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# Rec survey to query residents



**A telephone survey about opinions on a proposed recreation center will include at least 400 Westland residents and will be conducted by an outside firm that expects to produce results by mid-February.**

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Westland residents will soon play a crucial role in determining whether city officials march ahead with plans for a new, multimillion recreation center.

A formal telephone survey of at least 400 residents will be conducted during

the next few weeks by an outside firm that expects to produce results by mid-February.

First, however, the survey will be revised following concerns raised Monday during a Westland City Council study session attended by about 30 people.

Some council members pointed to what they considered a serious flaw in the proposed survey. It didn't even

directly ask residents if they want a new recreation center.

"I believe that question should be on this survey," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli agreed, calling it "the whole purpose of the survey."

Representatives from Sverdrup Facilities Inc. and Ballard King - two firms overseeing the project - agreed to add that question and revise others that council members flagged as troubling.

And despite numerous references to Canton Township's upscale Summit on the Park recreation facility, Cicirelli

cautioned that Westland shouldn't be swayed by what other communities have built.

"We're not Canton Township," she said. "We don't want to get into a contest where we've got to build something bigger and better."

### Survey says

The survey will randomly poll Westland residents to gauge their opinions on how recreation services can be improved. It also will ask respondents whether they would pay monthly fees to use a new center.

Councilman Glenn Anderson warned

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## Toddler tales



**Clipping: Sherri Morton and her daughter Taylor, 2½ of Canton take part in the storytime at the Westland library last week as part of National Children's Book Week.**



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM EAWLEY



**Storytime: Above, Hailey Dottor, 2½, of Westland hugs Madeline a storybook character who visited the Westland Library for toddler tales as part of National Children's Book Week. At left is character Sister Claville. In photo at left, story book character Sister Claville (left), played by Elizabeth Wingert of Waterford, reads the story "Madeline." At right is Madeline played by Nancy Penvose of Clarkston. Sponsoring the toddler tales was the library and Westland's Hudson's.**



**A stretch: Toddlers and preschools take part in the stretching at the library program.**

# Man charged in robbery, carjacking of 81-year-old

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A Livonia man is accused of robbing an 81-year-old woman and seizing her car outside of Meijer in Westland, a police sergeant said.

Thomas Lee Samborski II, 23, faces a Dec. 3 preliminary hearing in West-

land District Court on charges of carjacking and unarmed robbery.

He was arraigned Friday in front of Judge C. Charles Bokos and jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond, court administrator David Wiacek said.

The carjacking occurred at 6:10 p.m. Nov. 18, and a suspect escaped only to be arrested about 15 minutes later dur-

ing a traffic stop by Livonia police on eastbound I-96, Westland Sgt. Jon Handzlik said.

The incident began when a man posing as a store security guard approached the victim while she was walking from the store to her 1992 Mercury Topaz, Handzlik said.

"He followed her out and identified

himself as a Meijer security guard and accused her of having stolen merchandise," Handzlik said.

"He took her bag, threw it on the ground, grabbed her purse and car keys, and she started screaming for help as he got in her car," the sergeant

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# John Glenn senior wins Junior Miss 1999 title

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Kristen Fidh, a senior at Westland John Glenn High School, has been chosen as Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1999.

Fidh, who won \$2,200 in scholarship money, was selected at the annual Junior Miss scholarship program Saturday at Stockmeyer Auditorium in Wayne.

"I thought they made a mistake," Fidh said of her reaction when she was announced the winner.

She is secretary of the National Honor Society, has performed in two school plays, is a member of the Theatians, is a member of the Spanish Club and does volunteer work at a local nursing home.

Her career plans are to study rehabilitation and sports medicine at either the University of Michigan or Central Michigan University.

Twenty-four high school seniors from John Glenn

and Wayne Memorial competed for the title. Pat and Dennis Hermatz serve as co-chairpersons for the event.

Courtney Cagnon of Wayne Memorial was chosen as first runner-up and also won the physical fitness award. She won scholarships totaling \$1,700.

Samantha Snabes of Wayne Memorial was chosen as second runner-up and winner of the bowllathon and scholastic awards. She won scholarships totaling \$2,200.

Bethany Haver of John Glenn was named third runner-up and won an \$800 scholarship.

Adrienne Carnell of Wayne Memorial was named first finalist and won a \$600 scholarship.

Katie Hoyer of John Glenn was named second finalist and won a \$600 scholarship.

The talent award, which carries an \$800 scholarship, went to Kristi Mendenhall of John Glenn.

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNIGIE

**Winner: Kristen Fidh is surprised to be announced the winner at the Junior Miss program Saturday.**



Musical number: Above, Junior Miss participants perform "It's a Hard Knock Life," from Annie as part of the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss program Saturday at Stockmeyer Auditorium in Wayne. In photo at lower right, Kristen Fidh takes her turn during the presence and composure part of the program.

A duet: Stephanie Mead, 1998 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, dances with Dean Sceremet, Mr. Starpower of America.

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Chandra Underwood won the spirit award, which is voted on by all the contestants. She won a \$400 scholarship. Nicolette Jarrett of John Glenn won the presence and composure award and a \$500 scholarship. Jessica Beach of John Glenn won the audience participation award and a \$300 scholarship.

Contestants were judged on scholastic achievement, a judge's evaluation, creative and performing arts, fitness and presence and composure. Fidh will go on to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss program in Alpena in March. If she wins there, she will go on to the national competition, America's Junior Miss, in Mobile, Ala., in June.

Other contestants at this year's program included: Angela Moran of Wayne Memorial, Jennie Rauch of John Glenn, Kristin Anne May of Wayne Memorial, Raeschelle Lynn Wood of John Glenn, Kelly Ann Walker of John Glenn, Kendra Rene Froehly of John Glenn, Christina Marie Sieczkowski of John Glenn, Leilani Lawrence of John Glenn, Shreya Master of John Glenn, Amanda Jayska of Wayne Memorial, Angela Louise Charboneau of John Glenn, Nicole Renee Stano of Wayne Memorial, Jillian Calka of John Glenn and Angel Rose Clements of John Glenn.



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**HENRIETTA GEORGE**  
A memorial service for Henrietta George, 74, of Westland was Nov. 23 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Jerome K. Smith of First United Methodist Church of Garden City. Mrs. George, who died Nov. 18 in Garden City, was born in Grayville, Ill.

She lived in this area 37 years. She was a florist with Garden City Florist. Surviving are: sons, David (Barb), Paul, Mark (Donna) and Keith (Cheryl); daughters, Carmen (Rodney) Coats, Sharon Klein and Sharee (John) Baidas; sister, Grace Doane; 24 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

**LAWRENCE H. McDONALD**  
Funeral services for Lawrence McDonald, 85, of Plymouth were Nov. 21 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jay Cubbison of Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland. Mr. McDonald, who died Nov. 18 in Livonia, was born in Cambria County, Pa. He moved to Plymouth in 1945. He was maintenance supervisor for the Plymouth Schools, retiring in 1977 after 20 years of service. He worked at Smith Elementary and Plymouth Salem High School. Surviving are: daughters, Grace (Fred) Krause of Westland and Berniece (Charles) Merryfield of Roscommon; sisters, Sally Fulton of Florida and Naomi Miller of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

**BARBARA R. FERREIRA**  
Funeral services for Barbara Ferreira, 66, of Westland were Nov. 24 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton. Mrs. Ferreira, who died Nov. 21 in Westland, was born in St. Joseph, Mo. She was a machine operator. Surviving are: daughters, Nancy Walton of Romulus and Brenda (Lance) Ertman of Livonia; brothers, Roy Lockhart of Statesville, N.C. and Pat Lockhart of Dearborn; sister, Velma Johnson of Portage, Ind.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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**Seeing Santa:** Ashley Hines, 6, chats with Santa inside Westland Shopping Center. Santa will be seeing visitors 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays at the center, Wayne and Warren roads, in Westland.



**Awaiting arrival:** A crowd waits outside the mall for Santa's arrival on Saturday.



**A wave:** Santa waves to kids of all ages as he arrives at the Westland Shopping Center on Saturday.

**Local police target drivers who ignore child restraint laws**

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Westland police Monday launched a crackdown on drivers who fail to buckle up children in seat belts.

"We will be looking for any violations of the child restraint law," police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

He issued the warning on the same day that Westland police joined 5,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide in an effort to save young lives.

It's all part of Operation ABC. Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children.

Westland officers kicked off the program along with Michigan State Police, Wayne County sheriff's deputies and many local agencies during a Monday morning press conference at Detroit's 12th Precinct station.

"The state police made the point that 100 children are killed a year in car accidents in the state of Michigan, and about 30 percent could be saved if they had been wearing seat belts," Brokas said. "Those children would still be alive."

He warned drivers that they can be stopped by police solely for failing to properly restrain children; no other violation is necessary.

That differs from laws requiring officers to have other reasons for stopping adults not wearing their seat belts, Brokas said.

Officers nationwide launched the weeklong Operation ABC effort prior to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, when traffic increases with motorists travel-

ing to and from family get-togethers.

The unified message: Offenders will be ticketed. No exceptions. No excuses.

Police officials hope the program will build on gains made nationwide last May, when law enforcement officials estimate that Operation ABC prompted 6 million more Americans to buckle up during Memorial Day weekend.

"Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death to American children of all races," an Operation ABC press release said.

"Each year, six out of 10 fatally injured children are unbelted," it said, adding that three of those killed "would be alive if they had been properly restrained."

Said Brokas: "We're doing this for one week to draw attention to the program, and we will be doing it periodically through the upcoming year."

Following are some guidelines provided by the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau:

- Children age 1 or younger must be restrained in a child safety seat facing backward, regardless of where they are riding.
- Children 1 to 4 have to be in a child safety seat if they are riding in the front seat. If riding in a back seat, they must either ride in a safety seat or wear a seat belt.
- Children 4 to 16 have to wear a seat belt regardless of where they are riding.
- Anyone 16 or older must wear a seat belt if riding in the front.

**Tree lighting is Dec. 7**

The city of Westland will be holding its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony 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.

**Organ donation saves life**

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Two former longtime Redford Township residents - a mother and her daughter - say more people should consider donating their organs for transplanting.

The two women, Chris Sprague, 52, and Sandy Stone, 32, speak from experience: Chris gave Sandy one of her two kidneys last summer.

"One person can save six to eight lives with just their solid organs, not counting the skin and bone marrow," Chris says.

"If there (were) more people who would donate cadaver parts," she adds, "it would put less stress on living donors."

As for her decision to donate her kidney, "Not every mother is fortunate enough to give life to a daughter twice," Chris says.

Jo Capra of Westland, the understandably proud and also quite relieved mother of Chris and grandmother of Sandy, reports that both women are doing very well.

The problems leading to Sandy's critical situation began last year, three years after the emergency medical technician and 28-year Redford resident married veterinarian Ira Stone and moved to where his practice is: Woodbury, Conn.

Although she had had kidney disease for 12 years, she had still given birth to their daughter Sydney, now 3, and was working in Ira's clinic.

But then the disease flared up and both of her kidneys failed. Doctors told her if she didn't get a transplant, she would have to begin kidney dialysis.

A lifelong necessity for those with kidney failure, dialysis is a procedure in which a machine does the kidneys' job of removing waste from the body. It's done two to three times a week, in specially equipped hospitals or clinics, and takes two to three hours each time.

Sandy decided to put her name on the list for a kidney donation - and found herself among 60,000 people nationwide awaiting some kind of organ transplant.



**Happy days:** Sandy Stone, left, and mother Chris Sprague, right, now share kidneys. Stone's daughter, Sydney, is at center.

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She also learned that, due to the shortage of organ donors, a person could spend years on a waiting list - and that each day nine people die while waiting.

Friends and family members, wanting to help, began undergoing tests for donor-patient compatibility.

Meanwhile, Sandy's mother, Chris, was making trips from Laingsburg, northeast of Lansing - where she and Sandy's dad had moved three years ago from Redford - to help Sandy with Sydney in Woodbury.

When she learned the donor search wasn't doing too well, Chris asked the doctors, "Why don't you try me?"

A battery of tests showed her to be the best match.

Last July, Chris went to Connecticut again - this time to Yale-New Haven Hospital as an organ-donor for Sandy.

The July 16 surgery went off without a hitch. Chris left the hospital after five days, Sandy after seven.

Only a few years ago, says Sandy today, a transplant would have meant several weeks in the

hospital.

But new surgical techniques have improved the procedure and shortened the recuperation. And the incisions themselves are smaller: Chris Sprague's eight-inch scar would have been much larger in the past.

Anti-rejection drugs, which Sandy must take religiously the rest of her life, also have been improved.

Doctors told her they "expect me to heal well," she says. "The first six months is the time rejection will most likely."

Besides the care and affection Sandy gets from Ira and Sydney, papa John Michael "Mick" Sprague also has come to Connecticut to help and so has Sandy's sister Jill Massengill and daughters Danielle and Jonna of Seattle, Wash.

Sandy says becoming a donor requires more than just checking the appropriate box on a driver's license application: The decision should also be discussed with family members.

"Often times, a family will prevent a hospital from taking a loved one's organs because they do not know (the donor's) wishes," she says.

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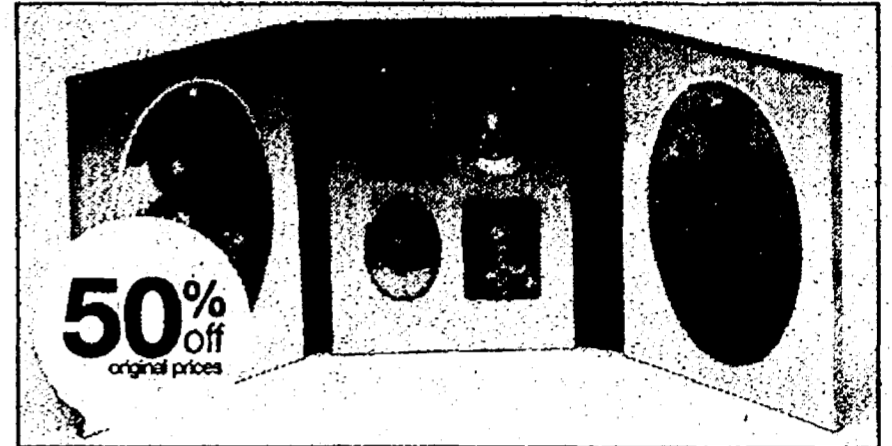
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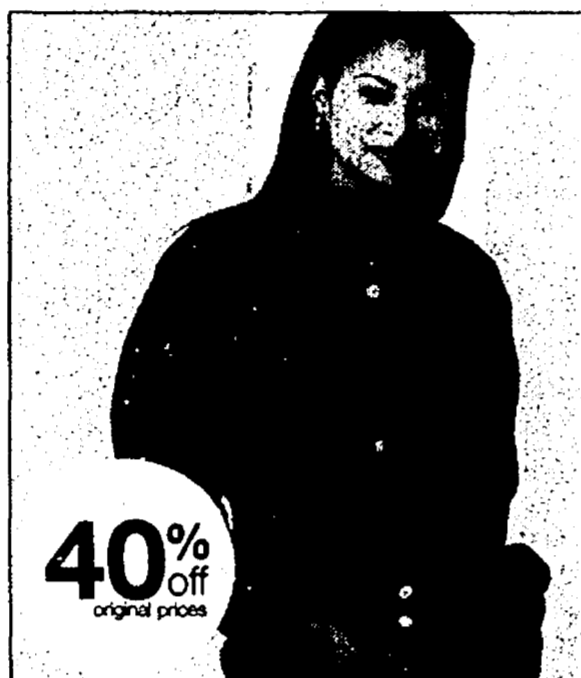


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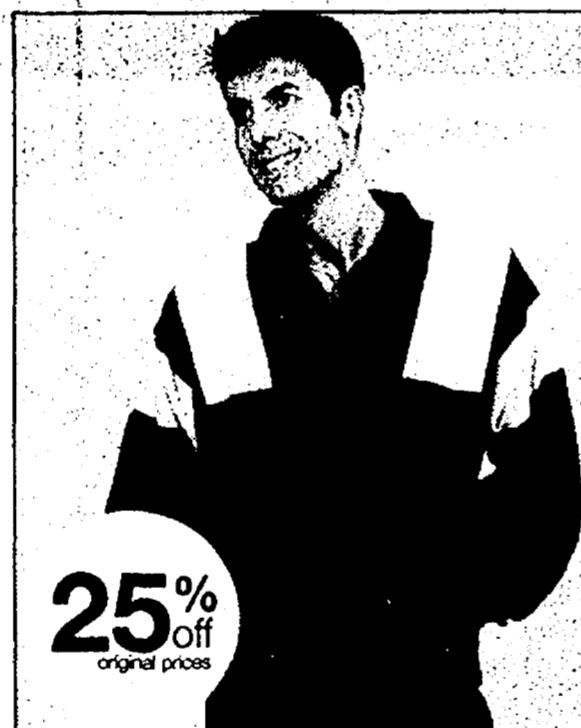
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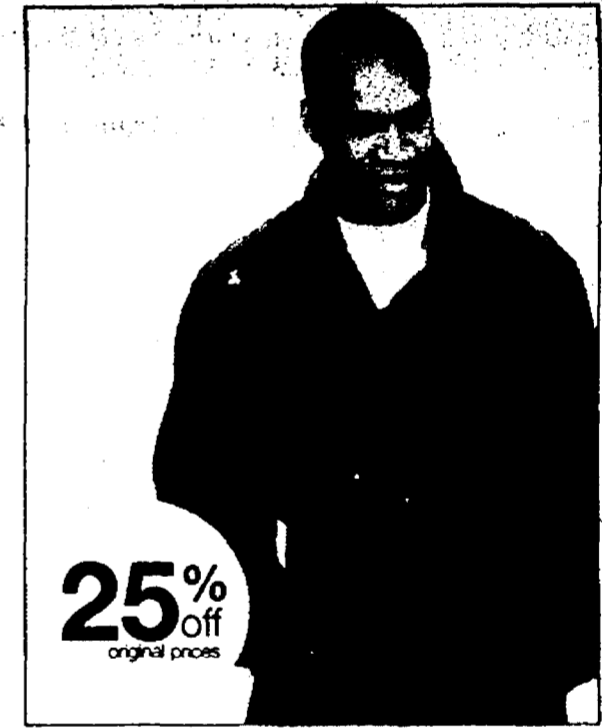
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# New county juvenile facility set to open

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

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

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

The state license was restored

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

## About 140 to be housed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wayne County needed to

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

## 3,000 admitted annually

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

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

natives and have better relationships with prosecutors."

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

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

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

Growth Works provides juvenile diversion programs and drug treatment for 17 of the 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of western Wayne County communities, including the cities of Garden City, Liv-

onia, Plymouth and Westland and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Redford.

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

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

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

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

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

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# Parole violations

## Court denies O'Hair's role in revocation cases

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Yes, it would save Wayne County taxpayers some money. But no, Prosecutor John O'Hair can't have superintending control over the state Parole Board, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appeals by assignment.

Excerpts from the appeals panel ruling:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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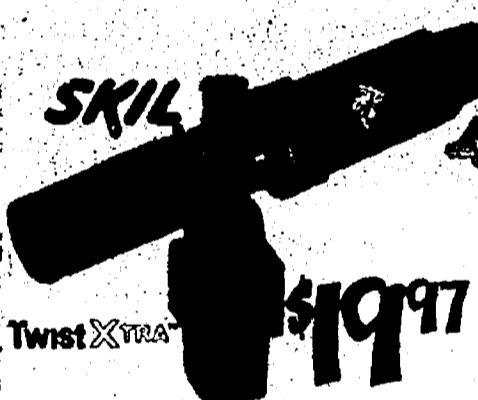
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# Casinos, ballpark, retail lift area economy

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

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

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

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

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

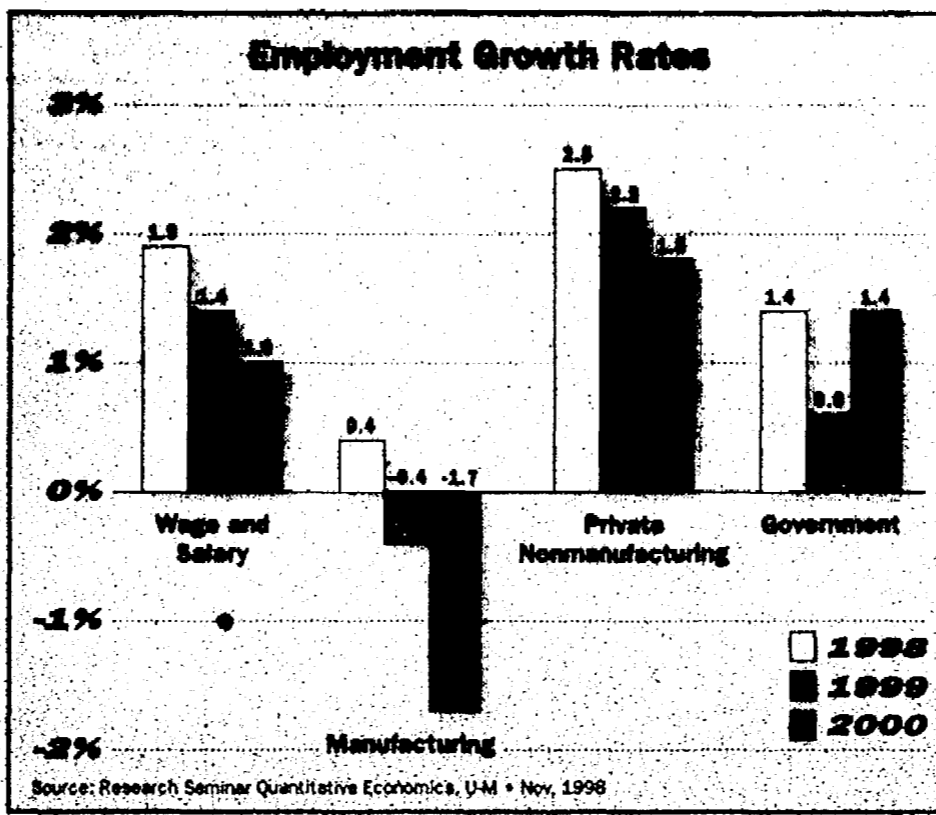
Detroit area over the next five years, to consolidate its engineering and research functions." It will bring some of the industry's best jobs to the region.

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

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

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

The economists assumed



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jobs in the manufacture of

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

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

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

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

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

# New generators to keep airport operating in case of power outage

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

On Nov. 19, county commissioners approved the purchase of

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

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

"We already have an emergen-

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

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

working, which inconvenienced air travelers.

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

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

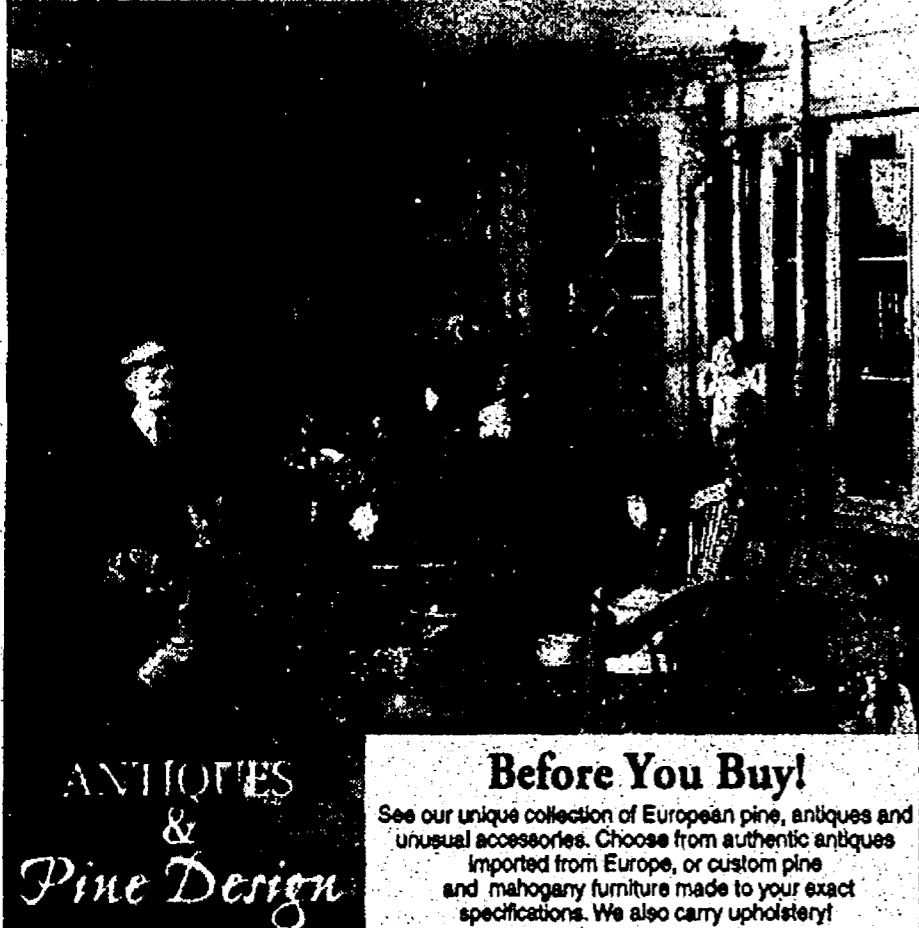
The Federal Aviation Administration also has backup generators at the airport to power air traffic control operations, runway lights and other air transportation operations, Conway said.

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

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

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

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## Beard offers ordinance to help war veterans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

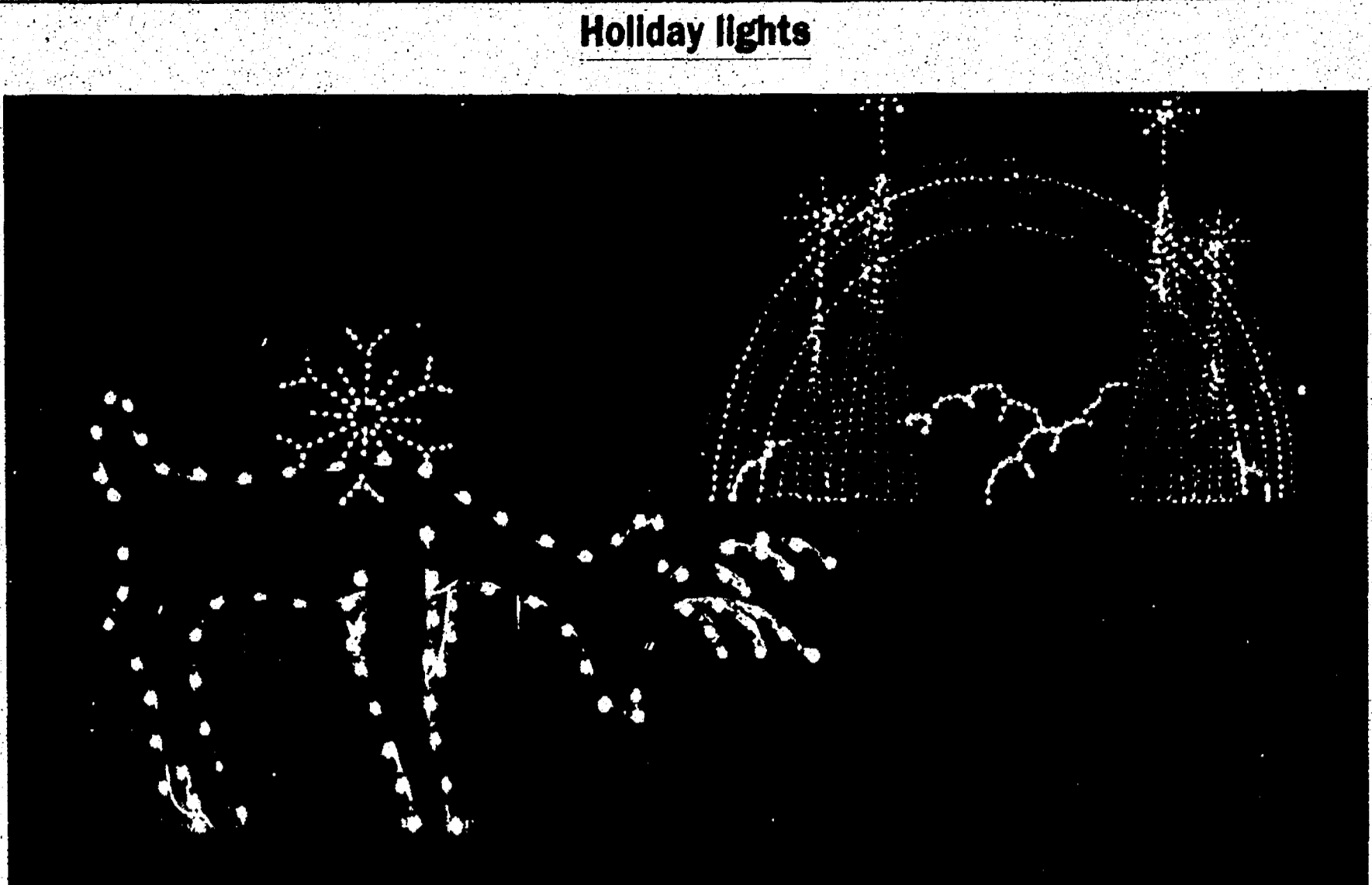
## County wants DDA notification

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

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

infrastructure improvements.

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



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

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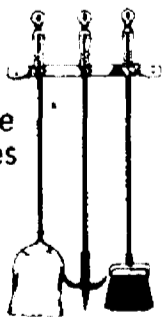
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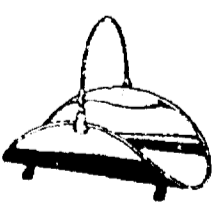


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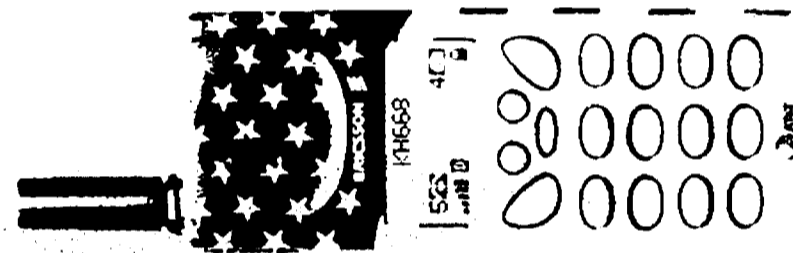
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## OPINION

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## Thanksgiving Holiday had an idyllic start

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Such historical facts about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving actually help humanize and revitalize the holiday. That's important, because the Thanksgiving story is a beautiful one that plays itself out time and time again when new groups arrive and discover the bounty of America.

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

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

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

## Take time for serious topics

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

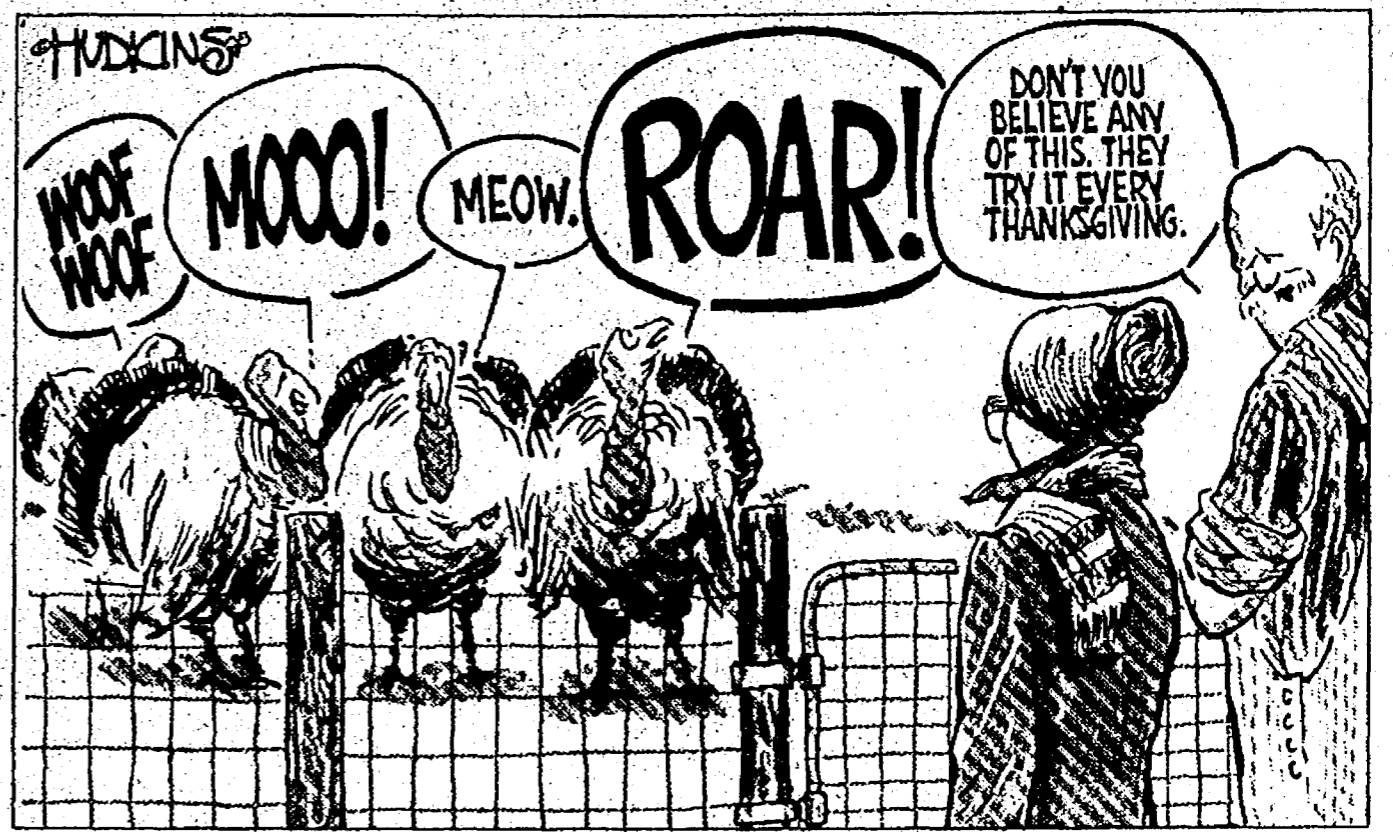
Basically, you are asked if, after death, your heart, kidneys and corneas can be salvaged and transplanted to a patient in need.

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

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

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

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

### Enjoyable evening

On Saturday, Nov. 7, my wife and I had the opportunity to attend the production of "Murder in the House of Horrors" presented at John Glenn High School.

We've attended productions in the past especially when our children were involved, and I can honestly say that we never expected a production like the one we saw that evening.

"Murder in the House of Horrors" was an interactive play that had something for everyone. Its unique style included a museum setting and tour, audience participation, improvisation and an exceptional cast that provided comedy and very convincing suspense and drama. The improvisation segment of the play which included questions from the audience was done so well that it was difficult to determine if it was live or Memorex.

The set layout and design which began in the halls of the school and continued into the theater and onto the stage was extraordinary. The wardrobe, makeup, lighting and sound were nothing short of excellent and rounded out a complete entertainment package.

Ms. Sherry Smith, who directed and produced the play, along with the cast and production staff and crew should be very proud of this suspenseful whodunit and the hard work everyone invested to make it all come together.

Congratulations and thank you all for a very enjoyable evening.

Marshall and Linda Wright  
Westland

believe he forged it.

I remember my grandmother talking of a man on a bicycle with a little bell to someone on the phone (like kids have on their bicycles), and she said I was too young to understand ... Later, I recall a movie where I realized what this meant. My Uncle Ed told me all about how they built trenches and when he looked at the guy next to him, while in combat the man's face ... Well, you know the rest of the story ... My Uncle Stan had told me of a young man looking at tags on toes and the man had said something like — "now I know where you are" — It was his twin brother ... Some men I know (not to mention names) still shake and are a bit jumpy when doors slam or freeze when a car backfires ... My Uncle Al, who came to America, and brought his family here had them play "God Bless America" at the close of his funeral ... I had seen Versailles ... it was a quiet eerie kind of feeling ... the barges were still there; a living reminder ... No, I did not serve, such as my supervisor Rick did ... I do not know the story, why he limps ... I can only suspect ...

But, I honestly can say that when little Johnny, 4 years old, said "sit down on the grass, I have something for you" (he ran inside to get the paper) and smiled and said "save it" and then got on his bike and then rang the bell, it sure brought a tear to my eye. I thank you, all veterans, for our freedoms — so very many, and often so taken for granted ... I also thank you, Marian (auxiliary) and Dick (WWII veteran), for inviting me to such a lovely memorial service.

Janice M. Trybulec  
Westland

### Thank you, veterans

Why me? Why was my picture on the front page, quite big, and well, flattering? I did not sleep in mud, nor in strange lands. I did not sleep in icy cold. I did not (as some veterans still do) hear noises in the night. No, I did not serve in the Armed Forces. No, I did not have to say goodbye to my mother and father, family and friends, not knowing if I would ever come back ... I did not realize that war is/was something that the experience cannot be shared. War is something that cannot ever be forgotten throughout a lifetime ... My dad, a World War II vet, told me only days before of his reoccurring dream of signing up, how the dream is of come and join ... and the real story (as I have been told) of how when he went to join he needed his mother's signature, he went outside and had his mother sign it; I honestly

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Shelby Andreski



"Put into the oven, put it on hot and cook for two hours."

Elizabeth Alley



"Stuff it, cook it on high in the oven for 15 minutes."

Jacob Tykoski



"Hunt for the turkey, cut the feathers off, cook on the stove for 12 minutes."

Erik Celeski

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

# Thanksgiving has a special meaning in its own right

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**JULIE BROWN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

own.

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

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

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# Charter school test results tell story governor shouldn't like

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

But he won't.

On his last visit, Engler was still touting charter schools, asking that the legislative cap of 150 be removed so that "even more of these innovative and creative new public schools will open their doors."

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

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

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

ty.

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

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

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

Now for Oakland County and science scores.

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



**TIM RICHARD**

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

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

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

And so on, and so on.

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

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

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

They're doing worse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**PHILIP POWER**

those with a master's degree, 0.6 percent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Keeping silent doesn't stand for character

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

Fast forward three years. Jennifer, now an eighth-grader, isn't recognizable. She now wears all black clothing, has a pierced nostril and accentuates her look with black lipstick and nails. You'll find her outside her school, mingling with other "punksters," all holding a cigarette. Jennifer candidly admits to partying every weekend and often spending the night with her boyfriend. The group of friends close to Jennifer in fifth, sixth and seventh grades observed the changes in attitude, behaviors and looks, but when questioned about what they might have done on her behalf, they all said that what she did with her life was her business.

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

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## Up and away

### Volunteer keeps balloons in line on Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

picture perfect.

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

Still, he tries his best to please the audience.

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

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

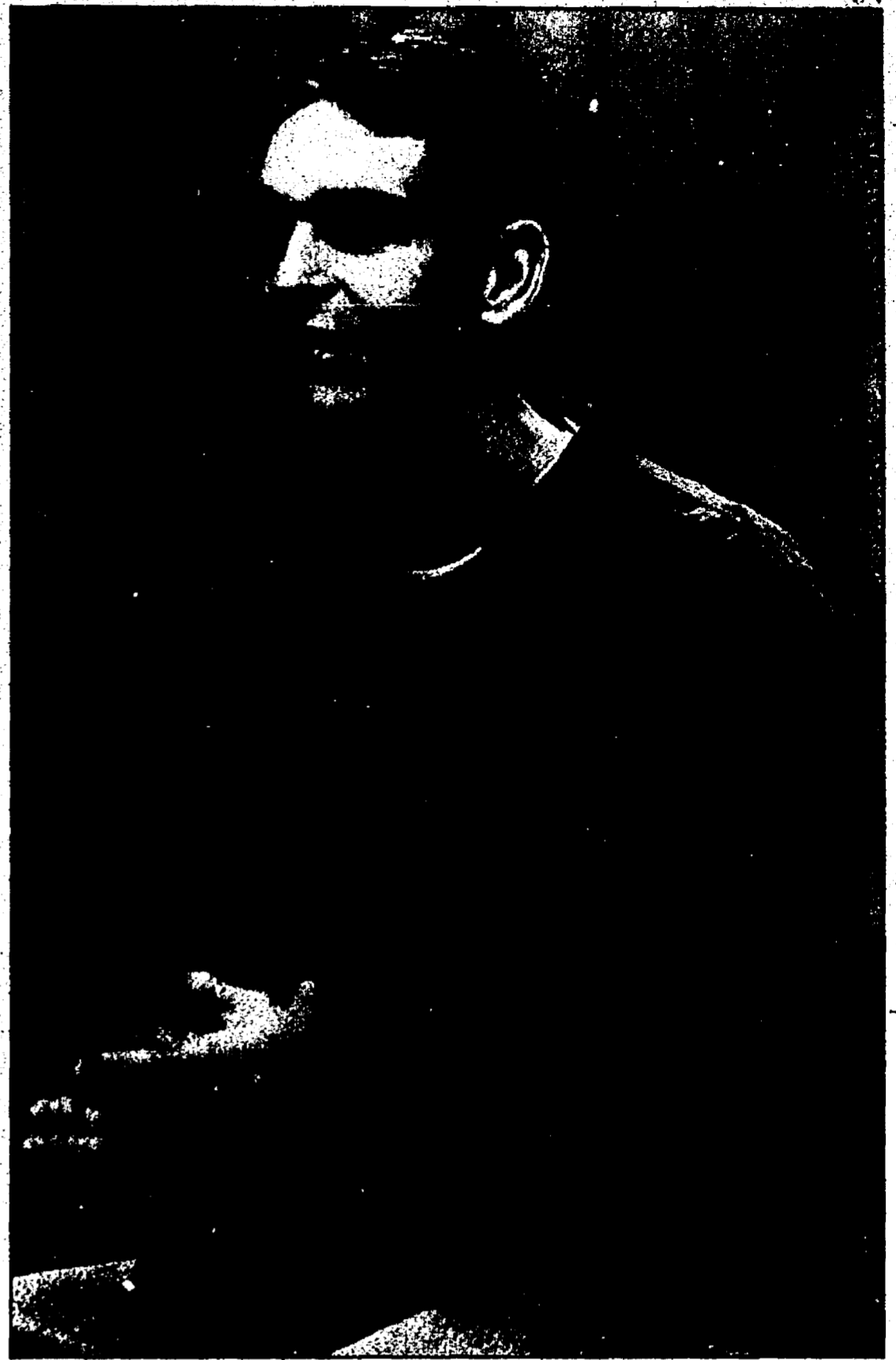
"There's a lot less problems that way. A lot of it depends on the weather. When it's hot out, that expands the bladder and that expands the latex balloons. They can pop," he said.

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

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

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

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

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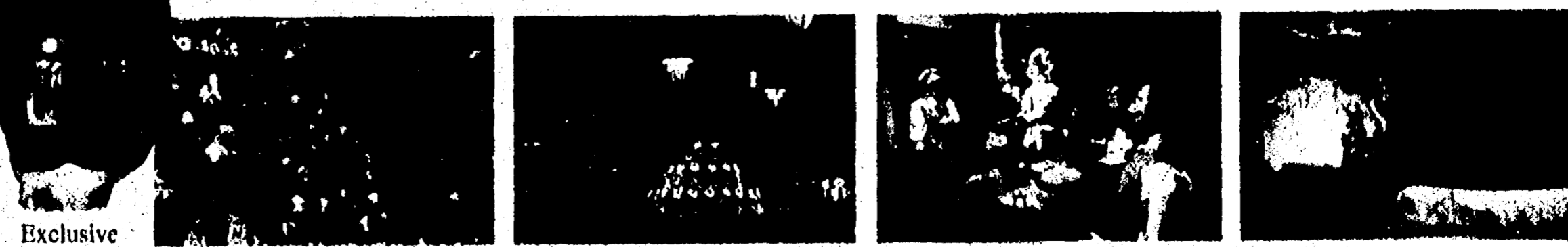
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a young rookie cop who bucked the status quo by turning in fellow-cops for bad behavior. One night, while on duty, he witnessed his comrades pulverizing some prisoners. His attempts to stop them were not only futile, but he was locked in a nearby cell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

As it would be, his name was mud throughout the precinct, and few peers would talk to him. As this author has brought out before in this column, examples of kids protecting other kids is a theme that runs rampant among our young people today. The idea that keeping silent connotes character has transcended down through the generations. A vast number of people in this country don't stand up to

others when they are doing something wrong by calling them on it. It is far and away easier to "go along with the crowd" than it is to stand out and stick up for what's right and what's wrong. The young lieutenant in the movie was the only one willing to call his colleagues on their crime. "Lone Rangers" just as the title says, are all by themselves. They know they will be ostracized or humiliated because of

their stance, and yet, something inside of them tells them they need to stand firmly on their values. They know their enemies are nearby ready to pounce and make fun of them. Perhaps you follow the controversial radio talk-show host, Dr. Laura. No matter what you think about her on-the-air confrontations, she is a classic example of a person who believes that silence is not synonymous with integrity. She is not only

standing up for what she believes to be right, but preaching and nagging us to do the same. So if your child comes home and tells you that the kids in class took turns throwing stones at the smallest child in the class, are you certain your child was not an active participant? If you are, give them tons of kudos for not taking part. That took far more intelligence than what the pranksters did.

And if they didn't report it, share with them the value in protecting someone. After all, wouldn't they have wanted someone to tell the teacher, if they were the victim? *Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.*

# Parade from page B1

## Enjoy a holiday tradition

America's Thanksgiving Parade will be 9:15 a.m. to noon along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson in Detroit. The event is free and open to the public. The parade also will be broadcast locally on WDIV-TV Channel 4, WJR-760 AM and WPLT-96.3 FM and nationally 10-10:40 a.m. on CBS TV. The Parade Company also is hosting an indoor carnival with a full-scale midway, including games, rides and family entertainment. Santa will lead spectators to Cobo

Center's Oakland Hall immediately after the parade to kick off the carnival. The hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Admission to the carnival is free. Attendees may pay as they go for rides and games, or buy a ride-all-day wristband for \$15.

ing he arrived to find the Chilly Willy balloon missing. "When I got back there the next morning, I just saw strings broken off. Chilly Willy tore away and flew over the Detroit River and landed on a remote island in Canada. Now there's a Chilly Willy fan club," McCarthy said. Another balloon partially deflated in the middle of the parade. "We had a balloon whose leg had deflated. So it was going down the street with one flimsy leg and one stiff leg. So we had a leaf blower in the balloon to keep it inflated while it was going down the route." McCarthy's experiences with parades extends past the Detroit area. He has visited Mexico City,

Boise, Idaho, Vermillion, S.D., and Atlanta, Ga. The day after Thanksgiving he will head down to Austin, Texas, to take part in its parade. On Labor Day, McCarthy, a salesman at The Saw Mill furniture store in Northville, returned from Moscow where he took part in a parade honoring the city's 851st birthday. Most of the volunteers with whom he worked were from the Russian army. Interpreters, one per balloon, relayed directions for handling balloons. Although the Russians were appreciative, they didn't respond as fervently as Americans. "They were a lot more low key; they were really mellow, but you have to consider the times," said McCarthy, who is working

toward a bachelor of business administration degree at Central Michigan University. "The value of the ruble plunges every single day. Our American money is worth more every day." "They were appreciative of the parade, but they weren't over enthusiastic. It's not like here where you can see people 10 rows deep." It was McCarthy's first trip to Europe, and he had to admit he

experienced culture shock. "The driving over there is really different," he said. "There's no rules for pedestrians. Pedestrians are at their own risk crossing the street. It's like playing human Frogger." As for this Thanksgiving, he's looking forward to that instant gratification of American crowds: "I take pictures of the audience. It's all worth it when I see their eyes light up."

## Family Resource Center offers parenting classes

The Family Resource Center will present two programs for parents in December. Parents can learn ways to live with teenagers in the eight-week-long "Does Life with a Teen Have To Be Crazy?," beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2. Presenter David Denhouter will use the "Using Active Parenting With Teens" video series for the class, which will meet 6:45-8 p.m. at the Family

Resource Center, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland. The cost will be \$10. To register, call (734) 595-2279. The second program will be a parenting workshop, "A plus Parenting," 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Hicks Elementary School, 100 Helen, south of Cherry Hill Road, Inkster. Free child care and snacks will be provided.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 26.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**Invitation to Bid**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on Thursday, December 17, 1998 at 10:00 in the morning. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS  
 Purchasing Agent  
 City of Westland

Bid Item No: 299-121798  
 Publish: November 26, 1998

**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:

#2001A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Convenience Store and Gas Service Station on Parcel #068-99-0011-000, Southeast Corner of Cherry Hill and Newburgh Roads, NW-20, Ronald M. Kachman (Gregory B. Gould).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting 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

Publish: November 25, 1998

**WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
**MEETING NO. 11 - NOVEMBER 16, 1998**

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli  
 Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott

271: Approved; minutes of regular meeting held 11/2/98  
 -Approved traffic control sign No. 98-18; Install 1 "No Parking, Standing, Stopping between Drives" sign on E. side of Treadwell between north drive of Schweitzer School & 2569 Treadwell  
 -Approved placing 1998 Board Ups on 1998 winter tax bill  
 -Introduced Budget Amendment 99-8: CWW Youth Assistance Grant, amount \$9,609  
 -Approved Bid for 1999 City Calendar to University Lithographers, amount \$39,498  
 -Approved request to go into closed study session immediately following meeting discuss property acquisition  
 -Approved request from Administration to go into closed study session on 11/30/98 at 6:00 pm discuss tentative agreements for Westland Police Officers Association & Westland Firefighters Association

272: Closed public hearing on request from C. Hartley vacate the easement retained in vacated right-of-way of the N one-half westerly 196 ft. of Standish Rd., W. of Gilman Ave., abutting parcels No. 004-01-0176-00 & 0178-00, N. of Warren & W. of Inkster Rd.

273: Adopted Budget Amendment 99-5: Purchase of City Software, amount \$265,000

275: Confirmed reappointment of R. Eisiminger to Westland Board of Review for 3 year term, expires 12/1/2001

276: Granted request from E. Ferguson to split lot No. 830, Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 17, NE corner of Newburgh & Palmer Rds.

278: Granted special land use approval for proposed coin-operated car wash on lot No. 916, Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 19, NW corner of Newburgh & Palmer Rds.

279: Granted site plan approval for proposed coin-operated car wash on lot No. 916, Supervisor's Nankin Plan No. 19 NW corner of Newburgh & Palmer Rds.

280: Granted special land use approval for proposed coffee expresso house & gift store, 638 N. Wayne Rd.

281: Granted site plan approval for proposed Wonderground Coffee House & gift store, 638 N. Wayne Rd.

282: Approved Personnel Change in Building Dept. upgrading job classification for document imaging employee to C-2a

283: Approved Check List #958,850.83 & Prepaid - \$994,773.31

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm  
 Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
 City Clerk

Publish: November 26, 1998













# Zonta goes 'nuts' with sale

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Museum hosts kids' workshop

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

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

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

For more information or to make a reservation, call Betty Wirtte at (313) 833-1262 or Amy Wys-VanHecke at (313) 833-120.

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

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

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

## Workshop helps people in coping with holidays

Getting through the holidays can be difficult for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Angela Hospice Home Care's bereavement department is offering a workshop to help individuals and families cope with the holiday season.

The "Getting Through the Holidays" workshops will be offered at 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, and 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

The 90-minute program will be followed by a half hour of fellowship and refreshments.

"The difficulties in dealing with loss seem to be magnified during the holidays," said Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator. "Many people place too much pressure on themselves to sustain all their holiday traditions. Our program is designed to give people ideas to help make the holidays easier."

For more information, call Angela Hospice at (734) 484-7810 or (734) 853-6012.

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

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

Founded in 1919 in Buffalo, N.Y., the organization has some

35,000 members in more than 1,100 clubs in 69 countries.

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL FINALS AT PLYMOUTH BLUESDALE**  
 Friday, Nov. 27 (Class A Championship) Ply vs. Hudsonville, 1 p.m.  
 Saturday, Nov. 28 (Class AA Championship) Redford CC vs. Redford, 1 p.m.

**STATE RENEWAL GOLF BASKETBALL FINALS CLASS 9**  
 at EVERETT CASEY, REDFORD  
 Wednesday, Nov. 26, Redford Bishop vs. Riverview Central, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to state quarterfinals)  
 Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Troy Athens vs. Sedgwick regional champion.  
**WY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Wednesday, Nov. 25 Siena Hts. JV at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 27 Oakland CC at St. Clair (Ont.), 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 26**  
 West. Technical at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 26 Michigan at Western (Pa.), 1 p.m.  
**Thursday, Nov. 27**  
 Michigan at Salem (Pa.), 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Nov. 28**  
 Redford Union vs. Spencerville, Franklin vs. Dexter at Edgar Ave., 6 & 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Nov. 28**  
 Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
**ONTARIO SOCCER LEAGUE**  
 Friday, Nov. 27 Ply. Whalers vs. North Bay at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Nov. 28**  
 Ply. Whalers vs. Peterborough at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

RAPTORS SOAR IN USATF MEET

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

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

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

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

In the Intermediate Boys Division, the Raptors' team placed second in the seven-team race to the A Team, also from Michigan.

Best for the Raptors was John DiGiovanni of CC (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:38. He was followed by Brian Klotz of Franklin (ninth team, 13th overall) in 17:00; Matt Daly of CC (11th team, 19th overall) in 17:12; Donnie Warner of Salem (14th team, 25th overall) in 17:30; Craig Little of Salem (18th team, 29th overall) in 17:45; Al Gill of Salem (19th team, 31st overall) in 17:55; and Jeremy Auer of Walled Lake Central (24th team, 41st overall) in 18:20.

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

YOUTH SOCCER RUNNER-UP

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockers, an under-15 boys team coached by Laura McDougall and assisted by Luke Lucero, recently finished second during the outdoor season.

Members of the Rockers include: Nick AHWal, Erik Anderson, Aaron Anselment, Danny Armbruster, David Ayyash, Adam Bogenschutz, Stephen Franklin, Danny Garber, Ryan Graham, Brandon Grieve, Chris Lantto, Adrian Lucero, Eric Pacifici, Brad Schmitz and Andy Smith. The team managers are Don and Lesley McDougall.

# Bigby, Bauman lead SC to tourney title

Lamar Bigby and Matt Bauman had it going last weekend for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The two teamed up for 43 points as Ocelots ran their overall season record to 4-0 with a 96-75 victory over host Fanshawe University in finals Saturday of a four-team tournament in London, Ont.

Bauman, a 6-foot-8 center from Livonia Franklin and transfer from the University of Detroit Mercy, led the Ocelots with a game-high 27 points, going 10-for-10 from the field. For the weekend, Bauman was 14 of 15 from the floor.

"Matt made smart plays and he can score inside," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "He played well both offensively and defensively and he's shown a lot of leadership."

Bigby, the tournament MVP,

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added 18 points. He was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week after racking up 37 points, while shooting 45 percent from three-point range, to go along with 14 rebounds and six assists in two games.

Dashawn Williams chipped in with 12 points and five rebounds, while point-guard Dave McGlown had 11 points.

Schoolcraft shooting guard Derek McKelvey, who recently signed with Tennessee-Martin, added eight points and was named all-tournament.

Fanshawe (9-8) had Schoolcraft deadlocked at 42-all at halftime and had a brief lead in the second half.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and moved some

guys around," Briggs said. "Our pressure defense eventually work them down."

"It was good for us to be tied at the half and it was the first time we trailed this season in the second half. It was interesting to see how we would respond and we did a good job."

Schoolcraft hit 36 of 60 shots from the floor (60 percent) and 19 of 28 free throws (67.8 percent).

Fanshawe was 29 of 61 (47.5 percent) and 11 of 18 from the line (61.1 percent).

MADONNA SALVAGES SPLIT

Madonna University salvaged a split in the Hampton Technologies Classic at Wilberforce (Ohio) with an 87-75 win over Ohio University Southern as Mike Massey and Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) each scored 18 points.

Naryin Russaw added 17 points and 10 rebounds, while point-guard Nick Hurley chipped in with 15 points and seven assists as the Fighting Crusaders improved to 2-4 overall.

Madonna made 30 of 60 shots from the floor, including 10 of 21 from three-point range.

Carlos Henderson and Andrew Stevens scored 33 and 23, respectively, for Ohio University Southern.

On Friday, host Wilberforce put five players in double figures as the Crusaders fell, 92-78.

Lamont Branch led the winners with 24 points, while Barry Martin chipped in with 21.

Massey (Walled Lake Western) had a team-high 22 for Madonna, while Mike Maryanski added 20 points and 13 rebounds, Jason Skoczylas added nine points.

## Madonna captures Dominican Classic Cushman earns WHAC honor

It was "Katie Bar the Door" last weekend for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

Senior guard Katie Cushman (Flint Powers) led the Lady Crusaders to the Dominican Classic title in River Forest, Ill.

Cushman, named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week, averaged 23 points in wins over host Dominican (82-70) on Friday and Illinois Tech (98-57) on Saturday.

She also averaged 9.5 assists and 3.5 rebounds as Madonna improved to 3-0 overall.

Cushman had 20 points and 10 assists in the championship game. Kathy Panganis chipped in with 18 points, while Mary Murray and Kristi Fiorenzi each added 14.

Beth Gawlinski was the only Illinois Tech player in double figures with 14 points.

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Lewis, in particular, was hitting on all cylinders. "Seventeen rebounds is not too shabby," Winfield said. "She plays hard in practice all the time and hard all the time in the game. She's a good-natured kid who loves basketball. And when you have a kid like that, you know you have something special."

King did not exactly shoot the basketball accurately — 22 of 72 (30.5 percent) — but the Crusaders made only 11 turnovers. "The good thing about this game is that everybody got to play," Winfield said. "I thought our starters played well, but our younger kids didn't play as well."

So what's the future for Ladywood? "We have reason to feel optimistic that we'll improve even more next year," said Goraki, who just finished her third season. "We have Melissa and Michelle (Harakas) back and they can matchup up athletically with most teams. Liz O'Brecht (a freshman) is a big body who only going to get better. And Kristen Barnes is a good three-point shooter, even though she didn't show it in this game."

"I thought our juniors developed. We'll try to develop our guards to play a team as quick and skilled as King and not feel rushed."

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Madonna shot 52 percent from the field (39 of 75).



Cushman hit nine of 18 from the floor, including five of eight from three-point range in the win over Dominican. She also dished out nine assists.

Lori Enfield added 15 points, while Chris Dietrich contributed 15.

Julie Heintz led Dominican with 18.


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# Taylor eliminates Crusaders (44-7) in NAIA Great Lakes Region semis

Through its first four matches at last weekend's NAIA Great Lakes Regional, hosted by University of Michigan-Dearborn, Madonna University's volleyball team dominated, losing a total of just two games. But in the regional semifinals, it was Taylor University that was the dominant force.

The Lady Crusaders were eliminated in three-straight games by Taylor, 15-9, 15-7, 15-7, to end an outstanding season. Madonna finished the year with its second-straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship while posting a 44-7 record.

The Crusaders never quite got their offense in gear against Taylor on Saturday, collecting just 28 kills in the three matches. Erin Cunningham paced Madonna with eight (and a .400 kill percentage); she also had five digs and two block assists.

Brandy Malewski (from Red-

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ford Thurston), who together with teammate Rayna Vert was named to the all-region first team, added seven kills, six digs, one solo block and four block assists against Taylor. Stephanie Uballle had six kills, two solo blocks and three block assists; Vert got five kills, nine digs and two block assists; Jennifer Russell collected 10 digs; and Deanne Helsom, a second team all-region selection, finished with 24 assists to kills, six digs, one solo block and three block assists.

In the quarterfinals Friday, Madonna disposed of host UMD with ease, winning 15-5, 15-3, 15-6. Cunningham had 13 a team-best kills (.360) with 17 digs, while both Vert (.435) and Malewski (.476) added 11 kills apiece. Malewski also had three solo blocks and eight block

assists, while Vert collected 15 digs and four block assists. Russell led Madonna with 26 digs, and Helsom totaled 44 assists to kills, two service aces and four block assists.

Earlier Friday in pool play, the Crusaders rolled through unscathed, beating Dominican University 15-6, 12-15, 15-3, 15-13; Indiana Wesleyan 10-15, 15-2, 15-3, 15-7; and Mount Vernon Nazarene 15-5, 15-6, 15-5.

Malewski led Madonna in the three wins with 43 kills, 37 digs, seven solo blocks and 28 block assists. Cunningham added 38 kills, 36 digs, two solo blocks and eight block assists; Uballle had 39 kills, one solo block and 20 block assists.

Vert finished with 19 kills, 44 digs, five solo blocks and 13 block assists; Russell had 27 digs and six aces; and Helsom totaled 153 assists to kills, 12 aces, 21 digs, one solo block and 13 block assists.

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man or running back, but the defense was Ram tough against an impressive Lake Orion offense.

The Rams led 34-0 at half-time and Lake Orion quarterback Darren Tooley, a Division I prospect, was sacked several times, completing only six of 24 passes with two interceptions.

That said, the Rams are playing the Shamrocks, who had a pair of runners, Casey Rogowski and John Kava, rush for more than 100 yards each against highly-regarded Sterling Heights Stevenson in a 35-21 semifinals victory.

The line, led by junior guards Mike Morris and Steve Dominguez, has seldom been better.

Munger lost to Grand Rapids Catholic Central in a Class B semifinal one year when he was coach at Frankenmuth, but knows this CC isn't an identical twin.

It's probably far more powerful. "CC is obviously a very good team, well coached, very fundamental, and makes very few mistakes," Munger said. The Rams have made the

playoffs in five of Munger's seven years, including three straight trips to the semifinals.

The school has a new football stadium that is routinely filled with several thousand fans. A big following might be the best advantage Rockford has against CC.

"We've got a great following and we're very blessed that way," Munger said.

A lot of high school followers thought Rockford's team last year, led by all-state quarterback Mike Segard, would end up in the finals. Rockford was upset by Ann Arbor Huron, 17-14, in the semifinals.

"It was a powerful team, probably the best we had in quite a while," Munger said. "That was last year and now we're playing with a new group of guys."

Senior quarterback Dan Richard leads Rockford on offense, completing 76 of 135 passes for 969 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions. Four of his receivers have at least nine catches and Courtney Yon leads with 15 receptions for 148 yards.

The Rams run the ball by committee with Chris Maksim

leading the way with 418 yards in 61 carries (for a 6.9 yard average per carry), and five others gaining more than 200 yards.

The defense is led by senior Luke Botais (5-11, 225) and junior Mike Lundberg (6-foot, 190), both inside linebackers. Lundberg leads the team in tackles.

"The heart of any defense is the linebackers," Munger said.

Rogowski, out the first four weeks with a broken leg, has become the leader of the CC defense at inside linebacker. He had 16 tackles last week and is there if the Shamrocks' outstanding front three of Jeremiah Hicks, Lou Willoughby and John Abshire don't make the tackle.

Rogowski scored five touchdowns against Stevenson.

"I was real happy with Casey's running, the way he played both offense and defense," Mach said. "He's come a long way back."

"Those three guys (Abshire, Hicks and Willoughby) are as good as we've had as down three together. They're not as big as we've had but are very good in terms of mobility."

## Stevenson's Kern places 4th in 500 freestyle; Mocerri garners 1st-ever points for Ladywood

Livonia Stevenson failed to crack the top ten in the state Class A girls swim meet Saturday at Jones Natatorium at Eastern Michigan University.

But the Spartans had some noteworthy individual performances led by Julie Kern's fourth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (5:00.82).

Kern, a senior, shaved nearly six seconds off her first-place time of 5:06.1 set in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet Nov. 7 at Plymouth Salem in 5:06.1.

Amy McCullough of Farmington Hills Mercy captured the state meet title in the 500 freestyle in 4:54.75.

Mercy also won the team championship, its first state crown since 1972, by scoring 142 points.

Runner-up Zeeland tallied 111, while Grosse Pointe North finished third with 109.

Stevenson, shut out of scoring on all three relay events, was 20th with 20 points.

Stevenson diver Katy Ballantine, a junior, added an eighth with 333.00 points. The event was won by East Kentwood's Sarah Lowe (394.60).

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Other Stevenson finishers included junior Katie Clark in the 100 butterfly, 10th place in 1:00.12, and junior Meghan Mocerri in the 500 freestyle, 12th in 5:15.34.

Mocerri's cousin, Christina Mocerri, finished eighth in the 100 backstroke to score the first points ever in the state meet by a Livonia Ladywood swimmer. (Sara Johnson of Bloomfield Hills Lahser won the race in 56.22.)

Mocerri's time of 59.84 shaved nearly 2 1/2 seconds off her personal best and school record time of 1:02.4 set in the Catholic League championships Nov. 14 at Royal Oak Dendero.

In the Catholic League meet, the sophomore finished second in the 100 backstroke and second in the 200 IM (2:18.9). She also dropped her time in the 200 IM at the state meet with a clocking of 2:16.9 (26th best in Class A).

## Plymouth Whalers slip to 2nd place, Guelph goaltender Madden is sharp

How quickly things can change.

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

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

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the game to give the host Platers a 6-5 triumph.

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

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

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

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

Legwand (his 13th).

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

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

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

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

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

## Ambassadors storm into 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors moved into first place in the nine-team North American Hockey League with a 7-0 rout of the St. Louis Sting Sunday at Compuware Arena.

J.J. Swistak and Steve Jackson each scored two goals to spark the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski and Beau Fritz made 13 saves apiece in splitting the shutout in goal. The win, com-

bined with a split earlier in the weekend against Danville (the Ambassadors won 5-3 Friday, then lost 4-3 Saturday at Compuware), left Compuware with a 16-4-1 record — one point better than second-place Soo Kewadin (16-5).

D.J. Vogt scored twice and Kowalski made 35 saves in the Ambassadors' win Friday.



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# Hudsonville tackles Harrison in state final

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As an eight-time state champion, Farmington Harrison has had many successes in the state football finals, but the Hawks might be thinking this week about one of the few that got away.

The Hawks hope to win their ninth title when they play first-time finalist Hudsonville for the Class A crown at 1 p.m. Friday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

But the last time Harrison faced a team from the Greater Grand Rapids area was in the 1996 state final, and Grandville punished the Hawks with a strong running game and won 24-17.

That was also the last time Harrison lost a game. The defending Class A champion Hawks are 12-0 this year and take a 24-game winning streak into the 1998 finale.

Hudsonville also boasts a strong rushing attack and relies almost solely on senior back Nate Luurtsema for its offensive production.

"They're a little bit like Midland Dow last year," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding Hudsonville runs the I-formation as opposed to Grandville's split wishbone. "They don't run as varied an attack as Grandville, but they run it effectively.

"They're something like (Westland John) Glenn in that they use two tight ends a lot and try to control the ball."

Herrington likens the 5-foot-10, 195-pound Luurtsema to Walled Lake Western's Dave Johnson except he runs from the tailback position instead of fullback.

"He has the same kind of speed in the open field and great balance," Herrington said. "You have to wrap him up and get a lot of people on the ball. It's very tough to take him down one on one.

"He's a big-play back. I've seen him break a lot of long runs. He had 300 yards against Portage Central and just ran over them."

Hudsonville coach Dave Duram says Luurtsema is the "biggest secret in Michigan." He played in only two games last year because of an injury, but he has rushed for 1,983 yards and 22 touchdowns this year while averaging 7.2 yards per carry. Luurtsema runs the 40 in 4.49 seconds, added Duram.

"Imagine what it was like knowing you had a back like that over on the sideline bandaged up?" Duram said. "People are just beginning to realize there's something there. He doesn't have any commitments (from colleges), but he's getting a lot of attention."

Fullback James Kuipers has rushed for 362 yards and three touchdowns and is one heckuva blocker, according to Duram.

"He made one all-area team based on his blocking, and he has a number of colleges looking at him," he said.

The Eagles (11-1) have played musical chairs at quarterback. Jordan Beel was the starter last year but missed the first seven games with an injury. His replacement, D.J. Van Slyke, was injured in the sixth game, and Kenny Reagnn led Hudsonville to victory in Week 7.

"Luckily for us, by that point, Beel came back," Duram said. "This year luck was with us. As one good kid went down, we had someone come back."

"They prefer to run it, but they have a kid (Casey Glass) who is a good receiver, and the quarterback does throw the ball accurately," Herrington said.

"Our linebackers are going to have to be very active. We have to get people to Luurtsema, and we can't let the fullback run up the middle on us, either."

The Hawks will have to watch for the unexpected, too. The Eagles recovered an onside kick to start the game against Saginaw last week and scored as a result en route to a 32-6 victory.

"They took the momentum away from Saginaw early, and it didn't look like Saginaw ever got in sync," Herrington said.

"They'll put the slotback in the guard-tackle gap, which makes it an eight-man line, and you have to adjust to that."

Duram knows what kind of challenge the Eagles face in trying to plan a defense for Harrison, which is comfortable and capable of either passing or running.

"Most teams we prepare for you can say 'Gee, if we can hold

this kid back or this kid down, we feel we're in pretty good shape," he said. "If you can hold one (Harrison) individual down, they can hurt you in three or four other places. It makes it an extremely difficult challenge to prepare for a team like this.

"We've seen teams that are fast and spread us out and teams that are big and strong, but I don't think we've seen a team with a combination of the two like they have."

So Duram's game plan will be? "Ball control. Obviously, we can't let them have control of the ball," he said. "We have to keep it away from them."

The Hawks have always had a balanced attack, but their offense is even stronger with the emergence of junior running back Kevin Woods as a bonafide rushing threat.

Woods has gained 328 yards — more than a third of his 850 total yards — in just the last two

games, but he needed time to develop into a varsity runner early in the year, according to Herrington.

"(Senior Matt) Reed was returning and doing a very good job — and still is!" he said. "Kevin was feeling his way as a varsity player.

"We felt he wasn't running hard and was stopping to make his cuts: So we kept running him in our inside drill against the first-team defense, and he kept

getting better and better.

"We thought he really came alive when he played Reggie Spearmon the week of the Glenn game, although he always gained yards whenever he got in there."


After what Woods has done in the last two playoff games, does Herrington think he has become a varsity back now?

"Yes, I think so," he said. Herrington plans to mix the pass and the run as circum-

stances dictate, but he said the Hawks aren't planning too many surprises.

"They play a lot of one-on-one coverage, and we'll try to get the ball to Ricky (Bryant), Andre (Davis), (Mike) Hoad and (Brian) Nelson," he said.

"They present us with some problems, but we present them with a lot of problems, too. The fact we've come on with a strong running game has added to the fact we're difficult to defense."



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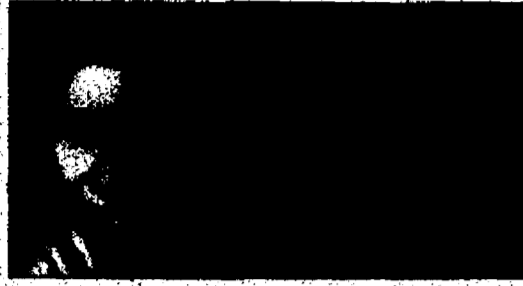
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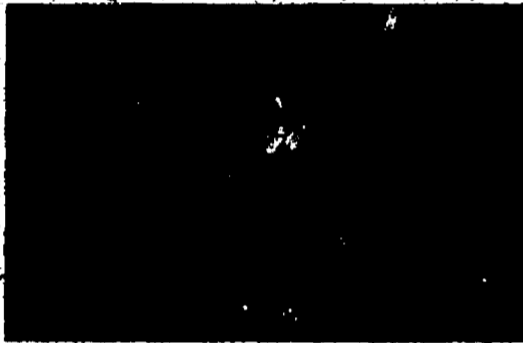
Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," makes a historic first appearance 8 p.m. with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$50, \$75, \$125 and \$150, call (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY



New Millennium Youth Theatre Company performs "The Snow Queen," by Hans Christian Andersen, 2 p.m. at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets \$5, call (248) 552-1225.

### SUNDAY



University Musical Society presents "The Harlem Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Detroit Opera House, 26 Broadway, Detroit (corner of Madison Ave.), Detroit. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (800) 221-1229, (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6656.

## HOT



Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Museum, visitors will marvel at a 720-square foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults \$12.50, senior citizens 62 and over \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old \$7.50, children under five free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEADOW BROOK'S 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'



Piecing together: Scenery designer Peter Hicks, right, oversees the assembly of the intricate set for "A Christmas Carol."

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# ARCHITECTURE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

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It only seems appropriate that the story Charles Dickens claimed he laughed and cried over like no other would require the staging synchronization of a Swiss watch assembly line.

For Meadow Brook Theatre set designer Peter Hicks, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" translates into 17 pages of densely filled blueprints, a large-scale hydraulic-powered turntable that reveals a two-sided, unfolding set and enough ersatz fiberglass bricks to build a small mansion in the rolling hills of Rochester.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Meadow Brook Theatre initiated the holiday season with the opening performances of their 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Amazingly, the production hasn't grown tiresome over the years, largely due to Charles Nolte's lively adaptation, the intricately magical set designed by Hicks, and the

**WHAT:** "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte

**WHEN:** Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Performance times vary, call for information.

**WHERE:** Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester.

**TICKETS:** \$25-\$30.50, call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316 for group tickets. Special discounts Thanksgiving weekend, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, adults paying full price may purchase half-price tickets for children age 12 and under.

sniveling Scrooge, and the suffering Cratchits make their way onto the Meadow Brook stage, the architecture of the play must be constructed.

"The physical plan of the set must serve the play and the director's interpretation," said Hicks. "And in our case, it must also fit the tight confines of a former recital hall."

Back in 1962 when "A Christmas Carol" was first performed, the guest designer hadn't planned on the set being used from year to year.

By the late 1980s, Hicks redesigned the set and the reconstructed carousel hasn't stopped turning. The play is unquestionably the most popular in Meadow Brook's history.

From year to year, "A Christmas Carol" attracts thousands of students and young families to the Wednesday-Sunday matinees over a six-week run.

"Before the curtain goes up, there's a few moments when the audience should be getting information from what's on the stage," said Hicks.

In those moments, audiences see a set seemingly pulled from a Currier and Ives painting, and hear costumed carolers in the hallways.

### Time of joy

While most productions of "A Christmas Carol" borrow sappy Disney-like interpretations, Meadow Brook's holiday classic is perhaps more gritty, and closer to Dickens' bitter-sweet original tale.

And if anyone wants to see the closest dramatization of the real-

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1840s period costumes created by Barbara Jenks who counts more than 1,000 wardrobe pieces in "A Christmas Carol."

### Before the curtain rises

Only the agonizingly agnostic and terminally crusty haven't read or watched a version of Scrooge's conversion from a greedy sinner to benevolent patriarch.

But long before the illusion of 19th-century London streets, the

**Hung up:** Barbara Jenks, costume coordinator at Meadow Brook Theatre, stands amid the hundreds of costumes prepared for "A Christmas Carol."



## HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

# Christmas comes early for local dancer - she's a Rockette



Holiday tradition: With military precision, the Rockettes perform their popular toy soldier dance.

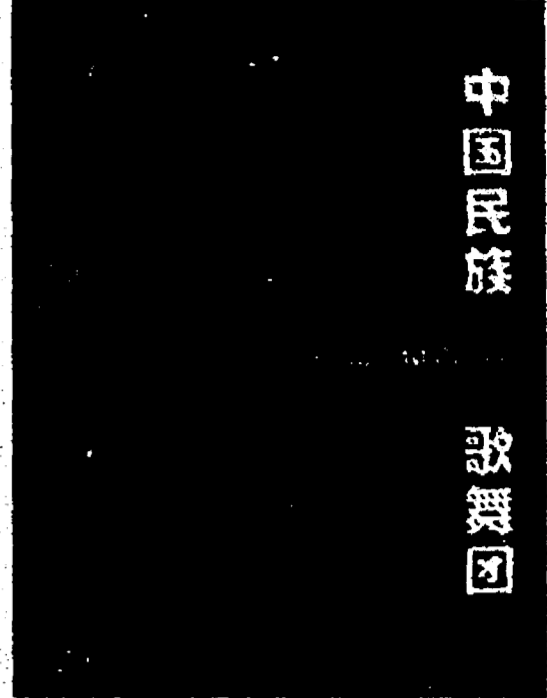
BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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It's safe to say that Tracy Rysdale is thrilled about being a Rockette in this year's "Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes."

"Living in Michigan, I grew up going to the Fox (Theatre) and seeing the ballet with my parents. This is not only a dream to be a Rockette but to be performing at the Fox Theatre. It's an absolutely beautiful theater. It's overwhelming but very exciting," Rysdale explained.

With non-stop enthusiasm, Rysdale tells of the thrill she gets performing as a Rockette. Since she was a child growing up in White Lake Township, she has dreamed about becoming a part of the team.

"I've wanted to be a Rockette since I was 7 years old. I didn't have a lot of flexibility when I was younger. Everyone else could do the higher kicks and



## Song & dance troupe shares Chinese treasure

Birmingham Seaholm High School plays host to an appearance by the Chinese National Song & Dance Troupe 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The program "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" features Tibetan and Mongolian dancers.

Gang Chen of Rochester Hills, an engineer with Chrysler, is the chairman of the organizing committee for the program and general secretary of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit.

Chen said the company features 27 dancers who perform 17 dances in a two-hour program.

"We are extremely pleased to bring a true national Chinese treasure to the Metro Detroit area," said Chen. "We hope that the show will bring our audience a richer Thanksgiving holiday season."

The company is making stops in New York City, Columbus, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Honolulu.

"This December they have been invited to perform at the UN in New York on Dec. 25 and the company has arranged to appear in 20 cities in the U.S.," Chen said.

The dancers will be accompanied on traditional instruments.

"Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" will feature a mix of group and solo as well as modern and traditional folk dances. The Golden Drum and the Goddess, for example, describes how a Tibetan Buddhist uses a golden drum as a ritual object in temple ceremonies.

"The dances reflect the people's happiness, prosperity and feelings, dreams and desires," Chen said.

The Drum Dance features a group of male dancers wearing small bells on legs and waist who dance rhythmically to the beat of sheepskin drums.

Zhouma is the Tibetan word for fairy and is the central character in a dance featuring a female solo with a group of male dancers in which Lady Zhouma attracts the attention of the young herdsmen.

Odzer is Tibetan for "light" or "fire." In this female solo performance the dancer expresses the hope that "light may eternally shine on humankind."

In addition to Tibetan and Mongolian dances, the program features other folk dances as well.

The Rainbow Sleeves dance is a Tu nationality dance featuring all women and centers on the seven colors of the rainbow, a prominent feature of the

Please see TREASURE, E2

## "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes"

**WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**TICKETS:** Range from \$10-\$52.50. For ticket information, call (248) 433-1515, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or any Ticketmaster outlet. Groups of 20 or more should call (313) 965-3099.

**PERFORMANCES:** Several performances are scheduled, call for more information. This week's shows are 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

the splits. I was the one that couldn't do it. But I said one of these days I'm going to be a Rockette," Rysdale said.

A 1991 Waterford Kettering High

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# Center features festive holiday events

From youth theater, Judy Collins, to Gemini, there are lots of entertaining ways to celebrate the holidays in Southfield.

## Youth Theater

The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company will perform Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fairy-tale "The Snow Queen." 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J. L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for groups of 10 or more. Call (248) 552-1225.

Members of the New Millennium Youth Theatre Company, who come from all over metro Detroit, have been rehearsing since September. "They will put on a show your family will remember for years," said Chris Guyotte.

## Judy Collins

Judy Collins will perform a holiday concert at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, and available by cash or check at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the main reception desk, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or at the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers, or call (248) 645-6666.

The Golden Mushroom is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the Judy Collins concert. The dinner is \$25 per person and begins with chilled chicken smoked chicken breast on mixed field greens, red wine vinaigrette, crumbled blue cheese and avocado.

Diners can choose between two main courses - smoke-roasted beef tenderloin with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, grilled vegetables and wild mushroom gateaux, or bronzed Atlantic salmon on lemon risotto with artichokes and tomatoes.

Dessert will be chocolate French flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream. Call the Golden Mushroom (248) 559-4230 for dinner reservations.

In this concert, Collins will share her joy of the holiday season. Her concerts are well-known for creating a warm, enjoyable evening filled with traditional and new songs for Hanukkah and Christmas. She will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin.

Her recordings of "Both Sides Now," "Amazing Grace," and

"Send in the Clowns," stand as classics for all time. Her 24 albums have sold millions of copies and have been certified gold and platinum.

## Gemini

Internationally acclaimed children's folk singing duo, Gemini, will appear at the Millennium Centre in Southfield 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 for their annual Family Holiday Concert.

Winner of multiple Parent's Choice awards for their recordings, Gemini will perform songs from around the world and showcase the holidays of Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah as well as many cultures.

The Ann Arbor based twins have been performing and recording for more than 20 years.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for groups of 10 or more, call (248) 552-1225.



Holiday classic: Booth Colman performs as Ebenezer Scrooge and Stephanie Kasmiccki (left) and Joel Carpenter alternate the role of Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol."

## Dancer from page E1

School graduate, Rysdale tried out three times in San Francisco and Las Vegas before being asked to join the troupe.

"The first time I auditioned I walked into the audition really, really wanting the job. I got psyched up too high. I wasn't prepared for the disappointment," she explained.

"But she did have enough confidence to give it another go.

"If you're ready to give up after one audition, you shouldn't be in this business. I knew it just by timing and just a matter of them seeing me and knowing that I wanted the job. I even heard of one of the line captains in the past who auditioned seven or eight times before getting hired."

The auditions, she said, were rigorous.

"They were very, very military. There were at least, I'd say, 150 girls there and they teach you a routine in two seconds and you have to pick it up as quick as possible," Rysdale explained.

"The dancers were judged on a variety of categories including accuracy, how fast they learn the routines, and the strength of their backgrounds."

"That's all in a matter of four

minutes. You have to look very confident, be confident in ballet, jazz and tap, and look like you are enjoying yourself. You're nervous and you're scared but they also have to see that you want to perform and that you want the job," she said.

The Las Vegas audition was the winner. For 3 1/2 years she had been a line captain for the American Superstars tribute to impersonators show at the Flamingo Hilton in Reno, Nev. When she got the call in June, she took a leave from that position and flew home to Michigan.

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes" runs from Friday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Last year Rysdale watched the show from the audience, now she's a part of it.

"It's just so breathtaking. I go to church and I'm very into God. It's such an inspiration. It's absolutely beautiful," she said of the show.

The "Christmas Spectacular" is a variety-type show that features The Rockettes, its cast and live animals staging the "Living

Nativity." Teddy bears dance in Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." There are a few new twists as well.

"We have new renditions of some of the numbers. We've switched some of the choreography. Overall, it's a Christmas spectacular."

The show involves a lot more than the trademark kicks, she added.

"The kicks are always the big thing for most people. But there is so much more to this show. You have to be disciplined to be able to mirror all 18 girls. You don't have your own style. The only style you have is your face," Rysdale explained.

"I hate to use the word 'military' but it is so military. There is no style. You can't just add a couple heads or a couple hips ... they're so particular. For this dance you have to have your thumb back, the next step you have to have it forward. They say if it's uncomfortable, you're doing it right."

One of the biggest challenges for Rysdale is working with props.

"You have to have a back-

ground in ballet, jazz and tap but you're also flipping wreaths and holding up canes, dancing on props, tapping with boxes and twirling sticks," she said.

"Never in my life have I ever worked with a prop. These things are 10 to 15 pounds each. I'm using muscles I never thought I had."

When she's not rehearsing for "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" starring The Rockettes," she teaches master classes at her former studio, The Dance Place in Waterford.

"I tell the girls, don't give up and don't think that you're not good enough. You are. One day it will be you. They're all going to auditions now so they know it's a hard business. But you have to be strong."

After the "Christmas Spectacular" ends its run, she will return to her position as line captain in Reno, Nev.

"I'll probably do that for another year. But I'll leave my schedule open for the next Christmas Spectacular."

"It's so much fun. I was telling my mom my feet are tired, everything aches. But I can't wait to do it again tomorrow."

## Classic from page E1

life Scrooge, there are no better performances year after year than Booth Colman's.

Often forgotten by audiences is Dickens' stinging indictment of the perverse consequences of "progress" at the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

"If we wanted to be more historically correct, there'd be more rags and less beauty," said Meadow Brook costume coordinator Jenks, who redesigned the wardrobe two years ago.

More jewel-tone colors have been added to the current production, said Jenks, whose design for Meadow Brook's opening play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," merits the highest recognition for the year's best costumes.

After all the actors have been fitted and the costumes were neatly pressed, Jenks handed over responsibility to two dressers. For now, she'll join Hicks to begin work on Meadow Brook's next play, "Scotland Road," scheduled to open in mid-January.

But neither will be far from the holiday celebration occurring on stage.

"This is a time of joy," said Jenks. "A lot of old friends come to the production, and a lot of people who might not be in any of this season's plays come back and do 'A Christmas Carol.'"

In theater, that's the closest thing to running like clockwork.

## Treasure from page E1

sleeves of their ethnic costumes. Seven dancers personally a rainbow of colors, seen so often on the grassland of Qinghai plateau.

The dance Flowers and Youth in a Han Chinese dance "to express the true meaning of love

through a composition of gentle, graceful movements."

Tickets for "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" are \$20, \$30 and \$40. For more information, call (248) 852-1886 or (248) 649-9844. Seaholm is at 2436 West Lincoln Road.

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# Second City marks 5th anniversary with new revue

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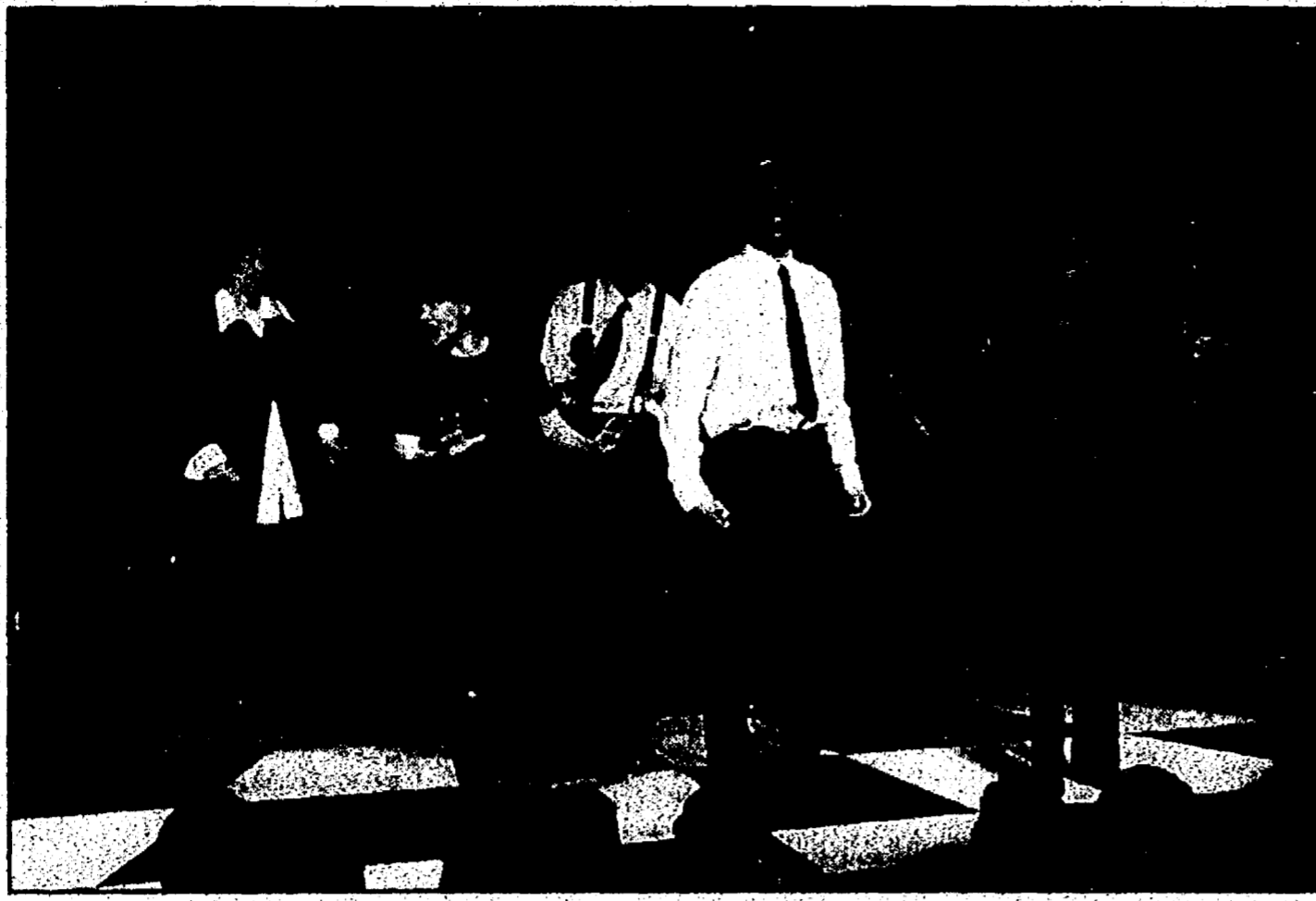
Irreverent as ever, The Second City-Detroit celebrates its fifth anniversary with "Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend," their 14th live-comedy revue.

In typical Second City fashion, the show, which opened Thursday, has nothing to do with Daimler or Chrysler. It's edgy in spots, the kind of comedy that makes you think, and disappointingly, a little offensive.

When will comedians get it — the f-word isn't funny, and because it's so over-used, doesn't even have much shock value. So why use it?

Opening day at the brand new Tiger Stadium, same old Tigers, score 0-14, could have been played a lot of different ways. Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key were funny as the sportscasters with their running commentary and commercials — "Down River Ale, if you're gonna go down, go down smooth." The scene where Eric Black slaps (hardly a tap) Mary Jane Pories, "you're so annoying I had to hit you," was upsetting. Pories in the skit is Kate, the friend of newcomer Nyima Anise Woods who divorced Black and finds herself sitting next to him at the Tiger's game. Upon discovering his ex-wife's newly acquired knowledge of baseball, Black is smitten, and wants to get back together. Kate and Margaret Exner are her girlfriends who run interference.

I suppose they were exaggerating to bring light to an issue, but you can take things a little too



**Main Stage:** The cast of Second City-Detroit, (back row, left to right) Margaret Exner, Eric Black, Larry Campbell, and Mary Jane Pories (front row, left to right), Keegan-Michael Key, and Nyima Anise Wood in "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend."

far. Maybe that was the intent. Seeing someone slap a woman on stage, no matter how lightly, is disturbing. It was just a little too real to be comedy.

That's not all. There's more sexual innuendo in this show than other shows, sometimes aimed at homosexuals. Like the

slap, they're cheap shots — not very creative when measured against previous revues.

Fans will enjoy repeat performances of popular skits from previous shows. The Lawn Guy (Key) returns to help poor Miss Angela (Woods) who's African American and lives in Birming-

ham, sort out racial issues. "I don't feel black enough," she says. "Eight Mile seems really wide." This is what Second City does best, take a charged issue like racism and diffuse it to make their audience think.

If you're stressed at work, you'll enjoy the skit where

**"Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend"**

**What:** The Second City-Detroit's 14th live comedy revue  
**When:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational set, free of charge, after every performance. Wednesday through Sunday (after 10:30 p.m. Show Friday-Saturday).  
**Tickets:** \$10 Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-2222, or (248) 645-6666.  
**Holiday Highlights**  
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■ **Homeless for the Holidays** — A dysfunctional seasonal revue (Second City Detroit Workshop Production) — 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and Monday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Tickets \$8, call (313) 965-2222.

Woods, Pories and Key, downsize everyone else out of a job — "although you will always be part of our family, you'll be part of our extended family. The only thing is, the staff doesn't get it. If we're not working here, then where are we working? We need to know so we can be there in the morning."

There's a new spin, an Affirmative Action sequence where Black and Campbell lament, "No one's hiring white guys."

TV is cleverly pictured as "evil and sucking the life-blood out of us," and President Clinton (Campbell) and his wife Hillary (Exner) share a joint and conversation on the White House roof.

There's a lot of really creative animated humor such as the video game skit where Bill Clinton (acting like a video game character complete with robotic moves) goes to battle with Linda Tripp, Kenneth Starr, and

Hillary, who of course, wins.

Open mike night at Auschwitz, featuring Key as the comedian, was funny, but not offensive. "What's the difference between Hitler and Himmler? It's the spelling." The situation was absurd.

Skits on men and women failing to communicate were a riot, and to hear "All the Crazy People are from Michigan," featured in a previous skit, was a treat.

Changes made by producer Rico Bruce Wade are apparent. The cast finishes the skits they start. There's more emphasis on relationships between men and women.

In a clever move, just before the ending, each cast member stops, and comments on unfinished business. They hurry up, go back into character to complete the scene.

# Stagecrafters' 'The Heiress' awakens from sleepy 1st act

"The Heiress" continues through Sunday, Nov. 29 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, with additional performances 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Tickets \$10 and \$12, all seats reserved, call (248) 541-6430.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Catherine's life was doomed from birth, for she would always bear the burden of her mother's death in delivery. That burden includes an impossible task, as her stern and unloving father has been waiting for this plain young woman to "approach the perfection of your mother." How perfect was she? She even tuned her own piano!

Stagecrafters presents "The Heiress" as its season's prerequisite drama. Set near the turn of the century when New York's Washington Square was populated with the genteel upper crust in pillared brownstones, the play glides along, well, genteelly. The final scene, however, packs a wallop that could qualify Catherine for an appearance with Sally Jesse Raphael.

Who amongst us hasn't felt like the proverbial square peg in life's round hole? Painfully shy, Catherine (Robin Thomas) is without charm or poise. She crumbles like a cracker when company comes into the parlor. Why isn't she getting married like cousin Marian (Michelle



**Main Stage production:** Aunt Lavinia (Jeanine Matlow of Farmington Hills, left to right) chaperones the courtship of Catherine (Robin Johnson of Farmington Hills) and Morris (Tony Castellani) in a scene from "The Heiress."

Held)? "Someone must love me," she declares. "Someone must tell me he wants me."

Her new brother-in-law's cousin Morris (Tony Castellani) eagerly applies for the job. This oily cad, having gone through his own inheritance, sets his sights on Catherine's, and it seems there's not much he's unwilling to do to get it, short of

breaking into a chorus of "On the Street Where You Live."

To her father (Pat Reid), Morris' motives are "pitifully clear." Catherine, as expected, is dazzled by their first kiss, and succumbs to his quick proposal. Is Morris' love true? Will father cut her off if she marries him? How much of herself is Catherine willing to sacrifice to meet

the expectations of others — or can she summon the courage to tell the world where to go?

Robin Thomas is a woeful caterpillar and an even more glorious butterfly, her metamorphosis a superb accomplishment. Like her Venetian crystal so desired by Morris, Thomas' Catherine is delicate and easily shattered, yet durable and, yes,

beautiful in ways that her self-motivated relatives and suitor can't see.

Pat Reid's Dr. Sloper is the living embodiment of every Victorian-era portrait. Have you ever seen a smiling face in one? You won't on this man, either; his bitterness is so deep it stays with him right into the grave. Reid plays the doctor as your most intimidating college professor, only he happens to be your father, too: "There are some things one cannot give to others; one cannot give eyes or understanding if they have none." Yes, sir-may I go now?

Tony Castellani is a wolf in chamois gloves. His Morris skulks outside the hen house licking his chops, even winning over the doctor's two sisters: sympathetic, somewhat-vacant Aunt Lavinia (nicely played by Jeanine Matlow) and no-nonsense Mrs. Almond (Linda Ham-mell, a five-foot tornado who'd make Carrie Nation a wimp).

"The Heiress" suffers from a sleepy first act that doesn't awaken until the closing line, but it rolls to its "what's she gonna do?" conclusion with vigor and much audience interest.

The set is rich with velvet and French Provincial, but could have used a background flat to add to the authenticity, rather than go for the abstract. Costuming is a Stagecrafters' strength; lavish dresses and handsome waistcoats abound. Sound reinforcement was lacking in conversations between Catherine and Morris; at least one plea of "louder" came from the house on opening night.

"The Heiress" has much contemporary relevancy; it's intriguing to see a woman at the close of the last millennium demanding the same right of self-determination that women of today have yet to fully achieve.

# Music Hall offers new Broadway series

(PRNewswire) — The concept of a Broadway series has been taken one step further. Olympia Entertainment and Jam Theatricals in association with The Music Hall Theatre announce Detroit's 1999 Just Off-Broadway Series at the Music Hall, bringing you the best in world-

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## THEATER

### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Ad Altrae Dei (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 DetRepThe@aol.com

### GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

### JET

"Resident Alien," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, Wednesday, Dec. 2-Sunday, Jan. 3, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

### MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A Christmas Carol," Saturday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

### "NUTCRACKER ON ICE"

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors, \$28 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

### PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Boomtown," Jeff Daniels' powerful drama set in a small midwestern town, through Sunday, Nov. 29, at the company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. "Boomtown" is recommended for mature audiences only. \$15-\$30. (734) 475-7902

## COLLEGE

### 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 THEATRE AND DRAMA

"Volpone," Ben Johnson's wickedly funny Jacobean comedy returns to UM stage after a hiatus of almost 40 years, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

### WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Scapin," Moliere's tale of intrigue and slapstick runs in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, at the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"A Tuna Christmas" comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955

### PLANET ANT THEATRE

"American Standard," Chuck O'Connor's post-dramatic neo-comedy continues to Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the theater, 2357 Caniff Avenue, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or [www.planetant.com](http://www.planetant.com)

### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Mame" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 21730 Madison (near southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Dr.), Dearborn. \$14. (313) 561-TKTS

### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads (on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital), Northville. \$11 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-7110

### STAGGRAPHERS THEATRE

"The Mistress," by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, runs on the Main Stage through Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. \$10, \$12 reserved. Senior/student discounts Thursday and Sunday. (248) 541-6430

## DINNER THEATER

### BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CROPPHOUSE



Holiday fun: Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Edison Homestead in the Village, visitors will learn more about festivities surrounding the holiday feast from food preparation to the setting and decorating of the table. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults \$12.50, people 62 and older \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old \$7.50, children under 5 free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

### "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, begins Thursday, Dec. 3, for an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8688/(248) 645-6666

### GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6, Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

### AMERICAN FAMILY THEATER

Broadway for Kids production of "Cinderella," a family musical favorite, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$6, reservations. (248) 424-9022

### EMU 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. Sunday, 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

### MARQUIS THEATRE

"Cinderella," through Jan. 3, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Jan. 2; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, and Jan. 3; and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

### NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE

Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 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

### NOVI THEATRES

"The Nutcracker," a play with dancing by June Walker Rogers, adapted by Mary Kay Davis, performed by Children's Annex Company, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

### PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays

### WOODWARD AVENUE. \$135 Thursdays, \$150 Fridays-Saturdays, proceeds to benefit the museum's general operating fund. (313) 833-4005

### TOY TRAIN SHOW

Featuring more than 180 dealers, toy trains, videos of train trips, original train paintings by Paul Adams, and items for garden railroading, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, St. Albert the Great School gym, Annapolis and Parker streets, east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights. \$2, \$5 per family. Proceeds go to the St. Albert's Youth Sports Activities Program. (313) 277-2419

### "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

## FAMILY EVENTS

### AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE

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

### CHELSEA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Featuring Santa's workshop, kids' crafts, window displays, hayrides, cookie decorating, reenactments of German Christmas stories, festival of lessons and carols, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6, throughout downtown Chelsea, I-94 exit 159 (north-Chelsea/Manchester exit). Free. (800) 265-9045 or <http://www.ypsilanti.org>

### COBO CARNIVAL

Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 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 ride-all-day wristband. (313) 877-8111

### "FESTIVAL OF TREES"

Features 100 exquisitely designed trees, all for sale, opens 10 a.m. daily through Nov. 29, at Cobo Center, Detroit. \$7, \$5 seniors 60 and over, \$3 children ages 2-12. Call (313) 966-TREE or <http://www.metroguide.com/fort>

### GEMINI

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. Partial proceeds go to Holden Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### KWANZAA FEST

Featuring a black inventors museum, author's pavilion, Kumba 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

### ROYAL OAK KIWANIS CLUB

Holiday Magic show with magician Don Jones, Saturday, Nov. 28, the Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium. (248) 569-4670/(800) 348-0112

## CLASSICAL

### EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Collegium Concert of choral and instrumental music of the 17th/18th centuries, under director Anthony Iannaccone, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 West Forest, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-0482/(734) 663-2534

## CHORAL

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Joy," a Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$9 donation. (734) 455-4080

## ORGAN

### MIKE ECCARD

Presents a Lowrey Organ Concert, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Evola Music Store in the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Free, but donations of canned goods accepted for the Franciscan Poverty Program. Reservations, (248) 442-9682

## POPS/SWING

### BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (big band)

### "HOLIDAY SWING"

With Bud Forrest and the String of Pearls Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$25, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

### PAUL KLINGER'S EASY STREET SWINGJET

5-8 p.m. Fridays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$2, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 213-6000; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing/rockabilly)

### STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (western swing)

## AUDITIONS

### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for "The Sound of Music," children 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, adults 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-2, in the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, west of I-275, at 41001 West Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. For performances Feb. 19-20, 26-28 and March 5-6. (734) 427-1775/(248) 478-9932/(248) 349-7110 or [www.causeway.com/ptg/](http://www.causeway.com/ptg/)

### YOUTH THEATRE

Youtheatre needs eight volunteer ushers for children's programs at the Music Hall in Detroit. Call Larry Loyer (313) 962-4214 or <http://www.youtheatre.org>

## JAZZ

### SPENCER BAREFIELD QUARTET

CD Release Party-Concert, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Bakers Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, south of Eight Mile, Detroit. Free. (313) 345-6300

### ALLEN BARNES TRIO

Featured during brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

### GARY BLUMER TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

### RON BROOKS TRIO

9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(vocals/piano/bass)

### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Aretha Franklin, performs works from Leonard Bernstein, William Grant Still, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 upper balcony, \$50 mid balcony, \$75 main floor B and the dress circle, \$125 main floor, \$150 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.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

### 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., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

### KIMMIE HORNE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-0550; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 471-7867/(248) 471-7700

### SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matlo, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 888-8101

### HAROLD MCKINNEY

4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays-Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

### MARION MEADOWS

With Norman Connors, Jean Carne, Angela Boffil, and local jazz saxophonist Darron McKinney, who was recently featured on BET's jazz discovery showcase, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-2368

### MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Duets, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

### SAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

### DANILLO PEREZ TRIO

8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### ROBERT PIPHO DUO

8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Duets, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

### SACHAL VASANDANI

Vocalist, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (jazz standards/originals)

### PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

### URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

### PAMELA WISE

The pianist performs 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

### ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 27-28, and Dec. 4-5, Bacl, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

## CHRISTIAN MUSIC

### "CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"

Featuring concert of Christmas carols by Twila Paris, Crystal Lewis, Avalon, and Anointed & Nichole Norderman, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$28, \$25, \$22. (800) 685-3737/(810) 286-2222

## WORLD MUSIC

### JIM BUCKINGHAM

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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STREET SCENE

# 'Best of Bullfrog' CD celebrates Michigan musicians



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Jim Forner has two missions in life - to promote Detroit-area music and to raise awareness of the genetic disease hemochromatosis.

The people who have reviewed it so far say a lot of them have a potential for being a national act," Forner said.

hemochromatosis.org, the disease is the most common genetic disorder in which excess dietary iron is absorbed causing iron accumulation in, and damage to, vital organs and joints.

that made the cut. The European-style band Brilliant, based in Ferndale, saw it as a good opportunity to increase visibility.

"Since the beginning, everything has been renovated or changed in one way or another," Forner explained. The new year will bring a full menu and a new chef.

lations out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

This weekend he's folding both causes into one when his bar, the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford, celebrates the release of its compilation CD "The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1 Michigan Music."

A handful of those bands, including Bridge, Face and White Guys Dancing, will perform during the CD release party at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the bar, 15414 Telegraph Road in Redford. Cover charge for the party, open to those ages 21 and older, is \$6.

Symptoms include weakness/fatigue, arthritis, abdominal pain, diabetes, heart irregularities/failure, large liver/cirrhosis, decreased libido/impotence, and a tan not due to sun exposure.

"When we were approached, we were not planning to release a CD due to the cost at that point in time. So the Bullfrog CD seemed like a good opportunity to get our name out on a mass-produced CD," said Stephen Vilnius, who plays fretless bass for Brilliant. The band, who is unable to perform at the CD release party due to scheduling conflicts, contributed the song "Never" to the compilation.

For Thanksgiving weekend, however, Forner and Ormanian are concentrating on "The Best of the Bullfrog."

For more information about the CD or the release party, call (313) 533-4477 or visit <http://www.bullfrogbar.com>. To contact the Hemochromatosis Foundation, Inc., write to P.O. Box 8569, Albany, N.Y., 12208-0569, call (618) 489-0972, or visit <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>

"Me and Aaron Ormanian, my partner in the Bullfrog, we just saw so much talent in the Michigan area and bands that aren't really being noticed nationally. We didn't see any bars doing anything like this so we decided to do it," Forner said.

"Extreme Radio," radio station WKRK 97.1 FM, along with Labatts beer, is sponsoring the event. At the event, "The Best of the Bullfrog" will be available for \$10. Afterward, it will be found at Harmony House and various independent record stores throughout town. The price will vary according to store.

"I'm trying to spread the word about it because one in six Americans have it and people don't even know about it. That's the study that just came out," Forner explained.

Caos Music recording artists Robb Roy was one of the first groups that was approached, according to Susan Leigh of Select Management, which represents Robb Roy. The band contributed the songs "Dirt" and "Shine."

"We're real proud of the CD; the flow of it and the quality of the bands. There's a lot of compli-

ments out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

"We wanted to broaden the scene. We think more people should be able to hear these bands."

The CD release party has a sobering aspect to it, however. Proceeds from the event will go to the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc., in Albany, N.Y.

The good thing about it is it's treatable if you catch it in time and you're able to give blood."

In between the songs are clips from Capital Records comedian Roy D. Mercer. The release of the CD comes just before the Bullfrog celebrates its two-year anniversary.

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