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# Complaint sparks parking study



The city prohibits parking on cul-de-sacs and semi-circular streets known as "eyebrows," so that emergency vehicles, such as large fire trucks, don't face roadblocks, but a Westland man's complaint has prompted a study.

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

One Westland man's complaint that he can't park in front of his own house has fueled plans for a citywide study of parking restrictions on 270 streets.

Gerald Behen has implored city officials to reconsider no-parking rules on circular cul-de-sacs like Easley, where

"I feel it's reasonable to be able to park in front of my own home," he said Monday during a Westland City Council meeting.

The city prohibits parking on cul-desacs and semi-circular streets known as "eyebrows," amid concerns that emergency vehicles, particularly large fire trucks, could face roadblocks.

de-sacs and eyebrows, Police Chief Emery Price said.

The problem is particularly troublesome when residents have company but not enough space in their driveways to accommodate everyone.

Further complicating access to culde-sacs are landscape islands in the middle of the circles, city officials said.

"We'd like to see all of the islands removed," Mayor Robert Thomas said, but some of the neighbors don't want them taken out."

Public safety officers said privately that illegal parking is often ignored on cul-de-sacs and eyebrows, unless they

The no-parking rules affect 270 cul- receive direct complaints from neighbors.

However, Behen's complaints have brought the issue to the forefront, leading to possible changes that city officials said will be discussed next spring during new budget talks.

Officials have said it costs thousands of dollars to make each cul-de-sac more accessible through such measures as removing landscape islands. That could mean a huge tab for city taxpayers.

Fire Chief Mark Neal said administration officials are trying to figure out what would be the best option to

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# STORY AND PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



and Steve watch practice at Joe Louis Arena.

# Siblings skate toward their Olympic dream

They are the best of friends, whether it is on the ice or off. Danielle Hartsell, a senior at John Glenn High School, will turn 18 this coming Saturday. She and

her brother, Steve, 20 Danielle: and attending Oakland University, have become ADAY one of the top pair figure skaters in the country. IN THE The brother and sister team skates for the LIFE Detroit Skating Club in

Bloomfield Hills. This is the first in a series as photographer Tom Hawley will be documenting Danielle's senior year with a series of photo stories this school

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All set: The Hartsells (top photo) get ready to start their short program. After their long program (right photo) in the Skate America, Danielle puts her head on Steve's shoulder and apologizes as coaches Mitch Moyer (left to right), Jason Dungjen and Johnny Johns await the judges' scoring in the staging area at Joe Louis Arena. The couple finished fourth overall.



# City keeps coffeehouse brewing

By Darrell Clem STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

A Westland coffeehouse - popular among students, recovering alcoholics; poets and young lovers - has survived a possible shutdown.

Some patrons of Wonderground Espresso House feared that their favorite hangout would close for failing to comply with city codes since it opened in 1996.

But the business - in a two-story house affectionately decorated by owner Jeannie DeBenedet at 539 N. Wayne Road - has been given a

In a 6-1 vote Monday, Westland City Council members gave Wonderground a special land use and site plan approval - in essence giving DeBenedet one year to address problems. Councilwoman Justine Barns opposed the measures.

DeBenedet had never been authorized for a coffeehouse, and city officials said her business hasn't met codes such as paved parking, shielding from nearby residences and sufficient access for disabled patrons.

Westland resident Bob Johnson has long complained about Wonderground, but city officials chose to give DeBenedet time to address problems rather than forcing out a small business that they say complements the neighborhood.

"I don't think the integrity of the city was compromised," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said. "I hope that what we did sends a message to the small business owners in town that we're willing to work with them to allow them to make a profit while giving residents what they want."

Wonderground customer Sandee Rager of Garden City urged the council Monday to support a coffeehouse where she found solace following a near-fatal car accident.

"And if not for the Wonderground, I wouldn't have met the man that I'm going to spend the rest of my life with,"

She also commended DeBenedet for providing an outlet on certain nights for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and, on other nights, for poets to read and share their works. Poetry considered by some to be "risqué" is reserved for the after-9 p.m. crowd, she said. "The Wonderground does a lot of

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# Local man faces charges in fraudulent check case

BY DARRELL CLEM

A Westland man is accused of depositing fraudulent company checks into two credit union accounts and then withdrawing the money for his own use, police said.

The 24-year-old suspect faces two felony charges following allegations that he illegally obtained about \$11,300, Westland police Sgt. James Dexter said.

The suspect is accused of depositing fraudulent checks into accounts at Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and Northwest Airlines Credit Union and then withdrawing the money for personal use, Dexter said.

The incidents began in June and led to a police investigation resulting in charges against the man on Nov. 12. Westland 18th District Judge C.

Charles Bokos arraigned the suspect

on two felonies:

■ Uttering and publishing, a 14year felony that stems from allegations he deposited the fraudulent checks. Larceny by conversion, a five-year

felony that stems from accusations he withdrew the money. Bokos ordered the suspect jailed in

lieu of a \$25,000 cash bond and ordered him to appear today (Thursday) for a preliminary hearing on the charges. The hearing will determine whether

Police said the case serves as another reminder of how some criminals are using technology rather than physical

Court.

violence to illegally obtain money. Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe commended Dexter for a thorough.

the suspect should stand trial on the

charges in Wayne County Circuit

investigation that helped nab the sus-

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# Here comes Santa Claus

Children of all ages will welcome Santa at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, as he arrives by horse and carriage outside entrance 6, just east of JC Penney at

Westland Shopping Center. John Glenn High School's marching band will lead Santa and Westley Holiday Bear to West Court near JC Penney. The Mopo Bears will join Santa and Holiday Bear with a performance of "A Very Beary Christmas." A second performance will be

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conducted at 2 p.m.

Digital Image Santa photographs will also be taken. Santa will be on the set 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# O Christmas tree

The city of Westland will be holding its annual Christmas tree lighting caremony at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on the front steps of City Hall.

The event will feature Santa Claus, the singing of Christmas carols and the lighting of trees.

After Santa arrives and the mayor gives him the key to the city, he will be at the main fire station, located just east of City Hall for hot chocolate and cookies.

# CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Julie Mott, 11, of Westland has been named the Westland Observer's Carrier of the Month for November. A sixth-grader at Hayes Elementary, Mott delivers in the Hawthorne Valley aubdivision. The daughter of Jerry and Denise, she has a brother, Aaron, Her favorite subjects are science and spelling. Her hobbies are swimming, playing with friends and skating. Her awards include the principal's honor roll, the safety in school, the achievement and citizenship awards.

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Julie Mott

# Westland Goodfellows seek volunteer helpers

Westland Goodfellows, preparing for a post-Thanksgiving fund-raiser to help needy children during the holidays, are seeking volunteers.

The charitable organization hopes to raise \$15,000 this year by selling its newspapers at city intersections on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Goodfellows President Jerry Smith said.

To volunteer, simply show up anytime after 8 a.m. on those days at the VFW Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 at Wayne Road and Avondale, Smith said.

Give us an hour," he said.

To draw attention to the effort. Smith honored last year's top fund-raising volunteer during a Monday night Westland City Council meeting.

Roofer Jerry Barnett received a plaque for raising \$1,700 of last year's \$13,000 total, Smith said.

Volunteers will work both days from sunrise until about one hour before sunset, he said. Money raised will be used to buy items such as mittens, scarves, sweaters and toys.

"No child without a Christmas, that's our motte," Smith said.

# Board avoids crowding issue BY MARIE CHESTNEY

After listening to pleas Monday from Hoover Elementary parents for extra teaching help in two fourth-grade classes at the school, the Livonia Board of

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STAFF WRITER

Education and district administrators chose not to get involved in staffing decisions made by teachers and administrators at the school.

"Those closest to the scene are best able to allocate resources. Superintendent Ken Watson told the parents, who presented a petition asking for either an extra teacher or parapro for fourth- grade science and social studies classes.

The parents' group at Monday's school board meeting was headed by Kirsten Galka, a Ronnie Street resident who ran unsuccessfully for a school board seat this June. Her son, Matthew, is a fourth-grade student at Hoover and is in one of the classes in question.

The parents claimed that the 34 students in the two social studies and science classes caused overcrowded conditions and interfered with the students learning.

"With one teacher for every 34 students, they're not getting the instruction they need to be successful in the classroom," said

Becky Guthrie, a Hoover parent. Monday was the second time Galka appeared before the school

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board to ask for extra teaching help for the fourth-graders. She and her husband, Carl, appeared alone at the Nov. 2 school board meeting to make the same request.

Both came back Monday, accompanied by more Hoover parents who are unhappy with the written response Galka received from the board via Kent Gage, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction.

"Please respond to us directly, not through (Kent) Gage,' Kirsten Galka said. "If we don't get your help, the students will continue to suffer."

## Seeking answers

The trustees, as they typically do, had asked the administrator in charge - Gage - to investigate issues raised by the Galkas in their Nov. 2 appearance and respond to them by letter.

In his Nov. 5 letter to Galka, Gage wrote: "Whereas only a few years ago classes in all subjects frequently exceeded 30 students, such counts today are a rarity."

"There is still room for improvement," Gage continued.
"To assign additional staff as you propose to address situations (in other school buildings) like that at Hoover could require as many as 37 additional staff at an annual cost in excess of \$2 million."

and forth on the issue before it reached the board.

In an Oct. 28 letter to Gage, she wrote: "It is a tragedy and misfortune that our students have to put up with these overcrowded classroom situations. because the LPS administration cannot devise a means to provide for the needed classroom instructional help."

At Monday's board meeting, in an unusual move during the "communications from the audience" portion of the meeting, Gage unveiled three charts showing how staff is allocated at Hoover.

Trustees typically listen to a person, and ask an administrator to answer by letter within 10

Both the Galkas and Gage got testy during Monday's board meeting. If the district can afford playscapes and physical fitness equipment for Bentley Center, then it should be able to pay for extra teachers, where needed, Kirsten Galka said.

"I really wish you would look deep within yourself," Carl Gaika said.

In his Nov. 5 letter to the Galkas, Gage wrote that "it is a pleasure to address the matter" for them.

#### Tempers flare

At Monday's board meeting, he turned more cranky, saying he preferred not to deal with issues

Galka and Gage had gone back "I'm increasingly concerned about this issue coming before you again and again. It has a negative impact on the staff at Hoover.'

> Kent Gage -assistant superintendent for elementary education

when "someone has an ax to grind, or soap box to stand on."

"Hoover made a difficult decision on how to best distribute its staff," Gage said. "I'm increasingly concerned about this issue coming before you again and again. It has a negative impact on the staff at Hoover. The issue should be put to rest. The board can't fine-tune every school decision. We must sort out pertinent educational issues, and issues of personal aggrandizement. This will continue to fester at Hoover. It's time to move on."

The district continues to emphasize lowering class size in grades 1-3, putting its extra money there, Watson said.

After the meeting, parent Mary Ketelhut said it was "unfair" to question Galka's motives for raising the issue, when it was an issue the bulk of the fourth-grade parents are concerned about.

"Kirsten stands up for kids 100 percent," Ketelhut said.

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good for a lot of people," Rager necessary service in our commusaid.

Johnson said he has heard some of the poetry at Wonderground, and "God forbid, I would never want my kids to use it as a hangout."

Councilman Charles Pickering

nity." He also took aim at Johnson's criticism, saying poetry readings amount to "freedom of choice, freedom of speech, and that's what our government is all about."

Councilwoman Sharon Scott said the coffeehouse provides "a said she has been a Wonder-

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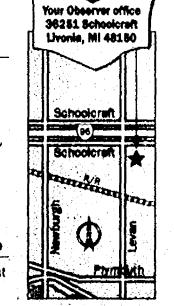


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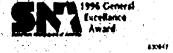
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# Wonderground Espresso House's address is 539 N. Wayne Road.

ground patron on occasion, and she commended DeBenedet for doing "a very nice job."

Scott also said the coffeehouse will be a welcome business as the city tries to spruce up Wayne Road with a long-term Downtown Development Authority

"I think it will enhance that

area," she said. Wonderground Espresso House's address is 539 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. It offers scores of coffee flavors. Hours are 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 2 p.m. to midnight Friday; 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, and noon to midnight Sunday. The phone

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number is 722-9460.

improve accessibility and to ease no-parking restrictions for resi-

dents. Said Price: "It's a difficult one to address."

Behen said visitors at his residence have been forced to move their cars, either to another street or to a neighbor's driveway. He said Monday that he likely wouldn't have moved onto Easley had he known of the parking restrictions.

Behen said he has noticed illegal parking on some cul-de-sacs, leading him to question why he

has been singled out. "I just feel that what's good for one is good for the other," he

said. But city officials said Behen's street drew attention because of

complaints among neighbors. Behen vowed to return to the council to push for changes when officials begin discussing the issue next spring.

# Charges from page AI

During a search of the sus-

pect's residence on Ackley, police officers confiscated documents that are expected to be used in hopes of supporting the allega-

The fraudulent checks named a company for which the suspect has never worked. However, he does work for Northwest Airlines, which owns one of the credit unions he is accused of defrauding.

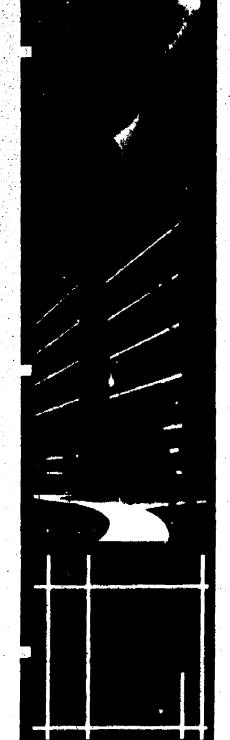
He was arrested on his job in the equipment services area of Northwest Airlines at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.



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At work: Colin Blanchard, 3, of Westland works on a toolbox with Nicole Green, an 11th-grader. while (right) Dylan Thayer, 3, figures out the step stool he will work on.



# Preschoolers tour Home Depot

ixty Westland preschoolers accompanied by high school child care students had a unique experience last week when they toured Home Depot in Canton Township.

"The kids got to watch how paint was mixed, and they got their own paint sticks," Sunshine & Rainbows preschool director Cheryl Kroll said. "They went in the garden department and looked at a pond that had goldfish in it, and they got to see how large pieces of wood were cut.

"Each kid got a Home Depot apron, and each child made a step stool or a toolbox," Kroll said. "The high school kids helped them assemble the step stools and toolboxes."

Preschoolers attend a program based at the Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Center on Marquette. They get help from high school students who attend child care classes next door at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Thirty preschoolers and 29 high school students attended a morning Home Depot tour, and about the same number joined an afternoon tour, Kroll said.

"The kids got to see a demonstration of a key machine, and they were given blank keys,"



Toolbox: Kristen Miller, 11th-grader at John Glenn, helped Alyssa Shelton, 4, of Wayne, with her toolbox made at the Home Depot in Canton.

she said.

Students also toured an area where carpet is stored and rolled off of a machine to meet customer orders.

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and high school students attend Sunshine & Rainbows programs on Wednesday through Friday for two-hour sessions. The program is so popular it has a waiting list, Kroll said.

She commended Home Depot for donating materials and letting the children take aprons, step stools and toolboxes with them.

"I'm just amazed that Home Depot did all that for free," Kroll said.



Helping hand: Patty Hammontree, an 11th-grader at John Glenn, works with Caleb Samborski, 4, of Westland on his toolbox.

# 24 high school seniors to vie for Junior Miss title Saturday

Twenty-four high school senior young women will be competing Saturday for the title of Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1999.

The competition will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Stockmeyer Performing Arts Center next to Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.

Ticket donations for the program are \$7 and can be purchased now at Wayne Lawn and Garden Center at 2103 S. Wayne Road, or at the door on the night of the program.

In addition to the title and chance to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss finals, the girls will be vying for Wayne-Westland Junior Miss scholarships and awards totaling more than \$10,000.

"These young women have been working very hard with interviews, rehearsals and preparations," Pat Hermatz, Junior Miss co-chair, said. "They are all intelligent and talented girls; no matter who is selected, they are all winners."

Competing this year are: Angela Moran of Wayne Memorial; Jennie Rauch of John Glenn; Kristin May of Wayne Memorial; Raeschelle Wood of John Glenn; Adrienne Carnell of Wayne Memorial: Kelly Walker of John Glenn; Jessica Beach of John Glenn; Kristi Mendenhall of John Glenn; Kendra Froehly of John Glenn; Nicolette Jarrett of John Glenn; Bethany Haver of John Glenn; Christina Sieczkowski of John Glenn; Leilani Lawrence of John Glenn; Kristen Fidh of John Glenn; Shreya Master of John Glenn; Katie Hover of John Glenn; Courtney Cagnon of Wayne Memorial; Samantha Snabes of Wayne Memorial; Chandra Underwood of John Glenn; Amanda Jayska of Wayne Memorial; Angela Charbeneau of John Glenn; Nicole Stano of Wayne Memorial; Jillian Calka of John Glenn and Angel Clements of John

This year's theme is "A Ticket to Broadway," and will include music from "Grease," "Annie," "The Sound of Music," "Phantom of the Opera," and "Little Johnny Jones."

Former Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1969 Jennifer Lozano will be the master of ceremonies for the program. She is currently chapter administrator for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

In March 1999 the new Wayne-Westland Junior Miss will participate in the Michigan Junior Miss Program in Alpena. If named Michigan's Junior Miss, she will travel to Mobile, Ala., to compete in America's Junior Miss National Finals.

Stephanie Mead, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1998, was named Michigan's Junior Miss and went on to compete in the America's Junior Miss National Finals.

# Clerk says man grabbed money

An Arbor Drugs clerk told police that a man grabbed money from her cash register after she opened it while helping another customer. The man had earlier asked for change, but she said she told him that he would have to wait until she rang up a customer. The incident reportedly occurred at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Arbor Drugs at 140 S. Merriman. The man fled the store and got into a waiting vehicle. It wasn't immediately known how much money was taken.

# Residential break-in

A Westland resident told police that his residence in the 31800 block of Shiawassee was burglarized between 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 a.m. Sunday. Reported missing were a \$500 stereo receiver, a \$150 gold ring and two videocassette recorders. The break-in occurred after someone pushed an air conditioner through a window. The man told police that the intruder may have been a family member with whom he has had differ-

# **CRIME WATCH**

# **Break-in reported**

A woman told police that her residence in the 28900 block of Macdonald was broken into between 9 a.m. and 11:30 g.m. Sunday. Reported missing were a 25-inch television, a cable box and Nintendo items. She told police that a window had been broken to gain entry into the

# Counterfeit money

An employee of Kerry Cleaners, 6610 N. Wayne Road, reported a suspicious incident that resulted in counterfeit money being found. The woman reported seeing the same man exchanging bills for change at a change machine inside the cleaners. She told police she saw him twice Friday. The money was reported to be counterfeit.

# Restaurant break-in

A police report noted that Little Caesar's Pizza, 39021 Cherry Hill, was burglarized sometime

Nov. 9 by an intruder who tried unsuccessfully to open a safe. The glass to the front door had been smashed out by a brick and the safe had been tampered with, the report said.

# Falling object

A food-delivery driver told police that an object fell on the windshield of his car and cracked it while he was driving under a new railroad overpass on Newburgh Road south of Cherry Hill. He said the incident occurred at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10. He wasn't injured.

# Trying to take TV

A security guard at the Westland Kmart, 165 S. Wayne, told police that a man used a shopping cart to get a 19-inch color television and then tried to leave the store without paying for it. The security guard stopped the man, who struggled briefly before police arrived and arrested him following the 9 p.m. Nov. 11 incident. A police report said the man was carrying a crack cocaine pipe and a syringe,

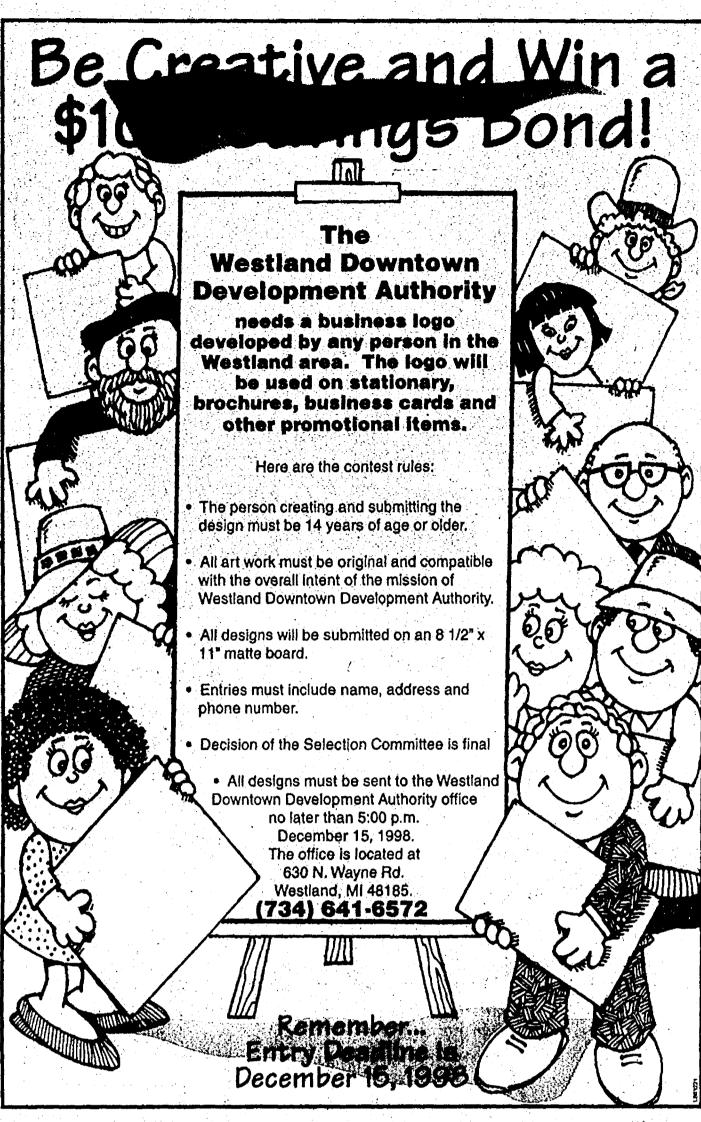
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# Board adopts ethics code

#### BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

Livonia school board members adopted a formal 10-point code of ethics recently.

The formal policy – delineating the need for board members to avoid conflicts of interest and to provide full public discussion before making decisions – is based on recommendations from the National School Boards Association. It is also similar to those adopted by other boards in Michigan and the nation, said Dr. Kenneth Watson, schools

superintendent.

The new code will be used in conjunction with the "guiding principles" from the Michigan Association of School Boards, which Livonia has been following the last 15 years, he said.

The code was adopted "so we would have a clarification," said Dianne L. Nay, board president.

"We all know what the code of ethics is from the school boards association and everyone will logically continue to follow that," she said. "But we wanted some-

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thing in writing to refer back to."

She noted that all seven board members have either completed or soon will finish state-certification studies, which involve ethical issues. Nay said she believes she and board member Patrick Nalley each need one more course to receive certification.

"It isn't that we're bad guys or anything," said board Secretary Daniel Lessard. "It's so that we have a model (to follow) of the kind of behavior that we expect from everyone in the district."

The code spells out the means by which board members can achieve their "first and greatest concern," which is "the educational welfare of the students."

Among other things, the code specifies:

Attendance by board members at "all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible" and that they be informed about the issues.

That members "should

endeavor to make" policy decisions only after full discussion at public meetings.

That they "render all decisions based on the available facts" and their independent judgment and that they "refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest

groups."

That members encourage "the free expression of opinion by all board members" and also systematic communication between the board and the entire commu-

nity.

That they let each other and the superintendent know of public reaction to policies and programs.

"Support employment" of those "best qualified" and "insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff."

Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest."

Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration" and respect the confidentiality of privileged information under applicable law.

# LOCAL BRIEFS

# Fail family feast

St. Damian's Parish recently held its third annual Fall Family Feast with the theme "Fall for Fun"

Seventh- and eighth-graders made pumpkins filled with candy. Children received Halloween goodies bags and names were drawn to receive centerpieces, pumpkins, movie tickets, food coupons and other gifts.

# **Westland Town Hall**

Westland's Town Hall meetings for 1999 have been scheduled. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.:

March 11, Presbyterian Village, 32001 Cherry Hill;

May 13, Holliday Park
Townhouse, 34850 Fountain;
Sept. 9, Willow Creek Club-

house, 1673 Fairwood;
Nov. 4, William P. Faust

Nov. 4, William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

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which were destroyed at the police station.

#### Car break-in

A resident in the 470 block of Sybald told police that someone broke out the window of her car between midnight and 10 a.m. Nov. 11 and took a cellular phone and cord, compact discs and a CD holder – total value \$900. Her vehicle was parked in front of her residence.

# Jewelry boxes taken

A resident of the 35800 block of Avondale told police that her residence was broken into between Oct. 10 and Nov. 6. She reported that she was

missing two jewelry boxes and a "piggy" bank. The items were stored in a cabinet in her bedroom. The house had no signs of forced entry that could be found.

# Phone, stereo taken

A resident of The Landings apartment complex, in the 6670 area of Lakeview, told police that her car was broken into between 7 p.m. Nov. 9 and 5:15 a.m. Nov. 10. She told police she was missing a cellular phone and car stereo valued at \$450. The intruder got into the car by punching through the car door just under the lock.



# Trust fund donations up, local councils get more aid

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

"Four thousand more Michigan residents donated to CTF

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

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

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

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

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

Money from donations goes to

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

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

"In spite of the increase in

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

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

"This past granting cycle, we

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

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

# Tutoring center takes new students

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

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

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

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

Students will develop a portfolio of their work during the

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

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

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# County waits for Lansing to act on revenue sharing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

portation and Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

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

### Road info wanted

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Madonna tree dedication remembers victims of alcohol, substance abuse

and members of the public can hol and substance abuse related attend the annual Remembrance traffic accidents. The event is Tree dedication at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, in the Take 5 Lounge at Madonna University at I-96 and Levan Road in Livo-

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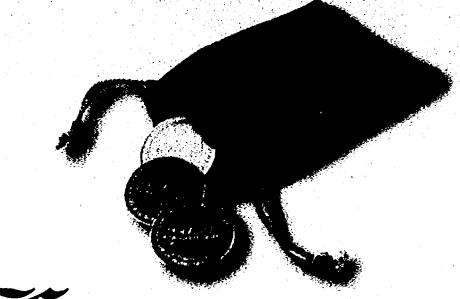
of Michigan's most cherished tales, "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," will air at 7 p.m. Saturday on WDIV-Channel 4,

"The Legend of Sleepoing Bear," is one of a mother's undying love. It was released

An animated version of one as a children's book earlier this year. Written by Kathy-jo Wargin and illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, the book received an official title when the House of Representatives passed Resolution No. 286 commemorating

"The Legend of Sleeping Bear" as the official state of

Michigan children's book. Oscar-winning actor Jeff Daniels will narrate the animated version, which will air nationally next month on PBS stations across the county.



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# **OBITUARIES**

#### RUTH MAE NOTCHKISS

Funeral services for Ruth Hotchkiss, 87, of Westland were Nov. 17 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Drew Whods.

Mrs. Hotchkiss died Nov. 16 in Heartland Health Care. She was a homemaker. Surviving are: sons, Gardner and Dwight; daughter, Barbara Ranes; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hotchkiss is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Jr., and brother, Lee White. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

#### BETTY J. BEVAK

Funeral services for Betty Revak, 66, of Westland were Nov. 17 in Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Peters.

Mrs. Bevak died Nov. 13 in Sinai Hospital, Detroit. She was a homemaker and had lived in this area many years.

Surviving are: husband, Eugene; son, Bradley; daughter, Sandi; brother, Bill (Barb) Turner: and two grandchildren.

#### BARBARA L. CABE

Barbara Cabe died Nov. 13. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Surviving are: sons, Bill (Juanita) Thomas and Paul (Dawn) Cabe; daughters, Diane (Dick) Johnson, Judy (Andy) Stevens, Patty (Carlos) Romero and Kimberly (Dennis) Yarsnick; several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Mrs. Cabe is preceded in death by her sons. Mark and Tim.

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#### CARL J. MALIK

Funeral services for former Livonia resident Carl Malik, 80, of Grand Rapids were Nov. 18 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Ply-

Mr. Malik, who died Nov. 14 in Grand Rapids, was born in Westland. He was owner/ partner of Malik Heating in Westland from 1952-1982.

Surviving are: wife of 54 years, Doris; daughters, Bonnie Quarandillo of Grand Rapids, Toni Johnstone of Farmington Hills and Janet (James) Agius of Birmingham.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546.

#### ERNEST W. OUNLETTE

A funeral Mass for Ernest Quillette, 73, of Westland was Nov. 18 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

Mr. Ouillette died Nov. 15. Surviving are: sons, Raymond Sr. (Edna) and Daniel (Lisa); daughter, Patricia (Thomas) Leigh; brother, Virgil; sister, Alice; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

#### IRENE I. BONIFIELD

Funeral services for Irene Bonifield, 70, of Westland were Nov. 15 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bonifield, who died Nov. 13 in Ann Arbor, was born in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Harold; daughters, Virginia Bonifield, Irene Wilford and Bonnie Bonifield; brother, Robert Lawson; sisters, Ruth Crevier, Hazel Hall and Dorothy Taber; and granddaughter, Bonnie

Mrs. Bonifield is preceded in death by her brothers, Melvin Lawson, William Lawson

and Lamont Lawson.

#### HELEN M. TAYLOR

Funeral services for Helen Taylor, 78, of Westland were Nov. 18 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Detroit Memorial West Cemetery, Officiating was the Rev. Larry Zierawski from St. Damjan Church.

Mrs. Taylor, who died Nov. 14 at her residence, was born in Detroit. She was in retail sales.

Surviving are: sons, Dennis (Laurie) and Alan; daughters, Sharon Bataran and Karen Karl; two brothers; two sisters; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Taylor is preceded in death by her husband, William.

# CATHERINE BENNETT

Funeral services for Catherine "Kate" Bennett, 86, of Westland were Nov. 17 in Mac-Donald's Funeral Home in Howell, Officiating was the Rev. Howard A. Soehl of First Presbyterian Church of Howell.

Mrs. Bennett, who died Nov. 15 in Howell. was born in Dunbarton, Scotland. She was a resident in Howell for 70 years. She was a retired sewing machine operator for G.M. Fisher Body of Livonia. She was a member of UAW Local 174 Detroit (first female recording secretary). Mrs. Bennet never forgot her Scottish heritage.

Surviving are: son, Dr. Robert (Marilyn) Bennett of Ohio: daughters, Jean (Paul) Mossoian of Howell and Clara Battaglia of Livonia; sister, Mamie Miller of Scotland; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bennett was preceded in death by her brother, Alex, and sisters, Isa and Jean. Memorials may be made to the Salvation

Army or the Humane Society.

# Livonia parade rolls down Plymouth Road

ready to hit Plymouth Road Saturday.

With an estimated 2,000 people and more than 80 groups registered to participate, this year's parade is expected to meet the size of previous marches, held for 15 years on the north side of the city.

This new version of the parade, with the theme of "It's a Winter Wonderland," will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 21, starting on Plymouth Road just east of Merriman Road and heading east to the parking lot of Wonderland Mall.

Look for five marching bands, a Drum & Fife Corps, a unicycle club, several dance troupes, a wheelchair drill team, a Model A restorers club and more to join Santa and Mrs. Claus at the event.

Parade participants should receive packets of information this week telling them when and where they need to go to be ready for the parade.

All parade marchers are expected to be dropped off at Ameritech via the Merriman Road driveway, next to the U.S. post office. There will be no parking at the Ameritech site, and no left turns onto Plymouth Road after dropping off

marchers. Drivers will be directed onto Plymouth and back to Merriman. From there, they can drive south on Merriman, east on West Chicago and north on Middlebelt to parking areas behind Kmart, Wonderland Mall and

Livonia's Holiday Parade is of Plymouth Road. Shuttle buses will run 7:30-8:15 a.m. between the parking areas to the staging

areas. People with floats and marchers will find their staging area near the Ameritech building by looking for their lineup number listed on a white flag with a black number.

Times to arrive vary based on the parade participant's role: Floats must be there by 7:30 a.m.; marchers by 8 a.m.; and vehicles by 8:15 a.m.

Bands, parade vehicles and horses will be set up south of Plymouth Road before the parade, behind the Elks Lodge and the former bank building.

Plymouth Road will be closed from 8:30 a.m. until the end of the parade, which is expected to run one hour or a bit more.

After their trek, parade marchers will be treated to hot cocoa and cookies inside Wonderland Mall near the new food court, courtesy of Ogden Entertainment. Awards will also be handed out in the mall after the parade to the top floats decided by a panel of judges, who will be stationed near the Quality Inn.

To avoid encouraging children running into the street, parade marchers are asked not to throw treats or candy to onlookers; those walking along the curb may only pass them out.

This year's parade is sponsored by the Plymouth Road Development Authority. Schostak Brothers & Company's Wonderland Mall and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, with other contributions.

# Senior of month named

Emmy Lou Sahlberg, a Westthe Month at the Westland senior citizen Friendship Center.

A Friendship Center member for 15 years, Sahlberg formerly worked for the U.S. government as a comptometer operator and then as an Internal Revenue Service clerk. She is a longtime member of St. Richard's Over 50 Club and represents that group on the senior resources advisory council. She is in the Friendship Center bridge club and country line-dancing class, and she has volunteered to drive seniors to places like hospitals, doctor's offices and grocery stores.

Born in 1920 in Minnesota, land resident of 35 years, has she moved to the Detroit area been named November Senior of with her family just two years later. She has three children and four grandchildren. For 21 years she has been a caregiver for her 64-year-old brother George, who has Down's syndrome and now Alzheimer's disease.

> Sahlberg enjoys gardening, sewing, bowling and reading. "This lady is recognized by many seniors for her kind, gentle and compassionate nature," Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "Emmy Lou's calm, peaceful and intelligent manner creates a comfortable atmosphere wherever she





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# Utility deregulation How will it affect consumers?

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q. What's a franchise?

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

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

A. Yes. The length is limited to 30 years under the constitution. Q. Presumably the govern-

ment will ask for fees? A. Yes, but the locals prefer to call it "an application fee ... a one-time charge to cover the

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q. Where is the Michigan Legislature in all of this?

A. It's hard to say. There has been no public debate in the lame-duck session.

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

Q. Why are environmental groups sounding off?

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

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

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

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

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

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

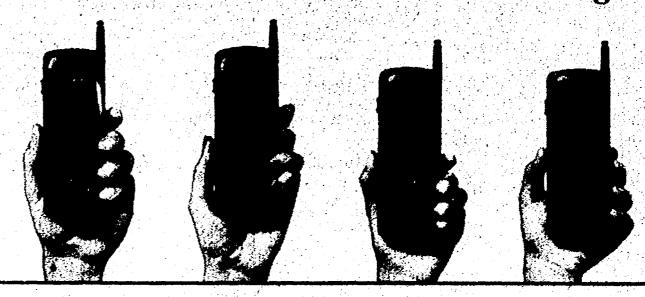
The chamber blames one utility - which it doesn't name - for administrative costs that "are double the industry average."

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

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

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

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# Foreign students enjoy school sports scene

# BY LILLY A. EVANS SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

#### Competition here

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

She also has noticed a difference in school curriculum.

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

Sara Derefalk of Sweden, a senior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, won first in singles in the regional for the varsity tennis team. She had similar comments about her school curriculum.

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

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

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

"Everybody wants to come here (to the United States). We see American movies, MTV and we have American products like Tommy Hilfiger," she said. Neco Do Couto of Brazil, a

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

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

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

Holidays also differ from country to country.

## New experience

Last month, nine of the 16 exchange students from area

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

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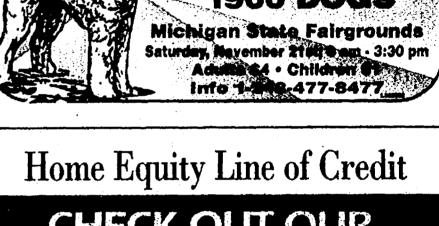
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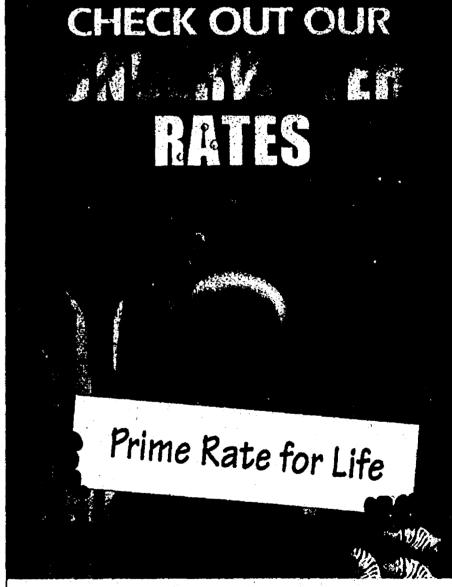
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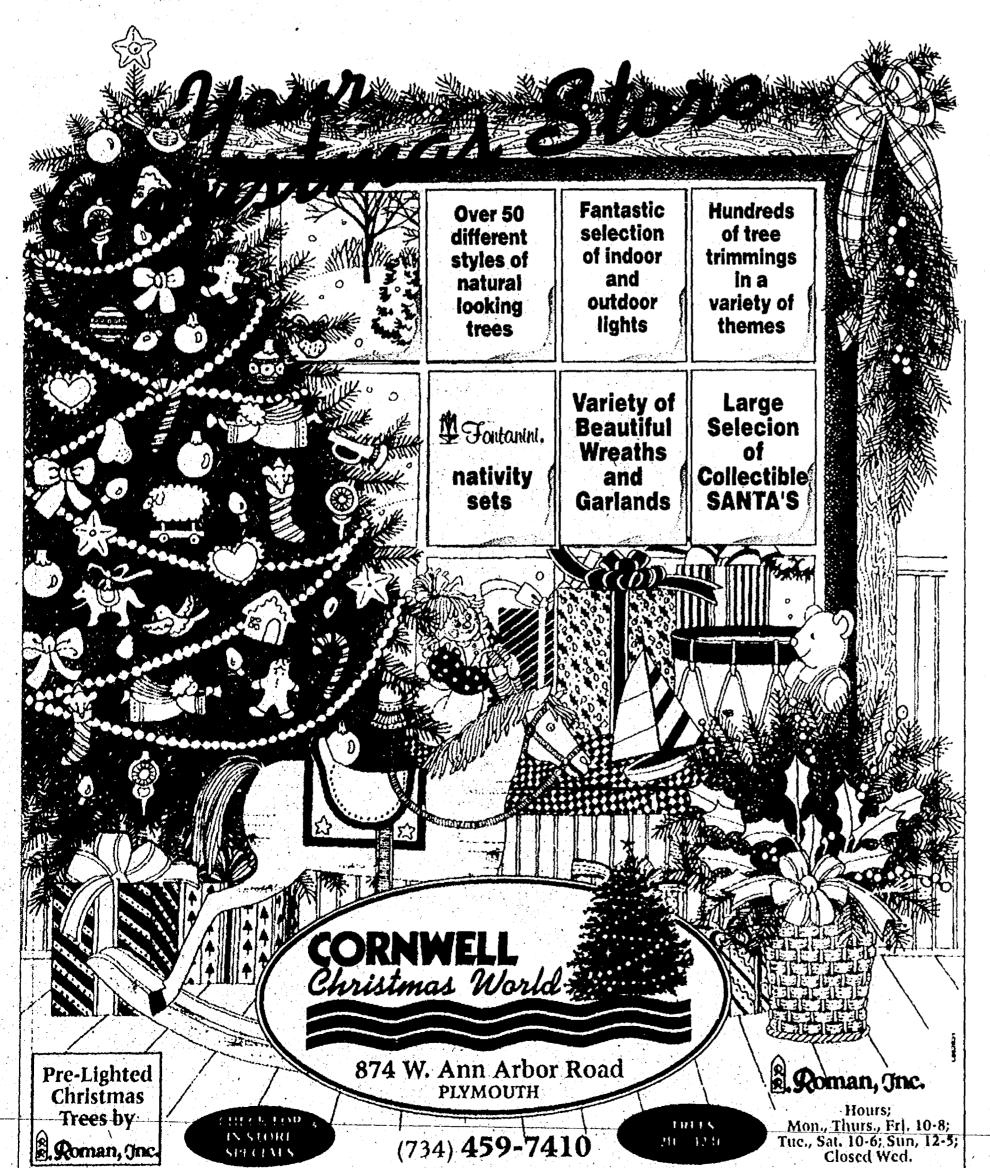


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will be open for registration during the December holiday break. Dec. 28, 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-in registration at the Radcliff Center takes place Wednesday, Dec. 9 between 1 and 7 p.m.

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# Students from page A10

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

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

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

New Year. Even through there are differences between the schools and cultures here, area exchange student coordinators find similarities and match the students

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

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

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

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

in common."

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

Another difference for the exchange students are the hous-

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

#### Enjoys the changes

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

'We enjoy the change in the house. She is the daughter my wife always wanted. I think everybody should try it (host-

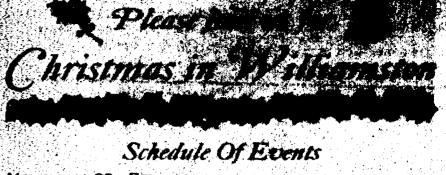
Pratt added that hosting is not a big expense.

The Levenbachs are always

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

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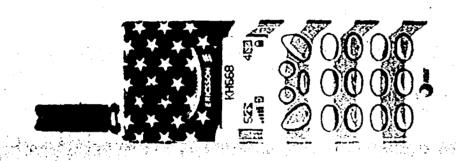
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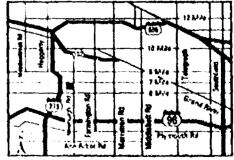
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A stretch: (Above) Stretching before a practice at Joe Louis Arena, Danielle gets some help from Steve. (Left) Steve and Danielle walk to their hotel after a practice at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

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# SKATERS FIGURE ON CLIMBING TO THE TOP

Danielle: A DAY IN THE LIFE

At age 3, Danielle Hartsell of Westland pair of skates. She wanted to

her brother, Steve, at age 4, was learning to play hockey.

Their parents, Georgia and Larry Hartsell, said they felt it was better to get them involved in activities, rather than watching television. They also felt this would keep them out of

Little did they know that, 15 years later, Danielle and Steve would be one of the top pair figure skaters in the United States.

Now they are a "young brother and sister team on the move," as they were recently described by a TV commentator at the Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '98 at Joe Louis Arena.

The Hartsells love to com-



Happy time: Smiles were on Danielle's and Steve's faces after finishing the short program, putting them into third place.

pete; coach Johnny Johns of the Detroit Skating Club said "they are very competitive and put on her first fierce." The Hartsells are one year ahead of schedule in attempting to become the top skate because pair figure skaters in the United States, he said.

"We enjoy pairs because of athletics, the lifts and throws," Danielle said. "When we are skating, we're in our own world."

"When we skate the attention is on you - which is exciting," Steve said.

The brother and sister pair are becoming more the center of focus by the media since they have jumped into the next level of competition.

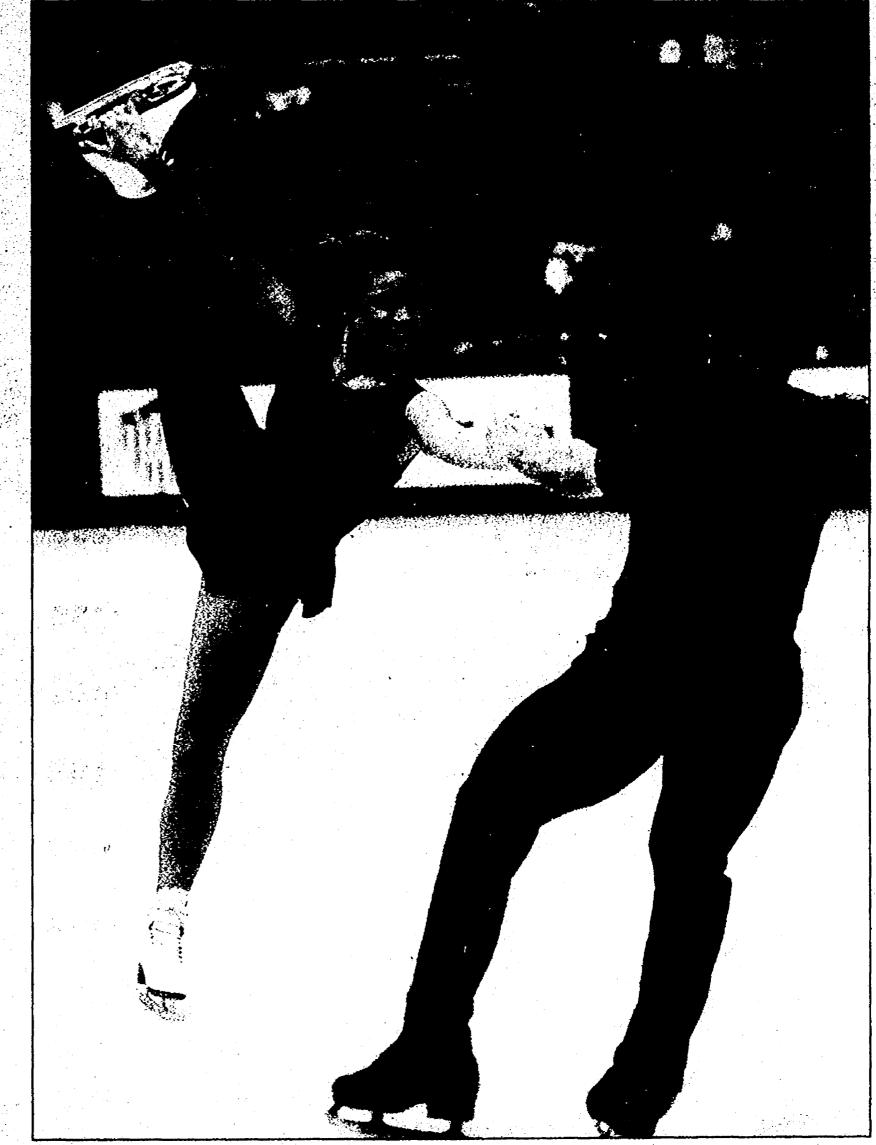
"We're having fun," said Danielle, "It's different having the focus on you."

Steve and Danielle are focusing on the upcoming 1999 State Farm U.S. Championships in February, but first the skaters will be going to Sapporo, Japan, in December to compete for the NHK Trophy, one of the six grand prix figure skating events.

The ultimate goal is to win the Nationals and to compete in the World Championships. The dream of going to the Olympics has been on the mind of the young skaters since 1989.

"Every time we skate, we learn from our mistakes, which will help us climb to the top," Danielle said.

Photographer Tom Hawley will be documenting the life of Danielle Hartsell through her senior year of high school as she tries to balance her skating career, school, family and friends. The series will be published periodically through her senior year.



Spiraling: Danielle performs a spiral with Steve in the short program at the Thrifty Car Skate America International competition at Joe Louis Arena recently.



In spotlight: Steve and Danielle were in the spotlight giving interviews to the media after their short program.



A gift: Danielle and Steve come over to receive a stuffed animal after completing their long program.

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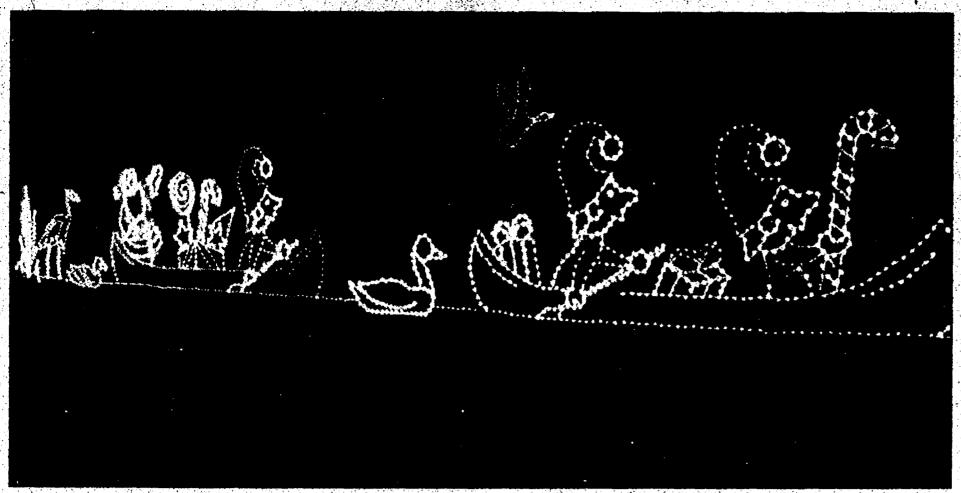
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Wayne County LightFest billed as "the Midwest's largest holiday show" features 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **PLYMOUTH** HURRICANE RELIEF

Our Lady of Good Counsel School students in Plymouth have begun collecting pennies for "Pennies & Prayers," a drive to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch. During the drive, the children are also encouraged to pray for the hurricane victims with their families.

The children's fund-raising goal is between \$300 and \$500.

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

# CANTON

#### PCEP BAND HONCRED

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band took the No. 2 spot at the Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championships held at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 12-14. For the 11th consecutive year, the PCEP band placed among the top 10 bands in the country. More than 22,000 spectators watched 81 top high school bands from 14 states. including eight from Michigan, performed during the three-day competition that narrowed the field down to 32 semifinalists, then to the 12 highest-scoring

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

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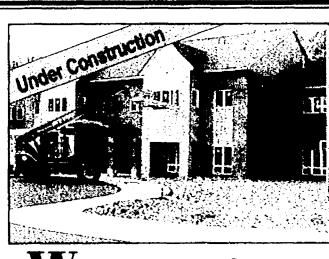
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Secondly, I'd like to offer my congratula-

tions to Eileen DeHart. I wish her the best of

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out the campaign, Eileen was gracious and I

found her to be a very nice person. At times, I

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had in common. I believe at our core, Eileen

and I believe in and want the same things for

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As a final note, I encourage and challenge

each and every one of you to get involved in

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Again, thanks to everyone. This has truly

**Steve Conley** 

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**LETTERS** 

# Rec center

# Keep public concerns in mind

everal local business people have raised concerns about the city's possible plans to include banquet facilities in a planned multimillion dollar recreation center.

The city recently hired a firm to work on plans for a new city recreation center and to survey residents about what they want in a center, but so far no definite plans have been put forward publicly.

As city officials begin their studies of the need for a center and look at surveys of residents on what they want in a center, we hope they keep people's concerns in mind.

Some officials have said banquet rooms aren't part of the plan, but meeting rooms might be, and it may be true that the city would need to include meeting rooms in a center of this type. But officials should keep in mind that these rooms, if they are marketed

to attract business and professional meetings, are then entering into direct competition with places such as Joy Manor, the Hellenic Cultural Center and Hawthorne Valley, which also work to attract meetings as well as weddings and banquets.

As these plans move forward, we hope city council members and city officials do their homework on the effect their plans could have on the business community.

A council study session is planned for 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, in City Hall.

We urge those with concerns to come forward and express them to council members. We also hope council members and city officials will take a long, hard look at the recreation center plans. Beating out Canton Township with a bigger and better center shouldn't be the only goal.

# District loses valuable asset

The Wayne-Westland school district is losing its top finance official - and she will be hard to replace.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Patricia Brand, who has worked with the district's finances during trying financial times, is leaving the district at the end of the month. She has accepted a job as Washtenaw Community College's vice president for administration and finance.

Brand has drawn praise for her work with the district's finances and for her help in turning the district away from deficit woes to now boast a budget surplus.

Brand has served under three superintendents and been in charge of a \$95 million bud-

She is also known for her clarity in explaining budget matters to others.

As the district now looks at happier financial times, it may seem that it's OK for the district to let its guard down financially. But, of course, these days that's never wise for school districts or anyone else.

Now comes the challenge of continuing these financial successes in the district and finding a new finance person.

We commend Brand for a job well-done. Washtenaw Community College's gain is Wayne-Westland's loss, and we hope the school district is able to find someone to fill

# Education's a basic, not a frill

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

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

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

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

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

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

M American states, beginning with Michigan in the 1830s, made a commitment to free public education. The states declared education to be a state interest, not just a frill. If public education is a state interest, it isn't a monopoly. American states have refused to outlaw private schools, parochial schools and even 'home schooling.'

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

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

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

# No state murders

years of service and beyond.

just save it for the election cycle.

been a great life experience.

very time there's a murder in Michigan, those who knee-jerk, the political opportunists and the authoritarians, use it to push their agenda for capital punishment.

Newsweek recently published stats showing that since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated murder by the state, Texas murdered 160 people with seven errors. Oops! Florida had performed 43 murders with 19 errors. Oops! (40-45 percent error rate) Recall that the Supremes had earlier stopped these murders on constitutional grounds. Then new, bloodthirsty robes were named to the bench and changed it back. There's no law here. It's feely.

As a nation, we cannot wait to kill - the unborn, even viable fetuses; state murders; assassinations (we train foreign thugs at Fort Benning, Ga.); civil wars on foreign soils that kill our military. Kill, kill, kill! And we can always justify this behavior.

No one any more even claims that these executions are deterrents. At least the opportunists are wise enough to comprehend the folly of that attempt to justify state murders. And to say that it stops one person from killing again is also a worthless attempt at neutralizing executions. Life imprisonment without parole is insufficient punishment, I have heard.

We cannot overlook the corrupt and otherwise misguided legal system in the United States. From the biased cops to the biased prosecutors to the biased judges and juries. There are volumes of anecdotal evidence plus a body of research.

How dare we charge someone with murder and then murder him/her within that corrupt and/or incompetent legal system? (We now have two murders but raise the cry, "Don't murder.") When the stats show an horrendous error rate in those states which already have state authorized murders? When the stats show that violence begets violence with evidence of increased crime and violence during/after executions and wars? When it is immoral to kill others whether as individuals or in the name of the state? Obvious examples are the atrocities by the government at Waco which stimulated and motivated evil actions at Oklahoma's Murah Building.

Violence begets violence. No capital punishment in Michigan. Let there be one state where the people use their brains not their emotions to make decisions. Have we become such angry, hopeless, desperate people that we will take the most weak-willed, weakminded of our society and murder them with some sort of satisfaction?

No state murders. We are the good guys. No state murders.

> Beatrice Scalise Westland

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# COMMUNITY VOICE

# QUESTION:

With Thanksgiving approaching, what are you most thankful for in your life?

We asked this question at the Westland Kroger on Ford Road.



"I'm 82 years old. I'm thankful I'm still living, and I can walk God for my life."



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"I'm thankful for my family, I'm close to them, and they've always been there to help m when I need any

thing." Jasinski Erin Powers



"My daughter has diabetes and needs a transplant, but I'm thankful she's still living."

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# **POINTS OF VIEW**

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

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

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

McGwire's home run chase took us back to the summer of 1961 when Yankee great Roger Maris knocked 61 out of the park. John Glenn, of course, takes us back to early in 1962 when he became the first American to orbit the earth. No knock on either one of these men, but the true value of their respective feats is in the nostalgia.

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

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

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





GARY BELANGER

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

As for Glenn, the scientific value of

his work may be open to question, but it wouldn't be any different if it were another 77-year-old up there. John Glenn's status as a hero was cemented into history during a five-hour ride on Feb. 20, 1962.

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

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

The period of 1961 and 1962 was before President Kennedy was killed, before Vietnam, before the drug epidemic, Those times seemed so good because we didn't know, or, perhaps, didn't care how bad they were.

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

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

Redford resident Gary Belanger may be reached at (734) 953-2045, Ext. 1890.

# Life in the great outdoors offers solitude without loneliness

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

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

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

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

"Because all the television commercials, cocktail parties and assorted

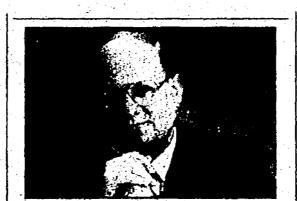
social posturing we have to endure that we will escape.

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

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

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

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



TIM RICHARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Dems need other voices as well

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHILIP POWER

■ Figuring out how to include other folks is the essential first step in any process of reform.

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

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

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

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

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

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# Holiday travel advice: Arrive early

By Ken Abramczyk STAFF WRITER kabramezyk@oe.homecomm.net

Officials at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport are expecting 100,000 travelers to arrive or depart from the airport on Wednesday, and also on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Their advice to travelers: Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of

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

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

Last year Detroit Metro serviced 31.6 million passengers, up 3 percent from 1996. That makes Metro the eighth busiest North American airport, according to and Agriculture can now process passenger traffic statistics.

Metro officials continue to work to improve Metro's reputation and customer service. In the past Terminal.

year, the curbside space near the Davey Terminal in front of the Northwest facility has been tripled to allow for more vehicles for relatives and friends to drop off air travelers.

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vehicles can use the inner lane for dropoff and pickups, which will help family. and friends for dropoffs and pickups of passengers," Las-

saline said. Travelers will notice greenvested customer service agents. who are Wayne County employ-

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

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

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

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

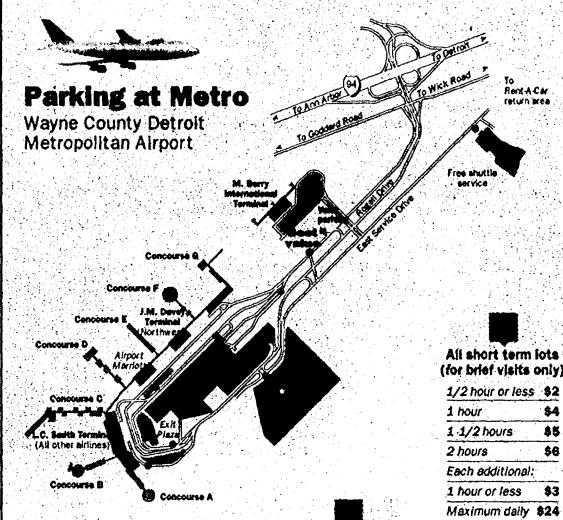
Twenty of the airport's 65 restrooms have been renovated. "Fixtures, faucets and sinks have been replaced," Lassaline said.

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

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

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

Airport parking map source: Wayne



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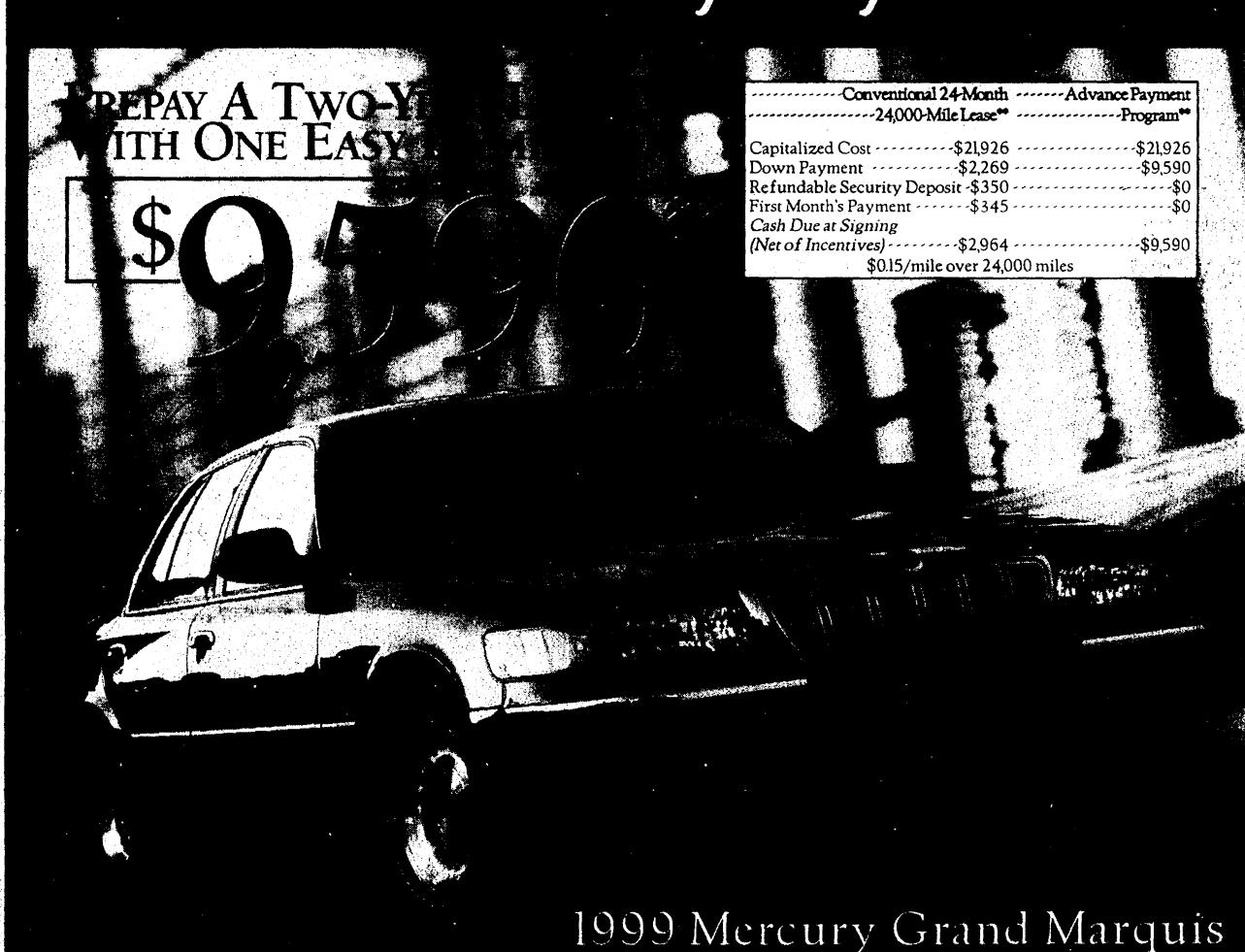
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JACK GLADDEN

# Tracking down traditions of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

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# Church readies for a 'hot time'

■ Garden City United Methodist Church is hosting "A Hot Time at the Auction Tonight." Memorabilia from Kris Draper and Bo Schembechler is featured.

BY SUE MASON smason@oe.homecomm.net

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

the Auction Tonight." The chairman of the auction committee. Weber kicked in a selection of autographed memorabilia bearing the names of some very recognizable sports celebs like Detroit Red Wing Kris

Draper and ex-University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler. "When there was an opportunity to get an autograph, I went and got them," said Weber. "You have to prime?

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

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

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

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

The decision was to go public with a anywhere served by Pro Air.



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Sapphire and diamond ring, diamond brooch and Swarovski classic angel, all donated by Orin Jewelers.

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Erin, Princess, Glory, Spooky and Valentino, an anonymous donation.

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

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

■ Two gift baskets from Mary Den-

ning's Cake Shoppe. "Mary Denning has been very supportive," said Sue. "She was the first one to call the very first year we did

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

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

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

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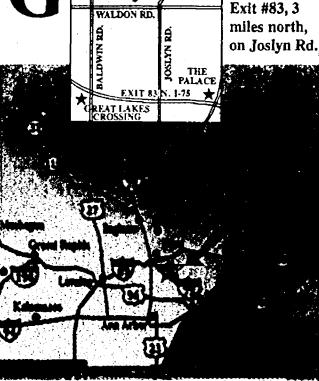
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# Gladden from page B1

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

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

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

### What's the date?

So we're not sure what they ate, but we do know when the

The committee, which includes

Sue Weber, Carol Middell, the

Rev. Jerry Smith, Jan

Humphrey, Ron Showalter and

Carolyn Riley, is hoping to sur-

pass the \$2,500 that's been

Auction from page B1

We've all been taught that first Thanksgiving took place. Right? Well, not exactly. The folks at Plimoth Plantation think the 1621 event wasn't a "Thanksgiving" at all, but just a secular harvest celebration that was never repeated.

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

But the historians say that, while such a celebration did occur in 1623, it took place in the summer, not November, and that the Bradford proclamation appears to be a hoax probably produced in the 20th century. They note that Plymouth Colony had no pastor at the time Bradford allegedly referred to him and that the document uses "anachronistic" terms such as "vegetables," "Pilgrims" and "Plymouth Rock," terms that

raised at the last two auctions.

Weber's personal goal is

"That would be wonderful,"

"upward of \$5.000."

said Smith.

came into use long after the document was supposed to have been written.

We do know that the Continental Congress declared the first national Thanksgiving celebration in 1777, following the colonists' victory at the battle of Saratoga. National Thanksgivings were observed annually from 1777 to 1783, but in December, not November. The observation was dropped until President George Washington revived it, once in 1789 and again in 1795.

In 1815, James Madison declared Thanksgiving celebrations twice, neither of them in

the fall. The holiday was not observed again until the Civil War, when Abraham Lincoln. declared Thanksgiving observances in April 1862 and August 1863, Later that year Lincoln ordered that the holiday be observed on the last Thursday of November 1863, a practice that was followed by subsequent presidents until Franklin D. Roosevelt came on the scene.

## Changing tradition

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

In 1941, Roosevelt was presented with a congressional resolution, which he signed on Nov. 26, establishing the fourth Thursday in November as the official Thanksgiving holiday. And it's stayed there ever since.

But what about the cranberries, the turkey and the pumpkin pie? The Pilgrims may have feasted on wild turkey along with the venison, they did apparently grow pumpkins (called "pompion" in those 17th century cookbooks) and cranberries prob-

ably grew in New England at the time. But how did they get on the list of Thanksgiving traditions?

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

But we do know one thing: it's a tradition. Pass the cranberry

chutney, please. Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township. You can e-mail him at jgladden@oe.homecomm.net.

# Sweet-tempered Santa returns

By Rener Skoglund



uniform provided.

Mike Beal

Township. Every year during the holiday, season, Beal sorry, we m e a n Santa Claus seen be

Meet

Mike Beal

of Ply-

mouth

Cornwell Pool and Patio's Christmas Center in Plymouth surrounded by

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

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

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his father was a Santa.

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

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

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

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

And you have to create belief.

Beal recalled a young girl named Donna who used to visit him every year until she became

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

Beal says he never gets upset or cross with children. And he always has an extra suit with him in case some kid throws up or has a bladder problem. He's also careful about what he

promises. "I never promise kids I'll bring them everything. I always tell them I'll bring them something special. I tell them I'll call mom or dad."

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

One time a curious 3-year-old girl managed to peek under Beal's wig. Only his quick reply saved the day.

Thursday, December 2, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

Avenue.

the above address.

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"I told her one is my summer hair and the other is my winter hair."

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

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

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

Being Santa is in Beal's genes. His father, Russell, 83, who lives in Tampa, Fla, is still a Santa. His brother in Kansas also is a Santa. Beal plans to be Santa until it no longer snows in Michi-

"This is what I want to do."

Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 313-525-8814) on or before DECEMBER 3, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items: THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA Engineering services for Storm water

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of the item(s) bid. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole t and to waive any informalities when deemed in th of the City. ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk Treasurer

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PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL LAND USE

DECEMBER 1, 1998

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number

207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan of Tuesday,

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to

hear and consider public comments on the proposed carry-out restaurant located at permitted in the C-3 district as a special land use.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Special Land Use application may

be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City,

Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, November 24, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct

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Hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the above address.

part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk Treasurer

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Garden City Public Schools is soliciting bids for approx. 1,000 square yards

of carpet to be installed 12/21/98 - 12/31/98 in Garden City High School. For

bid specs. contact Richard Witkowski at (734) 762-6323. Bids will be

accepted at Garden City Public Schools Business Office, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI until 1:00 PM, Friday, November 20, 1998.

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing

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Complete specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For questions pertaining to bid specifications, please contact James Zoumbaris, Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent, at (734) 467-3242. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS,

L#63623

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# **INVITATION TO BID**

Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before Thursday, December 17, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. for the following:

Purchasing Agent City of Westland

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL LAND USE

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed single-family residential unit to be placed at \$1461 Block Road in a R-3, Multiple Family Residential District. Single family detached dwellings are permitted in the R-3 district as a special land use.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Special Land Use application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the above address.

**ALLYSON BETTIS** City Clerk-Treasurer

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LOSIOS CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM C-1 TO C-3 DECEMBER 1, 1998

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Lots 1183 to 1193 including the north 10 feet of a vacated public alley, of Folker's Garden City Acres No. 8, located at 33423 Ford Road at the southwest corner of the Farmington Road and Ford Road intersection. The 0.62 acre parcel is proposed to be rezoned from C-1, Local Business District to C-3, General Business District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the above address.

ALLYSON BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

#### CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM R-3 TO R-1 **DECEMBER 1, 1998**

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE** 

**DECEMBER 2, 1998** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a Public Hearing will be held by

the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to

hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from Section 161.023 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of an attached garage that exceeds forty percent (40%) of the floor area of the

residence by 199 square feet. The property is located at 32116 Elmwood

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the

Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000

Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Lot 27 and 28, except the east 30 feet of Lot 27 and 28, also except the north 43 feet of Lot 28 of Assessor's Folker's Little Farms Subdivision, located at 29111 Maplewood, measuring approximately 12,000 square feet. The sites are proposed to be rezoned from R-3, Multiple Family Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential...

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the above address.

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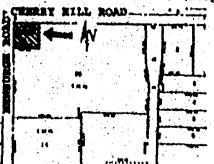
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CITY OF WESTLAND

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#2001, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Convenience Store on Parcel #058-99-0011-009, Southeast Corner of Cherry Hill and Newburgh Roads, NW-20, Ronald M. Kachman (Gregory B. Gould).



uplicanearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 1998.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman

WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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# **WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

# Teter-Mathison

Laura Catherine Mathison and James David Teter were married May 23 in Roswell, Ga. Malcolm Mathison, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony,

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Patricia Jones and Tommy Mathison, all of Florida. The groom is the son of David and Cheryl Teter of Garden City.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Florida with a master's degree in accounting. She is employed as a certified public accountant by DeWood and Richardson in Palm Beach County, Fla.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a certified public accountant by Ernst and Young LLP in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The bride asked Aimee Mathison to serve as maid of honor with Cathy Gagliardo as bridesmaid.

# Kindl-Zylik

William and Elaine Kindl of Downingtown, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jessica, to Richard Dominik Zylik, the son of Henry Zylik of Stockbridge and Phyllis Zylik of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated in 1992. She is employed at Compuware as an administrative assistant. Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

He works at Detroit Edison as a Peoplesoft consultant.

A July 1999 wedding is planned at Our Savior National Polish Catholic Church.

# Harrison-Carlisle

Karin Anne Carlisle and Stephen Russell Harrison were married July 18 at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. Mike Hazelton performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Cyndi Carlisle of Livonia. The groom is the son of Greg and Judy Harrison, also of Livo-

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in psychology/special education. She is employed by Kirksville Public Schools in Kirksville, Mo.

The groom also is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He currently is a student at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The bride asked Kara McCall to serve as matron of honor, with bridesmaids Kelly Carlisle, Christine Carlisle, Debbie Harrison and Amy Harrison.



The groom asked Don Emerson, Joe Shroat, Tom Flannery and Steve Clay to serve as his best men.

The couple received guests at the historic Naylor Hall in Roswell before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Bora Bora and Moorea in French Polynesia.

They are making their home in south Florida.





The groom asked Daryl Chamberlain to serve as best man, with Christopher Kondogiani, Aaron Carlisle, Ryan TenBrink and Scott Smith as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village, Dearborn, before leaving on honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian N.C., as a financial specialist. island of Kauai. They are making their home in Kirksville.

# Rich-Gum

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

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

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

An April wedding is planned

# Davis-Rich

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

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

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

A June wedding in Battle Creek is planned.

# Gora-Richardson

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

uate of Garden City High School. She is employed at the accounting firm of Follmer, Rudzewicz and Co.

Her fiance is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed by Consolidated Freight Co.

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

# **Roy-Treff**

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

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed at Varnum Riddering Schmidt and Howlett in Grand Rapids as a computer trainer.

Her fiance is a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed at First Union National Bank in Charlotte,

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

# Zylka-Tetiourenko

Mark Matthew Zylka and Alexandra Djosan Tetiourenko were married July 25 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton: The Rev. David Woodby performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Milenti and Lydia Djosan of Moldova. The groom is the son of Zygmund Jr. and Arleen Zylka of Canton.

The bride has a bachelor of science degree in education from Kiev State University in the Ukraine and an associate's degree in vehicle design from Macomb Community College. She is employed by Belcan Engineering in Ohio.

at St. Scholastica Church in

Detroit.

The groom has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, He is studying law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Before moving to Ohio, he was employed by General Dynamics-Land Systems in Warren.

The bride asked Charlotte Mack to be her maid of honor with Stacey Mason serving as the bridesmaid. Flower girls were Courtney Simpson and Elizabeth Schmieding.

The groom asked Eric Belasco to be his best man with Jasoli' Zylka serving as groomsman? The ring bearer was Vladimir, Tetiourenko.

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



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

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

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



employed at Allstate as a service! center manager.

A May wedding is planned at the University of Detroit Mercy.

# Hayes-O'Nell

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

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

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

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

Jennifer Bergman served as maid of honor with Shaun Hayes as best man.



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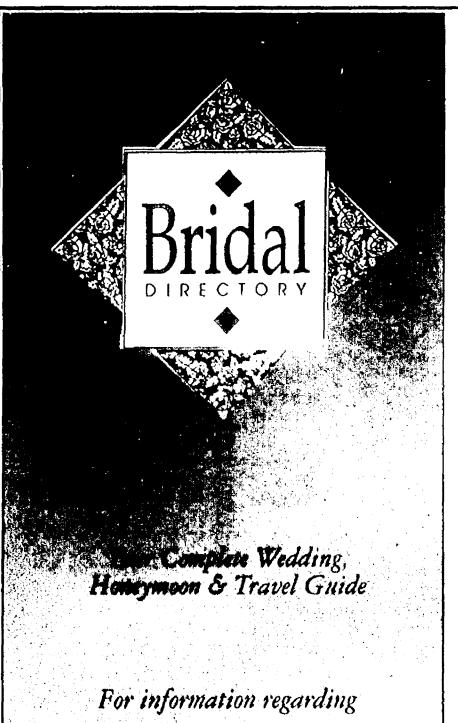
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Angels from Community Hospice Home Care Services can be inscribed for a donation to be placed on a remembrance tree in the front lobby of the Westland library Monday, Nov. 23, through Thursday, Dec. 24. To obtain an angel or more information, call (734) 522-4244.

**CRAFT SHOW** 

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is having its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Y. 827 S. Wayne south of Cherry Hill, north of Palmer. Free admission, lunch, Princess Di Beanie Baby drawing. Hourly raffle. Tables available, Call (734) 721-7044.



Santa Claus

SANTA AT MALL

Children of all ages will welcome Santa at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, as he arrives by horse and carriage outside entrance 6, just east of JC Penney at Westland Shopping Center. John Glenn High School's marching band will lead Santa and Westley Holiday Bear to West Court near-JC Penney. The Mopo Bears will join Santa and Holiday Bear with a performance of "A Very Beary . Christmas." A second performance will be conducted at 2 p.m. Digital Image Santa photographs will also be taken. Santa will be on the set 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

TREE LIGHTING

The city of Westland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony is planned for 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on the front steps of City Hall. This year's event will include Santa Claus, singing of Christmas carols and lighting of trees. After Santa arrives and the mayor gives him the key to the city, he will be at the city's main fire station, just east of City Hall for hot chocolate and cookies.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Mike Connors from the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service Organization is scheduled to speak to the Westland Democratic Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, one block east of Venoy between Palmer and Michigan

ART, CRAFTS BAZAAR

An arts and crafts bazaar sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 3323 is planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Harris-Kehrer Post 3323, 1055 South Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland. A bake sale, snack bar and raffles are planned. All proceeds go to cancer aid and

research. MARATTOON DIVIGO

A marathon binge is planned by the Harris-Kehrer 3323 auxiliary at the post 1055 S. Wayne Road from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 5. Proceeds benefit cancer aid and research. Call (734) 326-3323.

# AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK WEEK

Hudson's Westland and the Westland library celebrate National Children's Book Week through Nov. 22 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 Become an author. Kids can create their own book. No reservations required. All day Saturday, Nov.

Scavenger hunt. Pick.up a scavenger sheet in Children's, try your hand at the hunt, and win a small prize.

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 Michigan Opera Theatre's "Jack and the Beanstalk." This presentation will introduce children to the classic story with worldclass music. Call for reservations.

For all reservations, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

THE STORY LADY

The Story Lady stops by to share some of her favorites. Children's Services area. 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The riends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the

# WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS CLUB The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1091.

# SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S Suburban Children's Co-op

Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

information.

The Wayne-Westland Community School District 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 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 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, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required: Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun.

Call (313) 274-6270. 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 in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

**CHARTER SCHOOL** The Academy of Detroit-

Westland, an 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 access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA The Franklin High PTSA is

seeking 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 in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne,

Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

French; and Dr. Michael Worzniak.

MOM'S MORNING OUT Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-

0149. LIVONIA COOPERATIVE Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

# HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

A Harvest Time display and a collection of Biscuit Barrels are on exhibit through the end of November at the Westland Historical Museum. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7

p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

# **FOR SENIORS**

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

EXERCISE Musical Chairs is a new

program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult which improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632. TRAVEL GROUP

New conter: A ribbon cutting and open house were held recently at Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland, 2001 S. Merriman. Guests had an opportunity to meet staff and physi-

questions about the new site. Commemorating the opening are: David Ippel, vice president,

cians, schedule an appointment, tour the facility, obtain educational literature and ask

Ambulatory Services; Gerald Fitzgerald, president and chief executive officer; Dr. Linda

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-resi-

dents. For more informa-

tion, call (734) 722-7632. **CARD GROUP** 

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

**MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE** The Wayne Ford Civic

League for people 50 and older schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734). 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. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through 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 1 p.m. every

Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

# **CLUBS IN ACTION**

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parentbased, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S,

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI53 meets weekly: Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. For information, call Suzanne, (734) 728-8437.

PUBLIC SPEAKING The Westland Easy Talk-

ers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-

5419, anytime. **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are 8:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road in Garden City. For information, call Woody, (734) 776-3415.

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**RELIGIOUS NEWS** 

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

#### **BLOOD DONATION**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

#### **US CONCERT**

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

#### **NEWSBOYS CONCERT**

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

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

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

#### OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR

First United Methodist Church in Plymouth is hosting a "Walk Thru the Old Testament" seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Using interactive learning techniques - "mapping" the room with key Bible locations, hand movements and group recitations - this international seminar program helps people absorb and remember key characters, geography and major themes of the entire Old Testament. Separate seminars will be held for adults (seventh grade and up) and children (age 5 through sixth grade). The fee is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children. Materials are included. Participants may bring a sack lunch for the mid-day break. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

#### THE GAYLORDS

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

#### **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

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

- 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn. Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile); Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversa-

tion at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734)

# 464-3325.

CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will hold its first annual "Bowling Bash and Bite" 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, Farmington Hills, A dinner will follow 6-8 p.m. at the synagogue. The catering will be by the Pizza Gourmet Chef from the TV cooking channel. The charge is \$15 per person. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

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

#### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

The message will be delivered by the Rev. Karen C. Lewis, assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church. Special music will include a combined choir of Plymouth church members.

Worshippers are encouraged to bring food and/or monetary contributions for The Salvation

Army food shelves to be used locally during the holiday seasons.

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-0675.

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

more information, call (734) 422-0149 or visit www. gbgm-umc.

org/ newburgume First Church of Christ, Scientist, will have its Thanksgiving Day church service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Members and visitors are welcome.

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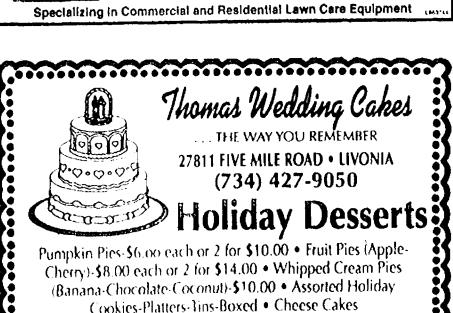
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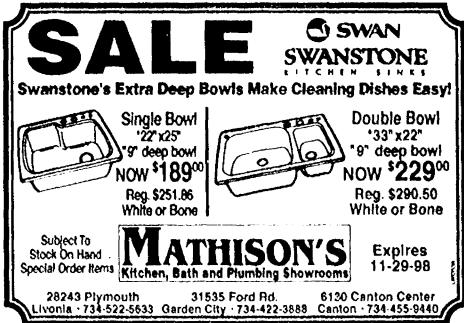
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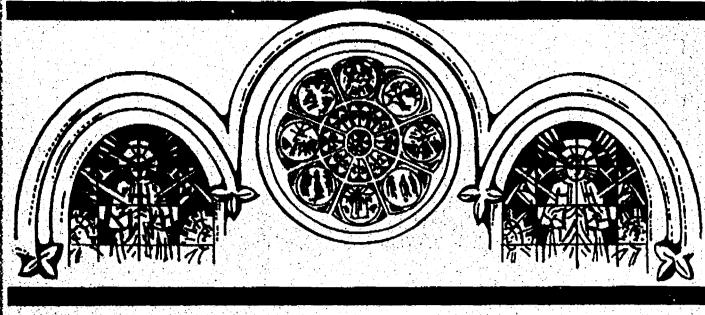
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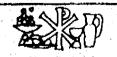
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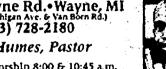
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Redford will hold a Thanksgiving worship service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road, south of I-96, Redford. People attending the service are asked to bring at least two non-perishable items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

#### SPECIAL SERVICE

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

#### TRAINING CONFERENCE

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

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

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

say they believe.

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

#### ST. ANDREW'S DAY

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

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

#### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

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

#### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

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

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

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### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

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

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

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

Tickets cost \$6 each and are available through the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (734) 425-3024.

#### **COOKIE WALK**

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

#### ADVENT RETREAT

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

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

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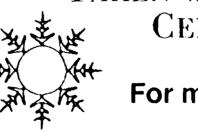
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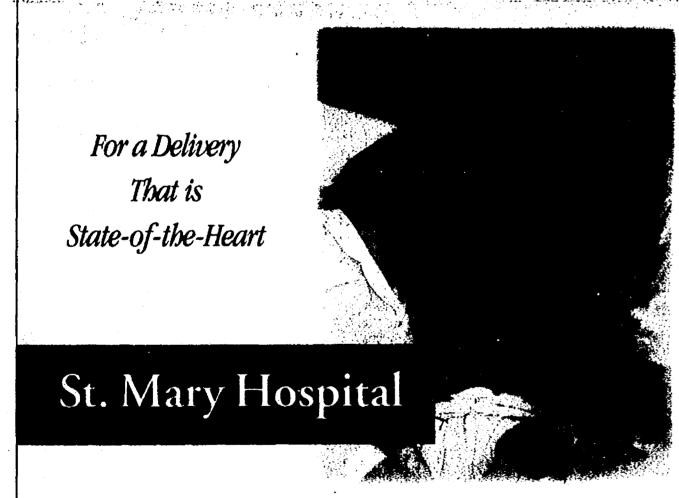
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# **NEW VOICES**

Sandy Pedersen of Garden City announces the birth of Jacob Wayne July 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandmother is Marilyn Pedersen of Garden City.

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

John and Lynn Steslicki of fronia announce the birth of Dylan John July 28 at Huron Valley Hospital of Commerce. He jpins a brother, Jake, 2-1. Grandparents are Ralph and Virginia Steslicki of Livonia, Ellen Johnaton of Northville and the late Bebert Johnston.

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

Gary and Karen Williams of ivonia announce the birth of Logan Michael July 21 at. Huron Valley Hospital of Commerce. He joins a sister, Bailey Rose, 4%, and a brother, Douglas James, 11/2. Grandparents are Leona Vogt of Livonia, James Williams of Livonia and Patrice Nestra of Clarkston.

Thomas and Michelle Raymond of Westland announce the birth of Ashlynn Rose July 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Kayla, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Shirley Bowling and Mark and Diane Siira, all of Westland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

John and Peggy Zassadney of Redford Township announce the birth of Brittany Louise July 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, James, 8, and

Michael 6. Grandparents are Frank and Barbra Zassadney and Kathleen Templin, all of Detroit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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David Mullikin and Robin Padgett of Redford announce the birth of Cameron Reese Mullikin July 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Cameron joins siblings Shane Padgett, 11, and Jessica and Dylan Mullikin, 10 and 7, respectively. Grandparents are Bill and Judy Padgett of Dearborn Heights and Kathy-Williams of Freeland.

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

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

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





# Remembering veterans

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

BY MARY RODRIQUE STAFF WRITER mrodrique@oe.homecomm.net

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

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

residence of Farmington Hills. Looking at the posters, Arnold

he was wounded.

J. Weingart, 78, of Livonia was from the National Archives. transported back to another era.

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

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

Japanese would shoot the amphibious vehicles out of the water.

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

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

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

The poster collection was pro-

vided courtesy of active local World War II Navy veteran Jack Curd. "I started my personal collec-

also bring the wounded back to tion for the 50th anniversary commemoration of World War II," Curd said. "The Defense Weingart recalled how the Department sent some of them. I went to Washington and they gave me a lot. Some I received as gifts and others I purchased from the National Archives."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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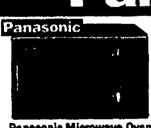
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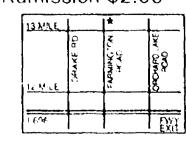
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Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

#### NEW REDFORD HALL

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

#### PRCUA SYRENA

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

#### ST. VALENTINE

The Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's seventh annual holiday craft shop will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 in the activities building, Hope Street at Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. There also will be two holiday raffles, one with prizes of a 27-inch television and Detroit Red Wings tickets, and a separate Beanie Baby raffle. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825.

# HARRIS-KEHRER VFW

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

#### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

P.J. at (734) 721-6304.

Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a Christmas craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

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

# PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER

The Christmas Arts and Crafts Show is returning to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

# SENIOR HOUSE

Senior House of Livonia will have its 10th annual holiday craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the retirement home, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth and raffle. For more information, call Madeline at (734) 425-3050.

#### LIVONIA CIVIC PARK

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

#### WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA

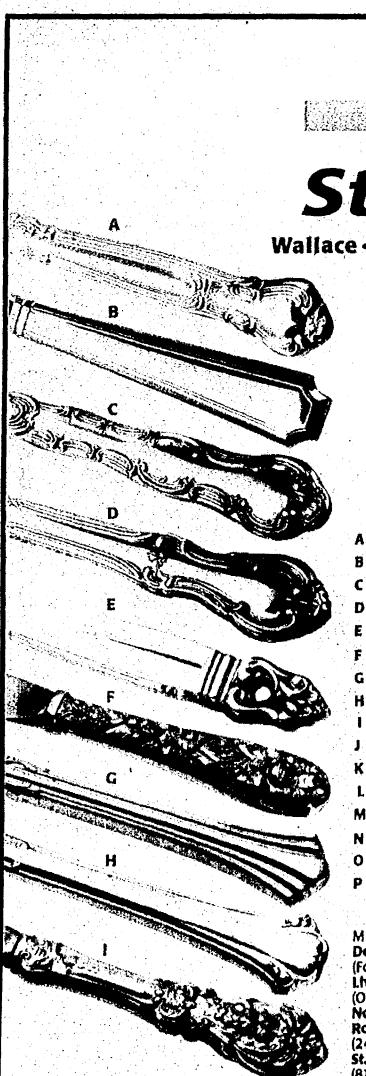
Crafters are needed for the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA's annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For an application or more information, call (734) 721-7044.

#### ST. THOMAS A' BECKET

St. Thomas a' Becket Women's Club will have its ninth annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. There will be more than 75 crafters, hourly raffles, bake sale and lunch. Admission will be \$1, seniors 50 cents and children under 12 free. The building is wheelchair accessible and

# strollers are welcome. MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

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



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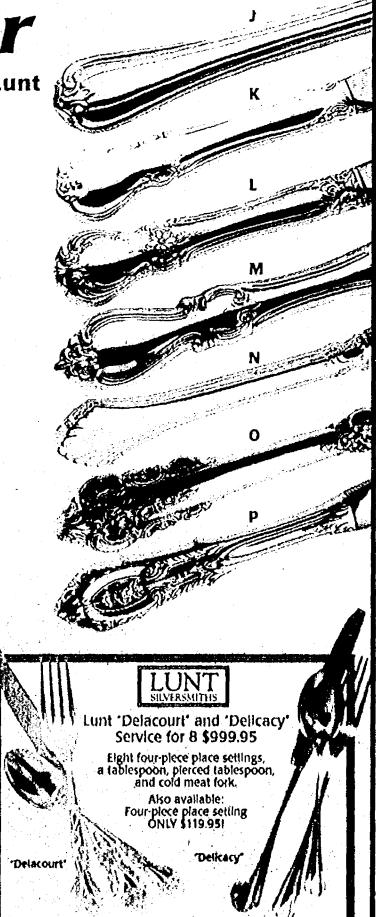
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# McFarlane issues new action figures

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

ToyFare Magazine has hailed the line as "a monumental toymaking achievement."

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

The Creech from Greg Capullo's comic book of the same name, is a genetically engineered super-soldier gone awry and has a monstrous physique with nine bendable tentacles and snap-on guns.

The Heap, recently reintroduced in the Spawn comic book, is a menacing mound of garbage.

A deluxe-boxed figure, Cy-Gor 2, features interchangeable hands, real chains and a removable chest cavity that reveals a cyber-chimp.

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

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

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

# Jewelry expert set to speak

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

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

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

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

# Farmington OWL hosts holiday brunch, auction

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

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

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

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

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and I do. I'm really thrilled with the results."

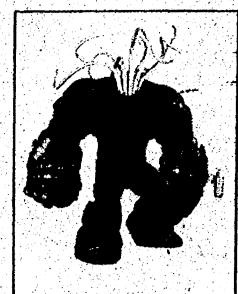
Each of the figures will be packaged in a diorama from the pages of their respective comic books and will be boxed in special packaging. Mary comes with a brick-wall

from Sin City.

toy," Miller said. "But it's also draws and publishes Spawn, the 'hilarious' if you have the same No.-1-selling comic book in the kind of sick humor that Todd United States. McFarlane Toys is the fifth-largest action figure manufacturer in the United

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





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# Redford teen earns Gold Award

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Bridget McCann** 

Employed by Ameritech, Tell was honored by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Ameritech in April as a 1998 Corporate Volunteer of the Year.

"Girls are our future, and being able to help them to meet their goals is what I am here for," said Tell of her Girl Scout involvement. "I enjoy seeing the girls mature and become independent young women."



Tell credits her husband, Greg, and daughter, Quin, both of whom are registered Girl Scouts, for their active participation in Girl Scouting.

Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth-largest Girl Scout council in the United States. It provides leadership development opportunities for more than 40,000 girls in most of Wayne and Oakland counties.



# Zonta of Northwest has new leaders

Locally, Zonta of Northwest

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County has a new slate of officers.

Leading the organization are Sally Randall of Livonia as president, Hasi Cislo of Westland as vice president, Barbara Mansfield of Livonia as secretary, Kathleen Diggs of Plymouth as treasurer and Evelyn Shuput of Highland, Mary Bowersock of Plymouth and Diane Oakley of Livonia as directors.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of women executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political and professional status of women

Wayne County supports Seedlings, Braille Books for Children, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, Greenmead Historical Village, the Wayne County Shelter for Families, environmental projects and Zonta Leadership Camp in addition to international sponsorships, such as UNICEF and

Amelia Earhart scholarships. An upcoming fund-raiser includes the annual Koeze Nuts sale for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information on the fund-raisers, call Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374 or Candy Martin

at (248) 348-1410.

Three local club members are attending the international convention that will be held in Paris, France. Participating are Sylvia Vukmirovich, a counselor at Schoolcraft College, and Barbara Mansfield and Kathleen Diggs, club delegates.

For Young Women in Public Affairs. a candidate is selected based on a demonstrated commitment to their school, community or the world. The young women have not begun their careers, and their awards are based on accomplishments and

# Students become spiritual 'pioneers'

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

The international university and college conference was sponsored by the First Church of Christ. Scientist, in Boston. Mass., and attracted participants from 39 countries.

Attending were Corey Rea and Matt Riley of Plymouth and Kyle Herrmann of Northville who accepted the conference's invitation to become pioneers in humanity's increasing search for spirituality.

"If the focus of the 20th century has been on outer space, the focus of this (new) century will be on inner space," George Gallup, chairman of Gallup International Institute, to the conference participants. "If our country and our world are less sexist, less racist, less polluted, more peace-loving and more technically minded, then we owe a lot to young people, because in surveys conducted over the last 20 years, it is young people who have been on the leading edge of all these encouraging trends."

For decades, secularism and materialism have actively pushed spirituality out of such disciplines as medicine, physics, education and ethics, but recent research shows that interest in spirituality is not only resurfacing, it is intensifying, hence the spiritual millennium, according to information brought out at the conference.

During talks, panel discussions, break-out sessions and question and answer periods, the students learned how to use their innate intuition, enthusiasm, ideals and faith to respond to humanity's search for spiritu-

Participants found that their most important tools are the same ones used by Jesus Christ - spiritual understanding, an ability to see God's presence in daily life, a willingness to help others to see it and an allembracing love.

They also discussed how to sharpen their tools, making use of the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scrip. tures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

Exploring Jesus' command to love one another, Olga Chaffee, a member of the Christian Science Board of Directors, told the gathering that as important as a world has," she said. "Until we worldwide dialogue on spirituality, the most important responsibility is to love.

"That's the only hope this

get that straight, until we can look at each other and our hearts just melt in a puddle of love, we're not going to make much headway."

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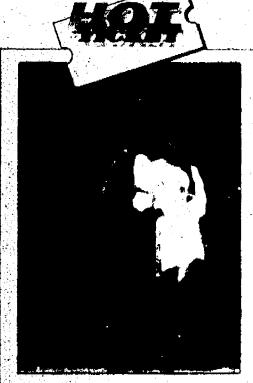
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Learn more about our nation's Native American heritage at the sixth Annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at the Novi/Walled Lake, Exit 162. Admission \$6, children age two and younger, free.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



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



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

# delivers Christian pop to Palace

By Christina Fuoco STAPP WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

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

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

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

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

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

"They just said, Yeah, OK. Whatever,' A year and a half later WHO: Newsboys, Third Day and The

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 WHERE: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

HOW: Tickets are \$20 reserved. Groups of 10 or more receive a \$5 discount. For more information, call (248) http://www.palacenet.com. The Newsboys' website is http://www.news-

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

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

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

The quartet was impressed with Frankenstein and offered him a job with the band.

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

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

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

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

# **Grassroots following**

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

"The tour's been great. It's real-Please see NEWSBOYS, E2



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

# String quartet supports classics and causes

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

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

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

The Emerson Quartet with Setzer and Eugene Drucker on violin, Lawrence Dutton

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

WHERE: Rackham Auditorium. 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor on the campus of the University of Michi-

WHEN: 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. TICKETS: \$18-\$32. Call (734) 764-2538 or outside the 734 and 313 area codes, call 800-221-1229.

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

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

internationally as one of the finest in the world. Setzer and Drucker, who take turns on first violin, started play-1 ing together in 1970 in what Setzer calls "a pretty good student quartet." The Emerson, named after Ralph Waldo Emerson, was founded in the Bicentennial year of 1976. Dutton joined the group in 1977 and David Finckel joined in 1979.

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

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

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# **COMMUNITY THEATER**

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

BY KEELY WYGONIK kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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

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

Marci Urbaniak, a Churchill High School grad, is one of Stephan's "bodOn Stage

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

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

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

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

Talking to the cast isn't as good as being able to show them, but Stephan lenge. We've got limited space, and had trouble getting guys to fill the roles. One of the guys just joined the cast three weeks ago."

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

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

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

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Chorus Line."



Rehearsing: Christine Maurer of Troy portrays Cassie in "A

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

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

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

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

Sweeny, an evangelist turned nightclub singer, jilted by Billy, is the secret object of the English Lord's desire. Throw in some criminals on the lam, a clueless mother, and a bumbling boss, and you have a recipe for humor and comic mayhem.

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

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

Wall Street Crash of '29. Reno ing lady. Somewhere along the line, gentility became confused with lack of spirit. Hope Harcourt needs to be played with more vivaciousness and energy.

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

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

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

street smarts and sexiness. Her other half, Moonface Martin, played by Marc Rosati, provided genuine comic relief with well delivered one-liners, physical humor and great timing.

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

the other hand, left much to be desired. The big tap number, "Anything Goes" a the end of the first act, was not very impressive. Reno had little choreography to work with during her opening number, "I Get A Kick Out of You," and the closing number, "Anything Goes," seemed anti-climatic, as if the cast was out of energy.

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

dresses did them a grave injustice. The short Chinese covert's gab that Billy stole to escape the brig, fit his taller frame way too well - at least the pants should have looked too short. A shakv spotlight that didn't always follow the performers also detracted from some of the solos and duets.

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

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

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

Frankeustein chalks up his band's ability to sell a respectable amount of tickets to the Newsboys' grassroots following, which helped push sales of 1996's "Take Me To Your Leader" (Virgin) past the 500,000 mark.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Furler acted as producer and about these things and you the quintet - which also includes guitarist/vocalist/bassist Jody

Phil Joel, and drummer/percussionist/vocalist Duncan Phillips - mixed the album themselves.

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

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

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

Frankenstein rolls into Detroit as often as he can.

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

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

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a lighter Mozart work.

Mozart has written an unusual work that gives a larger responsibility to the cello," Setzer said in a telephone interview from his home in New Jersey. "It's not just a bass line but a character in the piece. He also gives more responsibility to the second violin and the violist, a more equal role than in quartets before this. It's a real equality, a conversation, like a mini opera and each instrument is a character in the opera."

Setzer said the piece was more "purified and pristine," a work distilled down to the essentials.

The Shostakovich piece, on the other hand, was written in 1944 and conveys the grimness of those times in Russia. Setzer said the work has a symphonic quality to it.

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

Setzer said Shostakovich defied Soviet authority in many

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

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

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

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

ing over the years to watch how the relationship with Pressler has developed from teacher-student to musical equals. The Brahms' piece is dramatic, stormy and "in a very dark key."

Setzer said the slow movement is one of Brahms' most beautiful creations. This year the quartet has been playing Beehoven works with 20th century pieces. The recording of the Beethoven cycle was

one of the group's most ambitious projects. "Beethoven, especially for us, it's like an actor doing the complete works of Shakespeare. Beethoven is the most important part of what we do," Setzer said. "We did a lot of performances, taping performances, analyzing what was working and what wasn't. A lot of people don't lis-

ten to themselves enough." The violinist said he is an optimist about the future of classical music despite the decline in classical recording.

"There will always be people who will fight for it," he said.

The Emerson Quartet also fights for social causes they support from nuclear disarmament to fighting AIDS and world hunger.

"My feeling is that everyone should be involved. We all have responsibilities. We are all responsible for social issues." Setzer said. "We're very fortunate to be in a position where we can play concerts to raise funds and sign our names to add support."

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

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

Urbaniak, who recently gradu-

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

What she likes about "A Chorus Line" is "that it can't be done wrong. It's about what you give up for your art," said Urbaniak. "What you'll see is a nice, honest, genuine performance."

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

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

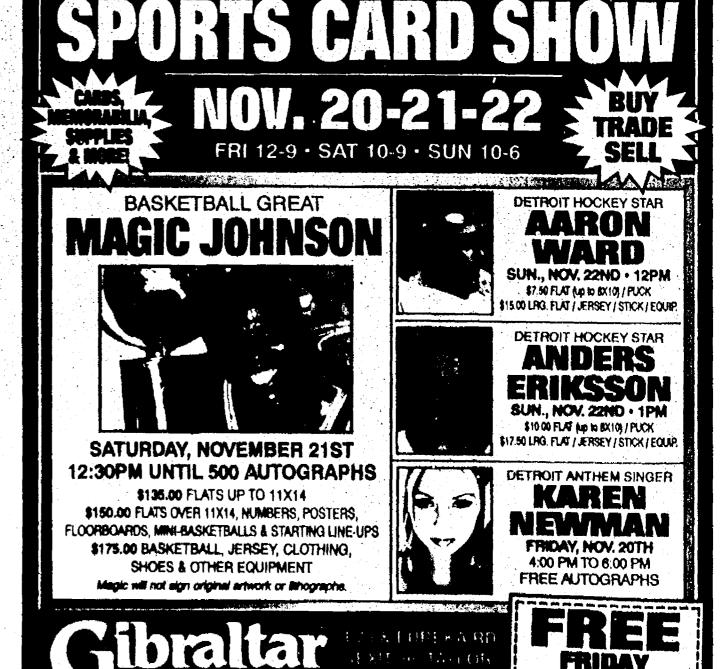
In their own way, every person in the cast of "A Chorus Line" loves the business, and all have made sacrifices to be on stage. When rehearsals began, Stephan said she made everyone talk about themselves, and what they liked best whether it was singing or dancing. "They came away from 'A Chorus Line'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



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# Detroit Rep raises veil of liturgy

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

By Frank Provenzano Staff Writer

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

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

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

Yet in the case of "Unto the



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day Last Supper.

is played by Robert Grossman, a

versatile actor who shows up fre-

quently in Meadow Brook The-

an impious swagger and sar-

casm, and from scene to scene,

seems to be trying to figure out

the emotional intensity of the

story. Not an easy task since the

playwright forsakes dramatic

pacing for preaching, and worse,

attempts several plot twists to

set up the ultimate metaphor

whereby the play's 13 characters

assume positions at a modern-

While the topic of faith, lan-

Grossman plays the role with

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

Drama:

guage and the mystery of life Altar of God" even a talented cast cannot salvage a script with make for a fascinating idea for the drama, the application of the one too many quick turns and idea comes off as a tiresome gim-The Monsignor Rene LaFarve mick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 'She Loves Me' nothing but fun, romance

Village Players of Birmingham, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham, presents the musical "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 20-21 and 27,28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 22. Tickets \$14, \$12 students, call (248) 644-2075.

BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

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

Too bad! "She Loves Me," taken from the movie "Little Shop Around The Corner" with Jimmy Stewart is hardly a cross between "Fiddler" and "Cabaret.

It has none of the realism, cynicism, or lessons to be learned. It is a soap opera tale about life in an Eastern European perfumery where life resembles the used-tobe cosmetic department of downtown Hudson's in its heyday, before downsizing and implosions. While this show is not the Chanel No. 5 of musicals, it isn't the drug store variety of Charlie

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

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

Mistry's diverse acting skills have earnest appeal. When the two are on stage together, there is magic.

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

In the story, Amalia who is searching for a little romance in her life, answers a "personal" ad in the paper. When she applies for a job at the perfumery, she doesn't know that the manager, Georg is her amorous pen pal. Their relationship is further complicated by the irritable perfumery owner Maraczek. John Picho plays him more like a nice guy than a stressful boss and

sings about love in "Days Gone

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

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

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

tive to the ear and the eye." The Village Players got it right!

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Ad Altare Del (Unto the Altar of God)." John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

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The 20th anniversary production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita," through Nov. 22, at the theater, 500 Temple Avenue, Detroit. \$30-\$55. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132/(313) 832-2232

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE "A Christmas Carol," Saturday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

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OU THEATRE SERIES "Artist Descending a Staircase" and "Albert's Bridge," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors and OU employees, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

UD MERCY THEATRE COMPANY An evening of the compelling work of the masterful Russian playwright "Chekhov," through Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Earl D.A. Smith Studio Theatre on the McNichols Campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 students/seniors/UD Mercy employees, alumni. (313) 993-1130

UM SCHOOL OF MUSIC The Department of Theater and Drama presents "Blood Wedding" by Federico Gercia Lorca, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WOU HILDERRY THEATRE "Scapin," Mollere's tale of intrigue and slapstick runs in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, at the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-

WSU STUDIO THEATRE Sam Shepard's psychological mystery "Geography of a Horse Dreamer," Thursday Sunday, Nov. 19-22, at the theater ocated downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

#### COMMUNITY THEATER SIRNINGHAM YILLAGE PLAYERS

The musical "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students. (248) 644-2075

PARNINGTON PLAYERS

"A Tune Christmas" cornedy by Eq. Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 20-21 and Nov. 27-28; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 MHe Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955 PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," 8 p.m.

Fridays-Seturdays, Nov. 20-21 and 27-28, and co.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of 1-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads (on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital). Northville, \$11 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-7110 BALL PLAYERS

"Twetve Angry Jurors," 8 p.m.: turday, Nov. 20-21, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the thester, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Elvernois and Crooks roads, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/stu-



On a mission: The charming con man Dimitri (Canadian champion Sebastien Britten) arrives on the scene in St. Petersburg determined to find a young girl to play the part of Anastasia so he can collect the reward offered by the Dowager Empress Marie in the figure skating spectacular, "Anastasia on Ice."

# 'Anastasia on Ice' brings movie to life

Canadian figure skating champion Sebastien Britten misses his family and friends in Montreal, but is enjoying the role he plays in "Anastathrough Sunday, Nov. 22 at Games in Lillehammer. Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. "He's a really interesting character," said Britten who pertrays Dimitri in the ice skating spectacular based on the 1997 animated film "Anastasia." "It's basically the same thing as the movie. This show is not only for kids, it's really a skating show."

Britten earned 12 out of 14 perfect scores to win the gold

medal at the 1998 Professional Figure Skating World Championship, and top honors at the American Open. also in 1998. In 1994 he took sia on Ice," continuing 10th place at the Olympic

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

ful Rasputin: Scott Irvine of the U.S. as Dimitri's hefty henchman, Vladimir; and the acclaimed Russian pair team Marat and Marina Akbarov.

"Anastasia on Ice" is a first-time collaboration between Feld Entertainment and 20th Century Fox. Performances are scheduled 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, with additional shows at noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, ure skaters are Florentine and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Tickets are (\$30 rinkside, \$17.50, \$15.50 and \$12.50). Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606.

dents for Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS \*The Sisters Rosenweig,\* the hilariously philosophic tale of three Brooklyn-born sisters in staid London and their romantic escapades, 8 p.m.Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Old Redford. \$10, all seats reserved. (313)

537-7716/(313) 532-4010 STAGECRAFTERS THEATRE

"The Heiress," by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, runs on the Main Stage, through Nov. 29 at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak, Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and Thursday, Nov. 19; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Tickets \$10 and \$12 reserved. Senior/student discounts Thursday and Sunday performances, call (248) 541-6430

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

\*Sister Camille's Kaleidoscopic Cabaret," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 22, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, \$10 non-members, \$8 members. The show contains language and subject matter that may be inappropriate for children. (734) 464-6302

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Mame" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 and 29, 21730 Madison (near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Dr.) Dearborn. Tickets \$14, call (313) 561-

# YOUTH

EMILI THEATRE

"Ghost of the River House," an 11-year old and her grandfather search for adventure in this play by Max Bush of Michigan, for ages seven and up, 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday, Nov. 21-22 and Dec. 5, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4.5, at the Quirk Theatre, on the Eastern Michigan University campus in Ypsilanti, \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday matinees. (734) 487-1221

KIDR KONCERT

"Odd Bookins," a full stage, life-size pupper production presented by Hip. Squeak Productions, for children ages 4-10, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Seturday, Nov. 21, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road, \$3,25, (248) 424-9022

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Cinderella," Nov. 14-Jan. 3. at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 14, 21 and 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Jan. 2; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 15, 22 and 29, Dec.

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

**NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE** Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 21 and 28 and Dec. 12 and 19, at the Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, between Eight and Nine Mile, Southfield.(248) 552-7000/(248) 552-1225

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "Cinderella," Saturdays Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. \$7.50, \$6,50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118 WILD SWAN THEATER

In collaboration with Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village presents "The Cricket in Times Square," 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Townsley Auditorium, Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College. Performances continue at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village Wednesday, Dec. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 2. \$8, \$6 children, (734) 763 TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Troy Marriott Hote, on Big Beaver between Livernois and I-75, \$5, \$15 readings. (248) 528-2610 "CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DINNER"

Featuring Italian dinner of Penne with Marinara Sauce, Linguine with White Clam Sauce, Chicken Piccata, antipasto, soup, salad, and spumoni, 5-11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Italian American Banquet Facility, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. \$36. (248) 349-8880 "DEEP LISTENING FESTIVAL 3:

MICHIGAN AVANT-GARDE MUSIC"

Featuring Ben Bracken (9 p.m.), Tribe 2 with Mikhai Caldwell (9:45 p.m.), Music Color Composers Orchestra (11 p.m.), and Immigrant Suns with Eugene Chadbourne (midnight) Thursday, Nov. 19; Ben Hall and Jason Shearer (9) p.m.), Street Band (9:45 p.m.), Vizitors (11:15 p.m.), and Remote Viewing Ensemble (12:30 a.m.) Friday, Nov. 20; (10 p.m.), Northwoods Improvisers (11 p.m.), and Faruq Z. Bey and Speaking in Tongues (12:30 n.m.) Seturday, Nov.

21; and free improvijam session, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8 per evening, \$24 for Thursday-Saturday shows, \$5 for Sunday, (248) 645-6666 or http://www.golddollar.com (variety) GREENBERG'S TRAIN AND TOY SHOW 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$5, \$2 children ages 6-12. (248) 348-5600 or www.green-

bergshows.com KWANZAA FEST

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

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

Featuring fine American antiques, country furnishings and folk art, 2-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, \$4 with any ad or listing, \$5 regular admission. One paid admission Is good for all three days, (810) 469-1706/(810) 465-9441 or http://www.antiqnet.com/M&M

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

BENEFITS

AMERICA'S THANKSQIVING PARADE Pre-parade activities are 7:15-8 a.m., with the parade beginning at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson avenues, Detroit. Free. \$15 grandstand seating available at Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6668 COBO CARNIVAL

Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 n.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Seturday, Nov. 27-28, Friday Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and Seturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit, Free admission but a charge for rides and games. \$15 rideall-day wristband, (313) 877-8111 HOS NOSSLE GOUGLE "Hob Nobble Gobble: A Decade of

Delights," a black-tie fundralser for America's Thanksgiving Parade featuring a dinner buffet, music by The Temptations, a full-scale midway, complete with games, rides and family entertainment, 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. \$350 for adults. \$200 children ages 6 and younger. \$500 patron tickets. (313) 923-7400

Holiday Magic show with magician Don Jones, Saturday, Nov. 28, the Royal Oak Kimbail High School Auditorium. (248) 569-4670/(800) 348-0112 TEDDY BEAR BRUNCH Featuring The Amazing Clark, Clownin' by Flutterby, magician Chris Linn, ventriloquist Richard Paul, and The Festival of Trees, 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center.

ROYAL OAK KIWANIS CLUB

Detroit. \$10, \$8 children younger than 12, includes admission to The Festival of Trees. Benefits Children's Hospital of Detroit. (248) 650-8733

#### FAMILY EVENTS

"FESTIVAL OF TREES"

Features 100 exquistely designed trees, all for sale, opens 10 a.m. daily Nov. 22-29, at Cobo Center, Detroit, \$7. \$5 seniors 60 and over, \$3 children ages 2-12. Gala black-tie optional preview party 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 (\$125), complimentary champagne reception 6-7 p.m. Nov. 21 (\$175, \$225). (313) 966-TREE or

http://www.metroguide.com/fot NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL AND POW

Dancers, musicians and singets from several tribes perform, crafts, culsine,10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Novi Expo Center, at I-96 and Novi-Walled Lake exit. \$6, free for ages two and under. (248) 352-0990 MINIATURES & DOLL HOUSES SHOW 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at

Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, \$4, \$1.50 children under 12. (502) 423-STAR TEDDY BEAR SHOW AND SALE 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road,

Ann Arbor. \$4, \$1.50 children under 12. (502) 423-STAR

CLASSICAL

NOONTIME CONCERT

Mezzo-soprano Barbara Alexander sings songs from the musical "Ragtime," 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Livonla Civic Center Library Atrium, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington. Free. (734) 466-2491 **OAKLAND UNIVERSITY** 

Student chamber concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 In the Varner Recital Hall, on the campus in Rochester. Free. (248) 370-3013

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "All American" concert with guest conductor Anthony lannaccone in a premiera of his composition

"Recollections," also performances by vocalists Glenda Kirkland and Conwell Cerrington, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (734) 451-2112

# ACCORDION

JEAN-LOUIS NOTON

Concert of classical, Jazz, Latin, French, and Rock and Roll by the French accordion artist, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Arriva Restaurant, 6880 East 12 Mile, between Mound and Van Dyke, Warren. \$15, \$10 students. (313) 563-

POPS/SWING

THE BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (big. band)

ARETHA FRANKLIN With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$30-\$125. (313) 576-5111

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA With Big Barn Combo, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebett Road), Westland, \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Benefits National Cancer Society, 18 and older, (734) 513-5030; Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$6, 19 and older, (734) 996-

8565 (swing) PAUL KLINGER'S EASY STREET SWINGTET

5-8 p.m. Fridays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$2, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 JOHNNY KNORR

With his 12-piece orchestra and vocaliste, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25, Includes dancing, and dinner of chicken breast marsala, twice baked potatoes, two

pastas, sugar snap peas, salad, rolls, coffee, tes, and chef's choice dessert. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415 STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Kari's,

9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, Free.

21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing)

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOP

AVON PLAYERS "YOUTH THEATRE" Workshop on "How to Audition" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Youth Theatre is open to all 6th to 12th graders, \$20 membership fee, \$3 for lunch; auditions for "The Wizard of Oz." 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-9, at the playhouse, 1185 Tineken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, For performances Jan. 29-31.

(248) 693-9392 FARMINGTON PLAYERS Auditions for six mend and two women for "The Fantasticks," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Barn, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 356-8904 FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY Holds auditions 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 in the Dance Studio on the lower level of the Athletic Building at Henry Ford

Dearborn. (313) 845-6314 YOUTHEATHRE Youtheatre needs eight volunteer ushers for children's programs at the Music Hall in Detroit. Call Larry Loyer (313) 962-4214 or

Community College, 5101 Evergreen,

http://www.youtheatre.org

CHORAL/

BARBERSHOP

"AN EVENING OF BARBERSHOP

QUARTET" Featuring the Huron Valley Harmonizers Chorus, The Detroit Sound Company, Lyric, Chordiology, and Boy's Night Out, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$10. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org OAKLAND CHORAL SHOWCASE Featuring Oakland University's Oakland Choral and University Chorus, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Varner Recital Hall. Oakland University, Walton Soulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors and OU employees, \$5 stu-

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DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

dents. (248) 370-3013

(trumpet/plano/bass) ALLEN BARNES TRIO Performs during Sunday brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Highway, at 12 Mile Road, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

GEORGE BENSON TRIO Performs during Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson Ave., at Nine Mile Road, St. Clair

Shores. (810) 498-3000 **GARY BLUMER TRIO** 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Nov. 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(plano/bass/drum) **RON BROOKS TRIO** 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann

Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 662-**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** With Aretha Franklin, performs works

from Leonard Bernstein, William Grant Still, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie. 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 upper balcony, \$50 mid balcony, \$75 main floor B and the dress circle, \$125 main floor, \$150 box seats, (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAZZ JAM 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 FUNKHOUSE TRIO 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20,

SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. (313) 832-3010 FUNKTELLIGENCE 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, as part of

Mood Indigo night, Bird of Paradise. 207 S, Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 CHARLIE GABRIEL Performs during Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, Fishbone's

Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 400 Monroe St., In the International Center Building. Detroit's Greektown. (313) 965-4600 HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO 6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn. 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novl. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Free. 21 and older (248) 223-1700 (acid jazz)

(vocal/plano/bass)

KATHY KOSINS TRIO 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHEILA LANDIS With Rick Matie, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All eges. (248) 737-0110 MASCHINA

With Funkteiligence and Polgnant Plecostomus, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20. AMn's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

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HAROLD MCKINNEY Planist performs 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Highway, at 12 Mile Road, Southfield, (248) 351-2925 **MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY** 

(M.A.S.) 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21, and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Nov. 20 and 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass) **OU VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, Varner Recital

Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors and OU employees, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013 **DANILO PEREZ TRIO** 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ROBERT PIPHO DUO 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages.

(313) 831-3838 JOE SAMPLE 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

\$35, \$27.50 and \$21.50, reserved cabaret seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 SPYRO GYRA

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46, \$60 box seats. (313) 576-

http://www.detroitsymphony.com URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 PAMELA WISE

Planist performs, 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Highway, at 12 Mile Road, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

**PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

ALEXANDER ZONJIC 9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 20-21, and Nov. 27-28, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-

# WORLD MUSIC

AFRO-RICAN ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (Caribbean/Cha-Cha)

ANTHONY B. AND HALF PINT 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, 18 and older, (313) 833-9700 (roots and culture reggae)

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

645-6666. (Irish) JIM BUCKINGHAM 9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 20 and 27, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (Irish folk) GERARD EDERY ENSEMBLE

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

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

LUDDITES 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

PINO MARELLI 7 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 19 and 26 and 8 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 20 and 27, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Benedetto's 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (810) 790-1010 (Italian/Spanish)

# FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**BLUE TANGO** 

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

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.e2erk.org

WIL HOPPEY Performs 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 to promote this thrid album "places," at

Borders Books and Music, Farmington Hills. THE LEWIS FAMILY

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20. Oakland Community Cottege's Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road.

Waterford. \$10. (248) 360-3186 (bluegrass/gospel) PETER OSTROUSHKO

With Dean Magraw, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50, \$11.50 members, students, seniors. All ages, (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD "AN EVENING OF IRISH MYTHS,

LEGENDS AND FOLKTALES" Featuring Richard Marsh and the music of Inis Ceol, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River Ave. (one block west of Telegraph Road). \$8. (248) 542-5800 or http://indigo.le/~legends RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Featuring the Rockettes, 70 performances from Friday, Nov. 27-Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$52.50. (248) 845-6668

DANCE

AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at Oakland University, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-3013

"COUNTRY CLASS" Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Plymouth Elks, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-2207 **DANCE PARTY** 

Hosted by the Detroit Opera House Young Professionals and Hour Detroit, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, featuring the Ohio Players, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$100. (313) 961-

**FOURTH FRIDAY FLING** Advanced contra dance with callers Peter Baker and music by Debble Jackson, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor, \$8, (734) 665-8863 "THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER" Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-Dec. 6, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.\$15-\$50 for Friday-Sunday performances, \$12-\$45 for Wednesday and Thursday performances. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or

### COMEDY

http://www.ums.org

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Lowell Sanders, from the movie "Jungle to Jungle," Tim Lilly and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21 (\$12); Leo DuFour, Chris Zito from radio station WPLT (8 p.m. Saturday only), Tim Rolands and Rich Higginbottom, Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$12), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5).

(734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Chas Elstner, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 (\$8, \$20.95); Mike Green, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 (\$6), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313)

584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Lewis Black, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12); Darwin Hines, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Billy Ray Bauer and J.R. Remick, Thursday, Nov. 19; and The Amazing Jonathan and J.R. Remick, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22 (\$17.50 Friday-Saturday, \$15 Sunday); John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 25-29, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6), Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

#### POPULAR MUSIC

9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) BACK DOOR BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bad Frog. 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 624-9400 (blues) **BLACK BEAUTY** 

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland, Cover charge, 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rockabilly)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With The Peasants, Maggi Pierce, E.J.,

and Cylinderhead, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, Blind Plg. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Free, 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 (variety) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B) THE BOOGIEMEN

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixle Highway, Clarkston. Free, 21 and older, (248) 625-3900 (blues)

CALLIN' MARVIN 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

**SUSAN CALLGWAY** With Michelle Penn and Barb Payton, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com (pop) PAUL CAREY'S BLUE BAND 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson Ave., at Nine Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. (810) 498-3000 (blues)

CENTRIFUSE With Superfiction, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontlac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) CHEAP TRICK

6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door, \$75 three-day pass includes ticket to all three concerts, participation in a question and answer session with the band on Nov. 26, and a limited edition souvenir laminate and commemorative poster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) BLAKE CHEN

With The Gentlemen, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, \$5 suggested donation for adults and students. (734) 327-2041 CHICAGO RHYTHM AND BLUES KINGS Formerly known as the Mellow Fellows, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in. advance, \$10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (Jump blues) CHRONIC STREET

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (rock)

CIRCUS MCGIRKUS With Taproot and Face, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Bilind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

GEORGE CLINTON AND THE P-FUNK ALL

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cancelled. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (funk) JAMES CLOYD GROUP Hosts electric blues jam, 9 p.m. Thursdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues) JOANNA CONNOR

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues) CRACKER

8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.99music.com (rock) THORNETTA DAVIS AND THE CHISEL

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28,

Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues) DAYS OF THE NEW 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cancelled. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock) **DEMOLITION DOLL RODS** With The Light Strikes and The Go, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag. 22920

Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themaglcbag.com (rock) TIM DIAZ Keyboardist for Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 10 p.m. Friday,

Nov. 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free, 21 and older, 9313) 886-8101 (rock) DRIZZLE With Terrapin, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20,

JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock) **DUNGBEATLES** 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Bo's

Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6200 (pop) **GLEN EDDIE** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, Free, 21 and older,

(248) 625-3900 (blues) ELIZA 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave.,

Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Smitty's, 220 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

With Eloise, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older, (248) 349-9110; Hosts acoustic blues Jam, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or

http://www.siskos.com (R&B) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28. Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free, All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B) FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novl. Free. 21

and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock) FORCE OF HABIT With Krank, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge, 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

FOUR GUYS DRINKING BEER 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (blues) **FOURTH FUNKTION** 

With Switch and Sunday Afternoon, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) **GANG GREEN** 

6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk) THE GHETTOBILLIES

With Quasar Wut-Wut and Gravity Well, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) COREY GLOVER

Former lead singer of Living Colour, with Mr. Freedom X and 60 Second Crush, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

GODSMACK 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

"AMY GRANT CHRISTMAS" With Grant, Michael W. Smith, CeCe Winans and the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$24.50, \$27.50, \$34.50, and \$39.50. All ages. Groups of 10 or more receive \$3 off the ticket price. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (Christian)

**GRAVITY KILLS** With Econoline Crush, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$10 in advance, All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) G.R.R.

9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 988-1357; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

JOHN HIATT ... 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Cancelled. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610 (pop) LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, All ages. (248) 642-2233; 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (acoustic rock)

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) **NIKKI JAMES AND THE** 

**FLAMETHROWERS** 

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 25, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B) BILLY JOEL

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills \$38.50. Att ages. (248) 377-0100 (plano-driven pop)

**BIG JACK JOHNSON** Formerly of the Jetly Roll Kings, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 In advance, \$10 day of show. 21 and

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Smitty's. 222 Main St., Rochester Free. All

older. (734) 213-6000 (delta blues)

ages. (248) 651-1600; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 965-2222 (rock)

KING SWEAT

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (R&B) KUNG FU DIESEL

10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free, 21 and older, (248) 683-5458 (rock).

MR. B TRIO

Celebrates release of CD "Joy Box" with party and performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (boogie woogie) MUDPUPPY 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25,

Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues) MXPX 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, St.

Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake, Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (R&B)

KAREN NEWMAN Detroit Red Wings national anthem singer performs songs from her new holiday CD, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. Portion of the proceeds from the sales of the CD benefit the trust fund for the injured Detroit Red Wings. (248) 203-0005 (pop)

**NEWSBOYS** With Third Day and The Waiting, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$20 reserved, Groups of 10 or more receive \$5 off. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (Christian rock)

OPIE'S DREAM With Trauma Coil, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Bad Frog Tayern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248)

ROBERT PENN

624-9400 (blues)

"POP O.D." CD RELEASE PARTY Featuring Twitch, Spati, Forge, Kristiva with Skinhorse, Red September, Culture Bandits, The Immortal Winos of Soul, Down Boyz, Passenger to Nowhere. Agent 009, The Impaler and Cindi St. Germain playing Iggy Pop songs, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Lili's, 2930 Jacob. Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older, (313) 875-6555 or http://www.detroitmu-

sic.com/static (variety) **PROFESSORS OF FAITH** With You and Maggi, Pierce and E.J., 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older.

(313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock) **PUSHMONKEY** 

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Blind Pig,

206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) **GARY RASMUSSEN AND VAL VENTRO** 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Jimmy's,

123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (R&B) THE RAT PACK Featuring Mark Pasman, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Rochester Mills Beer

Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues) **RED MERCURY BLUES BAND** 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson Ave., at Nine Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. (810) 498-

3000 (blues) KRISTIN SAYER BAND 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250

SENSITIVE CLOWN

As part of "Handmade" acoustic show, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Gargoyle's Coffeehouse, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. 9248) 745-9790 (pop) JO SERRAPERE 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., .

650-5080 (acoustic blues) SEVENDUST With Clutch, Stuck Mojo and Ultraspank, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit

Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248)

Tickets at Ticketmaster, All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock) SOULSTICE 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Free, 21 and older.

(248) 223-1700 (funk covers)

SPEEDBALL With the Twistin' Tarantulas and Allen Fashion Show, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961mett.com (rock/rockabilly) JERRY SPRAQUE

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Mitch's Place, 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor. Free, 21 and older, (734) 665-2650 (acoustic pop covers)

THE STILL 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 624-9400 (blues)

CURTIS SUMPTER PROJECT 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 24 Karat Club, 3 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland, Cover 377 charge, 18 and older, (734) 513-5030,

SUN MESSENGERS 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B) TANGERINE TROUSERS 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Free. 21 and

(blues)

older. (313) 882-8560 (pop) THOSE DELTA RHYTHM KINGS 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Free, 21 and older.

(248) 223-1700 (blues) TRICKY With Whale, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. \$16. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (avant

garde/pop) TWISTIN' TARANTULAS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rockabilly)

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Local Color -Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B) RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,

**VAL VENTRO** 

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) **YUDU HIPPIES** 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 335-8100

or http://www.961melt.com **CARL WEATHERSBY** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Bouleyard, Taylor, Tickets at Ticketmaster.

older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues) JASON D. WILLIAMS 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$22. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rocka-

**BERNIE WORRELL AND THE WOO WARRIORS** 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance,

\$15 at the door, 18 and older, (313)

CLUB

832-2355. Online at: www. alvins. xtcom. com or www. bernieworrell.com

NIGHTS

ALVIN'S The Sugar Shack, ladies only dance night, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Rhythm and Poetry, open mic, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

**BLIND PIG** "Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. followed by performance by Hot Rod Lincoln, Sunday, Nov. 22, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show; "Solar" night with Chuck Hampton, Carlos Souffront, and DJ Disco D, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the club. \$6, 19 and older.

(734) 996-8555 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flasht ack" night with "The Planet" ... WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and technoand house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron. Pontiac, Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and

http://www.961melt.com THE GROOVE ROOM Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac

older. (248) 333-2362 or

D. Thursdays. Women admitted free: "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays: Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or

http://www.thegrooveroom.com **MOTOR LOUNGE** "Back Room Mondays," service indus-

tries employée appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays, Free, 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Qverload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older: "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck (313) 396 0080

ONE X "Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 964-7040

# 'I'll Be Home for Christmas' offers some fun

By Jon Katz Special Writer

For your holiday planning convenience, let's eliminate those of you who won't care if Jonathan Taylor Thomas makes it home for Christmas.

Teenage girls will likely pass, having decided that the middle son from TV's "Home Improvement" has peaked as an idol. Likewise adolescent boys, who don't know what the girls saw in him in the first place. Most adults won't buy Thomas as a college student - not while his voice is still changing.

So who does that leave? Only kids who can't read this anyway, and their grandmothers. But there are lots of kids and grandmas who'll want to see-not rent-a

family film, and there is enough in this reverse "Home Alone" plot to make it a "could-see," if not a

Instead of an eight-year-old being left home alone to battle burglars on Christmas Eve, Thomas is a wiseguy freshman at a West Coast school who's left alone in the desert to battle a three-day deadline: he must make it home to suburban New York for Christmas Eve dinner.

Is he that homesick? Not hardly. In fact, he cashed in his airplane ticket to rent a condo in Cabo San Lucas for him and his too-trusting girlfriend Allie (Jessica Biel). But dad (Gary Cole of "The Brady Bunch" movies) wants son Jake home so badly that he promises him the keys to

the vintage 1957 Porsche they rebuilt together if the deadline is

To which we ask: why? Jake is a first-class heel, the school's scam artist who sells fake IDs and test answers to dumb jocks. The girlfriend's got it right when she tells him, "you don't have one decent chromosome in your DNA." But every few minutes they cut back to his family moping around the Christmas tree in hopes that son Jake soon will be there.

Meanwhile Jake, as noted, has been stranded in the southern California desert in a glued-on Santa suit, the object of revenge by the jocks after one of his schemes was sabotaged by rival, Eddie (Adam LaVorgna). In the

ensuing cross-country trek, Jake meets up with all manner of weirdoes, from a car-full of elderly Vegas-bound Tom Jones fanatics (including the wonderfullycranky Kathleen Freeman, who's been doing this forever) to a Sad Sack singing cop. All the while, Allie and Eddie are heading east also, barely a step ahead in his Pathfinder, and their ride together suggests that he-Eddie-is a much better match for Allie than out-for-himself Jake.

Thomas has obviously learned much by hanging around Tim Allen, but attempting to copy Allen's style of off-hand quips is like a kid trying on dad's pants when they're still too big. Macauley Caulkin carried "Home Alone" in large part because the character was written so well. Jake's conversion from rat to loving son and boyfriend is far out even for Disney, and Thomas is in over his head as the male lead.

That said, the youngest moviegoers will still find some fun stuff here, from trained buzzards to a 5k run with hundreds of Santas to a Christmas parade



In a hurry: Jake Wilkinson (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) journeys across the country in a Santa Claus suit in "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

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Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he'd ever imagined possible - below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton.

"YOU'VE GOT MAIL" A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivals who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

# Medeski, Martin and Wood perform on Backstage Pass



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another preview of Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television. This is a must-see show that you are definitely not going to want to miss, so either use your VCRs or remember to

tune in. On this week's show we have a trio of musicians that can appeal to just about any age group and a legendary trumpet artist who was one of the first to ever introduce jazz and funk together. Also a behind the scenes look at the 27 Detroit area kids that will be performing with the Harlem Nutcracker Troupe as well as the ghost from Christmas future will stop by to give us all a show from "A Christmas Carol."

Medeski, Martin and Wood, three names that can pretty much stop traffic in the world of jazz, and we have them on the show. The tight knit group hailing from New York has often a much younger generation. been called more funk than jazz, but either way there is not a soul debating that these guys are getting international praise

Hello again! It for their music. Medeski, Martin is time for and Wood, more often referred to as MMW, have created their newest record, "Combustication," and so far it has received rave reviews from critics.

> In the group's bio Martin says that the key to MMW's success is band chemistry. "We admire each other. It's like a family. We're here to play music, but we're also friends. All of our compositions are collaborations that we spontaneously develop on the road or in the studio. Everyone contributes and everyone balances each other out. But what's really important is that we feel comfortable trying new things together. Medeski added, "That's right. We could settle for just being a grooving organ trio. But that would be too easy. We not only like the challenge, but we're seeking new ways to

express ourselves." Backstage Pass' music producer Ron Pangborn offered, "The jazz organ trio of Medeski, Martin and Wood has something curious about them, and that is the fact that they can appeal to Those that can appreciate the Grateful Dead and the Dave Matthews Band can also appreciate MMW. These guys are on a

major electric tour with a DJ. but for their Backstage Pass show they are going to so an acoustic show for us. They are really excited about that because they can really get into this especially since they haven't had many chances to do that on this tour."

Also stopping by to do a live studio performance is Donald Byrd. Donald is a Detroit jazz legend and he is going to debut "A Voyage of Discovery, The Collection of Donald Byrd" at the Focus: Hope Gallery. This will be the first time Donald will display his extensive personal collection of African American and African art for the public to

Ron Pangborn has set up an awesome ensemble to accompany Byrd in our studio. "We have a great group to back up Donald. Teddy Harris is going to be on the piano, Marian Hayden on bass and drummer George Davi-

This week's show is just going to blow the roof off any house that is tuned into Detroit Public Television. You can catch this week's show Sunday at 7:30, Thursday at 5:30 and once more Friday at midnight.

# Glover shares Reggae band wins Miller support a labor of love BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

CHRISTINA **FUOCO** 

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

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

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

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

"With Living Colour, we were trying to be cutting edge. I wanted something very warm and intimate and very much like the songs themselves. It's very introspective," Glover outlet, call (313) 832-2355.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tom Wall specifically remembers the day he was entranced

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

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

"We want to become teen

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

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

Who: Immunity

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

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

Other upcoming performances:

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

Music Network.

"We didn't have a reggae band and they are playing a lot of the best young adult clubs in a lot of the key young adult areas. Plus they have a great stage personality," said Kraus, event manager for GMR Marketing, Inc., in New Berlin, Wisc.

Kraus said that the bands are chosen based on research by "the people working the streets for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The showpiece, he said, howev-

tus, a Trinidad native who now, lives in Royal Oak.

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

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

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

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

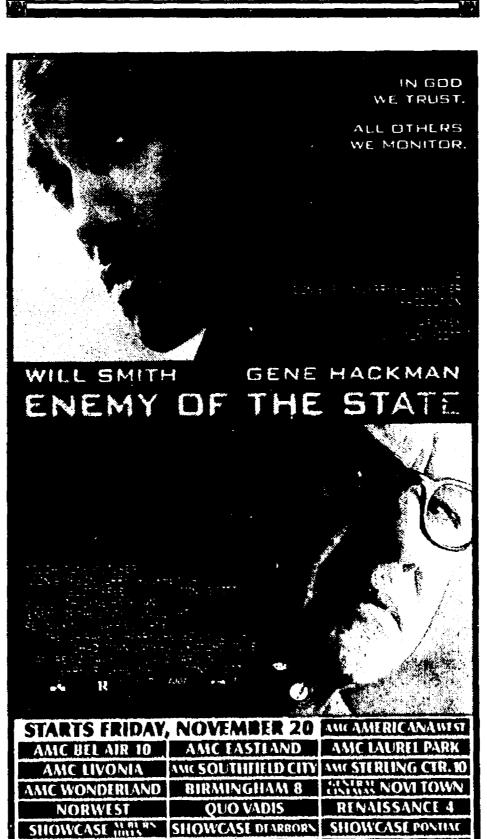
Besides the Miller sponsorship, Immunity has upped its visibility by playing 120 gigs a year, sometimes two in one day. This summer, the band performed at a private party for Janet Jackson in Joe Louis Arena's Olympia Room prior to her show at the arena.



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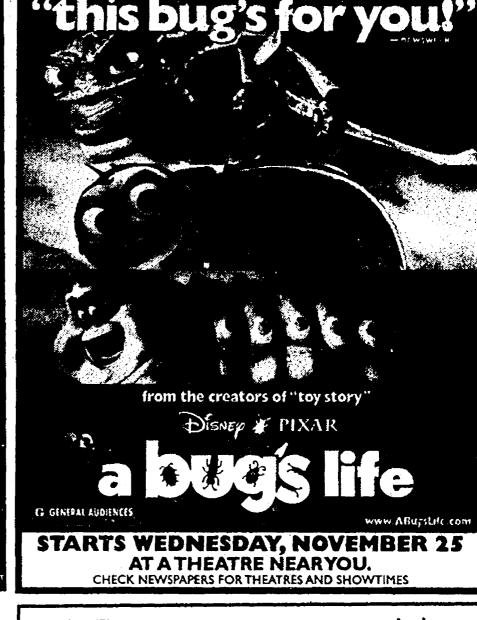


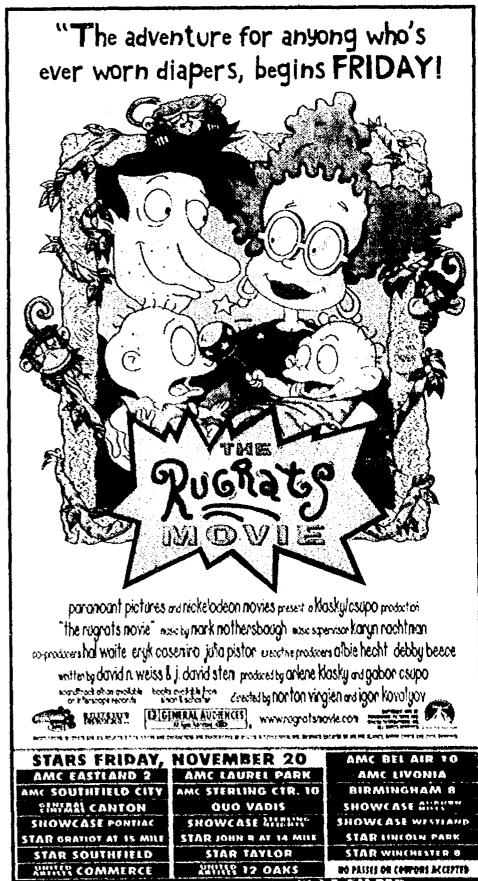
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# BIRTHDAYS AT RESTAURANTS

#### BY MARY QUINLEY SPECIAL WRITER

Smile - it's your birthday! And to help celebrate the occasion. many local eateries offer their customers a variety of incentives for birthday dining. Here's a sampling:

#### M SWEET AFTON TEA ROOM

450 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0777

"We offer a complimentary birthday shortbread wrapped in a doily with a ribbon. People are tickled and surprised when we serve it." said Cindy Belanger, co-owner. Restaurant personnel are happy to accommodate birthday patron, If requested, adds Belanger, "we will send the ladies from the kitchen to sing."

#### M KYOTO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE

1985 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 649-6340; 21150 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 348-7900

Does a quarter slice of fresh pineapple topped with vanilla ice cream entice you? Perhaps a piece of frozen strawberry ice cream cake sounds more appealing. The choice of a complimentary dessert is yours at local Kyoto

Here's a list of some other local eateries which cater to the birthday person. Be sure to call first for specific details.

- Bill Knapp's (all locations) E Blakeney's Ranch House,
- Farmington (248) 477-8545
- Chi-Chi's (all locations) **E Golden Mushroom**, South-
- field, (248) 559-4230 # Hawthorne Gardens Restaurant, Westland, (734) 422-
- Max & Erma's (all locations) III Mountain Jack's (all locations)
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restaurants if it's your birthday.

# FOX & HOUNDS

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1560 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800

This 1927 landmark offers a festive birthday package which includes multi-colored helium balloons, a 6-inch "Best Wishes"

cake, and a "Congratulations" banner hung over the booth. The charge is \$20.

Looking for a little less fanfare? Then order the cake for \$10. With advance notice the cake can be personalized.

#### EASTSIDE MARIO'S

31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 513-8803; 2273 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-9622: 29267 Southfield Road, Southfield, (248) 569-9454

Get ready for some silly shenanigans and lots of laughs. At a recent birthday dinner, the guest of honor was asked to stand up and hold a large green pepper in his hand (some celebrants hold an onion or a tomatol) while the staff clapped and sang an upbeat version of "Happy Birthday." Complimentary dessert follows the playful performance.

### MMR. B'S FOOD & SPIRITS

423 Main St., Rochester, (248) 651-6534; Mr. B's Trov. 3946 Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 689-6070; Mr. B's Plymouth Grill, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-4190; Monterrey Cantina, 2601 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-

6800; and Mr. B's Spectadium, 2511 Livernois, Troy, (248) 362-4030.

Birthday celebrants of all ages receive a complimentary entree priced up to \$8 at any Mr. B's eatery (there are a total of 13 restaurants in metro Detroit). Proof of birth date is required.

"Birthdays help our business because the birthday person comes in with other people," said Mark Menendez, manager Plymouth Mr. B's. "We probably get 10-15 (celebrants ) a day."

#### E BENITO'S PIZZA

8129 Middlebelt Road, Westland, (734) 458-5130; Shell Foodmart, corner of Farmington and Six Mile Roads, Livonia, (734) 425-3933; 33447 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 427-2830; locations also in Canton, Southgate, Sumpter, Belleville, Wayne and Rockwood

Show ID (birth certificate for kids) and pick up a free small pizza with cheese and one item on the day of your birthday.

To avoid disappointment, call the restaurant before finalizing your plans. Happy Birthday!

# THANKSGIVING DINNER

Check out these Thursday, Nov. ads, relishes, vegetable with dip 26 Thanksgiving Day dinner in addition to roast turkey, options available at the following restaurants. Reserving in advance is strongly advised and in some cases essential.

#### BOTSFORD INN

2800 Grand River, Farmington Hills (248) 474-4800.

Seatings for a Thanksgiving buffet in the main dining room begin at noon and can be scheduled on the hour until 4 p.m. In the coach house, seatings are on the hour between 1 and 4 p.m. The bountiful buffet includes sal-

savory dressing with all the trimmings, sliced roast beef with mushroom sauce, smoked ciderbaked ham or baked cod fish. Cost is \$19.95 per person plus \$1.50 beverage. Children age 10 and under half price.

#### M STEVE & ROCKY'S

43150 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 374-0688. Chefs Steve Allen and "Rocky" Rachwitz have a memorable experience planned with their limited sit-down menu. Turkey with all the trimmings is \$14 and \$8 for children. In addition, 10 choices, some of them autumn favorites such as goose and venison, range \$14-22.

#### MARVIN'S BISTRO & PIANO BAR

15800 Middlebelt, Livonia (734) 522-5600, Thanksgiving Day Buffet, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Menu includes Roast Turkey, Honey Baked Ham, Roast Beef Au Jus. and Baked Cod Fish served with Marvin's Turkey Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, pasta, vegetable stir-fry and an assortment of desserts. The cost is \$12.95 adults, \$5.95 children under age 5. Chuck Shelby plays adults, \$6.95 children.

piano 3-8 p.m.

#### WATER CLUB GRILL

39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 454-0666. Thanksgiving Buffet 1-6 p.m. Menu includes Roast Turkey, Glazed Ham, Lemon Encrusted Scrod and Pasta Primavera with a variety of side dishes - house salad with strawberry vinaigrette, mashed potatoes and gravy, sausage and cornbread stuffing, cranberry relish, and fresh vegetables. Pumpkin pie for dessert. The cost is \$13.95

#### **EXCALIBUR**

28875 Franklin Road, (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 358-3355. Open for dinner 2-10 p.m. Service will be from the dinner menu and Thanksgiving specials. Call for details.

#### III HISTORIC HOLLY HOTEL

110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner

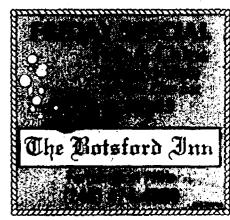


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along with a variety of other entrees. Cost is \$20 per person. Children \$9.

#### MERIWETHER'S

25485 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 358-1310 from 2-8 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, \$16 and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Selections of seafood, pastas and steaks from the regular menu range \$14-17.





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Complete Roast Turkey Dinner includes all the trimmings, salad, cranberry sauce, dressing, whipped potatoes, gravy, vegetables, bread, and pumpkin pie for dessert!

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- Veal Spezzatini over Fettudine
- Chicken Scallopini with Pasta Brolled Boston Scrod & Fresh Vegetables
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