to improve buildings needing repair. I suggest J. Varcoe contact federal legislators and find out what is really going on in Washington or perhaps just wake up to the real world.

Secondly, Superintendent Greg Baracy is a breath of fresh air to this community. As a longtime resident, I tell you this has been the smoothest transition in a superintendent change this school district has ever seen.

Third, Baracy's energy and enthusiasm are unquestionable. He has been at every school function I've attended. He grew up here and

graduated from our own schools. He has a genuine concern for children and is devoted to providing the best educational program possi-

I will support this proposed bond issue for building repair and technology so my grandchildren will have an opportunity to attend classes and learn in a positive environment. Our children must be prepared to compete globally.

As far as J. Varcoe, you are obviously living in the past with an ax to grand. I strongly recommend you shed your negative shell or participate in your community and schools. You will be a happier person.

Gunther Franz-Westland

Spend more?

In Asponse to your Nov. 13, 1997, Observer & Eccentric article: "Spend more ..." I offer the following: For nearly eight years, Mayor Robert J.

Thomas has frequently discussed the unfunded federal mandates, the \$1.9 million sent annually to Wayne County for the new jail (the \$32,000-34,000 spent each month to house inmates in Isabella County) the \$800,000 sent annually to Wayne County for the youth home (we're still waiting for groundbreaking). In more recent times, Thomas has described the many programs not possible due to the millage defeat of Project 2000. (Thomas has allocated some \$80,000 annually to youth

Senior Resource Director Sylvia Kozorosky↓ Wiacek is very budget-conscious, extremely frugal and totally dedicated to the senior programs offered. Many dollars are generated through fund-raising efforts, donations from the public and business at large. Not one instance can be documented where anyone was turned away for inability to pay even a very nominal fee (when such is charged).

Robert J. Thomas is a mayor of great vision, for the residents of Westland and from the recent election results of the people. Your article attempted to shadow the good work of the Thomas administration, Senior Resource Director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, our parks and recreation director and the excellent youth programs in place.

When you suggested spend more, perhaps you could begin to employ this thinking by directing more taxpayer district funds to student programs by ending the costly superintendent searches that have gone on for nearly a decade.

> Walter Ingram Westland

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What is one of the most memorable Christmas gifts you have ever received?



"A little dog, an English setter."

Alan Bowdish



Beth Billington

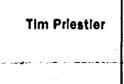


my son last year."



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Joyce Fraser



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POINTS OF VIEW

Interest in environment makes Rouge work a natural

Journal looked at me piercingly and asked, "But how do you sleep at night?" He had come to do an article on local efforts to improve water quality. He asked me probing questions about sewage and retention treatment basins.

It was a thoughtful moment. I was serving as mayor of Birmingham. I spent time learning, studying and worrying about the Rouge River and how to ensure it made a clean trip through Birmingham.

When I became an elected official, I brought with me a long-standing interest in the environment. Therefore, it was no surprise that as I came on the Birmingham City Commission, my particular area of interest would be the physical environment of the city. I recall in 1985, sitting at a luncheon with elected officials from other southeastern Michigan cities to learn about the problems of the Rouge

River and being absolutely flabbergasted at the dollar amounts that were being tossed around to clean up the river.

Robert Kenning, then city manager of Birmingham, invited me along to the very first organizing meeting of what was to become the Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council.

Today, I fill one of the three local government spots on the council, overseeing the progress being made on correcting problems in the Rouge River that were cited in the Rouge Remedial Action Plan. Through the annual Rouge Rescue sponsored by Friends of the Rouge and taking place at many sites on the first Saturday of June, I became familiar with the Rouge.

At the national level, I participated in the early meetings that led to the formation of the Combined Sewer Overflow Partnerships of America. As I came to understand the whole concept of combined sewers and the prob-



COCO SIEWERT

lems with frequent overflows into the river, I became convinced that the solution for Birmingham would be complete separation of the rainwater from sewage waste.

But, gradually, as I read more and visited other communities, I came to understand that separation was usually not possible in older communities because of the devastating effect that it had on the community. It soon became clear that even with separation there would still be so much rain-

water getting into the sanitary sewer, it would be necessary to have a large tank in Linden Park.

The tank would hold sewage to prevent overflows to the river in a closed system and to prevent the likelihood that it would back up into people's basements. I realized that there would not be any advantage to separation, just high costs and substantial disruption, including tree loss.

My fellow commissioners and I realized the gravity of the decision for the life of the community and the appointment of citizens to an ad hoc committee to consider the various proposals was an important step.

Once the decision was made to build a combined sewer overflow retention basin rather than separate the sewers, I thought that the devastation accompanying the construction would be awful and it was. I had a personal view of it as a section of the tunnel was installed in my street and

the adjacent cross street had an open cut installation. There was no surprise in the mess that was created.

What did surprise me a great deal was the resiliency of the community. While there were some problems and complaints, I was amazed at the large part of the population that simply withstood it and went on their way the best way they could.

We have been rewarded with few unexpected problems with trees and I am anxious to see both Linden Park and the Lincoln Hills golf course next spring. There are more chapters to be written on this national demonstration project, but I am confident that the effort has been worthwhile. I can only hope that all of America's local elected officials are vigilant and being attentive to their environmental problems.

Coco Siewert is a member of the Birmingham City Commission.

Idea of electrical competition doesn't shine brightly

t's time to say it: The emperor has no clothes. The emperor, in this case, is Gov. Engler's administration and the ideologues, both in politics and the electric industry, who chant about "competition, competition, competition, competition."

Their flawed premise: If competition is good in the auto, media and clothing industries, it also must be good in the electric industry.

Indeed, the Michigan Public Service Commission, born in 1919 to regulate utilities, is working on such a plan. Well, it's looking at plans submitted by the regulated industries.

Attorney General Frank Kelley thinks the process is tainted. He issued a blistering press release last week saying that the two big electric companies, Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy, met behind closed doors with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Jobs Commission to cook up a deal that may hurt con-

sumers. Kelley says they are plotting to pass onto homeowners and small businesses the costs of "securitiza-

It's complex but not incomprehensible. If competition comes to the electric industry, consumers will switch and leave certain investments "stranded" without any means of paying them off. One method of paying them off is "securitization," the floating of bonds to cover them.

Kelley smells a rat. He says the deal is to stick consumers and businesses, which pay 8-10 cents per kilowatt hour, with those costs and let the bulk buyers, such as industries, which pay 4-5 cents per KWH, off the securitization hook.

So much for the benefits of competition.

There is a reason why we have regulated monopolies instead of competition. It's told in Detroit Edison's own prize-winning history, "The Force of



TIM RICHARD

Energy: A Business History of the Detroit Edison Co." by Raymond C. Miller. He writes of Alex Dow, president of Edison from 1903-40:

"In the conventional economic society, price was determined by the competitive process. Dow had watched the struggle between the arc companies in Detroit, and drew the moral therefrom.

"Competition will not work in the electrical industry.

"Duplication of lines and facilities is a dangerous waste of capital, to no good purpose. Price, since it cannot be set in this industry by direct competition, must be an administered price, which means substantially a monopoly price.

If com wasteful Nothing.

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"Dow did not shrink from the next logical conclusion: an administered price then must be set with full public knowledge, and must rest on public approval and confidence, Public participation in the price-making process, either directly or through a responsible public agency, was an essential corollary to the industry's inevitable monopoly position." (pages 27-28.)

In his sequel, "Kilowatts at Work," Miller noted that it takes \$4 of invested capital to produce \$1 of revenue (page 241). Look at Edison's or Consumers' annual report, and you'll see extremely high capital costs (depreciation and interest) per \$1 of revenue compared to (say) Kmart's.

If competition was dangerous and wasteful then, what has changed?

Nothing

We are reaping the dubious benefits of competition in the telephone industry. AT&T, broken up by federal court order in 1984, is trying to rebuild its empire with acquisitions.

So unfrightened is Ameritech of competition that this year it jacked up its coin phone rate 40 percent.

Enough of this ideological ether about "competition" in electricity! Alex Dow had it right. Sound business sense dictates in some places we have monopolies regulated by government.

And while we're at it, we should reverse the Blanchard administration's error and place the Public Service Commission under the Open Meetings Act.

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Young changed history forever

rankly, I was astonished at the enormous amount of attention the news media paid to former Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young's death.

Part of it, of course, was nothing more than media hype.

Confronted for once with an honest-to-goodness big, breaking story, members of the Detroit media community nearly foamed at the mouth in anxiety to outdo each other.

Live reports from the line at the Museum of African-American History, where Young's body lay in state! Helicopters over Greater Grace Temple, where the funeral service was held! Breaking news when it happens! Film at 11!

Upon reflection, though, there was more content to the mayor's passing than elevated media blood pressure.

Coleman Young was a remarkable man who lived a remarkable life. His career will certainly become an important part of Michigan's history, rising far beyond the domain of current events.

Thomas Carlyle, the great 19th century historian, argued that, "The history of the world is but the biography of great men." And certainly the great man theory of history seems at first glance to have found persuasive evidence in Coleman Young's life.

From his refusal to endure segregation and mistreatment in the Army Air Corps to his leadership in the Michigan Senate and, finally, to his unprecedented five terms as mayor of the largest city in the state, Coleman Young seems as though destined specifically to play a pathbreaking role.

He was smart, cunning, rough, willing to play the race card when necessary but realistic enough to realize that separatism cannot work in 20th century America.

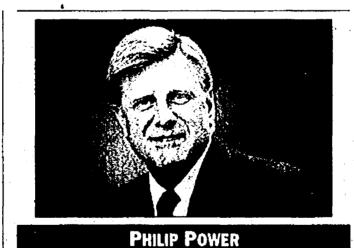
Certainly his greatest accomplishment was to raise the hopes and shape the ambitions of the black majority in the city of Detroit.

Remember, you didn't hear much about black folks and their contributions when Al Cobo was mayor, or even Jerry Cavanagh. Coleman Young personified the established demographic fact that black Americans represented a majority of Detroit's population.

Detroit's current mayor, Dennis Archer, caught this point perfectly in his eulogy, suggesting that Mayor Young's "most important legacy was not the bricks and mortar of Detroit, but the spirit and soul of Detroit that he embodied"

So was Coleman Young himself the cause of all the changes that we associate with his career?

Thucydides, the ancient Greek historian,



■ And the future of our state never will be the same.

introduced in his "History of the Peloponnesian War" the distinction between what might be called the proximate cause and the real cause. Proximate causes include things like the outcome of battles, the death of kings, the winning of elections.

Real causes, on the other hand, have to do with underlying factors over the decades such as the stately swing of demography over the decades, the spread of technology, the relationship between geometrically increasing population and linearly increasing food supply.

Look at in this context, what we see at work are underlying trends—causes, if you will—at work throughout this century that finally expressed themselves in Coleman Young's election as mayor.

The good jobs at good pay that accompanied the rise of the automobile manufacturing plants around Detroit provoked the largest mass migration – from the rural South to the urban North – in American history. Later, after World War II, the automobile made possible the growth of the suburbs and the means by which families – originally white, but later of all races – moved out of the center city.

These factors drove the dynamics of demography and, gradually, made Detroit an increasingly black city. And it was only a matter of time until a special kind of black politician turned up that the black majority would express itself in an election.

That special kind of politician turned out to/ be Coleman Young. And the future of our state never will be the same.

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Plymouth company relocates to expand

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

For Robert Bloch Jr., the move is about two blocks away.

But for his company, PMC Machinery Sales of Plymouth, it means more room — about 47,000 more square feet — in which he can expand his machine tool sales and distribution business at a 7.75 acre site in Northville Township.

The Northville site is located in the research and development area of county-owned property along Five Mile Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads. It is located just east of Optical Imaging Systems Inc.

Robert Bloch, Jr. purchased the property for \$1,012,770 from Wayne County's Economic Development Corporation, which will transfer the money to the county's general fund. County commissioners unanimously approved the land sale Nov. 20.

Bloch will lease the property to his company, PMC Machinery Sales of Plymouth Township. Bloch will lease his old building, which is zoned light industrial. PMC has been located in Plymouth since 1989.

"I moved to expand." Bloch said "I would have stayed (in Plymouth), but I was landlocked." Bloch plans to build a headquarters building, a customer showroom and demonstration center.

Archie Clark, who represented the Wayne County Jobs and Economic Development Department, told commissioners at a study session on Nov. 18 he expectedthe project will result in a \$3.5 million in investment, retain 50

jobs and create 50 new ones. Bloch told commissioners he planned on starting with 28,000 square feet, which would take care of the company's space needs for two years. Bloch expects to enlarge the building then to 75,000 square feet.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, wondered if the \$130,680-an-acre price was comparable for western Wayne County. Bill Eisenberg, vice chairman of the Farbman Group, told Patterson it compared well to property along M-14.

About 32 acres remain for research and development at the Northville site.

Bloch will need site plan approval from Northville Township officials before he breaks ground on the new facility.

Bloch started PMC in 1983. It has been located in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Plymouth.

Residents can help, 'adopt' families

W4 Country (106.7 FM) is helping families with the W4 Country Adopt a Family Program, in conjunction with Volunteers of America.

W4 listeners and members of the public can call 1-888-6W4-1067, a toll-free number, to adopt a family this holiday sea-

Volunteers of America hopes to adopt 500 families this year." Adopting families' will receive a profile and wish list from the family they adopt. Sponsors are asked to provide one new toy, one new article of clothing per child and a food basket for the family's Christmas dinner. A gift certificate can replace the food basket. Volunteers of America accepts donations to be used to adopt families and assist with program costs.

In 1996 Volunteers of America helped 368 families and 42 senior citizens. Over 1,160 senior citizens were given a special-Christmas thanks to the warm hearts of W4 Country's listeners.

Bill to repeal helmet law denounced by medical groups

House passage of a bill repealing the motorcycle helmet law is being denounced by medical interests.

"Absolutely unbelievable, said Dennis Rzadkowolski, chair of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, headquartered in Brighton.

It's "ridiculous" that the bill exempted persons over 21 but kept the rule for those under 21, he said. "When the brain is

M 'As physicians we treat the victims of serious injuries from motorcycle accidents, and this bill could only create more injuries.'

regardless of a person's age."

The Michigan State Medical Society vowed to fight the bill in the Senate. Dr. Peter A.

Peter Duhamel -surgeon

injured, it is permanent, Duhamel, Rochester Hills surgeon and MSMS president, said, "As physicians we treat the victims of serious injuries from motorcycle accidents, and

this bill could only create more injuries."

House Bill 4284 passed the House on a 58-44 vote and was sent to the Senate.

No rate hike

State officials say Michigan owners of sport-utility vehicles shouldn't be hit by insurance rate hikes occurring elsewhere in the U.S.

Reason: Michigan has a nofault law. "In most instances, the driver responsible for the accident cannot be sued for medical expenses," said Gov. Engler. "The injured person's own auto insurance policy will pay all necessary medical and rehabilitation expenses as well as three years' replacement services and wage loss benefits."

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'Grands' are grand gift for children

he's a walking billboard for vibrancy, quick-wittedness, resourcefulness, industriousness, exuberance, independence, tenaciousness and she's busier than anyone with a 40-hour-a-week job is.

Is she unusual for 75-plus years old? Doubt it, because today's grandparents are a breed of their own.

Maybe you have memories of grandparents who beetled about in their cozy little house, rocked back and forth in their favorite rocking chair and could barely see over the steering wheel of their outrageously large automobile? Betcha these aren't from your recent past.

With today's grandparents "on the go," just where do grandchildren fit into the picture? Are they a burden or a privilege? Are grandparents functioning like extended parents as they have in the past?

Many parents say that the grandparents appear to be too busy or too distant from their grandchildren to be there for them. But you would be surprised to learn that most of them would like to be close to their grand-

Is there great value in their being

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Florist deck the halls at Fair Lane

■ The Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn is decked out in Christmas finery, thanks to the work of such local florists as Bruce Weber of Weber's Floral and Gifts in Livonia.

By Christina Fuoco

Upon entering the dining room at Fair Lane, the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, visitors are welcomed with the sweet smell of lilies of the valley and paper white narcissus.

Teddy bears designed from greenery present each other with gifts for the holiday season.

Bruce Weber, the owner of Weber's Floral and Gifts in Livonia for 20 years, has decorated the dining room for the past three years. This year's display, he said, represents a "sophisticated European-style" Christmas.

"It's a little quieter and a little more sophisticated than displays I've done in the past," said Weber, a Farmington Hills resident.

"It's a challenge to come up with a different look every year. This year, we decided to go with a real natural woodland look without getting 'typical Christmas.'",

The challenges included "how to get it all to come out and be wonderful," and looking for the right clay pots.

"If we were going with red or green, it would have been easy."

The bears, which took Weber and his assistant Robert Miller eight hours to design, stand in urns in front of the windows that overlook the grounds of the estate. In front of the bears, the dining room table is adorned with the delicate white flowers, greenery, candles and twinkling lights. A portrait of twist." Clara Ford also is surround with greenery and candles.

"Henry Ford used to grow flowers in his greenhouse," Weber said. "All this is something that he could have forced



Deck the halls: Bruce Weber adjusts the candles set in greenery that decorate the sideboard beneath a portrait of Clara Ford. One of several local florists to help decorate Henry Ford Estate for Christmas, this is the third year he has been responsible for the holiday decor in the estate's dining

and brought here for the holidays. I Sundays through Wednesday, Dec. 31. Marie McElroy, special events coordiwanted to keep it period with a modern. The estate is closed Christmas Day.

holiday celebration at the national historic landmark. Tours are held at 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and 1-4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7. Groups of 20 or more Weber's decorations are a part of the who make reservations are charged \$5

per person. "If your family is going out, you can tour the estate together as opposed to going with a public tour," said Anne

nator at Fair Lane.

Fair Lane is hosting a variety of other events during the holiday season. Visitors are invited to a traditional English Cream Tea break along with a

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Tracing kits give kids chance to be creative

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Tolentertain children who visited her Plymouth home, Marie Smith would trace pictures of hockey players, ice skaters and dancers for her young guests to color.

Smith, however, got a little tured of holding the paper up to the windows and making multipie copies, so she started her own company, Dream Team Tracing Company, which offers Figure Skater, Hockey and Danier Tracing Kits.

The kids really liked it, and the more I checked into this I found that there weren't any art products like this for children." Smith said.

All the kits come with reusable tracing cards, 25 sheets of tracing paper, nine non-toxic colored pencils and a tracing pencil.

The skater kit tracing cards have four different poses and two design cards. The dancer kit offers two jazz dance positions and two ballet poses. The hockey kits come with two players and a goalie, and a design page with a helmet, jersey and numbers.

They can draw any hockey player, jersey or helmet, and add names number logos and colors," she said.

With the kits, children can start out with tracing just the figure. Those of advanced skill can add to the costume accessofies like rhinestones, beads, helmets and numbers which are found on another card.

Smith's company also sells packages of "Color Me Note Cards," which include eight note cards and envelopes with the same characters.

"The note cards are blank inside so they can use them for birthday cards, party invitations, or thank you notes," Smith said.

The note cards retail for \$4, and the tracing kits for \$10. Smith recommends her products for children ages 5-12.

The products are available at a variety of local stores, including Little Professor in the Park, Trader Jacks, and Compuware Ice Arena, all in Plymouth; Practice Makes Perfect at Plymouth Ice Arena; Dancewear Gallery in Canton; and Dance World, Bunny Sanford School of Dance and Miss Jean's Dance Studio, all in Livonia.

So far, more than 850 kits and 650 of the notecards have been sold.

The Figure Skater, Hockey and Dancer Tracing Kits took 1 12/ years to create "with a lot of doors slammed in my face," Smith said, who " had a lot of obstacles to overcome," such as finding artists to draw the figures.

"I had to go with a portrait artist because she could draw pretty faces," she said.

Smith, whose background also includes costume design, went through costume books to find appropriate outfits.

The next step was to find a lawyer for help with trademark and copyright information.

"It took a lot of time and a lot of research for this," she said. "I went back to school and took entrepreneurial classes at Schoolcraft College and Dale Carnegie management classes."

She runs her company out of her home. The dining room serves as a storage area, while her "packaging plant" is located behind a couch in a living room.

Smith, whose two sons play hockey, already has future projects planned.

"I'd like to have a baseball player, and gymnast or maybe a soccer player," she said. "Girls and boys like to play soccer."

Smith, an ice-skating coach for more than 20 years, said there are plenty of uses for her kits.

The tracing kits can help skaters kill time in between competitions.

"I have no girls of my own, but I think they love to color and to trace and to design their own costumes," Smith said. "Some of them are buying them to design their costumes, but that's not necessarily what it's for. It's for

Children in hospitals can benefit from her product. Friends Gift Shop at the University of Michigan and Mott hospitals in Ann Arbor carry the kits.

"The children lay in bed and they don't have anything to do: this is something they can do to occupy their time," she said. "They don't have a lot of fun in their life. If they get gifts or flowers, they can do their thank you cards right there."

Smith also donated 50 kits to the Toys for Tots campaign.

The married mother of two thought this product would be worthwhile because technology is hindering children's motor skills.

"With computers, all kids do is press a button and out comes a picture," she said.

Local teachers agreed. "It's kind of a back-to-basics toy; a teacher told me it's great the figure.

for their small motor skills and it helps stimulate creativity and imagination," Smith said. "It's more than a coloring book. It can allow them to create expression and design.

"The thing parents like the most, other than getting the kids away from Sega or Nintendo, is that they keep going back to it,

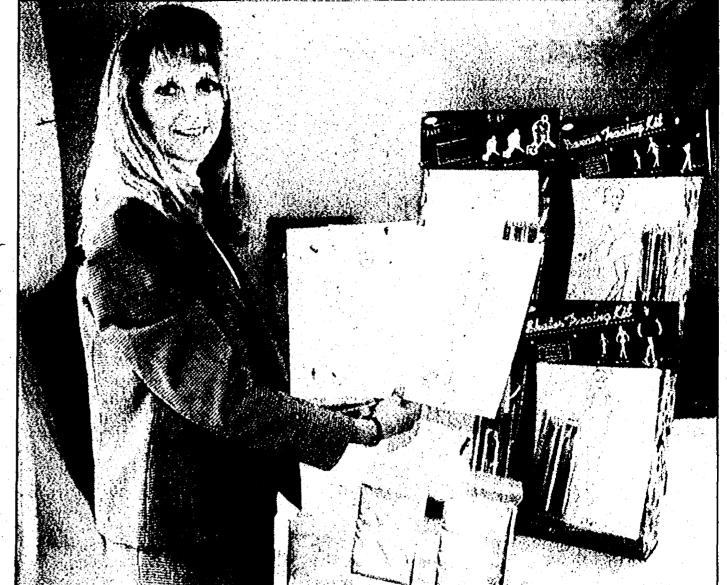
Take your pick: Marie Smith shows off the sketches of a figure skater and hockey

player, two of the three she currently offers as part of the tracing kits she designed

for children. The kits include reusable tracing cards, sheets of tracing paper, non-

toxic coloring pencils and a tracing pencil, everything needed to design and color

which is kind of a nice thing. They put it down and a couple days later, they're working on it again. It's a toy they keep going back to."



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there is. More than ever, kids rather than doing, the bond parents offer - they serve as sur- unique. rogate nurturers, positive role models, mentors, teachers, fairy godmothers, giant children (yes, I've seen them in the sandbox) and historians of the family's

Grandparents help strengthen the child's sense of roots and self-identity when they tell the family stories and link the photographs from the past to the present. Because grandparents' lives have moved from "doing" (their old role as parent) to "being," the pressures are fewer. And because children live pri-

in your children's lives? You bet marily in the world of being are in need of everything grand- between the two generations is

Today in the United States, more than three million grandchildren live with their grandparents. Today's children need unconditional love, acceptance and understanding. So often, the frantic pace that families must keep precludes them from staying connected.

More than ever, grandparents are stepping in when there is a family illness, death, financial difficulties or divorce. Grandparents will go to great lengths to keep their grandchildren from living in tumultuous circum-

Some grandparents, burdened with guilt about what they did wrong as a parent, know that grandparent - the one that kids one who designed an incredible this is their opportunity to be different and give their grandchildren something their own kids missed. What a nice gift to give grandchildren.

So here's the deal. By the year 2002, it is estimated that there will be 98 million grandparents in America. If you are not taking advantage of yours, maybe they could be shared with others. I suggest that a network or clearinghouse be established where grandparents can be matched with families who are in need of one. Everyone wins because all

met. What do ya think?

the one who is thrilled that they have arrived, the one who is anxious to hear about their adventures and their thoughts on life, the one who gives them encouragement and positive strokes when they mess up, the one who puts hope in their hearts when they feel discouraged and defeated, the one who advocates for them when their mother or father says, "Absolutely not."

This grandparent is the one who created an amazing treasure hunt for her granddaughter

three generations get their needs and her friends on her ninth birthday, complete with astound-But back to the billboard ing limericks and puzzles; the can count on a warm hug from, string labyrinth for her grandson on his ninth birthday; the one who let both of them sleep in her gigantic bed when they came to visit; the one who dropped every project she was in the middle of, to sit and play games with them

when they came over. Oh by the way, did I mention Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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that this billboard grandparent is my kids' grandma? Yup! "Nanny." Cool lady - you should see how she tears up that lawn on her riding mower.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251

CITY OF GARDEN CITY **RESOLUTION #12-97-464** NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 1997, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following

ORDINANCE 97-008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10.99 ENTITLED "GENERAL PENALTY" OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GARDEN CITY

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS: That Section 10.99 of Chapter 10, Title I of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City entitled "General Penalties" be amended by the addition of further penalties for the failure to answer or to appear for a municipal civil

infraction; and/or a default on the payment of fines and costs for a municipal infraction ordered by the District Court, be and hereby is amended by adding (C) The sanction for a violation which is a municipal civil infraction shall be a civil fine in the amount as provided by this Code or any ordinance, plus

any costs, damages, expenses and other sanctions, as authorized under Chapter 87 of Act. No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended, and other applicable laws; except as specified in subsection (3). (3) A defendant issued three civil infractions for a violation of the same requirement or provisions committed within any six-

month period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to the fines and penalties set forth at section (B) of this Ordinance. (D) A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in Court for a municipal civil infraction, as defined in this Code at Section (10.3), is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is subject to the fines and penalties described herein at subsection (B) in place and instead of those prescribed at subsection

(E) If a defendant fails to appear as directed by a municipal civil infraction citation, or other notice, at a scheduled appearance before the District Court or, at a scheduled informal hearing, or at a scheduled formal hearing, the

Court shall enter a default judgment against the defendant. (F) If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, cost, or, any installment as ordered by the Court, upon the motion of the prosecutor or upon its own motion, the Court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or a bench warrant of arrest for the defendant's

(G) If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, cost, or damages or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursement shall pay the fine, cost, or damages or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be

civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this Section. (H) Unless the defendant shows that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the Court or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the Court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is

(I) If it appears that the default in the payment of a fine, cost, or damages or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the Court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, reducing the amount of payment or of each installment, or revoking the fine, cost, or damages or

(J) The term of imprisonment on civil contempt for non-payment of a civil fine, cost, or damages or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment, and shall not exceed one day for each \$30.00 due. A person committed for non-payment of a civil fine, cost, or damages or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognizance before judgment at the rate of \$30,00 per

(K) A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonfrom custody until 1 of the following occurs:

(1) The defendant is credited with the amount due pursuant to subsection (J).

(2) The amount due is collected through execution of process or otherwise.

(L) If a defendant does not pay a civil fine or costs or an installment ordered by the Court within 30 days after the day on which payment is due for a municipal civil infraction action brought for a violation involving the use or occupation of land or a building or other structure, the prosecutor may obtain a lien against the land, building or structure involved in the violation by recording a copy of the court order requiring payment of the fine and costs with the Register of Deeds for the county in which the land, building, or structure is located. The court order shall not be recorded unless a legal description of the property is incorporated in or attached to the court order. The lien is effective immediately upon recording of the court order with the

(M) The court order recorded with the Register of Deeds shall constitute notice of the pendency of the lien. In addition, a written notice of the lien shall be sent by the prosecution by first-class mail to the owner of record of the land, building, or structure at the owner's last known address.

(N) The lien may be enforced and discharged by the City in the matter prescribed in the Charter for the City of Garden City, by the general property tax at, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being section 211.1 to 211.67 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. However, property is not subject to sale under section 60 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being section 211.60 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for non-payment of a civil fine or cost or an installment ordered by the Court, unless the property is also subject to sale under section 60 or Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893 for delinquency

(O) A lien created under this section has priority under any other lien unless one or more of the following apply:

(1) The other lien is a lien for taxes or special assessment.

(2) The other lien is created before the effective date of the

amendatory act that added to this section. Federal law provides that the other lien has priority. The other lien is recorded before the lien under this section is

(P) The City of Garden City may institute an action in accord of competent jurisdiction for the collection of fines and costs imposed by a court order for a municipal civil infraction. However, an attempt by the City of Garden City to collect the fines or costs by any process does not invalidate or waive the lien

upon the land, building, or structure. (Q) A lien provided by this section shall not continue for a period longer than 5 years after a copy of the court order imposing a fine or cost is recorded.

unless within that time an action to enforce the lien is commenced. Repeal (R) All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Except as herein

modified, said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Sayings Clause (8) That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to effect any suit or proceeding pending in any Court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause of causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section R of this Ordinance;

nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired

Severability. (T) The City of Garden City hereby declares that any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted by declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City of Garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from any such portion as made be declared invalid.

(U) This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

> JAMES L. BARKER RONALD D. SHOWALTER

Adopted: December 1, 1997

or affected by this Ordinance.

Publish: December 11, 1997

tour of the house and a 10 percent discount on items in the estate shop at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-12, and Monday, Dec. 22. Reservations are required. The cost is \$10. Holiday luncheon concerts are

being held 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-12. Tickets are \$19.50 and reservations are required.

Henry and Clara Ford's tradition continues as children follow the lighted path to Santa's workshop where they visit Santa, receive a special gift and a cup of hot oyster soup 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 and 19. Tickets are

Dinner by candlelight and the sounds of the season are a part of the "Candles and Carols Dinner" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Tickets are \$38 and reservations are required.

Candlelight tours are held from 6-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-27. Tickets are \$8. The estate is on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5590 for more information.

McElroy said every year she invites florists from all over the area to participate but "a lot of the florists have been with us for a number of seasons." Signs are displayed telling visitors which florist decorated each room and business cards from each florist are available.

Besides local florists, the gardeners at the estate also decorate. This year, they've adorned the sun porch, the farm house and some of the outer areas, including the visitor's center, with flowers.

This is Weber's sixth year decorating the estate. He previously worked in the sun room and upstairs hallway. Thanks to the exposure he gets at Christmas time, Weber's store does a lot of

weddings at the estate. "We do a lot of work here which is why we continue to support it."

Eating right pays off

Like most people, you tend to overindulge in few rich foods during the holidays. But more important than any binging is your general pattern of nutri-

Most women need no more than 2,200 calories daily to maintain a healthy weight, and fewer than that after menopause. A well-balanced diet is key. Suggested servings for each food group include breads, cereals, rice or pasta (6-11 servings daily), vegetables (3.5 servings), fruits (2-4 servings); milk, yogurt or cheese (2-3 servings) and meats, poultry, fish, dry beans, peas, eggs or nuts (2-3 servings).

"Try to limit your fat intake to fewer than one third of your total calories," said. Dr. Fredric D. Frigoletto, Jr., president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

mayonnaise. Watch your por- Washington, D.C. 20090-6920.

tions - a "serving" of meat is about three ounces, or the size of a deck of cards.

Women do need about 1,000 milligrams of calcium daily (and 1,500 milligrams daily after menopause), as well as 15 milligrams of iron. A 12-ounce glass of milk, a cup of yogurt or a 2ounce portion of cheese each contains about 300 milligrams of calcium.

Each serving of meat, poultry or seafood contains about six milligrams of iron, which can also be found in eggs, beans and peas, dried fruits, fortified breads and cereals and leafy green vegetables, many of which provide substantial amounts of calcium and folic acid.

For a copy of "Weight Control: Eating Right and Keeping Fit," send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: The According to Frigoletto, use American College of Obstetrifats and oils sparingly in cooking clans and Gynecologists, and limit your intake of salad Resource Center/AP064, 409 dressings, butter, margarine and 12th St. SW, P.O. Box 96920,

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Hissong-van Reesema

Minta Elizabeth van Reesema and David Cloyd Hissong were married May 31 by the Rev. Dr. Lynn Spitz-Nagel and Rev. Joseph Rinaldo at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Frederik and Carole van Reesema of Chelsea. The groom is the son of Jimmie and Anne Hissong of Livonia.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Chelsea High School, a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a training consultant at MSX International in Southfield.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1997 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Law. He is employed as an attorney in the law firm of Cox, Hodgeman and. Giarmarco in Troy.

The bride asked Jennifer Hirsch to serve as maid of honor and Martine Blogin as matron of honor. Clara Garcovich, Angela Welch, Christina Hinman and Janet Hissong served as bridesmaids. Lauren van Reesema was

Medalia-Baumbick

Floyd and Virginia Medalia of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to James Michael Baumbick, the son of James and JoAnn Baumbick of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree and Notre Dame University with a master's degree in besiness administration and finance. She is employed as a financial analyst in product development at the Ford Motor

Hex fiance is a graduate of the University of Michigan is graduating from Michigan State University this month with a master of business administra- planned at St. Rene Goupil



the flower girl.

The groom asked Mark Grenier to serve best man with John Hissong, Tim Hissong, Willem van Reesema, Heath Mielke and Jason Thomas as groomsmen. Kevin Mayburn was the ring-

A reception was held at the Michigan League Ballroom at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Following a honeymoon in Europe, the couple is living in Farmington Hills.



supervisor at Ford Credit. tion degree. He is a planning Church Sterling Heights.

Jenkins-Buck

George and Lois Janisse of South Rockwood and Robert and Kelly Jenkins of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Lynn Ann Jenkins to Kevin Andrew Buck, the son of Gordon and Rosemary Buck of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is a student at Oakland University in Rochester. She is employed by Garden City Hospital.

Her fiance is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed by ICI Polyurethanes.

A January wedding is planned at Holy Family Church in Novi.

Jenvey-Ellis

Alan and Donna Jenvey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Anne, to Dr. Donald Ray Ellis III, the son of Donald and Alana Ellis of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. She is employed by Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Northville.

Her fiance is a 1997 graduate of the Michigan State University School of Medicine. He is in his residency in family practice at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

An August wedding is planned at Holy Family Church in Novi.

Safranski-Plaisted

John and Susan Safranski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Marie, to Jeffrey Carl Plaisted, the son of Phil Plaisted of Grosse Ile and Dee Unger of Brooklyn, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University. She lege Chapel in Detroit.

is employed as a marketing manager for Einstein Bagels-Great Lakes Region.

Her fiance is a 1986 graduate of Grosse Ile High School and a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a senior account representative for Ameritech Inc.

An October wedding is planned at the Marygrove Col-

Schewe-Earle

Joseph and Marilyn Schewe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Hoyt, to Michael James Earle, the son of James and Anne Earle of Orchard Lake.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Tascor in Dallas,

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed by I.B.M. in Dallas, Texas.

A May 1998 wedding is planned in St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Grulikowski-Nielsen

Gregory Grulikowski and Krista Lee Nielsen were married Sept. 20 at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit by the Rev. Bernard Backie.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Linda Nielsen of Northville. The groom is the son of Ted and Barbara Grulikowski of Brighton.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1990 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in political science and economics.; She is employed by Ford Motor Co.'s marketing and sales division as an operations manager for the New York Regional Sales Office.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Edsel Ford High School and a 1989 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in management in 1989. and a master's degree in 1991. He is employed by Fork Motor. Co.'s marketing and sales division as an operations manager for the Philadelphia Regional Sales Office.

Lounsberry, Jean Nielsen, Kate their home in New Jersey.





Nielsen and Amy Vorhees to serve as her attendants.

Dr. John Richard served as the groom's best man with Kirk Avila, Troy Frazer, Ted Grulikowski, Mark Linkmeyer, Kenneth Nielsen, Michael Nielsen and David Nielsen serving asgroomsmen.

The couple greeted guests at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Following a honeymoon trip to The bride asked Shawn Maui, Hawaii, they are making

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> Participants with Eamily to Family provide a food basket for a family and a modest gift for each child. The families helped by the program consist of three or more children and are headed by an underemployed or unemployed individual. Helpful gifts for children include coats, mit

tens, gloves, caps, socks, boots, underwear, combs, brushes, tooth brushes, books and educational games and toys.

Share with a Senior runs through Feb. 1, 1998, while Family to Family ends Friday, Dec. 19. To participate, call the Focus: HOPE Volunteer Department at (313) 494-5500.

There also are other ways to become involved, such as contributing non-perishable food or gift items which can be used in food baskets or perishable food items through Wednesday, Dec. 17, donating money to help purchase packaged and fresh food or gift items, becoming a delivery driver on Senior Delivery Day Saturday, Dec. 13, or volunteering two hours to help raise money by wrapping gifts at Northland Mall in Southfield.

People also can attend the 28th annual Holiday Music Festival at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. at the North Rosedale Park Community House. Proceeds benefit the Share with a Senior and Family to Family programs. Tickets are \$25 each or \$200 for a table of eight. For tickets, call (313) 494-5500.

Focus: HOPE is a non-profit civil and human rights organization, founded in 1968 by the late Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis.

Over the years, Focus: HOPE has initiated practical solutions to the problems of hunger, economic disparity, inadequate education and racial divisiveness. Today, it employs more than 700 people and has more that 49,000 supporters.

For more information, call Focus: HOPE at (313) 494-5500.



Notecards benefit Wilson Barn

The photograph on the cover is a familiar one, especially for people who travel West Chicago or Middlebelt roads in Livonia.

Friends of the Barn are selling notecards, bearing a picture of the historic site, available for sending holiday greetings or dropping a line to a family member or friend.

The cards come in boxes of 10 and cost \$9 per, box. They are available by sending a check, payable to Friends of the Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia 48152.

A state and national historical site, the barn was built in 1888 to house the Ira Wilson Dairy, Measuring 30 feet by 80 feet, the clapboard barn was destroyed by fire in 1918 and rebuilt a year later on the original foundation.

The site also includes a 15 by 45-foot silo, the largest ever built in Livonia, and the original house, built in 1845 and restored to the era of the 1940s in 1944.

Through donations and special events, the organization has been able to save the barn from destruction and restore it as well as refurbished the house, rebuild the corral, add handicap restrooms and kitchenette and do extensive electrical service indoors and outdoors.

Future plans include restoration of the silo and construction of handicap ramps and paths and music and picnic pavilions.

Friends of Wilson Barb memberships are \$25 for businesses, patron and families and \$100 for a lifetime membership. The Friends of Wilson Barn newsletter also is available for a yearly \$5 donation.

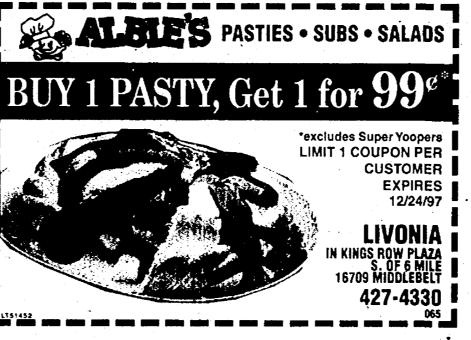
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Ready for business: Anne Hyrila holds a plate full of Russian Kifli cookies that will be sold at the Christmas cookie walk at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia on Saturday, Dec. 13. Hyrila made more than 1,500 Kiflis for the walk.

Hospice holds nut sale

The holidays mean lots of parties with plenty of snacks. And Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. of Westland and Plymouth has just the snack for serving - nuts.

Sixteen-ounce packages of nuts are available for \$10 each with a portion of the sales funding the bereavement programs offered by CHHCS.

cashews or a variety pack containing pistachios, German almonds, cashews and assorted nuts., party givers. The nuts are available at the CHHCS offices at 32932 Warren Road, Westland, and 127 S. Main St., Plymouth, through year's end.

The nuts also are for sale at

Decker's Florist, 8214 Merriman Road, Westland; Peoples Home Medical, 1646 Eureka Road, Southgate, and 1147 Wayne Road, Westland; The Flower Shop, 7787 Middlebelt Road, Westland: Remerica Realtors. 42875 Five Mile Road, Plymouth; Mind, Body and Spirit Institute, 38405 Joy Road, Westland: Catholic Social services. For nut lovers, there are 17332 Farmington Road, Livonia; Heide's Flowers and Gifts, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Atkins Chiropractic Center, 33595 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia: Livonia Italian Bakery and Cafe, 33615 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, and Century 21 Today Realtors, 19500 Victor Parkway, Suite 190, Livonia.

Bakers' dozens

Church members ready for cookie walk

By Christina Fuoco STAFF WRITER

When Anne Hyrila of Plymouth has company, storebought snacks aren't good enough. She'll bake any one of a number of her favorite Russian

Get-togethers for her church, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia, are no exception.

Hyrila, who is of Ukrainian descent, has made 1,500 Russian Kifli cookies for the church's annual cookie walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The church is at 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

Hyrila's project took two days. One day to make the dough. another to bake the cookies. She made eight recipes of Kifli which vield 192 cookies each. Half of the batch is filled with nuts, the other half has apricot filling.

"I made a half recipe yesterday, and it took me almost three hours to bake them," Hyrila said with a smile,

To make the sweet, flaky pastry, which is similar to Kolachy or Kolache, the dough is rolled out and cut into squares; a spoonful of filling is placed in the center of a square of pastry dough. Then the two opposite corners of the square are folded over the center and pressed down to cover some of the filling.

Hyrila's treats won't be the only ones available. Stuffed cabbage, sweet bread and nut, apricot and poppy seed rolls also will be available.

"There will be more than 40 varieties," said Anne Jury of Plymouth. "We have nut rolls, pretzel sticks that we drizzle chocolate on, zucchini bread, diabetic or low-sugar dessert bread. One of our girls is diabetic and she made 50 loaves."

Elaine Petouhoff of Livonia made 7,500 pierogis from January through November for the

Last year, cookie-lovers began lining up at 7:30 a.m. By noon. the church was sold out of cook-

"The workers didn't even get

any," said Anne Jury, who along with Arlene Sudia and Evelyn Olszewskichaired the fourth annual event. "We have a mailing list of people who attended last year.

"We've already had people call-

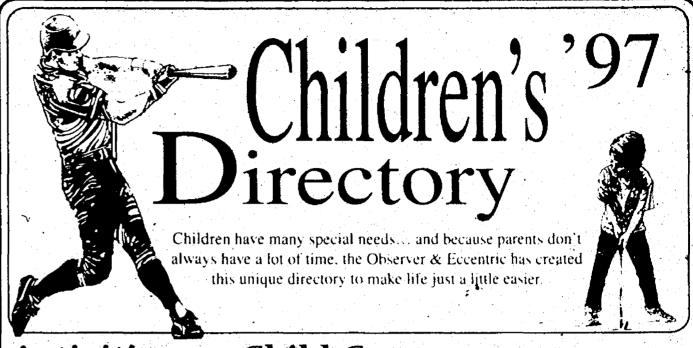
ing to see if we're having a cookie walk again this year."

women of the congregation have coaxed men into helping out with the baking.

All the treat-making participairls and just being together."

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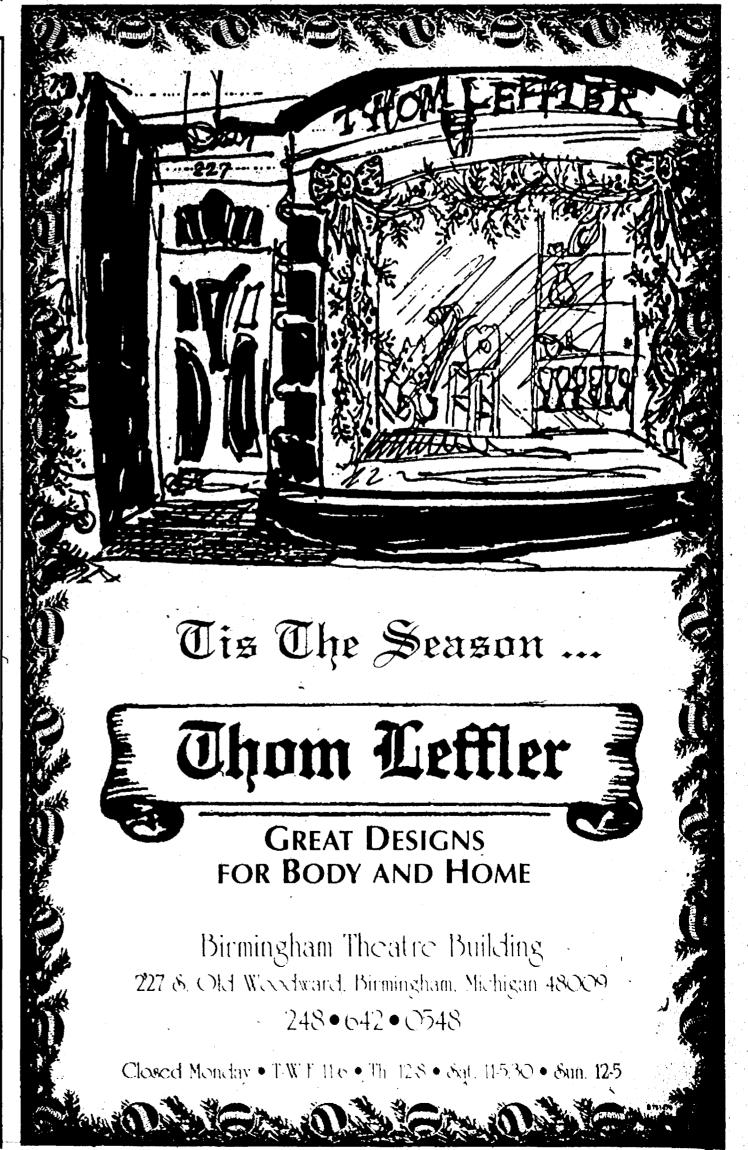
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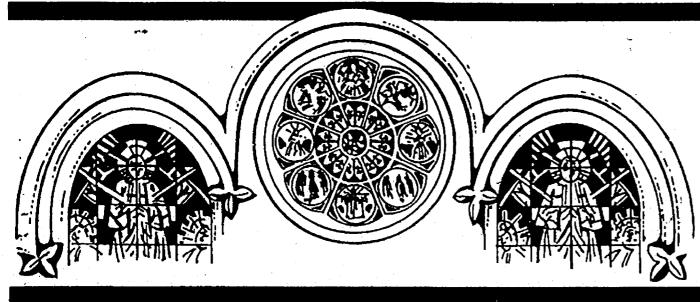
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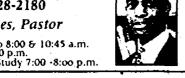
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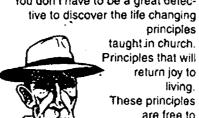
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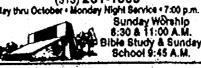
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Prior to the Praisemakers' performance, the nursery department at Memorial will present a brief holiday program.

The adult choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present a Christmas cantata, "The Wonders of His Love," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Christmas is a celebration steeped in paradox. It celebrates a sovereign who chooses to be a subject, a prince who dons the trappings of a peasant, a spotless lamb who possesses the lineage of a lion, a birth that will extinguish death and ultimately a death that will offer eternal life. A spectacular story, it is about the wonders of His love.

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production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 12-13, and 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sundays Dec. 14, and 21, at the Haggerty Road and Mill Street. church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

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■ The Chancel Choir of St. James Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas cantata, "Rejoice in his Coming," at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 21. The church is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-

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Church will present a choir Christmas cantata at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road,

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■ Plymouth Baptist Church will present the Christmas concert, "Everlasting Light," at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 12-14, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerproduction of "Four Tickets to ty Road, Plymouth. The fully staged production will feature a set at the turn of the century, at variety of dynamic vocal and

instrumental music. There is no admission charge, however, a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations following the concert.

Children under age 5 will not be permitted in the auditorium, however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-5534.

■ The Schoolcraft College ■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Community Choir, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, will perform "Alleluia, Rejoice!" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, the reason for the birth of Livonia. The program will feature

"Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham, accompanied by Solid Brass. Donations will be accepted during the intermission. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

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■ For the 17th year, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is presenting "The Living Christmas Tree: Music of the True Meaning of Christmas," directed by Dan Whitney, 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 19-21, at the church, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275, Plymouth. The choir will step into the branches of a 30-foot high tree to sing the songs that articulate Christ.

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■ The music and drama departments of Redford Baptist Church will present their Christmas extravaganza, "The Word," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church, 25295 Grand River at Seven Mile Road.

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■ The Student and Adult choirs of Merriman Road Baptist Church will perform a-musical drama, "Room in the Inn," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. "Room in the Inn" is great family entertainment that presents the age-old Christmas message in a contemporary urban setting. The presentation is free of charge, for more information, call the church at (313) 421-0472.

■ The Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Noah Duncan IV, will present its second annual festival of Christmas Music concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

The concert will feature James Kibbie, associate professor of organ at the University of Michigan, performing "Rhapsody on Noels" by Eugene Gigout, "Greensleeves (What Child Is This?)" by Richard Purvis and "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In' by Geoffrey Bush, to name a few. The choir and orchestra will perform "Christmas Oratoria" by: Saint-Seans, with Kerstin Allvin, principal harpist with the Flint Symphony Orchestra.

Advance tickets are \$5 and \$10 at the door. To order, send a check or money order, payable to the Cathedral Cultural Series, and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit 48202 by no latter than Dec. 17. For further information, call (313)

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

NEW PROGRAM

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. with "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub. The church is at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (323) 422-0010.

ADVENT CLASS

Kindergartners, first and second graders are invited to an Advent class 4-6 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 11 and 18, at Newburg United Methodist Church. 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Activities include making ornaments, gifts, cooking, stories and worship. Participants should bring a sack supper; milk will be supplied. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

YOQA CLASSES

The Unity of Livonia Church, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays hroughout November and December. The class, taught by

Linda Haught, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760.

IN CONCERT

St. John Neumann Parish in Canton will host Jim Cowan of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the church, Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center roads.

Cowan has led worship and music for the university's charismatic summer conferences for 14 years. He has recorded 20 albums of praise and worship music and liturgical songs.

There is no admission charge, however, a free will donation will be accepted. For more information, call the parish office at (313) 455-5910.

SUP AND CELEBRATE

Trinity House Theatre presents community theater in a festive tradition - with a double bill and shared meal of bread bowls, hot soup and cider - 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 21, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livo-

The Bayards celebrate 90 years of family relationship in Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner," while three bumbling shepherds search for a lost sheep and find the wonder of Christmas in "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation by Ford

Ainsworth of "the Second Shepherd's Play.' Seating is limited to 50 and tickets cost \$8, not including the shared supper. For more information, call (313) 464-6302.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual musical production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 12-13, and 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sundays Dec. 14 and 21, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, ' Plymouth. Tickets are priced \$6 to \$10 and can be purchased at the church's ticket office, by mail (orders will be processed until 10 days prior to the performance), or Visa/MasterCard by calling the ticket hotline at (313) 414-3980. No children younger than age 4 will be admitted to the performances.

'RAISING CHILDREN'

"Raising Solid Rock Children (in a Less Than Steady World)" will be the title of a seminar presented 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago Livonia. Terry LaDuke will teach what it means to be a successful parent and the principles the Bible gives to raise godly children. Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses. To register or for more information, call the church office at (313) 421-6300 or Dot Shepherd at (313) 422-9918 åfter 4 p.m.

MUSICKES PLEASURE

The vocal group Musickes Pleasure will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Singing alone and with the accompaniment of a variety of instruments, the eight-voice ensemble will present traditional and unusual Christmas music. The concert is followed by a reception. Tickets are \$10 with discounts available for seniors, groups and children. Call (313) 822-3456 for more information.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

Woman's Aglow International's Westland/Canton Chapter will hold a Women's Christmas tea and coffee get-together 9:60 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at Auto Nation's USA Community Room, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. Complimentary child care will be provided for children ages 3-12. For more information, call Penni at (313) 261-5268 or (810) 602-6862.

COOKIE WALK

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having its cookie walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road (between Newburgh and Farmington roads), Livonia. Homemade holiday cookies will be sold by the pound. Apricot, poppy seed, and nut rolls, along with sweet breads, kraut and potato piero-

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Christian Science talk focuses on 'Why Age?'

'Why Age?" is the title of a talk set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Plymouth.

The inspirational event is a free gift to the community. Presented by Cynthia Alyce Neely of Chicago, it will explore ways that the truth of the Bible can be made practical in daily life, bringing healing to problems of all kinds.

Although the focus is on overcoming the limitations associated with "age," the ideas shared are meaningful no matter the age or faith of the listener.

Neely is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Before becoming a public practitioner and teacher of Christian Science, she was a Christian Science nurse formany years.

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865-6300 during the day.

■ Orchard United Methodist Church will present "I Have Seen The Light, the Search fro Christmas," at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Published by Word Records and Music in Nashville, it is a combination of well-loved Christmas songs and hymns and exciting new music. Orchard's production is multimedia, with an emphasis on sound and light, and features a formally attired

choir of more than 40 voices: Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for

a family of four. To order, call (248) 988-6716.

Church members also will portray scenes from the Christmas story along the outer edge of the church parking lot 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16. People are invited to drive the road to Bethlehem and experience the Christmas story with music, pantomime and live animals. The presentation is free 3 f charge. For more information: call the church office at (248) 626-3620

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gis will also be available. For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

■ The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a cookie walk and crafts 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road.

SHARON AND ROBIN

The unique musical ministry of Sharon and Robin will be shåred at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Newburg United Hethodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The duo has been using music as the tool to both praise and proclaim the name of Christ * since 1978. They have served denominations throughout North America, ministering in numerous settings, including women's retreats, churches, conferences, camps and studio recordings.

Sharon Hoffman has studied voice at Indiana University. Robin Howard began her piano career at age 5, having studied privately and at Butler Universi-

There is no admission charge,

but a free will offering will be taken. For more information,



call the church at (313) 422-

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh and the Youth Group will hold a fund-raising White Elephant Sale noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Detroit First Church Sanctuary Choir, led by Don St. John, will present "O Come Let us Adore Him," a musical celebration of Christmas, at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. On Sunday, Dec. 21, the Family Christmas service will be held at

the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Children will be included in the service with special recognition of "Baby's First Christmas" at which time babies born since last Christmas will be intro-"duced and a special gift presented to each child. Between services, the children's department will host a Christmas open house 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene is at 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Newburg United Methodist Church. 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Liv nia. Call Sandy at (313) 464-8286 or-Larry at (313) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

■ Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail. Westland. For more information, call Jania Edmonson at (313) 278-207I

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping.

movies, special events and sports. The books cost \$40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5950 or (248)

474-1396. ■ St. Matthew United Methodist Church is also selling the 1998 Entertainment book The cost is at \$40 with \$8 going to the church's Mission Committee. To order, call Dick Horie at

(313) 522-4856. **SUNDAY LESSONS**

"Love in Action" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sun day, Dec. 14, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadow) brook roads), Novi. The church also offers youth education. a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics For more information, call (248) 449-8900.

NEW SERIES

Pastor Eric Moore of Canton Community Church continues his series, "Facing the Millennium - What the Bible Says About the End Times" at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. For more information. call the church at (313) 455-6022.

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Following the broadcast viewers will have the opportunity to call a toll-free number to receive a free children's storybook version of "Red Boots."

"Red Boots for Christmas" is a German folktale about a grouchy shoemaker who, with the help of his pet cow and a visit from an angel, learns to embrace the true meaning of Christmas and receive the ultimate gift from God the Savior.

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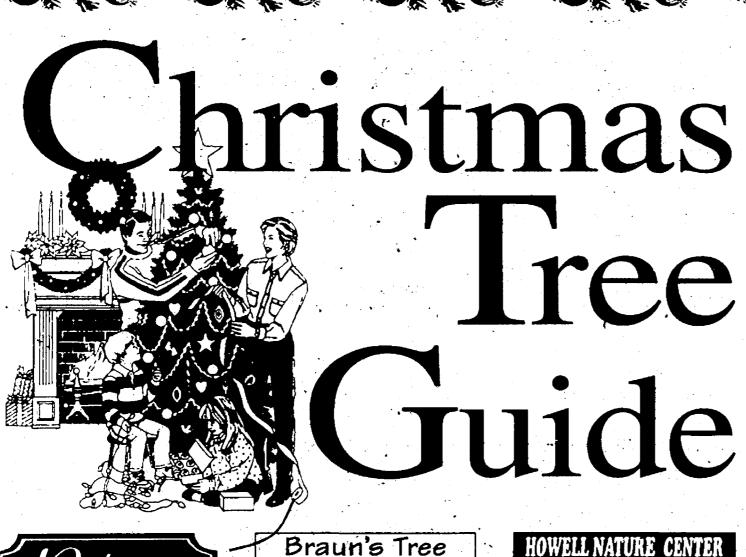


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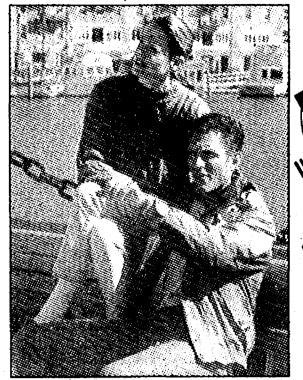
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A GOOD WOMAN Intelligent, attractive DWPF, 38, blonde/ green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun. tall, courageous, intettigent man for friend-ship, maybe more. 27846

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SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests, bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies, \$28034 BEEN THERE, DONE THAT SWF, 41, 5'5", 120lbs, dark brown/

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PRINCE SEEKS PRINCESS Me: SWM, 30, 5'1", 175lbs, dark skin, hon-

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SWM, 35, 6'4", HAV proportionate blonde/blue, enjoys hunting, camping, with similar interests, for possible LTR Kids ok. 178366

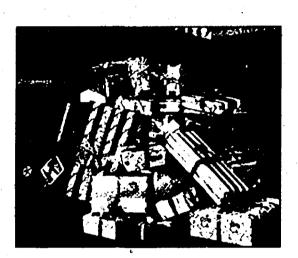
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ARE YOU FOR ME? emotionally physically fit. Seeking meaningful relationship with a SF, under 40, who is slim and attractive, with similar values and attributes. If this sounds appealing to you, please call me 178306

SWM, 45,5'9", medium-build, seeks SWF, 40-49, N/S, who's affectionate, caring, and down-to-earth, for movies, ing-out, concerts, and dancing \$28310 NOT FOUND IN STORES

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Seeking fit, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. 12 8308 CREATIVE MUSICIAN

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Tall, honest, caring SWM, 6', brown/hazel, seeks WF to get to know, go out and have fun together. For friendship, possible relationship. 178360

DWM, 51, enjoys romance, and spending quality time together. Seeking pas-sionate S/DF, 40-50, with similar inter-

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Seeking trim, attractive, pleasant SF, 28 39, to build a strong relationship 178124 S.O.\$. Please save this somewhat shy, profes-sional, slim SWM, 29, from being alone

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SWF 25-38 call 128268 FIRST-TIME AD Seeking SWF, 27-30, under 5'4", N/S, H/W proportionate. Profession or social status unimportant. Will return all calls. \$78175

HAPPINESS COUNTS SWPM, 33, 5'10", never married, nicelooking. Enjoys dinner, dancing, sports and companionship. Seeking SWF 25-33, down-to-earth, for meaningful relationship. 178177 **DOES ANYONE READ THESE?**

SWM, 35, N/S, HWV proportionate

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Trim, somewhat rugged SWM, 35, 5.11", pood-looking, would appreciate a nice, sweet, trim gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods and back roads on motorcycle or working around home garden. Kids ok. 28218 WAITING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL Looking for someone down-to-earth very sincere, and a relationship, 21-38.

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AFFECTIONATE DWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, caring; slim DWF, 20-40, for friendship, possible relationship. 1278093 A GOOD CATCH

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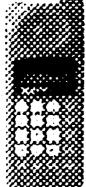


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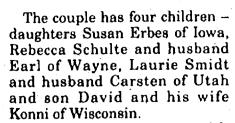
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Stedman

Elmer (Gene) and Virginia Stedman of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by gathering with family and friends at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland and at her sister and brother-inlaw's home for anniversary cake, refreshments and opening of

The couple met at Romulus High School in 1944 and have been together ever since. They were married at a high Mass at St. Stephen's Church in New Boston on Sept. 13, 1946. She is the former Virginia Zbikowski.



They also have seven grandchildren - Melissa, Michael, Shannon, Eric, Elizabeth, Kevin and Alexander - and a greatgranddaughter, Taryn.

He retired in 1992 from Associated Spring Corp. in Saline and is a one-year survivor of lung cancer.



Major

Donald and Bernice Major of Zephyr Hills, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party, given by their children at Portofino Restaurant in Wyandotte.

The couple lived in Garden City for 33 years and in Ontario, Canada, before moving to Florida. They were married on May 3, 1947, in Tilbury, Ont. She is the former Bernice Lauzon.

They have six children - Gary and wife Kathe and Larry and

wife Sandy, all of Canton, Valerie O'Connor and husband John of Southgate, Douglas of Clearwater, Fla., Brian and wife Michelle of Romulus, and Janet Rice and the late Kevin Rice.

They also have 10 grandchildren - Joshua, Andrea, Michael Matthew, Allison and Erin Major, Jeremy and Eric O'Connor and Adam and Nolan Rice and one great-granddaughter, Rachel Dieter.

He is retired from General Motors-Cadillac.



Brown

F. Jerry and Nita Brown of Venice, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family reunion held during the summer in Venice, and at a dinner with family and friends in November.

Fourteen-year residents of Plymouth, the Browns were married Nov. 1, 1947, in Detroit. She is the former Nita Lorraine Everson.

They have four children -Patrick of Wilton, Conn., Timothy of McLean, Va., Kevin of Melbourne, Australia, and Cynthia of Memphis, Tenn. - and four grandchildren.

He has been retired from advertising sales for 12 years.

They are active members of the University of Michigan Alumni Association of Sarasota, Venice Presbyterian Church and Jacaranda West Country Club.

Auction features Di bear

The owner of The Susan B. Ashlee Co. of Livonia is facing a bit of a dilemma.

Known for its gourmet gift baskets that contain Beanie Babies, the company has received hundreds of calls for the highly prized Princess Di Beanie Baby, but will only receive a dozen from the Ty Co.

"I sell so many Beanie Babies a day that I could not imagine trying to control the shoppers searching for Princess Di," said Susan.

Her solution is a silent auction for the Princess Di bear or a crystal "Princess" ring - one her best sellers this Christmas season. Proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital of Southeast Michigan and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Susan selected the two charities for very special reasons. Her five-year-old son was born with a congenital heart problem and is alive today, thanks to extensive surgery at Children's Hospital, while she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at age 12 and has lived with the disease

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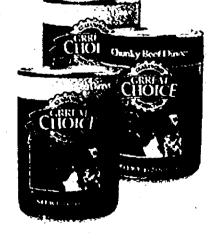
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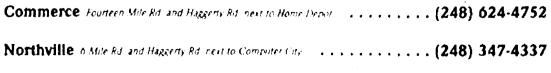
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

No sweat!

Borgess runs by Hancock, 54-21, to win 'C' crown

By STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Make that three Class C state championships in the last five years for the Redford Bishop Borgess girls basketball team.

Borgess made its fifth-straight trip to the Final Four a memorable one, rolling over Hancock, 54-21, in the championship game Saturday night at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

The feeling is twice as nice for senior guard Christina "Peaches" Anderson, and not just because this is the second medal she's won, being a member of the Spartans' last title team in 1994.

Anderson was one of three Spartans in double figures with 12 points on six of 10 shooting from the floor.

"My freshman year we had Maxann (Reese) and Adrianne (Bryant) and I contibuted but not as much as in this game," Anderson said. "This is real big being my senior year. I've got two gold medals and I'm fine with it."

Senior forward Koren Merchant and senior center Aiysha Smith joined Anderson in double figures with 16 and 10 points, respectively. They each tied for a team-high 10 rebounds as well, helping the Spartans enjoy a commanding 37-14 edge on the glass.

It was the end of a memorable week for Smith, who received the Miss Basketball award five days earlier.

Could Borgess be cornering the market on Class C titles? The school's boys basketball team won its firstever state crown last winter and is favored to repeat.

"They supported us and we supported them," Smith said. "The principal (Sister Joan Charnley) is very happy

The margin of victory was the largest ever for a girls state championship game. The win and Borgess' final record of 27-1 also creates some controversy as to who the state's mythical champion is.

The Spartans beat Class A semifinalist Flint Northern earlier in the year. Class A finalist Birmingham Marian handed Borgess its only loss in the Catholic League championship, but the Spartans won two regularseason meetings with the Mustangs.

Grand Rapids Christian won the Class A championship, finishing an undefeated season with a 58-56 win over Marian, earlier Saturday.

"We feel we can play with anyone," Mann said. "I don't know who the mythical champion is but I think Grand Rapids Christian can make the first claim.'

As public pressure mounts to have the Spartans move up to Class B, where the competition is better, will the school oblige? The Spartans won Class C crowns in '93 and '94, were runnersup in '95 and semifinalists in

"No, but thanks for asking," Mann said. "This is the second one in four years but we've been very disappointed the last two years. These kids (Anderson, Merchant and Smith) were able to go out the way they wanted."

Borgess led 10-5 after one quarter before outscoring Hancock 19-3 in the second quarter for a 29-8 halftime lead. The lead grew to 47-10 after the Spartans outscored the Bulldogs, 18-2, in the third quarter.

Hancock, which finished 24-3 overall, made six of 34 shots from the floor for an 18 percent clip. The Bulldogs didn't make a field goal in the third quarter and went 16 minutes and 50 seconds without a made shot, which was the time elapsed between early in the second quarter and early in the fourth quarter.

When Hancock beat Shelby in a semifinal game on Friday, Bulldogs coach Mike Williams knew his team won the battle for second place.

Senior guard Elizabeth Pietila, who made three of 17 shots, led Hancock with eight points.

"I felt looking at them yesterday they were 30 or 40 points better and I think the scoreboard showed that," Williams said. "We had one very good player (Elizabeth Pietaela) and the rest are marginal. For us, this was a tremendous season.

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Pats take care of business, 61-51

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

Aggressiveness and intensity are two things a coach likes to see from his basketball team.

Livonia Franklin demonstrated both characteristics early in Tuesday's 61-51 road win over Garden City.

But it actually got the Patriots in trouble.

Ahead 15-11 late in the first quarter, Franklin surrendered several easy drives to the basket by the Cougars' Mike Wrobel. Garden City took a four-point lead at the end of the quarter as a

Patriots coach Dan Robinson said his team was being too aggres-

"We were a little overzealous and not making smart plays," he

commented. Robinson told his team to settle down.

"I wanted them to play hard," he said, "but play smart." Franklin did just that in the second quarter. A solid zone defense and balanced scoring attack allowed the Patriots to outscore Garden City 18-9 and take a five-point halftime lead.

Cougars coach Greg Williamson said his team had a bit of a let down late in the quarter. "We got a little tired and a little tentative," he said. "They

stepped up their pressure and we didn't handle it too well." Livonia withstood a third quarter rally by Garden City and then pulled away in the fourth to win by 10.

"It was a good way to start the year," Robinson said. "We played a good brand of basketball tonight."

Eddie Wallace, a senior guard, led Franklin with 22 points, including 11 of 13 free throws. Back court partner Nick Mongeau added 18 points and seven steals.

"Mongeau is a heck of a player," Robinson said. "Defensively he understands the game. Offensively he understands the game. You've heard of players that are like coaches on the floor, that's what he is. He's like an extension of the coach on the floor.'

Wrobel finished with 21 for Garden City (0-1). Brad Schroeder added nine points.

The Cougars appeared on their way to opening night success early in the second quarter. A basket by Schroeder made it 21-15 Garden City at 7:30.

But Franklin then came charging back.

An 8-0 run put the Patriots up 23-21 with 4:01 to go before halftime. Jacob Goedde completed a three-point play to put his team

The teams then traded baskets and the contest was tied at 28 with 40 seconds left in the half. A Jay Fontaine basket and a three-point play by Wallace made it

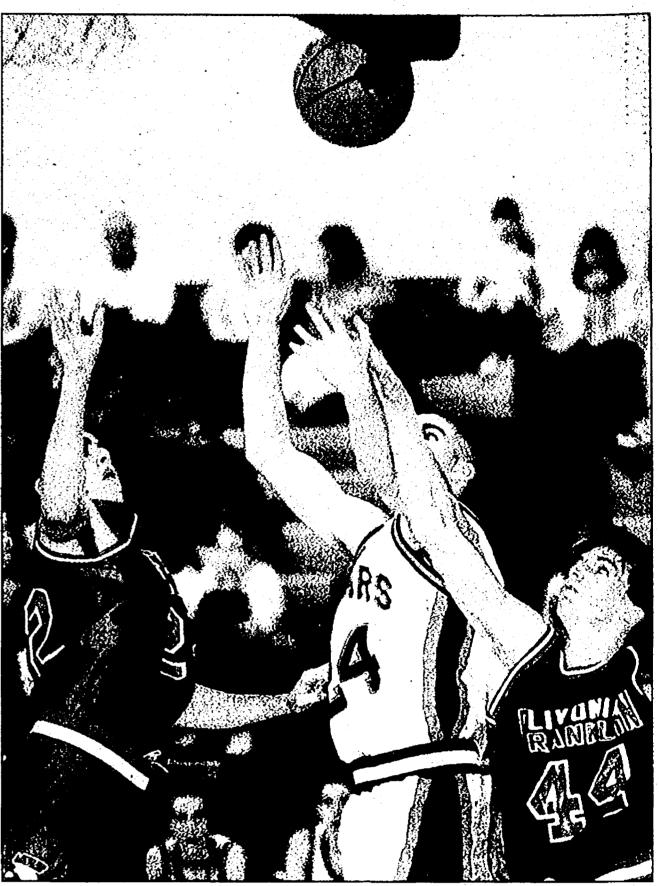
33-28 Franklin at halftime. The Patriots led by as many as eight in the third quarter, but Garden City rallied with the help of a Dan Fairchild three-pointer

and baskets by Chris Barnier and Wrobel. Wrobel's hoop, which was a follow of his own miss, came at 1:19

of the quarter and cut Franklin's lead to 43-42. Nick Miller ended the rally with a basket for the Patriots and Wallace added a pair of free throws to give his team a five-point advantage heading into the fourth.

Garden City didn't get closer than four in the final frame. Williamson felt his team was just a break or two from pulling the

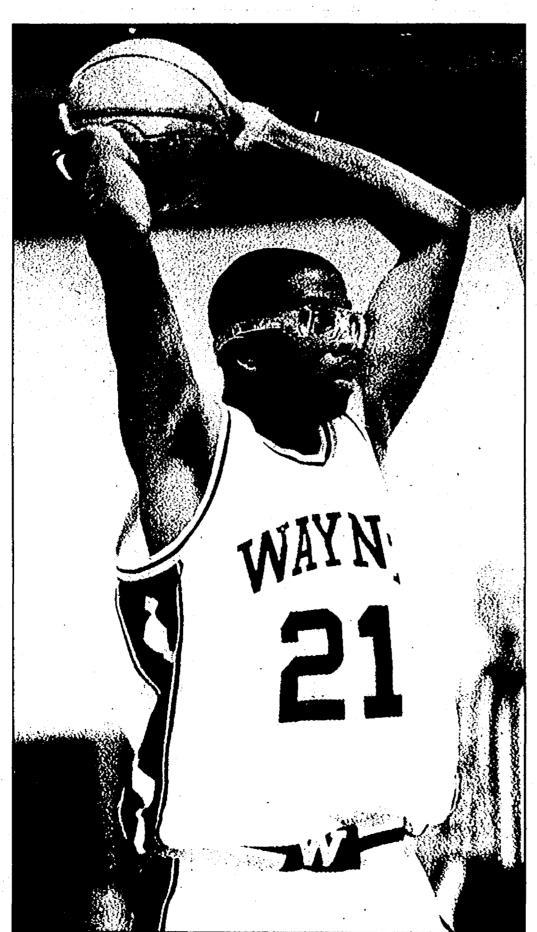
"I felt we had a chance the whole game," he said, "until the last 20 seconds."



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Inside action: Garden City's Mike Wrobel (center) tries for the rebound as Livonia Franklin's Brent Accurso (left) and Jay Fontaine (right) contest.

Wayne 60, Canton 49



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Passing fancy: Wayne Memorial's Alf Williams looks for an open teammate during Tuesday's non-league game with Plymouth Canton. For a complete roundup of area games, turn to page C2.

Dearborn wipes out Churchill in opener

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The boys basketball season officially started Tuesday night with Livonia Churchill suffering from a bad case of

The host Chargers needed something to sooth their opening night jitters, coughing up the ball 39 times in a 78-54 loss to Dearborn.

Robitussin or Vick's Vapo Rub, however, couldn't sooth the turnover bug which started in the first quarter.

Dearborn, a Class A regional finalist with four of seven starters returning from last year's 14-11 squad, roared out to a 27-9 advantage after eight minutes and coasted the rest of the

"Right now we're in the middle of growing pains," Churchill second-year coach Rick Austin said. "We were playing with two starters, a freshman (Michael Copeland) and a junior (Justin Jakes), who were playing their first varsity game.

"I attribute part of it to inexperience and the other part to the fact that we haven't had enough time yet in the season to let them mesh.

"When our best players our together on the floor, we'll be competitive."

Austin held out two players for portions of the game because of an internal team matter, but it was unlikely the Chargers were going to stay with Dearborn anyway.

The Pioneers, who upset Detroit Cass Tech in the regional semifinal last March before losing in the next round to state runner-up Detroit Redford, ran roughshod over Churchill with a suffocating defense and fast-break.

"We've always been a pressing and running team," said Dearborn coach Dave Mifsud, who lost in his debut as head coach to Churchill in 1995. "We play hard man-to-man defense and we've got some good athletes.

"After we lost in the regional last year, we felt that in order to get to the next level, we had to improve our halfcourt defense. And tonight I thought we played great from that standpoint."

Churchill turned it over 12 times in the first quarter while the Pioneers quickly converted the mistakes into

The Chargers led 7-5 early as Jakes scored all seven points, including a three, but it was all Dearborn from that point on as the Pioneers went on a 20-0 run.

The surge was highlighted by a running slam dunk by 6-5 senior Jason Herrick, who finished with 10 points, and a three-pointer by 6-1 junior guard Colin Wilkinson, who led all scorers with 19.

All told, 10 different Dearborn players scored with Colin O'Donnell adding

But to Churchill's credit; the Chargers didn't quit.

They were only outscored by just six, 51-46, over the final three quarters. But the damage had been done during the opening period.

"Dearborn traditionally plays an uptempo offensive style and an in-yourface defensive style," said Austin, former Dearborn assistant. "We didn't use our pressure because we felt they'd thrive off that kind of tempo. But we didn't recover back defensively and that's what really hurt us."

Senior Corey Cook scored 11 to pace Churchill, while Jakes contributed 10 and senior George Kithas added nine.

The Chargers shot 22 of 56 from the floor (39 percent), while Dearborn was 27 of 62 (43 percent).

"It's back to the drawing board tomorrow," Austin said. "We'll work hard on fundamentals and coming together better as a team. You'll definitely see a better game Friday versus (White Lake) Lakeland)."

Dearborn, meanwhile, has a date Friday at Livonia Franklin.

"We have some high goals this year," said Mifsud, who also doubles as the school's head football coach. "We want to work hard to where we got last year and go a step further.

"Our halfcourt offense is the other major area where we hope to improve: We've made some progress, but we're not anywhere near where we want to be. We forced a lot of turnovers and wa were running a lot, but we really didn't get into a set offense that many times."

Apparently turnovers were contagious because the Pioneers committed 26 themselves for a grand total of 65 between the two teams on the night.

Clarenceville tandem could be ticket to wins

By Brad Emons STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for one of Observerland's best one-two punches in boys basketball, then try out Livonia Clarenceville's co-captains --Justin Villanueva and Albert Deljosevic.

Coach Rick Larson, whose team opens its season Friday at Redford St. Agatha, returns a strong nucleus from last year's 10-11 squad.

Villanueva, a first-team All-Observer pick in football, is entering his third year on the varsity. Last season, en route to third-team All-Area honors, the 6-foot-4 senior center averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Joining him will be Deljosevic, a 6-1 junior guard who has started on the varsity since his freshman year. Last season, Deljosevic averaged 15 points and four assists per game.

"I'm excited about this year because for the first time we have a good big man and guard combination," Larson said. "And it's no secret who we're going to go to."

Villanueva, whose first love is basketball, continues to

"He works very hard," Larson said of his standout center. "We're going to get him on the wing and let him face the basket and play. And he should make us tough if get we can get him to finish on the break."

Pistons and Detroit

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his game.

"Al's starting to mature," Larson said. "He understands the game more than he ever did before.

"He shows good creativity in the open floor, but right now he's a lot more team-oriented."

Clarenceville will run the break, but whether the Trojans can contend for the Metro Conference championship will depend on Larson's seven other players.

Slated to start Friday are two junior returnees from the varsity -- 6-foot wingman Rick Murphy and 5-4 pointguard John Wallace.

Newcomer Rick Burack, a 6-3 sophomore forward, will also get the call.

Other promising newcomers include Corey McKendry, a 5-10 sophomore guard; Joe Lucas, a 5-11 junior forward; Adam King, a 5-10 junior guard; and Tim Riedl, a 6-1

sophomore forward. Ben Sterling, a talented 5-11 junior guard and transfer from Alabama, could be the missing link if he becomes eligible during second semester.

"We'll see how our new players react at the varsity level," said Larson, who lost starters Jason Merritt and Donahue Fulton to graduation a year ago. "Right now I'd say University-Liggett (Grosse Pointe Woods) is the favorite Deljosevic is also making in our conference. They have strides in all departments of three good players returning."

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Wayne stops Canton Chiefs

Apparently it's Brian Williams' turn to carry the torch for the Wayne Memorial boys basketball team.

The senior guard, one of the few holdovers from last year's 24-2 state Class A semifinal team, came up with a game-high 22 points Tuesday to lead the host Zebras to a 60-49 season-opening victory over Plymouth Can-

Williams, who was Wayne's third guard last year behind Lorenzo and LaVelle Guess, got help from teammate Reddick Borkins, also a member of last year's squad.

Borkins, a senior guard, contributed 13. The Zebras jumped out to a 21-11 firstquarter advantage and extended that lead to 50-37 after three quarters.

"They had one run, but from there on it was a pretty even game," said Canton coach Dan Young, whose team was 16-7 a year ago. "We hung in there pretty well and handled their pressure fairly well. We rebounded fairly well, but we need to get a little more balanced scoring. I was pleased with the effort. I was pleased with the fact that we hung in there."

Canton, which made 21 of 37 free throws on the night, got a team-high 21 points from junior guard Joe Cortellini.

Senior forward Eric Larsen and sophomore forward Dan McLean each added 10.

Wayne was seven of nine from the free throw line.

A.A. HURON 67, JOHN GLENN 58: Ramal Hunter scored 21 of his game-high 27 points in the opening half Tuesday to lead host Ann Arbor Huron to the season-opening victory over Westland John Glenn.

Huron led 34-23 at intermission before Glenn closed the deficit to 44-39 after three quarters. The River Rats held on by outscoring the

Rockets 23-19 in the decisive fourth quarter. Senior Rotolu Adebiyi added 13 points for

BOYS HOOP WRAP

Stephan Lawson paced Glenn with 12, while Devin White and Yaku Moton each added 10.

Glenn was 13 of 18 from the free throw line, while Huron was 11 of 16.

WYANDOTTE 58, STEVENSON 43: An 18-0 run to start the game proved to be all Wyandotte Roosevelt needed Tuesday to turn back host Livonia Stevenson in the season debut for both

Four Wyandotte players scored in double figures led by Ben Wojcik's game-high 15 points. Dwayne Justice chipped in with 13, while Matt Morrison and Kevin Lekity each had 10.

Stevenson fits. "He was like lightning and we had a hard time matching up with him," Stevenson coach Tim

But it was point-guard Eric Salta who gave

Newman said. "He's the reason the other kids had all the points." Matt Freeborn led Stevenson with eight

points. Three others scored six. Stevenson was only two of four from the free

throw line, while Wyandotte was nine of 16.

HURON VALLEY 63, LIGHT & LIFE 56: Bill Ohlsson won in his debut as head coach Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 1-18 a year ago, downed visiting Taylor Light & Life in a game played at Marshall Junior High.

Jeremy Zahn led the winners with 19 points. Three others scored in double figures for the victorious Hawks including Jason Bytner and

Nick Wisniske, 11 each; and Tom Husby, 10. Huron Valley outscored Light & Life 15-10 to take control in the third quarter.

"We're in a different style game, more aggressive," Ohlsson said. "All nine played in the rotation. It was pretty much the effort level that won it for us tonight. It was a complete team effort." Huron Valley was 17 of 41 from the line, while

ST. ALPHONSUS 58, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 57: Mark Russ scored on an offensive rebound while being fouled and converted the game-winning free throw with just 25 seconds remaining to give Dearborn St. Alphonsus the victory Tuesday over host Lutheran High Westland.

Russ finished with 15 points, while teammates Travis Spencer and Anthony-Ferrara each netted

Jake Hatten scored a game-high 23 points for Lutheran Westland, scoring 12 in the third quarter as the Warriors rallied from a 32-24 halftime deficit to pull within one after three quarters, 41-

Tom Habitz contributed 15 points, while Brad Woehlke had six points and eight rebounds in a losing cause.

REDFORD CC 87, GALLAGHER 50: Senior center Chris Young had career highs in points (32) and rebounds (19) on Tuesday night, leading the Redford Catholic Central to a lopsided victory over host Harper Woods Bishop Gallaghe.

The Shamrocks also received solid contributions from three players off the CC football team. which recently finished a Class AA state championship season.

Junior guard Nick Moore had 14 points and nine assists and senior guard Joe Johna, an All-Observer football player, had 12 points on four three-point baskets.

Maybe he's too sore still to take the ball to the basket.

"I thought we ran well," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Three of our top six players only practiced one week (because of the extended football season). In light of that, I thought we played fairly well. Nick Moore did a nice job of getting the ball to different people and Chris Young did a great job of controlling the boards."

Calvin House had 22 points for Gallagher, which trailed 21-7 after one quarter and 46-24 at halftime.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Okonkwo spurs Ocelots' victory

Schoolcraft College got an outstanding allaround performance from Emeka Okonkwo in route to a 103-83 men's basketball victory Saturday over the host Siena Heights JV squad, 103-83.

Okonkwo, a 6-foot-2 swingman from Ann Arbor Pioneer, scored 25 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, passed for eight assists and made six steals.

"It was Emeka's best-game of the year," Schoolcraft first-year coach Carlos Briggs said.

Derek McKelvey added 24 for Schoolcraft (7-2) and Kevin Melson contributed 21. Second-year point-guard Pete Males (Garden City) had 13 points and five assists.

George King led the Siena JV with 22 points.

The JV squad tried to press Schoolcraft, which is averaging better than 100 points this season, with-"We attacked their pressure and got a lot of

layups," said Briggs, whose team outscored Siena

Heights 60-34 in the second half. The Ocelots shot 57 percent from the floor, but

shot only 15 of 30 from the free throw line.. MARYVILLE (MO.) 88, MADONNA 72: Cold second half shooting led to defeat for the Fighting Crusaders (1-9 overall) in Saturday's consolation game of the Illinois Benedictine Tournament.

ROUNDUP

second half and wound up losing by 16 in Liste, III.

by scoring 19 points, grabbing five rebounds and making five assists. Mark Hayes scored 16 points and Nick Hurley notched 15 for the Crusaders.

In Friday's first-round game Friday, Madonna fell to Mount Mercy 100-90.

but couldn't comeback. Hayes, a swingman from Birmingham Seaholm, did his best to keep Madonna in the game by scoring 36 points.

He connected on 15 of 31 shots from two-point range and also made 3 of 10 from behind the threepoint arc. Hayes hit three of four free throws, too. . .

Hurley, a Plymouth-Canton product, finished with 22

points and five assists.

Madonna trailed Maryville 44-40 at the half. But the Crusaders shot just 35 percent from the field in the John-Mark Branch played well in defeat for Madonna

Maryville was led by Henry Shannon's 33 points.

The Crusaders again had a halftime deficit of four,

Mount Mercy (Ia.) was paced by Mike Conrad's 26 Saturday, Dec. 13

COLLEGIATE NOTES

■ Three ex-Observerland players are seeing considerable action for the University of Michigan-Dearborn men's basketball team, which fell Tuesday to host Oakland University, 67-

Rudy Hatfield, who played at Livonia Churchill and Schoolcraft College, shared team-high scoring honors with teammate Charles Johnson with 18 points. Hatfield also grabbed eight

Chris Tiernan (Lutheran Westland) added eight points, while Tom Laco (Redford Catholic Central) had five as the Wolves dropped to 1-12 on the

OU, which moves into the NCAA Division I ranks next season, is 5-6.

■ Olivet College, ranked No. 25 in the latest NCAA Division III wrestling poll, recently extended its dual meet record to 10-0 after capturing the Lawrence University Tournament as Robert Fowler (Livonia Churchill) took fourth in the heavyweight division.

■ The University of Michigan women's volleyball team was eliminated in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Friday by host Texas A&M.

Michigan finished the year 21-12 as middle hitter Anne Poglits finished the regular season with a 1.86 kill and 0.4 block averages. She had a career-high 13 kills Sept. 19 against Duke and added 12 kills each against No. 16 ranked Michigan State (Oct. 3) and No. 10 Wisconsin (Oct. 10).

Poglits, a computer engineering major, is a two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection.

Livonian Jenny McDevitt (Farmington Hills Mercy) appeared in eight games as a first-year member of the Kenyon (Ohio) women's field hockey team which finished 14-6 over-

Dearborn at Franklin, 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 11 PCA Eagle semifinal, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12

WEEK AHEAD

Stevenson at Fordson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Salem at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m. Luth, Westland at Annapolis, 7 p.m. Taylor Truman at Thurston, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m. Monroe at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Clarenceville at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. N. Farm at Lapeer West, 7:30 p.m. PCA Eagle semifinal, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley at MLHS Tourney, TBA

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Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 Redford Union vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 2:20 p.m. Stevenson at Royal Oak, 8 p.m. Redford CC vs. Wyandotte at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PREVIEWS

Trojans optimistic about contending for Metro crown

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Todd Skinner joined Grant Gordon as co-coach at Livonia Clarenceville last year and things are starting to look up for the Trojans' wrestling program.

"Along with a lot of experience coming back, we have a lot of newcomers," Skinner said. "But we're looking at the first .500 season we've had in a long time at Clarenceville and we're definitely looking at a shot at winning the Metro Conference.

"Last year we ended up finishing third at the end of the conference tournament. We're looking to redeem ourselves and bring home a possible conference championship.

Helping Gordon and Skinner will be Dan Boynton, former state qualfier John Rose, Clint Kraft, the just-graduated Chris Lakner and Bob Sade.

Lakner was a Metro Conference champion last year. The other key loss for the Trojans was Eric Ledda, a regional qualifier.

Clarenceville's top returnee is Craig Rose, a two-time state qualifier who made All-Observer last year at 152 pounds and will wrestle at 152 and 160.

Rose, a tri-captain, was 40-7 a

meet because of a knee injury.

"He's back 100 percent," Gordon said of Rose, who has an 80-37 career record. "He's effective because of his ability and knowhow on the mat. He's always in control. He's a very hard worker in the room."

Other returnees along with Rose include Kris Krolczyk (145). and Eric Tondreau, who placed second in the conference at 125 pounds and will stay there or move up to 130.

Another key returnee comes off the football team, where he gained more than 1,500 yards rushing is Walter Ragland (189), who was a Metro champion with a 28-9 record a year ago.

Three-year starter Dave Lemmon (125 or 130) returns with Josh Rose (215 or heavyweight), Tony Rachoza (160 again) and Danny Tondreau (103).

"We have eight returning starters plus Kevin Silye (160 or 171), who got a lot of junior varsity experience," Skinner said.

In addition, Clarenceville has a slew of promising newcomers: Dan LeClerc (135), Brian Kennedy (145 or 140), Matt Weihl (171), Mike Hudson (130), Jesse Gierak (119 or 125), George Gostias (140), Steve Morris (140), Matt Agar (140), Jeff Potter (145), Steve Rotenheber

Mark Schuler (215), Chris Katrib (215 or heavyweight) and Mike Manning (215), a transfer from Mayville.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Maybe this is the year that Lutheran High School Westland's string of Metro Conference championships comes to an end. Then again, maybe it isn't.

"We've got a young team again," veteran Coach Dennis Tuomi of Lutheran Westland said. "We always start off slow. We're hoping these people devel-

"We've had three consecutive titles or portions of titles. We like to think that we have a chance at another. But the league is stronger, so I don't know if

we're going to make it or not." Tuomi's key loss from last season is Matt Meyer, who placed fourth in the state in Class C at 275 pounds last

The Warriors do return some regional qualifiers, however.

Eric Falkenberg will compete at 119 or 125 pounds this year while Andrew Ebendick will wrestle at 130 and Scott Archer at 171.

Another key returnee is Ryan Moser at 145, plus Chris Sprow Fernitz at 140, Josh Meyer at 189 and Kyle Difatta at

Sophomores Ben Brown (103) and Brian Clark could play key roles while Tuomi has eight freshmen, some of year ago, but missed the state (171), Adam Marcum (171), whom will emerge. They are Adam

Haller, Jason Tobkin, Drew Gerds, Brenton Dion, Jonathan Burkee, Paul Ellis. James Molnar and Kevin Packard.

"We hope to grow," Tuomi said, "Wehope to make growing a tradition."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Another coach hoping his young grapplers learn quickly is Wayne Memorial's

"We've got a lot of new faces," Davis said. "It's difficult to say who's going to be in the starting lineup.

"At the beginning of the season we - feat. might want to call it rebuilding, but at the end we hope to call it reloading.

"If they learn quick, we could be all right. We've learned quick before. If we can do it again, we might surprise some people.

Key losses for the Zebras include George Buckner, who finished second in the state in his weight class (215), and Rich Watson (130), who was third in his

Also gone are John Nichols, who was seventh (119), Pat Grzecki (189), who was eighth, and regional qualifier Jim

"That's five tough guys who are gone." Davis said. "But we do have a

They include William Laramie at heavyweight. Nate Wensko at 119 or 125 and Keith Britt, who will wrestle at 145 or 152 pounds.

"We have a lot of other guys who wrestied that should fill in the gaps," Davis said, "but I'm still looking at a lot

*Our practices have been good. This will be a good test for them."

Wayne Memorial, a regional semifinalist, was 19-6 a year ago.

Matching that, however, will be a

"Obviously," we're not going to have quite the same team as we did last year," Davis said. "I would like to think we can stand in there and virestle. against other teams, though."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

John Fedulchak and Jake Tharp took individual wrestling titles Saturday to highlight Westland John Glenn's performance in the Ypsilanti-Tournament.

Fedulcak was tops in the 152-pound division while Tharp won all of his matches at 215. Coach Dave Hill said both had outstanding tournaments.

He thinks Fedulchak wift go a long

"He'll be difficult to bear ! Hill said "He was a regional qualifier last year, J don't believe he'll have deficulty qualify ing for the state finals this year.

As a team, the Rockets didn't meet with as much success. A rist and fin

ished sixth out of eight schools Northville "ran away with the Ypsi lanti Tournament, said Hi: Belleville

was second and Saline finished third. John Glenn's other top placer Satur day was Matt Biddinger. The serior cap

Tharp, a sophomore is off to a fast staft this year. He's 5.0 with five pins to

tain placed second at 160 pounds

"He's arpowerful young man." said

The coach added that Tharp is an excellent student. He carries close to a perfect 4.0 grade point average

THe's a highly intelligent motivated athlete." 'said Hill

The rest of the Rockets sawad is

young this season. Hill said the team is dominated by

"We hope to continue to build." he added. We're hoping to have a good

team in a couple of years. See weekend mat results below

Rose, Ragland individual champs

Livonia Clarenceville is off to a strong start in boys wrestling.

The Trojans took a pair of firsts Saturday en route to a second-place finish in the nine-team River Rouge Invitational Tournament.

St. Clair Shores Lakeview took the team title with 160 points, while Clarenceville was second

Co-coach Todd Skinner said it tional finish since 1988.

"We have a very positive atmosphere in the room and expectations are very high," said Skinner. "And I believe it's the best team we've had around here in 10-years."

Skinner also went as far to say that Clarenceville boasts "the best team in Livonia.'

Clarenceville senior Craig Rose, an All-Observer first-team pick a year ago, repeated his Rouge title at 160 pounds. He won his first two matches by pin before scoring a 7-2 victory in the final over Livonia Churchill's Brian Panczyszyn.

Junior Walter Ragland (189) also took first in his weight

Runner-up finishers for the Trojans included Eric Tondreau (135), Danny Tondreau (103) and

Dave Lemmon (130).

Thirds went to Tony Rachoza (171), Dan LeClerc (140) and Mike Manning (215).

Sophomore Josh Rose (heavyweight) added a fourth, while Kris Krolczyk (145) finished sixth, giving Clarenceville 10 placers on the day.

Zebras win twice

Wayne Memorial jumped to a 2-0 start with dual-meet wins last week over Westland John Glenn and Mayville.

in the opener, 53-21, then took care of Mayville in the second match by 53-20. Coach Dave Davis said his

The Zebras beat host Westland

team should be competitive all season. "We're not as strong as last year," he added. "But we're hoping to challenge the (contending)

If last week's matches with the rival Rockets and Mayville, a Division III school from the thumb area, is an indication, Davis may be in for a pleasant

The Zebras dominated John Glenn, leading 32-0 before surrendering a match to the Rock-

"It was not an easy time,"

Davis said in noting the score. "We had a lot of matches that could've gone either way."

Superior conditioning was key, he commented.

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"At the end of periods," Hill commented, "we started to go ahead. Conditioning was in our favor. That made the difference."

Zebras' winners included: Paul Goyt, void (103); Mike Kasabni, pin (112); Nate Wensko, decision (125); Jason Sienko, decision (135); Keith Britt, pin (145); Kirk Spann, void (152); Dave Bell, decision (171), Kevin McGlaughlin, decision (189). James Wallace, pin (215) and Will Laramie, decision (heavy-

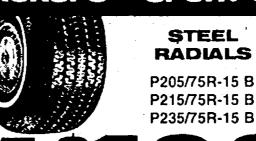
weight). Wayne didn't have as much luck Saturday at the Trenton Invitational. The Zebras placed eighth out of 17 schools.

Laramie was Wayne's lone champion as he took the heavyweight title by winning two matches and taking a third by injury default.

Wensko finished third at 119 pounds. Britt also took third in the 145-pound division.

"We never seem to wrestle well at Trenton," Davis said. "My team wrestled sluggishly."

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Whalers move into 2nd-place tie

The Plymouth Whalers got back on the winning track Sunday with a 6-1 home victory over Erie.

Jesse Boulerice scored a pair of goals to lead Plymouth past the Otters. The Whalers moved into a second place tie with Sarnia in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

OHL HOCKEY

Plymouth opened scoring in Sunday's game. Harold Druken scored unassisted at 11:27, which was the left winger's 12th goal of the season.

Erie's lone goal came less a

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minute later. Geoff Peters scored on an assist from Colin Pepper-

The Whalers broke the game open in the second period with a pair of goals. David Legwand, who leads OHL rookies in scoring, got his 31st of the season and Boulerice scored his first of the night.

Plymouth tallied three more times in the third. Sergei Fedotov. Yuri Babenko and Boulerice all scored.

Robert Esche played in goal for Plymouth and stopped 25 of 26

The two teams played Saturday at Compuware Arena as well, but with a much different result. Erie outgunned Plymouth

The Whalers fell behind 3-1 after one period and never recovered. Legwand scored a pair of goals while Kevin Holdridge, Eric Gooldy and Andrew Taylor each added a goal.

PLYMOUTH 8, WINDSOR 2: Playing Dec. 4 on the road, Nikos Tselios scored a hat trick to lead the Whalers to an easy victory. Ahead 5-2 in the third period,

Tselios scored three straight goals in less than 10 minutes. The defenseman now has five goals on the season. His performance upstaged the torrid Legwand. He scored a pair of

goals in the game. Taylor (2) and Julian Smith also scored for the

Windsor is in last place in the OHL's West Division.

Gaining control: Yuri Babenko of the Plymouth Whalers keeps the puck in front of him during Saturday's 8-5 loss to Erie Otters.

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White's natural hat trick lifts Franklin 3-1 victory

Call Jeremiah White "The Natural."

The junior left winger scored all three Livonia Franklin goals in the second period as his hat trick led the Patriots to a 3-1 win over host Walled Lake Western in a Suburban High School Hockey League game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Franklin improved to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the South Division. Western, which received a first-period goal from Dan Norris, is 2-3 and 0-3.

Two of White's three goals came off the power-Justin Sawyer assisted on two of the scores,

while Tony Saia, Brandon McCullough, Trevor Skocen and Dave Tyler each added one.

Franklin netminder Phil Brady stopped 23 of 24 shots. "It was a best outing in three years," Franklin

coach Terry Jobbitt said of his senior netminder. "He was a very important part of the victo-

Franklin also used a 1-2-2 defensive lock to stymie the Warriors.

"The team came out and played the system very well," Jobbitt said. "It's a pure defensive system. When you work it and when you're disciplained, it works:

"We had only two lines (because four players were out), so playing a 2-1-2 was kind of risky." In other games played last week:

REDFORD CC 2, A.A. PIONEER 2: Redford Catholic Central and Ann Arbor Pioneer played to a tie on Saturday in a Metro Hockey League game played at Redford Ice Arena.

PREP HOCKEY WRAP

Pioneer scored a power play goal at 10:08 of the second period to erase a 2-1 deficit.

The tie left the Shamrocks with a 2-0-1 record overall and in the Metro.

Greg Berger and Todd Bentley scored the CC Berger's goal, assisted by Ian Devlin, came with

25 seconds left in the first period and gave CC a 1-0 Pioneer came back and tied the score with a goal

at 3:35 of the second period. The Shamrocks took their second lead when Bentley scored, assisted by Joe Beaudoin.

The Shamrocks outshot the Pioneers, 26-24. CC senior goaltender Rick Marnon played well in net, according to coach Gordie St. John.

"We didn't handle our defensive zone well, giving up the puck," St. John said. "We had all sorts of turnovers in the wrong zone. Marnon did a very good job and Pioneer played very well, well enough to tie

Last Wednesday, CC earned a 6-1 victory over Ann Arbor Huron at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

Erik Hawkins scored two goals and Jason Tardif, Pat O'Dea, Devlin and Bentley had one each.

Tony Keshishian collected three assists while Tardif, Berger and O'Dea earned two each.

Jim Melton and Keith Rowe had one assist apiece.

The goalie was Marnon, who had 10 saves.

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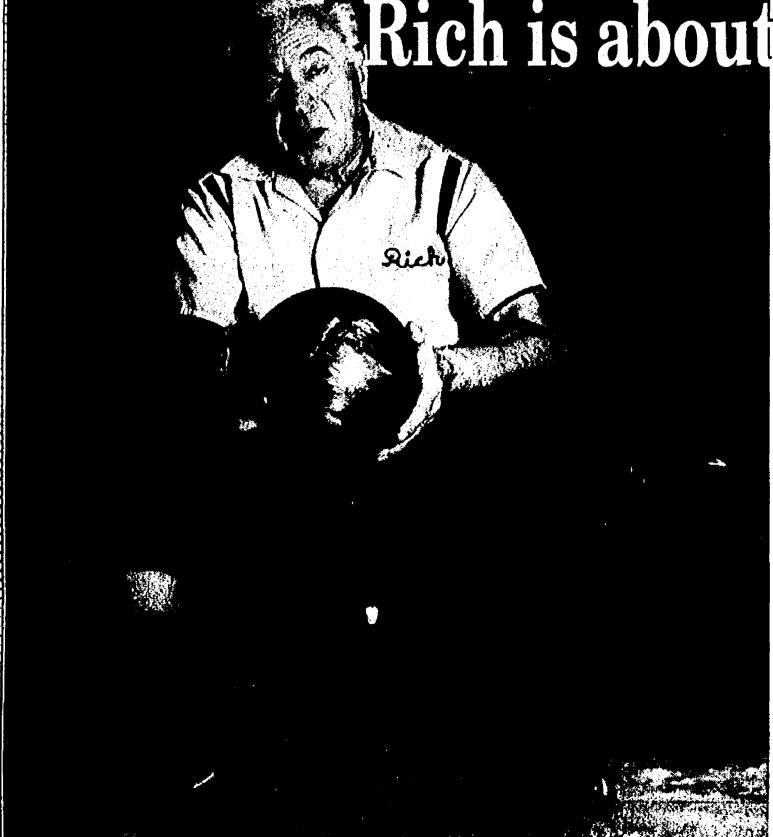
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AGE-GROUP SWIMMING RESULTS

Spartan Aquatic team shines in Thanksgiving Classic meet

Amanda Smith and Michael Maul were individual standouts for the Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club were among the top finishers in the Thanksgiving Classic swim meet Nov. 22-23 at Churchill High School.

In the Girls 11-12 category, Smith earned firsts in the 50and 100-yard breaststroke: 100 backstroke; 50- and 100 butterfly; 100- and 200 freestyle; 100and 200 IM.

Maul, competing in the Boys 8-and-under division, finished first in the 25-yard backstroke: second in the 50 breaststroke third, 25-, 50- and 100 freestyle; fourth, 25 breaststroke, 25- and 50 butterfly.

OTHER SPARTAN FINISHERS

Boys open: Robert Cambridge first place, 100-yard butterfly; second, 100 and 200 backstroke, 400 breaststroke, 200 butterfly; 400 individual medley; fourth, 200 IM; sixth, 50 freestyle: Michael Kruszewski - first, 200 breaststroke; second, 200 IM; third, 400 IM: fourth, 100 freestyle. 200 backstroke, 200 butterfly; fifth, 100 backstroke; Geoffery Lowes -second, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly; third, 100 butterfly, 400 IM; fifth, 100 and 200 backstroke.

Giris open: Michelle Aristeo - sixth, 100 breaststroke; Natalie Aristeo second, 200 butterfly; Elizabeth Cambridge - fifth, 100 breaststroke; sixth. 100 butterfly, 200 IM; Jessica Koch first, 100 freestyle; second, 200 freestyle, 200 IM; third, 50 freestyle: fourth, 100 butterfly, 400 IM; Deidre Schwiring — first, 400 IM; third, 100 butterfly; Emily Sondergaard — fifth, 400 IM; Katy Sondergaard — first, 200 IM; second, 100 breatstroke, fifth, 100

Boys 11-12: Robert Lowes — third. 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke: fourth, 50 backstroke, 50 butterfly, 200 freestyle; fifth, 100 IM; sixth, 100 freestyle: Stephen Taylor - fifth, 100

Holiday

freestyle; Drew Voytal -- third, 50 butterfly; fourth, 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke; fifth, 50 backstroke.

Girls 11-12: Jacqueline Bayliss first, 50 butterfly, 100 breaststroke; second, 50 breaststroke, 100 IM: third, 200 IM, 20 freestyle; fourth, 50 backstroke; fifth, 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke; Lauren Dickerson fourth, 50 backstroke, 100 butterfly; sixth, 50 breaststroke, 200 freestyle; Kristine Elrod - fourth, 200 freestyle, 200 IM; sixth, 50 and 100 backstroke: Andrea Giczewski — first, 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke; second, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly; third, 100 and 200 fM, 200 freestyle; fourth 50 breaststroke; and 100 individual medley; - sixth, 100 breaststroke; Laura Hermann - first, 50 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 200 IM; second, 100 breaststroke; third, 100 butterfly; fourth, 50 breaststroke; Tiffany Kelly — third, 100 breaststroke; fourth, 100 butterfly; sixth, 100 backstroke, 200 IM; Amy Kolodsky -- second, 50 backstroke; third, 100 backstroke; fifth, 200 IM; sixth, 100 butterfly, 100 IM, 200 freestyle: Cynthia Lebron — third, 50 butterfly; sixth, 200 IM; Lindsey Scypta fourth, 50 butterfly; Katy Sondergaard - fifth, 100 freestyle.

> Boys 10-and-under: Joseph Bashara - first, 100 IM; second, 100 and 200 freestyle; third, 100 backstroke, 100 IM; fourth, 50 freestyle; sixth, 50 breaststroke; eighth, 50 butterfly; ninth, 50 backstroke; Carlos Blanco — 10th, 50 butterfly; Brad Farris - second, 100 butterfly; third, 50 butterfly; fourth, 200 IM; fifth, 50 and 100 breaststroke, 100 IM; seventh, 50 backstroke; eighth, 100 backstroke. 200 freestyle; 10th, 100 freestyle; Matthew Kennedy - sixth, 50 back- , stroke; Katherine Elrod - second, 25 stroke; eighth, 100 breaststroke; ninth, 100 IM; Lewis Park - seventh, 100 freestyle; Nathan Quay - seventh, 50 backstroke; eighth, 100 IM; Matthew Swift — fourth, 100 backstroke; fifth, 50 and 100 breaststroke; eighth, 50 freestyle; ninth; 50 butter Claire Wick — third, 25 breaststroke; fly, 200 freestyle; 10th, 50 backstroke: Kyle Taylor - 10th, 100 IM.

Girls 10-and-under: Lauren Bair -

backstroke, 200 freestyle; sixth, 50 third, 50 and 100 freestyle; fifth, 50 backstroke;, 200 freestyle seventh, 100 butterfly; Megan Buwalda -- 10th, 100 breaststroke; Katie McDonald first, 200 freestyle; second, 100 breaststroke; Tanya Paciocco - first, 50 and 100 freestyle; second, 50 butterfly; third, 200 IM; fourth, 200 freestyle; fifth, 100 IM; seventh, 50 backstroke; eighth, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke; ninth, 50 breaststroke; Stephanie Sawda - first, 100 breaststroke; second, 50 backstroke, 200 IM; third, 50 breaststroke; 100 backstroke, 100 IM; fourth, 100 freestyle; eighth, 50 butterfly; 10th, 50 freestyle; Alyssa Schwiring - fourth, 100 backstroke, 200 IM; sixth, 50 freestyle; ninth, 100 freestyle; Elizabeth Hrivnak - third, 50 breaststroke; sixth, 200 IM; seventh, 100 backstroke; ninth, 50 freestyle.

Boys 8-and-under: Kyle Hermann -first, 50 and 100 freestyle, 100 IM; second, 25 backstroke, 50 breaststroke; fourth, 50 backstroke; fifth, 25 breaststroke, 25 butterfly; sixth, 25 freestyle; Matthew Lee - eighth, 25 breaststroke; Charlie Turlo - second, 25 bresatstroke; fifth, 100 freestyle; seventh, 50 backstroke; 10th, 50 freestyle; Scott Wegener - second, 50 butterfly: third, 25 butterfly, 50 breaststroke, 100 freestyle; 100 IM; fourth, 50 backstroke; fifth, 50 freestyle; sixth, 25 breaststroke; seventh, 25 backstroke; eighth, 25

Girls 8-and-under: Kristine Chaklos - fourth, 25 breaststroke; Brittany Eilers - second, 100 freestyle; third, 25 butterfly; fourth, 50 breaststroke, 100 IM; seventh, 25 breaststroke, 50 freestyle; eighth, 25 and 50 backbackstroke; fourth, 50 backstroke; sixth, 25 breaststroke; ninth, 50 freestyle, 10th, 25 butterfly; Adriane Turlo - first, 25 breaststroke; second, 50 breaststroke; fifth, 25 butterfly, 50 freestyle; sixth, 100 freestyle, 100 IM; fifth, 50 backstroke; eighth, 25 butterfly, 50 breaststroke, 100 freestyle,

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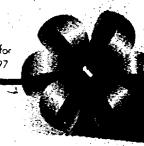
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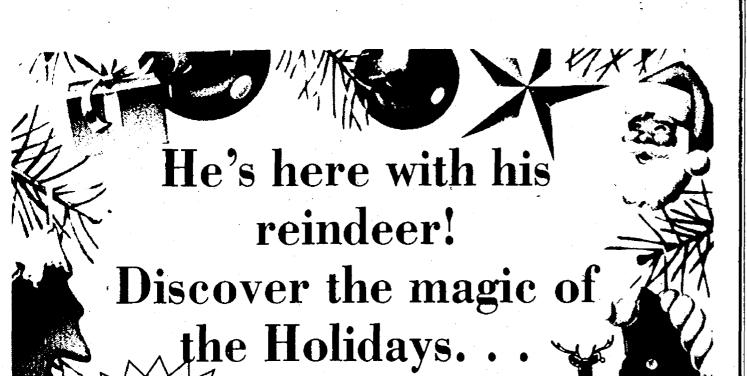
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ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING

It's a star-studded team

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Greg Phill

Coach of the Year

Two teams dominated the Observerland area in girls swimming. And there were a handful of swimmers on other teams that also made their mark during the season.

The teams are well known to anyone familiar with swimming - Livonia Stevenson, which finished fourth at the Class A state

meet, and Farmington Hills Mercy, which placed sixth.

But these two teams did not monopolize the area's talent. In fact, there was such depth that

the Observer had to expand its 1997 swim team to accomodate all those who earned it.

Choosing a Coach of the Year was no easy task, either. Two stood out from the crowd: Mercy's Jim Downs and Stevenson's Greg Phill.

Both guided their teams to strong showings at the state finals after winning their respective conference meets. Both are deserving.

The honor this year goes to Stevenson's Phill. The reason is simple enough: His team was best, and for the seventhstraight year the Spartans were best in the Western Lakes Activ-

ities Association, too. Without further ado, here is the 1997 Observerland girls

swim team, in order of event. FIRST TEAM

Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard medley relay: Adrienne Turri, Jordyn Godfroid, Jessica Makowski and Marti McKenzie teammed in this event throughout the season and "this combination worked out really well," according to Phill

Their best time of 1:48.59 was a school record. They placed second at the state final and were WLAA champions.

"Their great season came about because of the committment these four girls made to this relay," said Phill.

Julie Kern, Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle: A junior, Kern's whole season seemed to be built on bests. 'Julie spent the whole season swimming best times," said Phill.

 Kern won both the 200 and 500 freestyles at the WLAA meet (setting a meet record of 5:05.41 in the latter), was first in the 500 free at the MISCA meet and placed sixth in the 200 free at state (1:57.14).

Her accomplishments earned her Stevens son's most valuable swimmer award.

Elizabeth Posvar, Farmington Mercy, 200yard individual mediey: As the event she specializes in indicates, Posvar did a bit of everything for Mercy this season. And the sophomore did it well.

At the Oakland County meet, she was third in the 200 JM and fourth in the 100 backstroke. At the Catholic League finals, she placed first in both the 50 free (25.01) and 100 breaststroke (1:09.03).

And at the state championships, Posvar finished fourth in the 200 IM (2:09,76) and sixth in the 100 free (53.56). Both her relays scored at state, too.

Posvar qualified for state in every individual event. She was the high-point scorer for

Jordyn Godfrold, Livonia Stevenson, 50-yard freestyle: Godfroid contributed to the Spartans' success both in and out of the water.

In the water, Godfroid turned in strong performances in the 50 at the WLAA meet (third in 24.96) and at the state final (ninth in 24.89); she was also third at the WLAA meet in the 100 breast (1:10.59). And her relays both scored at state.

Out of the water, the senior served as a ously. "Jordyn really stepped up when needed this year," said Phill. "She showed not only

Katy Ballantine, Livonia Stevenson, diving: A sophomore, Ballantine improved throughout the year, upgrading her degree of difficulty from meet to meet.

Stevenson's most valuable diver, she followed up a fourth at the WLAA meet with a 12th at the state championships (335.20 points for 12 dives).

"Katy showed great poise at all the big meets this year," said Phill, "especially at the

As her coach described it, it was the best year of her short career, but bigger - and better - things await.

Hannah Pawiewicz, North Farmington, 100yard butterfly: Like Mercy's Posvar, Pawlewicz was a do-everything, qualifying for state in seven of the eight individual events. Her best was the 100 fly, an event in which she finished second in at state in 58.07. Pawlewicz was also fifth at state in the 50.

Her competitive nature was evident — the in dual meets all season. She set pool and

team records in both the 50 free and 100 fly.

Pawlewicz won the 100 fly at the WLAA meet (59.50) and was second in the 50 free (24.38).

"She is a tremendous all-around swimmer," said North coach Pat Duthie. 'She's a hard worker and possesses a very positive attitude and competitive spirit."

Kelly Carlin, Farmington Mercy, 100-yard freestyle: Carlin's performances in the relays, as anchor in the 200 medley and as the leadoff in the 400 free relay, were outstanding. indeed, she proved to be capable of strong

freestyle swimming no matter the distance. She was second in the 100 free at the Oakland County meet and was a double-winner at the Catholic League finals in the 200 (1:59.92) and 500 (5:21.14) free. Her best time in the 100 free (54.68) came leading off the 400 free relay.

"She swam a super anchor leg in the 200 medley relay at state for a seventh," said Downs, "And she had a great lead-off leg (at state) in the 400 free relay. It provided a big spark for the team.

Amy McCullough, Farmington Mercy, 500yard freestyle: Perhaps the best thing to note about McCullough, certainly to her coach, is that she's just a freshman

McCullough finished in the top seven in two individual events at state, placing third in the 200 free (1:54.03) and seventh in the 500 free (5:02.07). She was also a doublewinner in individual events at the Catholic' League meet, capturing the 200 IM (2:17.01) and the 100 backstroke (1:02.26).

Her clocking in the 500 free broke a 17year-old Mercy team record. "As a ninth-grader, she's just exploring her talent," said Downs, "But she's already (swimming) with the 'big dogs'.'

Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle relay: You can't do any better than win your last race of the year - particularly if it's in the state finals.

That's what Stevenson's Marti McKenzie, team captain, taking the responsibility seri- . Jordyn Godfroid, Katie Clark and Julie Kernmanaged to do. In fact, they didn't lose a race all season, winning all their dual-meet compegreat leadership but a tremendous passion to — titions, finishing first at the WLAA meet (1:39.8, a meet record) and then collecting a victory at the state championships (1:38.04).

*These four girls got together and just refused to lose," said Phill, "There was never any question that they could win the state meet. They just needed to come together at the right time, and they did."

Adrienne Turri, Livonia Stevenson, 100-yard backstroke: A senior, Turri warmed up for the state finals by finishing second in the 100 back at the WLAA finals (1:00.83).

She bettered that with a lifetime best at the state meet; finishing seventh in 59.26.

Turri qualified for state in five individual events. At the WLAA meet, she was also fourth in the 100 freestyle (55.63).

ever and reaped the benefits," said Phill. "She's been a great asset to our team. We'll miss her very much." Lindsay Fetters, Farmington Harrison, 100-

"Adrienne worked harder this year than

yard breaststroke: Fetters matched her statemeet performance of the previous year, scoring in both her individual events. Her best: a there." (1:07.47). She was also eighth in the 200 IM

At the WLAA finals, Fetters — a sophomore - placed first in both events, winning the 100 breast in 1:07.36 and the 200 IM in

Farmington Mercy, 400-yard freestyle relay: Well, if there's anything that should bolster the Marlins' hopes for the future, it's in

Kelly Carlin, Amy McCullough, Elizabeth MacDonald and Elizabeth Posvar combined to finish fifth at the state final (3:38.02). At the Catholic League finals, only MacDonald was a part of Mercy's first-place finisher (3:46.98).

Of the four that swam on the relay at state, Carlin and Posvar are sophomores and McCullough and MacDonald are freshmen.

SECOND TEAM

Farmington Mercy, 200-yard medley relay: Katie Callan, Elizabeth Posvar, Erin Downs and Kelly Carlin teammed to place seventh at the state meet (1:51.89). Callan is a senior;

the other three are sophomores. Mercy was the Catholic League champ, too (1:55.40), with Callan, Posvar, Jenny Mac-Donald and Danielle Clayton.

Elizabeth MacDonald, Farmington Mercy, 200-yard freestyle: A freshman, MacDonald placed eighth at the state meet in the 200 free (1:56.77). She was second in the Catholic League in the 100 free (56.34).

Mercy coach Jim Downs called MacDonald "a workaholic with a great future. She's already established herself at state level com-

Katie Clark, Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard individual mediey: A sophomore, Clark was out of action with a shoulder injury until Oct. 16. She still finished second at the WLAA finals in both the 200 IM (2:13.56) and 100 butterfly (1:00.96)

Clark was "probably only at 50 percent at state meet," said Phill. "But with all her problems, she still gave the team the best she had

Terl Hanson, Plymouth Canton, 50-yard

freestyle: Hanson qualified for state in four events, including the 50 free, in which she was clocked at 25.27. An ear infection kept her out of the WLAA meet and hampered her. late-season performance.

*Teri is a very hard worker and dedicated swimmer," said Canton coach Sarah Eubanks. *She excels both in the pool and academically. We look forward to having her back for her

Laurei Dolin, Livonia Stevenson, diving: Dolin, a junior, qualified for the state finals for the second consecutive year. At the WLAA meet, Dolin placed second (440.5 points).

"Laurel overcame a nagging back injury to give Stevenson another excellent season,"

Erin Downs, Farmington Mercy, 100-yard butterfly: Her coach could not ask much more from this sophomore, who happens to be his daughter. She improved from 15th in the 100 fly at state a year ago to fifth this season (58.97). She won the same event at the Catholic League meet (1:01.08).

*She trains hard, she competes hard, and she's team-oriented," said her father/coach.

Christina Moceri, Livonia Ladywood, 100yard freestyle (tie): Moceri made her first year competing at Ladywood --- she's just a freshman — a memorable one, making the state cut in six individual events, setting team records in seven events and going undefeated in all her individual dual-meet races. Her best time in the 100 free was 55.35.

*Christina is a great morale team-booster, in and out of the water," said Ladywood coach Randy Ferguson. 'The things she accomplished as a freshman most swimmers dream about for a lifetime."

Dona Schwalm, Farmington Harrison, 100yard freestyle (tie): Schwalm's best time in the 100 free - 55.35 - matched Moceri's. Schwalm, a senior, turned hers in at a good time, finishing first in the event at the WLAA

Schwalm was also fourth at the league meet in the 50 free (25.43), qualifying for

Meghan Mocerl, Livonia Stevenson, 500yard freestyle: Moceri, a sophomore, followed up her second-place finishes in the 200 free and 500 free at the WLAA meet with an 11th at the state final in the 500 free (5:10.66).

"Meghan is a very hard worker and a bigmeet performer." said Phill, "When we needed someone to step up, Meghan was always

The Raiders' foursome of Tara Grider, Cheri Farber, Kristen Burke and Hannah Pawlewicz started off the season by setting a meet record in winning the 200 free relay at the WLAA Relays

Eventually, they set a team record and finished third at the WLAA finals (1:41.5). At state, they placed just out of the scoring.

Lindsay Dolin, Livonia Stevenson, 100-yard backstroke: Dolin began her career at Stevenson (she's a freshman) by swimming lifetime bests in all her events. In the 100 back, she placed third at the WLAA meet (1:01.31) and was 11th at state (1:00.6)

*Lindsay was one of only nine freshmen to score at state," said Phill. "She did a wonderful job for us this year, and we're looking forward to the next three."

Nevra Alver, North Farmington, 100-yard -breaststroke: Just like you're supposed to -Alver saved her best swim for last, clocking 1:08.02 in the 100 breast at the state final to finish sixth. The junior was second at the WLAA meet (1:10.21).

*Nevra Alver . . . is a tough and confident competitor," said North coach Pat Duthie, "Nevra has a very strong, positive mental attitude and determination which allowed her to overcome injury and less than

optimal training to have a great state meet." Livonia Stevenson, 400-yard freestyle relay: The lineup in this relay changed often during the season, with Julie Kern, Jessica Makowski, Meghan Moceri and Adrienne Turri combining to win the event at the WLAA meet (3:42.78). Kern, Makowski, Meghan Lesnau and Moceri teammed to place eighth at state

"We played with this relay a lot over the year," said Phill. "But these four girls came together huge at the state meet when we needed them."

Jessica Makowski, Livonia Stevenson, atlarge: Makowski, a sophomore, earns an individual spot on the all-Observer team by virtue of her scoring performance at state. She finished 12th in the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.01).



Kelly Carlin **Farmington Mercy**



Katy Ballantine Livonia Stevenson



Lindsay Fetters Farmington Harrison



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Meghan Mocerl Livonia Stevenson



Dona Schwalm Farmington Harrison



Betsey Lambert Farmington Mercy





Jessica Makowski Livonia Stevenson

"Jessica swims a variety of events for us at Stevenson and does a great job on all of them," said Phill. "Jessica and girls like her are why Stevenson is so strong." Betsey Lambert, Farmington Mercy, at-

large: A senior, Lambert got herself a spot on the all-Observer squad by finishing 12th at state in the 200-yard free (1:56.94), which represented a four-second drop in her time. Lambert 'trains beyond the comfort zone.

had great emotional préparation for big drops at state meet in the 200 and 500 free." Farmington Mercy, 200-yard freestyle

to border on masochism," said Downs. 'She

relay: Seniors Danielle Clayton and Jenny MacDonald teammed with freshmen Elizabeth MacDonald and Amy McCullough to qualify 12th in preliminaries at state, then moved up to 10th in the finals (1:41.52).

At the Catholic League meet, McCullough

was the only one who swam on Mercy's win-

ning team (1:44,18). North Farmington, 200-yard medley relay: Tara Grider, Nevra Alver, Hannah Pawlewicz and Cheri-Farber combined to place second at the WLAA meet (1:52.92), then followed that

with a 10th at the state final (1:52.74)



Stevenson's 200-yard medley relay: (from left) Adrienne Turri, Jordyn Godfroid, Jessica Makowski, Marti McKenzie.



Mercy's 400-yard freestyle relay: (from left) Amy McCul-

Mercy's 200-yard medley relay: (from left) Kelly Carlin, Elizabeth Posvar, Erin Downs, Katie Callan.



Stevensol. s 200-yard freestyle relay: (from left) Marti McKenzie, Jordyn Godfroid, Katie Clark, Julie Kern.



Mercy's 200-yard freestyle relay: (from left) Elizabeth Mac-

Donald, Danielle Clayton, Jenny MacDonald, Amy McCullough.

North Farmington's 200-yard freestyle relay: (from left)

Cheri Farber, Tara Grider, Kristen Burke, Hannah Pawlewicz.

Stevenson's 400-yard freestyle relay: (from left) Jessica

Makowski, Meghan Moceri, Meghan Lesnau, Julie Kern.

North Farmington's 200-yard medley relay: (from left) Tara Grider, Nevra Alver, Hannah Pawlewicz, Cheri Farber.

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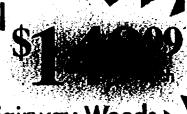
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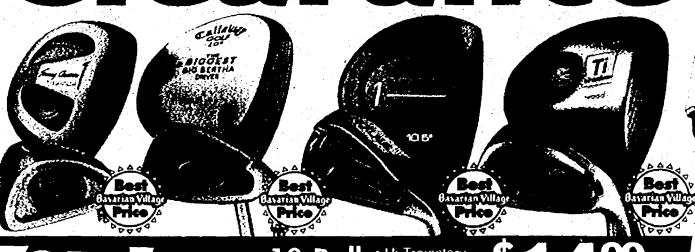
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SPECIAL EVENTS

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE Applications for toys from the Westland Goodfellows For Westland residents only are available at the following locations: Dorsey Center (32715 Dorsey), Westland Chamber of Commerce (36610 Ford Road) and Westland City Hall

(36600 Ford Road). Appli-

cations must be submitted

by 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

TOWN HALL MEETING

U.S. Rep. Lynn N. Rivers will be holding a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Dorsey Community Center at 32715 Dorsey in Westland. The meeting will be an open forum at which attendees are free to discuss a wide range of subjects with the congresswoman. Rivers will begin the program by discussing recent actions in the 105th Congress. She will then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and become informed about current congressional activities. For more information, call Michelle Heikka in Rivers' district office at (313) 722-1411.

SURPLUS FOOD PROGRAM The city of Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times: Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. All other residents excluding Precinct 28: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of. distribution. For December, applesauce, beef, corn flakes, canned potatoes, grapefruit juice and salmon will be distributed. For questions call the Dorsey

595-0366. **DECORATING CONTEST**

Center's hotline at (734)

The 11th annual "Christmas Decorating Contest," sponsored by the Westland City Council, is open for nominations, according to the chairwoman of the event, council president Sandra Cicirelli. Residential displays will be judged by members of the city council and plaques will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998. The council will look at all nominations on Monday, Dec. 22. Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another resident for this award may call City Clerk Diane J. Fritz at (313) 467-3190 or (313) 467-3191. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Those selected for the awards will be notified by the city clerk.

WHITE CHRISTMAS CONTEST If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and live in the city of Westland, you can compete to win a guaranteed white Christmas. Draw a poster of what your house would look like covered in snow on Christmas day. Include your name, address, phone number, the grade you are in and the name of the school you attend on your poster. Entries must be brought or mailed to the Bailey Recreation Center at 36651 Ford Road, behind City Hall in Westland, by Monday, Dec. 15. The winner will be notified by Dec. 21. If there isn't any snow on the ground on Dec. 23, a truckload of snow will be dumped on the winner's front lawn on that date. If

there is snow already covering the ground, another prize will be given.

TREE OF MEMORIES

A Tree of Memories will be on display until Wednesday, Dec. 24, during mall hours at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. For a donation. patrons can buy golden angel ornaments in memory of loved ones and then hang the ornaments on the memory tree. The event, in its eighth year, is run by and all proceeds benefit Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.

WINTER CONCERT

A Winter Concert, featuring the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble performing seasonal works, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Radcliff Center. 1751 Radcliff Road in Garden City.

CHAMBER EVENTS

BOWLING OUTING

The Westland Chamber will be hosting the Winterfest Bowling Outing from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of Westland Winterfest '98. (313) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

VOLLEYBALL

Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (313) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan Ave.,

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entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with Internet. Call (313) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon session for 3- to 5-year-olds. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The program is for students in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will meet 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information on participating or volunteering, call Shabaura Cobb, (313) 722-3660.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical 1110.

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FOR SENIORS

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of

greenware and a kiln. For

information, call 722-7632. TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB

The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL The Wayne Ford Civic

CALENDAR

League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community

groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the infor-

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Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday

for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN

Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE

Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, nonmembers \$7, (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (313) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center),

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1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

BOY SCOUTS.

A few good young men ages 11-18 are needed to work with Boy Scout Troop No. 865 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Hamilton Elementary School, corner of Avondale and Schuman in Westland. Monthly campouts will be featured. For information, call (313) 729-1283.

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (313) 422-2438, second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (313) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a \$5 membership charge.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS'-BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan Ave., next to Farmer Jack, in Wayne. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. (313) 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO

The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, West-

land. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. (313) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

VFW AUXILIARY

Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin; (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

and surrounding areas.

FREE CLASSES

The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information, (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, (313) 326-1466.

AT THE LIBRARY

TRAINING

Training sessions are held 10:30 a.m. each Saturday to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls on Saturdays in December. Each Saturday at 2 p.m. will feature a seasonal craft for children that is sure to light up your house with holiday cheer. In the Children's Activity Room. No registration required. Dec. 13, gingerbread/snow person, Dec. 20, stained glass ornament, Dec. 27, New Year calendar.

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL Children ages 4 to 10 are

invited to make a collective craft project to keep in the Children's Services area of the library. The program will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, in the Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

FREAKY FRIDAY Friday, Jan. 2, wackiness

will take over the Children's Services Area. If you can find 10 things in the department that seem freaky on that day, you'll get a prize. The event goes on all day Jan. 2 in the Children's Services Area.

READ TO YOUR CHILD

Feb. 14 is "Read to Your Child Day." Come to the Children's Services Area and read with your child for 10 minutes. The event goes on all day in the Children's Services Area.

MISS BASKETBALL AWARD

Smith surprise choice as Michigan's top cager

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Early in her career at Redford Bishop Borgess, Aiysha Smith seemed more likely to win Miss Michigan than Miss Basketball.

Prim, proper and attractive off the court, Smith wasn't the most feared player on coach Dave Mann's girls basketball team.

People still rave about her qualities as a person, but this week her basketball skills were mentioned first when she was introduced as the state's 17th Miss Basketball winner as voted by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Smith, a surprise winner. received 145 first-place votes and 818 points. The two pre-season favorites, Flint Northern's Tawana McDonald (463 points) and Detroit Dominican's Raina Goodlow (280), finished second and fourth, respectively.

Smith scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds as a freshman in the Spartans' Class C state championship victory in 1994, but basketball was still fairly new to her.

She credits Maxann Reese, a Borgess graduate and the winner of the 1995 Miss Basketball award, for giving her a mean streak and motivation on the court.

"She taught me how to play tougher instead of being timid," said Smith, whose first passion was swimming.

Before enrolling at Borgess she swam in the Junior Olympics as a student at Murphy Middle School near Telegraph and Fenkell roads in Detroit.

"That was one of the things she was disappointed about when she came to Borgess and didn't see a pool." Borgess coach Dave Mann said.

Smith averaged 10.6 points and 11.5 rebounds per game for for the Spartans, who are 24-1 and headed to the Class C Final Four for the fifth straight season. Borgess senior guard Christina Anderson played on the Murphy seventh and eighth

Champs from C1

Hancock lost by only eight points during the regular season to Detroit Country Day, the Class B champion, but the Spartans are far and away a better team than the Yellowjackets, according to Williams.

"We've seen the size before but not a combination of size and quickness," Williams said. "They are extremely athletic. The second half, I sat back and watched. I was in awe."

Mann joked in the post-game press conference that his biggest coaching challenge was yet to

"Now we'll go back to the hotel and try to keep them quiet after 11," Mann said. "That's our biggest task."

Monroe stuns Salem, 66-59

Plymouth Salem may have been highly-touted in the pre-season, but performances like Tuesday's 66-59 loss at Monroe won't keep them there for long.

"We played terrible," was Rocks' coach Bob Brodie's direct appraisal. "I can't think of one player who played well.

"We couldn't beat anybody the way we played tonight."

Salem had the early lead, up 16-14 after one quarter and 30-28 at the half. But the Trojans, behind the shooting of Jeremy Griffin (17 second-half points, including eight in the third quarter), outscored the Rocks 20-9 in the third period to take a 48-39 advantage into the fourth.

A final-quarter rally enabled Salem to get to within one, but that was as close as it got.

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Griffin finished with a game-high 22 points, including four three-pointers. Dan Case added 14 for

Salem got 12 points from Jeff McKian and 10 from Matt Mair.

grade team with Smith.

"Aiysha, we had to force her to play," laughs Anderson. "It was like, 'Come on, you're too tall not to play.' "

During an emotional speech, Smith dedicated the award to her mother, Rica, who passed away 31, years ago with a brain aneurysm. The two were riding bikes when the horrible problem

took place.

Her mother was 31 when she died and Smith wears that number in her honor.

died," Smith said. "I think I'm still in shock. I don't really feel it yet."

Smith was joined by her teammates coaches, Borgess administrators, grandparents Floyd and

Mildred Smith and uncle Tim-Smith at the announcement at the Detroit Free Press.

Tim Smith said Aiysha's moth-"I was in shock when she er wouldn't know how to control her happiness if she was still alive today.

> "She'd probably be making all kinds of noise," he said. "At Aiysha's games in middle school, you could hear her on the side-

lines cheering on Aiysha, this frail, skinny girl who just would run up and down the court. They had a real close bond, like sisters."

Mann believes the Spartans' No. 1 ranking for all classes throughout most of the year and a victory over Northern helped Smith.

"That brought a lot of atten-

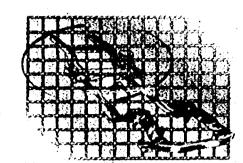
tion to our program," Mann said. "It's just been steady development all the way through. The first couple years she went from being strictly a post player to being aour backup point guard last year and my best defender I've ever had. She's extremely versatile, shoots the three and can guard anyone on the floor.



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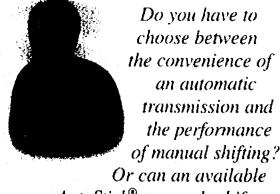
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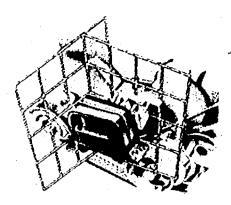
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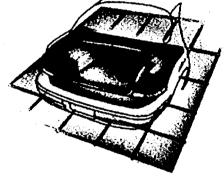


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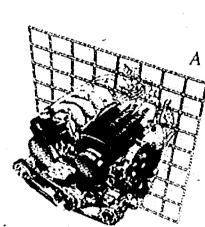


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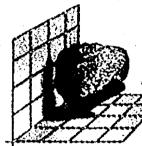
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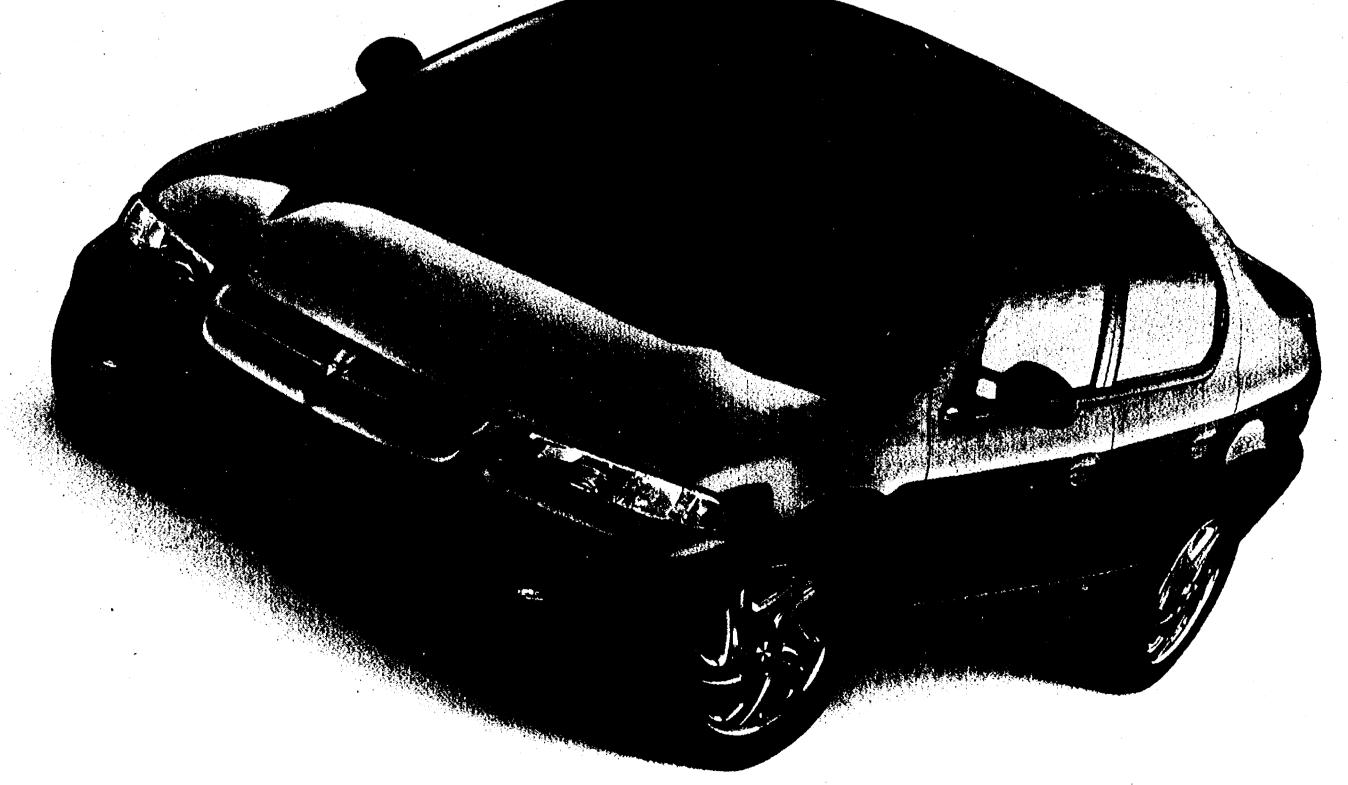


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Orange 9mm, featuring drummer Matt Cross, formerly of Detroit, performs at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets \$5 in advance. (313) 961-MELT.



Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association Holiday Sales Show - Gifts of Art, offers a variety of handcrafted items. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 1516 S. Cranbrook Road (northwest corner of 14 Mile Road), (248) 644-0866.

SUNDAY



Take "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," the 7th House in downtown Pontiac.Tickets \$22, call (248) 335-**'**8101.



Hot tix: Local dance groups, including Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company featuring Kathleen Ott of Rochester Hills as Clara, will be presenting "The Nutcracker" this weekend. See complete listing inside.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

This is a call to Detroit Red Wings player Brendan Shanahan - Tyler Stewart drummer for the Canadian pop band Barenaked Ladies is personally inviting you to his, band's New Year's Eve show at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"Brendan Shanahan, I know that he's a Ladies fan. When he played in St. Louis, my good buddy is Curtis Joseph, the then-goalie in St. Louis, and Shanny was in charge of the music in the dressing room. In 1993, he played the whole 'Gordon' album to get ready. Maybe if they were listening to Metallica, they could have gone further," Stewart said with a laugh.

"I also know that Chris Osgood, Chris Draper and Darren McCarty are fans. They came to our show last Christmas time."

(Much to the Barenaked Ladies chagrin, The Detroit Red Wings will be busy until about 10 or 11 p.m. The Stahley Cup champions take on the St. Louis Blues at 7:30 p.m. The game is sold out.)

Stewart said choosing the Detroit area for its New Year's Eve concert was a no brainer. After all, some of the band's biggest shows have been here at Pine Knob and The Palace, and songs like "Brian Wilson" and "If I Had \$1,000,000" have inundated the

The main floor and a significant portion of the lower bowl for the New-Year's Eve show were sold out within 10 minutes. Tickets, \$25, still remain. Call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 for more information. The Irish pop band The Devlins open the show at 9

"Detroit Rock City has been very good to the Ladies. What a great night to sort of celebrate the city's support of us. We're really looking to blow out all the stops. You can look for surprises, of course. There's always surprises for Barenaked Ladies shows," Stewart said slyly.

It's no surprise, however, that going along with past practice The Palace of Auburn Hills will not allow any kind of macaroni and cheese - not just Kraft - into the venue. Fans routinely throw that and stuffed monkeys during the Ladies' trademark song "If I Had \$1,000,000."

If the Barenaked Ladies aren't your cup of tea, there's plenty of other options this New Year's Eve.

Royal Oak funksters The Howling Diablos and the local ska band the Parka Kings will perform at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 21 and older show. Tickets are \$20

and include hors d'oeuvres and party favors. Fans can countdown to 1998 with Dick Clark's "New Year's Rockin' Eve" shown on a 500-square foot TV. (248) 544-3030

Local rockabilly bands The Twistin' Tarantulas and Nobody's Business, along with the Detroit Music Award-winning blues band Mudpuppy take over the second floor of Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. The \$35 individual ticket includes a complimentary glass of champagne, while the \$60 per couple ticket price includes a complimentary bottle of champagne. A light buffet and party favors come with both options. The lower level of Fifth Avenue will operate as usual. Only those 21 and older are permitted into Fifth Avenue. (248) 542-9922

Former Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Bands of the Year Speedball and Big Block will perform along with Hoarse at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door for the 18 and older show. (313)

Classic rock fans will be let down to hear that there will be no 'Whiplash Bash" with Ted Nugent this year. About 3,000 of those fans can take refuge at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, where Detroit native Alice Cooper will bring his show. Tickets are \$45 for the allages show. (313) 961-5451. Then there's always Dokken, Devil's Night and Illegal at The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door for the 18 and older show. (810) 778-6404

First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits (at Bates Street), is hosting "Chase the Blues! Night" with Little Sonny and the Detroit Rhythm Band from 9:30-11:30 p.m. Sponsoring "Chase the Blues" is an effort to continue the alcohol-free New Year's Eve momentum in downtown Birmingham due to the major funding loss and subsequent cancellation of the popular First Night. After a short break, at 11:45 there will be a 20-minute closing, non-sectarian worship service. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 children. (248) 644-0550 or fbcb@wwnet.com or http://members.aol.churchwww/first.h

■ Acid jazz act Groove Collective performs at the Majestic, 4140 Woode ward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$20. (313) 833-9700

Local swingers Imperial Swing

Orchestra spends its New Year's Eve at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 for the 19 and older show. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. (813) 996-8555.

off the show at 9 p.m.

Playing The Palace: The Canadian pop group Barenaked Ladies - from left,

perform Wednesday, Dec. 31, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Devlins kick

drummer Tyler Stewart, guitarist/vocalist Ed Robertson, stand-up bass

player Jim Creeggan, singer Steven Page, and keyboardist Kevin Hearn -

Ypsilanti is hosting the drug- and alcohol-free family event New Year Jubilee. A variety of performers ranging from storytellers to jazz artists to choirs to reggae bands play in a dozen different venues throughout Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town. For children, the Wild Swan Theatre will present "Frog and Toad," San from Gemini will perform, LaRon Williams will tell stories, and Derby the Clown will make an appearance. Advance tickets, \$10, \$5 for children ages 6-12, are available at Ann Arbor- and Ypsilantiarea Busch's Valu-Land beginning Friday, Dec. 12. Admission is free to children ages 5 and younger. Tickets are \$15 at the door. (313) 483-4444 or (313) 484-6620.

A variety of nightclubs are holding their own parties. Fourth Street inside the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, is having its annual celebration for those 21 and older hosted by radio station WKQI (95.5). Tickets are \$45 and include dinner, champagne, party favors, and breakfast. From midnight to 4 a.m., ti kets are \$15 and include breakfast. (248) 546-7610. The New Year's Eve party at The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road),

Royal Oak, is free from 9-10 p.m. There will be a cover charge afterward. Free champagne and party favors will be offered. (248) 589-3344.

Local halls will once again fill for For the sixth year, the city of the boliday. Included in that is the VFW Hall at Nine Mile and Telegraph roads in Southfield where the Rochester Hills rock band Sensitive Clown will perform. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, both of which include beverages. (248) 652.

■ The City of Pontiac is expecting more than 10,000 celebrants this year at "Times Square II New Year's Eve Celebration" held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in downtown Pontiac. The free, non-alcoholic outdoor celebration feat tures music and dancing in the street; food and beverage vendors and party favors. At the stroke of midnight, an illuminated ball will hit the top of & 100-foot pole located at the front of the Phoenix Center. A fireworks display follows. Numerous nightclubs in the area - Industry, Clutch Cargo's, Diamonds and Spurs - will have special events. (248) 857-5603. The swing/jump band Atomic Fireballs will perform at the 7th House, 7 N.

Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-8100. ■ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is hosting "A Singing, Dancing Gala for 1998" at 9 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, during which the orchestra will perform J.

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CHRISTINA ZAYTVMARQUIS THEATRE On stage: Don Donnelley as Aladdin (left to right), Sultan (Robert "Bobo" Lozelle), Princess Jasmine (Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle), Amber (Sarah Wiercioch, bottom, left to right), and Myra (Sara Greenfield) are featured in "Aladdin."

Stages set for entertaining youth productions

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Toys, toys, toys is what most kids are thinking about now, but the real acting up is happening not at home, but on stages throughout metro Detroit.

There are many choices this weekend for parents seeking a little diversion from the holiday countdown. A variety of youth productions to be presented by children and adults for children of all ages are sure to please.

Dearborn Youth Theatre

Greg Wiklanski of Westland stars as Joseph in the Dearborn Youth Theatre production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14 at Edsel High School in

In October, Wiklanski portrayed Rolf in the Nancy Gurwin Presents staging of "The Sound of Music" at the Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield.

"Being cast as Joseph was a real blessing for me," said Wiklanski, 20 a sophomore at Christian-focused William Tyndale College in Farmington

important God has been to me. He is the foundation of my life."

A 1995 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, Wiklanski was in three plays there, all musicals. He then took a year off from theater. Wiklanski's only performing was with the Christ Ambassadors, the college's choir, which sang during services at area churches. He returned to theater this past summer, performing in "Carousel" with Music Theatre of Michigan in Livonia and "The Sound of Music."

"Theater just started in high school as something fun to do. It's become more and more serious. Now, it's more like a passion. I'd like to make a living out of theater someday," Wiklanski

At William Tyndale College, he ismajoring in vocal performance as well as working on obtaining his secondary education teaching certificate.

Steve Sell of Bloomfield Hills is also cast in "Joseph and the Amazing Tech- Fern the little girl who understands nicolor Dreamcoat." In the adult chorus what animals say to each other; Temis Jen Rembisz of Livonia. Among the wives are Cindy Wittrock of Plymouth.

Hills. "I couldn't say enough how Playing one of the brothers is Kean Cronin of Bloomfield Hills.

In the children's chorus are Rachel .Westphal-Gaddy, Georgene Wojciechowski, and Maria Szatkowski and Matthew Thayer of Livonia; Julia Fitzpatrick and Erin Fitzpatrick of Redford; Sarah Grace of Bloomfield Hills; and Paul Kittenger of Farmington

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is being staged by Dearborn Youth Theatre in cooperation with the Dearborn Recreation Department.

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Hills.

New York's Theatreworks/USA brings the story of "Charlotte's Web," E.B. White's story of friendship between a small pig named Wilbur and a gray spider named Charlotte, to Music Hall, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 13-

You'll meet Wilbur, the pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher;

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Youth Theater Productions

■ Dearborn Youth Theatre "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat" - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 13, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Edsel Ford High School, 20601 Rotunda Drive..(1 1/2 miles west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn, Tickets \$10 general admission and \$9 for senior citizens, call (313) 561-0599 for

reservations. Youtheatre at Music Hall

'Charlotte's Web" presented by New York Theatreworks/ USA - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sat urday, Dec. 13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. No one under the age of 5 will be admitted to the the

Pre-show Playshop will be conducted 9:30 a.m. on Saturday preceding the 11 a.m. show. This hands on workshop will explore creative dramatics with youngsters ages 5 and above. The workshop costs \$8 per person, and reser vations can be made when placing ticket orders with the Music Hall Ticket Office 963-2366

(313) 🗻 Henry Ford Museum/Anderson Center Theater

Wild Swan Theater Company is presenting The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse" 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13;

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pleton, the rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; the Zuckermans and the Arables; and Charlotte, the spider, who spins a solution that assures Wilbur's place forever.

Henry Ford Museum, **Anderson Center Theater**

Wild Swan Theater introduces audiences to "The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse," at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, in Dearborn through Sunday, Jan. 4.

"It's a very funny show, the children have been laughing so hard," said director Hilary Cohen. An original production, which features lively dancing and music, "The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse," is about a town mouse who longs for the country, and a country mouse who longs for the city.

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2:30 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 20 and Dec. 27; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 14, 21, and 28; and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 4 at Henry Ford Museum's Anderson Center Theater, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Tickets \$6, (313) 271-1620.

■ Clarenceville Youth Theatre

"The Christmas Wish," a mini-musical and two one-acts (including the Hanukkah scene from the "Diary of Anne Frank") 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Tickets \$5 at the door, (313) 535-8962.

■ Marquis Theatre

"Aladdin" continues through Jan. 25 at the theater in downtown Northville, 135 E. Main Street - 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets \$6.50, (248) 349-8110, call for additional show times

The Novi Theatres "A Christmas Carol," The Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi - 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Tickets \$8 adults; seniors and children under 12, \$7, (248) 347-0400.

if she lived somewhere else.

Children ages 4 and older will: be captivated by the production's turn-of-the-century charm.

The cast includes Michelle Trame Lanzi of Plymouth as the city mouse, and Timothy Campos of Garden City as Ernie the hired hand in the country; and Ernest the butler in the city.

MARQUIS THEATRE

Donald Donnelley, 19 of Livonia, a graduate of Churchill High School, stars in the Marquis The--ater staging of the classic tale "Aladdin," which continues through Sunday, Jan. 25.

Recommended for children ages 3-1/2 and older, "Aladdin" is a retelling of the classic tale about a poor boy who likes to day. dream, and falls in love with beautiful Princess Jasmine.

Aladdin finds an enchanted

Each thinks life would be perfect magic lamp, and out pops a genie, (Ghanghus D. Goins of Westland) in a puff of smoke with the roar of thunder. Genie grants Aladdin's wish to become a prince, but Aladdin's troubles are not over.

After overcoming difficulties, Aladdin is reunited with Princess Jasmine in a happy ending. Steve Tadevic of Livonia, and Sarah Kipperman of Farmington are also part of the cast that includes six adults and 13 children.

THE NOVI THEATRES

Sixty actors ranging in age from 8 through college will take the stage in "A Christmas Carol," at The Novi Theatres, Dec. 12-14. The cast includes children from West Bloomfield, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington Hills.

The play features Bart

Williams in the role of Bob Cratchit. Kirk Jones returns as. Scrooge. Colorful sets, costumes, and carolers are all part of this holiday classic by Charles Dickens, adapted for the Novi Theatre stage by Brian Way.

CLARENCEVILLE YOUTH THEATRE

A group of 50 actors and singers, formerly known as the Redford Youth Theatre, present "The Christmas Wish," a minimusical and two one-acts (including the Hanukkah scene from the "Diary of Anne Frank") Dec. 20.

Written by artistic director Nancy Florikowski from a script. "The Christmas Wish" is a story about an orphan looking for a family and the unsold tovs remaining in a shop. The other one-act is a scene between little Cosette and Father Christmas from "Les Miserables.

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Strauss Jr.'s "Clear Track Galop (Bahn Frei)," Bernstein's "Tonight," and Webber's "All I Ask of You." Local ballroom dancing champions Glenn Clark and Cindy Geralds of Southfield, and Antonio Madrigal and Pamela Preczewski will add to the performance. Afterward, the Keith Saxton Sextet returns to the hall to perform a mix of jazz, big

band and Motown favorites. Patrons are invited to dance on stage, enjoy a cash bar, and partake of a complimentary champagne toast at midnight. Tickets range from \$25-\$85 and include party hats and noisemakers. (313) 833-3700 or http://www. detroitsymphony.com

For 20 years the Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103

Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, has hosted a New Year's Eve gala and this year isn't any different. The evening begins at 8 p.m. with unlimited champagne, homemade soup, and appetizers, and follows at 9 p.m. with the comedy "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," featuring Bloomfield Hills resident Dorry Peltyn. The story is about a country woman named Jessie who has a penchant for becoming emotional at local funerals. After the show, a buffet

pagne in the theater's lobby and art gallery. Tickets are \$50. (313)

868-1347 Celebrants can laugh their way into 1998 at a variety of comedy clubs throughout the area. The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, is offering two packages with dinner and a presentation of its latest show "Generation X Files." The early show with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. is \$70 and includes tax and gratuity and a complimentary glass of

champagne with dinner. The show only is \$25. The late show package is dinner at 8:15 p.m. and the show at 10:15 p.m. The show will end just before midnight at which time the cast will do the countdown to the New Year. The dessert buffet afterglow begins at midnight in Risata. There will also be live band and dancing. The \$90 tickets include tax and gratuity. During the show's intermission, each couple will be brought a complimentary split of champagne. The cost-is \$40 for the late show only. Packages with the Crowne

available. (313) 965-2222.

Steve McGrew, Hector Rezzano and Joey Bielaska perform Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Joey's Comedy Club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (313) 261-0555. On the other side of town. Christopher Titus, Billy Ray Bauer and emcee Steven Bills perform at 7:30 p.m. (\$45 per couple for show only), and 10:30 p.m. (\$60 per couple includes party favors and a split of champagne), at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http:// Plaza Pontchartrain hotel are www.comedycastle.com.



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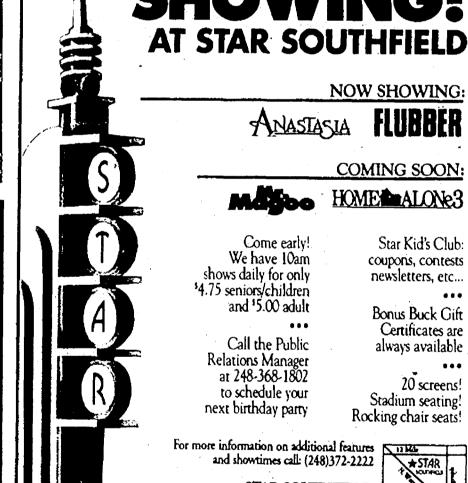
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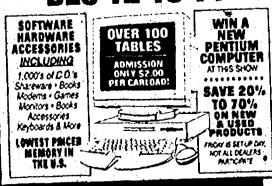
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Spirited 'Nunsense' a jolly good musical comedy

Livonia Redford Theatre Guild presents "Nunsense," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12, group rates and senior discounts available, (313) 531.0554.BY BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

Has Christmas shopping and holiday planning become a bit of a hassle? Perhaps you need a pause that refreshes. Not the famous cola - but rather, may I suggest two hours at Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild's jolly good musical comedy, "Nunsense" featuring words and

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music by Dan Goggin.

It's a fast-paced, laugh-aminute romp - the perfect tonic for whatever ails you. You don't have to be Catholic to understand the jokes, and if you are, none of it's offensive.

The good sisters sing "Nuns Like to Have Fun," and do they ever, in song, dance and a double-entendre story or two. Be forewarned, that the plot is as far-fetched as the antics of the

It seems that several sisters at Mount St. Helen's died from eating bad soup. There wasn't enough money to bury all of them. Four are still in the freezer. The board of health has become suspicious. And so, the nuns are putting on a benefit talent show to raise the necessary funds.

The audience even gets in on the act with a 50-50 raffle. The winner is announced at intermission.

What we have her is a sort of vaudevillian farce. The cast carries it off beautifully, because they cleverly create madcap non-

sense. Director, Peter Sunnberg. takes advantage of his performers' unique talents by allowing them to add schtick not seen in other productions.

Stephanie Stephan (Sister Amnesia) steals most of the scenes as a forgetful silly-head. Her big-eyed double takes and comic timing are a joy to behold. Stephan's ventriloquist act wows the audience, and she's equally adept at belting out a song as a country singer - "I Could've Gone To Nashville" or delivering a sentimental ballad.

Annette Hissong (Sister Mary Regina) is wonderful as the

Mother Superior attempting to keep the sisters from making complete fools of themselves. This makes for the evening's most hilarious moments, such as when the Reverend Mother accidentally gets high taking whiffs

Debbie Pletzer (Sister Mary Robert Anne) who comes across as the happiest of the lot, is in good voice, especially with "Playing Second Fiddle." She's a riot with her Carmen Miranda fruit

of "Rush."

apparent in several numbers, cue.

including the splendid "Soup's On" (The Dying Nun Ballet).

Salathiel Baldwin (Sister Mary Hubert is a natural comic. She saves the best for last as she leads the cast (and audience) in the hand-clapping, show-stopping spiritual, "Holier Than

Ken Pletzer's music (piano and synthesizer; has the effect of a real combo. Ned Kalinovic's scenery (school gym with "Grease" set) was well done, and includes some nifty use of a Nancy Florkowski's (Sister scrim. Dan Kurt's lighting design Mary Leo) dancing talents were created the right mood and on

'Christmas Carol' retains its luster



for Detroit Public Television's Winterfest '97 you'll have to hunt around for "It's A Wonderful Life." What a switch! Remember a few years back when you couldn't turn on television

between Thanksgiving and New Year without surfing past another airing of "Life?" Now, it's a great movie. Capra flexes his directorial muscles. The acting is strong throughout. And, as George Bailey, Jimmy Stewart displays the enormous talent and charisma that made him one of the premier actors of his era.

I had to listen to Zuzu singsong her way through "Teacher says whenever a bell rings, an angel gets his wings" one more time, I'd tell her what to do with her stupid petals. I started rooting for George to see the world and build his bridges. Besides, Pottersville looked like one swinging town.

See what happened? Gross overexposure had soured me to one of the sweetest movies of all time. So I got to wondering if the same danger lurked in the repeated seasonal productions of "A Christmas Carol." Are we getting to the point where audiences will start rooting for Scrooge to stay his cold, miserly, nasty self?

As usual, when I have a question regarding theater, I called on our Backstage Pass theater correspondents to enlighten me. This time, it was Gary Anderson who had to field my neurosis. "Gary," I asked, "why so many productions of 'A Christmas Carol?"

Sure, enough, Gary had the

Backstage answer: "It's a guaranteed Pass is on break money-maker. It's a family-oriented holiday experience. It's familiar, so nobody will question the content or subject matter, Pledge Drive, so and at this time of year people are looking for things to do as a family. Also, without dealing with religion directly, the play tackles issues of redemption, so it touches on certain quasi-religious issues, which makes it more palatable." Aha! A once-ayear show with no downside.

Is it my imagination, or it this the most theatrically adapted novel of all time. "Well, you have Cecily Tyson doing an African-American version. There were two other feminine versions, one of them with Susan Lucci. Then there are the British film versions. The George C. Scott madefor-TV version which was done But it got to the point where if by CBS was one of the most faithful productions to the book that's been done in a long while ... it it's not the most use story, it's one of them."

> Beyond getting produced into the ground, is it even a good play? Gary says, "That depends on the production, and on the script. There are several differ

ent versions, many adaptations for the stage. Some are more successful than others at rendering the best elements of the book into an enjoyable theater experience." How about the source material? "The book is great. The story itself is good." Well, what about that Pollyannaish resolution? Isn't there a growing legion religious options - church choirs. of folks getting disillusioned with the gross commercialism of Nutcracker,' all of those.' the season?

Gary set me straight. "The play's message is contrary to the way the season has gone. If you listen carefully to the story, it's about a man who was busy acquiring wealth at the expense of having a life. His only nephew doesn't even know him. And he finds out at the end that it's more important to care about others than to acquire wealth, contrary to what the world seems to think.

"But there is a growing commentary on the commercialization of the season. There's a stage play called 'Inspecting Carol.' It's a satire about a company that puts up 'A Christmas Carol' every year. You're watching people who show no compassion for their common man, and

yet they're doing a play where the main theme is just that!"

OK, I'm sold! "A Christmas Carol" is one of the season's great traditions, and Wayne State's Bonstelle production shouldn't be missed. But how about some alternatives, Gary? "There are the tried and true Handel's 'Messiah,'

A personal recommendation? "The Harlem Nutcracker' by the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor. It's Duke Ellington's adaptation of Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker.' It goes back and forth between modern-day and 1920s Harlem, and the choreography is by former Detroiter Donald Byrd. It plays for five performances this weekend

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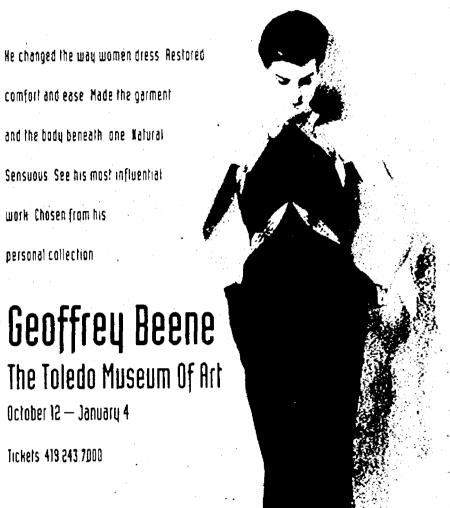
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JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE "Shiva Queen," by Rebecca Ritchie, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, in the

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LIVONIA REDFORD THEATRE GUILD "Nunsense," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$12, group rates and senior discounts available. (313)

531-0554 THE NOVI THEATRES

A Christmas Carol, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$8, \$7 seniors and students younger than 12, \$7 and \$6 in advance. (248) 347-0400

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"Sweet and Hot," a musical review of music by Harold Arlen, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, at the theater, 752 Chestnut St. (at Woodward Avenue, south of Maple Road), Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students. (248) 644-2075.

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MARQUIS THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Jan. 25, and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

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The Junior Actors of Ridgedale present "Ridgedale Rascals," a holiday musical based on the Little Rascal characters, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$6.50 (includes the play, a meal, a gift, and visit with Santa), \$5.50 for the 3:30 p.m. Sunday performance (includes juice and cookies). Reservations required. Pictures with Santa available for small fee. Patrons are requested to bring donations of non-perishable food items or a new, unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army. (248) 988-7049 WILD SWAN THEATER COMPANY

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■ Livonia Civic Ballet -"The Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Tickets \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-9, \$6 each for groups of 12 or more, (313) 427-9103/(248) 477-0520

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Concert of sacred Christmas choral music, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, St. John Lutheran Church, 16339 14 Mile Road. Fraser. \$10, \$7 seniors and students. (248) 988-0604

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CHORUS Ernest Brandon conducts the chorus in

a musical salute to the season, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, University Lutheran Chapel, 812 Ann Street, Ypsilanti. Free. (313) 487-2255 **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY**

CHORUS

Under the direction of Steven SeGraves, presents "Holidays Revisited," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18-Friday, Dec. 19, Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. \$8. \$5 seniors and students. (248) 788-

JACKSON CHORALE Christmas Concert by the choir under

the direction of Gilbert Jackson, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road (M-59), Waterford, \$10, \$8 senlors/students, available at door or by calling (248) 651-3085 LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS "Making Spirits Bright," a holiday musi

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8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, as part of a Chamber Music Society of Detroit presentation, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5-\$39. (313) 833-3700

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Family Hollday Spectacular," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, and 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Ontario, Canada.

(800) 387-9181 POPS/SWING

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHES-

"Sing Along with Santa and Sam," 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$25 families up to six members, \$50 patron

994-4801 **DETROIT RENAISSANCE RINGERS** 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Lord and Taylor court, Fairlane Town Center, 18900 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, Free, All ages, (313) 593-

tickets with preferred seating. (313)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor David Alan Miller, the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield and its director Robert A. Martin, and Highland Park Baptist Church Choir and its director Gary Matthews, per-

forming Christmas Pops concert, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Deo. 13, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60; With Roberta Flack, Al Jarreau, Melissa

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Continued from previous page Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia. Free, (313)-525-1447 OAKLAND SINGERS ENCORE Holiday concert featuring Oakland County high school students, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, St. Fabian Church,

32200 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 681-1483 **RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR** Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, East Jefferson Avenue (at St. Antoine), Detroit, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the

door. (313) 341-3466 **SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMU-**NITY CHOIR

Holiday program, "Alleluia, Rejoice!" 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads). Livonia. Donation. All ages. (313) 462-4435

JAZZ

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal, piano, bass

trio) (248) 645-2150 **DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER** 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11,

Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310 **RON ENGLISH TRIO**

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar, piano, bass trio) (248) 645-2150

KIMMIE HORNE 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (jazz/R&B) (248) 852-0550

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ 8:11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville, Free, All ages; 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17. Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629/(248) 203-0056

KOG'S KATS

7-11 p.m. Saturday in December, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Free, 21 and older, (248) 399-6750

KATHY KOSINS

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays (except Dec. 24) through Dec. 30, beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward, south of 14 Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-7700 SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 8-11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022/(248) 652-1600 RICHARD LOZON TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax, piano, bass trio) (248) 645-2150

THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO With bassist Dan Jordan, drummer Jerry McKenzie, and special guest Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, and special guest ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River. Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order (served 6:30-9 p.m.) plus a \$5 drink minimum, 21 and older.

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano, bass, drums trio)

(248) 645-2150 HARVEY THOMPSON AND FRIENDS 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older.

(313) 662-8310 STEVE WOOD TRIO

(248) 474-4800

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (sax, piano, bass trio) (248) 645-2150

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, and Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Avé. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. \$7.50. 21 and ofder; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, as part of "Classics on the Lake." St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake. (313) 963-8424/(248) 683-1750

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK MARKET

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (313)

761-1451 IMMIGRANT SUNS

With Only a Mother, 9 p.m. Saturday. Dec. 13. Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$6, 18 and older. (Eastern European) (313) 833 POOL

IMMUNITY 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road.

Commerce Township, Free, 21 and older; 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and Friday, Dec. 19, Woody's Diner. 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older, (reggae) (248) 360-7450/(248) 543-6911

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

CHRIS BUHALIS AND JO SERRAP-ERE

Celebrate the releases of their respective CDs, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50: \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors. (313) 761-1451 HILLS, HERDMAN AND MANGSEN

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50, All ages. (313) 761-1451 JAN KRIST

10 p.m.: Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Cover charge, 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (248)

JOEL MABUS 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1451

JAMES MCMURTRY

652-1600/(248) 544-1141

With Fred Eaglesmith, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 761-1800

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors, (bluegrass) (313) 761-1451

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"Rocky Road Advance Contra-English Dance, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. All dances taught, all welcome, no partner required. \$4. (313) 662-5158

"DANCE BALLETS: ITEMS FROM **MYTHOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL** STORIES"

With acclaimed Kathak director and choreographer Smt. Maya Rao and dancers Madhu Natarajan, Suma Vijay, Shubha Dhananjay, Sangeeta Sastry, Mysore B. Nagaraj, K. Prakash and Sunil Rajashekar, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Troy High School auditorium, 4777 Northfield Parkway (at Long Lake Road), Troy. \$15 and \$10, free for children ages 10 and younger. (248) 641-9340/(248) 349-7584 **DFARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF**

With the Detroit Dance Collective, and members of the WSU Dance Company, Michigan Classic Ballet Company, Stardust Ballroom Dance Studio, Annette and Company, Main Street Dance Company, Barbara Hatch School of Dance, Michelle Millman, Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Company, and the O'Day School of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Farmington High School auditorium, 32000 Shiawassee (west of Orchard Lake Road). Farmington, \$5, \$2 seniors and chil-

dren. (248) 473-9570 THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS

SPECTACULAR Numerous shows through Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. This week's performances: 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. a: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 16, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. (313)

983-6611/(248) 645-6666 **WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR** DANCERS

7:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Dec. 13, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432/(810)

COMEDY

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Rabbi/stand-up comic Bob Afper, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the center. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$15 advance, \$18 at door. (888) 483-3297

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Joey Kola, Rich Guzzi and Joey Bielaska, Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13; Lowell Sanders, Jody Weiner and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Dec. 18-Saturday, Dec. 20, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. Cover charge changes according to act. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Randy Luba, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 (\$10, \$21.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner/show package); Wayne Cotter, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 (\$10, \$21.95 dinner/show package). 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner/show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

The Incredible Boris, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 (\$9), 8:30 p.m. and

10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13 (\$12), and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 (\$9, \$4.50 for kids younger than 16); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 (\$4); Kirkland Teeple, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 (\$7); Judy Tenuta, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20 (\$17.50), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Fred Greentee "The Nickel Guy," with Mark Sweetman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13 (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 (\$6); Tom McTigue with Bob Phillips, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17-Thursday, Dec. 18 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20 (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 (\$6), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY "Generation X-Files" through January at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave.. Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays, \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural. trends, not necessarily the show's con-

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

tent. (313) 965-2222

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY The New Glancy Trains exhibit is open in the museum's Wrigley Hall Gallery with a 25 percent larger layout and additional interactive elements for visitors, upcoming events include the Toy Train Family workshops 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14 (\$12 per parent and child, preregistration required) call (313) 833-9720, and the Glancy Trains Show with toy train appraisal for nominal fee 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27:

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger

Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 **HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE**

"The Story of a Champion: Locomobile's Old 16," exhibit dedicated to the 1906 race car that includes a multi-media display and a film produced by Academy Award-winning film maker Sue Marx, opens Saturday, Dec. 13; *1850s Holiday Evenings at Eagle Tavern," featuring a holiday dinner with a 19th Century twist, through Tuesday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 26-Wednesday, Dec. 31; *Traditions of the Season," featuring holiday trees and decorations froom various eras, through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$12.50 adults. \$11.50 seniors ages 62 and older, \$6.25 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

POPULAR MUSIC

AFTERTASTE

With D-GOD, Blindfold, Tragic Methods, and Immortal Sins 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, as part of Battle of the Bands at Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1661 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (hardcore) (313) 728-5010

THE ALLIGATORS

10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110 **ARTIFICIAL JOY CLUB** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Memphis

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (248) 543-4300/(313) 259-2643 BENNY AND THE JETS

With Dead Professor, Cary Coogian Band, and the Sane Alendorff Band, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 Saturday, Dec. 20. as part of the Christmas party at Wine

Cask Inn. 22100 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 730 1627 BIG JACK JOHNSON AND THE OIL-ERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922 THE BIZER BROTHERS

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE | 8 p.m.-midnight Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400 **BLUE EYED SOUL**

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Blockbuster Music, 482 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Free, All ages; With Son of Adam, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Pharoah's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road, Westland: \$6. All ages. (rock) (248) 338-4700/(313) 513-8536

BLUE SUIT BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18-Friday, Dec. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 **BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**

9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 **BUGS BEDDOW BAND**

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Cover charge, 21 and older; 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(248) 682-2295

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Bo's

Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (248) 338-6200

BUTTERFLY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (trippy psychedelic rock) (313) 996-8555

CATHERINE WHEEL With Gandharvas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Dec. 16, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$12.50 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (248) 333-2362 CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643 CHUMBAWAMBA

5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13 in advance. All ages. (pop) (248) 333-

COMMANDER CODY AND HIS LOST PLANET AIRMEN

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance, 18 and older, (rock) (248) 544-3030 CORE

With Number Six and The Prisoners, and Catch 22, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050 DANNY COX

10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages; 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic) (248) 652-1600/(313) 861-8101

DAVE DALE AND THE BLUES CON-TROL

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older, (blues) (313) 485-5050 DEICIDE

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Harpo's. 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 18 and older, (metal) (313) 824-1700 **DOMESTIC PROBLEMS** With Plumfoco, 9:30 p.m. Thursday. Dec. 11, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First

(313) 996-8555 **GLEN EDDIE BAND** 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.. Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older, (rock)

FATHERS OF THE ID 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit.

Cover charge, 18 and older, (rock) (313) 567-6020

FOOLISH MORTALS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110 ROBBIE FULKS 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 7th House, 7 N.

Saginaw, Pontiac, \$8 in advance. All ages. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100 STEWART FRANCKE 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Borders Books

and Music, 45290 Utica Park Place, Utica, Free, All ages; With Jill Jack and Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, moved from 7th House to Mill. Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 18 and older. (pop) (810) 726-8555/(248) 333 2362

AMY GRANT CHRISTMAS SHOW

With Michael W. Smith and CeCe. Winans featuring the Nashville Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$94,50 \$34.50 with Superfan seating available. Groups of 10 or more receive \$3 off regular ticket price. (pop) (248) 377 0100 HR

Former Bad Brains singer, with Majek Fashek, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50 in advancé, 18 and older (rock/world music) (313) 833 9700

"HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY" With The Cure, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, Duncan Sheik, and Huffamoose, as part of WPLT, 96.3 FM concert, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Sold out.

JILL JACK 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older, (roots rock) (248)

(alternative rock) (248) 377-0100

543-4300 KING SWEAT

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

KNEE DEEP SHAG

With Jazodity, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older, (funk) (313) 996-8555

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (313) 581-3650

JOHN D. LAMB BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec: 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older, (singer/songwriter) (248) 349-9110/(248) 349-7038 LIMP BIZKIT

With Sevendust, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5, free with a ticket stub from "WRIF's Nightmare Before Christmas* concert at The Palace, All ages. (rock) (248) 334-1999 LISA LISA

Formerly of The Cult Jam as part of "Divine" night, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 369-0090 MACHINA

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsitanti. Cover charge, 18 and older; With Left Undone and The Magnificent Ambersons, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older, (rock) (313) 485-5050/(313) 996-8555 LARRY MCCRAY

With Tony Sarno, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922 MR. FREEDOM X

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw. Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200

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Though set in 1973, this is no nostalgic lark. Only a few songs of the era grace the soundtrack. Instead, haunting music by Mychael Danna underscores a rather somber study of how the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s has left mom and dad as confused as the kids in how to act sexually.

The movie relives the "key party," where upscale couples arrive for a dinner party but, through a lottery with car keys, leave with someone else's spouse. Hood father Ben (Kevin Kline), meanwhile, engages in an oldfashioned affair with a sexy neighbor (Sigourney Weaver) presumably because his wife is such a cold fish in bed.

Daughter Wendy (Christina Ricci) is routinely left home alone to get into her own mischief in between reruns of "The Time Tunnel." Though usually linked with Mikey (Elijah Wood), she is later caught in the bathroom playing doctor with his little brother Sandy (Adam Hann-Byrd).

The Ice Storm" is directed by Ang Lee, who brought such energy to "Sense and Sensibility" and "The Wedding Banquet." He uses a more classically Asian film aesthetic here. The movie unfolds at an almost painfully slow pace, awash in a palette of blue's, whites and blacks to give it an appropriately cold feeling.

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Drama: Kevin Kline and Joan Allen as husband and wife in Ang Lee's "The Ice Storm."

This inherent frostiness translates to the characters as well. who interact with each other but banter. without any genuine emotion. When Ben fixates on his golf game after sleeping with his

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mistress, she coolly reminds him that she already has a husband to listen to this kind of mindless

Ben's wife Elena (Joan Allen), meanwhile, is on her own journey. After seeing her daughter looking so free on her bicycle, she starts riding one herself and even engages in a little drug store larceny just to prove that she can do it.

The most stable element of the Hood family turns out to be son

Paul (Tobey Maguire), the 16year-old who goes to a prep school and has a crush on a girl there. He knows his attempts to politely court her will be upstaged by his hipper roommate, who has slept with virtually every girl at school.

It takes a natural phenomenon (the ice storm of the title) to make the characters realize that they really have very little control of their destinies.

The cast of "The Ice Storm" is uniformly good, but I still have trouble believing Kevin Kline in a serious role. He's all right in comedies like "A Fish Called Wanda," where he flounders when called upon to do anything. dramatic, even a role that essentially requires him to look lost throughout.

Ultimately, the movie is about people ill-equipped to communicate. Perhaps the entire thing is summed up in an oral report given by 14-year-old neighbor kid Mikey, who describes the ; effect that molecules (like the characters) have as they bounceoff of each other in space.

It's the seemingly banal moments like this that add up in "The Ice Storm" and keep you thinking about it long after. Though in limited release, it's a movie you might hear from again, especially around Oscar

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, mailbox 1866.

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Kids - what would you do if you were a princess or prince. and had the power to do anything? Would you try to help others, or buy a lot of toys? The first 100 children to

respond will receive an activity. book from "Anastasia," Fox's first. full-length animated feature film, now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters. We also have 18 child-size T-shirts to give away to the first readers to respond. We'll share our favorite responses with readers in an article on Thursday, Dec. 25.

Send your - "If I were a prince or princess" answer, and T-shirt size preference - small, medium or large to: Attn: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia. MI 48150, or fax responses to: Wygonik at (313) 591-7279.

A magical mix of actions adventure, comedy, romance and music, "Anastasia" is a fulllength animated motion picture by Twentieth Century Fox about the lost Russian princess.

STREET SCENE

Musicians pay tribute to injured Wings with a song



local musicians have banded together to pay tribute to injured Detroit Red Wings play-Vladimir

Konstantinov and trainer 'Sergei : Mnatsakanov who were severely

injured in a Friday, June 13, car accident.

The song "Broken Wing: A Tribute" - the brainchild of. Caryn Ciesielski and Jim Gentry, creative partners for McCann Erickson Advertising features vocals by Graham Strachan of Redford and music written and performed by Strachan and Michael Kudreiko, both of whom are in the local band Robb Roy.

Former DC Drive members Brian and Mark Pastoria of the Harmonie Park Creative Group in Detroit produced and played drums and keyboards, respectively, on "Broken Wing." Jason Kuehn and Chris McCall, both of Thunder Harp Choir, also played on the song.

Kudreiko explained that the music came quickly when the Pastoria brothers showed him and Strachan Gentry's lyrics.

"We went down to their studio and jammed on it. It didn't take that long. You know how people say they channel things? Well this whole project is falling in place one step after another," said Kudreiko, a Dearborn resident.

The melancholy 3:59 ballad includes the lyrics: "In our hearts we have the power/In our strength we hold the key/Together we will move mountains/We can mend this broken wing."

The musicians are celebrating the release of the CD and cassette with a performance of "Broken Wing" at noon Friday, Dec. Orchard Lake Road, Farmington think about it. You kind of live

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A group of Hills. The week ending Nov. 30 "Broken Wing" hit No. 1 on the cassette/CD singles chart at Harmony House stores above Puff Daddy, Boyz II Men and Elton John.

> Profits from the sale of the cassette and CD, priced at \$3.99, will be donated to William Beaumont Hospital's Rehabilitation of brain trauma injuries, and the trust funds for the families of Konstantinov and Mnatsakanov. It is not sanctioned by the NHL.

Kudreiko said that this project was right up his alley.

"I'm a big Red Wings fan and Graham has become a big Red Wings fan the last couple of years. ... I play beer league hockey, local hockey, and so it's near and dear and Konstantinov was a lot of people's favorite player and he definitely was mine."

He added that he and Strachan also chose to participate so they could give something back to the community.

"Basically, we felt it would be a good thing for the city. We wanted to give something back. Some people go to soup kitchens and dole out soup once a year and that makes them feel good. I haven't done anything like that as a musician so this is something that we can do."

For more information about the project, see their web page at http://members.aol.com/mendwing wing

■ The pop band Huffamoose is pretty thrilled about playing The Palace of Auburn Hills on Friday, Dec. 12, as part of radio station WPLT's sold out "Holiday Hootenanny" concert.

"I'm excited, definitely," said vocalist/guitarist Craig Elkins. "It's our first arena-sized gig. We opened for Toad the Wet Sprocket for a little bit. We played 3,000-seat places, but it's as big as we've gotten so far."

Elkins said the key to arena shows is not to get nervous.

"The best way to prepare for 12, at Harmony House, 30830 something like that is not to

about those things, you'll get super nervous and worked up. If that happens for me, at least, I always end up falling on my face."

The Philadelphia band's debut album "We've Been Had Again" (Interscope) is a punchy look at the world according to Elkins, whose vocals jump all over the music scale, and lead guitarist Kevin Hanson.

The hip-swaying first single "Wait," written by Hanson, is "about my girlfriend being a really good dancer. When we get out there, everybody else clears the floor. And all the other guys with the hip moves check her out - and I feel like a jerk.'

Filled with fuzzy guitars, the Dinosaur Jr.-esque title track, another Hanson song, politely disses the music industry.

In "Buy You a Ring" Elkins longs for the simplicity of being a kid. "I wanna be in the fifth grade again. I wanna worry about poison ivy. I wanna worry about getting beat up after school. I wanna send you a note," he sings.

For the album "We've Been Had Again," Huffamoose did the "typical go to Los Angeles and record" thing. After a falling out with the producer, Huffamoose

completed the project at The Chill Factor Studio in Ardmore, Pa., with producer Erik Horvitz.

"The funny thing is we all thought it would be so cool to do ic in Los Angeles, but it had the opposite effect. When I'm home, the most creative atmosphere is your bedroom," Elkins said with a laugh.

"My bedroom is some place that I'm super familiar with. When you record in those big scary studios, it's so sterile and the mood just isn't creative. We recorded in this little tiny studio and it really worked for us."

The second annual Holiday Hootenanny features Huffamoose (6-6:35 p.m.), Duncan Sheik (6:55-7:40 p.m.), Big Head Todd and the Monsters (8-8:45 p.m.), Toad the Wet Sprocket (9-10 p.m.) and The Cure (10:30-11:30 p.m.), Friday, Dec. 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. The show is sold out. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

■ When guitarist Tobi Miller left The Wallflowers 2-1/2 years ago, he had no desire to play in another band. He wanted to concentrate on producing records and starting his own label.

"There's so many things to do

band doesn't fill the gamut of the different stuff to do," Miller explained.

"It was exciting for me to have an opportunity to produce and work with different kinds of music instead of playing the same songs for a year or two."

One band that came along was the roots rock band Maypole.

"In making this record, I was just the producer in the beginning. I was playing all the guitar parts because there wasn't a guitarist. I just fell into it. I didn't necessarily want to be in a band, but I sort of couldn't resist. This band, I think, is the band I was born to be in."

The result is "Product" released on Sony's Work Group label. Miller said that one thing that initially attracted him to the band was singer/guitarist Hans Hitner's lyrics.

"He has this way with words that to me reminds me of why I

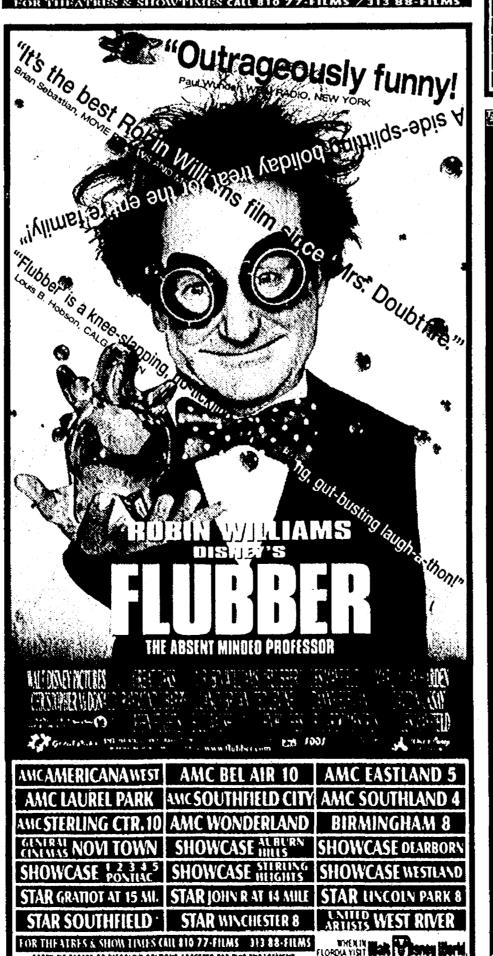
your life. If you do get nervous returned to Philadelphia and with music. Just being in a rock started listening to music in the first place. You can learn about we life from certain songs. That was, what sort of hooked me into music in the first place," he said.

> "I've described him like this some people don't have a lot to say, but they know how to make it sound very lyrical. Others do have a lot to say, but they can't write poetry or lyrics. He combines the two. The words by themselves sound great and when you put it all together it has a lot of meaning."

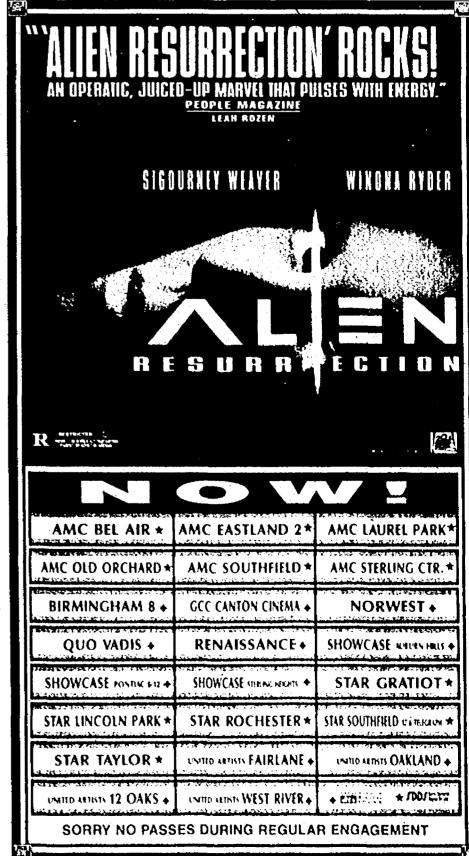
Maypole opens for The Wallflowers and The Jayhawks,-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann -Arbor. Tickets are \$20 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 764-8350.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you may leave a message for her at (313) 953-2047, ext. 2130.









DINING

Smitty's Grill heats up downtown Rochester

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Just opened, Jimmy Schmidt's Smitty's Grill in Rochester is not a cookie cutter stamp of his Tuscan Grill formats in Southfield and Ann Arbor. In fact, Schmidt bills it as a "wild departure."

Tuscan implications at Schmidt's other restaurants may lead one to assume an Italianaccented menu. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"I use Tuscan only as a reference to Italy's Tuscany region where wood-roasting meats is a specialty," Schmidt explained. "And of the three restaurants I've called 'Grills,' the Rochester location plays out the woodroasted theme best."

Schmidt built Smitty's Grill from the ground up. It was formerly a parking lot, but if you didn't see it in construction phases, then you won't recognize that it was built new to look oldworld by design architect Howard Ellman of Dynamic Designs in Birmingham. Designed by Plymouth's Dennis Larsson, the modern interior is bright and engaging.

Diners can enter from either Main Street or a rear entrance (designed as the main entrance with a bright green canopy) where there's also valet parking. A colorful, playful interior is arty, yet speaking to quality, natural materials with cherry wood dividers, mahogany tables and stone work, highlighted by sophisticated, creative light fix-

"The colors are natural food colors," Schmidt noted. "That's not just blue, it's blueberry. Green is the color of leafy vegetables. And that's pumpkin."

It's all deliberate to showcase the natural food preparations created by super-chef/proprietor Jimmy Schmidt and his partner Michael Schram, serving as execSmitty's Grill

Where: 222 Main Street (between Second and Third), Rochester (248) 652-1600. Hours: 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3-8 p.m. Sun-

Menu: Wood-roasted meats are the specialty, but the remainder of the large menu has inspired contemporary dishes Americans like to eat. Fun kid's menu.

\$6-10; Salads \$4-7; Seafood \$14-17; Wood-roasted specialties \$11-17: Desserts \$4-6. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Cost: Cold and hot appetizers

Other Jimmy Schmidt restaurants:

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utive chef at Smitty's Grill. Schram has been with Schmidt since his tenure at the London Chop House in Detroit.

"I've been with Jimmy for 17 years and have gone from opening oysters to executive chef and one of three active partners in the business," Schram added.

The food concept is a concentration of natural, lively, bright flavors that explode in your mouth. Plate presentations are dynamic and vibrantly colorful. Menu prices serve to emphasize Schmidt's philosophy that eating good food need not be a special occasion.

Among tempting appetizers are Gulf Shrimp, served in a martini glass with red/yellow salsa, similar to a cocktail only chunky and clean \$8; or Seared Yellowfin Tuna, spiced, seared rare, sliced thin, and arranged over jicama/pepper salad \$9. Spring roll style crab or shrimp \$9, characterize the eclectic mix on the menu that includes achiote spicing and papaya salsa. Poached oysters in champagne with chardonnay sauce and tons of chives \$10 are a Jimmy Schmidt signature.

Fresh-daily seafoods consist of such tasty treats as Yellowfin Tuna Asian Style \$17 and Pickerel in Parchment with cranberry cous cous, champagne sauce, roasted shallots and green vegetable \$17. Wood-roasted features include beef, lamb, veal, pork and chicken. Veal and lamb. racks are Friday/Saturday specials. For those preferring meatless, salads, pastas and pizzas abound, in addition to a grilled vegetable plate \$11. Sides, in particular, represent seasonality in menu choices. There's gingerflavored sweet potato purée, mashed root vegetables plus five different preparations of pota-

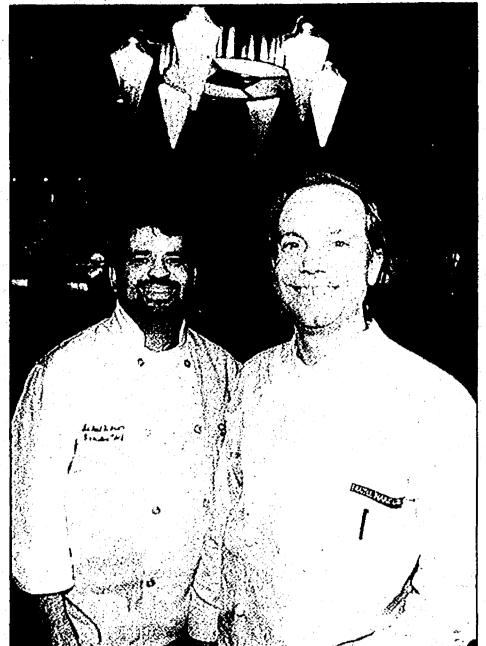
Stephanie Kane, Rochester Hills resident, graduate of Rochester Adams High School, and armed with a 1995 Central Michigan University business degree with emphasis in restaurant/hotel management, is Smitty's Grill's general manager.

"Coming home to run one of Jimmy Schmidt's restaurants is an exciting challenge," she remarked.

Schmidt's experience with restaurant "no shows" has made. a no reservation policy necessary. Seating for 200 and ample bar room should make any wait short and pleasant. Even if the wait gets a little long, the great kid's menu will please young diners once they're seated.

In addition to a full-service bar with beers on tap, Schmidt has revolutionized restaurant bythe-bottle wine sales. A starstudded list of mostly California wines states "what Jimmy pays" tacks on a \$10 corkage and lists "what you pay." If you've groaned about high wine prices in area restaurants, the pricing at Smitty's Grill is just \$10 per bottle over wholesale. In the case of more expensive wines, such as a 1988 Burgess Library Release Cabernet Sauvignon, you pay \$33.10 per bottle. The full retail price in a wine shop is \$34.50. With more expensive wines, the deal gets even better. Drinking a bottle of wine in a restaurant for less than retail was unthinkable. Until now!

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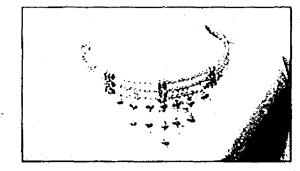


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other seasons, that empowers you to deck your halls as you like.



Whether it's a well-thought-out gift, or something at the last minute, stocking stuffers can be as much a surprise as the gifts neatly wrapped under the Christmas tree. And, the ideas are endless for gifts that cost a quarter to whatever you'd like to spend on that special person.



Those who want to buck tradition and set aside the Elyis and Bing Crosby Christmas albums can find a sleigh full of new holiday records at local record stores.

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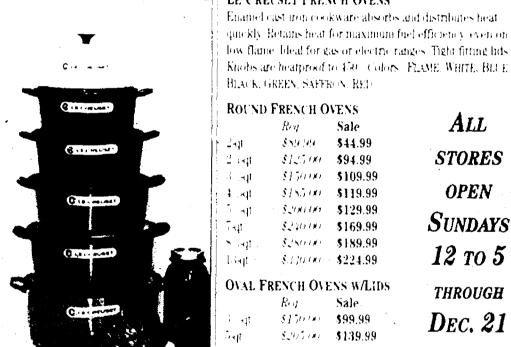
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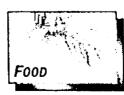




To a tea: Tea lovers will be steeped with joy when they receive a tea-theme basket including teapot, teabags, doilies, stationery, cookies and a box of chocolates from Basket Kreations of Canton.

Everyone eats up food-related gifts

BY CAROL COMMAND SPECIAL WRITER



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some of Santa's most food-loving elves.

His helpers are ready and waiting to fill unique baskets and other vessels full of food and beverages for that special person in your life. His helpers say they need just the most basic information to get started.

"Just tell us who it's for and what they like," said Leslie Hladis, sales person at Basket Kreations in Canton. Then Hladis or store owner, Stella

Délap, will put together a latte and biscotti cup for under \$20 to thank your dependable letter carrier or a blueberry splurge to please Aunt Gladys with her favorite fruit.

For \$49 a Blueberry Morning handmade basket will be stacked high with blueberry pancake mix, blueberry syrup and wild blueberry preserves. Also inside are a blueherry mug with 12 blueberry teabags and decorated napkins. Or how about topping off a stainless steel or porcelain mixing bowl with Belgian waffle mix and Red Raspberry Ecstasy or Blueberry Lemon topping? Williams-Sonoma at Laurel Park Mall has a store and catalog dedicated to both serious and fun-loving cooks

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State pride: A made in Michigan theme basket from Basket Kreations of Canton includes cherries, jam and mustard in a Michigan wood crate.

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And who could resist a combination of cherries and chocolate? There's a basket to fit both big tastes and

small at Basket Kreations.

Cherry Bombs! for \$22 is a cherrycolored oval basket bursting with six Joseph Schmidt cherry-filled chocolate truffles. Wishing You Cherries! is a heavy willow basket that boasts pasta. marinara sauce, sparkling cherry juice, cherry butter, dried and chocolate-covered cherries, Sanders hot fudge sauce and much more. This 14-pound basket sells for \$95.

If your mouth isn't watering yet, think about fresh pastries hand-made each day at the crack of dawn by European bakers, just waiting for your personal taste test.

When people taste the pastry that de Ros Delicacies in Redford is known for, many say, "It's just like my grandmother used to make," explained owner Del-

phine Kryza-McMaster, The "kolacky" are rolled out dough, pinched at the corners with a dollop of raspberry or pineapple in the center. Kryza-McMaster said Czechs, Hungarians and Poles will all accept ownership for this tasty holiday pastry. The bakers also deliver fresh each morning trays of breads. croissants, cookies and cakes - all preservative-free, she said.

Although baskets lined with special fabric or holiday linen and teeming with pastries have gone to famous recipients such as George Bush and Bob Hope, Kryza-McMaster says "It's the little people we care about."

With that in mind, she makes it possible for one even with limited finances to give something to be proud of. Perhaps an angel for your tree that costs just over \$3, she suggested.

"Just because you don't have money, you still care about that person, and I care about that."

She began her pastry basket busi-

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In pneumatics, close to 80 different tools are offered. One of the biggest highlights are prices that now start at less than \$100 for nailers that used to be in the two or three hundred dollar range. They offer a terrific increase in fun and efficiency!

Space age science has come to help with laser technology. Now with a few simple settings, a guaranteed accurate straight line will focus up to 300° in a 360° rotating. surface. Laser tools which used to cost near the thousand dollar mark can now be bought at prices starting at under \$100°. Along that "line," for those projects that do not require such hi-tech equipment, simple chalk lines have now improved and can reel in 5X faster to shorten reel time.

When accuracy counts for woodworkers, engineers, model builders, etc., new stainless steel rules with internal slots allow "dead-on" marks down to 1/32" without squinting!

For those projects that require you to have "x-ray" vision behind walls, there are scanners that not only will sound or light up when it senses studs, joists, wires, pipes, conduit and rebar but some will show a picture of the center of the object.

If you haven't seen what's new in screwdrivers lately, you will be amazed. Today's screwdrivers not only carry "on-board" all common bits, but are also available with extension magnets, internal telescoping flex shafts and even high intensity lights to illuminate your immediate work area.

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worn nuts. Today these tools grab on the "flats" of the nuts (as opposed to the corners) for "bull-dog" gripping. power and no "round-offs." In addition, pliers have advanced to spring loaded, one handed, self-adjusting multi-rack teeth for 9 different grip settings. That says it all for ease and comfort!

Even the basic extension cord gets updated. You may remember the recent (now defunct) chain store commercial showing a cord becoming unplugged while up on the roof. Odd's are he wasn't using one of Performance Tool's cords. Most of theirs lock onto the tool and onto each other.

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Create your own look for holidays

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER



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of colored lights that attracts motorists from far and wide – the holidays evoke a sense of creative freedom, unlike other seasons, that empowers you to deck your halls as you like.

The problem may not be what to decorate but how? Professional decorators are routinely grilled for ideas by Martha Stewart wannabes who don't think they have the where-withal to pull off a holiday celebration with all the trim. Don't fret say the experts – it's as easy as 1.2,3 and according to Debbie Beaver, floral designer for Michaels Arts & Crafts in Westland, any degree of decorating can be done on a budget without having to look that way.

With Christmas just two weeks away, the Westland store has a full stock of pre-made items or all the necessities to make your own swags, wreaths, and topiaries for the inside and outside of your home.

For outdoor trim, accessories such as power strips, clips, extension cords and wreath hangers make decorating practical and safe. Colored and white lights, STATE PROTO BY TOM HAWLEY

cherubs: Pair of matching cherub mantel pieces are featured at Michael's Arts and Crafts in Westland.

artificial garland, and ribbons can be used to dress up your home or yard as well as large plated ornaments that are more easily visible from the road or street compared to average bulbs used on trees indoors. The round and uniquely shaped bulbs, some six or

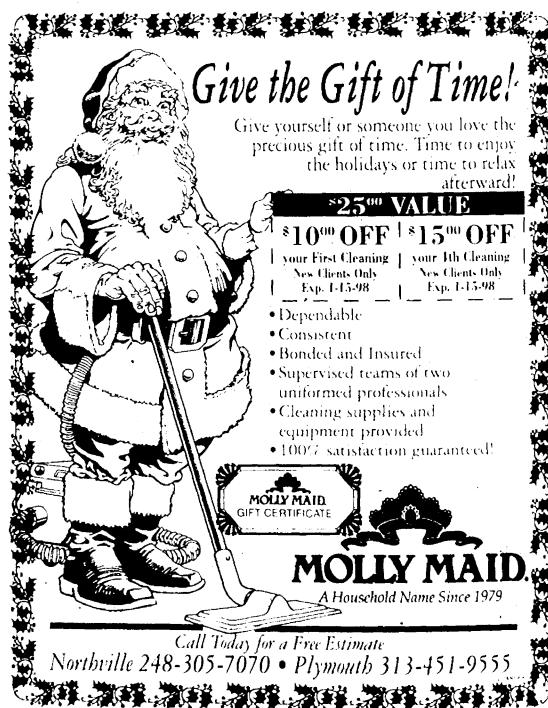
eight inches in diameter, come in a variety of bright holiday colors including gold and silver glitter.

Beaver said popular colors for the 1997 holiday season include plum, purple and gold, "Lots and lots of gold," said Beaver. To generate an overall

color scheme inside your home and out, color-coordinated sets and accessories come in various shades from a soft green sage to vibrant purple hues and glimmering golds. Ornaments, beading, and ribbons

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Stuffers for kids: Joe Boxer flannel boxers for kids and Kids Cosmetics by Rivieraand a trio of cosmetics in its own carrving case are available at **Parisian** in Livona.



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Variety of gifts good to stuff

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER



Whether it's a well-thought-out gift, or something at the last minute, stocking stuffers can be as much a

surprise as the gifts neatly wrapped under the Christmas tree.

And, the ideas are endless for gifts that cost a quarter to whatever you'd like to spend on that special person.

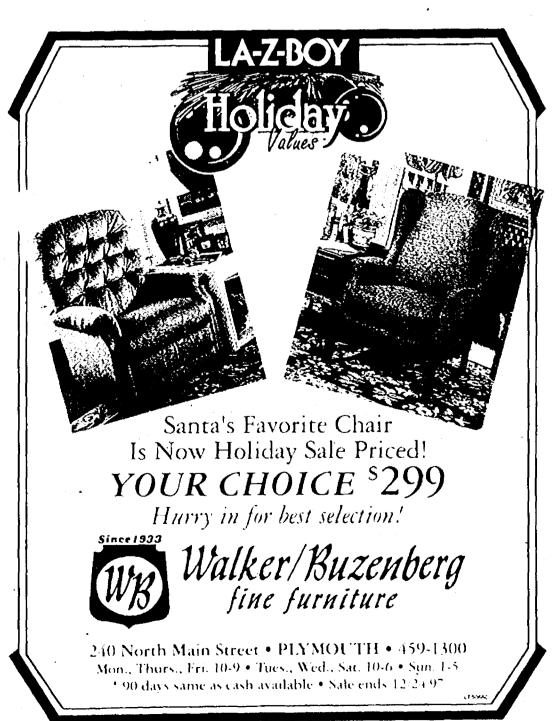
"I think stocking stuffers are just as fun as the big gifts," said Jane Bassett, Midwest regional special events manager at Parisian in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The self-proclaimed "Queen of stocking stuffers" says she "wraps all my stocking stuffers, too, to make them a big surprise."

For young girls, Bassett suggests a three-piece glitter make-up kit that includes matching lipstick and nail polish. For the boys, Joe Boxer flannels are always nice. The ever-playful virtual pets are still popular with the

Found links: Kenneth Cole cuff links some in the shape of little hot and cold water faucet handles are available at Parisian.

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can help complement your Christmas tree, mantle, front door wreath and table-top centerpiece for an

overall coordinated appearance.

Other options in addition to color coordinating include period themes such as renaissance, country and Victorian. Michaels has plenty of prearranged sleighs, wreaths, topiaries and swags in various themes for large-scale decorating to small arrangements from \$19.99 into the hundreds. Beaver said the store also custom designs everything from bows to tabletop arrangements and wreaths with a couple of days notice.

If you're an apartment dweller, fresh trees and garland can be a problem. Michaels stocks an assortment of artificial greenery that minimizes fire hazards and even carries preserved cedar that can be cut and added to wreaths and swags without having to worry about needles drying out and causing a mess. The cedar is scented "and offers a pleasant holiday scent for up to two years" said Beaver.

Another convenient item is an 18-foot rope of garland for decorating a railing or mantle without the freedom of having a lot of space. The accessory comes prestrung with 75 clear lights eliminating the need to buy the garland and a string of lights.



Bow tie: Debbie Beaver works on making a Christmas bow at Michael's Arts and Crafts.

than having someone else do all the work, is made easy with a bounty of artificial poinsettias, holly berry garland, baskets, holiday tins, faux fruit, pine cones, wired ribbon, and replicas of angels, Santa Claus, musical instruments, snowmen and more.





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With style: A renaissance cherub swag and a matching Christmas topiary are among the items at Michael's Arts and Crafts.

"We have everything here anyone would need to decorate for the holidays," said Beaver. "And if you're having trouble deciding — one of the prearranged sets makes it easy."

Keep in mind decorating should not be intimidating. You have the creative license to decorate as you please and you should have fun with it. Happy decorating!





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Artistic statement: Exotic glass paperweights, (above right) and hand-blown glass tree ornaments (above) are made by Plymouth artist Don Schneider at the York Street Glass Works, 875 York St. in Plymouth. A large variety of blown and lampworked glass is available. Call (313) 459-6419 for hours. Prices from \$5 to \$40.



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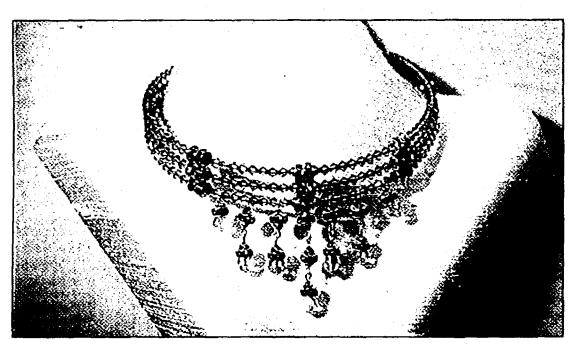
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Crystal persuasion: A crystal choker by Crystalare and designed by Susan Stefani is available at Parisian in Livonia.





younger set.

Guys, listen up. Bassett has some suggestions to make sure you don't miss your big chance.

For a small price, Bassett says scented soap is a nice gesture.

"Velvet has moved from evening wear to everyday wear, so a velvet muffler is a nice gift," noted Bassett. "There are mini evening purses from satin to

beads. And some beautiful Susan Stefani crystal jewelry that begins where Swarovski leaves off."

Bassett suggests a "magnificent" multi-strand choker for the more daring, at \$337.

Ladies, the man in your life might like a Michigan mug stuffed in his stocking. Kenneth Cole cufflinks will show him you care. And, there are a number of Sharper Image items, including a 6-in-1 screwdriver and field



Aroma therapy: Cinnamon-Cider Refresher Oil by Aromatique is among the items available at Parisian in Livonia.

binoculars.

"And, tickets to anything, stuffed in a stocking, are great gifts," said Bassett. "Whether it be to a movie or stage performance, it's usually something everyone likes to receive."

Janice Karamedjian, district manager for Barnes & Noble, has a few suggestions.

"Paper weights, book marks and book ends are inexpensive, nice gifts for your favorite bookworm," noted Karamediian. "For kids, there are plush animals of their favorite book characters."

For the person on the run, Karamedjian suggests books on cassette and Christmas music on CD's or cassette.

At Georgia's Gift Gallery in downtown Plymouth, owner Michelle Suttle proposes a special, dated ornament to mark Christmas 1997

Or how about a porcelain jewelry box with a gift certificate or ring inside.

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Spice of life: Sumptuous Selections offers the fixins for some spicy dip. Included in the package are: Sting'n Vegetable dip mix, pepper infused Molten Lava Oil and Mediterranean Vinegar and a spreading knife with a Red Hot pepper handle.

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Suttle says dolls are popular items, whether they be made of porcelain, vinyl or are plush.

Potpourri can be special. And, prepared pretzels dipped in special chocolates are yummy.

Sarah Bauer, the fragrance manager at Victoria's Secret in Westland Mall, says guys could do well to slip scented nail polish with matching flavored lip gloss into their significant other's stocking.

Bauer also suggests gift sets which include nail polish, bubble bath, cologne and lotion.

Lingerie manager, Sherry Estep, recommends slippers, and Victoria's Secret signature pens and tea cups as special gifts.

"There's always the opportunity to put sexy underwear into your favorite person's stocking," suggests Estep.

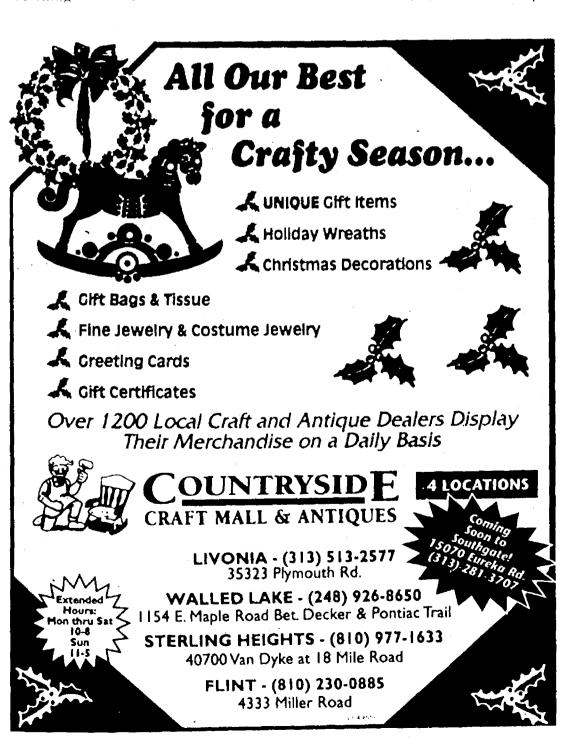
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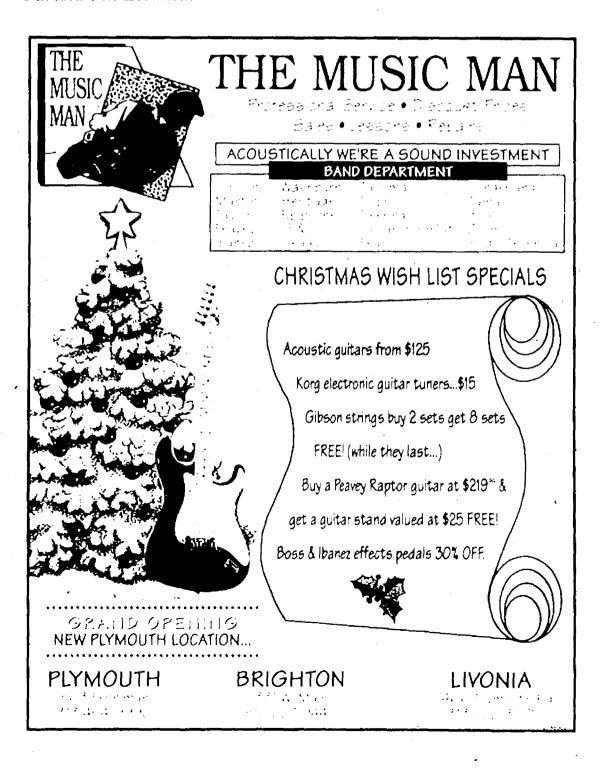
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Day by day: Page-A-Day calendars come in a variety of themes at Parisian in Livonia.





Sound a seasonal note with music

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER



Those who want to buck tradition and set aside the Elvis and Bing Crosby Christmas albums can find a

albums can find a sleigh full of new holiday records at local record stores.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Neeme Jarvi have released "Joy! A Celebration of Holiday Music."

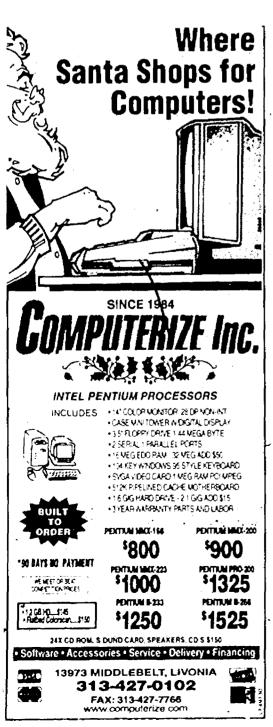
"Around the world, we celebrate the holidays with joyous music and music-making, and I am delighted that we can offer the experience of this recording to our audiences. It includes many fine classics and also some more unusual selections. I think a wide audience of listeners will be very pleased to hear it during the holidays and beyond," Jarvi said.

"Joy!" features 12 songs including Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," "Air on a G String" by J.S. Bach, Schubert's "Ave Maria," a Christmas carol medley, "Trumpet Voluntary" from "The Prince of Denmark's March" and Handel's "Entrance of the Queen of Sheba" from "Solomon."

The album, priced at \$11.99, is available at area record stores, Kmart, Meijer, Rite Aid, or by calling (888)



New album: The Dearborn-based reggae band UniversalXpressionhasreleased its debut holiday album "Christmas"on the Beach," featuring traditional and original Christmas songs.







316-1901. "Joy" will also be available at Orchestra Hall at the Music Box Boutique during DSO concerts, at the Detroit Opera House during the DSO production of "The Nutcracker," and via the DSO's website at http://www.detroitsymphony.com.

The Dearborn-based reggae band

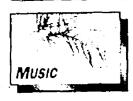
The Dearborn-based reggae band Universal Xpression offers its debut holiday album "Christmas on the Beach" (UXP Records). The album highlights a mix of traditional and original songs including a 7 minute reggae medley of "Silent Night," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Drummer Boy," and the original song "Breadnut," and a soca medley of "Joy to the World," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Oh Holy Night," and "Hark the Herald."

The album is available by writing or calling UXP Records, Box 7242, Dearborn, Mich., 48121, (313) 272-3798. Universal Xpression can also be reached via its websites at http://www.kmh.bas.org or http://www.soultosoul.com.

Guitar slingers will get a kick out of "Merry Axemas – A Guitar Christmas" (Epic) on which some of rock's top guitarists offer their interpretations of classic Christmas songs. Upstart Kenny Wayne Shepherd does "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Rein'deer," Brian Setzer Orchestra covers "Jingle Bells," Jeff Beck plays "Amazing Grace," Steve Vai does "Christmas Time is Here," Joe Satriani plays "Silent Night," Joe Perry offers "Blue Christmas," and Richie Sambora covers "Cantique De Noel (O' Holy Night)." Eric Johnson, Steve Morse, Alex Lifeson and Hotei also

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appear on the CD.
Country star
Dwight Yoakam has
released "Come on
Christmas" (Warner
Bros.), an album of

traditional holiday songs — "Run Run Rudolph," "Silver Bells," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Silent Night," "Santa Claus is Back in Town," "The Christmas Song," "Away in a Manger," and "Here Comes Santa Claus," Yoakam also offers his original songs "Santa Can't Stay" and "Come on Christmas," Beth Anderson, Jim Lauderdale and Ricky Skaggs make guest appearances on the album.

Staying in the pop vein, a host of musicians joined forces to put out "Sounds of the Season" (Columbia), a benefit album for the Children's Hearing Institute. Vince Gill ("Do You Hear What I Hear"), Kenny Loggins ("Celebrate Me Home"), Bruce Springsteen ("Santa Claus is Comin' To Town"), Elton John ("Ho, Ho, Ho ... Who'd Be a Turkey for Christmas"), and B.B. King ("Merry Christmas Baby") are among the artists on the album.

RCA records offers a quartet of holiday releases. The R&B act SWV has released its first holiday-themed recording "A Special Christmas." Pianist Randall Atcheson's "Christmas by Candlelight" offers Christmas songs delivered by him and an orchestra. John Pizzarelli swings into the holidays with "Let's Share Christmas." The record company has also reissued Elvis Presley's "If Every Day Was Like Christmas," the first album to feature all of Elvis's classic Yuletide hits. Besides music, the limited edition CD features a pop-up Graceland, rare photographs, and an extensive historic essay.

Teen heartthrobs Hanson have followed-up their multi-platinum debut "Middle of Nowhere" with the holiday collection "Snowed In" (Mercury)

Inspired by last year's holiday hit, "A Classic Cartoon Christmas," Nick at Nite Records, Sony Wonder and Sony 550 Music have partnered to release "A Classic Cartoon Christmas, Too" on Oct 14. The album features cult songs from popular claymation cartoons - "Heat Miser" and "Snow Miser" from "Year Without a Santa Claus," Burgermeister Meisterburger's "The First Toymaker to the King" from "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Silver and Gold" from "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." "We Wish You a Hairy Chestwig" from "Ren and Stimpy: Crock O'Christmas" is also on "A Classic Cartoon Christmas, Too."

Walt Disney Records entered the holiday market with the soundtrack and score to "Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas" on which its characters sing traditional and new holiday songs. Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Angelique and a chorus team up to sing "Deck the Halls." Belle and her alter ego Paige O'Hara take on "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." "Do You Hear What I Hear," and "O Christmas Tree" among others. Peabo Bryson and Roberta Flack sing "As Long As There's Christmas (End Title)."

Jazz, fans have at least two titles from which to choose. Saxophone player Dave Koz offers "December Makes Me Feel This Way: A Holiday Album" (Capitol). Besides the traditional Christmas songs, Koz performs his original song "December Makes Me Feel This Way," and "Eight Candles (A Song for Hanukkah)."

"Warner Bros. Jazz Christmas Party" brings forth the talents of a variety of artists including Joshua Redman ("Santa Claus is Coming to Town"), Al Jarreau ("Celebrate Me Home"), Boney James ("Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"), Bela Fleck and Bob James ("White Christmas"), and Michael Franks ("I Bought You a Plastic Star for Your Aluminum Tree").

Poet, professor, and NPR commentator Andrei Codrescu offers "The Valley of Christmas" (Gert Town), an authentic Transylvanian folk tale which he has adapted with the help of musical collaborator and producer Mark Bingham. The story begins when a yuppie couple in New Orleans gives birth to a baby who promptly exacts three prenatal promises: He wants to know what preschool he's going to, he wants a T-Bird on his 18th birthday, and he never wants to grow old. His father goes along with it and the baby is born on Christmas day. On the child's 18th birthday, he encounters a rooster that morphs into a 1965 Thunderbird and the journey begins. The album is available by calling (888) 368-5763.

Windham Hill records has released four holiday selections this year. "Celtic Christmas III: A Windham Hill Sampler" features traditional holiday carols and original compositions from a cross section of top Irish- and Celtic-inspired artists. Produced by Nightnoise founder Michael O Domhnaill, "Celtic Christmas III" includes Nightnoise, Brian Dunning and Jeff Johnson, Lisa Lynne, Patrick Cassidy, W.G. Snuffy Walden, who did the music for the TV show "My So-Called Life," and David Arkenstone.

Pranist Jim Brickman offers "The Gift," a collection of original songs and traditional songs that he has rearranged, "The Gift" features guest appearances by Collin Raye, Susan Ashton, Kenny Loggins, Point of Grace, and Norbett Stachel. The album is available in most record stores, however, it can also be ordered by calling (888)-Brickman.

"A Winter's Solstice VI: A Windham Hill Sampler" is a collection of original instrumental compositions from a cross-section of performers. Among those contributing to the album are long-time Windham Hill veterans Michael Hedges, George Winston, Will Ackerman and Liz Story, along with new artists Todd Cochran, Sean Harkness and Lisa Lynne.

Rounding out Windham Hill's selection is "Carols of Christmas II," featuring 15 hymns and carols of the holiday season interpreted by its artists including George Winston, Jim Brickman and Liz Story, as well as special guests Steve Lukather, Joan Armatrading and newly signed Windham Hill artist Janis Ian who collaborates with Deana Carter and Kathy Mattea on "Emmanuel."

Ray Stevens gives a different view of the holidays with "Ray Stevens Christmas". Through a Different Window"



Cult songs: Nick at Nite Records' "A Classic Cartoon Christmas, Too" includes cult songs from the claymation Christmas cartoons "Year Without a Santa Claus" ("Heat Miser," "Snow Miser"); "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" ("The First Toymaker to the King," "No More Toymakers to the King,"), and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" ("Silver and Gold," "There's Always Tomorrow").

(MCA Nashville) featuring songs such—Annual Office Christmas Party," and as "Guilt for Christmas," "Redneck, Christmas," "Xerox Xmas Letter," "The—"Santa Claus is Watching You."





Bear it: Classic Pooh boxes and other characters available at Georgia's Gift Gallery in Plymouth.



Dolled up: Dated Barbie Christmas plates at Georgia's Gift Gallery in Plymouth.



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Decked in Disney: DatedDisney Christmasornaments areavailable at Georgia's GiftGallery, in Plymouth. -

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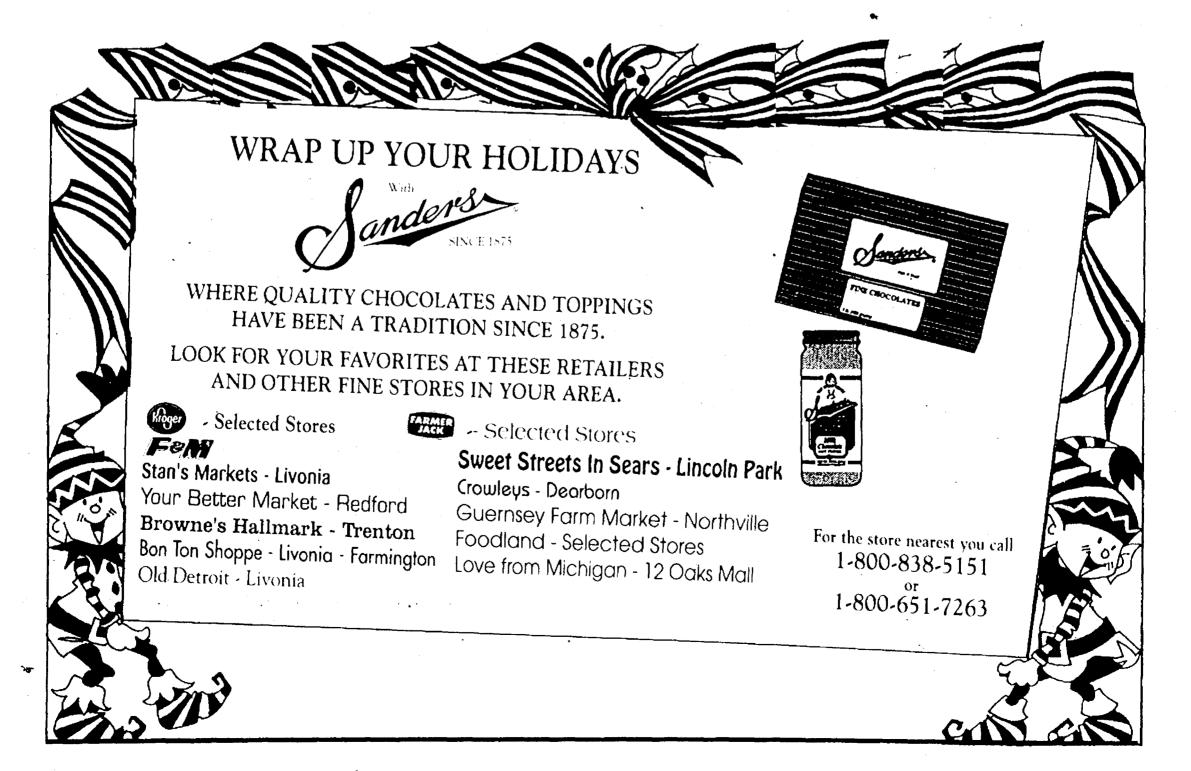
nia, Westland or Canton may be the place to shop.

"There are a lot of inexpensive toys and trinkets to put into those stockings," said Sue Adams, manager of the Gags and Gifts in Livonia. "Here, you can get things ranging from 25-cents to a few dollars.

Some of her suggestions include all

kinds of make-believe jewelry, virtual pets, Beanie Babies, and lots of different kinds of fun key chains.

Adams notes that if you're looking for a holiday gag, whoopee cushions, disappearing-ink pens and snakes which jump out of the can are still fun this time of year.



Diamonds still best friends

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER



"Every woman would love a beautiful diamond bracelet," said Joyce Pappas, Orin Jewelers registered jewel-

er. And if you're searching for that perfect gift, jewelry, especially diamonds, makes a brilliant statement.

"There's such meaning attached to diamonds," said Pappas, "and a lot of thought goes into a purchase like that."

Whether it's a diamond bracelet, colored stone pendant, gold watch or engraved cuff links, the local jeweler, whose family-owned independent store observed its 64th year in business in Garden City this year, says the recipient always remembers the occasion of your generous gift giving.

Popular for the 1997 holiday season is the unique "add-a-link" diamond bracelet. The gold bangle is a gift that doesn't stop giving as diamonds or precious colored stones can be added to commemorate special occasions over any period of time the giver desires, ultimately creating a beautiful bracelet. Pappas said some people have each link engraved with the date they received the next portion of the bracelet to add even more significance to the item.

Chain jewelers and local independents say Christmas and New Year's

lend themselves to private or public engagements. "There's something about the holidays that makes men want to propose at restaurants or in front of families," said Dave Anderson, Livonia gemologist.

The holidays are not only an occasion to buy an engagement ring but to upgrade, said Anderson. "A lot of women want larger diamonds or are interested in having a jeweler, like myself, design a custom setting."

Don't rush into a diamond purchase, say the professionals. A lot of thought should go into a purchase that has such meaning attached to it and it's important to be an educated shopper when you're spending potentially, thousands of dollars.

"Pearls are very big and always instyle," said Pappas, "Particularly the black pearl."

Orin Jewelers carries the Mikimoto line of pearl jewelry featuring necklaces, earrings, and rings that stand alone or are highlighted with colored stone accents of rubies, emeralds and sapphires.

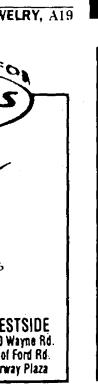
Another popular item for women is the "Tin Cup" necklace nicknamed from the 1996 Kevin Costner and Renee Russo movie "Tin Cup" where the Hollywood actress dons a simple silver chain choker dotted with pearls. The necklace can be worn as an everyday piece or dressed up for those special

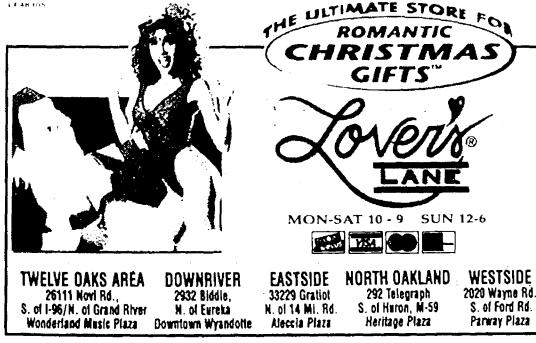
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Orin Jewelers sales associates models one of several CYMA Swiss watches that are popular Christmas gifts for men this sea. son. Watches are available in gold and silver and adorned with or without diamonds and mother of pearl dials.

Timely gift: An









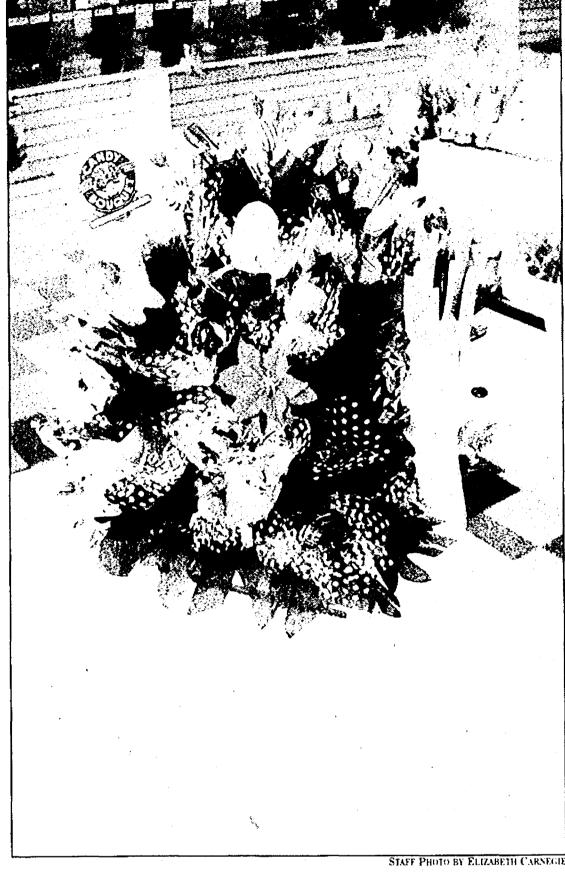


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Oh deer: Candy Bouquet in Canton has created a reindeer bouquet. A 25-inch high reindeer is filled with domestic and imported candies and chocolates along with colorful accents.

Personalize gifts by following theme

BY CAROL COMMAND SPECIAL WRITER



What's one way to personalize a gift without getting too personal? Or a way to surprise that friend who has it

all with something unique? Just focus on a theme.

From the rose basket that sings "take me away" with relaxation tapes and bath oils to the bucket that hauls the armament of cleaning essentials necessary to keep his wheels shining, a little creativity can make an ordinary container special.

The Car Wash bucket at Basket Kreations in Canton, for example, is bubbling over with cleansers to remove road crud and add sparkle for under \$40.

For his or her own bodywork, fill a rose motif metal basket with botanical bath soaps and crystals. Add Camille Beckman fruit and floral scented cremes and a loofah to slough away winter's dryness. And add any combination of blissful items that say relax. You could include a book on aromather-

"We do a lot with candles and stationery," said Leslie Hladis, salesperson

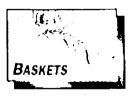
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Candy creation: A plastic white top hat filled with colorful accents and candies is available at the Candy Bouquet, 8473 North Lilley in Canton.

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Kreations.

This gift store offers a variety of bath baskets for under \$50, and you

can pick the flavor. If peach is a pleaser, you might set the mood with peachscented candle's and lotions. Or you could make it a strawberry or vanilla night in the tub. Don't forget to include mood music. An ethereal Enva tape, a sensual Rimsky-Korsakov or the aquatic accompaniment of Songs of the Humpback Whale by Earth Music Productions will make that escape complete. If Basket Kreations doesn't have your favorite tune, just bring it along and they'll include it in the basket

And if you really want to put a smile on his or her face this holiday, consider a gift certificate for a professional massage. Healing Arts Clinic in Plymouth can provide an hour of deep-tissue- or

Basket – gentle Swedish massage for \$50

Have a cigar

Some baskets say Happy Holidays with a little more gusto.

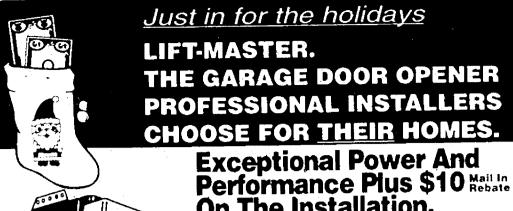
"You could add a couple of cigars to your beer basket," said Vinnie Shoukri. co-owner with Sam Shoukri of Showerman's Fine Wine & Liquor in Livonia Vinnie explained the renewed interest in the art of cigar smoking as he pointed to shelves of cigars inside a glass case.

Of course you can also select from non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic champagnes and from a selection of more than 300 California wines to fill anything from a bucket to a bushelbasket

"When you want to give above and beyond a bottle," Vinnie said, "you give a basket?

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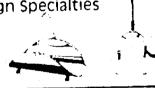


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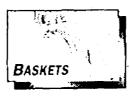


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wines, liqueurs and champagne ready-made and waiting to be sold at \$225. "You name it. and it has one of

each type," he explained

Last year it took three people to carry out a 4-foot-wide basket of holiday liquors sent from one doctor to another, Sam said. The price: \$500.

A simple but elegant choice might be the transparent pitcher that holds Kahluā liqueur, Kahlua mix and coffee

A basic basket of gourmet merchandise starts at \$25. Add from \$5 to \$25 for a bottle of wine. Chianti might accompany a basket filled with pasta and Italian cookies and chocolates. The \$59.99 gourmet basket includes pates of turkey, salmon and crab; pepper and almond cheeses; Danish canned ham; a Columbia Crest chardonnay, orange marmalade and crackers; and Irish creme coffee and more

For last-minute shoppers or those without a plan Showerman's will have 15 to 20 baskets in stock right up to Christmas.

If, however, you have on your list a Single Malt Scotch connoisseur with a passion for Havana-seeded cigars and she hasn't been too naughty, don't hesitate to enlist Sam or Vinnie in the design of a special package for her.

"We can make anything you want, custom made for whatever purpose you specify."

Baskets of ideas

Santa's elves have endless ideas to help those who like to think as a team.

For just over \$100, the Basket Kreations staff can transform any food basket into an ethnic indulgence. Give your friends an Italian or TexMex night in their own home. For \$45 a stylishly packaged basket with red bandanna and Star of Texas holds hot and spicy bean dip, chutney, chips and salsa, chilies and hot pepper sauce.

Since food for thought goes well with food for the tummy, you might also include a video, available at most discount department stores, that enhances the ethnicity of the evening and generates conversation on those long winter nights.

For example in the video, "The Big Night," two brothers epitomize the Italian traditions of good food and good company. Or add a Lone Star video. and see a personal history of contemporary Texas with the backdrop of its rich and painful past.

Since even Scrooge loves either candy or flowers, how about a readymade bouquet of candy to remember the difficult to buy for on your list?

At Candy Bouquet of Canton, Kwang and Silvia Chung will combine international chocolates and candies into a striking bouquet of colors. They've only been open a short time and are anxious to use Silvia's artistic talents to bring a garden of candy to you. They will mix a basket, sundae glass or mug full of edible candies from Belgium, England. Egypt and other places. Chocolate longstemmed roses or sugar-free selections can make even a holiday centerpiece

And you might do a sports package for the jock or outdoor-lover in your life. Dunham's Discount Sports is one place where the staff is anxious to help you put that package together.

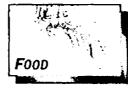
"Part of our everyday selling procedure is qualifying the customer," said Bill Merrifield, manager of Dunham's at Wonderland Mall in Livonia

Personalizing a gift from golf to roller blading is typical. Or you might consider the unusual yet traditional sport of black powder gun as something for a special person on your list.

Merrifield can help you get together accessories such as powder, caps, cleaning rod and ball starter. He can even offer tips on lessons.

There's no limit on gift ideas with all of Santa's helpers out there

Food from page A5



ness 18 years ago as an alternative to and keeps in touch with what made it a success. "Giving

great care" remains important to her and her staff because every basket has "a beautiful story; every basket represents the sender."

If Santa were flying over the area right now, he'd see how inventive Metro people are filling baskets and other containers with fun foods.

At Williams-Sonoma, manager Katy Moore will be filling pots and pails. warming pans and woks with gourmet edibles and accessories. Just give her 15 to 20 minutes and she'll put together combinations of food in a container of vour choice. Maybe a popcorn bowl for New Year's Day? or a relief pattern bowl packed with gourmet mulling

spices and syrups that infuse red wine or cider with the flavor of cloves and sending flowers cinnamon? How about a wok chock full of Thai Basil noodles surrounded by Jasmine and Red rice? Most gift packages range between \$42 and \$250. Moore said.

From soup to chocolate, from pancakes to pasta, a basket is already prepared or can be made for you usually with just 24-hours notice.

Whether it's an earthenware chicken or a Calphalon soup pot at Williams-Sonoma, or baskets of chocolates or pastries, you can personalize a gift yet take the big guesses out of shopping.

Containers of food are not as personal. as buying clothes, but they're gifts people come back for year after year. merchants agree.

"You don't worry about color or size," Moore said.

"Everyone loves to eat."



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String of pearls: Necklaces embellished with pearls, like the one pictured above, are always favorites for the special woman on your list. Black pearls are particularly popular this year with gold or silver accents.

Jewelry from page A15



occasions. It's available in gold or silver and white or black pearls.

DeBeers, diamond experts, in addition

to several other well-known distributors, are selling the Diamond Lock Pendant or solitaire necklace that has women wishing and men searching. Jewelers say you don't have to look far for the solitaire diamond in a gold setting with a chain attached to each side of the gem or flowing through a loop on the top of the setting.

They also have Diamond Lock Pendants with princess cut diamonds in an invisible setting (no metal separating the diamonds) that gives the illusion of a solitaire diamond.

"Diamonds are a part of the '90s everyday lifestyle," said Pappas. "They can be worn daily and it's very accept-

For that man on your list, diamond rings, bracelets, cuff links, chains, money clips and watches make great stocking stuffers. Cuff links, money clips and brass golf ball markers can

be engraved to add a special monogrammed touch or opt for an initial

A solid gold man's watch never goes out of style, said Pappas. The Garden City jeweler carries Citizen, Tag Heuer, and CYMA Swiss watches for business. casual or athletic wear. Watches can be simple accessories in gold/silver or highlighted with diamonds or mother of pearl dials.

Other stocking suggestions, say jewelers, include earrings, necklaces and pendants, charms and classic pocket watches.

Most independent and franchise jewelry stores have layaway plans to accommodate your budget and accept møst major credit cards. Several jewelry stores have their own line of credit that can be applied for while you shop in a matter of minutes.

"Jewelry is always a smart gift because it says so much and has a great deal of significance attached to it," said Anderson, "It would be really hard to go wrong with a diamond bracelet or a gold watch for that special someone on your list.

Be on cutting edge of diamonds

Know your C's.

Diamonds are graded in four areas Color and Carat weight.

Cut refers to the cutting angles and proportions of the stone, which are responsible for the stone's brilliances. Whether it's round, oval, or emeraldshaped etc., the proportions play a big part in the value of the stone. Clarity refers to the presence of internal breaks or inclusions as well as external imperfections, called blemishes.

Most diamonds have some flaws, but these flaws help to identify the diamond, much like fingerprints. Those diamonds deemed "flawless" are more expensive and more rare than those containing flaws.

Color refers more to the absence of color than a true color. The most valuable diamonds are those with the least amount of color, with the exception of

"fancy" colored diamonds. These diamonds have distinct attractive tints. known as the Four C's: Cut, Clarity, such as a fancy yellow or green diamond.

Carat refers to the weight of the stone and is the most objective of the Four C's, since loose diamonds can be weighed precisely on a carat scale. One hundred "points" equals one carat.

Know what you're looking for .

Each person's choice of a diamond will depend on his or her personal taste and budget. Some people want a larger size and are willing to sacrifice clarity. while others want the most perfect stone they can afford and will sacrifice size for clarity.

Always have a diamond appraised before buying it.

An appraisal by an independent appraiser will tell you whether you're paying too much for a diamond as well as confirm the grading.

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