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Attention, girls and boys! Christmas is almost here and you know what that means. Santa Claus is up at the North Pole waiting for letters and double checking his list to find who's been naughty or nice. The Westland Observer is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus, along with their school picture. The deadline is Dec. 11. The letters and photos will be printed in the Dec. 24th Issue, having forwarded the letters to Santa in plenty of time. Children of all ages are encouraged to send their letters to:

> Letters to Santa Westland Observer 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48151

# Man charged in boy's murder

Rayshawn Otis Cobb, described by police as a 8-foot-1, 275-pound man, was charged with homicide/ felony murder Thursday in the death of 3-year-old Darius Deshawn Conaway. who died on Monday.

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

A 26-year-old Westland man was arraigned today on a murder charge stemming from the death of a 3-yearold boy, who was allegedly beaten while in the suspect's care. Rayshawn Otis Cobb, described by

police as a 6-foot-1, 275-pound man, was charged with homicide/ felony murder in the death of Darius Deshawn Conaway.

The boy died Monday afternoon at Children's Hospital in Detroit, Westland police Sgt. Tim Kennedy said. The death came five days after the boy was beaten into a coma and then placed on life support, police said.

The boy suffered severe head injuries, Sgt. Michael Terry said; but official autopsy results were pending. Dressed in blue jeans and a black Tshirt. Cobb was arraigned on a murder charge today in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos. He had been charged Friday with firstdegree child abuse, but the charge was amended after the boy died.

After receiving a 911 telephone call from a man who said he had hit the boy in anger on the evening of Dec. 2, police and paramedics found the child on the floor of a residence at Hines

Park Apartments, near Warren and Cowan. Terry said.

Cobb isn't the boy's father, police said. He has been described by police as the live-in boyfriend of the child's mother.

The mother was at work when the incident occurred, Terry said.

A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for Cobb. and he remains jailed without bond as he awaits a Jan. 7 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

Cobb could face a maximum sentence

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Festival time: Eight lighted candles, potato pan-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Shined and buffed: Zachary, a 10vear-old cocker spaniel, is groomed by Joy Erickson of The Pampered Pooch in Plymouth.

### BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER loconnor Coe.homecomm.net

Everyday they give us gifts - some left in the corner. Nonetheless, the holidays are the ideal time to pony up for the favorite dog, cat, liver, and lamb and rice. bird or reptile in the

household.



When it comes to treats, dog owners have a pick of the litter. Rawhide chews come in peanut butter and vanilla flavors, while a

bag of dog biscuits feature chicken, beef, Canines like to clamp onto boiled pig ears, snouts



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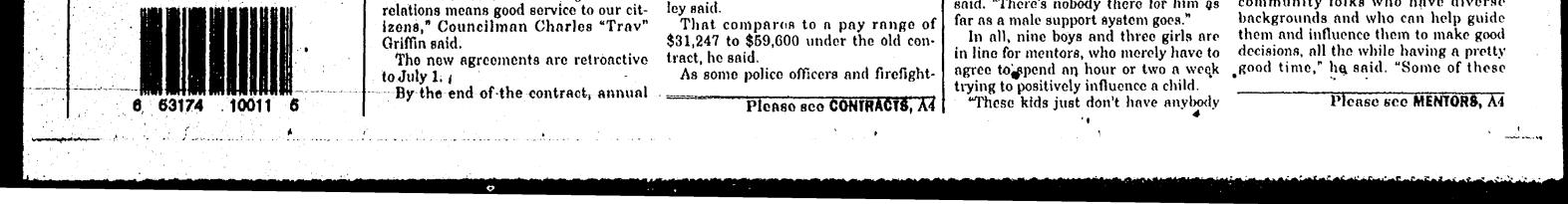
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salaries for Westland Police Officers

Association members will range from

\$31,545 for a newly hired dispatcher to

\$52,576 for a patrol officer on the job

for five or more years, Finance Director

Their pay range under the old con-

tract was \$25,153 to \$44,917, he said.

hire to \$73,846 for an assistant chief by

the end of the new agreement, McCur-

Tim McCurley said.

Though some scon at the notion of giving gifts to animals, they shouldn't, said one pet shop operator. "There's no excuse," said Donna Nickel, manager of

Livonia-based Discount Pet & Supplies. "At least nothing I can think of. There's all kinds of stuff." Cost? Not a problem. Even a Montgomery Burns-like miser could probably part with \$5-\$6 for a bird swing or new dog collar.

Stymied on ideas? Most pet supply stores nuggets, like Kitty Bits. Pet Supplies Plus carry an array of toys, collars and treats for critters. Discount Pet & Supplies in Livonia even sells leather biker jackets for iguanas.

Of course, the first way to a pet's heart is



Lonely: The Westland Humane Society has pets ready for adoption. But families who aren't prepared to give their time and love should find a different gift. Here is Sam, a 3<sup>1/2</sup>-month-old kitty, who is litter-trained.

# **Council OKs 5-year** police, fire contracts

#### **BY DARRELL CLEM** STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

New five-year contracts for Westland police officers and firefighters contain annual pay raises averaging 3.2 percent, city officials said.

New costs associated with the contracts amount to \$1,449,603 through June 30, 2003.

Westland City Council members Monday gave sweeping approval to the new pacts and called the five-year span unprecedented for the police and firefighter unions.

"The bottom line is that good labor relations means good service to our citand beef hooves, too. A three pack of those run \$2 to \$3.

At Pet Supplies Plus on Ford in Canton, they sell stockings stuffed with pigears, rawhide chews and assorted munch and crunch.

### Kitty gifts

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

I'm fun: Savanna Exotic

Pets has animals for all

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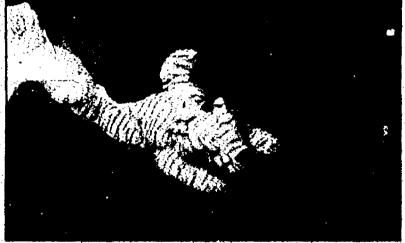
hammock for an iguana.

for exotic pets, including a

tastes, including a leopard Unlike their canine counterparts, cats are a tad more finicky. They'll lick their whiskers at the prospect of seafood-flavored

has cat stockings with ball with bells inside, balls of yarn and other toys.

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STATT PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER Look at us: Feline friends Annie and Katie take 'a rest atop a cat tree, available for cats at Backdoor Friends Shoppe in Farmington.

### Pets don't make good surprise gifts

### BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER loconnor@oe.homecomm.net

Puppies and kittens with a red bow on top of their heads may look adorable underneath the Christmas tree, said a Michigan Humane Society spokeswoman.

"... but they usually end up knocking down the Christmas tree and chewing up the presents," added Jennifer Day, Humane Society community relations representative.

When the holiday warmth subsides, the glow turns to a glare toward the animal, which is a bundle of unwanted work and responsibility.

The Michigan Humane Society is littered

with what seemed like good gift ideas at the time. A few may be adopted but most aren't.

"I think the key word is a surprise present," Day said. "It should be a family decision with everyone in the household involved."

Someone who gets a puppy for a present should expect to make a 10- to 15-year commitment caring for the animal. Guinea pigs, rabbits and "even fish," Day said, "require work in caring for them."

Canton Animal Hospital sees its fair share of exotic animals, including those mistakenly given as gifts. Those animals lizards, iguanas and snakes - are given

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# Youth aid program needs adult mentors

### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oc.homecomm.net

A Westland program that helps troubled youngsters by pairing them with adult mentors is in need of help.

Twelve children ages 9 to 16 are on a Youth Assistance Program waiting list. One young man who got into trouble for retail fraud has been waiting six months for a male montor, program director Ronaele Bowman said last week.

"There is no father in his life. He's from a single-parent household," she said. "There's nobody there for him as

who's older than they are and who can just talk to them and really be there for them and not pass judgment," Bowman said

Youngsters and mentors engage in positive experiences ranging from seeing movies to talking about ways to improve school performance.

Youth Assistance Program advisory board member Richard LeBlanc, also a Westland City Council member, said the program works.

"I believe the program offers an opportunity for youths and their families to benefit from the experience of community folks who have diverse

Higher-paid police sergeants and lieutenants are covered by a separate contract, and a new agreement hasn't yet been approved for them. New salaries for Westland Firefighters will range from \$35,960 for a new



Season's greetings: Santa Claus, holding the key to the city, greets the crowd at the city's Christmas celebration.

# Wishes, songs, Santa mark holiday event

#### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

For a child of 10, Courtney Griffin certainly plans ahead when she makes her Christmas wish list.

"I want a car," the Hamilton Elementary fifth-grader said. "I'll save it until I'm 17."

Courtney divulged her wish Monday evening as she attended the city of Westland's annual Christmas celebration and tree lighting ceremony in front of City Hall on Ford Road. Courtney's 6-year-old sister, Lauren, had perhaps a more realistic wish.

"I want that Barbie that you dye her hair," first-grader Lauren said.

Bundled in warm clothing as temperatures plunged Monday, the girls came with their parents, Jeff and Michelle Griffin, to enjoy the festivities.

They stood among 200 to 300 people as a switch was pulled and thousands of Christmas lights illuminated the trees in

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front of City Hall. Jeff Griffin, a city construction maintenance employee, actually helped put up the lights.

**Robert Thomas**,

Earlier, the crowd sang along with a senior citizen Friendship Center choir to "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night" and other Christmas songs.

Children eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa, who was given

the key to the city by Mayor. Robert Thomas.

"Hopefully it won't unlock the bank here in town, but it certainly will unlock the hearts and minds of the children here in Westland," Thomas told him. Kim Kendall brought her 7year-old daughter, Kari, and Kari's same-age friend, Meghan

station, next door to City Hall. "I wanted to hear the music,"

Kari said. Meghan wanted to tell Santa her wish of getting a German shepherd named Max for Christmas. Never mind that she already has a black Labrador named Max and a

golden retriever, Scooter. Kendall and the girls - Madison Elementary students seemed to enjoy the ceremony.

"I thought we'd see the lights and Santa and sing the songs and get in the Christmas spirit," Kendall said.

Children later talked to Santa indoors at the city's main fire

**Musical:** The senior citizen Friendship Center choir sings "Here Comes Santa Claus" to announce his arrival at the city's **Christmas** ceremony.

STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

**Deputy Mayor George Gillies** led Monday's ceremony and announced winners of the city's annual "What Christmas Means To Me" essay contest.

Hamilton Elementary thirdgrader Samantha Wood won first place for her hopeful essay that the homeless would have food and shelter not just at Christmas, but all the time.

Essay runners-up were St. Damian third-grader Ashley Ballarin and Patchin Elementary fifth-grader Gretchen Heinicke. Winners won savings bonds from NBD.

Children eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa,

who was given the key to the city by Mayor

Wall.







# Schools kick off building projects

### BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER bjachman@oe.homecomm.net

Wayne-Westland schools officials were digging in on Monday.

At a ground-breaking ceremony and celebration, officials turned over a ceremonial shovel of dirt in a sandbox at the Dyer Center to signify the beginning of major construction projects in the district paid for by a bond sale.

Amid decorations including construction hats and toy tools, some 200 people helped launch the "Building Our Children's Future, Wayne-Westland bond construction 1998-2001."

Voters approved the \$108 million bond sale in early 11.38 to munity Schools and the community as a whole. This is not only brick and mortar construction but also an opportunity to expand the educational opportunities for our students," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent.

"In many ways tonight is a Thanksgiving celebration," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration.

Construction on additions to Walker-Winter and Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary Schools will begin this month. Roosevelt-McGrath will gain six classrooms and a media center expansion. Walker-Winter will gain seven classrooms and a media center expansion. Interi-

and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

About 85 percent of Taft-Galloway will be reconstructed, while Adams Middle School will undergo a demolition and replacement of the music rooms and some interior remodeling. The career technical center will gain additional labs and lecture rooms.

During the summer of 1999 five elementary schools will undergo interior renovations: Lincoln, Jefferson-Barns, Hoover, Kettering and Schweitzer elementaries.

"I believe the impact on attitude and achievement will be dramatic," Sherman said.

Among the festivities Monday night at the Dyer Center were the John Glenn instrumental

the chairs of the bond committee that worked to gain voter approval for the proposal. "We were proud to grow up attending Wayne-Westland schools," said Skip Monit, one of the citizen co-chairs of the bond proposal committee. But with tours of the district's school buildings "our eyes were opened," he said. "We were all painfully aware that our schools were tumbling down around us." Now with the bond sale's approval, Wayne-Westland children will be in an "environment conducive to learning," he said "I think it's wonderful," said

Also at the ceremony were

Laurie Horvat of Canton Township who recently moved to the Wayne-Westland district. Her son, Desmond, is a third

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Young singers: Walker-Winter Elementary School students sing during the district's ceremony on Monday.

pay for improvements and tech- or remodeling will be completed nology purchases in all the district's schools.

"This is a truly historic day for the Wayne-Westland Com-

in the summer.

Construction will begin this spring at Taft-Galloway Elementary, Adams Middle School

band playing Christmas carols and singers from Walker-Winter Elementary who charmed the crowd with a Wayne-Westland version of "School Days."

grader at Walker-Winter, which will be gaining art and music rooms. "I think that's great, especially in elementary education."

Activity: Dion Askew and her 6-year-old daughter Cheyann do a little "construction" work of their own while they wait for the program to begin Monday.

# Man faces trial in carjacking

**BY DARRELL CLEM** STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

A Livonia man faces trial on carjacking and robbery charges stemming from a Nov. 18 incident at the Westland Meijer.

Thomas Lee Samborski II, 23, was ordered to stand trial after an 81-year-old woman testified against him last Thursday during a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

"She was a tremendous witness," Westland police Sgt. Jon Handzlik said. "She was a very, very strong witness. Her recall to detail was just fabulous."

Due to the victim's age, Handzlik and prosecutors asked 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos to conduct the preliminary hearing rather than possibly allowing the suspect to waive it.

"We have now preserved the victim's testimony on the record," Handzlik said. "I'm very pleased with the way it went."

The hearing ended with Bokos ordering Samborski to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit tim's car, the woman leaned Court on charges of carjacking inside and blew her horn, and unarmed robbery.

placed on record for the defendant.

In court last Thursday, the judge refused to reduce a \$250,000 cash bond that has kept Samborski in jail since his arraignment.

Westland police said a carjacking occurred at 6:10 p.m. Nov. 18 while the victim was walking to her car after shopping at the car and her purse were returned Meijer store on the southeast corner of Warren and Newhurgh.

The woman was robbed and her car taken by a man who convicted of carjacking. He could posed as a store security guard face a maximum 15-year senand "accused her of having stolen merchandise," Handzlik

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said.

When the man got into the vicattracting the attention of a A not-guilty plea has been nearby male shopper who tried unsuccessfully to help her avert the carjacking, Handzlik said.

A suspect drove off alone in the car but was arrested by Livonia police about 15 minutes later during a traffic stop on I-96, the sergeant said. The 81-year-old victim fell on the parking lot pavement during the incident but wasn't seriously injured. Her to her, Handzlik said.

Samborski could face life in prison or any number of years if tence if found guilty of unarmed robbery.

### Arrested teen suspect in murder

#### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

Westland police learned after arresting a juvenile in a highspeed chase that he was wanted as a suspect in an Inkster murder.

Westland officers began trailing the 16-year-old suspect shortly after 3 p.m. Nov. 30 after spotting a suspicious car traveling north on Inkster Road near Annapolis, a police report said. The car had earlier been reported stolen out of Highland Park.

The suspect led police through an Inkster residential area at ing control and crashing into background check on him. another car, according to a police report that indicated no injuries. The juvenile then got out of the car and fled but was captured by a Westland officer, who said in his report that he found ammunition but no gun on the youngster.Police also found a small amount of cocaine on the suspect when he was taken to the Westland police station, the report said.

Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said the 16-year-old initially lied about his name, but police hearing for first-degree murder learned his identity after a fingerprint investigator from the remains in custody

speeds up to 60 mph before los- Livonia Police Department ran a

The fingerprint check resulted in police learning that the juvenile was wanted in Inkster on a first-degree murder charge from last summer, Stobbe said.

The Inkster detective investigating the incident couldn't be reached to comment on details of the murder case. The suspect faces charges as an adult in Inkster, according to an Inkster 22nd District Court clerk.

The teenager was scheduled for a Wednesday preliminary and felony firearms charges. He



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of life in prison if convicted of murder. He could police and others from discussing the case with the have faced a 15-year term on the original child media. Bokos delayed a ruling on Halpern's requests abuse charge. because a prosecutor assigned to the case couldn't In court today, defense attorney Sheldon Halpern described Cobb as lacking money, and be in court today. But the judge noted that the incident already has been reported in the local Halpern asked the court for help in hiring a pathologist and a neurologist to help him with the press. "This case has gotten some degree of notoriety C880. Halpern also sought a gag order to prevent already." Bokos said.

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# Up to 10,000 lose phone service

Many Westland residents may have had ringing in their ears over the weekend and early this week.

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But they didn't have any ringing from their telephones. Phone service was cut to 9,000 to 10,000 Ameritech telephone customers in Wayne and southwest Westland Friday afternoon about 1 p.m.

Several hundred were still without phone service as of midday on Wednesday, according to Sara Snyder, Ameritech spokeswoman.

A contractor at Michigan Avenue and Second in Wayne

II A contractor accidentally severed several cables while installing new light posts.

cables while installing new light posts, Snyder said.

Work crews were brought in immediately, but work has been tedious, Snyder said. "The reason it takes so long is it's a very intricate process."

The 9,000 or 10,000 lines have to be spliced together individualaccidentally severed several ly, she said. "It's very exacting



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Service was cut for many customers, including the Wayne-Westland school district.

That created somewhat of a dilemma on Monday at Kettering Elementary School when the power went out after school had started.

Typically if by talking to Detroit Edison workers the district finds that the power is going to be out any length of time arrangements are made to send students home. Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said at Monday night's board meeting. But about two-thirds of the

### **Contracts** from page A1

ers looked on Monday, council members jostled to be heard first in their support for the new contracts.

The new pacts cover 80 police union members and 75 fire department employees, according to the city's personnel office.

"Our town is secure when we have the quality of people that we have in the police and fire departments," Councilwoman Justine Barns said Monday.

Police union wages will increase 4 percent for the year that began July 1 and 3 percent for each of next four years.

Firefighters will receive on average the same percentage of increases, amounting to 3.2 percent a year when spread over five years, Personnel Director Keith Madden said.

Initially, however, some fire union members will see their pay jump significantly more than other firefighters as the city implements a new wage system intended to make fire and city," he said, "and I'm happy I police contracts more compara-

In short, the new firefighter pact requires a 21 percent pay difference between a firefighter and a captain; a 9 percent difference between a captain and a battalion chief; and a 9 percent difference between a battalion chief and an assistant chief.

population in that attendance

area was without phones, he

"We will not dismiss elemen-

"I still think this was the best

The day worked out for the

best anyway as power was

restored after an hour and 45

for Baracy as he went to the fire

department at 7 a.m. Monday to

borrow cell phones for use in

schools without phone service.

according to school board Presi-

But the day had an early start

tary students without contact

with their parents," he said.

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dent David Cox.

Police union members already had similar gaps due to rank, officials said.

In another significant development, contracts for both unions state that "there will be a 10year freeze on pension increases or changes."

**Councilwoman Sharon Scott** commended bargaining teams for what she described as "amicable negotiations."

Council President Sandra Cicirelli agreed.

"There was a lot of give and take," she said.

Griffin called the five-year length of the contracts "important for the stability of the city."

"I think it's a good deal for the can vote for it."

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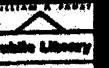
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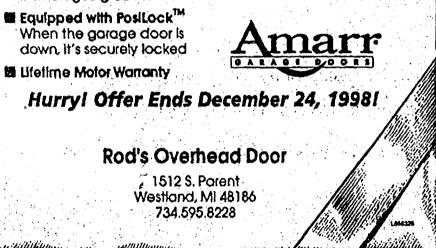
Youngsters are referred to the program by courts, schools and families, and all of them live in Westland.



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"Sometimes men are scared off by the word mentor," Bowman said. "They think they have to be some super guy or super role model. We're just looking for

honest people of all walks of life The program needs mentors and ages who are willing to "who are good people and who share one to two hours a week with a younger person."



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would like to show support for youths and be internally rewarded by giving back to the community," Bowman said.

Finding male mentors has been particularly challenging,

To get involved, call the Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904. Mentors don't have to live in Westland.

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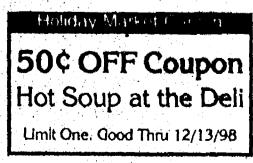
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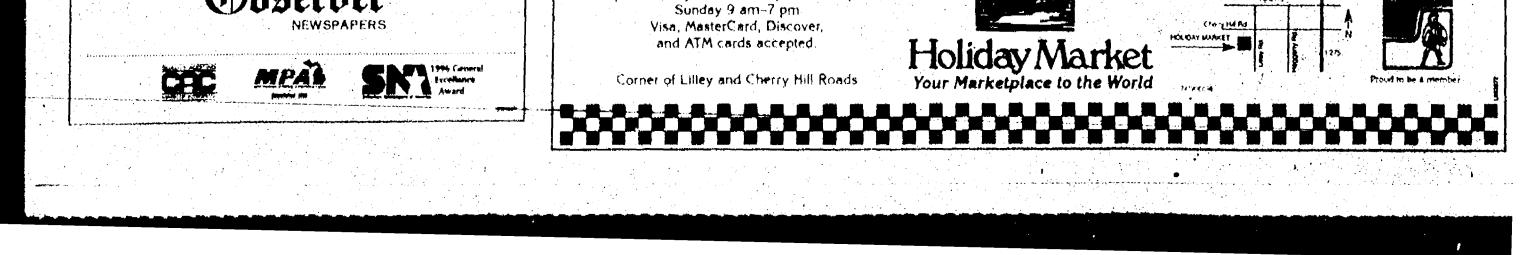
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# Most area restaurant owners don't support smoking ban

### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Last Valentine's Day, Don Payne decided to do something special for his customers.

The owner of three Family Buggy restaurants, one of them in Livonia, made his Farmington Hills eatery smoke-free because he believed he had more nonsmokers than smokers, But so far, the prohibition has-

n't helped him financially.

effects were devastating," Payne said, as he estimates he has lost \$70,000 in business since Februarv

While Payne operates a nonsmoking restaurant, is a nonsmoker and prefers to eat without cigarette smoke permeating the air he breathes, he opposes a proposed Wayne County ordinance telling businesses they must prohibit smoking.

"I just think it's a bad idea," Payne said. "Theoretically, it's a cern for the smoker.

"We tried it there, and the good idea. But the reality is it will cause businesses to fail and jobs to be lost."

> Payne would prefer a statewide ban, such as in California. Such a ban countywide would hurts only the businesses in the county that bans smoking, he believes. "What we find is if you go out with one smoker, the group will not go to a non-smoking restaurant. Especially at lunchtime, they will select another restaurant out of con-

"If you ban it in one county, they will drive out of the county. Businesses will suffer, and people will be out of work." Payne said smokers who used to patronize his Farmington Hills.

restaurant now go to his Livonia establishment. Farmington Hills, Payne plans to continue the smoke-free policy in Farmington Hills but won't

ban smoking from his Livonia and Rochester Hills eateries if he can help it.

Even if commissioners revised said that restaurant has been the ordinance to exempt businesses with fewer than 15° employees, that won't help Payne. He employs about 70 people in Livonia. "It doesn't take much when you count the dishwashers, waitresses and cooks Despite his financial losses in 'and you are open all day with different shifts. Fifteen is almost a joke."

> Some restaurants already are smoke-free.

Alissa Briggs, a bartender at Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth,

smoke-free for six years. "Most of , the customers are pleased with it," Briggs said.

"We lost a couple of tables when we first started, but it really didn't impact it over time."

Whether government should prohibit smoking altogether, "That's a big question," Briggs said. "I don't know. It's a big deal to the smoker, but I think it should be because of the rights

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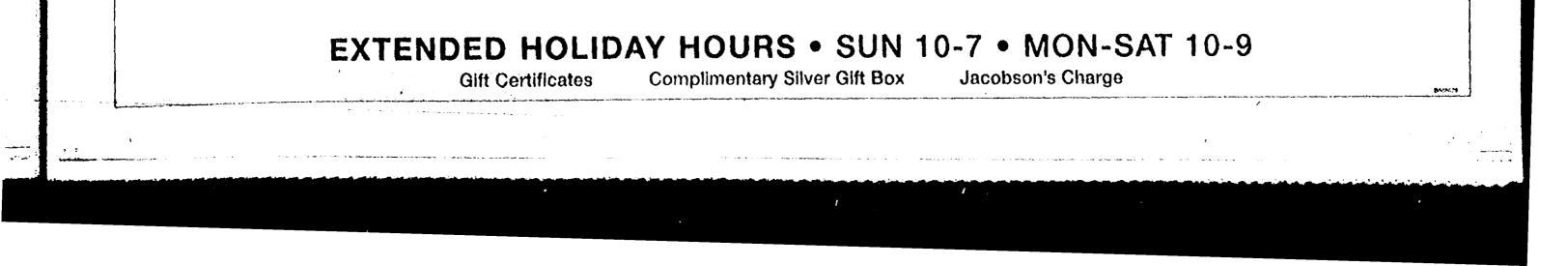
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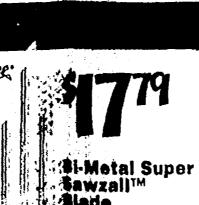
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2nd King march set for Jan. 18

#### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

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Westland's second annual march honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will occur on Jan. 18. coinciding with nationwide celebrations remembering the slain civil rights leader, city officials announced.

Local marchers this year will walk west on Marquette from the Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Center and then north on Newburgh Road to the city's senior citizen Friendship Center.

The half-mile trek will start at 9 a.m. and be followed at the senior center by activities such as singing and a dramatic recitation of King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

"We are always reminded of his desire for racial equality and harmony for all Americans," Mayor Robert Thomas said in a prepared statement.

This year's observance is expected to last about three hours on the third Monday in January - the day when ceremonies are typically held across the country to honor King.

Marchers will be allowed to park at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, next door to the Dyer Center.

The Friendship Center program will begin about 9:30 a.m. and is scheduled to include a performance by John Glenn High School Singers; a recitation of King's "I Have A Dream" speech by the Rev. George Johnson; and a performance of "Amazing Grace" by singers Matt Watroba and Robert B. Jones.

Also addressing the crowd will be Mayor (4) Thomas, Westland City Council President Sandra 194 Cicirelli and Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"We are so proud to take part in this historical ..... event," Cicirelli said in the statement announcing the event.

Longtime Westland resident John Franklin of the Southeast Homeowners Association will serve as master of ceremonies - as he did last year dur ing the city's first-ever program honoring King. A continental breakfast will be served at the Friendship Center as the Gratitude Steel Band performs,

The route of this year's march differs from last year's, when marchers walked from Westland City off Hall to the Westland public library for a program that drew strong praise.

Some King supporters had suggested for years that the city should honor the civil rights leader w who was shot dead in 1968 in Memphis, Tenn., (04 where he had gone to show support for striking city workers.

Some still suggest the city should make the third, day of January an official holiday with the closing of city offices, but that suggestion hasn't been implemented.

## Rec center survey to begin soon

A survey company will contact 600 Westland residences during the next three weeks to gauge opinions on city recreation services and whether the public is supportive of a new facility.

City officials are strongly urging residents to respond to the 23-question survey to be conducted by Leisure Vision.

"It's not telemarketing," Westland Economic Development Director Scott Veldhuis said.

vey residents to determine how

services and to gauge public opinion on whether a new recreation center is needed.

Leisure Vision plans to randomly phone homes to collect information that will be compiled in a report for the city. "These are professionals who

are going to be getting information for us," Veldhuis said:

Leisure Vision could begin contacting residents by late this week, he said.

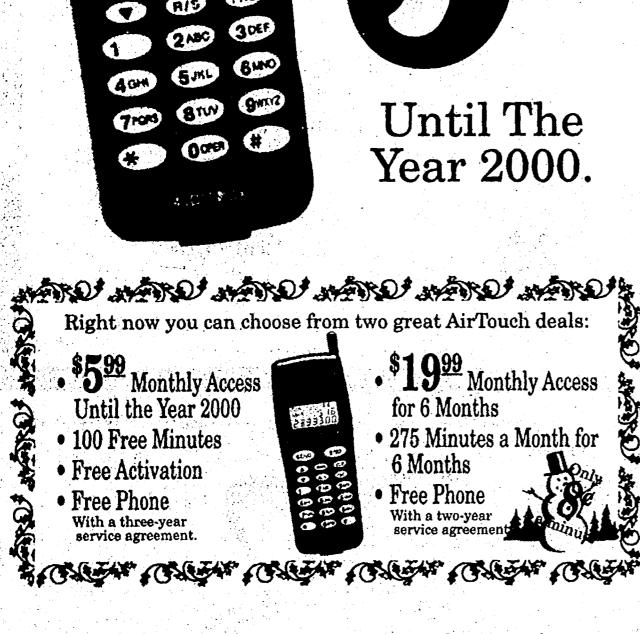
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the city could improve recreation Sverdrup Facilities Inc., a company overseeing the city's recreation study,

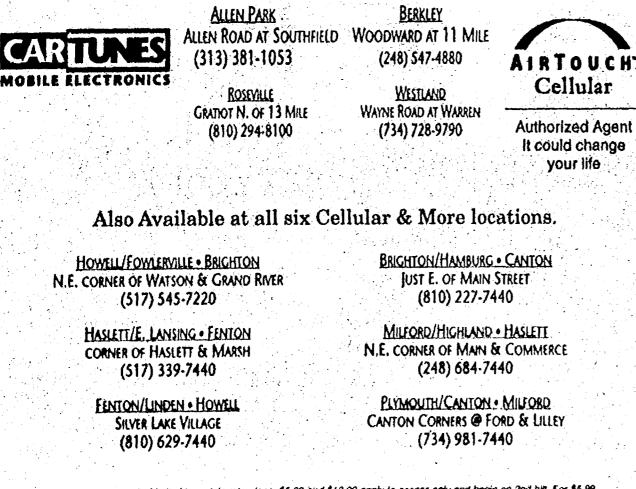
Residents not contacted bylav Leisure Vision will have ano. opportunity to respond to the same questions, which will be available in the Westland City Hall lobby, Veldhuis said.

Those surveys will be compiled separately from the formal survey and should be turned in at the Bailey Recreation Center, Veldhuis said.

Rather, the company will sur-



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"We have tons of stuff," said Joe Gasiewicz, manager of the Pet Supplies Plus in Canton.

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Then there is always cat nip, which sends feline's senses into nirvana. Farmington Hillsbased Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe sells two varieties - in a toy or loose form - of the herb.

"The cat nip we sell is premium grade," said Anne Breneman, Backdoor Friends owner and cat lover. "It's stronger, and it's homegrown by a master gardener, a woman in Farmington Hills."

If the tabby is a tubby, Breneman has some ideas, too. Along with assorted clippers, combs and brushes, Backdoor Friends has plenty of cat toys that make the pets feel the burn.

The No. 1 seller is the "Da Bird," which simulates a live winged creature when turned with its feathers and string. The item is \$6.95. For a sedentary cat who doesn't get a lot of exercise," Breneman said, "it's a good toy to get them to jump and leap around and get some exercise."

There's also an assortment of cat collars with bells or Christmas stockings filled with toys and treats. Backdoor Friends has T-shirts, sweatshirts and nightshirts for cat lovers, too.

Those who want to splurge, there are the increasingly popular cat trees. The carpeted structures are made of real oak, birch or ash limbs and range from 30 to 72 inches in height. Prices range \$45-\$350.



without the proper information about how to feed and care for them.

"That's where people really get in over their heads, and it can be a disaster," said Dr. Mark Drake, Canton Animal Hospital veterinarian.

Cute, cuddly and seemingly low-maintenance pets such as bunnies and hamsters shouldn't be given as presents without a good deal of thought, very ill."

Material goods are just one option. If Scruff is looking shaggy, a mutt makeover might do wonders.

Plymouth-based Pampered Pooch and Redford's Pampered Pet Salon are two groomers who spiff up pedigree and mixed breed dogs with equal aplomb. The Plymouth grooming business also does cats.

Prices range from \$20 for smaller dogs to \$100 for Bouviers and other hulking breeds.

Dogs are bathed, blown dry, brushed and combed. Their ears are also cleaned, and they're bedecked with a bandanna or bow.

"Some of them just prance around. You can tell they know they've been groomed," said Shirley Keller, Pampered Pooch manager.

Dogs and cats are not the only pets to think of at the holidays.

Bird lovers can present their feathered friends with cuddle bones, swings and rolling bells to keep their beaks busy. Discount Pet & Supplies special-,izes in items for parakeets to macaws. Items can cost from \$5-\$6 for a plastic toy to \$200-\$500 for snakewood perches.

Those who like their pets small and furry guinea pigs, hamsters and chinchillas - can buy critter crawlers for their pens. Those, too, are sold at several pet supply stores.

"There's all kinds of stuff," said Nickel of Discount Pet & Supplies.

Drake said.

"The novelty wears off," he said. "They don't realize the amount of care and grooming that is involved, and the animal gets shunted aside.

"We forget they're basically wild animals and they hide their illnesses very well. Unfortunately, by the time you notice they're sick, they are very

### **OBITUARIES**

### **RICHARD W. LOSACCO**

Funeral services for Richard Losacco, 31, of Adrian, Mich., were Nov. 27 in St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at Northview Cemetery in Dearborn. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr, Losacco, who died Nov. 22 in Adrian, was born and raised in the Wayne-Romulus area. He was a baggage handler with Northwest Airlines.

Surviving are wife, Allison; daughter, Alexis; parents, Michael and Karen; brothers, Steven (Geralyn) and Greg (Melissa); sister, Doreen (John) Skrabal; one aunt; and three nieces. Mr. Losacco's siblings and aunt live in Westland and Livonia.

ials may be made to the Alexis Jade Me Iducation Fund. Loss

#### ROY W. FORSYTHE

Roy Forsythe, 78, of Westland died Dec. 4 in Taylor. He was born in Detroit. He was a brick mason Surviving Mr. Forsythe are his sons, Lawrence of Tempe, Ariz., and Gregory of Detroit; and daughter, Diane Forsythe of Westland,

EDWARD F. SPONTACK

Funeral services for Edward Spontack, 85, of Westland were Dec. 7 in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. John F. Hall. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Mr. Spontack, who died Dec. 4 in Westland, was born in Uniontown, Pa. He was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church. He was owner of a bar. He served with the Navy during World War II. Surviving are son, Edward (Adrianne) of Westland; daughter, Jerrie (Robert) Drozdowski of Hawaii; and sister, Margaret Spontack of Uniontown, Pa.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass cards.

#### MICHAEL L. PIZZUTI

A funeral Mass for Michael Pizzuti, 62, of Westland was Dec. 5 in St. Richard Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Terence Treppa, Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. Pizzuti, who died Dec. 1 in Westland, was born in Detroit. He was a dispatcher for concrete products.

Surviving are wife, Patricia; sons, Jeffrey of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Jason of Westland; daughters, Dorcen (Charles) Davis of Inkster, Colleen Pizzuti of Westland and Geri (Lyn) of Westland; brother, Ollie Antonu; sisters, Angeline Morabito of Roseville, Dorothy Lofaro of Florida and Marlene Cook of Southfield; and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the family fund.

#### JOSEPH B. PICCOLA

Funeral services for Joseph Piccola, 102, of Westland were Dec. 7 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funer al Home with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Arthur Mack from St. John Episcopal Church. Mr. Piccola, who died Dec. 3 In Ann Arbor, was born in Castelemare, Italy. He was a lineman. Surviving are wife, Velma; son, Joseph (Rhond Piccola: daughters, Marguerite (Murry) Goldstein and Joelyn (Bill) Gaston; stepsons, Robert (Janet Vogelei and Gerald (Bobble) Vogelei; 24 grandch dren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

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### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK FIAFF WRITER Kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.

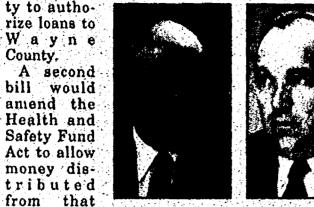
Goy. John Engler and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara may disagree on issues such as roads, but apparently they agree on a block grant program that will allow the county, rather than the state, to administrate a juvenile justice program.

Two remaining pieces of a legislative package were approved by the state Senate on Dec. 2 and were sent to the state House.

The first bill amends the Emergency Municipal Loan Act to authorize state loans to Wayne County, which would be considered a "county juvenile agency" under previous legislation. This bill adds more legislation to the original package, which allows Wayne County to receive a block grant to provide juvenile justice services.

"We'd give them the money with the theory that they could do it more efficiently because they understand the local needs better," said Sen. Robert Geake, **R-Northville**.

Introduced by Geake, the bill was approved on Dec. 2 by a 20-16 vote. Two senators did not vote. Geake's bill also allows the Local Emergency Financial Assistance Loan Board the abili-



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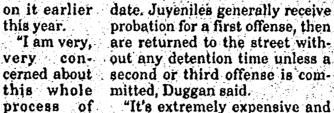
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whether the House would refused the state to audit their approve the two bills and the funds. I'm not convinced of the legislative package before the accountability of the county at holiday recess. this point in time." Bennett said Wayne County also would be

If it is rejected this week, Geake expected the package will be reintroduced next year, because Engler wants the package approved. "I'm sure someone will introduce it," Geake said. Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, voted against both proposals last

Wednesday and the rest of the package when the Senate acted



"It's extremely expensive and g i v i n g these kids aren't turned money to around," Duggan said. "We will W a y n e treat the first offense much more County, and seriously."

Duggan said Wayne County whole hopes to create a program simiof accountabililar to its program for adults who are sentenced to two years ty with money sent to Wayne in jail. Through drug treatment and job training, that program County," Benhas assisted 800 adults with "I don't finding full-time employment want to get since 1993.

> Duggan estimated the legislative package would yield about \$50 million in block grant money for Wayne County. The county's Department of Community Justice would start administering the program on Oct. 1, 1999.

Geake called the package "extremely controversial."

"There were concerns from union members who now work for the state could lose jobs or benefits," Geake said. "It's clear the state plans to save money by giving it to the county. The county is saying they can save gram will address the problem money."

### **Revenue sharing** bill helps suburbs, protects Detroit

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

After days of back-room maneuvering, the, state House of Representatives produced bills that will protect Detroit's share of state revenues but cut its city income high rates.) tax.

Suburbanites working in Detroit would see their city income tax rates drop from the current 1.5 percent to 1 percent over 10 years - if the House bills become law.

Gov. John Engler was visible after meetings with the House Republican caucus on behalf of the state-Detroit deal. But Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, said, "You didn't hear any bones cracking in my caucus," meaning Engler's pressure was light. The House on Dec. 3:

Overwhelmingly approved a bill paring Detroit's city personal income tax over 10 years. Residents will see their rate drop from 3

to 2 percent, non-residents from 1.5 to 1 percent, under HB 5391. (Detroit's council and mayor could cut the tax unilaterally, but future officials could raise it again. Detroit has a special state law that permits it to levy the

Approved 58-33 a revenue-sharing bill that freezes Detroit's share at \$334 million and revises the formula to help suburban and rural areas.

The House revenue-sharing bill will get a harsh reception in the Senate, where Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, is beating the drums to cut Detroit's aid over six years to \$281 million.

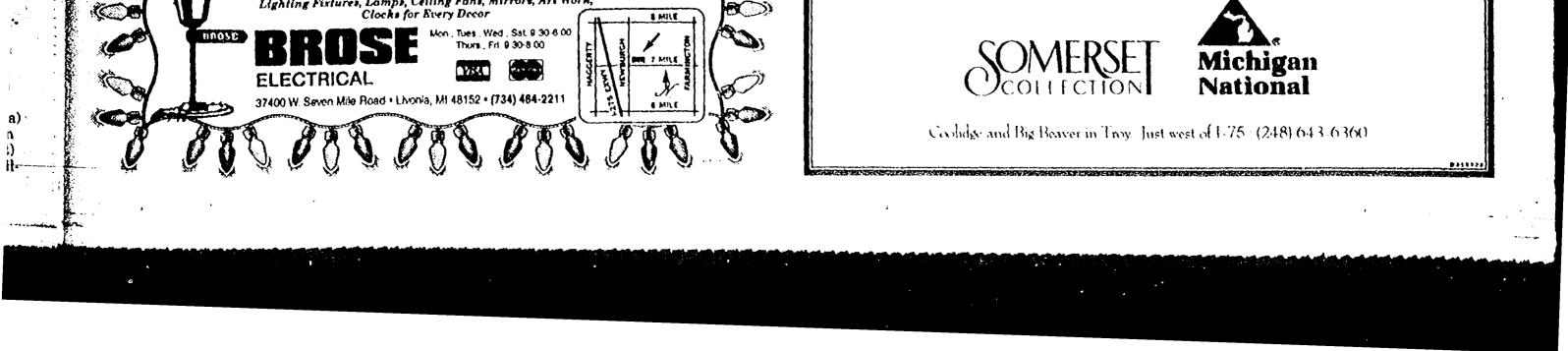
Steil pictures Detroit as a city with 10 percent of the state's population gobbling up 25 percent of the shared revenue. He sees Detroit's being rewarded for losing population while having the highest

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OCHOA, JUSTIN OROURKE, JENS ORTHOBER, MICHAEL OSTROWS-KI, KRYSTA PACIOCCO, STEVEN PAINTER, MEGAN PALKA, MELIS-SA PALKA, SHAWN PALMER, JED PANOILINAN, HEATHER PARENT, CASSANDRA PARKER, SONAL PATEL, JOSHUA PATKE, EVELYN PELLAR, ERIC PENROSE, LAUREN PERRY, AARON PETERSON, CHRISTINA PETERSON, KRISTYN PETERSON, AMBER PILOT, JESSI-CA PINGLE; PARKER PLAGUE, BRIAN PLATER, TRAVIS PORTER; JESSICA PRECOP, ERNEST PRINZ, JOSHUA PRUETT, AMBER QUIN-NATASHA MARTIN, MICHAEL TAL, MINDY RADER, KEVIN RAMAS, ROBERT RANDOLPH, ASH-LEY RATLIFF, COURTNEY RAT-TRAY, BRITTANY REDDEN, LIND-SEY REED, STEPHANIE REES DANIELLE REEVES, STEVEN REEVES, MICHAEL REMINGTON, KATHERINE RESKE, HOLLY RIMAR, ANGELA RIMMEL, JAMES RIMMEL, ALICIA RING, JESSICA ROBERTS, ASHLEY ROBINSON, RHONDA ROBINSON, NATALIE RODRIGUEZ, KELLY ROEBUCK. CHARLES ROSE, AMANDAMARIE ROUSSEAU, SCOTT RUARK, RUTHIG, KYLE NICOLE RUTKOWSKI, JESSICA SABAN, SAGERT. STEVEN TERRI SANCHEZ, ASHLEY SANDERS, DEREK SANDERS, RYAN SANTOS, CARA SARTEN, JASON SCHLEIF, WHITNEY SCHMIDT, ANDREW SCHMITT, VANESSA SCHROCK, AMANDA SCHULTZ, RYAN SERGI-

SON, CRYSTAL SERMAN, SARA

SHAY, JASON SHIFFERD, JESSICA

SHIPPE, TONYA SHOTWELL, LISA

BRIAN SKOCZYLAS, SARAH

SHURYAN, BRITTANY SHUTE

SMART, JOHNELLE SMILEY, RYAN SMIRNOW, ANDREW SMITH, ASH-LEY SMITH, DANIEL SMITH, JER-ROD SMITH, RICHARD SMITH, CORI SNYDER, MARIA SOLEAU, AMANDA SONAK, ASHLEY SORENSEN, BRIAN SORENSEN, JESSICA SOULLIERE, CHARLES SOUTHARD, SEAN SOUTHARD, JOEL SPENCER, KERI STEEN, KARA STIPP, ROBERT STOKES, CLARA STOTHERS, ANGELA STRA-CHAN, CHARDE STRAUGHTER, DOUGLAS STUKY, AMANDA STURM, ZACHARY STUTZ, ANDREW SUCHAN, JEFFREY SUT-TON, JOSIAH SWARTZ, AARON TANAP, AMY TANIELIAN, ALEC TARNOWSKI, KRISTEN TEDDERS, AMANDA TEEPLES, JENNIFER, THAUVETTE, NICHOLAS THORNE, TODD, BRANDON NICOLE TOMBLIN, CHRISTINA TROUT, TONI, TROUT, BRENT TURNER, ERIK TUTTLE, ANGELA UHLIAN, JASON UTLEY, BENJAMIN VAN GUNDY, KARA VANN, BRYAN VAN-TOLL, THEODORE VANTOLL III, KARA VERKENNIS, ELIZABETH, VINEYARD, AMBER VOSS, CASEY WAHL, KARLYE WALKER, REBEC-WALKER, SAMANTHA CA WALLING, RYAN WARNER, SEAN WARREN, MICHAEL WECK, MARI-KA WEGIEL, NICOLE WHEATLEY, VICTORIA WHEATLEY, RENEE WHITE, AMBER WIDMER, TANYA WILDT, NICKOLAS WILEY, SARA-LYN WILHELMI, ROXANNE WISE, SUNNY WONG, KARA WOOD, WOOLEY, DARRELL RYAN ZACHARIAS, JONATHAN ZERE-BINY, BRIAN ZILKA, HEATHER ZIMMERMAN, KYLE ZRENCHIK, BRITTANY ZYWICK

# Students named to the honor roll at Marshall

The Marshall Middle School CHIRUNCA, ANGELA CLARK, JES- GIDALI, GALILA GIRGIS, KESHA KRUSHLIN, THOMAS period includes:

honor roll for the first marking SICA CLARK, JACQUELYN COATS, GLIMPS, YLLI GOCAJ, DAYNA MATTHEW KUSCH, MARC LAF-SARAH COLE, AMANDA COLE. GOLDSTON, ELIZABETH GOLLU- FERTY, AIMEE LAGUIRE. CORY

LAGUIRE, STEPHENIE LANE, JES-

SICA LANGLEY, SCOTT LAURAIN,

ERIC LEACH, KELLY LEDBETTER,

MATTHEW LEDBETTER, SARA

LEDUC, SHANIN LEES, NANCY

LENNEMANN, JILLIAN LENTINE,

KUK, NICHOLS, CHARLOTTE NICHOLS, RICHARD STANEK, ROCHELLE CHRISTOPHER NIEMI NORTON, BRITTANY OWEN, GRACE PAGE, PAULA PAPAY, BRIT-TANY PARKER, CASHEENA PARK-ER. CARINA PARKS, ARMAND PASTORES, SACHIBEN PATEL, BRIAN PETERSON, JAZZMENN PETERSON, NICHOLAS PETERSON, SCOTT PETERSON, GAN-GAYSWHAR PHAGOO, ERINN PHILLIPS, MARGARET PHILLIPS, JAMES PIEKARZ, DEBORAH PODORSEK, MELISSA PRENDER-GAST, ASHLEY PUCCI, STEPHANIE RAY, DAVID REESE, KYLE REICHERT, ERIC REID, WILLIE REYNA, ANDREW **REYNOLDS, OSCAR RICE, DANIEL RICKENBACK, BRANDON RITTEN-**BERRY, JEREMIAH ROBERTS, ADAM ROCHETTE, DEVIN ROSS, ANDREA ROWE, JASON RUSHLOW, BRANDY RUTHER-FORD, DEREK SAMPLE, ALISON SANDERS JESSICA SANFORD, SARAH SAPIENZA, DAVID SCHALLER, CAROLYN SCHMOOCK, JACQUE-LINE SCHROEDER, BRITTANY SCHUBERT, JOSHUA SEXTON, JOSHUA SEYMOUR, REBECCA SHAROIAN, DEANTHONY SHAW BRETT SHIEMKE, RACHAEL SHOCK, AMANDA SIEGFRIED, **KIMBERLY SIELSKI, RACHEL** SIENKO, MELISSA SIEPIERSKI, AARON SMITH, JENNIFER SMITH, TODD SMITH, JAMIE SNIDER, DENISESHA SPEARMAN,

STANLEY, NATALIE STARBUCK, MARLYNDA NOEL, SARAH ZACHARY STEINER, ANNE STENSENG, PHILIP STEPHENS, LAUREN STIER, KRISTA STOUM-BOS, JULIA STULOCK, JESSICA SUDAK, AMY SUICH, DANIEL SUMMERS, NICOLE SWEET, AJAYKUMAR TAILOR, KINJAL TALATI, MELISSA TALERICO, **KELLI TALIS, SARAH TALIS** 

**KELLY ABRAHAM, NATALEE** ADAMS, LEEANN AKERS, BROOKE ALBERY, HOLLY ALLEN, NATHAN ALLMOND, KELLY ANGELL, RYAN ARCHER, JACLYN ARMSTRONG, ADAM ARSENAULT

BRIAN BACHMAN, CHRISTO-PHER BANASZAK, JOSHUA BARTRUM, ASHLEY BASCOM, BRANDON BASCOM, AMBER BATAYEH, DEREK BELL, LYNN BENISCH, ERIKA BENKO, ROBIN BENNETT, KARI BENSON, SHEL-LEY BERNIER, AMANDA BEVEL, JESSICA BIGLOW, STEPHANIE BIGLOW, TIMOTHY BINGHAM, BRANDON BISE, CATHI BISHOP, BEN BLACKBURN, DARYL BLACK-BURN, ALEXIS BLAND, DAVID BLAUSEY, ANDREW BODEN-MILLER, RIKKI BOONE, KYRA BOPRIE, CARSON BORON, EMILY BRENNAN, JESSICA BRENT, RYAN BRIGHT, BRITTANY BROKEN-SHIRE, KELLY BUCHANAN, BRAN-DON BUDNICK, NATHAN BUELOW, JACQUES BURRELL

DERRICK BUSH JR, PETER CABELL, RYAN CABILDO, MATTHEW CAMILL, KEYRION CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL, CANASI, DOMINIQUE CANTU, ROBERTO CANTU, LEAH CAPEL-ING, RYAN CARLINGTON, BRIT-TANY CARLTON, KRISTEN CARL-TON, CHRISTOPHER CASEY, JESSI-CA CAVENDER, DANIEL CEBULS-KI, BRIAN CECKIEWICZ, MARILYN SITUNYIWE CENTKOWSKI,

MAN, REBECCA COLLINS, ANTHO-NY COLOSIMO, VANESSA CONER-LY, AMANDA CONLEY, WHITNIE COOPER, CHRISTINE COPLAND, KATHRYN COX, RACHEL COX, JAMIE CRAIG, BRITTANY CRAW-FORD, STEVEN CREWS, KORI CROCKETT, ANTHONY CRUZ, COREY CUMMINS, KRISTEN CURZYTEK

GREGORY DAUGHERTY, SARAHLIN DAVIDSON, MEGAN DEAN, BRANDON DEEDLER, VIN-CENT DELUCA, WILLIAM DEME-TER, KEITH DERWICH, JESSICA DICKSON, JOCELYN DILLARD, ASHLEY DOBOS, AMANDA DOHERTY, KAYLA DOWNING, RYAN DOWNS, CHRISTY DUNA-HOO, TERRY DUNN, MICHELLE DUTCHER, ELIZABETH EASTER, CHELSEA ELLIS, MICHELLE ENG-MARK, MICHELLE ERWIN, DAVID ESPINOZA, MICHAEL ESPY, DAVID EZEKIEL, JACOB FAIRCHILD, ASH-LEY FAVOR, AARON FIGURSKI, JAMES FISHER, ANDREW FIXLER, KATIE FLACKS, CHRISTOPHER FLANICK, MELVIN FLEMING, TYRONE FLEMING, JENNIFER FLETCHER, SCOTT FLETCHER, ROBERT FLOWERS III, WHITNEY FLUM, TEARRA FORBES, KEITH FORSYTH, CHRISTINE FRY, AMANDA FULLERTON

COURTNEY FULTON, MALLO-RY GARRETT, GEORGE GARZA, TAMMARA GARZA, FELICIA **GHRIST, KELLY GIBBS, DOREEN** 

BIER, AVA GOMEZ, JEFFREY GOMEZ, ALYSSA GOODIN, ROBERT GORNALL, KIMBERLY GRANT, BRADLEY GRAY, ERICA GRAY, ELENA GUEORGUIEV, CRYSTAL GUNTHER, JASON HAGEDON, KIM-BERLY HAGELTHORN, CHANNON HALL, DANIEL HANLEY, AMANDA HATFIELD, DIANE HAWKINS, SAM-MANTHA HAYES, BRANDON HEATH, BRITTNEY HEIM, ADAM HEIN, JACQUELYN HENDERSON, ALENA HENDRICKS, THOMAS HENLEY

JULIE HENSEL, KHRISTOPHER HERRIN, LAUREN HEWITT, JULIA HICKS, KEVIN HILL, MEGAN HILL, SHERISSA HINRICHS, AMANDA HNOT, ASHLEY HODGE, STEVEN HOLDEN, DOMINIQUE HOLMES, KATHERINE HUBNER, KIARRA HUDDLESTON, CAROLYN HURST, MITCHELL HUZAR, ASHLEY JABLONSKI, MARCUS JACKSON, NICOLE JACKSON, ANGELA JOHNSON, JOURDAN JOHNSON, RIANE JOHNSON, ROSETTA JOHN-SON, JAMIE JONES, LA'TORIA JONES, AMANDA KALIS, CHRISTO-PHER KALVELAGE, SAMANTHA KEELE, KRISTIN KELLEY, JESSICA KELLNER, ADAM KINCZKOWSKI, CHRISTOPHER KLINK, SHANE KMET, JENNIFER KNORP, MATTHEW KNUTSON, MATTHEW KONOPKA, NICOLE KOZMA, KATHLEEN KRAJEWSKI, ASHLEY KRAWCZYK JAMES KROLL, SHANNON

STEPHANIE LEONARD, KRISTEN LEWIS, JENNIFER LITTLE, SAMAN-THA LONEY, RACHAEL LOVE, LATASHA LUM, LAURA LUXTON, CARLY MAAS, DANIEL MACK, SARAH MACKEY, JENNIFER MAHOOD, JESSICA MAPLE, DEREK MARSCHALL, KIEL MARSCHALL, TAMI MARTIN, DANIEL MCALLIS-TER, BARBARA MCCLUNG, KARIE MCCOLLUM, KATIE MCCOLLUM, ERIC MCGAUGHEY, STACIA MCLAREN, KARI MCLEOD, HOLLY MCNABB, CODY MCNEILL

VENIKA MCQUEEN, KEELEY MCTAGGART, ANDREW MEEK, STEVEN MEEK, DEANNA MEL-LAS, SHANNA MEWTON, CASSAN-DRA MEYER, JACQUELINE MEYER, MICHELLE MIHAILOVICH, ASHLEY MIJAL, GEORGE MILIAN, JUSTIN MILLER, NICOLE MILLS, ERIKA MONTAGUE, CHANTAL MOORE, JESSICA MOORE, MEGAN MOORE, MICHAEL MOORE, LYND-SEY MORGAN, ROSLYN MORRIS, BRIAN MORROW, SHEENA MOR-ROW, MELISSA MOSLEY, KIRSTEN MOSS, JACOB MULLETT, JUSTINE MULLETT, THALESHWARI NAN-DALALL, THIAGO NANUK, ADRI-ENNE NASH, AMELIA NASH, RAFEAL NELSON, BRANDON

LATERIA TATE, ACACIA TAY-LOR, DAWN TAYLOR, DEIDRA TAYLOR, TIFFANY TAYLOR, ANTHONY TERRELL, JOSEPH TERRY, LOUIS TERRY, CHARMANE THURMAND, MARTINA TOTKOVA, BRAD TRUDEAU, KELLY TRUES DELL, LISA VACCA, MICHAEL VACCA, CHRISTOPHER VANDERK-LIPP, JENNIFER VANDERKLIPP, JACQUELINE VERMETTE, BRENT VERROT, ALEXANDRIA VOY-DANOFF, GREGORY WACKER, STEPHANIE WADE, GEOFFREY WALCHAK, MATTHEW WARD, ASH-LEY WARNER, AUBREY WATER-STRADT, SEANA WATSON, BRIAN WATTS, DANE WATTS, RENAI WHITMORE, MARGARET WIDRIG, MELISSA WIDRIG, ASHLEY WILLIAMS, DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, TAISHA WILLIS

LAUREN WILMOTH, TARA JESSE SHAW, TRACY SHAW, WILMOTH, DARNELL WILSON, DAVE WILSON, HEATHER WINEKOFF, ERICA WINGFIELD, JESSICA WOOD, GREGORY WYNIARSKY, REBECCA ZARBAUGH, BRIAN ZARBAUGH JR. SHANNON ZEUNER, CHRISTINA ZIEGLER, RICK ZUCCARO

# Adams Middle School lists honor roll students

The Adams Middle School honor roll for the first marking period includes:

TERRY ACKMAN, JESSICA AKERLEY, DANA ALLOR, BRIT-TANY AMANN, ASHLEY AMRINE, JENNIFER ANDERSON, MICHAEL ANGER, TIFFANI ANGER, ROBIN ARBENOWSKE, RACHEL ATKINS, JOHN BAILEY, ERIC BALL, COREY BALZER, DEREK BANKA, ROYCE BANKHEAD, AMY BARBER, TABATHA BARNETTE, JACOB BAUDER, JOSHUA BAUDER, SARA BAUGHMAN, AMANDA BEACH-LEY, CINDEL BEAVER, AARON BEAVERS, AMANDA BEAVERS, TABITHIA BEAVERS, BRANDON BELL, TONI BELLANGER, DANIEL BELLEW, JESSICA BICKLEY, ERIC BINGHAM, PHILLIP BINGHAM, ROBERT BIZON, SAMANTHA BLAKE, PHILLIP BLIVEN

REBECCA BOLISH, ROBERT BOL-RIAN, JUSTIN SCHOFIELD, EHRED, WILLIAM ELLER, GLENN HORTON, NATHAN AMBER MCOINNIS, STEFANI FORD ISH, JESSICA BONE, WILLIAM DANIELLE ELSWICK, KRISTIN HUBER, CHARLES HUDSON, MCLEOD WAYNE SCHULZ, SHELBY SCOTT, BONNER, MARC BOOTH, JEREMY CELIA MCMULLEN, KRISTI CHARLES SENIOR. DEREK SEX-MAILAN HUDSON JESSICA ENGLAND, JOSEPH EVANS, BOWLING, EMILY BOWYER, SARAH KRISTIE EVANS, AMANDA HUGHES, KRISTI IGO, COREY MCNAUGHTON, STEPHANIE TON, JESSICA SHADDAWVINE, BOYCE, ALICIA BRACY, ADRIELLE INGRAHAM, BRIANNA IRWIN, MEYER, MERISSA MEYERS, DAVID JANA SHAW, ANGELA SHIEMKE, EVERETT, ARMANI EVERETTE JUSTIN JACKSON, AMBER MILBRODT, DANIELLE MILLER, JOSHUA SHIRLEY, ADAM SMITH, BRADFORD, MICHELLE BRADLEY, CHRISTOPHER EWING, SABRIE MILLER, STEVEN MILLS, JONELLE SMITH, MIRANDA JACOBS, DENNIS JACOBS, ANTO-ASHLEY BRITTON, BRIDGETTE EARNEST FELLS, AMANDA FENN, SMITH, RACHAEL SMITH, SARAH KANDIS MISZAK, SHEENA BROADEN, LESLIE BROWN, JAN RYAN FLATT, CHRISTOPHER NIO JAMES, TIFFANY JAMES, JEN-NIFER JENNINGS, AMANDA MITCHELL, JULIE MOORE, JOHNSON, ARICA JOHNSON, CAN. TIFFANY MORGAN, KRISTA FOUGERE, STACEY FREY, RYAN SMITH, SARAH SMITH, SHATEE BRUCE, KRYSTAL BRYANT, LISA SMITH, STEPHANIE SMITH, BULMER, ALICIA BURDITT, PROST, AMANDA FULTON, ΤΙΛΝ ΥΟUNO WILLIAM BURTON, CRYSTAL JONATHAN GABRIELLI, JAMES DICE JOHNSON, DARRE' JOHN NEALEY, NISA NELSON, BRENT DANIEL SNOWDEN

CAMPBELL, ROBIN CAMPBELL, CETLINSKI, CHRISTOPHER CHAT-TERTON, CHRISTOPHER CHRIS-COLLINS, JAMES CONGDON, DANIEL CONRAD

CORGNELL, JONATHON CRAD-DOCK, DANIEL CRAIG, SAMANTHA CRESPO, STEVEN CRONENWETT, JASON CROTHERS, MAURICE CRUZ, FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, CHAD DAILEY, DANNY DAILEY, CHAZRAY DANIELS, CHARLES DANIELS III, JENNIFER DAVID-SON, STEPHANIE DAVIDSON, JAZ-LYN DAVIS, NATALIE DAVIS, VERONICA DAVIS, CHARLES. DENKINS, KATIE-LYN DENNIS, DENNIS, SCOTT

GALINDO, HEATHER GALVAN, NATALIE CARNER, NICHOLAS STEVEN GARDNER, HOLLY GARFIELD, ALYSSA GARLAND, MARGARET GIBBONS, LISA GILL, TIAN, KRISTIN CLAIR, AVIVA PAUL GIORDANO, NICHOLAS GIROUARD, TIAJANA GONZALES, PATRICK GORRING, MOLLY KEITH COOK, WILLIAM GRACE, JULIE GREGG, KATIE GRO-CHOWICZ, AMBER GROTE, ERICA GRYSBAN, GREGORY OUCWA, BRANDON GUENTHER, JAMIE **GUENTHER, LARRY GUENTHER,** GIOVANNI GUYTON-MARCHETT, KYLE HAENDEL, MEGAN HAEN-DEL, MATTHEW HAINES, CHRISTI-NA HALEY, JESSE HALLBERG, JIMMY HAMILTON, PAMELA HAMILTON, KIMBERLY HAM-MOND, MISHA HARAT ASHLEI HARGRAVE, KRISTINA

REINSMITH, KYRIE RETTMAN, JUSTIN VENEGONI, HOLLIE VER-HARGROVE, JESSICA HARRIS, MAAS, MARCIA MANIER, MARLON ALLYCE REYNOLDS, STEVEN NICOLE NON, KATIE VERNON, KATHERINE MANIER, ANGELA MARSHALL, KELLY HARRIS, ASHLEY HEIM, DESTRAMPE, AMANDA DEWYER, ROGERS, BRADLEY ROLLINS, WALLACE, STEVEN WALLACE, ROXANNE DEWYER, MANDI CRYSTAL HEIM, ERIN HERBST, JESSICA MARTIN, NICOLE MAR-ANDREI RUS, TIMOTHY RUSINKO, EBONY HILL, MELISSA HOLLUM, TIN, LEON MATHEW, WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER WALSH, VICTORIA JOSEPH RUTKOWSKI, CAITLYN DOUP'E, CRYSTAL DURHAM, MELANIE BLOOMFIELD, MATSON, MARTINS MATTHEW. **KEVIN HOLT, SHARMIA HOLT,** RYAN-PARTRIDOE, STEVEN SAFE-WATERS, REBECCA WEATHER-CHANTEL EDWARDS, JONATHON

SON, DONNA JOHNSON, LAWRENCE JOHNSON, MELISSA JOHNSON, LAUREN JOUPPI

ANALEE

PHILLIP KACZOROWSKI, KEN-NETH KALAMICK, ANTHONY KARASINSKI, MARK KARASINSKI, ASHLEY KARNS, CASSIE KELLY, CHRISTOPHER KINSEY, MAHOGANY KIZER, SAVANNAH KNOWLES, JENNIFER KOPACZ, TIMOTHY LABEAN, PIA LACROIX, BREE LAFORTUNE, EMILY LAIRD, **RACHAEL LANCASTER, CANDICE** LARAWAY. LANE, JUSTIN MEGHAN LAROQUE, KATELYN LASLEY, B J LAWLER, AMBER LETELLIER, ANDREW LEWIS, BRANDON LEWIS, ELIZABETH LEWIS, LAUREN LIPINSKI, KEITH LOREN, JASON MAAS, JESSICA

NEWSTED, NICOLE NIKUNEN, JOSEPH SNYCERSKI, DONNA GENE NIX JR, BRANDON NOBLE, SOULLIERE, TRACY SOUTHERN, NICOLE NOLAN, JASON NORMAN, TINA SPEAR, MIQUI SPENCER, JAMIE NYESTE, JENNIFER CHRISTOPHER STACY, ANGELLICA O'ROURKE, MATTHEW OAKS, STANLEY, LINDSAY STARR, OCHOA, ARTHUR WILLIAM STARR, BARRY STEAD, OCHOA, DARRELL OLDS, JASON DOMINIQUE STEWARD, JOSEPH OLDS, BRIAN PAISON, CRYSTAL STOKES, CENA SULLINS, ANGEL PALAC, NEAL PALMER, SHANNON SYDENSTRICKER, JOSHUA PALMER, JOSEPH PATTERSON, SYNON, JEFFREY TACKETT, NICK-**ROSLYN PATTERSON, STEPHANIE** OLAUS TALAGA, AMBER TAL-PELOW, CHARLES PEREZ, STEVEN 'PHILLIPS, JENNIFER POSTER, BERT, BRIAN TENORIO, BRIAN TERRANCE, ANDREW TESSANNE, GREGORY POTTER, LEAH POTVIN, **ROBYN PRATT, BRADLEY PUOH** AMBER THOMAS, ANTHONY TYLER PYNE, HEATHER THOMAS, LATIA THOMAS, QUINN, JULIETTE RATLIFF, HEATHER THORPE, JOSEPH MATTHEW RAY, SERENA RAY, TONNA, JENA TRUDELL, ROBERT SYDNEY REINHART, KIMBERLY TURNER, MARK VALENTIN,

KIMBERLY WEATHERS. NICOLE WEBSTER, JENNIFER WEST, JULIE WEST, NICOLE WILKIE, BRADLEY WILSON, DIANE WOOD, SAMANTHA WOODBY, THERESA WOODWARD, JAMIE WOOLFORD, JENNIFER WROB. LEWSKI, NICOLE YBARRA, CHRIS.

# **Commissioners react to ordinance**

### **Restaurants** from page A5

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Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, calls smoking a public health concern, but she also doesn't want bad legislation passed by county commissioners in prohibiting the activity in Wayne County.

Husk said Tuesday she expects Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, to revise his ordinance to exclude businesses ed. with 15 or fewer employees from the smoking ban.

mom-and-pop businesses," said Parker said, Husk.

Parker could not be reached Tuesday for comment on the possible revisions. He said earlier the National Center for Disease cigarette smoking is the most



"In fact, scientific studies have linked secondhand smoke to "That way it won't affect the heart disease and lung cancer,"

Husk added that she has received several phone calls from constituents who support the smoking ban.

"I personally think it's a good Control has reported that, idea," Husk said, "It's important nomic studies on the possible to have a healthy environment effect on Wayne County busipreventable cause of death with for people, but it's also important nesses. "We can't run our own

commissioners is good legislation."

The ordinance is expected to bring a spirited debate next Thursday at the county commission meeting if it is revised and approved today by the commission's Health and Human Services Committee.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who opposed the ordinance on Dec. 2, believes Parker will need to take the smoking ban up with the state Legislature. "The reality is he has no power to legislate in that area. State pre-emption applies. State law supersedes the county.

"The Wayne County Commission should not be trying to regulate the economy and businesses."

McCotter said the commissioners should not act without ecoone in five deaths smoking-relat- that the ordinance we pass as airport, now Wayne County is

going to tell people how to run their businesses?"

Husk believed studies showed businesses were not hurt, as she cited a survey conducted by the Center for Hospitality Research at Cornell University that found non-smokers were eating out more often since the ban and a report that indicated New York City restaurant business had not suffered since a smoking ban was initiated there last year.

"So what I see happening is when you make a transition, it's difficult to work through in the beginning, but overall it will be healthier for everyone," Husk said.

**Commission Vice Chair Kay** Beard, D-Westland, said she hasn't read the ordinance yet, so she would not comment. She has received phone calls on the matter. "Some are for it, some are against it," Beard said.

of the nonsmoker."

Anthony Gatto, general manager of Roman Forum in Canton, called the ordinance "a real dumb ideas."

"The industry is getting real tired of government telling us what to do," Gatto said, "Cigarette smoking is not illegal. It should be left up to the Alexander the Great in Westcustomer to go where they want to go, and the businesses, on whether or not they want to allow smoking."

Gatto said his establishment, has no problem offering a nosmoking section and discourages people from smoking cigars. "We're in the business of taking care of people. They can eat here if they want and, if it's too smoky, they can eat somewhere else. They can work here if they want or if (the smoke) bothers

them and they don't want to work here, they can quit and go down the street.

"Hopefully, it's a free country." What's next? Will they tax. steaks because you might have a heart attack or hardening of the arteries?"

Tom Tomovski, the owner of land, does not smoke, but disagrees with the proposed ban.

You would think it's bad for business, because there are a lot. of smokers out there," Tomoyski. said. "We have 50 percent of our customers who smoke, and 50° percent who are non-smoking. Banning smoking will hurt usprobably."

Tony Grabanica, owner of Vic's Diner in Garden City, said he was "indifferent" toward the ban.

### Commission committee to review smoking ban

smoking for most Wayne County businesses and workplaces was (Thursday) at 10 a.m.

the ordinance, it will be returned to the commission Thursday, Dec. 17. A public hearing on the meeting.

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Only private functions in ordinance will be held at the restaurants, hotel and motel conference rooms would be room.

restaurants and bars will be restricted over a one-year period to smaller areas until smoking is ultimately prohibited.

As of March 1, 1999, restaurants and bars may designate a smoking area no greater than 50 percent of its seating capacity, but it must be designated in a

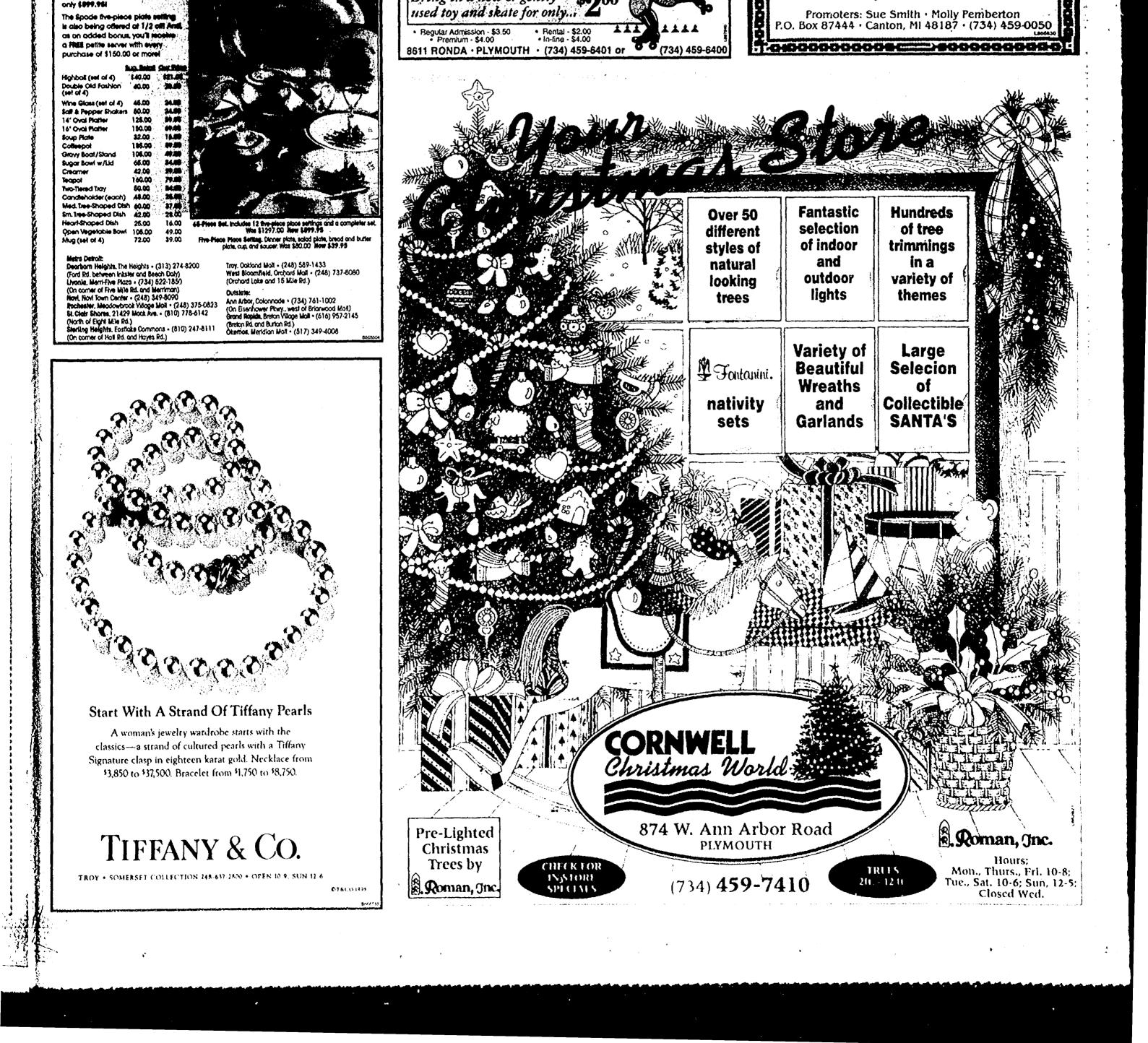
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The size of smoking areas in ving will be reduced to no more than 20 percent of the seating capacity. Beginning March 1, 2000, there will be no designated smoking areas in restaurants. Owners, operators or man-

agers permitting violations of the ordinance may be found guilty of a civil infraction and subject to a fine of \$50 for a first offense and \$100 for each subsequent offense.







# Hot toys! Young shoppers have long lists for Santa this season

### BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

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Pushing a miniature basket purposefully through the aisles. of Noodle Kidoodle recently, Daniel Calleja, 4, was a shopper who knew what he wanted. And he wasn't going to consider a purchase from the Northville Township store until he made. sure the merchandise, especially the Kawasaki guitar, worked. The Livonia youngster was browsing with his dad, Jeff, when he quickly explained that besides the guitar he also wanted a Play Doh Play Shop, a remote control tower crane and a keyboard.

Calleja was among a number of young shoppers, surveyed recently to get a glimpse of the hottest toys this holiday season. Many of the kids chose popular items, like "A Bug's Life" characters and Teletubbies. A lot of their other choices were traditional, long-time favorites, like Legos, Barbies and yo-yos.

The toys that grab Calleja's attention and the millions of children around the country amount to a \$22.6 billion annual business. A whopping 50 percent of those sales are rung up during the holidays.

If you're wondering what to -buy the children on your holiday shopping list, here are some ideas from experts, like David Shore, 7, a New Hampshire resident who was interviewed while recently visiting relatives in Livonia. He was checking out the stock at the Northville Township store with his mom, Sue Shore.

Standing next to a bin filled with Beanie Babies, Sue Shore explained: "He's always looking for Beanie Babies and especially the new ones."

Nintendo, videos, Legos and



Hollday mood: Daniel Shore, 4, of Livonia fills his shopping cart with all his favorite toys for the holiday season at Noddle Kidoodle at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

that her nephew, Jake Gosselin, 2, of Livonia wanted. His mother "looked everywhere and couldn't find it," Crawford explained.

Mike Aja, an 8-year-old Livonia resident and student at St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia, was shopping with his dad, Rich. They were looking for Legos Mind Storms. But, before he left the store, a display of yoyos also caught his eye and prompted a convincing sales pitch to his father.

Behind the cash register and in the storage room, Shannon Prince, Noodle Kidoodle, store manager, and Traci Johnson, assistant manager, see firsthand which toys are going out the door the most. They ranked pottery wheels, a Crayola adjustable Easel, a Barbie digital camera, Blues Clues toys, yoyos and Mind Storms as the best selling toys so far this season.

### High expectations

Some kids we talked to were quite particular; others had general ideas about what they wanted. Some had simple wants. Others, like Dina Salhani, 7, of Dearborn Heights had higher expectations.

She was shopping recently at Toys R Us in Westland with her mom, Debbie and brother, Jordan, 9 months.

"I want everything," Salhani stated emphatically. Then she began naming her top picks. which included a basketballplaying Rebecca Lobo Barbie. A big basketball fan, Debbie Salhani explained that Dina want-

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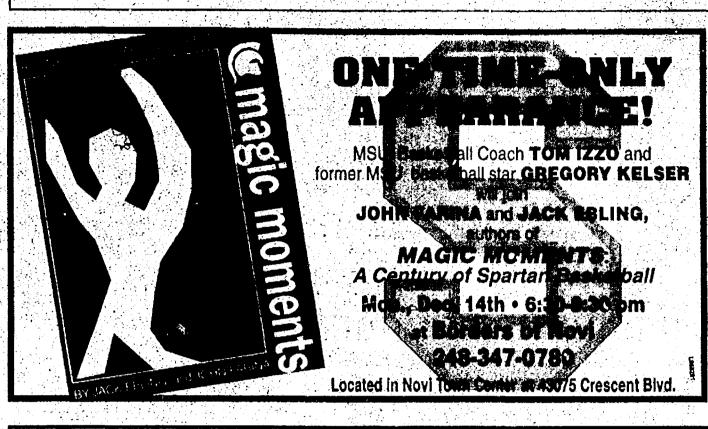
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yo-yos are also some of his top choices.

### Finding the right toy

Char Crawford of Novi walked out a happy customer after learning that she bought the last Pinky Winky talking Teletubby

ed to name her brother Michael Jordan and the family settled on Jordan instead.

"She likes the hand-held Twister game and electronic everything," Debbie Salhani

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property, local income and utility taxes in the state while "growth" areas foot the bill. The Senate passed his version of revenue-sharing last summer on 30-6 vote.

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, voted against the revenue-sharing bill in the House Appropriations Committee Dec. 2 but for it on Dec. 3 when the full House adopted it. Their reasons were identical.

Bankes voted no in committee because of the rush job. "The Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association and Michigan Association of Counties had not had the bill long enough to do an analysis," said Bankes, who is term-limited out. Her effort to protect Detroit and Wayne County, however, will help her politically when she takes office Jan. 1 as a Wayne County commission-

er. Here is how area lawmakers voted on the House revenuesharing bill:

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown; D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

NO - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. ABSENT - Gerald Law, R-

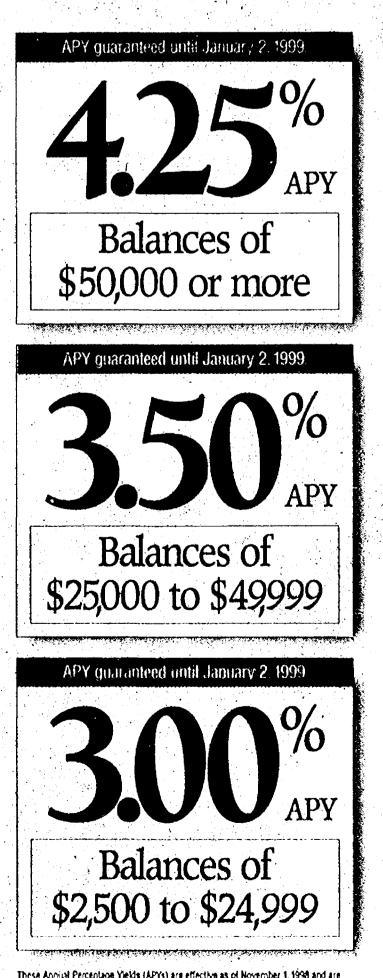
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Michigan has two revenuesharing pieces of legislation:

The constitution, which distributes \$558 million per year on a per-capita basis. Only the voters can change it.

A 1971 law, which spreads \$792 million on the basis of a complicated formula that takes account of "relative tax effort." Steil calls that a "perverse incentive of giving more revenue-sharing dollars to communities that increase taxes."

The Steil bill cutting Detroit aid is SB 1181. The House bill



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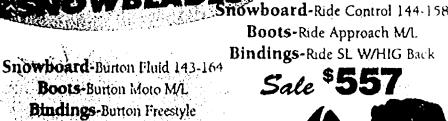
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**Special toy:** Alex Smith, 3, listens to her C Watch tell her the time and then say, "You Go Girl!"



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added.

Other kids, like Ricky Lorenz, 8, of Livonia had simple needs. "I'd like Legos and a pad of paper," said Lorenz, who likes to.

draw. He also wants Beast Wars fig-

ures and color pencils. The ticket prices got higher and higher as he continued to ponder the question.

"I'd also like a camera case for my camera and oh yeah, Game Boy," Lorenz added.

To put it simply, his mother, Betty explained: "He wants everything that he sees on TV."

Suheil Shatara held his two children, Fred, 4, and Freda, 5, by their hands as they walked through the store. Fred wants Santa to bring a remote control motorcycle and Freda wants a Barbie car.

Billy Garbinski, 7, of Garden City hopes to see "A Bug's Life" character under his Christmas tree Dec. 25.

"I like Star Wars, PlayStation cartridges and smelly markers," he added.

Andrei Dit, 10, tried the video games as his mother watched. What does he want for Christmas? "Video games," he said simply.

Standing near the Pokemon's display, Beverly Swantner shopped with her son, George, 10.

"Well, let's see, I'd like a Vtech

Searching: The Shatara family of Westland (from left) Freda, 5, father Suhiel and Fred, 4, stroll the aisles the Toys **R** Us in Westland to get gift ideas.

computer, Pikachu Number 25 Pokemon, Rad Robot and that's it," he exclaimed.

Alex Smith, 3, of Belleville looked professional as she held a Spice Girls microphone that her mom, Alysia planned to buy. Don't tell, but the toddler is also getting a Go Girl C-watch, a Mickey Mouse telephone and an

ice cream maker for Christmas.

### **Popular** picks

Smith and the other local kids picked many of the same toys listed by KayBee Toys as the most popular this year.

The country's largest mallbased toy retailer said the following are the hottest toys:

A Bug's Life, by Mattel, for ages 4 and up; Blues Clues Musical BlueAges, by Fisher Price, for children 1 and older; Bouncing Tigger, by Mattel, for children 18 months and older; Furby, an interactive Gremlin creature who speaks two languages; and Holiday Barbie and Holiday Sisters, by Mattel for children 3 and older.

Hot Wheels Mechanix, by Mattel for children ages 6 and older: Spice Girls by Galoob, for children 3 and up; Talking Teletubbies, by Hasbro for children age 1 and older; WCW/WWF Wrestling Figures, by Original San Francisco, for children 4 and older and Yomega X-Brain Yo-Yo by Bandai for children age 8 and older also made the top 10 list, according to Yahoo on the Internet.

But trying to track down, these and other, popular toys can be a daunting experience. No one knows that more than Gary Buckingham, night manager at the Meijer store on Warren Road in Westland.

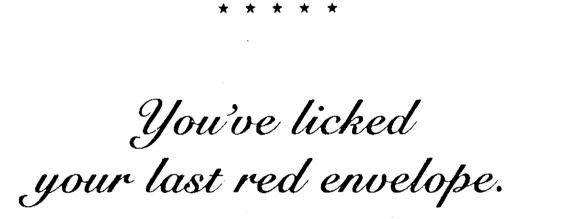
He regularly sees cases of fad toys, like the Teletubbies, being snatched up minutes after they are delivered to the store. Other customers, however, leave empty-handed.

His advice: "Don't give up and don't let the holidays get you frustrated."

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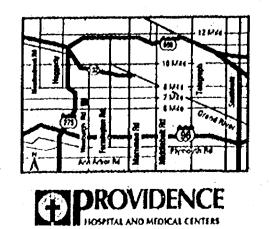
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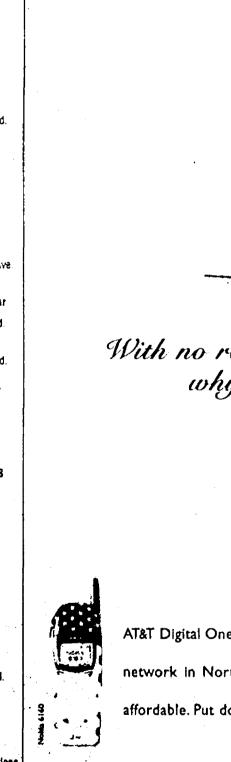


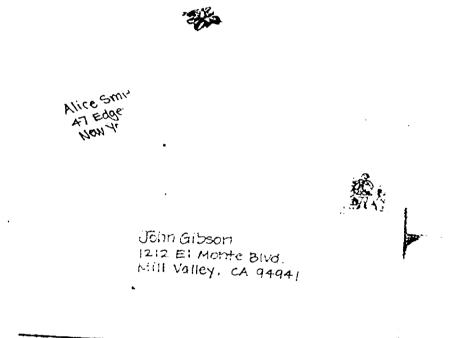
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# Madonna business students win top honors

Several students from Madonna University's School of Business were honored for their academic achievements recently during the school's 14th annual Honors Convocation.

Shannon Warner of Novi received the Meta and Bernard Landuyt Award for High Achievement. A senior majoring in business administration and pre-law, Warner received the most prestigious honor a student may attain in the Madonna School of Business. It is awarded to a senior with a grade point average of 3.7 or above, who has completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and 25 semester hours within the School of Business.

Gregory Leverette of Southfield was awarded the Frank E. and Angileri Quality Award. A graduate student in quality and operations management, Leverette received an award for demonstrating a significant contribution to quality improvements in the automotive industry and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. The award is given to a student, full- or parttime, connected with the automotive industry, pursuing a

master's degree in quality and operations management.

Madonna University's School of Business offers a program in quality improvement in conjunction with the Association for Quality and Participation in which participants earn a nationally recognized certificate in quality. The AQP pilot program is the only one of its kind in the state of Michigan. Upon completion of the program, the certificate may apply towards a master's degree in quality and operations management at Madonna.

Twenty-two students were inducted into the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration. The motto of the society is "Through Knowledge, Power." A School of Business Faculty member, Tim Brennan of Livonia, was also inducted into Delta Mu Delta as an honorary member.

**Receiving Highest Achieve**ment Awards were Carol Bouchin, an accounting major from Detroit, Karen Bedy, a business administration major from Redford, Theresa Gentner, a computer information systems major



Honored: Five students honored with the Highest Achievement Award in their major at at Madonna University are (clockwise from left) Carol Houchin of Detroit, Karen Bedy of Redford, Alice Pfohl of Wixom, Ruth Hodges of Novi and Theresa Gentner of Livonia.

have completed 40 semester

hours in the major, 30 semester

hours at Madonna University

and 15 hours within the past

from Livonia, Alice Pfohl, a management major from Wixom, and Ruth Hodges, a marketing major from Novi. These awards are given annually to students from each major who attain the

highest grade-point average. To be eligible, each student must

semesters. Additionally, 63 students received High Achievement Awards, which are given to students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University, and 15 hours within the major with a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

These students include: Roxanne Delozier, Christine Gerak and Patricia O'Rourke, of Canton: Christopher Bouschet, Lynn Hoag, Shanker Pathak, Carolyn Payne and Nayda Schwartz, of Farmington Hills, and Mary Barney and Pamela Leming, of Garden City.

Also, students honored from Livonia were Lynne Bain, Sheri Bajorek, Stephen Bolla, Linda Cosgrove, Irene Duncan, Maria Gardner, Nadine Janette, Christine Johnson, Sharon Kallas, Jeanette LaForge, Elaine Nading, Beverly Niedbala, Ann Rajt, Dennis Respecki, Rachelle Roy, Jamie Weaver and Sandra Wilson.

From Plymouth, Ryan Bayer, Marilyn Brindamour and Carol Stone were awarded, while Redford residents Julianne Gillis, Joanella Grimes, Michelle Mohr, Constance Pawlaczyk, Cynthia Raisanen and Darren Sims were honored.

Westland residents Michael Baker and Albert Fuciarelli also received awards.

### Seat belt use up slightly – study

Michigan's just-released safety belt use rate is up only slightly from last year, according to a survey conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI).

Use of safety belts is 69.9 percent in 1998 versus 67.6 percent in 1997. The national rate in 1997 was 67.6 percent.

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pickup truck drivers, 54.1 percent.

It's highest among those who drive vans and minivans, 75.7 percent.

Belt use is lowest for those aged 16-29, at 63.6 percent, and highest for the 4-15 age group. 75.2 percent.

Last year Michigan traffic crashes claimed 1,446 lives. Of those who died, less than half were buckled up.

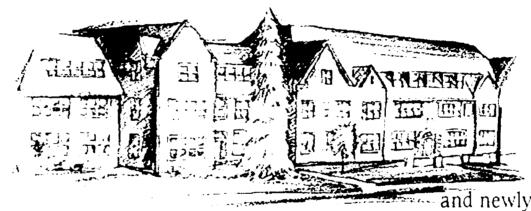


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# Survey says Rec center opinions sought

estland residents will have their chance to have some input on the city's proposed multimillion dollar recreation complex as part of a survey being conducted this month.

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A telephone survey of some 600 residents is being conducted over the next few weeks by an outside firm.

The council is also considering allowing those people who are not surveyed by telephone to have the chance to fill out the survey by picking one up at Westland City Hall. We hope that opportunity is given to residents who are not surveyed by phone.

Results of the survey are expected in February.

While the survey is lengthy (it takes about 20 minutes) and the call may not come at a convenient time, we hope residents on both sides of the issue will take the time to answer the questions.

Only completed surveys will be counted, so only answering one or two questions or just saying you oppose the center will result in your voice not being heard.

The idea of building a recreation center in Westland using money gleaned from a special taxing district may appeal to some residents

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and not to others.

Also, those who favor building the center may want to express their views on what it should contain.

Here's the chance to be heard. The survey asks residents about how often they currently use recreational facilities of any type. It asks about current use of the city's Bailey Center and whether those facilities are adequate.

It also asks about which recreation facilities should be included in a new center such as iceskating rinks, swimming facilities, a running/walking track and banquet facilities or meeting rooms.

Residents will also be asked if they favor user fees and whether the facility should be self-supporting.

The survey could provide the city with some valuable information about residents' opinions of a proposed recreation center for Westland.

We hope residents will take the time to be heard.

# Service as scarce as the Furby

here are just over two weeks until Christmas and even some confessed shopaholics we know are ready to call it a season.

That's because the reality of hitting the mall these days seldom matches the image conjured up in the media. Shopping - holiday or otherwise -- is portrayed in newsprint, on television and even at the movie theater as an experience or even a "lifestyle choice." Why else would the opening of an outlet mall on the fringe of suburbia generate story after story, day after day, for weeks on end? Why else would otherwise sane people line up at 6 a.m. on the Friday following Thanksgiving so that they can purchase this year's Tickle me Elmo - the Furby? And why else would retail analysts predict increased holiday sales each November only to have retailers turn around in January and say sales didn't quite match their expectations? But shopping in the real world is not nearly as fun as it's made out to be. It's not just finding the time in overextended schedules or battling the crowds of holiday shoppers, either. We've seen a real slide in customer service during the 1990s. Good, knowledgeable, courteous sales help is disappearing faster from major department stores than those hard-to-find "retired" Beanie Babies. Walk into a store on any given night and you're likely to find as many unstaffed cash registers as staffed ones. Even the large electronic stores have become virtually selfservice. While product displays include price and a list of features, any customer seeking additional information via human contact is just about out of luck. Contributing factors undoubtedly include the current labor shortage, which affects lowpaying service jobs more severely. But global competition, mergers and the squeeze on retailers' bottom lines have an impact as well On-the-job training at many retailers is almost non-existent.

Good, knowledgeable, courteous sales help is disappearing faster from major department stores than those hard-to-find 'retired'

All aglow

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Just ducky: Wayne County LightFest is lighting up the night skies along Hines Drive in Hines Park. Use the Merriman Road entrance in Westland. The show is open nightly, 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1, but will be closed Dec. 25.

### LETTERS

### Sadly missed

A"gentle giant" will be sadly missed. "Marky Mark" Romanchuk was a friend to all, a gentleman, always in a class of his own. If you were around him and not laughing then something was wrong with you. He was very active in his community whether it be patrolling the streets with the CB patrol, selling peanuts for the Kiwanis or working with disabled children including playing Santa Claus. Mark never knew anyone as a stranger. All the many people Mark met, he loved them and they loved him. Mark worked at many establishments as a bartender. He was better than Tom Cruise in the movie "Cocktail." He also was a karaoke host, and that's how he got the nickname "Marky Mark." He worked for First Edition, K.C.'s Dive, Good Time Charlie's and The Stables. The family of Mark Romanchuk would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and generosity through his illness.

conversations include a discussion of organ, tissue and eye donation. They are the ones waiting to have their lives begin again through a transplant.

One Michigan cornea transplant recipient stated, "We never talked about donation in our family because it just didn't seem important to us. 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." Most people think that filling out a driver's license sticker regarding their donation wishes is enough. But it most definitely is not enough. People need to realize that the decision to donate organs and tissues ultimately lies with their next-of-kin. Family members ultimately make the final decision about donation. It is much easier to talk about your wishes before death and to find out how others in your family feel, rather than be faced with the decision during a time of grief. For the thousands of Americans who have had their lives renewed through transplantation the message is clear; they are living healthy, joyful lives not because others died but because of the gifts they gave that allowed lives to continue. For free information about donation, contact the Michigan Eye Bank at (800) 247-7250 or visit our Web site at www.mebtc.org.

In fact, real customer service has now become the domain of a few, high-end department stores and specialty shops. Neiman Mar-

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Beanie Babies. Walk into a store on any given night and you're likely to find as many unstaffed cash registers as staffed ones. Even the large electronic stores have become virtually self-service. While product displays include price and a list of features, any customer seeking additional information via human contact is just about out of luck.

cus and Nordstrom have carved out reputations based on going the extra mile for their clientele.

Unfortunately, what's good for top-drawer stores isn't necessarily good for retailing as a whole. There are far more shoppers - and more aggregate dollars - at the middle end of the spectrum. Surveys repeatedly show that the overwhelming majority of people who receive poor customer service never complain to management. However, they never return to the store either and they usually tell at least four other people about their experience.

Also, the evidence is mounting that middleclass consumers are beginning to vote with their computer mouse. Shopping over the Internet - really just a high-tech catalogue collection - is expected to reach \$2.3 billion during the 1998 holiday season and online sales have more than doubled every 12 months, according to Consumer Reports Magazine.

All this spells trouble for the traditional retailer, which typically counts on generating as much as half of its annual revenue during the holiday season. We can only hope the "experts" figure it out while shoppers are still willing to make the trip.

Gail Romej sister, on behalf of the family of Mark Romanchuk

### Source of help for stutterers

We applaud your article, "Stutter support," and your efforts to shed some light and your efforts to shed some light on this complex disorder affecting over three million Americans.

However, your readers should also know how to contact an excellent nonprofit source of help, the 50-year-old Stuttering Foundation of America.

We provide a nationwide resource list and accurate information on stuttering compiled by the leading authorities in the field of speech pathology.

For more information, offered free of charge, your readers may write us at P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, e-mail: stuttersfa@aol.com, visit us at

www.stutterSFA.org , or call our toll-free Hotline on Stuttering at (800) 992-9392.

**Jane Fraser** president, Stuttering Foundation of America

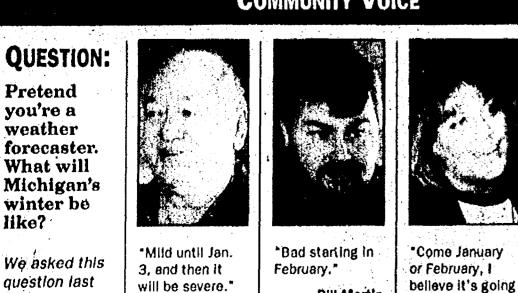
### Make your wishes known

s families gather this holiday season, it is A the hope of nearly 60,000 Americans that **Patrick Pruitt** Canton

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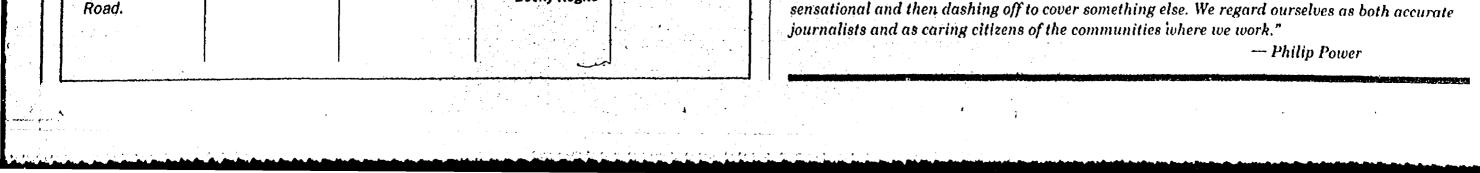


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### **POINTS OF VIEW**

# Tree search bears strong resemblance to a beauty contest

t may well be that some of the romance has gone out of this affair, but what can you expect after so many years? The allure and intrigue of this oft-repeated ritual have dropped off a bit in favor of more practical considerations. Now, instead of eyeing some beauty from afar, then moving in closer until the fragrance fills my nose, and finally observing the suppleness of the limbs, I now buy my Christmas tree at one of those huge home improvement centers.

I know all about needle retention and that stuff; we've tried all the varieties and nothing holds up like a Fraser fir. The branches are firm, the needles are soft and they last a long time. We've had spruces that scratched our arms into hamburger, and we've had a Scotch pine or two whose needles got caught in the carpet for months before coming out stuck in the bottom of someone's foot. To paraphrase Neil Young, "I've seen the needles and the damage done."

Every year at this time, the newspapers and the TV news have reports on how to pick out a fresh Christmas tree. These reports are basically elementary drivel - strictly for amateurs. Sure, freshness is important dried-up trees are ugly and dangerous (that almost sounds like a column on Kevorkian). Beyond freshness, the other important factors are color, fragrance, balance, branch spacing, and dimension. I'm here to tell you, at least when it comes to Christmas trees, size really does matter. The perfect tree, when placed in a stand and with the star on top, will come within a quarter-inch of the ceiling. I can't help being envious of my friends, Eric and Gary, whose ceilings are about 14 and 18 feet, respectively. Both of them are also confessed tree fanatics. Frankly, I think the taller



GARY BELANGER

tree space was the main reason Gary bought his house.

Choosing the perfect tree is much more than just simply understanding the physical characteristics. The art of the hunt is even more important than the technical knowledge. First of all, you have to look at every single tree – then you need to mark the semifinalists with a stick or some twine. The finalists, usually two or three trees, are checked out with at least one tape measure, a transit, and a framing square. It's a lot like a beauty pageant except that the winner gets bound in plastic netting and tied to the roof of the minivan. Beware, because a good tree hunter knows how to watch other tree hunters, and you often see them scouting out each other's trees.

Tree Envy is a powerful emotional force that can ruin your holiday season. Don't get jealous because someone else scored a better-looking tree than you did – you should be happy for them and admire them. Remember the 11th commandment: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's conifer."

One of the worst cases that I ever saw involved my brother-in-law. Since his sister had purchased a 10-foot tree, he decided to top her by getting a 12-footer. He dragged that proud and pricey evergreen into the living room, which only had an 8-foot ceiling. He quickly found himself with only two options: display the tree horizontally, or whack off about 4 feet. Since he didn't have a wall-mounted tree stand, he went for the saw instead. Now, here's where thinking might have paid off – he probably should have cut off the bottom of the tree instead of the top. He ended up with a massive, blunt bush that needed a star the size of Alpha Centauri.

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Picking the right tree is a lot of work, but it's all worthwhile when you get a compliment like I did a few years ago when a friend said "Your tree is just perfect. Is it artificial?" It took her until Easter to get the pine cones out of her nose.

Gary Belanger lives in Redford. He can be reached at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1890.

# Public votes in the dark on appellate judge races too often

t was no secret, but only one medium blurted it out: Judge Myron Wahls was dying of cancer even as he campaigned last fall for a new sixyear term on the state Court of Appeals.

Wahls was handily re-elected Nov. 3, but died later in the month. Had he lived, he would have been 67 on Dec. 11.

The medium who spelled it out was Observation Balloon, a newsletter published in Detroit by a one-man show named Bradford G. White, formerly a Kennedy Democratic liberal and now a bastion of political incorrectness.

White has a propensity for rubbing a lot of politicos the wrong way, so naturally he and I are good buddies. I quote from his July 24 report: retire rather than seek terms they possibly won't complete.

"But Judge Wahls is rumored to have personal concerns that make him loath to leave office. Among the compensations of appeals judges is a life-insurance policy worth upwards of \$200,000. The judge is said to want to leave this to his grandchildren; but the policy is only valid while he is in office and is reduced, or ceases, upon his retirement. Judge Wahls has been seen campaigning actively in this season, however ...

"Obviously, the judicial community should fine a better way for Judge Wahls to provide for his progeny." So what?

Well, the public is fooling itself when it thinks voters elect judges. Gov. John Engler will appoint Wahls'



### TIM RICHARD

ment of Michael Talbot, of basketballscore sentencing fame, to the same court.

Wahls himself came up by the appointment route. His background seemed Democratic – a member of the same law firm as John Conyers and Damon Keith and membership in the liken's choice in 1974 to be the GOP sacrificial lamb against Attorney General Frank Kelley.

(Wahls apparently wanted to forget that race and didn't list it in his official state biography. Nor was it in his obituary. Nor was it in the obligatory legislative resolutions passed last week.)

The next year, 1975, Milliken rewarded Wahls by appointing him to a vacancy on the Wayne Circuit Court and in 1982 to the Court of Appeals.

I knew Wahls a little from interviews and our activities in the stage show "The Trial of William Shakespeare," relished his wit, read many of his moderate opinions and wish I could have known him better.

A lot of people – including boss Phil Power, former State Bar President judges: a merit system that would involve appointments.

Frankly, the public can't know a whole lot about appellate court candidates, hence the propensity to elect people with Irish surnames, regardless of judicial philosophy. And as my buddy, Brad White, suggests, we need to find better ways for the judiciary to care for their progeny.

If we can't go to an appointmentmerit system for picking appellate judges, we should have a separate election for all members of the judiciary, from Supreme Court down to circuit and district courts.

Maybe then the public could pay better attention.

Tim Richard reports on the local

"Myron Wahls ... has been ill for years with cancer, reportedly incurable. In many other instances, judges

successor. The chief executive has shown a propensity to lean to the political right, as witness his appointNational Lawyers Guild. But under Gov: Bill Milliken, Wahls chaired the Michigan Employment Security Commission Appeals Board and was Mil-

Tom Kienbaum and Appeals Judge Martin Doctoroff – think there should be a better way to pick appellate implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

# Downtowns a vital part of community health, well-being

ne of the very few catalogs I extract from the seasonal tidal waves of junk mail before they hit the trash bin is the one from Neiman Marcus.

Increasingly, I find I need a jolt of outrage at the onrushing materialism and fakery of our culture every Christmastime, and the special offerings from the good folks at Neiman Marcus seldom fail me. In past years, we've had his and hers business jet airplanes (thoughtfully painted blue and pink, in case you wondered), along with hot air balloons and God only knows what other upper-upper scale rubbish.

This year's special is a British Ferret Mark 1 armored car. "Carries a crew of two; one of two 'friendly' people may be added to the commander's seat for cruising around the ranch." If you hurry, you can still get delivery in time for Christmas for only \$25,000.

So much for this year's monument to materialism.

For a good spell of anti-fakery, I suggest you take a leisurely stroll through your downtown shopping area. Not the mall or even the discount mall. But your own hometown downtown. It turns out that as the Christmas season is (ahem, in light of the recent weather) heating up, small downtowns all across Michigan are on a roll.

"What we're seeing is a renaissance on Main Street," according to Tom Scott of the Michigan Retailers Association.

Main Streets are hardly going to steal all the business from the malls, national chain stores or big box discount centers. But retailing experts say downtowns, once mourned as neardead, are finding their own special niche that's increasingly attractive to real people in search of real things sold by real people in real, human-sized stores

""There are an increasing number of success ful small downtowns," says Norman Tyler. director of Eastern Michigan University's Urban and Regional Planning Program "People like to come downtown. There is a certain comfort about it."

Plainly, downtowns are not likely to compete on price only with the big retail chains or dis 'count malls. But the ambiance, scale and per sonal quality of good downtowns are increasing ly attractive to anybody who has ever had to pound on the counter to get the attention of the bored and alienated clerk in the outlet store Professor Tyler's research shows that downtowns are helped by a good facelift, trees, land-

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### PHILIP POWER

scaping, new sidewalks. A good mix of unusual and authentic businesses helps, too, such as flower shops, specialty shops, book and gift shops. "You want to get people on the sidewalk and make them want to walk up and down the sidewalk," says Tyler.

Tyler says parking may not be as important as many city planners think. "You have to have the businesses. The parking doesn't bring the people, the businesses do," he says.

He cites a formula for downtown success: Keep your costs low. Work cooperatively with other businesses. Attract a good mix of stores. Provide excellent service and selection within your particular niche. Offer your customers something they can't get at Wal-Mart.

Brenda Sternquist, who teaches merchandising management at Michigan State University, gives this advice: "Stay away from national brands, especially national brands that have been discounted. It is the kiss of death to compete directly with national discount stores."

One of the fundamental objectives of this newspaper is to nourish the communities we serve and assist the success of local businesses. Our theory is very simple. If the hometown community flourishes, the hometown newspaper will thrive

Our downtown is a vital part of the life and spirit of our community. That it and other small downtowns like it all across Michigan are thriving is a happy sign as we come into the Christmas season hoping for immunization against the excessively materialistic and the crasslyfake

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047. Ext. 1880, or by e-mail-ppower@oconline.com



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# Families celebrate at Nankin Mills



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**Special visit:** Allison and Derek Boatright talk with Santa at last week's family party sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills.

Approximately 100 Wayne County residents joined Wayne County parks staff and Friends of Nankin Mills Saturday for a tree lighting ceremony and children's activities at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Nearly 50 children enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus, games and crafts before the tree was lighted outside in the 60-degree weather.

Children played games to celebrate the season, such as "fruitcake bowling," said Carol Olements, a naturalist with Wayne County parks. "They used "fruitcakes' made from Nerf balls to knock down pins that looked like little elves," Clements said.

Children played a bean-bagtoss game through a wreath hanging on the ceiling and pinthe-nose on Rudolph. The youngsters participated in several crafts as they decorated gingerbread cookies, created a reindeer out of old clothespins and dressed up pine cones.



**Yummyl**: Katie Reid, 3<sup>1/2</sup>, enjoys a Christmas cookie at last Saturday's tree lighting.

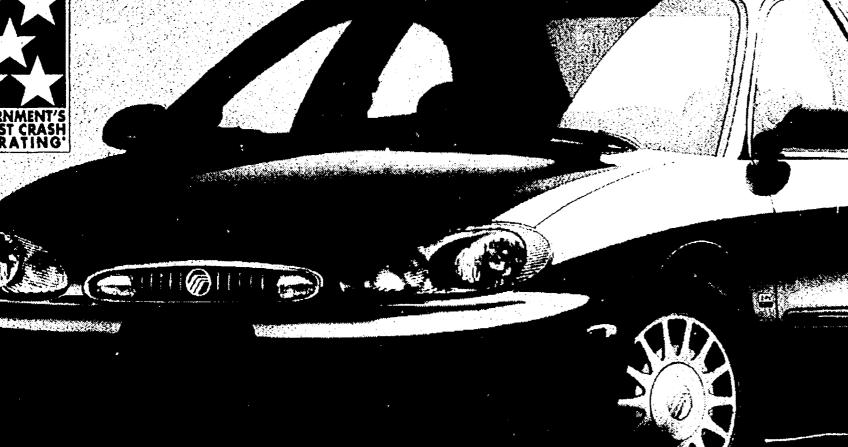


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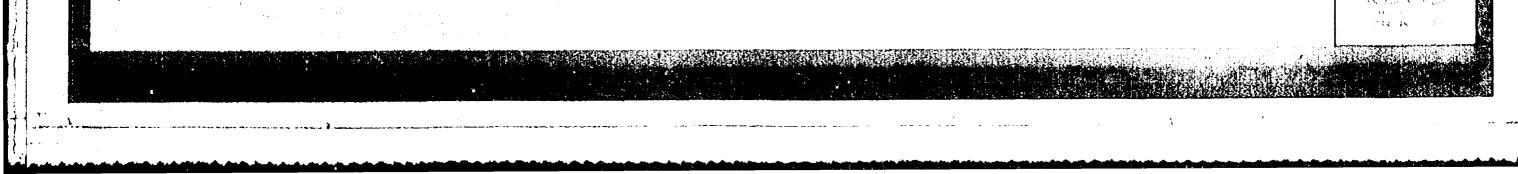
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P.E.T. helps kids develop brain power

met a woman several years ago who told me a sad story which could have been titled, "The Child That Wasn't Wanted." She told me about her unplanned pregnancy and lethargic attitude about taking care of herself during the pregnancy, mainly because she didn't want the baby.

So, she drank, she smoked, she ate junk food, she stayed up all night with friends and took little interest in staying healthy for the baby.

She talked about the depression she felt when the baby came and how she would ignore the baby's needs for a time before changing her and giving her a bottle. She talked about how the baby grew, and although she was cute, the mom hated her whining and seemingly endless crying.

She remembers thinking: "I didn't like her father and she reminds me too much of him." So she ignored her. When her second baby arrived, she admitted that she acted completely different with him.

The sadness I heard in her story

# **Festival of Lights** Jewish congregations prepare for Hanukkah

■ Eight lighted candles, potato pancakes and gifts mean it's time for Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, and two area congregations are preparing celebrations filled with plenty of food and merriment.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

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Elaine Gittleman, the self-proclaimed "leader of the band" for Congregation Beit Kodesh's Hanukkah celebration, sees the holiday as a cholesterol fest.

"Being Jewish, all of our big holidays, whether it's Rosh Hashana, whether it's Hanukkah, whether it's Passover time, it's cholesterol city, especially during Hanukkah and Passover because it lasts so long," Gittleman said with a hearty laugh. "We just try to watch ourselves during those holidays. But the young people, they go 'Oh, the heck with it' and we say 'Oh God, the cholesterol.'"

Food will be overflowing at the Hanukkah party which begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 Seven Mile, Livonia. The charge is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12 and free for children ages 2 and younger. To reserve a spot, call (734) 477-8974.

"We've invited families and we're going to have potato pancakes, egg salad, salad, tuna fish, applesauce, sour cream - that's to be served with the potato pancakes - coffee and cake.



own."

The evening will also include children from the synagogue performing Hanukkah songs. The youth group will help serve the food and clean up. Gittleman expects that the party will end by 8:30 p.m.

"It should be done and everybody content and ready to go home," she said. "By that time, everybody's latkeed out and thinking to themselves, 'Oh, my God, all that cholesterol.'"

On the other side of town, Congregation Bet Chaverim is having its annual Hanukkah Latkefest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road at Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. The event is free.

The Latkefest will include a potluck dinner with latkes and the evening Shabbat religious service. Reserva: tions are required by Wednesday, Dec. 16; call (734) 480-8880.

"We're going to have the traditional candle-lighting ceremony, traditional food and some traditional holiday games and festival songs and music," president of the congregation Jay Miller said vaguely.

### **Eight-day celebration**

This year, Hanukkah begins at sundown Sunday, Dec. 13, and wraps up the following Sunday, Dec. 20. The eight-night celebration of Hanukkah commemorates a documented historical event – the rededication of the Second Temple in 165 B.C.E., when a small band of Jews, led by Mattathias's son Judah Maccabee, overcame Syrian oppressors who sought to obliterate Jewish belief and convert all Jews to the ways of Hellenism, according to "Jewish Family Celebrations: The Sabbath, Festivals and Ceremonies" by Arlene Rossen Cardozo

was only heightened by the sadness I felt for the little girl. This little girl did not ask to be born, and yet, now

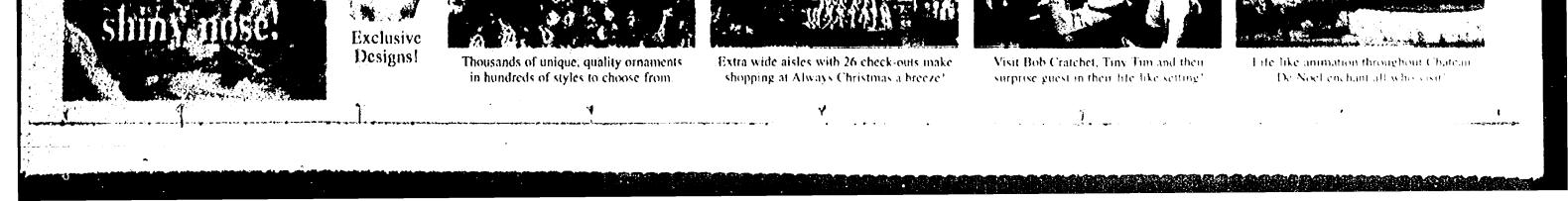
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Of course, we'll have the blessing before the meal," Gittleman explained.

"We will give out gifts to the children that are ages from infancy up to 12. Anybody 13 or older, they're on their STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN All lit up: The holiday display in Plymouth's Kellogg Park includes a menorah, representing the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah.

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# Tips help parents make better choices in toy shopping

During the holiday season, stores are flooded with new and exciting toys. So how do you know which toys to buy?

Early childhood educators agree that toys play a significant role in helping all children, infancy through school age, develop important educational concepts and life skills. Good toys must entertain and occupy. In fact, one of the main values of a good toy is to extend a child's attention.

Points to consider in picking a toy are:

Is the toy safe?

Will the toy appeal to the child's personal likes? This is a vital consideration because not all children of the same age share similar interests. Is this appeal based on the child's real interests or because a friend has the toy, or it was seen on TV?

■ Is the toy durable and well-

built? Will it survive typical child use? Will the child be capable of enjoying the toy? Some toys are just too complicated or too simple for a specific age group.

Will the toy hold the child's interest over a period of time? Most toys are designed just to satisfy a child's initial interests.

The topic of safety is particularly relevant when selecting toys for children of all ages. A few guidelines to consider:

Choose toys with rounded edges and no points.

Toys should be unbreakable and should be able to withstand use and abuse.

**Rattles and other toys for** infants should be carefully checked for poor construction and parts that a child could swallow.

■ Paints on all toys should be non-toxic and lead-free. Be sure in stuffed toys.

**N**ever hang toys with long strings, cords loops or ribbons in cribs and playpens, Make sure materials on

toys, such as dolls, including clothing, are flame-retardant.

When determining whether a toy is appropriate for a child, always take the age of the child into consideration and whether the toy is developmentally appropriate. Here's some tips:

Infants (birth-12 months) -Because an infant will put everything into his or her mouth to explore its taste and feel, it is essential to select toys that cannot be easily swallowed. Even large toys should be carefully. inspected to ensure they contain no buttons or other détachable. parts that could be swallowed.

Stuffed toys, popular for infants, provide infants with a sense of security and help develop the ability to grasp and hold objects. Parents should make sure the products are easily

to also check the materials used washable and made from soft, non-irritating materials.

> Also popular are rattles, which stimulate an infant's oral, auditory and cognitive development. Parents should choose rattles made by well-known companies which recognize safety standards.

Mobiles help stimulate their interest in visual images and movement and develop tracking skills.Remember the infant's view of the mobile is from underneath, so objects need to be three-dimensional or hang horizontally.

Toddlers (12-36 months) -Active and ready to explore, toddlers direct their energy toward investigating, experimenting and interacting with the world around them.

Dolls provide both boys and girls with the opportunity to express their emotional needs. Dolls also strengthen a child's ability to socialize and communicate more effectively.

Blocks build a toddler's motor

skills while exercising the imagination. Select lightweight materials and large sizes to match the toddler's abilities at this age. Pictures and letters on blocks do not add to their value.

Push and pull toys exercise a toddler's large motor development and coordination skills. These toys also teach cause and effect, teaching the child that he or she has some control over the environment.

Large, light balls help to develop children's motor skills, while serving as a tool for simple games with an adult or another child.

Preschool (3-5-year-olds) is is a child's time for enjoying "make believe" fantasy games and favorite stories. To maximize a child's fantasy activity, toys should have a general function (a playhouse, stove, truck) but not a specific, detailed function (ice cream truck).

Toys that allow a child to express creativity include hand puppets and the whole range of

art supplies - finger paints, modeling clay, crayons or markers. Construction toys teach chil-

dren spatial relationships, eyehand coordination skills and thinking skills.

A school-aged child's (6-12year-olds) horizons widen to explore the world. Improved motor, communication and social skills also contribute to a child's growth during this period.

Bicycles are good for improving motor skills, coordination and developing balance.

Board games combine fun with learning to play games with rules. Musical instruments enhance the important concepts . of rhythm, sequence, repetition + and love of music.

A wide range of scientific and mechanical toys encourage a 🗉 child's natural interests in the real world and in figuring out how things work.

Balls help to develop hand-eye coordination, social skills and muscle development.

### Hanukkah from page B1

The books of Maccabees explains that the warriors cleansed the Temple then rededicated it.

The main Hanukkah celebration is the lighting of a candle each of the eight nights. The candle-lighting custom symbolizes the Jews' survival. But families also give gifts.

"We used to give our children one big gift and for the rest of the week we would give them little things," Gittleman said. "That sufficed with them. I think it's getting very commercial. I. think with Christmas and the commercialness of it, everybody goes a little overboard.

"We're getting back to what down and reading to them."

Hanukkah really means; the miracle of what it really signifies, but it's fun. We give our children and our grandchildren one gift but we don't go crazy."

During the week, Gittleman gives her family cookies or candy, "a munchy kind of thing. That's fine with them."

"The importance of the holiday is not the gift, it's understanding why we celebrate the holiday." she said. "Religious freedom meant overturning the Roman empire. The religious schools are doing a better job explaining to the children why this is important and the parents are sitting

Sensors from page B1

that she was, she was going to miss out on so much that other parents provide.

### Making connections

Babies are born with about 100 billion neurons in their little brains. The neurons and synapse connections multiply as the baby grows until the age of 10. At that time, the number of connections begins to decrease.

The windows of opportunities to teach children specific things must be done when the child is still very young, preferably prior to 4 years old. This is the reason that my learning German as an adult is a far more tedious task than for the munchkins, and why my son's ability to learn Suzuki violin at 4 years old was phenomenal.

The brain develops and increase its capacity by interacting with its environment. Parents have all the power in determining how much interaction or stimulation the baby is going to get.

Babies that are not given ample amounts of opportunity to "work their brain" will end up with a limited capacity for things like speaking, reading, developing emotional control and forming relationships.

Although later intervention can help make up for these deficits, children who have loving parents from the get-go, who spend time with their children, love them and teach them from day one, will fare much better. The parts of the brain of a severely abused or neglected

child can be substantially smaller than that of a healthy child.

### In need of P.E.T.

Many American parents are not spending a lot of time getting to know their little ones. Unlike the lady I described, they may love them to death, but don't have what I would call P.E.T. patience, energy or time to interact with their child on a regular basis.

When studies suggest that the quality of a child's early environment affects learning ability, and a child's ability to learn can increase or decrease by 25 percent or more, we must be in the business of making sure this happens with every single child.

If you know of a family where the burden of raising children is

overwhelming, help them out. Your interaction with their children may be the stimulation that increases their brain capacity, so that they won't be placed into a special education program or suffer with relationship problems later on.

Children are too precious a. commodity to be left to cope with the world on their own. We can all play a part in helping the **i** parents who struggle with raising children.

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.

Police Protection Vests/Entry Armor

December 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following:

**CITY OF WESTLAND** 

**I'VITATION TO BID** 

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division,

36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before Thursday,

### **CITY OF GARDEN CITY** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

#### 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. 300-122198 Publish December 10, 1998

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**CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 200-A-7** 

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND ADOPTING THE 1997 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, **REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE DESIGN,** CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND **COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE.** 

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article V, Section 22-101, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act (Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909 (MCL 117.1 et seq., MSA 5.2071 et seq.), as amended) a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as BOCA International Plumbing Code, 1997, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the plumbing code of the City of Westland for regulating the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems in the City of Westland and providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Plumbing Code, 1997 edition, published by the International Code Council, and the annual supplements thereto, on file in the office of the Westland City Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, and changes, if any, prescribed in section 22-102.

Section 2. That Chapter 22, Article V, Section 22-102, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The BOCA International Plumbing Code, 1997 is amended and revised in the following respects:

Section 101.1. City of Westland

Section 106.5.2. Insert: The appropriate fee schedule listed in Section 46-1 of the Westland City Code

Section 106.5.3. Delete that section, and add the following: For refund percentages see the appropriate fee schedule in Section 46-1 of the Westland City Code.

Section 108.4. Insert: Misdemeanor; \$500, 90 days Section 108.5. Insert: \$50; \$500 Section 305.6.1. Delete that section. Section 904.1. Insert: Twelve inches.

Section 8. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thoreby.

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ON MOTION OF Scott, SUPPORTED BY Anderson, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

PATRICIA A, GIBBONS

ROLL CALL: Aye: Anderson, Barnes, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott, Cicirelli. Nay: None Absent: None

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **USE VARIANCE**

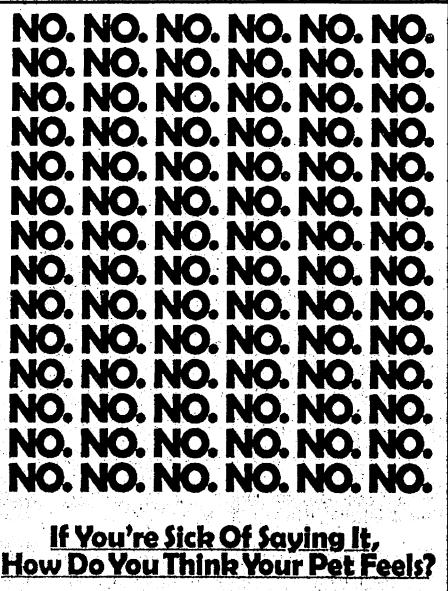
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Wednesday, December 16, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Use Variance from Section 161.142 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a service establishment such as a heating and cooling business in a C-1, Local Business District. The property is located at 33259 Ford Road.

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

> ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: December 3, 1998 Publish: December 10, 1993



Introducing the Classes are forming right now. So, Michigan Humane , why don't you call (248) 650-1059 Society's Pet today? Admit it,

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wouldn't it feel nice Education Center. A training and obedience facility to say "good boy" specializing in positive reinforceand "attagirl" once ment for cats, dogs, and people. in a while?

### CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar applications from crafters for its can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

#### NEW REDFORD HALL

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

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY** 

Madonna University is accepting

14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts. Booth space, measuring 9 by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6by-8-foot table, is \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors can purchase up to three spaces. Crafters get a \$5 discount, if their form is received by Feb. 1. For an application, call (734) 432-5603.

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

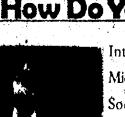
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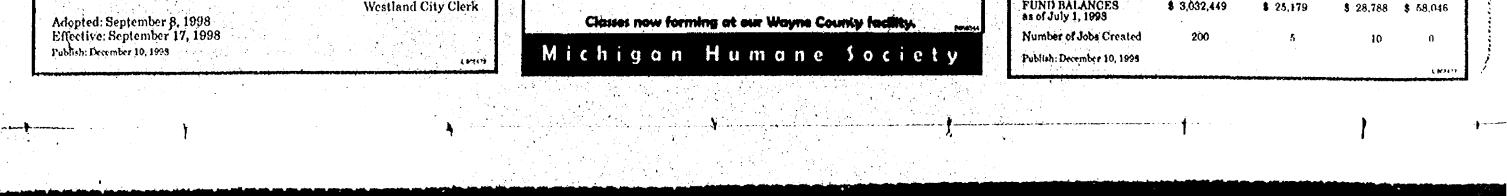
### **CITY OF WESTLAND** FINANCIAL REPORT

This financial report is being submitted to the Westland City Council and the State Tax Commission as required by P. A. 450 of 1980 as amended, P. A. 281 of 1986 as amended, and P.A. 197 of 1975 as amended. The report covers the period through the year ended June 30, 1998.

There is no indebtedness of TIFA District No. 1, TIFA District No. 2 and DDA District, as of June 30, 1998. The LDFA indebtedness as of June 30, 1998 is \$1,006,625. The amount in the LDFA Bond reserve account is \$370.

	TIFA DISTRICT	TIFA DISTRICT	LDFA DISTRICT	DDA DISTRICT	
REVENUE Property Taxes Interest and other	\$ 2,790,012 \$ 228,183	<b>\$</b> 3,135	\$116,275 \$5,288	\$ 71,204 \$ 8,919	
Total Revenue	\$ 8,018,195	\$ 8,135	\$121,563	\$ 80,123	
EXPENDITURES Construction Professional &	\$ 2,490,639	\$ 36,874	<b>\$ 47,7</b> 08		
Administrative Costs Refunds to Govt. Units Bond Payments	294,936	\$ 21,974 \$ \$	\$ 12,772 \$ 73,238	\$124,895 \$	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,785,575	\$ 58,818	\$ 133,718	\$124,893	
Excess Revenue over (under expenditures	)\$ 232,620	\$(55,713)	\$ (12,155)	\$ (44,772)	
FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,799,829	\$ 80,892	<b>\$</b> 40,943	\$102,818	
FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,032,449	\$ 25,179	\$ 28,788	\$ 58,046	





# Painting personalized ornaments fills holiday season

#### BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAPP WRITER

Like Santa, Sherri Tutor gets very little sleep before Christmas.

Every morning, the Canton resident rises well before the sun and descends into her basement workshop to paint personalized Christmas ornaments. She paints hundreds of snowmen, Christmas trees and village scenes. She paints football players, construction workers and dainty ballerinas.

But mostly the petite and energetic owner of "Personally Yours ... By Sherri Tutor" paints far into the night, long after all the good boys and girls have gone to bed.

"Every day I start at 4 a.m. and paint until 11 or 12 at night, until my eyes start closing," she said.

It all started 18 years ago when Tutor was looking for ways to earn extra money for Christmas. After all, four children need lots of toys. She sold her first handpainted ornaments at the Plymouth Cultural Center's spring craft show, and the rest was, as they say, history.

"It sort of snowballed from there," she said, laughing, "I couldn't believe somebody would buy something I made."

Three years ago, Tutor started selling wholesale. Her ornaments now appear in national catalogs, such as Lillian Vernon, Abbey Press and Harry & David. Most of her designs are copyrighted. She also does handcrafted Easter ornaments.

She is considering publishing a catalog of her own. "Personally Yours" is a bonafide business with tax receipts to prove it.

"I would like to duke someone between the eyes when they say this is a nice hobby," she said.

Tutor will paint just about anything a customer requests within reason and good taste. Her most popular designs are the wedding anniversaries, births and family groupings.

Have a really big family? No problem. Tutor can fit up to 11 people on one ornament. She also does caricatures of family members and likenesses of family pets.

Tutor no longer has time for local craft shows, although she still takes orders from "ordinary people." She's fortunate she doesn't require much sleep, especially during the holiday season. Last Christmas, she spent three nights without sleep filling orders.



"I felt like I was having an outer body experience," she said. "I would say to myself 'I just want to go to Hawaii.' That Christmas, our son gave us a trip to Hawaii."

Huge mailbags filled with

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

boxed ornaments line Tutor's hallway. More mailbags spill across her family room floor and boxes fill an upstairs bedroom. "I won't allow you into my

basement," she warns.

During the holidays, she needs

for national catalogs. extra help filling all the orders. Her entire family pitches in. Daughter Shelly Mitchell helps with some of the painting and

the packing.

sons Jeffrey, Scott and Steven do

"Last year they packaged until

**Busy season:** Eighteen

years ago, Sherri Tutor

was looking for ways to

Christmas. Now, through

her business, "Personally

Yours ... By Sherri Tutor,"

she busy filling orders for

personalized ornaments

earn extra money for

they were purple," Tutor said of her grown sons' efforts.

This Christmas promises to be busier than ever. Besides not sleeping, Tutor said she's definitely not cooking.

"We order a lot of pizzas."

Downtown Hudson's Christmas was something magical



downtown Hudson's and you see faces bright-en and reminiscences flow. My husband, Don, is one of those people.

VIRGINIA PARKER

special place in the hearts of most senior Detroiters because it

Just mention located." Christmas at

The fun began with the ride from Toyland." downtown. Some folks took the bus, but Don caught the trolley. "At the time, Michigan Avenue was all brick," Don said. "We'd walk to the middle of the street, which is where the trolley cars ran, and we'd stand on a little island until the streetcar came.

"Hudson's has into downtown, but it was still always held a pretty exciting when I was a kid."

> Cheryl Andrzejewski also and of course, Santa himself. remembers the excitement of

home a souvenir or something

Santa always gave the kids a treat, too. One year, it was a little ornament. Other years, there were candy canes or coloring books.

Reaching Santa once you were inside Hudson's was an adventure in itself. Parents and chil-"It wasn't a very long drive dren wound their way in a roped-off line up a stairway, and each floor had something different; Christmas ornaments, toys,

Lynn Spietz worked at Hud-

son's

as a Christmas

dispersed into six separate lines, and you weren't aware you were going to see one of six Santas," she confided. "The initial line, before it split, covered two floors of stairwell. It was a very long process, although the lines moved pretty quickly because of the eventual splitting up among the six Santas."

### Wondrous displays

Most people delight in memories of the wondrous displays they saw around each corner of that winding, multi-floor path. "There were animated characters and lots of lights, and you felt like you were walking into a forest, which is why I think the path system worked so well," said Spietz. "And one of the fantasyland. There were dis-

advantages to being a little kid is you're really short, so you don't see that other people are separating off. You're just dazzled by the displays there."

Most people remember details of the animation.

"They had elves that moved. I can also remember deer and their little heads moved," said Andrzeiewski.

Don said riding the elevator up to the brilliantly decorated department where the line began was part of the fun.

"The elevators were really cool

plays, Christmas scenes and lifesized figurines. It was like a winter wonderland, almost like the North Pole."

According to Spietz, not everyone wanted to go there. There were kids who screamed because they were terrified of Santa. One of the biggest problems was that excited kids often wet their pants, so Santa had to change clothes during the day.

Senta Claus arrived in Detroit via Hudson's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which came down Woodward Avenue and stopped, naturally, at Hudson's. The store's many windows, particularly at Christmastime, were glimmering showcases. Above them on the front of the building was an

was a place that was magical – around Thanksgiving for the parade and Christmastime for the displays.

And," he added," that was where the real Santa Claus was

trips to visit Hudson's Santa. "My aunt would give me \$5, and I could use that either to have lunch or buy a toy. I would eat as little as possible, so I'd

fairy, dressed in a short red velvet skirt with white fur trim, a hat and white gloves, to guide the children to Santa. "Visitors were very cleverly

because they had operators who announced each floor and what was on it. When we got to the toys and Santa Claus, we'd step onto a floor that was just like a

Please see HUDSON'S, B10





### UPCOMING **EVENTS**

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### TREE OF MEMORIES

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

### GIFT BASKETS

The Westland Jaycees are seeking sponsors for holiday gift baskets for needy families. The cost to sponsor a basket is \$10 for a small basket, \$20 for a medium and \$30 for a large food basket. The sponsor's name will be included in the basket. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 14. Baskets will be distributed Dec. 20. Checks should be made payable to the Westland Jaycees and mailed to P.O. Box 85191, Westland, MI 48185.

### AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last

and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

### CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

### **GARDEN CITY CO-OP**

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

### ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

### **YWCA READINESS**

Call (313) 274-6270.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at

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

### **HISTORY ON** VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m.

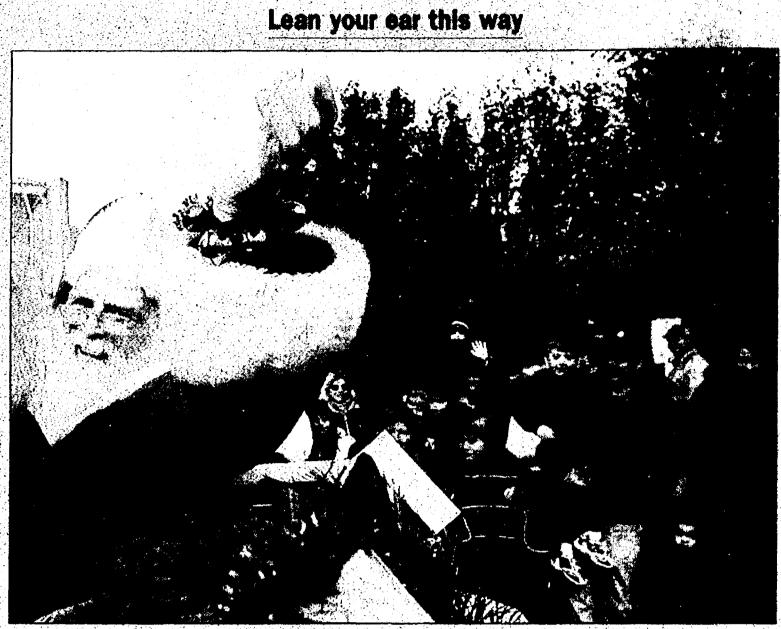
Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

### FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

### FOR SENIORS SENIOR CHOIR

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



STAFF PHOTO BY METAH METCHELL.

Seeing Santa: Santa Claus is available to hear Christmas wishes at Westland Shopping Center 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Digital Image photographs are also available. The mall is at the corner of Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

### WESTLAND CENTER

### WALKERS CLUB

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

### RECREATION

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

### FIGURE SKATING

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

### A-2 6 - 7 - 2 -**SCHOOLS**

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

### **SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S**

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

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wild-

26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

### CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-

### LITTLE LAMBS

1465 or (248) 569-7787.

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

### FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

### **TUTORIAL PROGRAM**

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

### MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers

Thursdays.

EXERCISE

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

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. Call (734) 722-7632. CARD GROUP

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

Newburgh. **MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE** The Wayne Ford Civic League for people 50 and

older schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

### WORK'REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052. DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, cerámics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior **Resources** Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call

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

### T.O.P.S.

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

### T.O.P.S.

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

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

City. Call Woody, (734) **77€-3415**.

### **BINGO** DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional **District Democratic Party** sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call 421-1517.

### **MORE DEMS' BINGO**

The 13th Congressional **District Democratic Party** holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call 421-1517.

### ST. MEL CHURCH

Bingo games are held at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

### WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games at 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

### **MORE BINGO**

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call 422-5025 or 729-8681.

### SHAMROCK SINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne, Doors open at 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call 728-3020.

### SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered

Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elka Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. Call 425-2246.

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### HEALTH **SCREENINGS**

Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, firstserved basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

### AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

### **RATIONAL RECOVERY**

Rational Recovery is a nonprofit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center. on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City. Call (248) 476-2657.

### CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teenage women. For information on programs, call 458-4330.

### CHILDBINTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available.

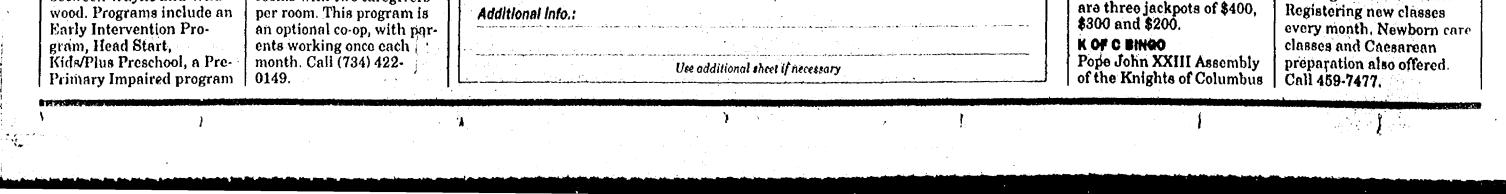
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The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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### WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### **Sherman-Fontana**

Andrew Robert Sherman and Cara Marie Fontana were married July 18 at the Dixboro United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Cochran performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Janice Fontana of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Harold and Mary Sherman of Ypsilanti.

The bride asked Marie Elaina Fontana to be her matron of honor with Marisa Fontana as maid of honor and Michelle Gayeski, Lisa Smith and Sandee Salver as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Michael Sherman and Steve McGregor to serve as his best men with Daniel Kolesar, Josh Harrell and Shayn Crabtree as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Hawthorne Valley Country Club

### **Coyle-Kimsal**

Brad and Joy Coyle of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Melissa, to Matthew Bryan Kimsal, the son of Jackie Stockton-Hojna and Joseph Hojna of Clinton Township and Kenneth and Teresa Kimsal of Russell Springs, Ky.

The bride-to-be, 1994 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, is studying engineering at Michigan State University and expects to graduate in May. She is employed as an engineering intern at TB Simon Power Plant in East Lansing. She also is also a mathematics tutor at MSU.

Her fiance is a 1994 Chippewa Valley High School graduate who is studying engineering at Michigan State University. He expects to graduate in December. He also is a mathematics tutor and in the U.S. Air Force ROTC at MSU. Following graduation, he will be stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc, Calif.

A January wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C. They are making their home in Ypsilanti Township.



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### **Miller-Flanagan**

Ronald and Gayle Miller of Pembroke Pines, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Lynn, to Patrick Michael Flanagan, the son of Patrick and Irene Flanagan of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Miramar High School in Miramar, Fla., and a 1992 graduate of Florida State University with a master of science degree in speech-language pathology. She is employed as a speech pathologist with a private practice.

Her fiance is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He also is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in aviation technology and operations. He is employed by Emery

### **Ayers-Curcuru**

Provvidenza Curcuru and Jason Alan Ayers were married on Sept. 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

The bride is the daughter of Serafina Curcuru of New Baltimore and the late Fillippo Curcuru. The groom is the son of Mona Jones of Indianapolis, Ind., and the late Mark Ayers.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by the Livonia Public home in Canton.

Schools as a paraprofessional. The groom is employed by ChryslerDaimler Corp. as a product/body engineer.

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A January wedding is planned

at St. Thomas More Catholic

Church in Boynton Beach, Fla.

first officer.

The bride asked Sera Lewan to serve as matron of honor with Phyllis Curcuru, Grace Curcuru, Renee Curcuru and Amy Ayers as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Doug Lewan to serve as best man with Keith Hall, Jeffrey Ayers, Nick Curcuru and Vito Curcuru as groomsmen.

The couple is making their



Parnell E. Johnson Jr. and Linda S. Nelson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is employed as a recruiter for Draw-Tite Inc. of Canton.

Her fiance, a resident of the Canton-Plymouth area, is a part-time firefighter for Plymouth and is employed at Ford Motor Co. as a molding technician.

The couple has five children -Kenneth Johnson, Karrie Johnson, Stacey Nelson, Kelly Draeger (Lars) and Patrick Nelson. The bride-to-be also has one granddaughter. Toree Burrell. daughter of Stacey and Robert Burrell.

A February wedding is



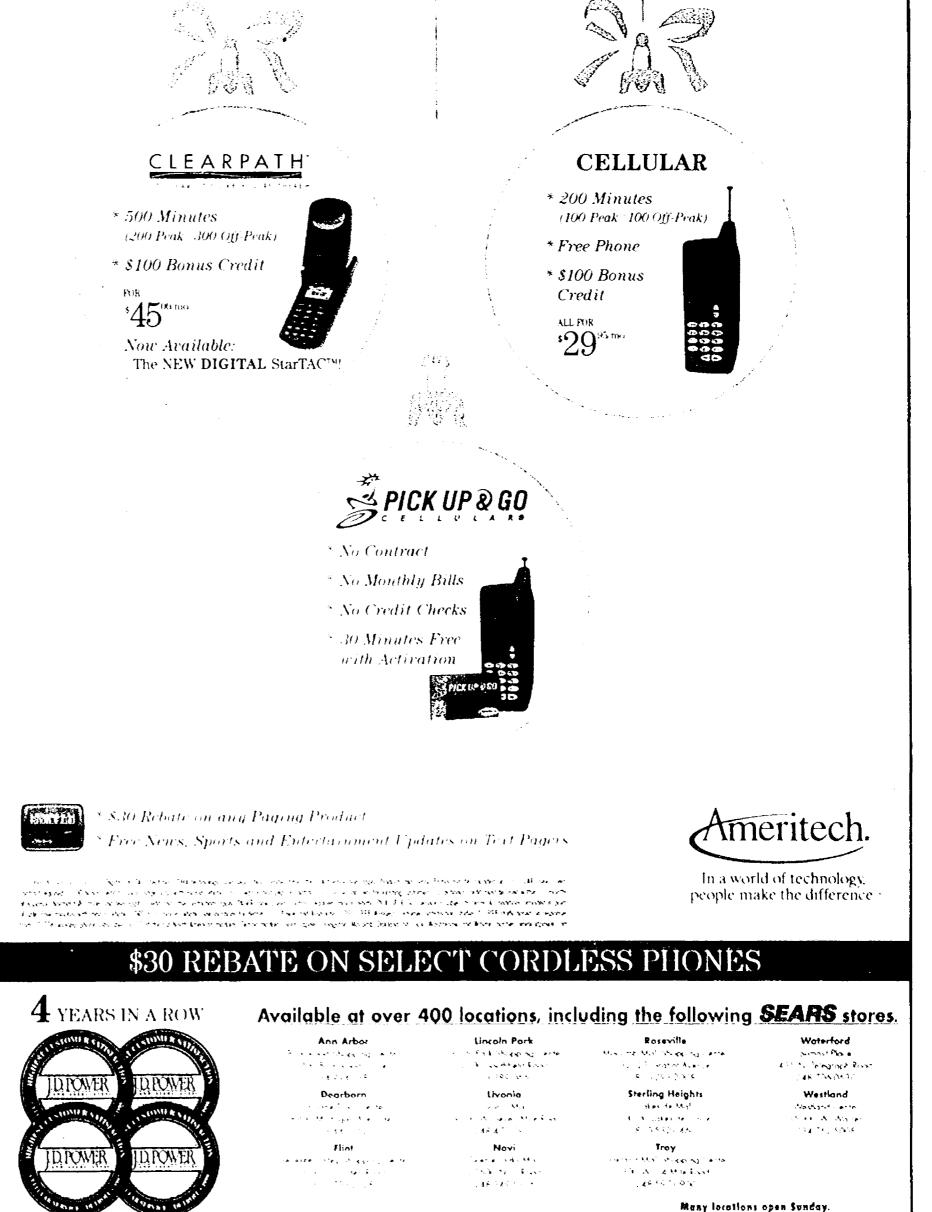
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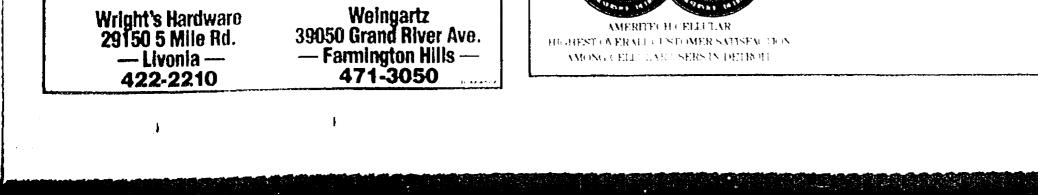
### Announcement forms available Forms to announce weddings, engagements, births

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



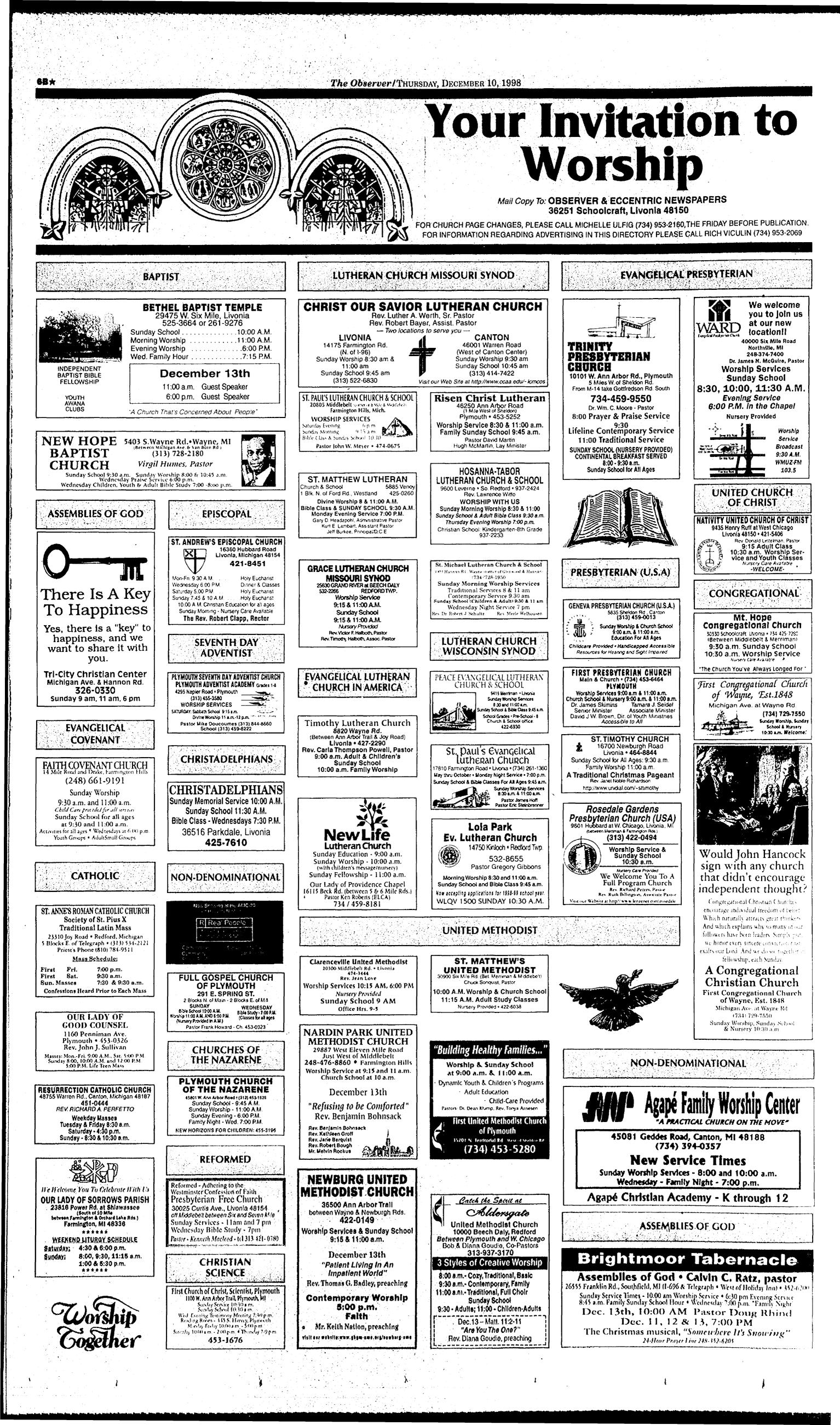






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# People who care gather for 'Christmas Celebration'

### BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Creating the "Christmas Celebration for People Who Care About People With AIDS," has been satisfying and saddening for the Rev. Rod Reinhart.

Satisfying in that the patients and their families know that God cares for them. But, Reinhart said, it's sad to see some of the participants die from the disease.

"There's a tremendous need on the part of the people touched by this disease to experience first hand the love that God gives us through the church," explained Reinhart, a seven-year Plymouth resident. "People recognize that the Episcopal church is a profoundly loving and deeply faithful part of the body of Christ.

"Many people who have been cared for have died over the years but they died knowing God's love in a deeper, more personal level than they ever could have."

This year's "Christmas Celebration" will be Friday, Dec. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., at 11 Mile Road, in Royal Oak. For more information, call Reinhart at (734) 459-7319 or e-mail him at revrod@mediaone.net.

A music program, featuring the Detroit Together Men's Chorus and the St. John's Festival Choir, will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a 7:30-9 p.m. service. The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, will be the celebrant at the Eucharist. Rt. Rev. Orris "Jay" Walker, former rector of St. Matthew and St. Joseph's Episcopal churches in Detroit, and bishop of the Diocese of Long Island, N.Y., will preach.

A holiday party, hosted by the Michigan International Gay Rodeo Association, will follow. Reinhart asks that each participant bring a wrapped gift to be given to a person with AIDS. Each gift should be tagged with information on the age, size and gender of the intended recipient.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to give a gift to a person with AIDS," he said. "We're hoping that many people come there with gifts."

The offering will go to the Richard Kelch Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit institution dedicated to support the work of the People Who Care Ministries, and further education, health care and the arts.

### 'A great truth'

Kelch, a Plymouth resident and psychiatric charge nurse at Northville Psychiatric Hospital, died of pancreatic disease at age 55. Kelch formed Alcoholics Anonymous groups for people with AIDS (PWAs), sat on boards and committees dedicated to PWAs, and was the secretary for the People Who Care committee, founded by Reinhart.

"Richard's life shows us the great truth we have all come to know so painfully deep," Reinhart said. "In the midst of suffering and struggle, a human being can love and give and pray and care and make an enormous difference in the world. Richard made a difference which continues to touch all of us. I hope we can all do the same."

Raised in Waterford Township, Reinhart graduated from Waterford Kettering High School and went on to Oakland University



Gang's all here: The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and the Rt. Rev. Orris "Jay" Walker, former rector of St. Matthew and St. Joseph's Episcopal churches in Detroit, and bishop of the Diocese of Long Island, N.Y., are among the ministers joining the Rev. Rod Reinhart for the "Christmas Celebration" Friday, Dec. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak.

where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1972. He studied for the priesthood at Bexley Hall in Rochester, N.Y., and was ordained in 1984 at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Detroit, one of Detroit's historic African-American parishes, he said.

Reinhart has headed up St. Andrew's and Emmanuel churches in Detroit. For the last two years, he has been the interim rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Monroe, while teaching English at Chadsey High

A 'Star Is Born'

School in Detroit.

"It's really a wonderful school with a tremendous international student body with people from the Middle East and Eastern Europe, South America, Asia and folks from all over the United States," he said.

As if his schedule isn't busy enough, Reinhart also is a poet and spoken-word performer. His next reading is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, as part of his birthday party at Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale.

"People ask me how I do all that stuff: I just tell them that God has given me the call to be a workaholic and hyperactive," he said. "Sometimes, I only sleep three hours a night."

### In the beginning

The holidays got busier for Reinhart 14 years ago when he and Kelch organized the first "Christmas Celebration."

"People with AIDS feel a sense of loss and isolation and pain." said Reinhart, 49. "At the time we began it, it was a highly radical move on the part of the church to reach out to people so vilified by the media, politicians, religious organizations and people in general.

"Our message was that Jesus" Christ came to save and care for . and love and heal the poorest of: the poor. He came to bring God's love to those who had been denied any kind of love."

The first year 35 people attended the event, which fea-tured a visit from Santa Claus and his elves, at St. Andrew's Church in Detroit. The second year 60, and by the third year 200 people filled the church.

"Within a very short time, we were averaging 600-700 people in every service," he said. "I am ] amazed at how large this event' has grown."

This Christmas, he's looking to branch out. Corporate Image Inc. of Plymouth is taping the event.

"We're hoping to have a video available for people at the service to order. We're hoping to get that broadcast by a public access cable station throughout the Detroit area," he said.

To help defray the costs of the taping, Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe raised \$1,000 in the memory of Matt Shepard, the gay college student who was murdered in Wyoming.

"We are recommitting ourselves to work for an end to the hatred and violence against minority groups in America. That kind of hatred that has been experienced by gays and lesbians and people with AIDS must be strongly opposed by churches and society in general."

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

### **RELIGIOUS NEWS**

### 'GIFT OF CHRISTMAS'

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the concert "The Gift of Christmas" at 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 11-13, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, 1/2 mile west of Haggerty, Plymouth. The 75-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christmas music in a "small-town" setting.

There is no admission charge, however, a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations. Children younger than age 5 will not be admitted into the auditorium. Full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, call (734) 453-5534 or e-mail pbc@aol.com.

### FUND-RAISER

Clarenceville United Methodist Church of Livonia is selling 1999 Entertainment Passbooks as a fund-raiser. The books cost \$40 each and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535.

#### **ASP BENEFIT**

A spaghetti dinner and basket auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec 11, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will benefit the Appalachia Service Project, which sponsors youth and young adult work trips to Appalachia. For more information, call the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey at (734)



'At Memorial: The Praisemaker's' Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present the Christmas musical, "The Star Is Born," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The choir is made up of 4-5-year-olds and includes Lindsey Spaulding (front row, from left), Bethany Pilat, Calla Ziulkowski, Alaina Dieson, Amber Prong, Travis Vincent (back row, from left), Sydney Woll, Elena Voyles, Lauren Engels, Allison Gudeman, Amanda Higgins and Devin Duran. The church's nursery department will present a brief holiday program before the free performance. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

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### 'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program, "The Glory of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, and 6 p.m. Saturdays-

Sundays, Dec. 12-13 and 19-20. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 for reserved seating. To order tickets, call (734) 414-3980. The church is at 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township WOMEN AGLOW

The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will meet 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12, in the community room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton.

For the December meeting. members are asked to come pre-

### family the chapter will be helping. There also will be a special surprise to mark the chapter's first anniversary.

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Refreshments and coffee will be served. For more information. call Penni at (734) 261-5268. 'GLORIA!'

### The 50-voice Schoolcraft College Community Choir, directed by Donald Stromberg and accompanied by Linda Wotring-Cuneo, will present Vivaldi's "Gloria!" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in the sanctuary of St. Matthew United

Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The choir also will perform selections from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and a variety of seasonal compositions by Bach, Beethoven and Victoria. Donations will be accepted during intermission. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038

#### COOKIE WALKS

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church will have its fifth annual Christmas cookie walk beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church, 36075 W Seven Mile, Livonia. There will be an assortment of Greek. Ukrainian, Russian, Italian and other ethnic cookies, homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage, nut. apricot and sweet breads, nuts and candy for sale. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-3432

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Garden for a large tin and \$6 for a medium tin. For more information. call (734) 421-8628.

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City will have a cookie walk and

mini bazaar 10 a.m. to noon Sat-

urday, Dec. 12, at the church,

### SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS

Children ages 5-12 are invited to a morning of fun-filled Bible quizzing, songs, stories, crafts, games and lunch 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Canton Free Methodist Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (313) 981-5350.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Timothy Lutheran Church's vocal choir will present its annual Christmas cantata during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Youth Department of Merriman Road Baptist Church will present "Christmas Crossroads" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The Adult Choir has scheduled two performances of "The Father's Gift of Love" at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19-20. The musical focuses on the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ as told by those who were present. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENT**

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ian Church's Children's Christmas Pageant will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 9601 Hubbard Ave., Livonia. It will feature The Children's Pageant Choir performing "The Cow Said and the Donkey Replied" as written by church member Dixie Elam,

#### CHRISTMAS CHORALE

The St. Valentine Choir will present a Christmas Chorale to praise the birth of Christ at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 14841 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The concert is free of charge. Call (313) 535-8364.

### **'OIFT OF LOVE'**

"The Father's Gift of Love," a Christmas music drama, will be presented at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Sheldon, Canton.

The choral drama will feature the Celebration Choir, soloists and drama ministry of Calvary Baptist in telling how the innkeeper's wife and one of the magi discover in their own ways the significance of the newborn "King of the Jews."

There will be a separate Christmas party for children during the 8 p.m. Dec. 18 performance, and a nursery will be available at all performances.

Call (784) 455-0022. LIVE NATIVITY

Fair Haven Baptist Church will have a living Nativity at 7 and 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17-18, at the church, 34850 Marquette, east of Wayne Road, Westland. The display is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-4549.

🖿 Cherry Hill Baptist Church will have a living Nativity, "O Night Divine," 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the church. 1045 N. Gulley Road, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 565-1469.

#### HANUKKAH LATKEFEST

**Congregation Bet Chaverim** will celebrate its annual Hanukkah latkefest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton. There will be a pot luck dinner with latkas and all the fixings, followed by the evening Shabbat religious service. For more information, call (734) 480-8880. Bet Charverim is a western Wayne County Jewish congregation that offers monthly Shabbat services led by a rabbi, a religious school and support for life cycle events.

### **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which pro-

### WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 1997-98 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

- Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues for FY 1997-98 1. totaling \$37,400,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$37,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$18,700,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Budget Stabilization Fund.
- 2. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues from various sources for FY 1997-98 totaling \$7,900,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$7,900,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$5,300,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Child Care Fund and to certify \$1,500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the General Debt Service Fund;
- Transfer of appropriations for FY 1997-98 from the Health Fund and 3. the Mental Health Fund appropriation units to other Health Fund appropriation unit totaling \$2,000,000.
- in accordance with Budget Adjustment Nos. 98-35-180, 98-35-181, and 98-35-182.

The hearing will be held:

separated Christians, will have a White Elephant gift exchange at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The group meets regularly on

vides spiritual, social and sup-

port assistance to divorced and

Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday – call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

#### **TLC STORYTIME**

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy Road, Livonia.. There will be crafts, Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age 3-10. Reservations aren't necessary. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Sunday school and weekday school students of Faith Lutheran Church will present "The Advent Tree" at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. The Sunday School Choir and Youth

### WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission Permanent Subcommittee on Veterans Services will hold a public hearing to consider:

An Enrolled Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Beard to establish guidelines for benefits provided for the relief of indigent Veterans of Wars and military expeditions in which the United States has or shall take part. (98-88-012)

The hearing will be held:

Wednesday, December 16, 1998 10:00 a.m.

Choir/Bells also will perform. Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays Punch and cookies will be served following the performance. For and Thursdays, and noon to 4 more information, call the p.m. Saturdays. For more inforchurch at (734) 421-7249. mation, call the store at (734)459-1250 or e-mail the church at

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SUNDAY LESSONS

Rosedale Gardens Presbyteri-

an Church is holding Kid's Club

meetings 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tues-

days at the church, 9601 Hub-

bard at West Chicago, Livonia.

The club is for children in first

through the sixth grades. Young-

sters do not have to be members

There will be crafts, games, fun

information, call Dixie Elam at

Join Barbara Clevenger and

Church of Today West-Unity at

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Six western Wayne County

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The women, who successfully

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KID'S CLUB

### NEW BEGINNING

"Moving On" will be the topic when New Beginnings, a grief support group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Feb. 5-7 and March 19-21 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road. Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.net/detroit/wwme.

#### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth has opened its new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road,

the sorority. The new members include Melissa Carabott, Kate Kings-

service. Women in Unity, a new group organized to help with today's transitional women's role, meets 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at the Novi Library, 45245 10 Mile Road, Novi. A Thursday Night Study Group, led by Clevenger, also meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the library. For more information, call (248) 449- > 8900 or visit the Web site at www.cotwest.com.

#### **RITE OF INITIATION**

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

### 6 women join UM-D sorority

bury and Danielle Voyles of Canton, Kerri Klinck of Garden City, Jennifer Kesler of Livonia and Jeannie Castillo of Westland.

Delta Phi Epsilon was founded in 1917 at New York University's School of Law. There are now 80 chapters in the United States with more than 32,000 initiated members. UM-D's Alpha Mu chapter was founded in 1989.

### WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission, Committee of the Whole, will hold a public hearing on the following:

An Ordinance to provide for smoke-free work environments in public and private facilities in order to protect the health of all Wayne County residents.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1998, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Building 600 Randolph, Commission Chambers Detroit, Michigan Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903. Publish: December 10, 1998.

600 Randolph St. Room 402 Wayne County Building Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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Tuesday, December 15, 1998, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Commissioner, Hearing Room 402 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226

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### St. Mary Hospital

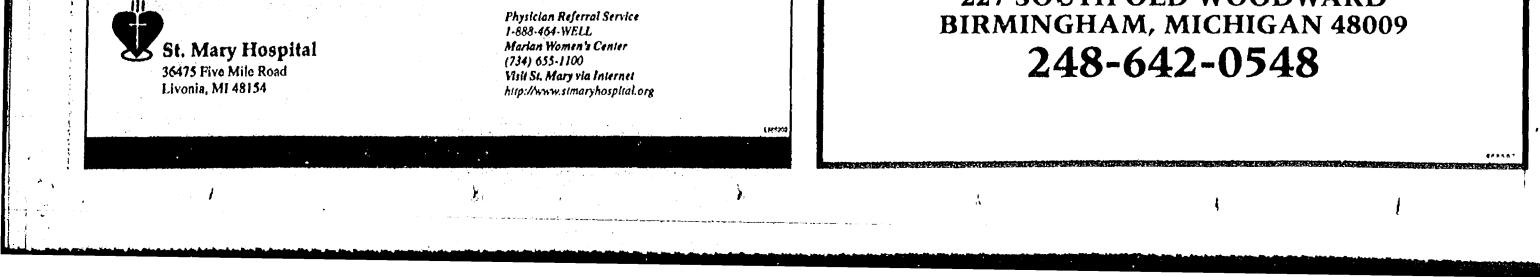
nd so has women's health care. That's why St. Mary Hospital developed the Marian Women's Center.

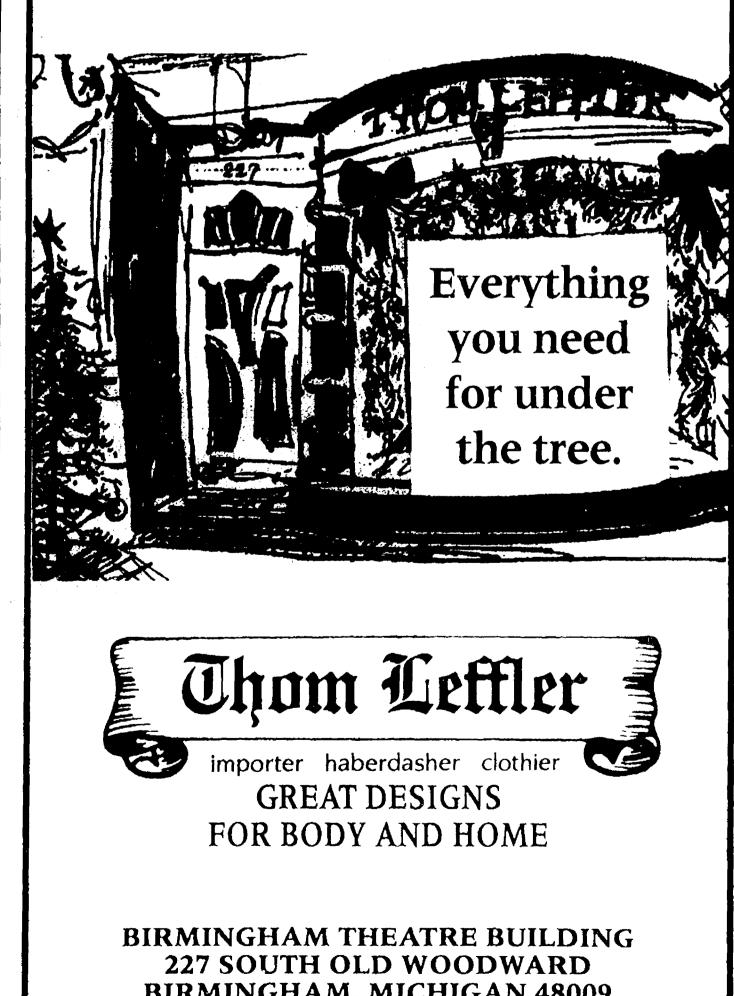
The Marian Women's Center is dedicated to keeping women healthy. Women of all ages can now receive health education and support in a warm, caring environment close to home. Our kind, compassionate staff offers services like diagnostic testing and health screenings just for women. A breast health clinic. A resource library. And, of course, the complete family services that you've come to expect from us.

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# There are ways to cope with holidays for those who grieve

The holidays are an especially the next morning. difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Each and every holiday tradition serves as a reminder of happier times.

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Cathy Clough, director of bereavement services for Arbor Hospice, has a few suggestions that have helped people who are grieving cope with the holiday season.

Since family get-togethers may be extremely difficult, Clough suggests people be honest about their feelings. They should sit down with the family and decide what they want to do for the holiday season.

"Don't set expectations too high for yourself or the day," Clough said. "If you wish things to be the same, you are going to be disappointed. Undertake only what each family member is able to handle comfortably."

There's no right or wrong way to handle the day. Some people may wish to follow family traditions; others may choose to change them, Clough said. But what people chose to do the first year doesn't have to be done the next.

"The more you try to make it the same as it was before, the more obvious your loved one's absence will be," Clough said.

Other things people can do: **Keep** in mind the feelings of your children or other family members. Try to make the holiday season as joyous as possible for them.

Be careful of "shoulds." It is better to do what is most helpful for you and your family. If a situation looks especially difficult over the holidays, try not to get involved.

**Set** limits. Realize that it isn't going to be easy. Doing the things that are very special and important to you. Do the best vou can.

**Once** you have decided how you and your family will handle the holidays, let friends and relatives know.

Emotionally, physically and

Consider not sending or cut- your loved one alive. ting back on your cards this year. It is not necessary to send cards, especially to those people you will see over the holidays. You might consider sending a Christmas letter, sharing your loss and your appreciation of those who are there for you.

Holidays may magnify feelings of loss of a loved one. It is important and natural to experience the sadness that comes. To block such feelings is unhealthy.

Keep the positive membry of the grieving person:

Don't forget: Anticipation of any holiday is so much worse than the actual holiday.

"Often after the first year, people in your life may expect you to be 'over it,' " Clough added. "We are never over it, but the experience of many bereaved is that eventually they enjoy the holidays again. Hold onto to that hope."

Clough also has some tips for friends and family members of

Do talk about the person

who died. Grieving individuals feel worse if you don't. It makes them feel others didn't care about him or her.

Do include them in your holiday card list. In that card, mention their loved one and how he or she is missed. If you have a picture of that person or a special memory, share it.

Do include your bereaved friends in your family gatherings. Setting extra plates for din-

ner is a simple thing for you to do and means a lot to the person who is grieving. Don't assume that others are including them. Give them a chance to decide if they are up to it or not.

Do call your bereaved friends on Christmas morning and tell them you're thinking of them. Bereaved individuals, even those surrounded by family, need to know that others care and are thinking of them on special days.

Do give your grieving expected.

friends options. Instead of saying, "Call me if you need me," say, "We can go to dinner Friday! or I'll make dinner for you. Which would you prefer?"

Do offer to help them with their Christmas shopping this year or offer to take their young children shopping. Grieving individuals often find it difficult and overwhelming to go places where' holiday cheer is evident and,

The moments that define our lives don't take place on the grand stage of public view  $\sim$ but rather in the warmth and love of the place we call home.

psychologically, the holidays are draining. You need every bit of strength, so try to get enough rest.

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**One possibility for the first** year may be to visit relatives or friends or even go away on vacation. Planning, packing and the like keeps your mind somewhat off the holiday and you share the time in a different and, hopefully, less painful setting. If you feel you need to be home on Christmas Day, make plans to leave

### Gibson holds annual girls' conference

Gibson School for the Gifted in Redford is holding a special conference specifically designed for irls ages 9-13.

The school's Third Annual **Conference** for Girls will be 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the school, 12925 Fenton, Redford.

Women professionals repreenting many different careers will offer a variety of workshops ind hands-on activities throughut the day. Each girl will be ble to participate in four workhops.

Dr. Alexa Canady, renowned bediatric neurosurgeon from Children's Hospital of Michigan. vill present the opening emarks.

Participants are asked to bring significant adult with them to he conference. The adults – parint, guardian or other significant berson in the girl's life - will **Attend** concurrent workshops to earn effective support techhiques.

All workshops will focus on trategies to help girls make the pest of their potential and keep heir options open for the future The cost is \$7 per person and ncludes lunch and refreshment Pre-registration is required due o limited seating. To register or or more information, call the chool at (313) 537-8688

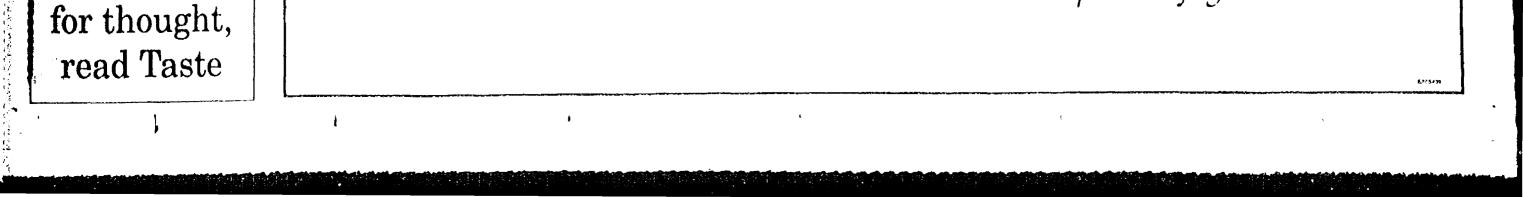
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# Historical museum to hold workshops

The Detroit Historical Museum is providing children and their families the opportunity to learn and have fun at workshops this holiday season.

Two toy train family workshops will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the museum, Woodward at Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center. The cost is \$12 per child. Parents and children will enjoy a brief talk about trains and model train history and tour the Glancy Trains and the new Frontiers to Factories exhibits before making their own toy train car to take home.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, there will be an Old-Fashioned Christmas Family Workshop, also costing \$12 per child. Participants will earn about the roles of women and girls in the household a century ago as families prepared for the holidays. The workshop will include making a holiday decoration to take home, food and toys of the past.

Advance registration is required and regular admission fees - \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for, senior citizens and children ages 12-18 and free for those under age 12 - apply. Reservations can be made by calling Amy DeWys-VanHecke at (313) 833-9720.

The Children's Hanukkah Family Workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. It will feature films, a discussion of the traditions and meaning of "The Festival of Lights," the chance to play games with the dreidel and the opportunity to make gifts to take home. Refreshments also will be served.

This special workshop is for children ages 5-10. There is no fee for the program, but advance registration is required and regular admission fees apply.

## Hudson's from page B3

day castle and a big tree, all decked out. Santa stepped onto the overhang to greet the crowd.

### Something magical

Spietz recalled something else magical. The Salvation Army had bell ringers and small groups playing music at the various entrances, but, she says, the bells under the overhang had a special resonance, different from the jingling of bells on street corners.

"The sound reverberated; it was louder than anywhere else," she said.

Andrzejewski took her children in the early 1980s to visit Santa the last year he was at the downtown store, but it had changed by then.

"You just had breakfast or

■ 'I can remember it being so lit up. it was just mesmerizing to me as a child, and I'll never forget any of those memories.'

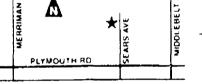
Cheryl Andrzejewski -remembering Hudson's

the memories.

'People came from everywhere to Hudson's," she said. "The store was always decorated spectacularly inside and out. I can remember it being so lit up. It was just mesmerizing to me as a child, and I'll never forget any of those memories."

Neither will the rest of metro Detroit's grownup children. Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation.

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lunch with Santa, and they got to sit on his lap. But they didn't get that thrill of going through all the floors because the store didn't do it any more."

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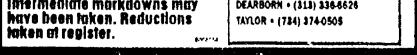
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### **CLASS REUNIONS**

As space permits, the Observer OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia ebdoherty@aol.com 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

#### BIRMINGHAM GROVES Class of 1969

A reunion is planned for July 17 and a reunion picnic for July 18. (248) 737-1398 or srdcarlson@aol.com

### **BISHOP BORGESS**

Class of 1989 A reunion is planned for August 1999. (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

### CHERRY HILL

Class of 1983 Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August. (734) 729-6783

### **DEARBORN FORDSON**

Class of 1989 Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. (248) 366-9493, press #8

### **DETROIT CENTRAL**

January-June classes of 1944 May 23 at the Hotel Baronette, Novi.

Marcia Pollock, 29393 Laurel Woods Drive, No. 201, Southfield 48034

### **DETROIT COOLEY**

Class of 1950 A reunion is being planned. (313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503

### **DETROIT PERSHING**

Classes of 1949-53 Are planning a reunion. (248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244

### DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1949 May 15 at Plum Hollow Country Club. (248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540 Class of 1949 A reunion is planned for May 15.

(248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540

### Class of 1980

A reunion is planned for Dec. 26. (202) 546-4377 or kbrady@erg.com; (734) 455-5475 or gearns@pccs.k12.mi.us; or

### PLYMOUTH

Class of 1969 Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. (248) 446-1028 or Karlancast@aol.com, or (734) 420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com

#### **PLYMOUTH CANTON** Class of 1979 Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn-West

in Livonia.

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Class of 1949

September 1999.

Is planning a reunion for

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(734) 397-8766 or www.reunionperson. **REDFORD UNION** Class of 1979 Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, (313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807

### **ROCHESTER ADAMS** Class of 1989

or (248) 349-1331

June 5 at the River Crest in Rochester Hills. Cost is \$50 per (248) 393-1151, (248) 969-8313, (248) 852.8744 or (248) 952-0444 **ROCHESTER ADAMS** 

### Class of 1979

Aug. 7 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #6

TRENTON (313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208

### Class of 1989 Aug. 28 at Arnaldo's Banquet Center, Riverview. (248) 360-7004, press 6

### WALLED LAKE CENTRAL Class of 1979 A reunion is planned for July 24.

(248) 363-8211 or (248) 366-3337 WALLED LAKE WESTERN Class of 1979

Aug. 14 at DoubleTree Guest Suites, Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #1 WATERFORD

Class of 1979 Is planning a reunion. (248) 674-3946

### WAYNE

Class of 1950 Is looking for classmates for its 50th class reunion. (734) 428-9379 or (734) 721-8036

### WAYNE MEMORIAL Class of 1983 Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden

City. (248) 360-7004, press 1

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Class of 1959 A reunion is planned for Sept. 25. (313) 884-1243 **DETROIT WESTERN** 

Class of 1949 Is planning a reunion. (313) 274-3214

**DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN** 

GARDEN CITY WEST Class of 1968 A reunion is planned for September 1999. (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

HENRY FORD TRADE Class of 1949 A reunion is planned for June 1999.

(313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546 HIGHLAND PARK

Class of 1969 Is planning a reunion. (313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201

LADYWOOD Class of 1988 March 13 at the Italian-American Club of Livonia. (313) 255-8078

LIVONIA BENTLEY Class of 1964 July 24 at the Holiday, Laurel Park, Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Class of 1979 Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites. Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #3

**NORTH FARMINGTON** Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press 2 NORTHVILLE

Class of 1979 July 10 at Italian America Club. Livonia. (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

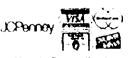
### Arbor Hospice support group aids widowed

Arbor Hospice has a group for Young widows and widowers who are under age 46.

Temeets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

For more information about the group and other age and loss-specific programs for adults

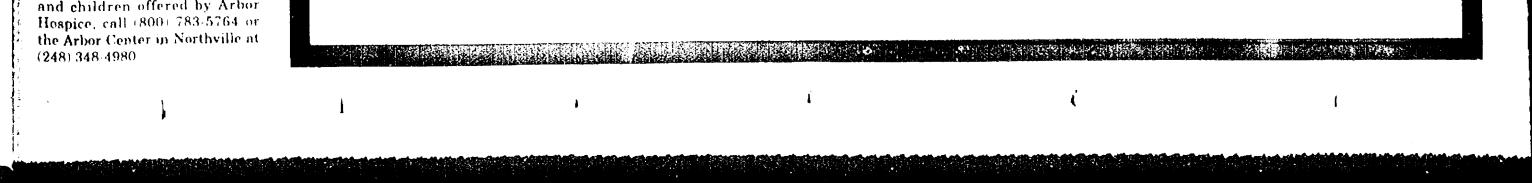




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### **ANNIVERSARIES**

### Kenny

Raymond and Elenor Kenny Sr. of Lake City, Mich., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia and a dinner reception, hosted by their children, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The couple met at the Third Order of St. Francis in Detroit. They were married at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn on Sept. 25, 1948. She

Catholic Church in London, Ontario, Canada. She is the former Jean Smith.

They have four children – the Rev. Mark of Norway, Mich., Gail of London, Ontario, Janice of Westland and Kurt of Miami, Fla. - and nine grandchildren.

Retired four years, he was a traffic manager for Don Cartage Co. for 24 years. She is a homemaker.

Their hobbies include dancing, bowling and travel.

### Thomas

Wayne and Phyllis Thomas of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by repeating their vows on Oct. 24 at the First Baptist Church of Garden City

### Jacobs

Frank and Ginger Jacobs of Moran, Mich., formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a dinner and show at the Detroit Opera House.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 8, 1938, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit. She is the former Ginger Dybas.

The couple has four married children - Eileen Urick and husband Michael of Livonia, Ronald and wife Laurie of Grosse Ile, Donna Yergler and husband Kary of Laguna Hills, Calif., and

The Thomases exchanged vows on Oct. 30, 1948, at the same church. She is the former Phyllis Horchem.

He retired in 1987 from the Ford Motor Co.'s Livonia Trans-



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**McQuesten** 

**Richard and Jean McQuesten** 

of Livonia celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary with family

and friends at a reception at the

Scotsdale Apartments clubhouse

They also renewed their vows

on Nov. 1 at St. Genevieve

Catholic Church in Livonia.

Their son, the Rev. Mark

The couple exchanged vows on

Oct. 30, 1948, at St. Mary

in Westland on Oct. 30.

McQuesten, officiated.

The ceremony was followed by refreshments on the lower level of the church.



### Burke

Jerry and June Burke of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by gathering with family members for Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church and dinner at Hawthorne Gardens. The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 9, 1948, at St. Theresa Church in Detroit. She is the former June Berry.

The couple has four children -Kevin and Diane, both of Livonia, and Sue and Michael, both of Redford. They also have seven grandchildren.



### **Gutowski**

Ed and Cindi Gutowski celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Oct. 12.

They have two children, Adam and Sara.

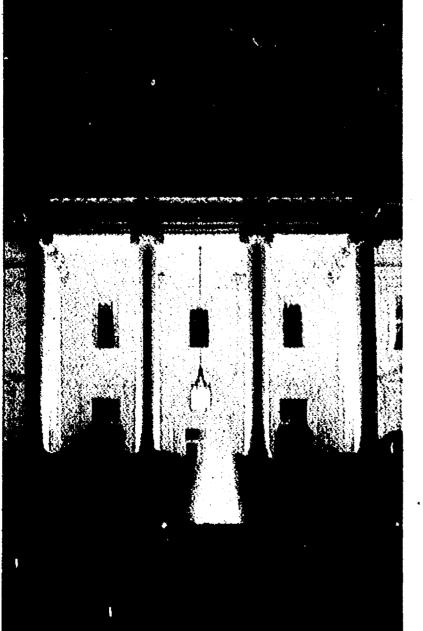
The son of Jane and Theodore Gutowski of Livonia, he is cur-

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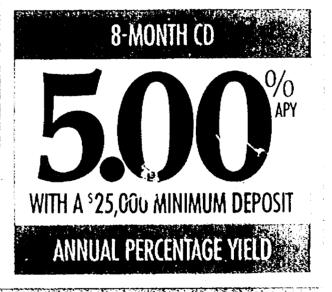


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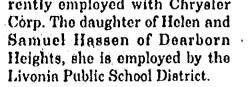
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### Malewski All-America

Madonna University sophomore middle hitter Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) was recently named NAIA second-team All-America after leading the Lady Crusaders to a 44-7 season.

Malewski, who led Madonna to a 12-0 regular season record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and a WHAC championship, recorded 589 kills (3.25 per game) and a .403 hitting percentage.

She also led the team in all blocking categories, including 112 solo blocks, 355 assist-blocks and 2.58 blocks per game.

### Scholar-athletes hailed

■ Senior Rayna Vert (Flint Carmen-Ainsworth) and junior Deanne Helsom (Grand Blanc) were both named to the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete team in women's volleyball.

Vert, an outside hitter majoring in Elementary Education, has maintained a 3.62 cumulative grade-point average. She was also named firstteam All-WHAC and All-Great Lakes Region after finishing second on the team with 2.53 per game. Vert also led the Crusaders in digs with 528.

Helsom, a setter majoring in Communications, carries a 3.5 GPA. She averaged better than 11 assists per game and led Madonna with 79 service aces en route to second-team All-WHAC honors.

■ In women's soccer, Madonna junior midfielder Vimbai Tsodzo (Zimbabwe) and junior forward Angie Negri (Flint Powers) both made the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete Team.

# Garden City overcomes Franklin in 4 OTs, 70-65

What an opener!

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#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER bemons@oe.homecomm.net

The Observerland boys basketball season started with a bang Tuesday. Make that a Hudson's style implosion.

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Garden City needed four overtimes to subdue host Livonia Franklin, 70-65, as the two teams filled the void left by the NBA lockout by going a total of 48 minutes.

Franklin trailed in each of the first three overtimes, but each time out forced an extra four-minute session by making clutch shots.

GC, however, absorbed the blows, outscoring the Patriots 9-4 in the final OT to finally settle the score.

"We've worked our tails off in practice and we take it seriously and we proved it in the third and fourth overtimes," Garden City junior point-guard Brian Harnos said. "It was exciting. We had great crowd support. It was like being at home."

Geoff Beckerleg, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, led the Cougars with 20 points. Jess Webb came off the bench to score nine, while Harnos and Robert Hudson each contributed eight.

"We were in a stall and we had to keep the ball moving and not stand around," said the 5-10 Harnos, who was making his varsity debut. "We did a great job of that and we were able to come back and play some pretty good defense. We knew what we were doing because we had practiced these situations — being four points up and four points behind."

Jason Burke was Franklin's top scor-



### BOYS BASKETBALL

seventh-year coach Greg Williamson said. "I thought we were in control a majority of the time, but then they (Franklin) would make a great play.

"I tried to tell them we were in control and had to stay in control. We just needed to play and not hang our heads."

Ironically, Franklin led throughout the game, but couldn't close the dea! in the final period.

The Patriots led 22-18 at halftime and 37-34 after three quarters.

Webb's basket for Garden City with 1:47 remaining in regulation tied the game at 41-all.

Both teams shot poorly in the final quarter — Franklin 1-for-10 and GC 2-for-9.

For the game, GC was 25 of 67 (37.3 percent) and the Patriots 23 of 64 (35.9 percent).

The Cougars committed 23 turnovers, while Franklin made 28.

"We had our chances in the fourth quarter to get it up to 10, but then we made some turnovers, a couple of bad decisions and they (Garden City) came back and scored," Robinson said. "We had our chances, but we just didn't execute when we had the four-point lead. We gave them too many opportunities to win.

"And down the stretch we had guys tired and guys playing out of position." The big discrepancy came at the free

throw line. GC made 17 of 37 (45.9 percent) and

GC made 17 of 37 (45.9 percent) and Franklin 13 of 19 (68.4 percent).

Zsodzo, majoring in Dietetics, carries a 3.66 GPA. She played in all games for the Crusaders.

Negri, majoring in Nursing, sports a 3.57 GAP. She tallied one assists and played in all 16 games.

All-America Scholar-Athletes must be at least a junior and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better.

### **Glenn grads sparkle**

Six former Westland John Glenn High gridders combined to win their division, Nov. 28-29, in the Budweiser Go-Deep 4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament held in Canton, Ohio.

The team of Brian Morrison, Matt Howton, Lou Hartwig, Bernie Toby, Matt Griglio and Todd Viccelli outscored their opponents 166-23 en route to a 6-0 record.

They defeated Glory of Ohio in the championship final, 28-7.

### **Collegiate notes**

■ Despite a game-high 27 points Saturday from senior forward Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn), host Wayne State University dropped its first men's basketball game of the season to Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe Northern Michigan, 71-63.

The loss dropped the Tartars, ranked No. 13 in NCAA Division II, to 6-1 and 3-1. NMU is 5-2 and 2-1.

■ Siena Heights sophomore forward Nicole Tobin (Livonia Stevenson) was recently named team MVP, All-Great Lakes Region and NAIA honorable mention All-America in women's soccer.

**R** Kalamazoo College freshman fullback **Stacey Nastase**, who helped the women's soccer team of an 18-3 record, was named third-team NCAA Division III All-Great Lakes Region.

### Youth hockey champions

The new Arctic Pond Arena Bantam A travel hockey team recently captured the Regional Silver Sticks Tournament held in Midland.

The three-day tournament ended in victory for the Penguins on Dec. 6 with a 6-0 shutout over the Traverse City Hawks.

Team members include: Ryan Droze, Mike Dugan, James Kerbawy, Justin Maedel, Jamey Messer, Brent Newsted, Jonathon O'Neill, Nathan Pavach, Mike Rini, Tom Sculthorpe, Adam Staber, Chris Stevens, Nick Strauch, Rob Thomas, Mike Tyrna and Ryan Wischmeyer.

Coaches are Craig O'Neill, Doug

er with 21 points. His shots with 31.7 and 14 seconds, respectively, forced the second and fourth overtimes.

Brendan Quigley chipped in with 11 points, while Dustin Kuras added nine before going down late in the fourth quarter after being submarined going to the basket.

"It's tough when you lose two of your best players (Kuras, then point-guard Derek Schema to fouls)," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "The no-call on Dustin was a big one."

Schema, a junior who set up many of Franklin's hoops with his pinpoint passing, stunned GC when he nailed a three-pointer two steps behind the top of the key — at the buzzer — to force a third OT.

"I don't think I've ever been in a fourovertime game, maybe a three," GC Jason Micallef. "We had some guys who logged some heavy minutes," Williamson said. "Jeff (Beckerleg) did a good job of getting the jump balls to start the overtimes.

"And Brian (Harnos) handled the ball and took charge. He (Harnos) had a good summer and shows good leadership qualities."

Despite loss, Robinson called the four vertime affair "a learning experience."

"One of our goals is to improve every game and learn from our mistakes," he said.

Williamson also praised the Patriots' effort in defeat.

"Franklin played hard and they're well coached," he said. "They're a young team just like us."

Both teams return to action Friday — Franklin at Dearborn and Garden City at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

# Another OT game: Chiefs nip Wayne

Blurred vision: Garden City guard Brian Harnos (middle) tries to



BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

As first games go, it was a first game.

Plymouth Canton struggled past ragged Wayne Memorial, 55-53, on Scott Samulski's tip-in with 12 seconds left in overtime Tuesday night to get the boys basketball season started for both teams.

The Chiefs and Zebras both had moments of quality play as they began their annual searches for a team identity.

"We made a million mistakes," coach Chuck Henry of Wayne said, "and he (Coach Dan Young of Canton) probably felt his kids did, too."

Both teams had the game "won" at various points but it took a buzzerbeater of at least 32 feet by Canton junior Jim Reddy to send the contest into overtime.

Taron Smith's pair of free throws with 16 seconds to play in regulation gave Wayne a 51-46 lead.

Reddy made two free throws with eight seconds left to pull the Chiefs up to 51-48. The Zebras missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with five seconds left and Canton called a quick timeout.

The Chiefs inbounded the ball to Joe Cortellini, who drove to the top of the key and dished off to Reddy when met by two Zebras. Reddy's shot was in the air when the buzzer sounded and it went through the rim like being pulled by a string.

Smith knocked in a shot from the right baseline at 2:27 of overtime to start Wayne out with a 53-51 lead but the Zebras, who turned the ball 11 times after holding a 45-37 lead with 4:41 left in regulation, couldn't score Canton got the ball back on a turnover and missed a shot. But Samulski skiled at just the right time and tipped the ball off the palm of his left hand. It nestled softly into the basket to break the tie.

Wayne's three-point attempt as time expired was off the mark.

"We did a great job of making plays when we had to." Young said, "and we really picked up our defense down the stretch."

Wayne's three-guard offense and pressure defense led to an 18-12 third quarter that contributed nearly put Canton out of the game. The Zebras led, 36-27, at one point.

"We're small," Henry said, "so we have to be a perimeter-oriented team. We have to be to give ourselves a chance to win."

The Zebras tried putting their two bigger players on the perimeter and cutting the guards underneath late in the game but that didn't net much.

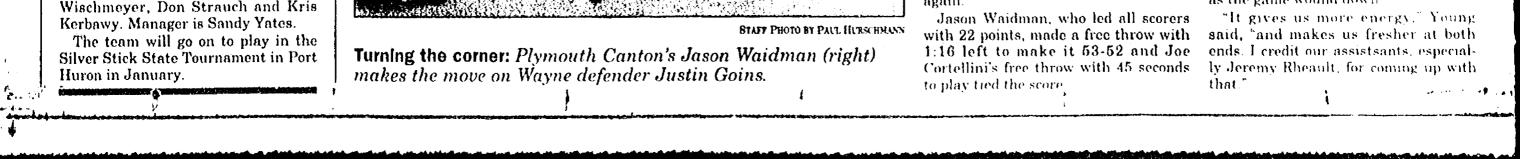
Wayne was head, 15-11, after the first period but trailed, 23-21 at halftime. Canton got back into the game with an 8-3 run to end the third quarter and ran off nine points in a row after the Zebras were up 45-37

Nathan Wade had 46 points to lead seven Wayne scorers. Gary Johnson scored 10, Mike Zielinski eight. Robert Price and Smith scored six apiece

Waidman scored 10 of his points in the second quarter and did a nice job of setting screens. Six other Chiefs scored between four and seven points each

"We passed the ball better." Young said, "and I was pleased with the different people scoring."

Canton got some mileage out of offensive and defensive substitutions as the game wound down



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## Lady Crusaders sweep **Concordia Classic foes**

A strong defensive effort combined with solid shooting propelled Madonna University's women's basketball team to an easy 96-60 triumph over the College of Mount St. Joseph (Ohio) in its second game at the Hampton Inn-Concordia College Classic Saturday in Ann Arbor.

The victory pushed the Lady Crusaders' record to 7-1 overall. St. Joseph fell to 2-6.

Five Crusaders reached double figures in scoring, led by Katie Cushman and Kathy Panganis with 17 points apiece. Cushman. who was named to the all-tournament team along with teammate Chris Dietrich, also had six assists and two steals.

Lori Enfield added 16 points and six rebounds, and Dietrich and Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) scored 12 apiece. Dietrich also had seven assists, while Fiorenzi collected 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

St. Joseph got 22 points from Shauna Bemmes and 15 from Nadeana Stormer.

Madonna connected on 38-of-76 floor shots (50 percent) while limiting St. Joseph to 22-of-57 shooting (38.6 percent). The Crusaders also outrebounded their opponents 45-38 and forced 19 turnovers while committing just nine.

### Madonna men falter

The trip to that Mecca of college basketball — Lexington, Ky. - was fruitless for Madonna University's men's basketball team.

The Fighting Crusaders were winless at the Transylvania University Tournament last weekend, losing to the host team 75-72 on Friday and to the College of West Virginia on Saturday, 110-71.

### COLLEGE HOOPS

The losses left Madonna with a 2-7 record. Transylvania is 4-2; West Virginia is 8-3.

Against Transylvania, Madonna trailed 39-33 at the half and was behind 72-56 with 4:29 left. The Crusaders managed to trim that to 74-72 with 0:45 left, but never caught Transylvania; a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer by Nick Hurley (Canton) missed.

Although they shot 50 percent from the field (27-of-54) and committed just 11 turnovers, the Crusaders lost the game with poor rebounding. They were outboarded 42-26, including a 16-4 Transylvania advantage on the offensive boards.

Mike Massey led Madonna with 31 points; he nailed 11-cf-13 floor shots, including 5-of-7 three-pointers. Next best, howeyer, was Narvin Russaw with 10 points. Eric Liectke's 26 points paced Transylvania.

In Saturday's loss to College of West Virginia, the Crusaders still came up short in the rebounding department (by a 46-.38 margin), and this time they couldn't match their foes' shooting prowess. West Virginia hit 44-of-84 shots (52.4 percent), including 15-of-36 three-pointers (41.7 percent); Madonna made 28-of-70 floor shots (40 percent). West Virginia led 54-27 at the half.

Best for Madonna was Russaw with 17 points and nine rebounds. Mike Maryanski, Massey and Hurley contributed 12 points each.

Steve Staton did the damage for West Virginia, scoring 38 points (7-of-11 on triples).

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The biggest difference was in the fourth quarter we made 14-of-15 free throws."

Jeff Mehi had 24 points for Wyandotte to lead all sectors but he was clamped down on in the second half, when he scored just nine. Jeff Powell and Chris Wayda each had 12 and Damien item had 10.

For the game, Stevenson made 22-of-31 free throws and Wyandotte sank 9-of-16.

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Imani Wilson peced Huron with 19 points, Andrew Walton had \$7 and Amir Kasham and Derek Ginyard 15 apiece. Ty Haygood led Westland John Glenn with 18, Bill Foder scored 16 and Ben Harris 14.

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It was 31-10 after the first quarter and 54-24 at halftime as Dearborn breamd to the win.

\*LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60, ST. ALPHONSUS 44: A strong second half helped the Warriors open their new season successfully.

"We stayed the same in the second half," coach Dan Remithum said Tuesday night after his team billzed its way to a 37-17 post-intermission. "We played man-to-man:

"We were getting good shots all night, we just started hitting them in the second half.

"Our defense was better in the second half, too, so we got some turnovers and some transition baskets."

Lutheran High School Westland got 16 points from forward Tom Habitz, 14 from junior guard Charlie Hoeft and 13 from forward Ryan Ollinger.

Host St. Alphonsus led, 14-13, after one cuarter and 27-23, at the half. It was led by junior forwards LaMondre Bonny, who scored 12 points, and Travis Spencer, who had 10.

HURON VALLEY 42, BALINE CHRISTIAN 37: A solid fin-Ishing kick put the boot to Saline Christian.

Visiting Huron Valley Lutheran expanded a one-point margin with a 16-12 final period Tuesday night against a Saline Christian team that had already played four games this season, losing them all. The Hawks trailed, 20-19, at the intermission.

"We finally got the jitters worked out," Coach Bill Ohlsson said. "We went to our aggressive half-court trap and they couldn't handle it."

Brian Johnson scored 13 points, six in the final quarter, and had 10 rebounds. Rene Arnal had 10 points and four steels and Alan Kleinke scored 11 points, leading the fourth quarter raily with four steals.

Greg Montel had 12 points and Brennan Ball 11 for Saline Christian.

•INTER-CITY 60, CLARENCEVILLE 54: A stronger second quarter might have let Bill Dyer earn a victory in his varsity coaching debut.

But host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist outscored Livonia Clarenceville, 20-10, in the second period and kept the Trojans at bay with free throws down the stretch.

Sophomore center Scott Wion scored 24 points in Dyer's first game as the boys basketball coach at Clarenceville while junior forward Rick Burack contributed 11. Scott Hall made some big plays down the stretch for the troians. "We shot the ball well," Dyer said of his team's 23-forof Libonie Churchill said Tuesday night. "We didn't get the 37 shooting, "but we turned the ball over too many times." Jared Garner's 13 points paced Inter-City Baptist while We played solid half-court defense, but we didn't 8.J. Golden scored 10 and James Davis nine.

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That's a real solid Dearborn team," coach Rick Austin." tob done.

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For those who want to participate please complete the donor sheet, collect donations in

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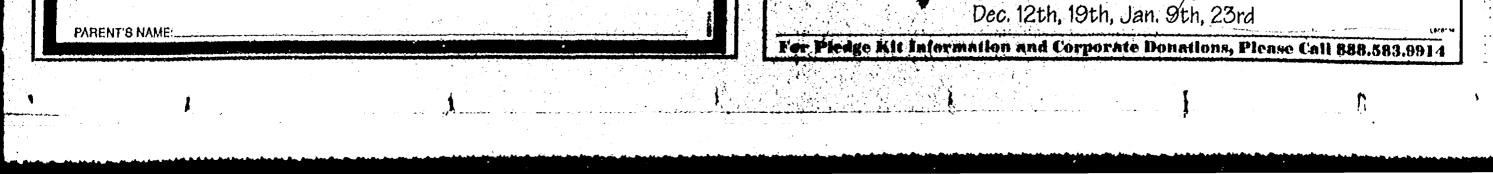
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### **HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING ROUNDUP**

# **Trojans earn 4th in Rouge tourney**

Livonia Clarenceville, buoyed by two individual firsts, made a strong showing Saturday in the 17-team River Rouge Invitational wrestling tournament.

Sterling Heights, Woodhaven and Garden City garnered the first three spots in the team standings, while Clarenceville was a strong fourth.

"Eight of our 13 placed and my wrestled guys hard,' Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "We're in good condition. Our conditioning is paying off."

Senior captain Dave Lemmon captured the 130-pound crown, pinning three of his four opponents including Don Brockway of Dearborn Divine Child in the final, the fall coming in 59 seconds.

Senior Tony Rachoza added a first for the Trojans in the 160pound class. He went 3-0 on the day including a 2-1 decision over Keith Jackson of Inkster in the final.

Senior Adam Marcum (171) went 3-1, finishing second before losing to Chris Alayson of Sterling Heights on a pin in one minute.

Four other Trojans took thirds - sophomore Dan LeClerc (140) pinned Waleed Wazni of Sterling Heights in the consolation final in 2:19; senior Walter Ragland

(189), a 7-3 winner over Mike Farrar of Riverview; and junior Josh Rose (heavyweight), who beat Mike Gaffke of Livonia Churchill, 8-0.

Juniors Dan Tondreau (112) and Matt Wiehl (145) took fourth and fifth, respectively, for Clarenceville.

### Chargers finish sixth

Nine wrestlers placed Saturday, including first-place finisher Mike Carter, as Livonia Churchill took sixth place with 117 points in the Rouge tourney. Carter, a 145-pounder junior

who yielded just four points in four wins, defeated Mike Roberts of Riverview in the championship final, 10-1.

Churchill senior Brandon LaPointe (152) earned a second place losing in the finals, 13-7, after scoring a victory over state qualifier Marlon Franklin of Inkster in the semifinals.

"Mike did a great job and pretty much dominated everyone he wrestled." Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "LaPointe looke real sharp, but in the final he just ran into a kids that was a little bit better that day."

Fourth-place finishers included freshman Steve Lenhardt (103), and senior Mike Gaffke (heavyweight), both going 2-2 with two pins apiece.

Sixth-places went to freshman Tom Vandenbosche (215), senior Steve Vasiloff (125), junior Steve Abar (160), junior Tom Allen (171) and senior Jeff Sinning (189) — all finished 3-2 with Abar and Sinning recording three pins apiece.

"It surprised me a bit because a lot of these kids hadn't wrestled varsity before and to take sixth place out of 17 teams was pretty good," Altounian said.

### **Spartans 1-5 at Davison**

Livonia Stevenson lost four of five matches Saturday in the Davison Team Tournament.

The Spartans fell to the host Cardinals (63-12), Milford (54-25), Flushing (40-39) and Mt. Morris (51-27), while beating Alpena, 48-33.

Stevenson individual standouts on the day included Joe Moreau (103) and Brian Barker (160), each going 5-0 on the day.

Three other Spartans finished 4-1 — Dustin Obeid (125), Imad Kharbush (140) and Mike Falzon (145).

Matt Radley (130) and Tim McCarthy (189) each captured two matches, while Del Loranger (215) and Mark Costella (heavyweight) earned one victory apiece.

In other dual meet matches last week.

#### WAYNE MEMORIAL 42 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 35 Dec. 3 at Wayne

103 pounds: Carlos Gammons (WJG) dec. Rob Ochalek, 17-2; 112; Mike Kassabri (WM) dec. Jesse Purdon, 12-2; 119: John Gregg (WM) pinned Chris Smith, 1:04; 125: Paul Goyt (WM) p. Evan Waddell, 0:27; 130: Jeff Albrecht (WJG) dec. Justin Beseler, 8-6; 135: Nate Wensko (WM) p. Eric McMicheal, 3:13; 140: Melissa Fogarty (WM) dec. Alan Waddell, 12-4; 145: Ken Raupp (WM) dec. Chris Wolfgang, 9-7; 152: Joe Reilly (WJG) won by void; 160: Pete Langer (WJG) p. Kurt Spann, 1:56; 171: Matt Barker (WJG) dec. Jason Quinn, 16-6; 189: Javonn Perkins (WJG) p. Tim Grzecki, 1:12; 215: Kevin McLauglin (WM) won by void; heavyweight: James Wallace (WM) p. Terry Peterson, 1:20.

> FARMINGTON HIGH 47 **LIVONIA FRANKLIN 21** Dec. 5 at Clintondale

103: Double void; 112: Brian Proven (F) won by void; 119: double void; 125: Adam Hughes (LF) won by void: 130: Tony Lema (F) pinned Chris Eklund, 1:52; 135: Chris Audette (F) p. Steve Doig, 1:11: 140: Tom Mahon (F) p. Dan Hughes 1:28: 145: Ryan Shiplett (LF) p. John Pawlak, 3:23; 152: Mark Ostach (F) p. Allen Duff, 3:05; 160: Mike Martland (F) decisioned Brian Rupp, 21-4; 171: Eric Toska (LF) dec. Ben Lukas, 12-7; 189: Steve Myslinski (LF) p. Andy Wood, 5:09: 215: Jenkins Ebiware (F) p. Don Rinke, 1:34; 275: Brian Brinsden (F) won by void.

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- A. Garden City.
- 5. Livonia Clarenceville.

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103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 3. Chris O'Hars (Redford CC); 4. Danny Tondraau (Clarenceville); 5, Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton].

112: 1, John Menvyn (Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Mike Kassebri (Wayne Memorial); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Glenn).

119: 1. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC); 2. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 3. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 4. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union); 5: Dustin Obeid (Stevenson).

125: 1. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 2. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 3. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Brian Reed (GC).

130: 1: Tony Lema (Farmington); 2. Dave Lemmon (Clarenceville); 3. Marty 1 Mahon (Farmington).

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148: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill): 2. Newley Stone (Canton); 3. Millio Falaon (Stevenson); 4. Chris Wolfgang (John-Glenn); 5. Miche Beer (Lutheren Weetland).

162: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin); 4. Tony Pikur (Thurston); 5. Mark Ostesh (Farmington).

180: 1. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 2. Robert Demsick (Canton); 3. Tony Rachoza (Clarenceville); 4. Eric Kelley (RU): 5. Pete Langer (John Gienn).

171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Mark DeLafuente (Thurston); 3. Adem Marcum (Clarenceville); 4, Scott Archer (Lutheran Westland): 5. Ryan Matheson (Redford CC).

189: 1. Walter Racland (Clarenceville); 2. Andy Wood (Farm-Ington); 3. Steve Myslinski (Franklin); 4. Jeft Sinning (Churchill).

218: 1. Broce Naysmith (Redford CC); 2. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 3. Will Baker (RU); 4. Tom Vanderbosche (Churchill).

Neavyweight: 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 3. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Tom

## Schoolcraft Community College offering variety of health options

Schoolcraft College is offering almost 60 four-week mini physical ecucation classes during the month of January including yoga, aerobics, water-based exercise, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to

A \$35 fee reserves a court along with equipment beginning the week of Jan. 4. Enrollment is limited and courts are scheduled for doubles play. Participants must furnish tall at the shoulder to use the their own locks and towels.

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gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, pool and sauna. Adults must accompany children under 16 and nonswimmers must be 45 inches pool.

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\$43 with registration continuing through Dec. 16.

Handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courst are available Mondays, Tuesday,s Wednesdays and Friday evenings at Schoolcraft College.

week Sunday Health Club will Schoolcraft's Continuing Edubegin Jan. 3 and continues cation Physical Fitness prothrough March 28.

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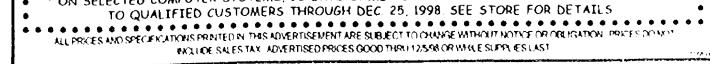
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The Schoolcraft College mon's besketball team is unbeaten through six games and has several players listed among the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference leaders.

Lamar Bigby is second in the conference in scoring (17.3points a game), first in threepoint accuracy (53.2 percent), third in floor shooting (63.3 percent), and 13th in rebounding (5.1 per game).

Matt Bauman, a Livonia Franklin graduate, ranks fourth in scoring (16.3 points), sixth in both assists (3.5 a game) and shooting accuracy. (61.7 percent), and seventh in blocks (1.0 a game).

Dashawn Williams is first in shooting (69.2 percent), 12th in scoring (13.3 points), fourth in rebounding (6.3) and second in

steels (3.5). elvey ranks 1823 (11.1 points) and 18 point shooting (b) I percent

SC is the top show both the conference and NJCAA (114.67 points a AAU GERLE HOOP TETE

Tryouts for the Livenia Lasers girls AAU baskeball teams will be from 8-10 a.m. (10 and under), 10 a.m. to noon (11 and under) and noon to 2 p.m. (12 and under) Saturday, Dec. 19 at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Divisions refer to ages as of Jan. 1, 1999.

Girls playing CYO. LIAL or YMCA teams are welcome.

attend on Dec. 19, should call Wayne Henry at (248) 624-7839.

girls basketball program, will hold tryouts Saturday at Novi

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bup tryouts will be: 2-14-15; 3:30-5 p.m. (11-15; 3:30-5 p.m. (10-11); All-players are welcome.

Ter more information. call Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 (between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m) or (248) 474-8986 (after 6 p.m).

Tryouts for the AAU Livonia Lightning - girls 17-, 16-, 15- and 14-and-under will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at Livonia Ladywood High.

#### YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPS

The Livonia Y Meteors, an If interested, but unable to under-10 boys soccer team, won a divisional title during the fall indoor session at the Soccer Zone with a 7-1 record. The

Members of the Meteors. coached by Dave Burton, include: Kyle Boganshutz, Ben-Burton, Evan Chapman, Bret Driscoll, Andrew Keshaki, Alex Grimes, Steve Hart, David Herbeck, Matt Loney, Kevin Murphy, Bryon Niemczek, Matt Rzepka, Ben Schroeder and David St. Amant.

Assistant coaches include Dave Schroeder and Gary Niemczak.

#### TRAVEL BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club's Pee Wee Reese Division travel team (11-year-olds, born after July 31, 1987) is searching for three serious young players to fill its roster for the 1999 season. Indoor practice clinics begin in January. The season will consist of approximately 60 games.

For more information, call Nick Marrone in the evenings at (734) 459-0695.

Michigan Motion, an AAU Meteors overcame a 2-0 deficit to beat the Livonia Slammers, 3-2. \$**41**<sup>95</sup>





# MHSAA adopts new football playoff plan

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association voted Dec. 2 to expand its post-season football playoffs to a five-week, 256-team tournament, effective in 1999.

The plan would double the number of playoff qualifiers and add a week to the post-season.

Schools that play a nine-game regular-season schedule, beginning a week earlier than years past, may qualify with at least six wins. Teams that opt to play an eight-game schedule may qualify with five victories.

Under the adopted proposal, those schools whose win total qualify them for the playoffs will be ranked by enrollment following the completion of the regular season, and then divided into eight divisions of 32 schools each. If fewer than 256 schools qualify by win total, the excluded teams with the highest computer playoff averages would be added to fill out the field, with an equal number of schools coming from Classes A, B, C and D.

No teams with losing records would qualify. In the unlikely event that more than 256 schools qualify by win total, the teams with the lowest playoff averages would be deleted from the field in an equal number from each class. In 1997, 230 schools would have qualified by win total.

Once the 256-team field is set, the 32 teams in each division will be drawn into districts and degions. The four-team districts would have the team with the top playoff average hosting the fourth-ranked team and the second hosting the third.

The second week of the tournament would be the district ginal, played at the site of the highest ranked team. The regional championship would be played the following weekend, with the method host either being predeto take place at the Pontiac Silverdome on Thanksgiving weekend.

The modification to make five wins the qualifying number for schools playing eight-game schedules was made to better accommodate schools which either had difficulty in securing a nine-game schedule or did not wish to begin their regular-season a week earlier.

In a seven-year calendar, football playing schools would begin practice only two days earlier on five occasions. Schools with a nine-game schedule would have only one preseason scrimmage.

The Council also voted to recommend that schools which intend to keep a nine-game schedule slide entire schedules forward by one week to accommodate the change, and to do the same with the officials assigned to those contests.

This is the fourth expansion of the playoffs since they began in 1975 with four teams in each class. The tournament expanded to 32 teams in 1977, 64 teams in 1985, and then doubled the number of teams again by splitting each class in 1990, upping the number of schools to 128.

Following the presentation of the plan to member schools during the fall, football-playing institutions were surveyed. Of 454 valid surveys returned, 91 percent favored the plan, and 85 percent favored expansion in 1999.

In other action, the Representative Council voted to eliminate the separate Upper Peninsula Girls Volleyball Tournament and to include Upper Peninsula schools with Lower Peninsula schools in a unified girls volleyball tournament beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

The Council also approved a five-year extension of its contract to play the football finals at the Pontiac Silverdome through the year 2004, and voted to return the Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals to Michigan International Speedway for the next two years in Brooklyn.

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termined by draw or by playoff average.

Semifinal games would continue as in the past, with predetermined regional champions playing each other at prearranged sites, and the finals continuing



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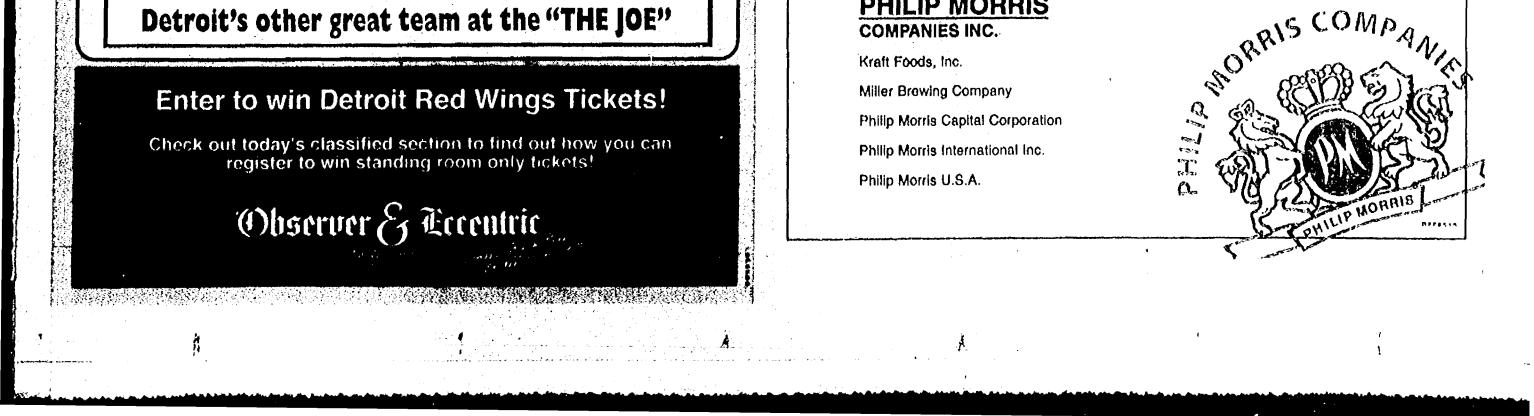
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If you would like to volunteer to help someone, or if you know of someone who needs help, call 1-800-671-6200 for more information about Gateway, or contact your local literacy coalition.

\* U.S. Department of Education, 1993.

### **PHILIP MORRIS**



### Redford Unified 5-goal run ices Livonia Churchill bid

Redford Unified scored five straight goals Saturday to earn a 5-4 Suburban High School Hockey League victory over Livonia Churchill at Redford Ice Arena.

After a scoreless opening period, Churchill got on the board first when Nathan Jakubowski scored at 4:24 from Chuck Leight.

But RU tallied the next five goals to carry a 5-1 lead well into the third period.

Dave Aird and Brad Johnson each scored twice during the surge, while J.J. Price had an unassisted goal.

Churchill came storm back with 11:40 remaining in the third on Aaron Jakubowski's goal from Adam Rourke, followed by Dan Cook's goal SHSHL with the victory...

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from Adam Krug and Leight. Pulling their goalie for the extra attacker, the Chargers pulled within one on Nathan Jakubowski's goal from Ed Rossetto and Cook.

But Churchill couldn't score the equalizer.

"We're slow to learn that by taking more penalties (7-4) than the other team that it puts us at a disadvantage," said Churchill coach Jeff Hatley, whose team falls to 1-2-1 overall and 0-1 in the SHSHL. "It's going to be a long season if we don't understand that." Redford Unified improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the

### Druken bolsters Whalers, 4-1

There seems to be no way to slow down Harold Druken.

The Plymouth Whalers' center added two more goals to his league-leading total in the Plymouth Whalers' 4-1 victory over the London Knights in an **Qntario** Hockey League game Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Druken increased his goal total to 37 (next highest in the league is Ivan Novoseltsev of Sarnia with 26). Druken's 60 points also tops the OHL; second in the league in total points is teammate Adam Colagiacomo with 53 (16 goals, 37 assists).

Randy Fitzgerald notched the other two goals for Plymouth against the Knights, giving him four for the season, and had one assist. Colagiacomo picked up three assists.

Plymouth led 2-1 after one period and 4-1 after two in improving its West Divisionleading record to 22-4-2. London

### **Compuware splits**

The Compuware Ambassadors ran their North American Hockey League-leading record to 19-4-2 by splitting a pair of games with host Soo Kewadin Casino Indians, the NAHL's secondplace team with an 18-7 mark.

The Soo won the first game Saturday by a 2-1 margin, with Mark Mink scoring for Compuware. Josh Lyerly got the only regulation goal for the Indians, then scored the game-winning penalty shot.

### **CLASSES**

### ICE FISHING

Bob "Hangman" Mitchel, of Redford, will give a seminar entitled, "Everything You Want to Know About Ice Fishing," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Steelheaders at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

### **CLUBS**

### **METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafetoria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

### **MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information, call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

### SEASON/DATES DEER

The second archery season runs through Jan.3. The muzzleload-

### **OUTDOOR CALENDAR**

Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries. GROUSE

A special late season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

### PHEASANT

There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

### **RABBIT/HARE**

Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

### SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

### **METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS** Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

### **1998 PERMITS**

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

ing season runs through Dec. 13 - Referrais-The Huron-Clinton metroparks On Sunday, the Ambassadors in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and are srerving as collection spots avenged their Saturday loss by 6 MONTHS Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III FULLY LICENSED for the Toys for Tots program. beating the Soo 2-1 in overtime. SAME AS CASH>(Lower Peninsula). There are AND INSURED The program is conducted annu-AVAILABLE Mink scored in the third period several other special seasons. on many brands ally by the U.S. Marine Corps to give Compuware a 1-0 leady, Check the 1998-99 Michigan Reserve to serve needy children but the Indians tied it on a goal **Family** & Electrical Inc. Hunting and Trapping Guide for in local communities by providby Adam Nightingale. Jack Reddetails. ing them with new, unwrapped wood's goal 1:51 into OT won it ELK toys during the holiday season. for the Ambassadors. The late elk season will be held A Master Electrician Öffering Full Electrical Service Anyone wishing to donate a new Goalie Craig Kowalski, named through Dec.14, by special perunwrapped toy that has no vio-Family Owned & Operated for 30 Years NAHL goalie of the month for mit and in designated elk manlent connotations can drop them Call For FREE Estimate. November, earned goalie of the agement units only. off at park offices of the HCMA week accolades. He leads NAHL WAYNE COUNTY Administrative Office through GOOSE in goals-against average (2.04); Dec. 16. Call (800) 477-2757 for he allowed two goals in the There will be a special late 734-422-8080 more information. series agains the Indians, stop-Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. ping 52 of 54 shots. SNACKS WITH SANTA 7 in the southern Michigan NTERNET ADDRESS DIRECTOR Find these sites on the World Wide Web • Brought to you by the services of O&E On-Line! 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### OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS** Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register.

### **STATE PARKS**

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS** Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area

offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

### **HOLIDAY TREES**

Take a horse-drawn hayride through farmland to pick out your holiday tree during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13, at Maybury. Cost is \$30 per family and includes hayride, choice of pre-cut tree and daily motor vehicle permit.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send e-mail to: bparker@oe.homecomm.net

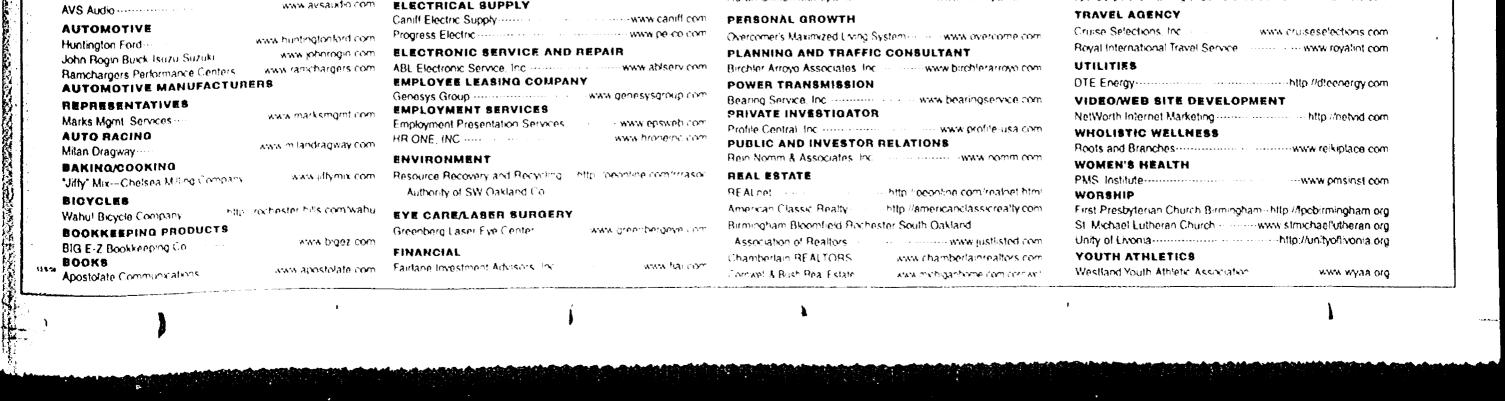


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Robert Holsinger made 15 saves to pick up the victory. Gene Chiarello had 40 saves for the Knights.

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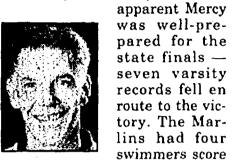


Lindsay Fetters Farmington Harrison

# State champs rule Observer

It was a season featuring Observerland's two dominant teams in girls swimming. One of them --- Farmington Hills Mercy - was good enough to beat all takers at the Class A state championship meet.

The Marlins captured the state title by scoring well in all three relays, including a staterecord swim in finishing first in the 400-yard freestyle. It was



**Jim Downs** Mercy coach

ration is what champions are made of. It also earned Mercy coach Jim Downs Observerland coach of the year

in the 200

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freestyle.

accolades. Mercy, which also extended its string of Catholic League titles, wasn't the only team that dominated. Livonia Stevenson claimed its eighth-consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association crown. Between them, Mercy and Stevenson collected 18 of the 24 all-Observer first and second team berths, including all six relays.

Not to be overlooked are some

lantine was second (379.20). Her 256.75 points were by far the best sixdive total recorded in Observerland,

"Along with being a very talented diver," Phill said, "Katy is a very hard worker. We're looking forward to a great senior year from her."

Erin Downs, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100-yard butterfly: Downs is the area's best butterfly swimmer. She placed second at state in the event (58.12) after being seeded fourth, then helped the Marlins take second in the 200-yard medley relay. A junior, Downs was first at the Catholic League finals in the 100 butterfly (59.28) and was fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:03.92).

"A brave heart is a powerful weapon," records fell en route to the vicsaid coach Jim Downs.

> Kelly Carlin, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100-yard freestyle: The junior was one of the area's most versatile swimmers. At the state finals, she was good enough to finish 12th in the 200 freestyle (1:56.58) and she swam on all three of the Marlins relays, which scored. Carlin also placed first in both the 500 free (5:19.06) and the 200 individual medley (2:15.04) at the Catholic League finals. At the Oakland County meet, Carlin was seventh in the 100 butterfly.

> "She showed true dedication day in and day out," said Downs. "As she goes, we go."

Julle Kern, Livonia Stevenson, 500yard freestyle: Kern was one of the Spartans most valuable swimmers, placing fourth in the 500 free at the state meet (5:00.82). The senior also won WLAA championships in the 200 (1:58.55) and 500 (5:06.10) freestyle events.

"Julie has been a state finalist all four of the outstanding individual years at Stevenson," said Phills. "She

#### **ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING**

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100-yard freestyle 1. Kelly Carlin, Mercy.

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2. Nevra Alver, North Farmington.

placing freshman, finishing 21st. Only Stevenson's Ballantine beat her in dualmeet competition.

"April has great talent and potential," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "She has the ability and competitive attitude to challenge any diver in the state."

Teri Hanson, Plymouth Canton, 100yard butterfly: Hanson, a senior, has qual-Ified for the state finals in the 100 fly four-straight seasons, making consistency perhaps her greatest asset. At the WLAA finals, Hanson placed third in the fly (1:02.10) and seventh in the 50 free (26.03).

Hanson's best time this season in the 100 fly was 1:01.06 in the conference meet preliminaries. She placed 17th in the 100 fly at state in 1:01.23; she also swam in all three Canton relays, including the 200 medley relay which set a varsity record (1:54.43) in placing 19th.

She was Canton's MVP four-straight vears.

"She's been very consistent and a quality swimmer all four years," said Canton coach Sarah Eubanks.

Kristin Loridas, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100-yard freestyle: The sky is the limit for Loridas. The freshman placed seventh in the state in the 200 freestyle (1:56.15) and 14th in the 500 freestyle. At the Catholic League finals, she wonthe 200 free (2:00.08) and was part of three winning relays.

"She performed well under pressure situations all year," said Downs. "She enjoys being coached."

Meghan Mocerl, Livonia Stevenson, 500-yard freestyle: If dedication counts for anything. Moderi should be at the top of the list. The junior was 12th in the state in the 50C free (5:15.34), and at the WLAA meet she placed third in the 500 (5:20.43) and fourth in the 200 free (2:01.54).



Elizabeth MacDonald



Teri Hanson Plymouth Canton



Meghan Moceri Livonia Stevenson





**Christina Moceri** Livonia Ladywood

Nevra Alver **North Farmington** 



Marti McKenzle Livonia Stevenson





**April Aquinto** Plymouth Salem



performances, such as the first at state by Mercy's Amy McCullough in the 500-yard free and meet by the Marlins' Erin, Downs.

course, so read on.

### First team

Amy McCullough, Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard freestyle: The sophomore had an outstanding season, winning the state title in the 500 freestyle (4:54.75) and placing second at state in the 200 free (1:52.46). She was also the Oakland County champion in the 200 and it 500-yard freestyle. McCullough holds Mercy's record in both events, having set them at the state final. At the Catholic League meet, she was first in the 100 free (54.35) and 100 backstroke (1:00.80).

"Her potential is still way out there," coach Jim Downs said. "She's already a bona fide state champion in the 500 free with two sub-five minute performances this year."

Mercy, 200-yard Individual mediey: On a team of stars, Posvar was one of the brightest this year. She finished fifth in year." the state in the 200-yard IM (2:07.42) and 100 freestyle (52.26). At the Catholic League meet, which Mercy won, she was first in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.27) and swam on three firstplace relays. She has school records in both the IM and 100 free.

In all, the junior qualified for seven open events at the state finals.

"I'm glad she's on our side," Downs said.

Jessica Makowski, Livonia Stevenson, 50-yard freestyle: Makowski was one of the Western Lakes premier freestyle swimmers. The junior never lost a a dual meet race in the 50 and was the WLAA champion in the 100 freestyle (55.72). She placed second in the 50 at the WLAA meet (25,18).

"Jessica really stepped up her training this year," coach Greg Phill said. "She should be a force in the state her senior year.\*

Katy Ballantine, Livonia Stevenson, diving: The junior capped a strong season by finishing eighth in the state (330.0 points). In the WLAA championships, Balwill be greatly missed."

Lindsi McErlean, North Farmington, 100-yard backstroke: If you are in search the second-place swim at state /; of a talented freshman, look no further. McErlean finished seventh in the state in the 100 backstroke (59.38), breaking a There were plenty of others, of. school record, and she was 15th in the 200 IM (2:14.36). She also gualified in the 100 breaststroke.

> At the WLAA finals, McErlean placed second in the 100 back (1:01.55) and third in the 200 (M (2:17.58).

"She did a lot of great things for us this year," coach Pat Duthie said. "She's probably one of the easiest athletes I've worked with from a coach standpoint. She's very receptive and picks up new things quickly.\*

Lindsay Fetters, Farmington Harrison, 100-yard breaststroke: Not many swimmers finish in the top six in two events at the state finals. Fetters did, taking fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.61) and sixth in the 200 IM (2:08.89)

A junior, she also won both events at the WLAA finals, capturing the 200 IM in 2:12.43 and the 100 breast in 1:09.03.

"Lindsay has been all-state every year Elizabeth Posvar, Farmington Hills since she was a freshman," coach Ross Bandy said. "She is in a good position to make a run at being state champion next

> Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard medley relay: The Marlins' team of Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Posvar, Erin Downs and Kelly Carlin finished second in the state in a school-record 1:48.61. They also won the Oakland County meet. "Four good efforts produced this second place in the state," Downs said.

> Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard freestyle relay: Erin Downs, Kristin Loridas, Elizabeth MacDonald and Kelly Carlin broke Mercy's school record in the event when they took 10th at the state final (1:40.36)

> "These people knew that the will to achieve was important," coach Jim Downs said, "but the will to prepare was vital."

> Farmington Hills Mercy, 400-yard freestyle relay: The Marlins complete a sweep of our all-Observer relay teams with Kelly Carlin, Kristin Loridas, Amy McCullough and Elizabeth Posvar in the 400 free. All this group managed to do was win a state title in the event, setting a new state record of 3:31.25. That win also earned Mercy a first-place team fin-

#### Coach of the Yaar Jim Downs, Mercy.

Honorable mention (must be state qualifiers in individual events): Angela Simetkosky, Churchill; Adrienne Doyle, Churchill; Julie Kluka, Harrison; Lorissa McKay, Salem; Kari Foust, Salem; Lindsay Dolln, Stevenson; Danielle Drysdale, Canton,

ish; they were second, a point behind Zeeland, going into the final event.

"This foursome wasn't to be denied," said Downs.

### Second team

Elizabeth MacDonald, Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard freestyle: The sophomore showed she'll be a force for years to come this season. MacDonald placed eighth in the state in the 500 freestyle (5:07.63), ninth in the 200 freestyle (1:56.39) and helped the Mariins 200 freestyle relay team to a 10th place finish at the state finals.

At the Catholic League meet, MacDonald placed first in the 50 free (25.72) and sixth in the 200 IM (2:23.72).

"The good old American work ethic did not disappear," Downs said. "It lives within Liz."

Katle Clark, Livonia Stevenson, 200yard Individual mediey: A junior, Clark was a state qualifier in five events and she took 10th at the state finals in the 100 butterfly (1:00.12). At the WLAA meet, she won the the 100 fly (1:01.17)and took second in the 200 IM (2:16.44).

"She's a very hard worker and a talent," said Phills, "I am looking forward to a great senior year from her."

Marti McKenzle, Livonia Stevenson, 50-yard freestyle: The senior was a solid contributor to the Spartans this year. McKenzie finished fourth in both the 50 freestyle (25.70) and 100 breaststroke (1:11.10) at the WLAA championships.

"Stevenson is going to miss the depthand versatility Marti gave to our program," Phills said.

April Aquinto, Plymouth Salem, diving: The freshman showed lots of promise this fall. She qualified for the regional and state final meets as well as placing third at the conference showdown (331.95 points). At state, she was the highest-

"Meghan is one of Stevenson's hardest workers," Phill said. "We're looking forward to making her senior year her best."

Christina Moceri, Livonia Ladywood, 100-yard backstroke: The sophomore broke school records in the 200 freestyle (2:00.7), 200 IM (2:16.45), 100 butterfly (1:03.30) and 100 backstroke, and she was the first-ever Ladywood swimmer to score points at the state meet, placing eighth in a school-record 59.84. She was also second in the Catholic League in the 200 IM and in the 100 back

"Christina continues to impress me with her great attitude and willingness to put in the extra work to improve her times," coach Randy Fergusson said.

Nevra Alver, North Farmington, 100yard breaststroke: After placing sixth in the state in the breaststroke last year, the senior took 12th this season (1:08.92). At the WLAA finals, Alver finished second in the 100 breast (1:09,73) and sixth in the 200 IM (2:22.21).

"She swam just as well this year at state," North coach Pat Duthre said. "The (100 breast) just got a little. tougher."

The longtime coach said Alver will be missed next fail.

"Nevra has been outstanding for us," he added. "She has been a real key for us the last four years."

Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard medley relay: The team of Lindsay Dolin, Marti McKenzie, Katie Clark and Jessica Makowski won a WLAA championship in the 200 medley (1:53.59)

"With three of four girls returning." said Phills, "we're looking forward to some fast swims in 1999.

Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle relay: This team, consisting of Jessica Makowski, Marti McKenzie, Meghan Moderi and Julie Kern, ended up second at the WLAA championships (1.41.64). It was the best time of the season recorded by the Spartans in this event

Livonia Stevenson, 400-yard freestyle relay: The Spartans' Katie Clark, Meghan Moderi, Meghan Lesnau and Julie Kern swam to a second-place finish at the WLAA meet (3:46-77). The best time Stevenson had in the 400 free this sea son was 3:42.27

### **RELAY TEAMS**



Farmington Hills Mercy's 200-yard medley relay team: Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Posvar, Erin Downs and Kelly Carlin.



Farmington Hills Mercy's 200-yard freestyle relay team: Erin Downs, Kristin Loridas, Elizabeth MacDonald and Kelly Carlin.



Farmington Hills Mercy's 400-yard freestyle relay team Kelly Carlin, Kristin Loridas, Amy McCullough and Elizabeth Posvar.







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# THE WEEKEND FRIDAY SHORT

Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Players present "Shorts - A Theatrical Potpourri," featuring works by Edward Ablee, Robert Harling, Louis Phillips, Neil Simon and Tom Topor, 8 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road at I-696. Tickets \$8 adults, \$5 students, available at the door, or call (248) 471-7667.

### SATURDAY



### **Pop music's** top acts celebrate holidays

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

A quarter-filled St. Andrew's Hall looks dank. Stage lighting reveals gum stuck on the hard wood floors, the sticky film of spilled drinks, and a thin haze of swirling smoke.

The first of Cheap Trick's three nights at the club were sparsely attended, but Grosse Pointe native Gregg Alexander took it as an opportunity to show Detroit why he left home.

Alexander, singer/songwriter/producer of the pop band New Radicals, ran away from home, as the story goes, about 10 years ago to pursue a music career. After two failed albums, Alexander is finally getting his due.

St. Andrew's Hall showed new life the minute his scantily clad background singer, former child actress Danielle Brisebois, took the stage reciting lines from the New Radicals sprightly hit "You Only Get What You

### Take note

This year's stocking is stuffed with radio station-sponsored holiday concerts. Here's a nice tidy Christmas list to prepare you for the season. Tickets for all concerts are available at Ticketmaster outlets, by calling (248) 645-6666 or by visiting http://www.ticketmaster.com.

### "Holiday Hootenanny" SPONSORED BY WPLT-FM (96.3)

features the Goo Goo Dolls, Christian rappers DC Talk, Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Edwin McCain, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets are \$15.96 and \$25.96 for the all-ages show. For more information, visit http://www.planet963.com.

#### "Rockin' for the Hungry" SPONSORED BY ANN ARBOR'S WIQB-FM (102.9)

features Candlebox, The Hunger and Blue Plate Special, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$21.03, \$27.50 limited superfan seating includes afterparty ticket. For more information, call (734) 763-TKTS.

### "WDRQ Freeze for All" SPONSORED BY WDRQ-FM (93.1)

features 98 Degrees, Ace of Base, Voices of Theory, Monifah, L.F.O., Inoj and C Note, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. The show is sold out. Call (248) 546-7610 for more information.

### "Holiday Concert for a Cure" SPONSORED BY WKQLFM

features Bryan Adams and Sixpence None the Richer at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. The concert, open to those 21 and older, is sold out, but Q95 is conducting on-air contests to win tickets. Visit http://www.q955.com for a complete line-up. Net proceeds benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Join Alabama for a Country Christmas 8 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship -Dr., Auburn Hills. Tickets \$24.50, (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

### SUNDAY.



St. Dustan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "The Sleeping Beauty," 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$6 per person, call (248) 644.0527.



**Detroit Symphony Orches**tra presents "The Nutcracker" with Ballet Internationale, featuring ballet stars from around the world, and opulent new sets and costumes. Over 85 young dancers from metro Detroit area will also appear in the production, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 10. 13 and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$16 to \$35, call (313) 576Give."

Alternating between jumping around the stage and stretching out his long arms, the gangly, bald Alexander seemed at home pounding out a four-song, half-hour set that included two renditions of "You Only Get What You Give." Alexander, Brisebois and their five-piece. band had all the energy of a veteran pop band playing to a sold-out arena.

One of Alexander's fondest memories of Detroit is seeing the rock band Almighty Strut open for Cheap Trick. Heading downstairs to the Shelter after the set, Alexander was greeted by Cheap Trick singer Robin Zander. Alexander's career had come full circle.

According to Alexander, he ran away at age 16 because he "couldn't take Grosse the Pointers, whom he compares to the cast of "The Truman Show' with "an extra \$50,000 per year disposable in

income." With his parents' blessing, he went to California.

"Specifically I told my dad I was running away and he said, 'Fine, be back by September.'

He didn't come back.

"I wanted to have some adventures and make rock 'n' roll records and cause some trouble," he said.

His first album, "Michigan Rain," was recorded under the name Gregg Alexander for A&M Records in 1990.

"I made an album that came out amongst the hype of grunge that got lost. It didn't make me too bitter or anything. You can't blame yourself if your record doesn't get through the myriad of 35,000 records that come out a year," said Alexander who splits his time between California, New York City and London.

Two years later, he signed with Epic Records who re-released "Michigan Rain," and put out his follow-up "Intoxifornication," which also flopped.

Staying at the home of a friend who was out of town, he tooled around in the recording studio putting to tape "magic moments of a difficult time."

"When I was done with the songs, I was listening and thinking, God. I hope these things get heard by people.' I played it for a few friends and pretty soon

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### John Berry and JoDee Messina SPONSORED BY WYCD-FM (99.5)

perform as part of radio station WYCD-FM (99.5) Christmas show at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$25 for the all-ages show. For more information, visit http://www.wycd.com.

### "A Smooth Jazz Christmas"

with Dave Koz, David Benoit, Brenda Russell and Peter White, begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 for reserved theater seating. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

#### "The Night 89X Stole Christmas" SPONSORED BY CIMX-FM (88.7)

features performances by Beck, Garbage, Everlast, Placebo and Marcy Playground, and is emceed by Kid Rock, at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets are \$20.89, \$25.89 and \$30.89 for the all-ages show. For more information, visit http://www.89x.com.

#### "The River's Cool Yule '98" SPONSORED BY CIDR-FM (93.9)

features performances by Rusted Root, New Radicals and Susan Tedeschi, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance. Visit http://www.theriver939.com for more information.

### THEATER

### 'Resident Alien' visits Jewish Ensemble Theatre

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Repeating the magical words "there's no place like home," Dorothy escapes the alien Land of Oz and roturns home to her beloved Kansas in "The Wizard of Oz."

Dorothy always knew her heart and home was in Kansas, but playwright Stuart Spencer, who also grew up in a farming community, felt like an alien.

"I remember being four or five and telling my mother 'we ought to move to the city,' and I didn't even know what it was," said Spencer whose play "Resident Alien" is being presented by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre through Jan. 3 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Com-

### **On Stage**

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Stocking photos above

A. Returning home: Former

Grosse Pointer Gregg Alexan-

der returns to town with his

band the New Radicals to

play "The River's Cool Yule

pop stars Ace of Base – from

Ekberg, Jenny Berggren and

Jonas Berggren – make a rare

live appearance on Saturday,

"Freeze for All" concert at the

Dec. 12, as part of WDRQ's

Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Dolls – from left, drummer

guitarist / vocalist Johnny

Rzeznik, and bassist / vocalist

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FM's "Holiday Hootenanny"

concert on Friday, Dec. 11.

C. Hollday fete: The Goo Goo

Mike Malinin,

'98" at the Detroit Opera

**B.** Rare appearance: Swedish

left, Linn Berggren, Ulf

House on Dec. 30.

WHAT: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Resident Alien" by Stuart Spencer

WHERE: Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads), West Bloomfield WHEN: Continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, Additional matinee 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

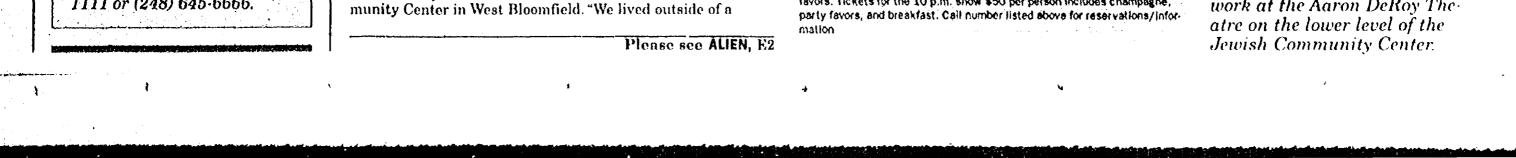
TICKETS: \$13-\$23, coll (248) 788-2900 or http://commet.org/jet for more information.

### **HIGHLIGHT**

JET will present two special New Year's Eve performances of "Resident Allen," 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show \$35 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, champagné, and party favors. Tickets for the 10 p.m. show \$50 per person includes champagne.



**Playwright:** Stuart Spencer wrote "Resident Alien." Jewish Ensemble Theatre is presenting the Michigan premiere of his



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my door."

The result is "Maybe You've Been Brainwashed Too" (MCA), an amalgamation of pop, R&B, funk and dance. "You Get What You Give," he explained, is a hit because the lyrics hit close to home for so many people.

"There's certain aspects of the song that are hitting a core with people's lives. I sing the lyrics 'Health insurance rip-off lying/ FDA big bankers buying/Fake computer crashes dining/Cloning while they're multiplying.' The lyrics of the song cover a lot of bases," Alexander explained.

"It touches upon this overall feeling of frustration about the big machine that society has built around us. The machine known as society. The song is saying don't let go, we have something that the machine doesn't have heart, spirit, flesh, tangible gooey things."

### **Expanding** audience

New Radicals is one of more than 30 bands coming to town to celebrate Christmas with local radio station listeners. Alexander's band performs as part of "The River's Cool Yule '98," while Beck, Garbage and others play Joe Louis Arena for "The Night 89X Stole Christmas."

Last year there were only a handful of holiday shows. Now there's nary a pop station that hasn't gotten involved. (See sidebar for more information.) WPLT-FM gets extra points for its diversity at this year's "Holiday Hootenanny." Pop superstars the Goo Goo Dolls are co-headlining with Christian rockers DC Talk, who until now hadn't received airplay on the station. (see story inside)

English/American androgynous pop act Placebo is a baby band compared to the acts with whom it is sharing the

20 labels were pounding on Joe Louis Arena stage for 89X's festival. Bassist Stefan Olsdal sees radio station shows as a way of broadening Placebo's audience.

"We're getting across to a lot of people who haven't heard you. Plus, the radio ster tion's gonna play your records. That's what we're doing this time," he said.

### Detroit debut

The voice of Ace of Base member Ulf Ekberg is being gradually drowned out by the sounds of bongo drums. He's trying his best to speak louder into a friend's cell phone but a cold is getting the best of him.

"I'm on the stage now. Our band is performing but they're singing some other songs though," Ekberg said with a raspy laugh. "They're waiting for me to finish."

Late last week, Ace of Base performed live on television in London, England, Since the release of its third album, "Cruel Summer" (Arista), Ekberg and the rest of Ace of Base - siblings Jenny, Linn and Jonas Berggren - have been running non-stop.

This month marks the first time that the Swedish pop group Ace of Base, which has scored hits like "The Sign." "Don't Turn Around" and its cover of Bananarama's "Cruel Summer," has toured the United States.

"We spent a lot of time in the States but only in Miami, Chicago and New York. The rest is actually black places for me. Detroit, I don't have the picture for Detroit in front of me. I'm very excited to go there," Ekberg explained.

Ace of Base decided to do a few radio shows in untouched markets at the suggestion of its record company. So the Swedish quartet cancelled a European jaunt and scheduled a handful of shows,

🖬 'i made an album that came out amongst the hype of grunge that got lost. it didn't make me too bitter or anything. You can't blame yourself if your record doesn't get through the myriad of 35,000 records that come out a year.' Gregg Alexander

-Singer I songwriter

### "Freeze for All."

"We're planning on doing a world tour next summer. This is a touch of how it feels to be performing in the United States."

Is Ekberg a little nervous about the tour? "You want to do the best you can. It's good to be a little bit nervous and have some ants in your stomach."

The album "Cruel Summer" marks the first time the band has worked with non-Swedish producers. With acclaimed producers Cutfather and Joe, Ace of Base expanded its sound with background singers, which Ekberg refers to as "choirs," and orchestras. The reliance on electronic music has lifted.

"We worked more with live instruments, live orchestras and choirs. I think we're a little bit more open-minded for people's ideas. We didn't want the same old routine. We felt like now we've done that and done it all," Ekberg explained.

"Now see we do it in a different way. The rest of the world's work was completely black. Now we started to see that. On the fourth album (due in fall 1999), which we've already started, you will hear

### Alien from page E1

small town in Wisconsin, there wasn't even a neighbor nearby. I used to make up friends as a young child."

"Resident Alien" is a play about what it feels like to be an alien - different from everyone else. "It never occurred to me that this was a universal feeling," said Spencer. "I'm delighted that others see themselves in it."

Spencer says the play just "kind of evolved." Michael, and the Alien, are the main characters.

"Michael is who I am had I stayed behind in the town I grew up in," said Spencer who left to attend college, and later moved to New York. "No matter who I write about I put myself in that position. Writing a play is not always rational."

He began by imagining himself as Michael the town crackpot who enjoys listening to Beethoven and reading Kierkegaard. He's divorced and the father of a son, Billy, who is abducted by aliens as the two are walking through the woods at twilight.

How does Michael explain this to his ex-wife Priscilla? Her husband, Ray, or the Sheriff ? Then there's the matter of the Alien, the green man who stays behind for a vacation. Like Michael, the Alien feels like an outcast on his planet.

"Resident Alien" is a comedv and a story about friendship with some serious undercurrents. "The Alien fits in, Michael doesn't belong," said Spencer. The Alien is surprised people are

upset by his green skin "We base our feelings about people on superficial things like skin color," said Spencer. "I tried to take it to its conclusion, I thought it was honest."

In the play, the Alien says "Nobody else in the entire universe ever heard about this 'race' thing, but here you completely obsess about it, even though at the same time you say it's not important."

We also divide people into categories according to sexual preference. The Alien doesn't. "Where I come from," he says, "we take a slightly simpler approach: you find somebody you like, and everything else - well, you work around it."

For Spencer, home is "finding where you belong - home is the place where you're centered and belong."

"Resident Alien" is about people searching for home, who are not where they belong.

Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of Jewish Ensemble Theatre, saw Spencer's play at the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Ky. in March, and helped bring it to the Aaron DeRoy Theatre.

"In a sense it's the lightest thing we've done," said Orbach. "It was the funniest thing I'd ever seen, but it's also about prejudice, racism and people who feel alienated from society. What happens to one person can happen to any person."

John Siebert is making his directing debut at Jewish

### Michigan Theatre presents musical treat for families: 'Babes in Toyland'

Start with Old Mother Hubbard, Jack and Jill, Bo Peep and Simple Simon, add a black-caped villain and a fairy godmother, mix in some special effects, lively music and dance, add a pinch of good old-fashioned humor, and you have Victor Herbert's much loved classic, "Babes in Toyland."

This merry holiday treat, pre-

Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor.

Tickets for this musical forfamilies with children ages 4 and older are \$10, call (734) 763-TKTS or (734) 668-8397.

"Babes in Toyland" takes place in Fairy Tale Land where Mother Goose and her daughters,

month to pay rent to the sinister shoelord, Barnaby Barkwell.

Barkwell is a wicked villain and raises the rent on the shoe, unless Mary agrees to become his wife, he will throw the Goose family out on to the street. Mary agrees, but is later convinced by Bo Peep to run away to Toyland, where "all the toys are magic

Ensemble Theatre with "Resident Alien."

"It lends a special perspective to some people's lives," said Siebert about the play. "It forces them to think about some of their prejudices and touches on the human experience. It's a comedy with a human touch that touches on spirituality."

Jewish Ensemble Theatre and Meadow Brook Theatre collaborated on this production. Peter Hicks of Meadow Brook designed the set, Reid Johnson the lighting, and Brett Rominger the sound.

"Collaboration is on the increase," said Mike Vigilant. public relations manager for Meadow Brook Theatre. "Everyone is working hard to build a theatre audience in metro Detroit. We're constantly sharing information and resources."

For Siebert, who has been cast in a lot of Meadow Brook Theatre productions, working on this production has been a dream come true. For him, the message of "Resident Alien," is "don't sweat the small stuff. Keep it simple."

"Resident Alien" features Scott Screws as Michael, Greg Trzaskoma as the Alien, Sarab Kamoo as Priscilla, Jim Shanley as the Sheriff, John Michael Manfredi as Ray, and Scott Goci as Billy.

Ring in the New Year at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. There are two special New Year's Eve performances. See chart for details.

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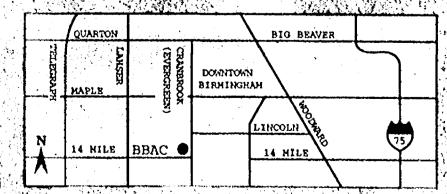
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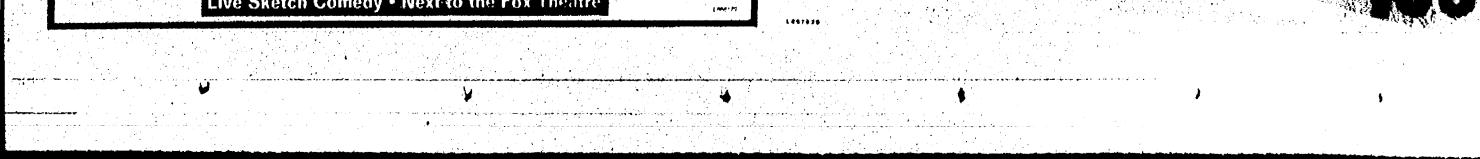
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### CINDERELLA

Members of Paper Bag Productions children's lunch-theater will perform Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic tale Saturdays and Sundays through December at the Players Club of Detroit (3321 E. Jefferson, one mile east of downtown Detroit).

Cost for lunch and the show is \$7.50 per person. Saturdays, lunch is served at noon with the play at 1 p.m. and Sundays, lunch is served at 1 p.m. with a 2 p.m. play performance. Groups rates are available. Call (810) 662-8118.

### ONCE UPON A SHOE

Tinderbox productions present a holiday musical for the family — Once Upon a Shoe. Dec 12 and 18 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. Performances will be hosted at The Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit.

Tickets are \$10 at the door; \$8 in advance. Guest performances by the Tinderbox Show Choir, the Tinderbox

Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts. For group rates and other information please call (313) 535-8962 and leave a message.

#### ICICLES & SNOWFLAKES

The junior actors of the Ridgedale Players present "Icicles and Snowflakes" and meals with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m.

"Icicles and Snowflakes," written by Suzanne Barcewicz, and directed by Barcewicz and her daughter Shauna, tells the tale of three siblings who build a snowman which comes to life. A variety of winter characters come to show the snowman how to have fun. The "Heart Miser" attempts to ruin their fun by melting them.

Tickets are \$6.50 and includes the play, a meal and a visit and gift from Santa. Reservations are a must. Call (248) 988-7049. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Ridgedale Playhouse is at 205 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois in Troy.

### **PUPPETART'S CINDERELLA**

■ PuppetART is bring back its popu-Jazz/Swingers, and FOOTWORK, fea- lar performance of Cinderella, featuring

Tchaikovsky. Performance dates and times are Saturday, Dec. 12, 19 and 26 at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.

All performances will be held at PuppetART's new home the Detroit Puppet Theater, located at 25 East Grand River (between Woodward and Farmer) in downtown Detroit.

Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$5 for children. Special holiday family ticket packages are available for \$20 - includes two adults and two children. Call (248) 557-8599 for tickets.

#### THE SNOW QUEEN

**Stagecrafters** Youth Theatre will present five performances of Hans Christian Andersen's classic, The Snow Queen, Dec. 10-13 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. All proceeds from the Dec. 11 performance will be donated to the Give-A-Christmas-Year-Round campaign. Patrons are also asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Salvation Army's Toy Drive for needy children.

All tickets are \$5 and all seats are reserved. Call (248) 541-6430. Dates

and times include: Dec. 10, 7 p.m.; Dec. 11, 7 p.m.; Dec. 12, 11 a.m.; Dec. 12, 3 p.m.; and Dec. 13, 1 p.m.

#### CINDERELLA

A musical adaptation of the classic tale of Cinderella will entertain festive audiences this holiday season at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street. Northville. Performance dates and times are: Saturdays, Dec. 12, 19, and 26, and Jan. 2 at 2 p.m.; and Sundays, Dec. 13, 20, 27 and Jan. 3 at 2:30 p.m. Weekdays performances are Monday through Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31. Tickets to all general performances are \$6.50.

#### THE SNOW QUEEN

■ The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company production of The Snow Queen will be performed Dec. 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5, general admission or \$4 groups of 10 or more. Sponsored by Hudson's, this production of Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale was adapted for the stage by Ben Martin.

Located at 15600 JL Hudson Drive, Southfield. Call (248) 552-1225 for information.

#### JOSEPH/AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DIMEANCOAT

The Dearborn Family Theatre will perform Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at 8 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Edsel Ford High School, 20601 Rotunda Drive, 1.5 miles west of the Southfield Fwy). Tickets for the show are \$10 general admission and \$9 for senior citizens, Group rates are available. Reservations: (313) 561-0599.

#### THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE

**Wild Swan Theater will present the** first stage version of George Selden's The Cricket in Times Square, in collaboration with Henry Ford Museum. This tender Newberry Award winning tale of how the song of a gifted cricket saves the Bellini's newsstand in the subway station under Times Square has become an American classic.

Appropriate for children in grades K-5, this play will be performed from now until Jan. 2 at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Tickets are \$6 for children; \$8 for adults and can be purchased by calling 763-TKTS or any Ticket Master outlet. For touch tours and audio-description, or for group reservations, call (734) 995-0530.

### Little Women continues to engage audiences alike

"Little Women," based on the beloved novel by Louisa May Alcott, runs one more weekend at the Bonstelle Theater, Wayne State University's undergraduate theater. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. The Bonstelle is located at 3424 Woodward in Detroit. For information or tickets, call (313) 577-2960. Group discounts are available.

#### BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle's production of the beloved Alcott classic Little Women is well-acted and staged. However, its 2.5 hour running time (with two intermissions) makes it more suitable for adults and older children.

Set in the 1860s during the American Civil War, Little Women is the story of the spirited March sisters and their optimism as they celebrate holidays and life itself with little material wealth but the riches of friends and family. Maribeth Monroe of Fraser plays the tomboyish sister Jo, an aspiring novelist and alter-ego for Alcott herself. Monroe is bigger than life, with the expansive gestures of the impulsive Jo, and the loud, eager outbursts of the impulsive character. Although a talented actress, Monroe overshadowed the rest of the cast by constantly being more effusive than the rest.

### 'Tiffany Bedwell of **Garden City was** delightfully saucy ...'

She needs to temper her performances with more subtle manifestations of her much evident talent.

Gina Lohman of Warren plays the eldest sister Meg with equal measures of charm and naiveté'. She comfortably conveys both a self-assured oldest sister and a nervous neophyte romantic.

Tiffany Marie Bedwell of Garden City was delightfully saucy as the impulsive and somewhat spoiled youngest sister Amy. She perfected the pout and the flounce, accentuated by wonderful gold curls and the spirited demeanor of a young girl on the



### Students present classic tales

Celebrate the holidays by enjoying a night st the theater. Eastern Michigan University is presenting "The Gifts of the Magi," this weekend, and Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities," is opening Friday at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University.

EMU Theatre celebrates the Christmas season with the musical "The Gifts of the Magi," based on stories by O. Henry, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 11-13 and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 19-20 at the Sponberg Theatre on the Ypsilanti campus.

Performances 8 p.m. Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 19, and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 12-13, and Dec. 19-20. Tickets are \$12 for Friday-Saturday performances, and \$10 for Sunday matinee.

"A Tale of Two Cities" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 on the Hilberry stage, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit, and runs in rotating repertory until March 4. Additional performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 17-18.

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, the play was adapted for the stage by Nagle Jackson.

Tickets are \$10-\$17 and can be purchased by calling the box office (313) 577-2972 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The timeless joys to be found in love and giving are the focus of this musical adaptation of "The Gifts of the Magi," with book and lyrics by Mark St. Germain, music and lyrics by Randy Courts, in which six performers bring to live the story of newlyweds Jim and Della.

verge of womanhood.

Julie Ann Yurconis of Detroit completed the quartet as the musically talented sister Beth, while Diana Clark, herself a mother of five, made her Bonstelle debut as their mother, affectionately known as Marmee.

The costumes were accurate to the Civil War period and reflected the limited means of the March family, while the set, the interior of the March home, was richly detailed and enhanced the warm atmosphere of the home.

A nice touch were the seasonal changes reflected by the foliage and falling snow outside the picture window.

The cast of Little Women at the Bonstelle. Theatre.

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### THEATER

### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Ad Altare Del (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

### 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 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800 FISHER THEATRE

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 16-27, at the theater, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. \$26.50-\$49. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132

#### JET

"Resident Allen," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, through 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," continues to Sunday, Dec. 27, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

#### COLLEGE

#### EMU THEATRE

"Gifts of the Magl," based on stories by O. Henry, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, Dec. 11-12, and 19, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 12-13 and 19-20, at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursdays, \$12 Fridays-Saturdays, and \$10 Sundays. (734) 487-1221



Holiday tradition: Ballet Internationale, featuring ballet stars from around the world, with choreography by former Kirov Ballet star Eldar Aliev, performs "The Nutcracker," with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and 85 young dancers from the metro Detroit area, through Sunday, Dec. 20 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit (at the corner of Madison Ave.) Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12; Dec. 17-19; with additional performances 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. Tickets \$16 to \$35, call (313) 576-5111, Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666, Detroit Opera House, (313) 874-SING or online at www.detroitsymphony.com

"Cindereila," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 12, 19 and 26, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 28-29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. (313) 961-7777 STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale. "The Snow Queen," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5, all seats reserved. Patrons are also asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Salvation Army's Toy Drive for needy children. (248) 541-6430 TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS "Once Upon a Shoe," a musical for children about children who live in a shoe with Mother Goose and are about to lose their home to a new building in Mother Goose Land, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and Friday, Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, The Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Dr., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (313) 535-8962 WILD SWAN THEATER

also live nativity and petting farm for children, 7 p.m. Friday-Satrurday, Dec. 11-12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, west of I-275, Northville, Free, (248) 348-9030 "HOLLIDAZE"

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Edmund Handbell Choir, as part of a "Christmas Jubilee" concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. Edmund Church, 14025 12 Mile Road, east of Schoenherr. \$18, \$16 seniors, \$10 college student with ID, \$5 ages 17 and younger. (810) 754-2950

Tuesdays at Howell High School. (810) 229-2712. **NOVI THEATRES** 

Auditions for ages 7-97 for \*The Wizard of Oz,\* 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Once cast, all actors must pay a \$125 participation fee. For performances March 5-6 and 12-13, (248) 347-0400 VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY

Auditions by appointment only for second semester 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, In Varner Hall. Room 134 at Oakland University. Rochester. (248) 625-7057

### CHORAL

EMU WOMEN'S CHORUS 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 West Forest, Ypsilanti. Free, (734) 487-4380 FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Once Upon a December" program, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Mercy High School auditorium, at 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills, \$8 In advance, \$6 for seniors 65 and older or a student, \$10 at the door. (248) 473-9670/(248) 788-5322

### "HOLIDAY FAVORITES"

A Cantata Academy concert of music of the season including the Robert Ray Gospel Magnificat and works by John Rutter, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe farms, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9869

### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY **COMMUNITY CHORUS**

Yuletide concert of more than 100 voices performing Mozart's "Vespers," and Charpentier's "In Nativitatem" featuring soloists Barbara Bland; Kim Lozon, Lisa Agazzi, Raymond Roberts, and John Paul White 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, also on the program is Robert Shaw's \*Many Moods of Christmas\* the accompanying orchestra is comprised of musicians from around the Detroit metropolitan area, In Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. For reservations, call (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

8-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Saginaw St., at Lawrence Street, Pontlac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241; 8 p.m. Tuesdays in December, Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. at Mack Avenue. Detroit. (313) 831-3838 SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, The Coffee

Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, All ages. (248) 646-6022 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Louis Smith, trumpet 8-11:30 p.m. thursday, Dec. 10, with Larry Nozero, sax, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800 MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, and Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 16-19, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., at Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-3838

### SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$aturday, Dec. 12. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocats/plano/bass)

JOHNNY O'NEAL

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$10, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310

#### **ROBERT PIPHO**

8 p.m. Mondays In December, Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. (313) 831-3838

### "A SMOOTH JAZZ CHRISTMAS"

With Peter White, Dave Koz, David Benoit and Brenda Russell, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, State Theatre. 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 17. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocals and sax/plano/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

#### ORCHARD RIDGE PLAYERS

"Shorts: A Theatrical Potpourri," featuring works by Edward Albee, Neil Simon, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11, in Smith Theater on the Oakland Community College campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5 students. (248) 471-7667

### WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Little Women" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Saturday, Dec. 12, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8-\$10; ages 5-12, \$6, (313) 577-2960. WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Citles," opens Friday, Dec. 11, and runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

### DINNER THEATER

### BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"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, has 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., Pontlac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 845-6666 GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Live Interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," 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

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

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

### ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD

"Sleeping Beauty" 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. Dec. 13 at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6 per person, fifty percent of net profits from all six performances benefit the Old Newsboy's Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. Cell (248) 644-0527 for tickets and information.

### PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with funch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. \$7.50, \$6,50 groups of 20 or

"The Cricket in Times Square," through Saturday, Jan. 2. Anderson Theatre at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

#### "A HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR"

Featuring a sing-a-long, and a winter wonderland of G-Gauge trains (30 ft. by 9 ft. layout) in the Orchestra pit, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Redford, \$8. (313) 537-2560

### "A LIVING NATIVITY"

An enactment of the birth of Jesus with actors in costume, live animals and full-size creche, 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 11-13, in the lower public courtyard of First Baptist Church, on Ring Road at the corner of Willits and Bates, Birmingham, Free. (248) 644-0550 COBO CARNIVAL

Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 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 DIA WASSAIL FEAST

#### Holiday feast 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Dec. 10-12 and 17-19, In the Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$135 Thursdays, \$150 Fridays-Saturdays, proceeds to benefit the museum's general operating fund.

(313) 833-4005 "EXPLOSION OF HOLIDAY MUSIC" Featuring Motor City Brass Band, and the church's chancel choir with soloist Thornetta Davis In John Rutter's "Gloria" and Jackson Berkey's "The Glory of His Majesty," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson, In Detroit's Indian Village. \$10. (313) 822-3456 "FOUR TICKETS TO CHRISTMAS" A drama musical with live orchestra, Victorian costumes, Barber Shop

Quartet, and chorus presenting

retailers selling their wares, along with a holiday wine sampling, DJ dance music, and live music performances by The Wild Bunch, Immigrant Suns and The II V | Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$4 with donations to the second annual Santa Paws Ret Supply Drive to benefit the Humane Society, Anti-Crueity Society, Greyhound Connection and the Leader Dog School for the Blind. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.ticketmaster.com or http://www.radioedge.com DEXTER'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Featuring free street performances, horse-drawn sleigh rides, carolers and musicians throughout town, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in the village, northwest of Ann Arbor. (734) 426-5514.

### CLASSICAL

### **BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE CHORALE** ENSEMBLE

Under the direction of Judith Premin perform Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Allegra Lilly 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Central Woodward Christian Church on the southeast corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads. Free. A festive tea follows the concert. (248) 475-5978

### JANE CHEVALIER

Hammered dulcimer player performs 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, south of M-14, Plymouth. \$7, \$5 students/seniors, \$18 family. (734) 453-5280 "CLASSICS ON THE LAKE" With Alexander Zonjic and Friends, Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Margaret Kapasi, concert planist, Peggy Dwyer, soprano, and Barb Ogar with her Student Flute Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Shrine Chapel, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-1750 LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. \$15 adults; \$12 children. (734) 421-

Marines "Toys for Tots" program. (248)

### BRASS

**RIVER CITY BRASS BAND** 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$15, \$10 seniors/students, \$25 a family. (248) 424-

### POPS/SWING

9022/(248) 616-9725

"CHRISTMAS WITH MANTOVANI" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With maestro Erich Kunzel, narrator Huel Perkins, the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, the Highland Park Baptist Choir, and the Boys and Girls Choir of Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-, \$45, \$65 box seats; "Colors of Christmas" concert with the symphony, Philip Balley, Sheena Easton, Jeffrey Osborne and Denlece Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, at Orchestra Hall. \$25-\$52, \$75 box seats. (313) 576-5111 LIVONIA SYMPHONY

With Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe performing "Piper's Holiday," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Churchill High School's Carll Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 for children ages 12 and younger, (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

### "WAYNE NEWTON CHRISTMAS"

7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 14-15, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$39, \$35 students and seniors, \$43 gold circle, (810) 288-2222

### SWING SYNDICATE

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

(swing) T. TURNER

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road and M-59, Rochester Hills. (810) 852-0550 ANDY WILLIAMS CHRISTMAS

SHOW 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75

and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$32.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100

### AUDITIONS EDE CENTER FOR DANCE

Swing Workshop with Kristin Taylor 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 14-16, ages 14 and up, no partner needed, at the dance studio, 1541 Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills. \$40, \$75 a couple. (248) 852-5850 LIVINGSTON COUNTY CHORALE

Holding auditions for 1999 season from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12,

with artistic director Marilyn Jones.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHOIR "Festival of Lessons and Carols," fea-

turing the choirs of St. Andrew's, and nine lessons telling the story of mankind's fall and redempton from the Old and New Testaments, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 306 N. Division, Ann Arbor. Free-will offering benefits the Shelter Association of Ann Arbor, and the St. Andrew's Breakfast Program. (734) 663-0518 ST. VALENTINE CHOIR

Christmas choral, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. Valentine's Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford, Free. (313) 535-8364

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE **COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Hollday concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Donations accepted during intermission. (734) 462-4435 "THE FATHER'S GIFT OF LOVE" A Christmas choral drama presented by the Celebration Choir, soloists and drama ministry of Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, between Lilley and Sheldon, Canton. Free. (734) 455-0022

### JAZZ

### DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/plano/bass) JUDIE COCHILL TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocals/plano/bass) COLEMAN-RHOADES DUO 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838 (r & b) EXPLOSION CEREBRAL 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 **BUDDY GRECA AND ANNA MARIA** ALBERGHETTI

1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222 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/plano/bass) JUBILATION RUN

The Dixleiand Jazz Band and the New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club offers lazz/ragtime, 3-6 p.m. Saturdays, at Steak 'n Ale, 32750 Concord St., east of 1-75 north, south side of 14 Mile,

### SUNNY WILKINSON

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free, All ages. (248) 253-1300

### GOSPEL/CHRISTIAN

### **ORTHEIA BARNES-KENNERLY**

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Road. Livonia. \$15. (734) 421-1760 **GAITHER CHRISTMAS** HOMECOMING

With Gaither Vocal Band, Janet Paschal, Larry Ford, The Happy Goodmans, Anthony Burger, The Martins, Candy Christmas, Jake Hess. Amy Lambert, Mark Lowry, Ben Speer. Bob Cain, Jessy Dixon, The Easters, and others, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$17,50 reserved. Superfan seating is available. Seniors ages 60 and older receive \$3 off reserved seating and children ages 12 and younger receive \$8 off reserved seating. Group rates are also available. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

### WORLD MUSIC

KLEZMER CONSERVATORY BAND The Jewish Community Center present the group's performance of a combination of Jewish regtime, dixletand and Jazz music, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. at the West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. (248) 661-7649 PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, and Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 15-16. at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Benedetto's. 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Twp. (810) 790-1010 (English/Itelian/Spanish) "WILL MILLAR'S CELTIC CHRISTMAS"

Former Irish Rover with Robbie O'Connell and Aengus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$24, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

### POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

### THE REV. DANIEL BERRIGAN

Poet and peace activist reads from his new collection of poems with Detroit poet Joan Gartland and Plymouth poet. the Rev. Rod Reinhart, 7 p.m. Salurday, Dec. 12, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams St., at Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (313) 267 5300, ext. 338/(313) 965-5422 M.L. LIEBLER

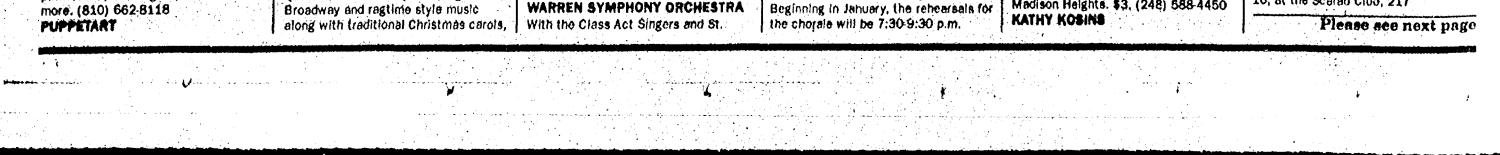
And the Magic Poetry Band, poetry you can dance to, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Scarab Club, 217

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### LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Performs opera choruses that have a sacred theme 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, scenes will be introduced by Dr. Wallace Peace, a frequent lecturer for the Michigan Opera Theatre, at Christ Church Detroit, \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 357-1111 "A SYMPHONY OF TOYS"

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, a concert featuring the Rochester Symphony Orchestre, Rochester High School Choirs, Rochester Community Chorus, and the Oakland Youth Singers, at St. Andrew Church, Rochester, \$15, please bring an unwrapped toy for the 651-4181



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### Continued from previous page Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$2. (313) 831-1250

### DANCE

**ARGENTINE TANGO WORKSHOP** With Tango Mister Ruben Terbalca, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road at Long Lake Road, Troy. (248) 689-3393 CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET Rose Marie Floyd's with Christopher Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium In Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5; 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Troy High School. \$8. (248) 641-9063/(248) 546-7484

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** With Ballet Internationale dance "The Nutcracker" Thursdays-Sundays, Dec. 10-13, and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$16-\$35, \$12-\$23 for children and seniors. (313) 576-1111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com. EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE "Holiday Dance Extravaganza," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec, 12, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. Tickets available at the Lake Orion Community Education Office, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436 ANN ARBOR CONTRA

English Country Dancing, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158 FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

Annual children's dance concert, \*Food for Thought Song and Dance Revue" by "Top Banana," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$5. (313) 845-6314

### LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET

With guest artist James Toth of the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in Manitoba, Canada, Saturday, Dec. 12 (\$8.50-\$10), and school group matinees Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11 (\$5) at West Bloomfield High School, 4925

Bob Zany and Mark Boyd, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 10-13; Tom McTigue and Gary George, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 16-20, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St ... Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com SECOND CITY

'Daimiers are a Giri's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

#### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, opens Dec. 5; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; Remembering Downtown Hudson's\* exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday Friday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Art from the Fuzzy and Famous" continues to Dec. 11; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays Fridays, \*Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues) BLACK BEAUTY

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free, 21 and older, (248) 814-8550; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (rockabiliy)

### "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With The Arthur White Experience, Lunar Crush, 52 Static and Echo Park, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety) BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 624-9400; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BILLY BRAGG AND THE BLOKES** With Corey Harris, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (pop) SKEETER BRANDON

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Amer's First

Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues) BRUADZILLA

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com or http://www.detroitmusic.com/broadzil-

la (rock) **BUFFALO TOM** 

With Jack Drag, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

**BUSTERS BLUES BAND** 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays, Dec.

10 and 17, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Saginaw St. (at Lawrence Street), Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241 (R&B) CANDLEBOX

With The Hunger and Blue Plate Special, perform as part of radio station WIQB's "Rockin' for the Hungry" 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY Hosts acoustic blues Jam, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born Road), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues)

days a week

### **DEAN FERTITA**

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco;

all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric

Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

With Cloud Car, The Sights and Fletcher Pratt, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

#### (pop) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 644-4800 (blues) FIELD TREE

With Eloise and Cloud Car, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (pop)

JULIE GENEVIS

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

#### (pop) GHETTOBILLIES

With Joey Skidmore, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

### HAL.9000

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (hardcore rock)

### HAPPENSTANCE

With J.D. and the B.B.'s, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

"HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY" Featuring the Goo Goo Dolls, DC Talk, Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Edwin McCain, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$15.96 and \$25.96. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or

http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock) **STEVE NARDELLA** 

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Duggan's trish Pub, 6722 Dixle Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (rockabilly)

### **NEW BOMB TURKS**

With The Hellacopters and The Quadrajets, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8, 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL or http://www.99music.com (alternative rock)

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older, (248) 624-9400 (blues) **TED NUGENT** 

50th birthday bash, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45, \$60, and \$75. \$75 tickets include wild game dinner. 18 and older. Partial proceeds to charity wild game dinner. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

### OVER THE RHINE

Special Christmas show, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (pop) POOTINANNY

With Gravel Train and Sovines, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (roots rock)

### PROPELLER

With Kuz and The Triggers, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) QUEEN BEE

With Silencers and Poppa Wheelie, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (melodic rock)

#### THE REV. RIGHT TIME WITH THE FIRST COUSINS OF FUNK

With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555; With Heavy Weather, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (funk) ROOT DOCTOR

### ages. (248) 546-7610 (variety) JAY Z

With Divine, Xscape, Tela and Cam'Ron, postponed from Friday, Dec. 4, to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$27.50, \$37.50, \$47.50 and \$50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6616 (R&B)

### CLUB NIGHTS

#### ALVIN'S

The Sugar Shack, ladies only dance night, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5750 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

BLIND PIG

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With New Dynasty 6, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock)

### JAMES CLOYD GROUP

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$24.50 reserved, Superfan seating available. Groups of \$20 or more receive \$2 off \$24.50 tickets. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

### WES CUNNINGHAM

With Shaken Not Stirred, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 (rock) DIVESPIRE

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#### http://www.ticketmaster.com or http://www.planet963.com (pop) THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

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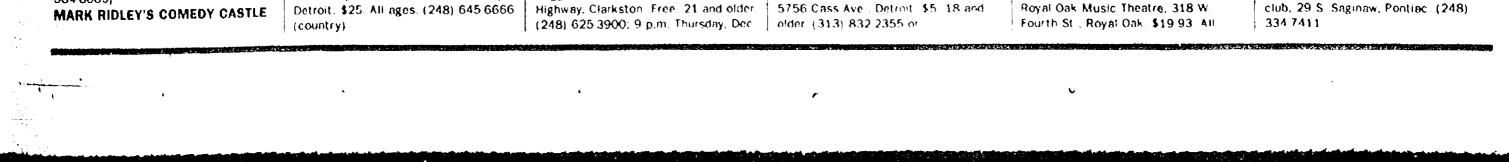
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# New twist to old favorite is heartwarming, enchanting

### BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Frosty the Snowman Was a fairy tale they say. He was made of snow, But the children know How he came to life one day.

Inspired by the song's lyrics, "Jack Frost" will doubtless go on to do some inspiring itself. It's a motion picture that's as warm as its lead character is cool, and has the staying power to become, if we dare employ the overused expression, a Christmas classic.

Did we say cool? Young Charlie Frost's dad is the coolest! But not right away. Jack Frost (Michael Keaton) is a Coloradobased blues singer whose band is

about to break out, as they say in the business. This necessitates his being away from home, missing out on things like the 12-year-old's hockey games.

"Someday he's gonna score his first goal," cautions wife Gabby (Kelly Preston), "and you're gonna miss it - like the time he got the measles or stuck a jelly sandwich in the toaster."

To appease them both, Jack builds a snowman with Charlie (Joseph Cross), then gives him an old harmonica, telling his son that it has magical powers.

"Whenever you play this, no matter where I am, I can hear it," Jack promises. Driving to a big gig on a blustery Christmas eve, he abruptly turns around, realizing that his priorities are back home. He never makes it. A year later, Charlie is not over his dad's death. But one fateful blow on the harmonica changes all that, and Jack comes. back ... as the front lawn's snowman

Well let's stop right there. You can get the rest of the story from Scrooge, 'cause we're not telling. With dad as a "Wizard of Blizzard," however, it's safe to say there are liberal elements of "E.T.," "Mr. Ed" and "Harry and the Hendersons" which means that your kids will do a lot of giggling, and you'll be grateful for a holiday film that really delivers the goods, with nothing more objectionable than an occasional double entendre on the rotund one's anatomy - or lack of one.

Michael Keaton is a delightful dad in both incarnations, but it's the snowman, not the man who has the best lines ("As if I don't have enough problems with these stick arms and a huge butt"). Kelly Preston ("Jerry Maguire") is an appealing and ever-understanding wife/mom out of the "Leave It To Beaver" mold, and young Joseph Cross ("Desperate Measures") is just marvelous as Charlie; he gamely resists multiple opportunities to go for the broad reaction, doing wonders with tender looks and inflections.

The film's star, of course, is Frost, the amazing animatron from Jim Henson's Creature Shop and George Lucas' ILM special effects lab. Five specialized puppeteers operated over 60 different combinations of the big guy, giving him life and limbs with which to throw snowballs at super-speed, play a mean goalie and even cry on cue.

First-time director Troy Miller. and veteran director of photography Laszlo Kovacs provide refreshingly creative shots throughout, getting only a bit too gimmicky with early demonstra-



Enchanting: Charlie Frost (Joseph Cross) with his dad Jack Frost, who has returned to life as a snowman, in Warner Bros.' heartwarming family comedy, "Jack Frost," starring Michael Keaton and Kelly Preston.

tions of Frost's newfound mortal- superb use of Fleetwood Mac's ity. Former Yes bandmember Trevor Rabin furnishes a wonderful score, supported with a soundtrack that includes Han- light up a smile and melt the son, Stevie Ray Vaughn and a winter blues.

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# Holiday gems Share classic movie favorites

#### BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER lrogers@oe.homecomm.net

With shopping, parties and other assorted merrymaking, the holidays can be a very hectic time.

Sometimes it's nice to take a breather - to put your feet up and relax with a video. Movies. seasonal or not, are part of our collective memories.

There are some obvious traditional films people enjoy watching around the holidays. Like "It's a Wonderful Life" or "Miracle on 34th Street" - the latter a particular favorite of mine since childhood. There are the myriad of "A Christmas Carol" adaptations - my personal favorite is the one with George C. Scott although my seven-year old niece was quite amused by the Looney Tunes version. Some of the other choices may not be so obvious. Another Christmas season favorite in our family was "The Shop Around the Corner." The 1939 romantic comedy starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan tells the story of bickering co-workers who don't realize they're lovelorn pen pals. (The e-mail version "You've Got Mail" is due in theaters shortly.) Everything gets for the squeamish or children." A

resolved on Christmas Eve.

Another fun holiday movie is "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" the 1987 comedy in which uptight businessman Steve Martin and shower curtain ring salesman John Candy encounter all sorts of obstacles, calamities and annoyances in an effort to get back to home for Thanksgiving. The version shown a television is very funny but the uncut video version is even funnier.

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### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

### Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

### "JACK FROST"

Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he ever imagined possible - below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.

### "STAR TREK: INSURRECTION"

The ninth entry in the "Star Trek" motion picture franchise finds Captain Picard saving the Federation from itself. Stars Patrick Stewart.

### "WAKING NED DEVINE"

A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish town wins a lottery and the towns people want to share.

### "HARD CORE LOGO"

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. The story of four characters who struggle to reconcile their mythic punk rock past with the hangover realities of the present. A tale of lost dreams, the lure of the open road and memories of youth that fade in the rearview mirror.

### Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18

"THE LAST EMPEROR" Re-release of Bernardo Bertolucci's director's cut of the Academy Awardwinning drama based on the life of Pu Yi, the child who was the last emperor of China.

#### "THE PRINCE OF EGYPT"

Feature-length animated musical about the life of Moses from Egypt's prince to delivering the Hebrews. Voice talents of Val Kilmer, Ralph Flennes, Sandra Bullock, Michelle Pfeiffer.

### "YOU'VE GOT MAIL"

A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivels who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

immediately comes to mind around the holidays, there is always "Meet Me in St. Louis," the 1944 musical that manages to hit most of the major holidays during the year leading up to the opening of the 1903 World's Fair. Among the terrific songs is Judy Garland singing "Have Your Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

An important rule in life is "know your audience." That's especially true if you are going to show a movie to a collection of friends and relatives of varying ages and tastes. I recall spending a holiday with friends when one of the siblings pulled out a copy of "Angel Heart," a terrific but quite violent film. As one synopsis summed it up "Absolutely not

### pals. (The e-mail version, "You've Got Mall," is due in theaters shortly.

shockingly bad choice for a family gathering.

We'd like you to share your memories and thoughts about your favorite holiday movie viewing over the years. Send your comments with your name, age and hometown to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net or fax at 734-591-7279 no later than Dec. 17. We'll run a sampling of your responses in our Dec. 24 edition.

### Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 25

Bros.' comedy-romance, "You've Got Mail."

### "DANCING AT LUGHNASA"

Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre. The film adaptation of Brian Friel's 1991 Tony Award-winning play about five lonely sisters living a hardscrabble life in rural Ireland whose world is shaken when their brother, a priest, returns from Africa a broken man. Stars Meryl Streep.

#### "DOWN THE DELTA"

An emotional and riveting story where big city meets small town, young meet old, parents reconnect with children. and life for everyone becomes something unexpected.

#### "THE FACULTY"

Science fiction thriller that blends teenage angst, cutting edge comedy and out of this world special effects as the students of Herrington High School struggle to save the world from alien domination

#### **\*SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE\***

Witty and fast moving comedy set in 1593 that follows the trials and tribula tions of Will Shakespeare, a struggling young playwright who's suffering from a terrible bout of writer's block until he falls in love. Stars Joseph Flennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Geoffrey Rush.

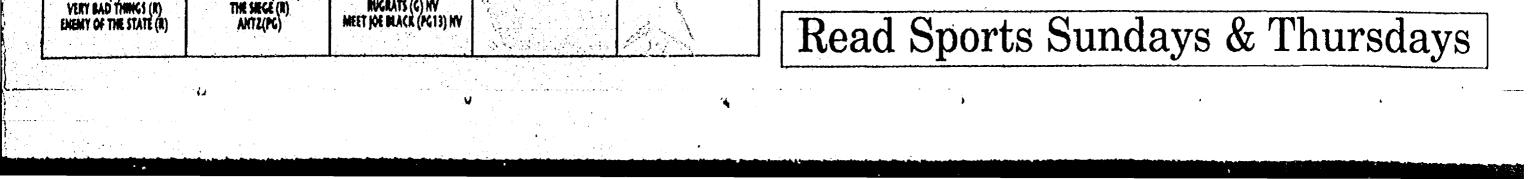
#### Scheduled to open Friday, January 15

#### THE THIN RED LINE

The story of an American rifle company during several months of one of the fiercest struggles of the twentieth century - the Battle of Guadalcanal. Stars Sean Penn, George Clooney, Woody Harrelson, and John Travolta.



**Networking**: Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in Warner



# STREET SCENE 'Hootenanny' pairs biggest Christian, secular acts



DC Talk has won you used to say / 'Jesus is the way." multiple Grammy Awards, sold millions of records and packed The Palace of Auburn-Hills. The trio is considered superstars in the Christian rock world, yet, it's probably the least known band of Friday's "Holiday Hootenanny" line-up of Goo Goo Dolls, Edwin

McCain and Semisonic.

While it might seem hard for DC Talk to win over secular music listeners, band member Toby McKeehan says he just stays focused on the music.

"When we're invited by a radio station we pretty much play our music and let our music speak for who we are and what we're about. We're definitely concerned with social issues, and obviously we're spiritual and our faith is very important to us," he said.

"But we try not to be preachy. When a radio station invites us to play a gig, the music's what got us invited there and we try to be respectful."

In this case, it was the song "My Friend (So Long)," a musical nod to Blur's "Parklife" album. The lyrically acerbic song tears into a Christian band that turned secular to get attention: "I saw your video on VH1/Looks like they spent a ton/How does it feel to be the flavor for a spell/And I remember when

### ANIMATION FESTIVAL

The 6th Annual Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation debuts Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Sunday, Jan. 3 Admission is \$6 at the door. All doors open at 7:30 p.m. / film 8:00 p.m. shows 18+. All doors 10:00 p.m. / film 10:30 p.m. shows 21+

South Park creators unleash 'Frosty' in latest Sick and Twisted Animation Festival!

Determined to outdo the soldout success of last year's festival, the folks at Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation have compiled over a dozen brand new cartoons (plus old favorites) for their latest compilation, including "Frosty," a

The song came about during a songwriters' retreat at a chateau in France

owned by Miles Copeland. "We wrote it with Dominick Miller, who is Sting's guitarist, and Mark Hudson of the Hudson Brothers' Variety Show. It was 9 in the morning, we were all tired. We'd been writing every day for five days and this song comes out," he said. "We love it. It's a quirky little number. It's Queen meets the Beatles meets 'Grease."

Like most of DC Talk's material, it has full crossover potential — just look at the numbers.

"Detroit is our No. 1 market. The biggest show of our tour was at The Palace. I think we had between 10,000 and 12,000. Our opening gig after we got a record deal was at Cobo opening for DeGarmo and Key. We're looking forward to going back to Detroit. Detroit has been very, very good to us."

### Soundtrack stars

Essentially a pilot for "South

Park," it's extreme rudeness

makes it impossible to show on

Floss: A humorous look at the

Beyond Grandpa: A sick cari-

cature of a typically benevolent

Monica Banana: A lewd take

on the relationship between

President Clinton and Monica

Coco, the Junkie Pimp: In which marionettes engage in

Also on this year's bill:

many uses for dental floss.

television.

family

figure.

Lewinsky.

The way Goo Goo Dolls guitarist/vocalist Johnny Rzeznik sees it, there's two types of musicians.

"They're either dumb or they're (jerks). With this album, I was determined to have a good time because I'm miserable. I'm usually a miserable (jerk)," explained Rzeznik, who was unusually jovial.

Recording the Goo Goo Dolls' latest album "Dizzy Up the Girl" (Warner

Bros.) wasn't so miserable, he said, thanks to new drummer Mike Malinin. "Until Mike came into the band, it was always difficult. It had nothing to do with (the former drummer's) skill at playing the drums. He was a fine drummer. Mike would just cast a whole vibe on our situation. Mike really injected new life into the band," Rzeznik said.

Part of that "new life" included Rzeznik using an effects pedal with his guitar for the first time. Besides that, there's a more upbeat feel on the album, take the single "Slide," for example. Rzeznik attributed that to Malinin and the hits "Iris," from the movie "City of Angels," and "Name."

"It shocked the hell out of me," Rzeznik said about the success of "Iris."

"I'm on a record with Alanis Morissette and U2 and Peter Gabriel. I take my hat off to (soundtrack producer) Danny Bramson. He thought about making an actual soundtrack for once instead of slapping a bunch of songs on a CD and none of them are in the movie."

Banking on that success, the Goo Goo Dolls, which also includes bassist/vocalist Robby Takac, brought in Jack Joseph Puig to mix 'Dizzy Up the Girl." He also mixed "Iris."

"He's got the most unbelievable studio. We camped out there for a month with him," Rzeznik explained. "We made out additions to it. I believe they're still

unsuspecting Detroit audiences.

Spike and Mike are California-

based cartoon connoisseurs who

have been producing and show-

casing new animation for the

past 20 years. The Sick and

Twisted show plays to sold-out

houses regularly around the

country. The festival runs

Wednesday, Dec. 16 through

Sunday, Jan. 3. Tickets are \$6.

For more information, visit:

http:// www. sickandtwisted

The upcoming schedule:

spike.com/ sick. html

too. It was so much fun at 2 in the debuted on the UK singles chart at No. morning. We'd walk out of the control room and then you could just go out to the bar. I'd mix some drinks for the boys and sit around and (talk).

The Goo Goo Dolls are veterans of radio station promotional shows. Last month the band played a show for WXDG-FM (The Edge) at the 7th House in Pontiac. Now the trio will return to play WPLT's "Holiday Hootenanny" at Cobo Arena on Friday.

"I enjoy doing those shows. Occasionally we wind up taping those shows because they wind up being the coolest."

#### **Big party**

Stefan Olsdal of the androgynous Brit pop band Placebo has a different take on radio gigs. It's one big party - even if it does mean missing the acts he would like to see. At a recent East Coast show, Placebo was on the bill with former House of Pain rapper Everlast. But he and his band were much too busy to watch Everlast.

"We were having a disco in our bus. We just got this great bus with a really good sound system. We played some Barry White and got down."

Olsdal, Placebo and Everlast will come together once again to play "The Night 89X Stole Christmas" at Joe Louis Arena on Dec. 20. Placebo is touring in support of its sophomore effort "Without You I'm Nothing" (Virgin). The there. I bought a bar. I installed a bar first single, "Pure Morning," which

18+

4, almost wasn't.

"We went into the studio to record some b-sides and 'Pure Morning' was part of the b-sides session. We brought in a guitar loop that we would never think we would ever use, laid down some bass and drums. By the end of the day, Brian (Molko, lead singer/guitarist) had some lyrics and vocals," Olsdal explained.

"When we were done, we thought it was way too good for a b-side. This has got to be a single. We gave it to the record company and they said, 'OK. Let's put it out."

Although "Pure Morning" has made Placebo stars in the UK, it has merely broke the band in the United States.

"We've been playing really small clubs. We played Aerosmith's club in Boston to like 50 people. The day before we played in Paris, France, to 2,000 screaming fans. We're going back three years to the type of clubs we used to play."

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Wednesday, Dec. 16 · 1 Show · Doors 8 P.M. / Film 9:30 P.M. -18+

Thursday, Dec. 17 · 1 Show · Doors 8 p.m. / Film 9:30 P.M. · Doors 8 p.m. / film 9:30 p.m. · p.m. · 21+ 18 +

Sunday, Dec. 20 + 1 Show + Doors 8 p.m. / Film 9:30 p.m. -18+

Monday, Dec. 21 · 1 Show · Doors 8 p.m / film 9:30 p.m. · 18+ Tuesday, Dec. 22 · 1 Show · Doors 8 P.M. / Film 9:30 p.m. 18 +

Wednesday, Dec. 23 + 1 Show

Doors 8 P.M. / Film 9:30 P.M. - 18+

Closed Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec. 26 · 2 Shows-Doors 8 p.m. / Film 9:30 p.m. · Friday, Dec. 25 · 1 Show · 18+ & Doors 10 p.m.. /Film 10:30



never-before-screened cartoon from the creators of "South Park."

"Frosty" was the first cartoon made by animators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, about the battle between a homicidal snowman and baby Jesus. It features early versions of the characters who later appeared in their follow-up "Spirit of Christmas" short and eventually the high-rated "South Park" television show. "Spirit of Christmas", which will be shown again this year after highlighting last year's festival, finds Santa and a grown-up Jesus in a Kung Fu battle to the death while the profane grade schoolers of South Park stand by.

the creator's of last year's grossout squirm-fest, Sloaches Fun House.

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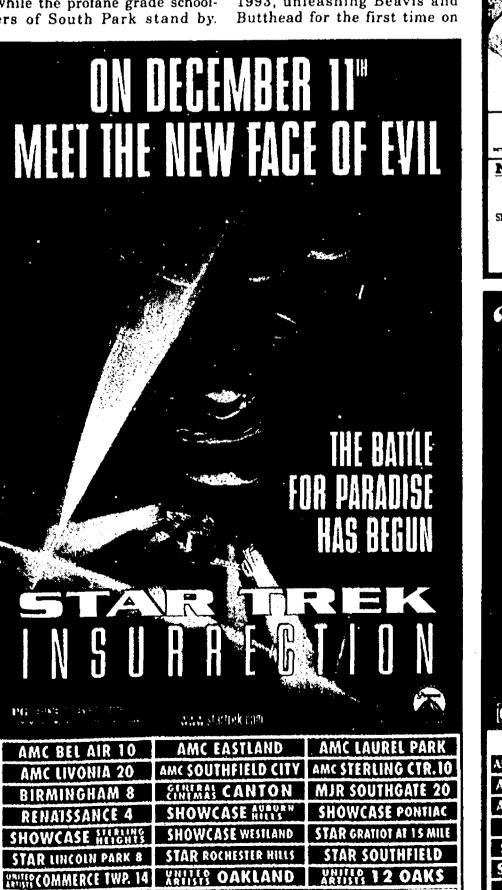
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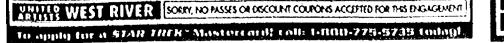
Sick and Twisted Special Games: Where bad taste meets people with special needs.

How to Get Pronged: In which the hapless Lloyd (who's selfmutilation antics have made him a festival favorite) gets a girlfriend. Plus: new episodes of No Neck Joe.

The Magic Bag began hosting the Sick and Twisted festival in 1993, unleashing Beavis and









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# Archie's celebrates anniversary, thanks customers

### BY KERLY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Open since 1981, Archie's in Livonia has been renovated three times. "We remodeled almost from the ground up, at least that's what the checkbook feels like," said Tom Palushaj of Farmington Hills who runs the kitchen of the family owned and operated restaurant. "You get into a project, and make changes as you go."

"We're established here, people know us," added his brother George of Livonia who manages the restaurant. Brothers Pasko, Nick, Kola and Michael also work there along with other family members. "You've got to put money back into the business. From the beginning we had the relentless pursuit to become the best restaurant on the west-side. We have the best service, the best food, and now we have the best atmosphere."

Archie's stayed open during construction, which began in 1996 with the new, expanded parking lot. To thank customers, and celebrate their anniversary, Archie's is offering 25 percent off, excluding alcoholic beverages, on Monday, Dec. 21.

The light fixtures, booth coverings, floor and kitchen are new. 'Oak trimmed doorways, booths and tables, and glass etched accents help create a comfortable dining atmosphere.

Architect Robert J. Tobin of Tobin Associates in Troy redesigned the upscale contemporary exterior of the restaurant. The bathrooms were also remodeled. Luke Palushaj, an art director at R.J. Thompson,

#### Archie's

Where: 30471 Plymouth Road, (between Middlebelt & Merriman), Livonia, (734) 525-2820.

Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Closed Sunday, Will be open until 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, closed Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

Menu: Upscale family restaurant, daily specials, American favorites Including chicken, seafood and steaks, some Italian and Greek dishes. Lots of daily breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Children's menu Just for Kids under age 10.

Cost: Reasonable; dinner entrees and specials \$5.99 to \$10.50, sandwiches \$2.85 to \$5.50, breakfast \$2.09 to \$7.99.

Discounts: Senior citizens receive 10 percent off regular dinner menu. Frequent Diner Card, buy 15 dinners or lunches, and get \$5 off next meal.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted

Carry-out: Available

Banquet Room: Seats up to 70 people

Highlights: 17th Anniversary Celebration and Customer Appreciation Day, Monday, Dec. 21. Twenty-five percent off all day, not including alcoholic beverages.

designed the interior which has on Rye. Broasted Chicken was a green, beige, and brown color scheme. There are lots of hanging plants and bright red poinsettias.

The good news for customers is that prices were raised very little. "We want to make sure we keep our prices affordable for families," said Tom. "Our secret to cooking is keeping the food fresh and buy the best quality ingredients we can buy."

"A couple can have dinner with wine for under \$30," said George.

You're sure to find something to satisfy your appetite at Archie's. There are daily breakfast, lunch and dinner specials, homemade soups, and rice pudding. Often ordered dishes include Archie's Famous Fish & Chips, and the Grilled Reuben added to the menu this summer.

Regular customers know what daily dinner specials to expect -Monday, baked meatloaf; Tuesday, baked Salisbury Steak; Wednesday, City Chicken; Thursday, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, Friday, Fish & Chips, Saturday, Chicken Florentine with Fettucini Alfredo. If what you're looking for isn't on the menu, check out the numerous daily lunch and dinner specials. The ones listed are just a sample.

George welcomes many customers by name, Archie's is still a family restaurant, but now, it's a little more. "It looks like you're going somewhere really nice, it's no longer the neighborhood restaurant," said Tom. "People want to spend more time here on Saturdays," added Tom.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Happy holldays: George (left) and Tom Palushaj in the newly renovated dining room at Archie's. Broiled N.Y. Steak, Broasted Chicken with mashed potatoes, and Greek Salad are among the many dishes you'll find on the menu at Archie's.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

ham (248) 647-7774.

From 5 p.m. to midnight an all pagne at midnight. A la carte menu including a la carte menu has eight entree selections ranging \$29-33 and includes seafood, duck, lamb veal, steak and Wellington of beef.

Cafe Cortina is also offering a Franklin Road, (corner of 12 North Woodward Ave., Bloom-Christmas Eve Dinner with live holiday music, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. The cost is \$65 per person. Entree choices include Rack of Lamb with roasted peppers and garlic, Filet of Sole "Meuniere" or Veal Medallions "Limone" Imported Artichokes. Call for information/reservations.

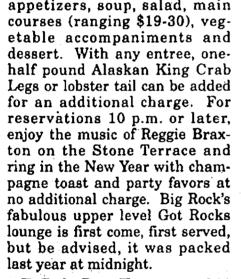
**Excalibur** – 28875 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 358-3355. New Year's Eve party (reserved seating by prepaid tickets only) with dancing and entertainment by The Warren Commission begins 9:30 p.m. at \$100 per person (not including liquor, tax or gratuity). Menu includes appetizer medley, mixed salad and choice of an entree from 2-pound lobster, veal porterhouse, sauteed chicken breast, swordfish or filet mignon, completing with dessert medley.

**Fox & Hounds** - 1560 field Hills, (248) 644-4800. Regu

The musical question "What are you doing New Year's, New Year's Eve?" has been asked for many decades. It's time to answer it for this year.

Whether you want a quiet dinner, one that includes romantic dancing or a grand party with midnight champagne toast and party favors, one of the following restaurants is sure to please. Please note that some restaurants require tickets paid in advance. But if you wait until the last minute to reserve, you'll most likely be disappointed just about anywhere.

Big Rock Chop & Brew House - 245 S. Eton, Birming-



Cafe Bon Homme - 844 Penniman, Plymouth (734) 453-**6260**.

■ Cafe Cortina – 30715 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 474-3033

Early diners can choose from the open menu beginning at 4:30 p.m. Starting at 9:30 p.m. there's a special package, \$85 per person including antipasto, pappardelle with pomodoro and basil, winter salad, choice of entree from among salmon, veal medallions, filet mignon or French-cut veal chop, and completed with Napoleon dessert. Also included are DJ dancing to top 40s, party hats and cham-

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro - 26053 Town Center. Novi (248) 380-8460

Want dinner with quiet jazz music? That's on tap at Diamond Jim's between 4 p.m. and midnight. Five special entrees accompanied by a salad range \$15-19. Start with an appetizer at \$8 and add dessert for \$7.

At the banquet center between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. at \$125 per person, same as restaurant menu but dancing and entertainment by The Jerry Ross Band.

lar menu selections with entrees ranging \$18-25 will be offered. Reservations 10 p.m. and later will have party favors and midnight champagne toast. Pub entertainment throughout the evening.

■ Opus One - 565 East Larned Street, Detroit (313) 961-7766. Two seating periods 5 or 5:30 and 7:30 or 8 include offerings from the regular menu. A 9:30 or 10 p.m. seating at \$75 per person includes a four-course dinner from a special expanded menu. Also, at this time, you can listen and dance to the smooth sounds of B&B. Price includes party favors, but not beverage, tax in gratuity.



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