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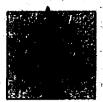
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2 teens face murder charges



Two juveniles were arraigned in 22nd District Court on open murder charges Wednesday in connection with the death of a 14-year-old John Glenn High School student and Westland resident.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Two juveniles were arraigned on open murder charges Wednesday in connection with the Dec. 19 death of a 14-year-old John Glenn High School student and Westland resident.

Arraigned were Stephen Rains, 14, of Westland and Jason Blevins, 15, of Inkster in 22nd District Court in Inkster. Both are being held on \$300,000 cash bond in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility. A Jan. 4 preliminary exam date was set. Both could face life in prison if convicted and are being charged as adults.

Judge Sylvia James rejected both youths' attorneys' pleas to reduce the bond or consider a reduced charge of second-degree murder.

"The bond must be set (high) to con-

vey the seriousness of the offense," James said.

"Someone is dead," she said. "(Firman) can't go home for Christmas." Both youths are on probation, accord-

ing to statements they made to the judge.

Family members of the youths declined comment after the arraign-

The Inkster Police Department found Jeffrey Joseph Firman, a John Glenn High School freshman, dead Saturday afternoon on a school football field in Inkster. A Wayne County Medical Examiner's report revealed the likely cause of death was blunt force to the

head.

Firman was discovered dead by Inkster Police at about 12:39 p.m. Saturday at Academy of Detroit school, a charter school at 28500 Avondale in Inkster, formerly called Cherry Hill High School. He had reportedly been beaten with a stick and kicked before being left behind by his attackers on the football field, where he passed out.

Inkster Police detective Anthony Abdallah said police were unsure of a motive and were unsure how long Firman had been dead before they discovered him.

Please see MURDER, A2

Making Christmas bright





Holiday spirit: Wayne-Westland Credit Union employees dressed as elves and brought along Santa Claus to give out gifts to children at Jefferson-Barns Elementary school in the Wayne-Westland school district last week. Above, Sarah Johnson holds up her gift. At left, Santa helps amuse Corey Wright as Patricia Bennett watches. This is the fourth year the credit union has made Christmas merry for the children at Jefferson-Barns. A mitten tree is placed in the lobby of the credit union, and employees and members buy for the children named on the mittens.

Company promises to keep gate closed

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Rumors surfaced last week that a local video distribution center was going to open up a gate that sparked a heated controversy four years ago.

But, as it turns out, the gate will remain closed, according to Technicolor Video Services officials. The videocassette and CD-ROM distribution facility is at 37000 Palmer in Westland.

Four years ago, residents and business owners living near Newburgh and Palmer finally saw an end to the public urination, drug abuse, littering and other disruptive activities that plagued them for an entire summer.

The source of those problems four years ago were temporary employees at Technicolor, according to residents. These employees had caused numerous problems, prompting the company to

close a gate along Palmer Road that had apparently encouraged the employees to roam freely through the neighborhoods. Some of those employees included work-released prisoners

and other correctional facility inmates. "We have no current plans to reopen the gate and would reopen it only out of necessity," said Pat Goss, director of human resources for Technicolor.

Please see GATE, A2

Police say club had sex shows

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

A Westland club that reportedly featured live sex shows was shut down Sunday morning following a raid by Westland Police officers.

The business is called "Peaches 'n' Cream" and is at 230 S. Venoy Road. About 59 people were arrested. Police have sent reports to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which will determine whether charges will be filed. Possible charges could include lewd conduct, gross indecency, loitering and selling liquor without a license.

Acting on an anonymous tip, Westland police officers and officers from the Metro Street Crime unit had been working undercover for about five weeks, gathering evidence about the inner workings of the club.

Westland Police Chief Emery Price said Peaches 'n' Cream was advertised on the Internet as a "swinger's club." It was located in a strip mall.

"We received information that they were operating on weekends," Westland Police Chief Emery Price said. They apparently were charging an undisclosed amount of money for admission and had been selling liquor without a license.

Acting on an anonymous tip, Westland police officers and officers from the Metro Street Crime unit had been working undercover for about five weeks, gathering evidence about the inner workings of the club.

"(Police) confirmed that there had been sexual acts going on in the dance floor area with a number of observers watching," Price said. Approximately 139 people were in the club when about 70 police officers raided the club and began the arrests at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. The onlookers could face loitering or other charges.

About 64 people were identified and released, 59 were arrested and released pending issuance of warrants and another 16 were arrested as operators

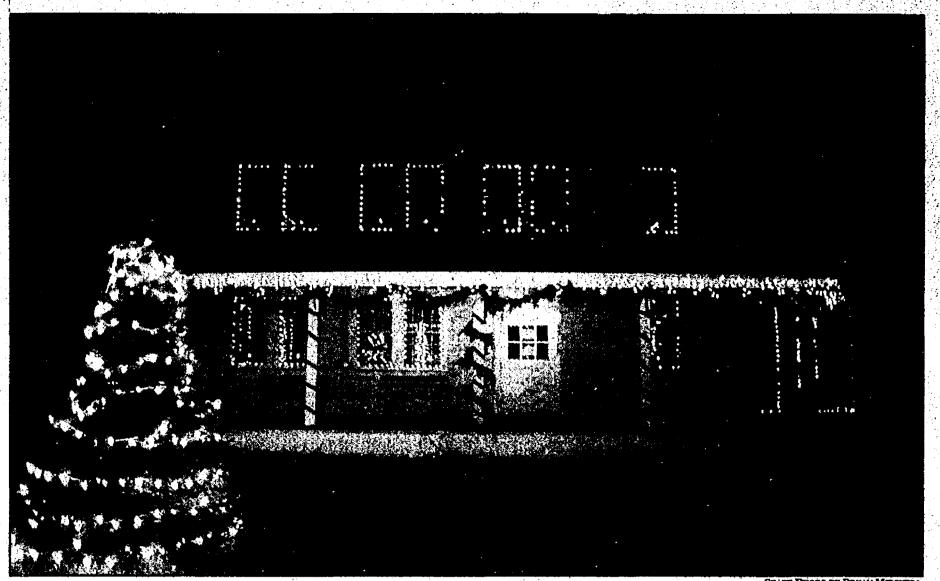
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Happy holidays

Greetings: The staff of the Westland Observer wishes everyone a happy holiday season. Front row (from left) Tammie Graves, graphic artist; Kim Mortson, health and business reporter; second row, Susan Rosiek, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers; Ken Abramczyk, Wayne County reporter; Tom Hawley, Observer photographer; third row, Sue Mason, Wayne Community Life editor; Keely Wygonik, Taste, Entertainment and Arts & Leisure editor; Linda Chomin, arts reporter; back row, Helen Furcean, graphic arts coordinator; Ralph Echtinaw, Wayne County special projects editor; Darrell Clem, Westland reporter; Lisa Walker, Westland advertising representative; Barry Jensen, copy desk chief; Doug Funke, real estave reporter; Beth Sundrla Jach man, Westland community editor, and Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, features.

Holiday scene



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Lighting up the night: It's a heart-warming scene as holiday lights sparkle on the Nankin Mills building in Westland.

Murder from page A1

The department apprehended Rains and Blevins Monday. Rains was arrested at his home, and Blevins' mother encouraged him to turn himself in.

Cheryl Loewe, assistant medical examiner with the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, said there was significant evidence of foul play. The death was ruled a homicide.

"(The injuries) were sustained by a forceful blow to the left side of the head," Loewe said. There was also bruising to the boy's left eye. She couldn't give an esti-

mated time of death. Loewe said routine blood tests were conducted to determine whether there was any drugs or alcohol in his bloodstream. Those results won't be available for up to a few weeks.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Firman's friend and classmate Gary Rickett, also of Westland, attended the funer-

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al. The two had known each other since sixth grade and were both freshmen at John Glenn.

"He was a pretty nice kid," said Rickett, 15. "He (hung out) in a little group that we all had." But like many teenagers, Fir-

trouble. "Occasionally he'd get suspended from school for starting fights," Rickett said. "He'd always talk his way out of trou-

man sometimes got into a little

ble." One of the teens' favorite hangouts was Skateland West, on Cherry Hill in Westland, he said. Rickett said news of Firman's death came as a shock. "I didn't really believe it," Rickett said. "I went and bought a newspaper to try and find out what happened.

Going to school and talking to his other friends won't be the same, he said.

"I'll miss talking to him and walking by him in the hallways."

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Gate from page A1

"Four years ago, several neighbors asked that we close the Palmer Road entrance/exit to our facility," Goss said. "We responded by closing it."

Recently, however, road construction along Newburgh forced Technicolor to close its Newburgh gate and temporarily reopen the Palmer gate. With the recent completion of the Newburgh project, the Palmer gate was closed again.

However, a couple of scared residents attended Monday's. Westland City Council meeting prompting council to address the

Idella Grims, who owns It's Yogurt at 1850 Newburgh, said the summer's events hurt her business. Some of Technicolor's temporary employees even urinated on her building, she said.

"(The temporary employees) exposed themselves in front of children," Grims said. "Business

was not very good that summer." Reopening the gate would cause the problems all over

"We're afraid opening the gate will allow other employees to inundate and walk through the neighborhood," Grims said.

Resident Jodee Maier helped spearhead the drive to close the gate four years ago.

"I didn't even feel safe in my own back yard," Maier said, referring to some employees who peeked over the fence and

harassed her children. She said Technicolor needs to adhere to a written agreement it signed with the residents.

"On that paper it does say that the gate will remain closed," Maier said.

The document, dated Oct. 21, 1994, was an open letter to residents. It was signed by Paul Scott, then senior vice president of operations and planning at Technicolor, and by Angela Martin and Jodee Laber (now Maier), representatives of the Palmer-Newburgh Residents

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Association.

"In the spirit of building and maintaining a positive relationship with its residential neighbors in the Westland community. Technicolor Video Service will immediately commence the institution of certain policies at its Westland plant as described below," the letter stated.

One of those policies was "Keep the Palmer Road gate closed." The letter also stated that temporary employees would be relocated and the new workforce would not include halfway house residents, work-release program participants, prisoners, tethered parolees or correctional facility inmates.

But Westland City Council members and Westland police Chief Emery Price questioned whether the document is bind-

"I don't recall any signed agreement saying Technicolor would not use the gate," Price said.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said the council should find out whether the document is legally binding or not, but that he supported keeping the gate closed.

"If the city attorney says it's not legally binding, then we have to make a decision. Until then, that gate has to remain closed," LeBlanc said. "Closing the gate created normalcy for the neighborhood again."

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The business had been operating for about 5-6 weeks in Westland after having moved from another community. Price would not disclose the other community's name.

Those arrested could face possible charges for loitering, lewd conduct and gross indecency,

depending on the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office's determination, Price said.

"Right now they're trying to get through all the paperwork,"

INFORMATION

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The Children's Department is preparing for the winter session of story-

A session of developmentally appropriate storytimes for children 18-36 months old, includes movement.

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Peaches 'n' Cream patrons included married couples, unmarried couples and others of a variety of ages, according to

88-year-old Westland woman wins \$100,000 in Cash 5

A Westland woman matched all five numbers in a Dec. 17 Michigan Lottery Cash 5 drawing to take the top prize of **\$1**00,000.

The 88-year-old winner, who requested anonymity, collected the game's \$100,000 top prize. The winning numbers were 4, 7, 8, 10, and 36. The winning "easy pick" ticket was purchased at Abby's Service Station, 1716 Merriman in Westland.

An illness prevented the woman from traveling to Lottery headquarters in Lansing, so the winner's son claimed the prize for her in her name.

"I watched the Cash 5 drawing on (WDIV Channel 4), wrote down the numbers and then checked them against my mom's tickets," the woman's son said. "I looked at them 10 times before I could believe it was really happening. I was very surprised that she had won."

The woman doesn't have any plans for the money yet. Her son said she will probably put it in the bank for now and decide what to do with it later.

Cash 5 drawings are conducted every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Odds to win the \$100,000 prize are one in 575,757. Tickets are available at more than 6,400 Michigan Lottery retailers statewide.

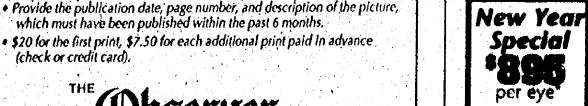
Man arrested

A 43-year-old Westland man was charged with operating his vehicle under the influence of liquor early Friday morning, according to reports. The man struck a Detroit Edison utility pole on Michigan Avenue near I-275. Police found the man lying on the ground near his vehicle and allegedly intoxicated. The man, who had suffered injuries to mouth and nose, tried to fight with officers at the scene. Police later obtained a warrant to draw blood from the man while he was being treated at Annapolis Hospital.

HOLIDAYS CLOSINGS

- The 18th District Court and Westland city offices will be closed today and Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas
- M Schools: Schools in the Wayne-Westland and Livonia Public school districts are closed all week for the holidays.
- Trach: The trash pickup schedule will be partially aftered by the Christmas holiday, Today's trash pickup will be on schedule, while Friday's pickup will be Saturday.
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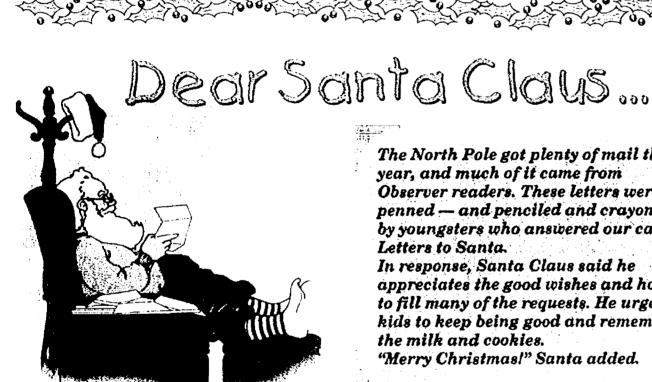








Goodfellow shoppers: Westland Goodfellow volunteer Jeannette Duncan (right) of Garden City, with the help of her grandson Louis Suvoy, 9, of Garden City sorts through and separates the hats, gloves and scarves for the volunteers. The Westland Goodfellows have purchased toys and winter wear accessories for some 250 children, ages 12 and under. Also some of the winter scarves and hats were knitted by seniors from the center. Top left, Joe Suchan of Westland looks at hats and scarfs for a 7-year-old girl. At far left, Dorothy Climie (left) of Westland and April Roderick (right) of Westland, volunteer shoppers for the Westland Goodfellows, pick out some items at the Friendship Center last week. At left, Westland Goodfellow volunteer and Westland City Councilman Richard LeBlanc (left) helps Kim Grant, 11, of Westland shop for a 2-year-old boy.



The North Pole got plenty of mail this year, and much of it came from Observer readers. These letters were penned - and penciled and crayoned -

by youngsters who answered our call for Letters to Santa.

In response, Santa Claus said he appreciates the good wishes and hopes to fill many of the requests. He urges kids to keep being good and remember the milk and cookies. "Merry Christmas!" Santa added.

Dear Santa, I miss you I'm glad I'm

going to see you. How do your reindeers fly? Are they magic?

Mrs. Santa, I missed you too. I missed the elves and the reindeer.

Here is my Christmas list

1. Fake robots (on TV 2. Fake police kit (in magazine)

3. Set of cars I was a good boy. I'm nice to my little brother.

Nicholas Brodersen P.S. I will leave cookies on the kitchen table

Dear Santa,

I wanted to know if I was good this year? and I wanted to know if I will get a lot of presents this year? For a reminder my Christmas tree, house and my fireplace will be decorated

on Christmas night. On my mantelpiece you will see a plate with one or two cookies and a glass of milk on the plate. Santa I wanted to say happy Christmas to you and to all a good night.

Love, Jennifer Lynn Galunas

Dear Santa, My wish list.

Legos, punching bag, Cookie Cop, Buba Love,

Joe Bastas, Age 4

Dear Santa,

Do you like my picture this year? I hope that everyone's ready for Christmas. I'm letting my mom write this letter because I can't write good yet I've been good this year and I even help my mom with my little brother and I started school this year I love school. I would

like some Barbies and a Barbie playhouse. I want some clothes too. I want a Barbie tea set and any-

thing else you want to leave me. Don't forget to eat your cookies this year either. Thank you very much

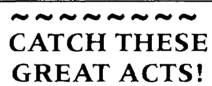
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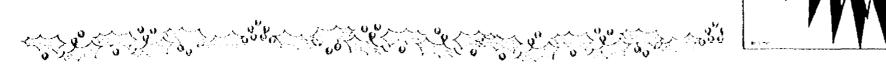
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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Liz Vineyard of Westland has been named the Westland Observer's Carrier of the Month for December, Vineyard, 14, is an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School and delivers newspapers in the Curtis Park Subdivision. She is the daughter of Don and Carol Vineyard and has one brother, Ryan, 15. Her favorite subjects are English and science. Her hobbies include reading, piano, dancing and collecting 'N Sync pictures. She has received the academic achievement award.

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Liz Vineyard

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Julie Reichert and Leslie Reichert, both seniors at Westland John Glenn High School, have accepted the Oakland University Talented Scholars Award. The honor is awarded to students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement. It carries a stipend of 24 credit hours each year and is renewable for four years.

Stephanie Dionne of Westland won first place in the annual Schoolgfaft College Communications Arts competition. The prize awards \$500 to a full-time student who has taken classes in communication arts. The student must present a three- to fiveminute speech, either extemporaneously or from a manuscript, demonstrating effective speech delivery. Dionne's speech was titled "America's AIDS Epidemic: Proposals for Solutions."

Al Fuciarelli, a Westland resident, will be among the students listed in the "Who's Who Among Students American Universities and Colleges." He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business admin-



Fuclarelli

istration and pre-law at Madonna University. He is a member of the school of business' advisory council.

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road November 16, 1998

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of November 16, 1998; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: None.

American Education Week: Motion by Kokenakes and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a proclamation designating the week of November 15-21, as American Education Week in Livonia Public Schools. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Resolution of Appreciation: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for Chief of Police Michael Murray and Deputy Chief John McDonald as a formal expression of their appreciation for the distinguished career in law enforcement and particularly for their active and voluntary support of the DARE program. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IV.A Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 1998; IV.B Minutes of the Closed Session of November 9, 1998; VI.A Move that general fund check nos. 306589 through 207367 in the amount of \$1,797,211.89 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,641,364.41 be approved. Also move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1933 through 1941 in the amount of \$103,033.58 be approved for payment. VI.B Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of fitness equipment for Bentley Center from StairMaster, Fitness Things, Great Lakes Cycling, and All Pro Exercise for a total of low bid amount \$59,682.68. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Audience Communications: Jack Pierson, 24403 Bashian, Novi, spoke regarding bringing back the instrumental program to the elementary level. Kirsten Galka, 16563 Ronnie; Becky Guthrie, 35455 Wood; Carl Galka, 16563 Ronnie; addressed the Board of Education regarding the Hoover 4th grade class of social studies and science.

Dr. Kent Gage, assistant superintendent of elementary instruction, presented slides of the staffing at Hoover Elementary School. Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened

the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Gift - Garfield PTA: Motion by Watters and Morgan that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous offer of the Garfield Elementary School PTA to donate an outdoor sign valued at \$4,790 for use at the school. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

1998-99 Budget Amendments: Motion by Lessard and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the amended budgets for the 1998-99 school year: General Operating, Special Education, Debt, Milk and Lunch, Scholarship, Building Technology, Building and Site, Special Maintenance, Capitol Projects - Sinking Fund, Athletic, Funded Projects, and Health and Welfare Fund. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. Resignation: The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mark

Stachurski, effective 10/28/98. 30-Year Resolution: The Board of Education unanimously adopted the resolution of appreciation for 30 years of service with the district for

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson announced the School Family Health Committee encourages people to observe "The Great American Smoke-out" this Thursday; congratulated Ann Kalec, principal at Cooper, for an outstanding job presenting a workshop "Assessment Strategies to Improve Student Learning" at Spencer Elementary, Brighton Area Schools; read portions of a letter from a teacher at FHS in which she applauded the NJROTC program for their ability to represent Livonia Public Schools with distinction and honor; informed the Board that Ron-VanHorn, principal at Marshall, received the MEMSPA Regional Honors Award for Region 1; commended counselors Dean Schutz, Mary Hendrien, and Linda Nack for receiving Tech Prep Mini Grants in the amount of \$18,693; received a congratulatory letter from the staff at Garfield praising the work and dedication of their custodians Dave Broschay and Donna Bagley; announced that on Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 there would be a workshop for parents of elementary school children titled, "The Internet: A Tool for Learning"; and introduced the video highlighting School/Business Connection hosted by Donna McDowell.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board spoke on the subjects of MASB Fall Leadership Conference; ethics policy; Bentley Fitness Center; celebration; homework website for grades 1-12 (www.homeworkcentcal.com); the YMCA Invest in Youth Auction benefiting the camping program for kids; retirements of the Chief of Police Michael Murray and Deputy Chief John McDonald; and thanked the camera crew.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the regular meeting of November 16, 1998 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Publish: December 24, 1998

Illness didn't stop physician's quest

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER jbrown@oe.homecomm.net

Becoming a physician wasn't easy for Dr. Philip Setla, but he pursued and accomplished his goal. That made wife Pamela Young proud.

"He was brilliant," Redford resident Young said of her 45year-old husband, who died Dec. 16. He had multiple sclerosis.

He was a third-year medical student at Wayne State University when he was diagnosed in the spring of 1978.

The Caro, Mich., native moved and grew up in the Seven-Van Dyke area of Detroit. Dr. Setla graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy in 1971 and from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1975. He graduated from medical school at WSU in 1979.

Young, speaking at her Redford home, recalled her late husband's honors. He was named outstanding resident in radiology at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Setla later received a plaque from his Sinai colleagues in recognition of his courage and dedication.

Next Jan. 12, the couple would have celebrated 19 years of mar-

"My cousin, Gary Farhat, is the one who introduced us,'



Dr. Philip Setia

Young said. "He's an M.D. also." The two men attended high school and U-M together.

Young was aware of Dr. Setla's illness, but didn't hesitate to marry him. "He had a bad bout within three years of our marriage. But then he became better. He was doing really well."

She recalled travels to Ireland and Scotland the couple took, and his interest in golf when his health allowed him to play. "He was just very creative. He was an excellent musician for saxophone and clarinet. He really loved music," she said.

We had a very full life. He really was a fighter. He had the will to live and to enjoy life.'

> Pamela Young -Philip Setla's wife

"He really was a lot of fun. He liked people very much." Even when Dr. Setla could no longer speak, he continued to enjoy being with family and friends. Young, director of public information for Eastern Michigan University, remembered trips with friends to Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The couple attended Mass, went to Windsor and its gardens and visited other museums. They went shopping or to the occasional movie.

Dr. Setla practiced medicine for six years as a radiologist, working part time. "And he loved medicine, he really did." Sometimes, he'd come home from work eager to study when his wife wanted to talk.

He wanted "to show that handicapped physicians are just as capable as any other physicians," she said.

Survivors include: wife, Pamela Young; mother, Eugenia Setla of Livonia, who helped to care for him; sister, Gloria (Clarence) Sroczynski of Livonia; brother, Thaddeus (Twila) Setla

of Clarkston; niece April; nephews Michael (Jennifer), Mark (Janice), Matthew, Teddy and Jason; and great-niece Becca. Dr. Setla was preceded in death by his father, Thaddeus.

"We had a very full life," Young said. "He really was a fighter. He had the will to live and to enjoy life." Even when Dr. Setla moved to a nursing home, the love of friends went with him. He wore a Red Wings hat given by a friend. "We would just have a lot of fun with him."

Visitation was Friday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Mass was Saturday at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy or to the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"I was with him to the end," his wife said. ""He was surrounded by his family, people who really cared for him."

OBITUARIES

JEFFREY J. FIRMAN

Funeral services for Jeffrey Firman, 14, of Westland were Dec. 22 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Ray T. McGee from Zion United Methodist Church.

Jeffrey, who died Dec. 19 in Inkster, was born in Garden City. He was a student.

Surviving are his parents, Lori (Rick) Rockwell of Westland and Kevin Firman; brothers, Joshua, Jason, Justin, Bill and Trevor; sisters, Chelsea Starr and Robin; grandparents, Rich and Connie McGee; grandfather, Richard Firman; grandparents, Robert and Patricia Rockwell; and great-grandparents, Mike and June Levy.

LARRY M. LIEDEL

A funeral Mass for Larry Liedel, 58, of Livonia was Dec. 22 in St. Edith Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating were the Rev. James C. Scheick and the Rev. Louis Tuffuor. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Mr. Liedel, who died Dec. 18 in his Livonia residence, was born in Detroit. He lived in Livonia 33 years and formerly in Westland and Detroit. He was a fire man-

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January 7, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following:

ager protector at GM Tech Center. He was a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford and attended Madonna University, where he received his bachelor's degree in fire protection and occupational safety. He received his MBA from Central Michigan University. He was a member of the National Fire Protection Association, Society of Fire Protection Engineers, American Society of Industrial Security and president of the Parish Council at St. Edith's Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Liedel enjoyed his family, golf, bowling, computers, electronic gadgets and tools.

Mr. Liedel was a member of Macomb County Fire Marshal Association; International Society of Fire Service Instructors; Michigan Fire Chief Association: and Disaster Recovery Institute. He developed and taught courses at GM Institute, Mott College and Madonna University.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Gail; sons, Michael (Jill) of Westland, Kevin (Monique) of Highland and Eric of Northville; mother, Elizabeth Harlan of Westland; brothers, Wayne Liedel of Westland and Richard Liedel of Gaylord; sisters, Lois

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Treasurer/City Clerk

Sandborn of Washington, Mich., and Sandra Derham of San Diego, Calif.; and two grandchildren. Mr. Liedel was preceded in death by his son, Paul (1989).

Memorials may be made to

S.P.A.N.C.O. (to benefit African Missions) c/o 37753 Bristol, Livonia, MI 48154.

CHARLES L. BRYANT

A memorial service for Charles Bryant, 79, of Westland was Dec. 18 in Uht Funeral Home with a Mass of the Resurrection on Dec. 19 in Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church.

Mr. Bryant, who died Dec. 17 in his Westland residence, was born in Cookville, Tenn.

Maj. Gen. William Chage, commander of the 38th Division, decorated Pfc. Bryant with a bronze star at a formal ceremony held on Luzon Island. Mr. Bryant served in combat and saw extensive action.

Surviving are his son, Charles (Valerie) Bryant; daughters, Charlotte (Russell Jr.) Murphy, Barbara (Salvatore) Vitale and Mary (Robert) Harrison; brothers, Howard and Thurston; sister, Stella Olive; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bryant was preceded in death by his wife, Marie.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church Cemetery in Wayne or Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

PATRICIA ANN WEY

Funeral services for Patricia Wey, 58, of Westland were Dec. 19 in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Terence Treppa. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mrs. Wey, who died Dec. 16 in Westland, was born in Detroit.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Harold; mother, Cassie Chrzanowski of Dearborn Heights; son, Raymond Wey of Westland; brothers, Robert (Marilyn) Chrzanowski of Dearborn Heights and Richard (Cheryl) Chrzanowski of Plymouth; and grandson, Nicholas.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or as Mass offerings.

CONSTANCE L. SCHAFER

Funeral services for Constance Schafer, 46, of Westland were Dec. 23 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Steve Little.

Mrs. Schafer, who died Dec. 20 in Dearborn, was born in Chippewa Falls, Wis. She worked in production assembly at the Ford Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne for 10 years. She moved to the Westland community from Canton in 1993. She served in the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam era. Mrs. Schafer was a member of the UAW at the Ford Plant. She enjoyed bike riding, reading and traveling. She also liked to crochet and did interior decorating, painting and wallpapering.

Surviving are her former husband, Jurgen; son, Adam Carter of Westland; daughter, Gina Carter of Westland; father, Harvey Patzwald of Woodbury, Minn.; brothers, David Patzwald of Brier, Wash., Terry Patzwald of Sault Ste. Marie, Richard Patzwald of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Jeffery Patzwald of Ellerbe, N.C., and Ronald Patzwald of Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 21482, 3600 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48231-4182.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at

the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden

City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814), on or before THURSDAY,

GASOLINE AND #2 DIESEL FUEL

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in

part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of

sealed enveloped endorsed with the name of the item(s) bid.

The Tuesday, December 29, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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86	CHEV	CAMARO	RED	1G1FP87S8GL134557
88	MERC	COUGAR	BLUE	1MEBM6044JH604087
95	AUDI	2DR	BLACK	WAUAA88G6SA002122
92	PONT	2DR SUNBIRD	BLACK	1G2JD14T7N7675850
83	CHEV	BLAZER	BLUE	1G8CT1889D0128379
88	CHEV	4DR CELEBRITY	BRONZE	2G1AW19X8G1184488
89	GEO	2DR TRACKER	BLACK	JGCBJ18U2KW831289
85	PLYM	RELIANT 4DR	BLUE	1P38P49C3FF155012
79	FORD	GRANADA 2DR	WHTYRED	9EB1F176729
85	FORD	TEMPO 4DR	SILVER	1FABP22R6FK288508
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PLEASE NOTE: THE BIDDING WILL START AT THE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Department of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186, on or before Thursday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m. (no exceptions) for the following items: PURCHASE OF FILESERVER AND WORKSTATION

COMPUTERS, AND NETWORK PERIPHERALS

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Westland Department of Housing and Community Development. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids

> JAMES GILBERT, Director City of Westland

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Impeaching Clinton

Rivers opposed it, but calls Dems' bus visit 'inappropriate'

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, is not against punishing President Bill Clinton; she is against impeaching him.

"Impeachment is used to protect the country. It is not meant to punish the wrongdoer,"

Rivers said the impeachment criteria of high crimes and misdemeanors was not met during the historical vote in the House of Representatives Dec. 19 and Clinton should face consequences by trial in court of law, not in the Senate. She voted against all four Articles of Impeachment.

President Clinton was impeached on Article I (lying to a Federal grand jury) and Article III (obstruction of justice). A majority vote was not reached on Article II (lying in the Paula Jones civil suit) and Article IV (misuse of power).

Adhering to both the spirit and the law of the Constitution is paramount, said Rivers. "The system works because people have to tell the truth. But I also don't want us to diminish the Constitution. We can't make up our own responses to presidential misconduct. We have to operate under the framework of the Constitution.'

Emotions must be held in check, she added. "No matter how angry and disappointed we are, those emotions don't transcribe his

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> Lynn Rivers —Ŭ.S. representa∙

the chief officer controls all federal prosecutors. If prosecution occurred in office, he would be in control of his own prosecution. We don't have a prosecutor who is not ultimately accountable to the president."

While most of the postimpeachment communication from Rivers' constituency (Canton, Plymouth, part of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Inkster, part of Dearborn Heights and some downriver communities) has been against impeachment, there is a strong pro-impeachment minority.

She acknowledges this minori-



ty may be disappointed in her vote, but said it was a question of Constitutional law.

Rivers joined fellow Democrats who walked out of the House during the impeachment in protest over tabling the motion for censure for parliamentary reasons. However, she did not join Democrats who were bussed over to the White House in a show of support for President Clinton after the vote. "The rally was absolutely inappropriate. This wasn't a partisan fight."

She explained that rallies tra-

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Year's end is a good time to look for tax deductions

This is Part Two in a special three part series of articles on year-end tax planning

By Gary Klott

A year-end shopping spree for tax deductions may not be as much fun as holiday shopping at Tiffany's or F.A.O. Schwarz. But scavenging for last-minute ways to pick up extra deductions for your 1998 income tax return can pay big dividends next April

And hunting for deductible expenses to pay won't take much time out of your holiday schedule. In most cases, you can pick up hundreds or thousands of dollars in extra deductions simply by writing a few checks.

The possibility of Congress enacting major tax legislation next year may provide extra incentive to chase after deductions this holiday season. Nailing down deductions this year could prove to be an especially valuable move if certain tax proposals become

Under one proposal, which was recently approved by the House, an estimated six million married couples who now itemize their deductions would no longer find benefit in itemizing.

The proposal would sharply increase the standard deduc-

tion for married couples in an effort to provide relief from the so-called "marriage penalty," which causes many two-earner couples to pay more tax than they would as single individuals.

Some Republicans are also pushing for an across-theboard cut in income tax rates. If tax rates were lowered, deductions would become less valuable.

Regardless of what happens on Capitol Hill, grabbing extra deductions for your 1998 return by prepaying some of next year's expenses isn't just a tactic to grab the tax savings a year sooner. In many cases, you have to take advantage of deductible opportunities when they arise because you may not get the chance later.

The reason is that most people aren't able to qualify for certain types of deductions every year. For example, most taxpayers aren't able to deduct job and investment expenses every year because such "miscellaneous" expenses are deductible only if you itemize and only to the extent they exceed two percent of adjusted gross income. So you have to take maximum advantage of the deductible opportunity in those years when you do qualify.

New law impact

If you're looking to reduce your adjusted gross income in order to meet the income-eligibility requirements for one of the new law tax breaks, such as the tax credits for families and college tuition, only a few types of personal deductions will help. Included are those for jub-related moving expenses, contributions to deductible retirement accounts, alimony payments and student loan interest.

But itemized deductions such as those for charitable contributions and state taxes won't affect your adjusted gross income level.

Of course, itemized deductions are still worth pursuing since they will lower your tax

Deduction shopping

Here are some ways to earn extra deductions for your 1998 return.

Charity donations: If you plan to make a charitable donation in the near future, consider making it by Dec. 31 if you expect to be able to itemize deductions this year.

If your donation is going to be sizable, consider donating stocks, mutual fund shares or other assets that have gone

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Cold weather increases emergency calls to AAA

Cold air and snowy conditions across the state continue to cause an increase in emergency road service calls, according to AAA Michigan. Motorists are advised to use extra caution when they travel during cold

As of noon Tuesday, the Auto Club reported 2,600 road service calls handled, well above normal levels, with a 24-hour period normally averaging 1,500-2,000 calls.

To help motorists avoid unnecessary delays, AAA Michigan offers the following cold weather car care tips:

■ Park your car in the garage. If you have no garage, or if it's full of lawn equipment or another car, put a tarpaulin over the car or put a plastic trash bag between the door (or window glass) and the frame.

■ To avoid frozen door or door locks, buy a lubricant that is available in most auto supply stores.

■ Heat your key (a pocket lighter works nicely), but remember to wear gloves or hold the key with pliers.

■ Use a hair dryer, but make sure the extension cord is one graded for outdoor use and the wall socket is grounded.

Fill a plastic jug or bag with hot water. Hold it against the door panel or lock area. But don't throw hot water on the car. It, too, will freeze.

■ Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid fuel-line freeze-up.

■ Test your battery load strength to determine its cold weather cranking power









Airport officials expect heavy holiday traffic

Officials at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport are forecasting above average passenger loads from now until the end of the holiday season.

While traffic will not match the numbers of travelers during the Thanksgiving weekend, flight loads are expected to be high and passengers are reminded to plan ahead and leave themselves plenty of time when traveling.

Heavy travel days are expected on some airlines today (Christmas Eve), Thursday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Jan. 3.

Here is a list of travel tips from Detroit Metro officials:

Travelers are advised to plan on arriving at the airport two hours before a domestic flight and three hours before an international flight at peak times on the busiest days. Passengers can expect crowded curb fronts, longer check-in lines and backups at the passenger screening check points due to sheer number of passengers.

For up-to-the-minute parking information, call the airport's toll-free park-

ing hotline (featuring a live person, not a recording) at 1-800-642-1978. The airport also houses an overflow parking lot available throughout the holiday sea-

Curb fronts are reserved for active loading and reloading only. Anyone picking up a friend or a relative should plan to park in a short-term lot and meet travelers at the gate. Motorists will not be allowed to wait at curbside. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

Wrapped gifts should not be taken along, because security will ask that they be opened. Save on disappointments and delays by wrapping gifts only after you arrive at your destination

Passengers 18 years of age and older should be prepared to present a valid photo identification at the checkin counters. Passengers without photo identification should call their airline for specific check-in instructions.

Remember to pack valuables such

as jewelry, cameras, medication, passports and money in carry-on luggage however, try to keep carry-ons limited. Many airlines are limiting carry-on luggage on full flights.

For identification, have ID tags filled out, both on the inside and outside of your bags. Remember to remove hooks and straps to avoid damage and do not leave luggage unattended.

For airport information, tune to 920 AM within three or four miles of the airport

County offices closed

All Wayne County offices will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday for the Christmas holiday.

Many county offices and departments will be closed through Monday, Jan. 4, except for those handling essential services, such as the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Services road division for snow removal.

Some county offices will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, including the county treasurer and the clerk's office, but only for limited services, such as marriage license applications, and for legal filings for Wayne County Circuit Court. Residents should call county offices first to check the holiday hours.

All offices will close again on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

County offices, including the county executive and county commissioners, will re-open Jan. 4.

Rivers

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ditionally follow political issues that have been worked "all the way through, after a long, hardfought battle."

Rivers said she was uncomfortable with the "sports-like" atmosphere on the House floor throughout the impeachment proceedings, with the Republicans "hooting and cheering" during voting on the inquiry and the laughing on the House floor while voting on the Articles.

"It just felt wrong to me. This is about more than any other legislative fight we might have. This is about the Constitution. This is about the leadership of our country. I was unhappy with the way both sides have handled themselves throughout this."

Rivers said the origins of today's acute partisanship may reach through Watergate to the late 1940s, when the trend for greater political negativism in political campaigns began. The end result: "We demonize our opponents."

Moral relativism remains alive and well in the political arena, according to Rivers. "Every bad behavior can be explained away by the bad behavior of someone else."

When asked if speak-elect Bob Livingston, R-Louisiana, sudden pre-impeachment vote resignation over an extra-marital affair was an altruistic act for the good of the Republican party, Rivers offered little comment. However, she noted he resigned only after the affair had been disclosed.

She added: "Newt (Gingrich) didn't resign until after he was censored."

Rivers condemned the alleged arson of political signage at the campaign office of U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-West Bloomfield) in Farmington Hills the night of Dec. 19.

"We vote. That's how we han-

dle our differences."

Rivers forecasts further political polarization and negativity for the nation. "We have a system now people are withdrawing from," she said, adding that as "moderate voters pull away, extremists from both parties will develop louder voices."

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State wants more tests before hill is capped

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAPP WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Officials at the Department of Enviromental Quality want Wayne County to complete more ground water and soil tests before they approve Wayne County's plans to construct a clay cap on Middlebelt Hill.

The DEQ wants soil tested around the hill's perimeter — near ground water in the lower aquifer of the hill and near Barnes Drain, a Rouge River tributary located just west of the site, said Steven Kitler, project manager in the DEQ's environmental response

"In it's present form, (the proposal) won't be approved," Kitler said. "They don't do a decent job at detailing how the proposed remedy is protective of

If 'To get approval, we need to cover all the bases. One is that the cap is effective in the protection of health and environment. The proposal doesn't address ground water.'

> Steve Kitler -project manager for Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

the human health and environment and applicable to environmental laws."

DEQ officials also want quality control measures included in the proposal, including assurances the soil fill used to cap the hill will be "clean" and rodent activity will be controlled. Earlier, soil samples showed woodchucks burrowing into the hill exposed contaminants in the hill.

Garbage and other waste that helped

create the hill more than 40 years ago also has contaminated it. The hill contains lead, arsenic and other heavy metals, discovered during sampling in

In June 1998, NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills completed a remedial action plan for Wayne County. Department of Public Services to tackle the contamination problem and make the hill usable for winter and

summer recreation.

Wayne County officials want to top the hill with a 12-inch clay cap in areas where contaminants have reached the surface so the hill can be used for sledding in the winter and picnicking during the summer. The project is expected to cost \$1 million and take six weeks. If approved, construction is expected to start in spring of 1999.

Kitler expects to submit a letter to Wayne County outlining the DEQ's concerns in early January so Wayne County can amend its plans.

Kitler and other state officials conducted a public hearing in Westland in early November on the project. DEQ district supervisors met with Kitler on Dec. 17, and concurred with most of his assessments of the project.

To get approval, we need to cover all the bases," Kitler said. "One is that the cap is effective in the protection of health and environment. The proposal doesn't address ground water."

County officials also must examine and test more samples near the Barnes Drain, which also has refuse nearby. "They need to show that the refuse observed is localized and is not connected with any activities on the hill," Kitler said. "All that can be completed in a short time frame.

"It appears to be refuse (at Barnes). That's been largely collaborated by the DEQ staff."

DEQ officials also want rodent control because the cap proposed will be 2 feet thick, which could be penetrated by a burrowing animal, Kitler said.

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up in value. You'll get a bigger tax break than if you simply give cash.

So long as you've owned the shares more than one year, you'll be eligible to claim a charitable deduction for the current market value of your donated shares. In addition, you won't have to pay any capital gains tax on the appreciation.

Contrary to popular perception, donating securities isn't just for wealthy people making huge philanthropic bequests to major charitable organizations. "I have one client who gives essentially 20 shares a year to the local church," said Thomas Ochsenschlager, a Washington, D.C. tax partner at the accounting firm of Grant Thornton.

When deciding which shares to donate, try to pick those shares that would save you the most in capital gains tax. For instance, if you're considering selling shares with gains of \$10 and \$50, donate the shares with the \$50 gains.

Be sure any shares you donate have been held more than one year. If you donate shares held one year or less, your charitable deduction will be limited to what you originally paid for the shares — not their appreciated value.

Check your closets: Besides checking your investment portfolio for charitable donations, check your closets, attic and

basement for old clothing, furniture and appliances that can be donated to groups that help the needy.

To substantiate your contributions should the IRS later question your deduction, make a list of the items you'll be giving away and have the charity sign it, says David Rhine, national director of family wealth planning at the accounting firm of BDO Seidman in New York. He recommends the list contain a full description of each item (such as one Brooks Brothers men's suit); the date of purchase; its original cost; its condition (such as good, fair, poor, worn once, worn twice); and its estimated value now (which is what it would sell for in a consignment or thrift shop).

State taxes: Make an estimated income tax payment to the state by Dec. 31 to cover any remaining balance of state income taxes you expect to owe for the 1998 tax year. By paying now, you'll be eligible to deduct the payment on your 1998 return instead of your 1999 return.

Don't get carried away when making your estimated payment in hopes of pumping up your deduction. The IRS contends your payment must be based on a reasonable estimate of what you expect to owe. "If you expect to owe \$2,000, you can't make a \$10,000 payment to get a bigger deduction," said

Thomas Beneventi, a Chicago area tax partner at the accounting firm of McGladrey & Pullen.

Job and investment expenses: If you expect to be able to write off "miscellaneous" itemized expenses, pay your professional association dues, subscriptions to trade and investment publications and other job and investment-related expenses before year's end. The miscellaneous category also includes tax preparation fees.

So if you plan to buy a tax-preparation guide or software program to help with your 1998 return next tax season, buying it by Dec. 31 will make the cost deductible on your 1998 return.

Don't bother prepaying expenses more than a year in advance. The IRS generally won't allow you to deduct on your 1998 return prepayments of expenses beyond 1999.

For instance, if you take out a twoyear subscription to an investment newsletter, only the portion of the cost that extends through 1999 will qualify for a deduction on your 1998 return. You'll have to wait until you fill out your 1999 return in the year 2000 to deduct the rest of the subscription cost.

Medical expenses: Pay outstanding medical bills and health insurance premiums by Dec. 31 if you expect to be eligible to write off medical expenses

which are generally deductible only if you itemize and only to the extent they exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross

To make the most of the deductible opportunity, consider scheduling and paying for elective treatments before year's end, such as orthodontia work for your child, and eyeglass exams. Also consider year-end purchases of any medical items you'll need in the near future, such as prescription drugs, eyeglasses, orthopedic shoes, dentures and hearing aids.

Phone bill: If your final phone bill for the year includes charges you're eligible to deduct — such as long-distance calls related to your business, volunteer charity work or your investments — pay the bill by Dec. 31 to make the costs deductible on your 1998 return.

When shopping doesn't pay

Before you start chasing after yearend tax deductions, be sure your efforts won't be in vain. You may find that rushing to pay deductible expenses by Dec. 31 is a waste.

For instance, if you don't expect to have enough deductible expenses to itemize on your 1998 return, try to wait until after Dec. 31 to make your charitable contributions, pay medical bills and other itemized expenses in case vou're

able to make use of the deductions next year. (On 1998 returns, married couples filing jointly will need more than \$7,100 in deductible expenses in order to itemize their deductions rather than claim the standard deduction. The itemizing threshold for single individuals is \$4,250 and for heads of household,

If you expect to be thrust into a higher tax bracket next year, waiting until after Dec. 31 to pay deductible expenses may also be the best strategy. Your deductions will be worth more when you're in the higher tax bracket.

Waiting may also the best course if you expect to fall victim to the "alternative minimum tax" (AMT) this year. The AMT renders many deductions worthless - or worth much less than usual.

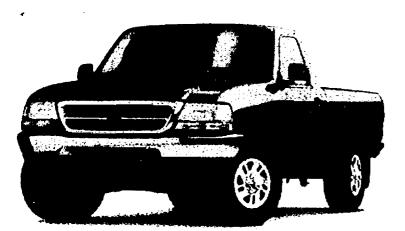
Under the AMT calculation, many types of expenses that are normally deductible - such as state taxes and most types of "miscellaneous" itemized expenses - aren't eligible for any deduction. Other expenses that are deductible under the AMT provide much less tax savings than under the regular tax formula.

The AMT inflates the tax bills of higher-income taxpayers who claim sizable amounts of various tax breaks.

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Wrapping it up: Above, wearing Santa hats (right to left), Julie Lucy of Detroit, Kyle Swider of Livonia, Kathy Storer of Garden City, Rebecca Killikevc of Southgate, Rita Ledesma of Wayne and Mary DuFore of Canton wrap the presents that were purchased for the families. Below, John Shanks, UPS center manager, stands among the many items collected.

Delivering holiday cheer

UPS workers 'adopt' families for holidays

By MATT JACHMAN mjachman@oe.homecomm.net

Millions of us rely on United Parcel Service to get holiday packages to friends and loved ones. Millions more receive a gift or two via UPS as well.

But some western Wayne County families had an entire Christmas - gifts, food and all the trimmings, even a tree in a couple of cases - provided, and delivered, by employees at Livonia's UPS facility.

The nationwide annual UPS program of "adopting" families for the holidays was especially successful in Livonia this year, according to Linda Long, a UPS customer service representative.

"People had a little better year, and were able to do a little more, and I think it really made a difference," Long said.

Local UPS drivers, package sorters, clerks, maintenance





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workers and others, for example, banded together and raised more than \$4,100 to buy food, grocery gift certificates and presents for three families, according to a flier updating employees on the efforts. They also donated 350 turkeys to two local food banks.

In Livonia's UPS business development office, where Long works, between 55 and 60 employees raised \$915 to adopt four local families facing hard times. They brought a complete Christmas to each, plus holiday baskets of canned food to another 12 families.

Other UPS departments including human resources, accounting and industrial engineering - were involved in similar programs, Long said. As he does every year, UPS district manager Michael Clark adopted a family entirely on his own.

In business development, money came from fund-raisers

such as monthly dress-down days (\$2 per employee to go casual), barbecues and a Halloween breakfast. The food came from two December dress-down days that required canned goods instead of cash. Drivers also participated in the business development food drive.

The cash was bolstered by about \$300 in presents bought by the sister of one employee. The two were discussing the project over Thanksgiving dinner, and the sister suggested they go shopping that day, Long said.

The families helped were reached through the Family Resource Center in Westland. They submitted wish lists of clothing, toys and other gifts.

The gifts were packaged Friday and delivered that day and Monday. "We were able to meet all the wish-list items," and add a \$50 certificate from a grocery store for the four families, Long said. All 16 got a turkey for their Christmas feasts.

"Its just amazing how generous people are. People really come together when people are in need," she said.

On Monday, Long helped deliver Christmas to a family of three that recently lost its home and is living in a motel. The young boy in the family had asked for a small Christmas tree, which was provided, along with the decorations.

"They were just so grateful," Long said.

Another family got a \$200 artificial tree, compliments of a Target store in Canton, Long said.

The business development department annually adopts needy families for Christmas, but the canned drive was extra this year, Long said. The group was doing so well with its fundraising, members decided to expand the program, she said.



A 'lot' of Charity

Local organizations benefit from the sales of older vehicles

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER pmurphy@oe.homecomm.net

How's this for a success story: A customer buys your product and — in a year or so — gives it

That's happened more than once at Charity Motors, the nonprofit organization based in Detroit that gets most of its product - old cars - from Oakland County donors.

"We wouldn't call those old cars 'clunkers,' " said John Kruse, manager of the organization's lot on the south side of Eight Mile Road near Lahser. "Although that's what they are initially.

"After we work on those cars. they're 'transportation spe-

Charity Motors recently donated \$5,000 to each of 10 charitable organizations in Oakland County. Before the end of the year, it expects to make similar contributions to organizations in Detroit, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Those contributions bring the total amount donated to charitable organizations to more than \$4 million since 1995, the year Charity Motors was organized, said spokesperson Rick Frazier, a Troy resident who

attended Oakland Community College before obtaining a business degree from Wayne State.

Radio commercials tell how Charity Motors works. People with clunkers — running or nonrunning - donate the vehicles and receive a tax deduction in exchange. Benevolence and good will are part of the equation, said Frazier, but so is the tax deduction.

In 1998, the organization will accept almost 11,000 vehicles (compared with 7,500 the previous year), Frazier predicted, including 1,000 or more in December, as the end of the tax year approaches.

While about 10 percent of those vehicles are sold for scrap, most are refurbished and sold as "transportation specials." The average transportation special sells for under \$400, according to Frazier, or at least 50 percent below blue book value.

Frazier quoted the most recent figures from accountants at Plante & Moran which he said show 75 percent of the proceeds go to charity, 14 percent to fund raising and 11 percent for administration.

Most of the proceeds from each car go to the charity selected by the donor, said Frazier. Some specify a Boy Scout Troop, while others select organizations like the American Cancer Foundation or Catholic Social Services.

Charity Motors functions, in some respect, like the United Way, acknowledged Frazier. Rather than making a donation to a specific organization directly, a donor gives the car and stipulates the beneficiary.

Other organizations still accept vehicles, Frazier said. But Charity Motors — using the economy of scale — is the most efficient, he insisted. "We have the mechanics, we have the dealer licenses and we have the sales organization," he said.

That sales organization is very important, said Frazier. Charity Motors makes a significant contribution by providing inexpensive transportation to people who might not otherwise be able to afford one, he said.

"Some of our buyers (for lack of a reliable alternative) might not be able to get to a job otherwise," Frazier said, "some wouldn't be able to take their kids to the zoo or to the park."

Occasionally, a person who bought a transportation special — after establishing the work history and credit needed to buy a newer car — donated it back, Frazier said.

"They realize what having transportation means," he said. "But they also want that tax deduction.'

To qualify for a tax deduction. the vehicle owner estimates the value of the vehicle and Charity Motors writes that amount on the letter of donation needed to satisfy the Internal Revenue Service, Frazier said. "We have blue books to help determine the value of the car," he said, "but the owner estimates the value, and we simply write it

"Most of the time, it works," Frazier said.

When asked about tax deductions for cars or other items donated to charity, a tax preparation specialist for H&R Block said determining the value of the item is crucial.

Donating a car to charity definitely entitles the donor to a tax deduction, said Carolyn D. Kelley, a tax preparation specialist for the H&R office in the Oakland Mall in Troy. "As long as the value of the item is reasonable, the IRS will allow the deduction," she said.

"But if somebody says their 1978 Chevy is worth a \$10,000 deduction," Kelley said, "he (or she) can expect to do some explaining."



Clunker check: Mechanic Willie Mines and John Kruse. Charity Motors administrator, look over a 1981 Pontiac Firebird at the lot near Eight Mile and Lahser.

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Manager: Let the used car buyer beware

BY PAT MURPHY pmurphy@oe.homecomm.net

Charity Motors specializes in turning donated clunkers into "transportation specials," according to manager John Kruse, who oversees the nonprofit organization's car lot on Eight Mile near Lahser.

But Kruse is among the first to caution customers that used cars are a risky investment, subject to mechanical failure. "Cars can break down at any time," he

vehicles take pride in the product, Kruse ent car."

said. "But we get them running, we don't recondition them.

"There are no warranties or guarantees," he said. "As a matter of fact, we advise customers to bring a mechanic with them at the time of purchase — for their protection as well as our own."

Vehicles are sold "as is," Kruse empha-

No customer is stuck if the car he or she purchases dies two miles away from the car lot or simply quits the next day, Kruse said. "If that happens, we work with the He and the mechanics working on the customer and they're likely to get a differ-

But buying a "transportation special" is fraught with uncertainty, he acknowledged. A buyer is much better off if he or she is mechanical and can do some work on their own, Kruse said, "or if they have an uncle or neighbor who is mechanically inclined."

But the same principals hold true for used cars purchased at more traditional outlets, said Kruse. "A car can be running fine one minute, and blow a gasket the

"Anybody who buys a used car should be aware of that possibility," he said. Buyer beware, the old axiom states.

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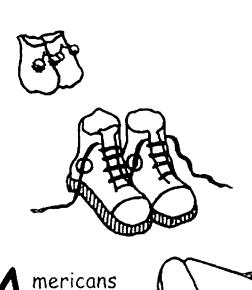
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Ho, ho, ho

Santa shares 1998 message

Editor's note: Every year, along with the Christmas cards, we get a few of those "Christmas letters" from people telling us more than we want to know about their activities over the past year. Ordinarily, we wouldn't pass these missives on to our readers. But this year, one of them was from someone rather special.

Dear Friends,

Well, 1998 has been a busy year for the Claus Clan. Seems like every year my list of good little girls and boys keeps growing. We added an extra shift to the workshop in January just to get enough toys ready for this year's trip.

So far, we've managed to keep production on schedule, but it's getting harder and harder to find elves who are willing to work those long hours without a full benefits package.

It was a little tense around here for a couple of months, but after some negotiating things are getting back to normal. The elves seem satisfied with an extra week's vacation and a new 401(k)

It didn't help matters when those protesters from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals showed up in March waving signs that said "Free the Reindeer." Donner and Blitzen had a talk with them and told them the reindeer didn't feel "enslaved," that they liked pulling the sleigh and delivering toys to boys and girls. Said it made them feel good about themselves.

The PETA people left after a couple of days, maybe because of that talk or maybe because we don't get too much TV coverage here at the North Pole. Before they left, though, one of them threw a can of red paint on my fur coat. It's a good thing they left after that. Old Vixen was so mad she was sharpening up her antlers and getting ready to go after them herself.

Speaking of the sleigh, Mrs. Claus bought me one of those computerized on-board navigation systems so I could find my way around better. I told her I didn't need it since I've been delivering toys for a few hundred years now and I've never gotten lost yet. But she said she'd feel more comfortable if I used it.

We installed it and took the sleigh for a test flight in March, but it just didn't work right. Every time Rudolph's nose lit up, the computer thought it was a red traffic light and brought the sleigh to a stop. Mrs. Claus finally agreed to get rid of the navigation system as long as I kept a. cellular phone and a beeper on board. She's worried about sleighjackers.

When we got back to the workshop after the test sleigh ride, I had e-mail from some group called ASH. They said they were concerned about smoking and health and if I didn't dispose of that stump of a pipe that I had been seen with, I could no longer be a role model for children. They even threatened to start a "Santa is a smoker" campaign and get rid of me just like they got rid of Joe Camel.

There was another e-mail from the Center for Science in the Public Interest. They said that obesity was one of the leading causes of health problems and until I lost some weight, I was sending the wrong message to kids. They said that when kids left me cookies and whole milk on the mantel - especially milk that had been unrefrigerated for hours - I was just encouraging their unhealthy eating habits. They wanted to know what I was going to do about it.

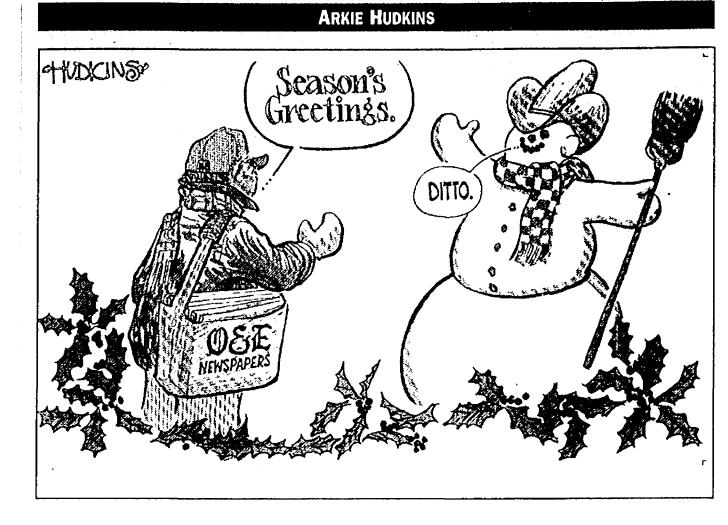
I asked Mrs. Claus what she thought, and she told me to lose the pipe and while I was at it to lose some weight. She said I was so fat that every time I laughed my belly shook like a bowlful of jelly.

I told her I thought the extra pounds and the fur coat and the pipe made me look like a right jolly old elf, but Mrs. Claus said that I was out of touch with modern times, that jolly was out and good health and nutrition were in. I promised her I'd try to reform - right after Christmas.

Well, I have to go now. There's a sleigh full of toys waiting to be delivered and this fat, out-oftouch old elf doesn't intend to disappoint the kids. Happy Christmas to all!

Santa Claus

P.S. Since I won't start dieting until after the holidays, it's OK to leave out those treats!



LETTERS

Appoint judges

Occasionally we agree and this is one of those times.

Judge Myron Wahls saw an opportunity to pick up 200 grand for his kids just by running. being elected a foregone conclusion, and went

After all, isn't that the name of the game now? Greed? Grab all you can when you can.

When a vacancy occurs, maybe some type of merit system should be involved in the filling of that vacancy, but the real problem exists at election time and here is where the Observer and all newspapers could help. We don't know between elections who we are responsible for putting in office therefore we vote in the dark for almost all of our judges.

It becomes a name recognition game.

I like to watch the rulings of the various judges, especially on major and/or controversial issues, however, 99 percent of the voters don't even know which judges in office are from their district since we don't replace all the judges at every level at every election.

I would love to have the Observer, as a community service, print the names of every court and which judges are serving in each of those courts that are dependent, in full or partially, for the voters. Then we know who to watch for future elections. This could be done for each of the cities that the Observer serves. It might be a help toward weeding out some of the incom-

You might even print a little history about them, i.e. the judge who, several years ago, sentenced a person who had a long record to only six months in jail for the crime of rape. I would even be willing to pay a little more for that particular issue, if expense is the prob-

I would hope this suggestion would be given serious consideration.

aving finally seen "Life Is Beautiful," I am writing this letter of anger and outrage to

protest the film's attempt to romanticize the

widespread adulation and positive press that

Unlike the movie, the Holocaust was not a

romantic comedy. Life was not beautiful in the camps. Even Charlie Chaplin apologized in

Holocaust. As well, I am disgusted by the

Charles K. Benton

Garden City

Clinton must go

endings.

he liberal press insists that our country would be in for stress and turmoil should Clinton be impeached. On the contrary, impeachment of Bill Clinton would be the best thing that has happened to our 50 states in decades. The cleansing and upholding of the rule of law could set in motion the steps that need to be taken to strengthen the business community, return us to the family values and morality we used to cherish, and build our military once again to a formidable fighting force.

the '60s for his 1940 "Great Dictator," noting

Six million Jews were raped, tortured, bru-

that he never would have made it had he

known the extent of Hitler's depravity.

talized and murdered. That's not funny!

The Holocaust in many ways is beyond

so well-done, it engages our sentiments and

attracts our sympathies while obscuring the

But no amount of slapstick comedy can

The film is so effective in its mission to dis-

guise the tragedy and make six million deaths

palatable that after two hours audiences are

ready to accept the ridiculous. As the Allied

destroy evidence before they flee. But, if "Life

Is Beautiful" is to be believed, they had time

to take our comedic hero, Guido, around the

to avoid offending audience sensibilities.

corner and execute him out of sight, no doubt

We need to confront reality rather than

obscure it with romantic comedy and happy

Dan Greenberg

Farmington Hills

forces approach, the Germans hurriedly

make slave labor and murder attractive.

ultimate abomination.

comprehension hence most films trivialize the

horror. In addition, since "Life is Beautiful" is

An added bonus would be the twofer we would get with Clinton's demise. No more Hillary Clinton! The transparent crusade for children's rights, 12-year-olds having equal family rights with parents, the warehousing of small children, the socialist gibberish of villageization and globalization could be sent packing with the lady some call so bright that she didn't know that Bill Clinton might have dallied with Monica after 22 years of continuous marriage infidelity!

> Neil Goodbred, Grumpy Livonia

Gospel meaning is timeless

A popular item among many Christian teens is a bracelet displaying the letters "WWJD" which stands for "What Would Jesus Do?"

The idea of modeling your life after Christ has been around for awhile, going back about 30 years this side of the first Christmas. A noble goal, but always a challenge. Have you ever thought that it would be much easier to know What Would Jesus Do if Christ were born in our lifetime?

Certainly, it would be much easier to spread the Gospel in the 20th century with the advantage of the powerful mass media we enjoy high-speed, full-color presses, satellites, telephone and cable TV with fiber optics, and the Internet.

Have you ever wondered if Jesus would use the Internet? What if you wandered into your favorite chat room and found Him there? With such a spur of the moment encounter, what would-you talk about?

And what if Jesus had his own home page on the World Wide Web? What would he place on it? The Beatitudes, the Last Supper discourse, a transcript of His trial, a complete set of parables? Would more people read it online than have offline?

If news of the Star in the East reached us quicker, and if we could get a better view, would we follow the star like the shepherds or the kings?

Although it would be easier to spread the Gospel in this century we really don't have any assurance that the Good News would be accepted any more now than for any other point in time. If Christ were alive today, he certainly would be an outcomes-based person, more interested in acceptance of his creed than mere rapid distribution.

Are Christians in 1998 any more prepared than persons of any other era to accept Christ's teachings, such as:

- Admit that you are a sinner and ask for-
- Forgive those who have wronged you before seeking forgiveness for yourself.
- Love your neighbor as much as yourself.
- Love your enemy.
- Feed the hungry and clothe the naked.
- Be a humble servant. Maybe God knew what He was doing after

all when He selected Mary and Joseph, Bethlehem and Nazareth, and the world they lived in some 2,000 years ago. God must have known that for all our high-powered communication tools, humans today aren't better equipped to accept the challenge of Christmas.

And that's just as well. At least now when we fail, we don't have to look Christ straight in the eye and try to rationalize our shortcomings. Yes, it's probably easier and more comfortable for Christians to celebrate Christmas than to live through it.

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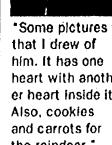
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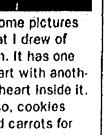
What will you be leaving out for Santa Claus when he visits your house tonight?

We asked this question at the Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.



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POINTS OF VIEW

Merger a shocker to Santa and his once-merry workforce

ews release: North Pole, December 1998 – Gigantico Toys Inc. and Santa's Workshop confirmed their merger plans in a press conference yesterday. The proposal calls for the closing of three toy factories (including the North Pole Plant) and the elimination of 9,000 jobs. Most of the affected employees are elves. Gree D. Execk, spokesman for Gigantico, said the job cuts are a small price to pay in exchange for long-term profitability.

"The streamlining effort combined with the capital buying power of the new, larger corporation will go a long way toward restoring unit holder confidence." Mr. Execk went on to express the company's sincerest regrets for the timing of the cuts, with Christmas just a week away. Santa's Workshop President in Charge of Operations, Santa Claus, was present, but had no comment.

Gigantico's Vice President in

Charge of Eliminating Human Resources fielded questions.

Q. "Why is it necessary to cut so many jobs?"

A. "The overall lack of inflation has made it difficult for us to raise prices to generate better revenues, thus leaving us very little choice but to cut overhead through streamlining operations."

Q. "Oh ... Doesn't that just raise the price of everything in the world for those people who will no longer get a paycheck?"

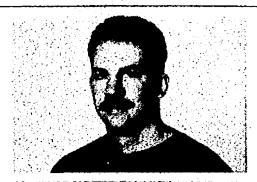
A. "Uhmmmm ... Are there any more questions? Yes, in the back there."

Q. "Thank you, yes. Why are elves so darn small anyways?"

A. "Well, you see, the very nature of the elf experience and its relation to our perception of proportional reality must first be juxtaposed with the delegating factors of the ..."

Q. "ARGHHH!!! OK, OK, never

GUEST COLUMNIST



FRANK COTE

mind. Won't closing these plants devastate these communities? It seems like you're pulling the rug out from under these people's lives."

A. "These communities will go on ... why, the increase in alcohol sales alone will support local merchants, and our figures project a definite demand for family counseling centers, bankruptcy attorneys and pawn shops. When we closed our East Pittsburgh Heights plant last Christmas,

local mortuaries posted record profits as suicide levels skyrocketed."

Q. "Gigantico posted record earnings last year, and paid stockholders a healthy dividend. Why the desperate need to raise profits?"

A. "What do you mean, WHY?!!!
Because it's out there to be made!
Because we CAN!! What are you,
some kinda socialist?"

Q. "No, no, I just thought it might be enough to make a healthy profit while maintaining economic structure in the communities that helped you build the Gigantico empire. Don't you owe it to these people? Are they just lifeless liabilities to the faceless, heartless corporate entity that Gigantico has become?"

A. "Goodness, no. These people have been a critical component of the company machine for many years now. This is why each and every laid-off person will receive this 'I labored most of my life helping my employer

build a first-class worldwide corporation and all I got was fired, and this lousy T-shirt' T-shirt! I have time for just one more question.

Q. "What will become of our marvelous economy once every company in the world has unemployed as many people as possible?

A. "Hmmmm ... maybe I can expand on that elf question from earlier. You see, their small size makes them well-suited for work in hollow trees, baking cookies, perhaps, which is where many of the displaced workers may indeed find work, unless of course the cookie company has its state of the art automated cookiemaking system online, in which case it will only take one elf to do what it once took 20 to do ..."

He yelled from his lime as it drove out of sight, "Merry profits to all, and to all a good night!"

Frank Cote, a Westland resident, is married and has two children.

Revenue sharing is one idea whose time has now expired

n no issue are Michigan lawmakers at each other's throats more ferociously than the annual local looting of the state treasury called "revenue sharing."

They can't agree on what spreading out \$1 billion of state taxes is supposed to accomplish. Hence, the looting is willy-nilly.

One side argues: Detroit and the older cities have been abandoned by the wealthy and middle classes and are stuck with the poor folks who need more social services. Detroit et al. already have taxed themselves heavily and deserve state consideration for their "relative tax effort." Detroit et al. have major costs of replacing infrastructure, but it's socially more economical to help them with repairs than to sink water, sewers and streets into "greenfields."

It goes on: Sending more to rural townships will encourage "urban sprawl," the paving over of farmland

with no population increase. Besides, rural townships levy only a mill or two, often have volunteer fire departments, and find their wells and septics are adequate. If they want to expand services, they should either vote more taxes as we cities have done or incorporate as cities with charter authority to tax 20 mills – no need to share state revenue.

The other side argues: Detroit is losing population but continues to have its aid protected; Detroit has 10 percent of the state's people but soaks up 25 percent of the shared revenue. Every service in the state gets cut in a recession except Detroit's revenue sharing.

It goes on: People vote with their feet. Rural townships are experiencing normal, market-driven growth. The money should follow the people. Township residents shouldn't have to shoulder the full cost of new infrastructure while we perversely reward



TIM RICHARD

Detroit for levying sky-high taxes.

There's no way to reconcile the opposing views.

How did we get into this mess? In the early 1970s, the Legislature replaced eight business taxes with a "single business tax." Wiped out were the corporate income tax, franchise fee ... and the local property tax on business inventory and equipment.

So the rationale became: Since the

state wiped out a local tax, it should replace that money by sharing some of its own revenue. Thus, 14.5 percent of the SBT is allocated to counties, cities, townships and villages.

Who deserved to get the lion's share? Obviously, units that lost the most business property taxes – for example, the "golden mile" industrial corridor emanating from the west side of Detroit, through Redford Township, Livonia and Plymouth Township. Rural townships lost little and therefore got little shared revenue.

Times change. Detroit has lost much of its industry, which has scattered across the state.

The 1998 eight-year renewal of revenue sharing is a boon for rural townships, despite some compromise on the part of the Grand Rapids crowd. Detroit is held flat at \$334 million a year.

But Clinton County's Eagle Town-

ship will see its share rise 34 percent over eight years; Eaton County's Carmel Township, 47 percent and Kalamo Township 55 percent; Ionia's village of Portland, 39 percent; Livingston's Unadilla Township, 41 percent, while the city of Brighton creeps up just 6 percent.

In Wayne County, Sumpter Township will soar 69 percent over eight years while the charming cities of Northville and Plymouth rise just 6 percent apiece.

Revenue sharing today is a bad idea. Get rid of it. Phase out the statutory part of it and save the state \$1 billion. Then give the people a \$1 billion tax cut, and let their local governing boards decide whether it's necessary to ask a local millage to facilitate "growth."

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You might want to meet this never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir. He also enjoys kids, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a good SWCF, under 50,

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K, it's Christmas Eve.

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ies has been baked, the

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on the Christmas tree with

care, and the Nativity scene

neatly arranged in a place of

prominence beneath it. Time

to sit back and savor the soli-

tude before the hubbub of

How about an eggnog to

soothe the soul and while

you're sipping, how about an

imponderable: Whose bright

idea was it anyway to cele-

brate Christ's birth on Dec.

maybe the man himself, can

say for sure whether Jesus

was really born on Dec. 25.

Fact is, it was chosen

because it already was a

pagan holiday in ancient

Around the third century,

there was an attempt to fix

the Christ's birthday by

tying it to a festival of the

Nativity kept in Rome in the

time of Bishop Telesphorus

(between A.D. 127 and 139).

It seems some Christmas

observances of the Roman

church can be attributed to

Christians being massacred

There's also a story of

times.

Apparently, no one, except

Christmas Day.

The tinsel has been tossed

required" toy put together.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Audio-visual: Storyteller Linda Day relies on her voice and facial and hand gestures to tell her stories to luncheon goers at Schoolcraft College.

Storyteller's tales capture holiday spirit

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

Linda Day knows how to tell a good story. A professional storyteller, she can leave her audience laughing over childhood antics or in quiet contemplation over the moral of a story.

A popular closer for Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's fall luncheon series, Day chose to entertain her audience with the Richard Paul Evans story of "The Christmas Candle" and a lighthearted recounting of her sledding antics with her childhood friend, Corky - "His name was Carl, but his mom would say he was such a corker, so he was Corky McCray."

"When I come to the Women's Resource Center, it makes me go find a new book," said Day, launching into a story. Her voice alternating between the seemingly unpleasant Thomas and the old candlemaker, Day recounted Evans' morality tale about charity.

Thomas is headed home on a dark. bitterly cold Christmas Eve when he stops a candlemaker's shop for a candle for his tin lantern. He pushes aside a beggar at the door of the shop and entered, finding it filled with rows and rows of "beautiful Christmas candles."

"But Thomas had no use for them; he wanted just a plain old candle," she said. "'All I need is illumination,' Thomas told the candlemaker. 'Ah, illumination is all you need, so maybe I can help you out,' the candlemaker said, handing Thomas a candle.



Ho, ho, ho: Day's sledding antics as a child brought plenty of laughter from the audience.

"It is only 4 coppers, that is all, but perhaps you may find it costly,' the candlemaker responded.

"Thomas threw down four coins and the candlemaker handed his the candle. With a peculiar smile, he told Thomas, 'Merry Christmas to you.'

Strange encounters

On his way home, Thomas encountered three people. In the light of the candle, the first looked like his mother. Poorly clothed, he wrapped his cloak around her, but when she backed out of the light, he saw she was just a beggar woman.

The second was young man who looked like his brother in the light of the candle. In need of a place to stay, Thomas gave innkeeper six pence, his knapsack and pants to cover the one shilling cost of the room. And when the man left the circle of light, he saw that it wasn't his brother, but a young beggar man.

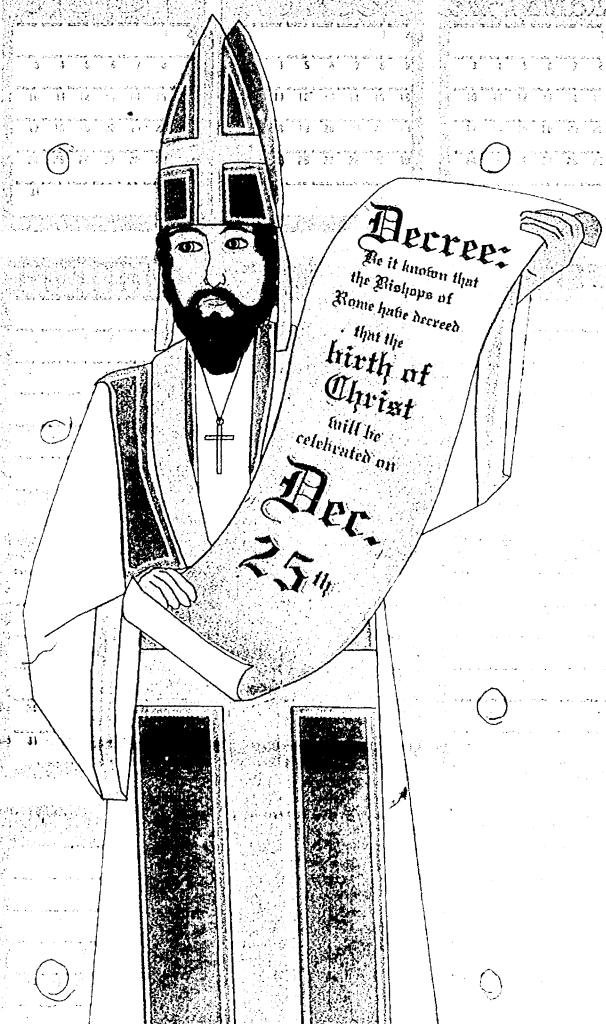
"What a peculiar night, what a strange night,' Thomas thought as he walked to the house where he lived," said Day, her voice conveying the chilliness of the night.

A young girl ran up to him and askea ii she coula have something to eat. She was no older than his sister,

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Christmas Day

Who decided that Christ was born on Dec. 25



and one corresponds to the Dec. 25

And in the third century, it was a common belief that Christ was born on the winter solstice, based on an interpretation of some prophetic Scriptures and an idea that the Annunciation and the Crucifixion both occurred on the same day -March 25.

Another third century set of writings, The Apostolic Constitutions, indicate the Apostles ordained that the feast be kept on the 25th day of the ninth month which, at that time, meant December.

on Dec. 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ after the great persecution that took place around A.D. 310, which connects the visitation of the

wise men from the East, being celebrated 12 days later. Although questioned for several generations by the Eastern church, the Roman day became universal in the fifth century.

That acceptance coincided with a decline in heathen worship and the adaptation of harmless activities to enrich Christian symbolism.

They included Saturnalia, the great Roman holiday in remembrance of the supposed "Golden Age;" Sigillaria, the Feast of Dolls, in which dolls and other toys. mostly earthenware, were given to children; and Brumalia or Dies Natalis Invicti Solis - the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun, when the days became longer after the

Finally, there Kalende Januarii, the New Year's Day, when everyone exchanged gifts and which also tied in with Juvenilia, the special festival of childhood and youth.

day. It, too, is not a definite.

in the catacombs on the day of the Nativity between A.D. 161 and 180, but again, the exact year isn't known, and similar events supposedly happened in A.D. 300 at Nicomedia during the reign of Diocletian. However, neither story appears to be a reliable measure of the day Christ was born.

the bishop.

Many questions

While it was believed the birth of Christ did take place on the 25th of the month, which month is uncertain and the date's been assigned to every month at one time or another.

During the time of Clement of Alexandria (before 220) five dates in three different months of the Egyptian year were said to be the Nativity

The works of John Selden, published in 1661, suggested that in the early Christian ages, the winter solstice fell on the 8th of the Kalends of January - Dec. 25 - although it isn't accepted universally by modern-day students, who put the 8th of Kalends somewhere between the end of July and the end of October.

The Roman church finally settled

solstice.

All of these days seemed to easily come together into one big Christian celebration and their ancient significance crossed over into the light of the Gospel. But the year of Christ's birth raises questions just as does the

The 753rd year A.U.C. (Anno Urbis Condita - from the building of the city, for example, Rome) is agreed upon as the traditional date. But that's too late, if you look at the Gospel of Matthew, which says that

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king." Herod died in A.U.C. 750.

Matthew's writings also suggest that some time must have elapsed between the birth of Christ and the death of Herod to have been for a visit from the wise men, the retreat to Egypt and the Slaughter of the Innocents.

The Gospel of Luke raises still another matter. It is not clear whether Tiberius Caesar's 15th year

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Chrismon tree becomes part of celebration

When members of New Life Lutheran Church gather for Christmas Eve services this evening, decorating the chapel will be a special Christmas tree.

The tree is decorated with handmade white and gold Chrismon ornaments.

Thirteen members of the congregation - Beverly Conklin, Jan Stutzman, Arlene McGarry, Sharon Messmer, Irene Ford, Barbara Becker, Jeanette Bur man, Maureen Kall, Jane Allen, Mary Berends, Nicole Berends, Kathy Stutzman and Karen Rickerman - made more than 50 ornaments for the tree.

"It was my dream," said Jan Stutzman of Garden City, who organized the creative effort. "I've always had one before and it's just not Christmas without a Chrismon tree."

A Chrismon - a combination of parts of two words, Christ and monogram - is a monogram of Christ. Many of the designs come from the earliest Christians, which used them to identify themselves to one another, to designate the meeting places of the church and to sometimes show nonbelievers where they stood.

The ornaments also are always done in white and gold. White is the liturgical color for Christmas and refers to the Lord's purity and perfection. Gold relates to His majesty and glory.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMUNN

Gather around: Sue Stutzman (right), hold ing her grandson Evan, 3, is joined by the Rev. Ken Roberts (from left) Kathy Stutz man, JeanetteBurman and BarbaraBeckeraround New Life Luther an's Church's

Chrismon

tree.

Then there were ...



Five generations: The photographer said didn't have to tell Beth Kirby (from left), 84, of Redford, to smile. She had more than enough reason with the birth of Scott Russell Meinke July 18. His arrival made her a great-great-grandmother. Joining her for a family photograph were grandmother Kathy Cardinal, 39, of Taylor, mother Beth Melton, 19, of Taylor, holding Scott, and greatgrandmother Sherry Fordham, 61, of Taylor.

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Working from patterns developed by members of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Va., Stutzman created kits containing primarily gold and pearl beads and assorted gauges of fine gold wire, bought at stores locally and by mail order. Old jewelry provided some of the hard-to-find pieces.

Designs on New Life's tree include the Latin cross with and without the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and a symbol of the Savior's divinity; the Cross of Victory, representing a world united in Christ and the triumph of the Lord over earthly sin, and Chi Rho, the first letters of Christ in the Greek alphabet or the Latin phrase Christus Rex for Christ the King, to name a

"We tested the patterns and then prepared kits for those who wanted to work at home," said Stutzman who spearheaded the project. "Most of the time we met in homes of our members. It gave us a chance to get to know each other better."

The group started making the ornaments in the fall of 1997. Stutzman found the work "an exciting experience," and that members who had never done something like that before were "off and running once they got one ornament under their belt."

"They'd finish one and want to do more," Stutzman said. "They'd say, 'Give me a harder one to do.' And those who did them have gone out and got their own materials to make more."

A new congregation in the Plymouth area, New Life Lutheran Church is conducting services temporarily in the chapel at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Northville Town-

Stutzman's idea was to collect the Chrismons for a tree when the congregation finds a permanent home, but opted for a small tree in the chapel. The Rev. Ken Roberts dedicated the tree at worship services on Dec. 13. There wasn't a dry eye in the place, she said.

With the enthusiasm for the (734)459-8181.

project, Stutzman expects that they'll keep needing a bigger tree each year.

"Some day, we'll have a building with a big high ceiling and huge tree," she said. "Our church is small and we are very grateful to be able to worship at Our Lady of Providence. They have been very nice to us. But our problem there is visibility; we have trouble letting people know

we are a congregation. "We pray for some kind of a permanent site that would allow us space to have everything in one place."

In addition to the Chrismon tree. Christmas Eve at New Life Lutheran will feature harpist and vocalist D.I. Turner leading the special instrumental music at the candlelight Communion service. The special music, featuring flute, piano and guitar, will begin at 6:45 p.m., with worship at 7 p.m.

Church goers should follow the luminaries and signs to the chapel. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at Stories from page B1

but Thomas thought, "No, I'll not let the light shine on her, I know what will happen."

When Thomas arrives at his home, his family is happy to see him, but ask what has happened to all of his things. He tells them he gave them all away and about the "good advice" the old man gave him.

The candlemaker said if I took the candle it would be costly,' he told his family," Day said, adding that "we can see what the old man meant, if we think about it deeply. We all come from one great family."

On the lighter side, Day pointed out that no one had told the Livonia resident that girls "couldn't have boys as friends." recounting a winter escapade with Corky, the friend she did a lot with, especially in the winter.

As 9-year-olds, they decided to take on the big boys and successfully sled down the 17th Street Hill across Spring Garden Road, over the knoll and right up to the front door of Capital Hill Grade School.

They wanted to be the champs, but needed a Red Flyer sled, so Day started lobbying for it well before Christmas, leaving little notes - "Red Flyer sled" - on her mother's pillow and in her father's lunch box and even telling her grandparents.

"When I walked into the living room on Christmas Day, I knew the sled would be there," said Day. "I called Corky and he said Yep, I knew it would be there.' "

Wax is wax is wax

The duo parlayed 37 cents into a quarter bar of paraffin to wax the runners of the sled like the older boys did, but it didn't go far, so using a knife, they removed the paraffin from the tops of her mother's jars of homemade jelly.

"We ran it up and down the runner, up and down the runner," said Day, "It was a little sticky, but it still wasn't climbed on.

cons to resume on Jan. 22

Tioners of the second First," a look at here

On Friday, Peb. 19, Shelly Thecker, romance nevelist ess success of "Timeless" and "the Portsidien Touch," will introduce luncheon goers to the peaks of romance writing. Closing out the series on Friday, April 19, will be rag-

time pieno player Bob Milne.

The live musical performance will be a first for the series. The luncheons are held in

the Waterman Campus Conter of Schooleraft College, Hazzerty Road south of Seven Mile Road Doors open at 14:30 a.m., with lunch salad, bread and rolls. gourmet entres, vegetable. descert and beverage - served at 11:45 Lim.

Tickets are \$14 per luncheon date. Prepaid registration is required and can be completed by sending a theck, payable to Schoeleraft College, to the Women's Resource Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152-2698.

For more information, call the resource center at (734) 462-4443.

enough."

They needed more, so they used their mothers' "candles for dress up," and when that wasn't enough, they opted for birthday candles.

"When my mom asked where all the little strings came from, I said 'I don't know,' " Day said.

The preparations done, they waited for the big snow storm that closed school for the day and sent the sledders scurrying to the top of the 17th Street Hill. Day and Corky carted the Red Flyer up the hill and waited in the bushes until the older boys had all taken a few turns.

Day had a plan. Starting at the Wilsons' driveway, Corky would run with the sled to the top of the hill, throw it down and climb on. Day would give him a big push and hop on top for their ride into "sledding history."

When it was time, they stepped out of their hiding place and ran to the top of the hill, where Day gave

McCray gave him a push and

"We must have been going 70, 80 miles per hour, I think. The wind was blowing our hair back," Day said. "I thought, 'This is gonna be a great day, we're making sledding history."

A third of the way down the hill, they screeched to a halt. Day asked what happened, but all Corky could do is roll over and repeat, "The sled, the sled."

"I looked and there was no sled under Corky," Day said. "His jacket was split open, its buttons gone, and his T-shirt was up under his arms. White stripes from the ice and red stripes from the snow marked his bare chest."

The sled, Day discovered was still at the top of the hill, buried in four feet of snow.

"When I gave Corky that mighty shove, I buried the sled," said Day, her voice tinged with the sound of triumph. "And that was the day Linda Day rode Corky McCray into sledding history."

is counted from A.U.C. 765, when he was connected with Augustus in the Empire, or from the death of Augustus in A.U.C. 767. The real meaning of his remark about the census isn't known (Luke 3:1), and his information about the Nativity places it around A.U.C. 749 to 753.

Matthew's account of the "Star in the East" and then over Bethlehem has been called an atmospheric meteor and at best suggested to astronomers that someone born in Judea at that time was destined for greatness.

Nowhere does it say that Christmas, was first celebrated

Christ was born exactly at the time the "star" appeared, but it is safe to say His birth took place some time between the middle of A.U.C. 747 and the end of A.U.C. 749, for example 7 B.C. and 5 B.C.

The aforementioned March 25 date was the pagan festival of spring. The church adopted it as the date of Mary's visit by the angel Gabriel, and added nine months to it to come up with Dec. 25 as the day of Jesus' birth.

Thus, Christ Mass, later called

on Dec. 25 in the year 354, according to several sources.

Had enough? Thought so. We'll save the stuff about the Christmas tree, mistletoe, holly and the Star of Bethlehem for another time. Better get some sleep. Before you know it, the kids'll be

Oh, and before you turn in ... have a happy, joyous and safe

- Compiled by Sue Mason; information courtesy of the www.christmas.com Web site.

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Area churches prepare to celebrate birth of Christ

"Silent Night" is a song heard around the world on Christmas Eve. Although the words were written by the poet-priest-musician Joseph Mohr in 1816, it was not until the music was added by Franz Gruber on Dec. 24, 1818, that "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" became a gift to all humanity.

Its popularity can almost be termed "miraculous." After all, the words were written by a modest curate and the music composed by a musician hardly known outside the province where he resided.

There was no celebrity to sing at the world premiere and no mass-communication systems to spread the fame of the carol. Its message of heavenly peace has crossed all borders and language barriers, conquering the hearts of Christmas-celebrating people everywhere.

And there is no doubt that 180 years after it was written. "Silent Night" will be heard at church services in western Wayne County and throughout the world.

Newburg United Methodist Church which will have its family celebration with carols and candle-lighting at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The service will feature the Cherub and Children's choirs, stories, drama and carols for families with young children. Child care will be provided.

The 8:30 p.m. candlelight service, "What Makes Christmas Joy so Great?", will feature The Youth Choir and Cantabile Bells, carols and the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey, with the Chancel Choir singing at the 11 p.m. candlelight service. The Rev. Tom Bradley will preach, and there will be Holy Commu-

■ The First United Methodist Church will have a traditional light service at 7 p.m. and traditional candlelight service with Communion at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church 6443 Merriman, Garden City. On Sunday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, there will be one service at 10:45 a.m. Memorial Church of Christ will have its Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church,

35475 Five Mile, Livonia. There will be the singing of Christmas carols and "Grandpa" telling a Christmas story.

Frince of Peace Lutheran Church will have a 3 p.m. service for children and families and a 7:30 p.m. candlelight service Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 37775 Palmer, West-

The Nativity of the Lord will be celebrated with a festival service at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Cookies and hot spiced cider will be served at 9:30 a.m.

■ The Sunday School children will present "The Birth of Christ" for the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. The 11 p.m. service will include carols, candles, choirs and Communion. There also will be a Communion service at 10 a.m. Christmas Day.

■ Unity of Livonia Church will have a special Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livo-

a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25. ■ Special music precede Christmas Eve vices at the First Presbyteri-

8 and 11 p.m.

Day, Dec. 25.

an Church, Church

and Main streets

in Plymouth.

Family worship

will be at 3 and 5

p.m., with lessons, carols and

candlelight worship planned for

A children's Mass will be

held at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve,

Dec. 24, in the gymnasium of

Resurrection Catholic Church,

48755 Warren Road, Canton.

Masses also are scheduled for

4:30 and 10 p.m. in the church

and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas

St. Paul's Presbyterian

Church will have a family ser-

vice at 5 p.m., carols and candle-

light service at 9 p.m. and a tra-

ditional Communion and candle-

light service at 11 p.m. Christ-

mas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church,

Church will have a family

Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

Dec. 24 at the Canton campus,

46001 Warren Road and at 7

p.m. at the Livonia campus.

14175 Farmington Road. The 5

p.m. service will feature special

Christmas music by the worship

team, while the Cherub, Chois-

ter and Hand chime Choirs will

perform at the 7 p.m. service

which will include a special chil-

will be held at the Livonia cam-

pus where worshippers will be

given a votive candle to raise

during the singing of "Silent

The 11 p.m. candlelight service

dren's message.

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran

27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

will have a traditional Latin Mass at midnight Dec. 25 at the church, 23310 Joy, Redford. Confessions will be heard 10:45-11.40 p.m. and carois will begin at 11 p.m. Christmas morning Mass will be at 9 a.m. Dec. 25, with confessions heard 8-8:45

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight Communion worship service at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church. 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. A nursery will be provided.

■ Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have Christmas Eve services at 4, 5 and 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The candlelight services will feature harpist Onita Sanders. The Rev. Dr. James McGuire will be preach-

■ Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have a family service at 5 p.m. and a candlelight Communion service at 10 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

■ St. Agatha Catholic Church will its children's liturgy at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and Mass at midnight Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at the church, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford, Ser-■ St. Anne's Roman Catholic vices also will be at 8 and 11

Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the Christmas story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ, handbell and instrumental music will begin at 10:30 p.m.

communion will begin at 10 a.m. at the Livonia campus and will feature uplifting music with choir and instrumentalists.

People are invited to hear the Christmas story told and celebrate Jesus' birth with Communion and candlelight at 7 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Nursery will be provided at the 7 p.m. service. The Rev. Carla Thompson Powell will officiate.

■ Merriman Road Baptist Church will have a traditional candlelight service at 7 p.m. and traditional candlelight service with Communion at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve. Dec. 24, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road. Garden City. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, there will be one service at 10:45

■ The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will have two services with Holy Eucharist at 5:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at the church, 9083 Newburgh, Livo-

■ The Sunday School program will be a part of the Christmas Eve family service at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. A candlelight service with Communion will be at 10:30 p.m. Communion also will be a part of the 10 a.m. worship service Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

■ St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will have carols at 7 p.m., family Eucharist (baby-sitting provided) at 7:30 p.m., carols at 11 p.m. and worship at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, at the church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

Night." The Choir of Christ Our On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, there will be worship with Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

■ Dr. William C. Moore will preach about "The True Spirit of Christmas" at services Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Christmas Day worship with Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth. The family celebration with Christmas pageant will be at 3:30 and 5:15 p.m. A nursery for children age 3 and under will be provided. A praise celebration will be at 7:30 p.m. (nursery for ages 5 and under provided) and candlelight celebration at 11

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have candlelight services at 4, 6, 7:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve. Dec. 24, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (248) 442-8822.

Geneva Presbyterian Church will have family services at 4 and 5:30 p.m. and candlelight Communion services at 7 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve. Dec. 24, at the church, 5835 N. Sheldon. Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-0013.

■ At Christ the King Lutheran Church, there will be a family service with Communion at 5:30 p.m. and traditional candlelight services at 7:30 and 11 p.m. at the church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will have candlelight worship at 4:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor. Road, Plymouth. Worship will be at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec.

St. Michael Lutheran Church will have its family worship at 7 p.m., worship with communion at 9 p.m. and a candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve. Dec. 24. at the church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton, Worship with Communion will be at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

NEW OFFICERS

Congregation Beit Kodesh recently held an installation of officers for the 1999-2000. Elected were Jeffrey Kirsch as president, Martin Diskin and Al Gittleman as vice-presidents, Joanne Rabinowitz as corresponding secretary, Julie Abel-Grippo as recording secretary and Bill Cottrell and Aaron Engel as trustees for four years.

SWING PARTY Single Spirit of Ward Presbyteri-

an Church will have a 1940s Swing Party 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Merriman Road north of Warren Road, Westland. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. For more information and tickets, call (248) 374-5920.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. The sermon will be "Celebrate the Old Await the New.

■ Ward Presbyterian Church will celebrate New Year's Eve with an evening of fellowship. beginning at 9 p.m., at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. The evening will feature Ward's own Contemporary Trio and Friends. Light refresh-

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ments will be available at 10 p.m. The evening will conclude with a Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. Chimes will ring in the New Year and close the service just after midnight.

The evening is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-5956.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia, will minister in a program of praise and worship at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, between Lilley and Sheldon roads. Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years, singing and playing piano and in churches and college across the country. Nicholas, an alumnus of Cedarville College, Nicholas, who sings and plays the alto saxophone, finished his first solo recording of 10 songs on saxaphone, entitled "Upon This Rock," last year. Alicia is age 13 and sings and plays the violin. Bergen blends contemporary worship songs with great hymns and challenges his audience to a commitment of a vital, lifechanging relationship with Christ.

A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

NEW BEGINNING

when New Beginnings, a grief support group meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. 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.









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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 today, Thursday, Dec. 24. To obtain an angel or more information, call (734) 522-4244.

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 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.

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registra tion. 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 Stot tlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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.

QARDEN CITY CO-OP The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is 513-7708.

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearand afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. 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 26279 Michigan in Inkster.

Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art. a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

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

students is offered at the Salvation Army Waynety 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 partici-Leau'Rette Douglas, (734)

722-3660.

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum has a display of dolls from around the world and a display of toys

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YWCA READINESS

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A free tutoring program for Westland Corps Communipating or volunteering, call

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Call (313) 561-4110.

LITTLE LAMBS

are Just for Me Preschool Time, a session of thematic storytimes for 3- to 5-year-olds. Choose one: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Registration for storytimes is required. You may register by telephone or in person at the Children's Desk. Session I: Weeks of Jan. 4 through Feb. 22. Tuesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23. Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24. Registration began Dec. 1. Session II: Weeks of March 1 through April 26. Registration begins Feb. 1. for boys. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays (except during the holiday weekends) at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FOR SENIORS

SENIOR CHOIR

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p.m. on the second Tues-

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Historical Museum meet 7

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

EXERCISE

Event:

Location:

Telephone:

Date and Time:

Additional info,:

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 schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks

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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.

Teen Net meeting: At 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, the library's teen advisory group meets to discuss the types of music,

books and programs they would like to see at the library. Community Meeting Room A. Also planned at the library

beginning in January are programs for children. The Children's Department is preparing for the winter session of

includes movement, singing and stories. Choose one: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Also planned

storytimes. Toddler tales, a session of developmentally appropriate storytimes for children 18-36 months old,

At the library

WORK REFERRAL

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

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the

CHADD

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 Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI53 meets weekly: Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. 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) 776-3415.

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.

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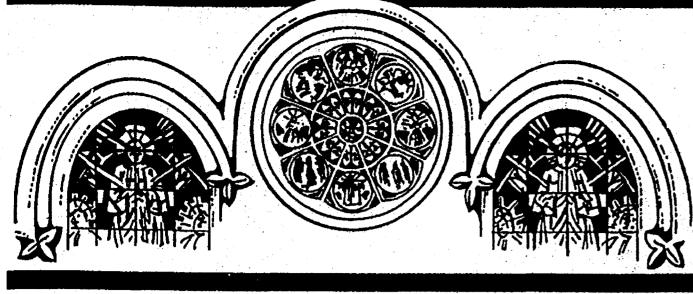
There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call 728-3020.

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"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

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Fricke-Pigula

Rochelle M. Pigula and Kevin C. Fricke were married Sept. 5. at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford, The Rev. Thomas Slowinski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Patricia Pigula of Farmington Hills. The groom is the son of Frank and Marge Fricke of Livonia.

The bride received a business administration and liberal arts associate degree from Oakland Community College. She is cofounder of Internet Real Estate.

The groom received his bachelor of arts degree in radio/television/film from Wayne State University. He is employed as a television weather anchor at an ABC-TV affiliate in Madison,

The bride asked Diane Williams to serve as her matron of honor with Lynn Williams and Theresa Pigula as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Scott MacKinnon to serve as best man with



Bryan Wheeler and Gary Fricke as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Southfield Manor in Southfield before leaving on a one-week cruise of the southern Caribbean. They are making their home in Madison, Wis.

Michigan State University. She is employed by the University of

Michigan Hospital. Her fiance is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford and Michigan State University. He will begin working at the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn in January.

An August wedding is planned in the Rose Garden at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Brownies brighten others' holiday

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Brownies from Bentley Elementary School in Canton Township made the holidays a little happier for seven less fortunate children.

For a second year, the girls of Troop 645 donated clothing, toys. books and other gifts to children whose families have sought help through Starfish Family Services' Safe Stay residence.

"That is fairly unusual; usually an individual Brownie Girl Scout buys a gift item for one child," said Charlotte Luttrell, public relations manager of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. "You wouldn't normally see four Brownies buying for one. That's a little bit beyond the average

"Adopting families and buying gifts for children at holiday time is a common way for Brownie Girl Scouts to do a service project for the community. The one thing about Girl Scouting is that the girls are encouraged to look outward during the holidays."

Because of confidentiality laws, the girls were not given the children's full names, just the first names, ages and clothing sizes, according to Troop 645 leader Christina Bergmans.

Prior to picking names, the Brownies learned about Starfish Family Services and Safe Stay, a 24-hour residential crisis and



respite care home for children, from an organization representa-

Last year, Bergmans said, the girls bought for a mother and her children.

"We had a little different circumstances last year. The girls brought in clothes and toys," she said. "We had baby supplies, too - diapers and wipes, a backpack, diaper bags, that kind of thing." Volunteer work is a major part

of Brownies and Girl Scouts. Troop 645's last service project was going to Waltonwood of Canton Assisted Living to host a Halloween party.

"They sang some songs. We gave them refreshments and played bingo and all the girls

dressed up," said Bergmans, who co-leads the troop with Gail Crosby, Marcie Herman and Diane Goethals.

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"Many adult women have said their first experience with volunteer work was in Girl Scouting. It's one of the things that makes Girl Scouts stand apart from other organizations," Luttrell added.

Daigle-Markell

Philip and Susan Daigle of Berkley announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Kevin Ryan Markell, the son of Jack Markell of Livonia and the late Kathleen

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Berkley High School and





Doyle-Tullio

John and Mary Doyle of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Katherine, to Michael Patrick Tullio, the son of Antonio and Mary Tullio, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University. She is employed as a sixth grade teacher in the Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed by National Computer Resources Inc. in Wixom as a network specialist.

A June wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Craig-Barker-Cook

Michael Jeffrey Craig of Glasgow Village, Mo., and Diana Barker-Cook of Westland were married Oct. 24 at First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth. The Rev. Milford Byrd officiated.

The bride is the daughter of June Best of St. Petersburg, Fla. The groom is the son of the late Earl and Virginia Craig.

The bride is a graduate of Torrejon Air Force Base High School in Spain. Formerly a secretary for Realty World of Canton, she now works as a secretary for a Christian hospital in Glasgow Village, Mo.

The groom is a graduate of Riverview High School in Kansas City, Mo. He is employed as a blo-medical engineer.

The bride asked Lana Olson and Samantha Craig to be her attendants. The groom asked Jim Chuhran and Sean Craig to be his attendants.

After greeting guests at First Free Will Baptist Church's reception hall, the couple left for a honeymoon in Branson, Mo. They are making their home in Glasgow Village.



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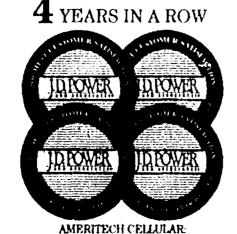
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Blackburn plays for U.S.

Michigan State University sophomore goaltender Joe Blackburn (Livonia Churchill) has been named to the Team USA, which will compete Dec. 26-Jan. 5 at the IIHF World Junior Championships in Winnipeg, Manito-

Blackburn leads the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in goalsagainst average (1.39). He owns a 10-3-2 record with a .925 save percent-

Blackburn is also joined on the U.S. Junior Team by forward David Legwand, and defensemen Paul Mara and Nikos Tselios - all from the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League.

Canada, meanwhile, will be represented by the Whalers' Harold Druken.

FOX Sports Detroit will air the Dec. 31 U.S.-Canada preliminary round game (tape-delayed at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2.

Brzezenski award winner

Boston College senior offensive guard Doug Brzezinski (Livonia/Redford Catholic Central) was recently named winner of the annual Varsity Club Trophy (Thomas F. Scanlan Award).

Brzezinski won BC football's highest honor, which is presented annually to the senior player who best exemplifies the ideals of Tom Scanlan '20, one of the most beloved football alumni, scholar, athlete, friend, gentleman and ambassador of goodwill at Boston

Considered to be a sure choice in the upcoming NFL Draft, the 6-foot-5, 305-pound Brzezinski is a two-time first-team All-Big East selection and is the major reason the Eagles finished with 4,527 total yards on the year. He was voted the team's co-captain prior to the season.

Mercy softball clinic

The second annual Farmington Hills Mercy High School softball clinic will be from 9-10:30 a.m. (grades 4-6) and 10:45-12:15 p.m. (grades 7-12) Saturday Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 13 and 20 at the school's gym.

The cost is \$25 for six sessions or \$5 per session. Attendance is limited to 30 per session.

For more information, call Fred Marinucci at (313) 531-5819 or Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748.

Collegiate note

■ Bowling Green State University sophomore Yalonda Holt (Wayne Memorial) is averaging 7.0 points and 4.1 rebounds per game for the women's basketball team.

Holt, a 5-foot-10 guard-forward, also leads the Lady Falcons (4-5) in three-point accuracy (.438). She has appeared in all nine games with one start.

For the record

Livonia Churchill's Adam Rourke should have been listed as the first goal scorer in Wednesday's 4-3 nonleague hockey victory over defending state Class A champion Trenton (Sunday, Dec. 20 edition).

Redford Catholic Central's Ryan Meekins, a senior captain and secondteam All-Observer selection a year ago, should have been listed as a key returnee for the boys swim squad (Thursday, Dec. 17 edition).

Meekins was a Catholic League champion in the 100-yard freestyle (48.43) and ranked third in the area in the 200 freestyle (1:45.85). He was also a member of CC's 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams, which placed 13th in each event at last year's state Class A meet.

Drop-in basketbali

The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will hold open gym for basketball from 6:45-9:45 p.m. Mondays at Central Middle School.

The cost is \$4 per person for the full 3-hour session. City of Plymouth residents will be receive a \$1 discount with identification.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

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Salem edges Spartans in relays

BY C.J. RIBAK STAFF WRITER cirisak@oe.homecomm.net

As veteran Plymouth Salem swim coach Chuck Olson said, "That's why we have this meet — so you can learn from it."

Olson was talking about the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays, the annual league get-together that Salem hosts. While it may provide a look at what each team has to offer, it usually has little bearing on the WLAA Meet at the end of the sea-

Example: Livonia Stevenson won last year's relays, and Plymouth Canton won the two previous two years. The WLAA champion at season's end each time, however, was Salem.

What the Rocks learned during those relays meets was that mistakes can kill a team's chances. Certainly Salem had the firepower and depth to win the relays the past three years, but didn't. Why?

Disqualifications, usually for leaving the starting blocks early. If a **BOYS SWIMMING**

team has a first- or second-place finisher DQed and scores no points, in a meet that totals just 10 races, it's chances of winning are mortally

wounded. The Rocks didn't make that kind of mistake last Saturday and the result was a good one - for them. They won three relays and captured the firstplace trophy.

"We were just a bit stronger at the end than anyone else," said Olson. "And no one got DQed."

Any explanation for that? "We didn't really do anything different," the Salem coach replied, adding in jest, "This year we decided not to emphasize starts and it worked out well."

Maybe not practicing something is an answer, but don't count on it. Olson doesn't.

If the Rocks had an added incentive, it was that no current team member had ever won this thing. "The seniors had never won it," Olson

said. "I didn't even know it. They told me afterwards."

What the relay results told was that this, indeed, would be a much closer race for the WLAA title, Salem's margin of victory last Saturday was slim - in fact, 20 points was all that separated first and third. The Rocks' total was 244; Stevenson was right behind with 233, and Canton wasn't much further back with 224. North Farmington, too, cleared 200 points, scoring 207 (see meet results).

"This is the first time in many years it's been this close," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler. "I thought the meet went well. The whole league swam pretty darn good. We had one first and four seconds."

Canton's improvement certainly concerned Buckler. "Canton has depth and is much better this year, even though they graduated some good talent."

But, Buckler noted: "Chuck (Olson) is still the team to beat. (Salem's) won it six times in a row. But we've got four teams, along with Northville,

that will be right in there for the league title."

Salem won the 400-yard freestyle, the 400 individual medley and the 200 medley relays, and finished secand in the 200 backstroke, 500 crescendo free and 200 free relays.

One relay meet record was set: Canton's Justin Allen, Aaron Reeder, Trey Gercak and Don LeClair won the 200 back relay in 1:45.69, shattering the previous mark of 1:47.32 set by Livonia Churchill in 1994.

Andrew Locke, Brian Mertens, Jim Peace and Dan Jones combined to win the 400 free relay for Salem (3:32.75), and Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Kevin Crabill and Paul Perez teamed for a first in the 400 individual medley relay (4:02.90).

Matt Casillas, Jason Rebarchik, Mark Witthoff and Locke were winners for the Rocks in the 200 medley relay (1:47.05). Point of interest: Locke was the only swimmer on two winning relays for Salem, a tribute to the team's depth — which has always

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PREP BASKETBALL

Crestwood overcomes late surge by Trojans

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

If Livonia Clarenceville had played the first 16 minutes like it played the last 16 Tuesday night it wouldn't be 1-3 right now.

But the Trojans didn't, so previously winless Dearborn Heights Crestwood was able to pile up enough of a firsthalf lead to claim a 64-60 victory.

"We've got to have a sustained effort," Coach Bill Dyer of improved but still 1-3 Clarenceville said. "We've got to have 32 minutes of consistent effort a night, or close to it.

"The key is we've got to come out ready. We've got good players. But they don't know how to come out and get started.

"We're young. We don't quite know how to do it yet."

There's a reason Crestwood hadn't won in three starts, even if the bigger Chargers play in the Michigan Mega Conference Gold Division and the Trojans compete in the Metro Conference.

If Clarenceville had started the game playing the same kind of in-yourshorts, floor-burn defense it displayed in the final two quarters the result would have been more lop-sided the other way.

Trailing 42-24 at the half, Clarenceville came out in a full-court trapping defense. Crestwood broke it four times in the first two minutes to take a 51-28 lead.

It would have been easy for the Trojans to slink home at that point, but

"We felt we weren't aggressive enough in the first half," Dyer said. "We wanted to get up the floor and play a little. We wanted to make them make mistakes."



Scrambling: Livonia Clarenceville's Steve Shaw (left) and Rick Burack (right) go to the floor in an attempt to keep the ball away from Chris Gascon of Dearborn Heights Crestwood during Tuesday night's non-league encounter.

Corey McKendry hit a three-pointer to trigger a 10-point run that got Livonia thinking that maybe it could do the

unthinkable. Dearborn Heights made a free throw with 2:20 to play, making it 52-38, but Clarenceville closed the quarter with seven unanswered points to cut the margin to a workable 52-45 entering the final eight minutes of play.

Rick Burack had six of his 16 points in the third quarter while McKendry scored all five of his and Scott Wion had five of his 16.

Rick Murphy knocked down three straight triples on three trips down the floor for Clarenceville to sliced the deficit to 60-58 with 2:12 to play.

A free throw by Brian Stefanski made it 61-58 with 2:04 left and Joe Keough drilled two left-handed free throws with 1:22 left to cut it to 61-60.

"We made a couple of mental mistakes," Dyer said of what happened Joe Fodera made a free throw with

34 seconds to play and Jason Trybuski made a layup off a steal by Matt Behrens with 10 seconds to play to seal the decision.

"We've got ability," Dyer said. "We just have to stay committed. We have athletic kids. We have to take it to somebody.

Murphy ended up with 11 points while Scott Carr and Keough also had five points. Seven Trojans scored.

Behrens and Fodera paced Crestwood with a dozen points apiece. Trybuski and Kyle Steger scored eight each and Geoff Ploch had seven as 11 Chargers scored.

Crestwood came out like it wanted to apply a knockout punch early, playing much more aggressively and taking an 8-1 lead after scoring the first six points of the game.

But Clarenceville scored eight in a row to take a 9-8 lead. It trailed, 14-11, after the first quarter and Crestwood shredded both the half-court press and the Trojans' regular defense for a 28-13 second quarter.

"Twenty-eight points," Dyer said. "That's twice too much. Our goal is to give up 50 points a game. We do that, we'll win.

"We've got tough kids. They want to win. They're not going to quit against

They just need to learn that every two floor burns you get in the first half saves you one in the second.

Friedrichs named Churchill boys soccer coach

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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Livonia Churchill's new varsity boys soccer coach arrived just in time for Christmas.

Earlier this week, Churchill athletic director Marc Hage named 24-year-old Reid Friedrichs to

succeed Chad Campau. Campau, who remains the Churchill varsity girls soccer coach, resigned from the boys position last

fall after going 48-19-18 in four years. The Chargers are coming off an 11-6-3 season.

"We're very excited about Reid and he's excited to get going," Hage said. "He has a very nice background, but more importantly we feel he has the football coach who has also done an excellent job Inter-Regional Soccer League.

bringing enthusiasm and stability to the program."

Hage served on the selection committee along with Churchill assistant principal Dan Willenborg and varsity baseball coach Herb Osterland.

Friedrichs, recently hired into the Livonia Public Schools as a science teacher at Churchill, has quite

an impressive playing background. A 1992 graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer, Friedrichs was a two-time All-State goalkeeper who

later went on to star at Michigan State. At MSU, Friedrichs posted the NCAA's lowest goals against average as a junior (1995). As a senior (1996), he was named Big Ten Player of the Year and was selected to play in the Umbro College All-Star Game. Friedrichs is a two-time All-Big Ten

selection (1995-96). integrity and the maturity like another one of our Most recently he has been a player-coach and , "And being a keeper, I feel I understand the field young coaches - John Filiatraut - our varsity captain for the Mid-Michigan Bucks of the U.S. aspect of the game. It's kind of a bonus and I

Friedrichs also spent a year as an assistant at Alma College and has worked numerous area youth camps, including several for the Detroit Rockers.

"As a new coach I'm going to have to establish my way and my personality according to the rules we set forth," said Friedrichs, who will serve as Churchill's JV girls coach this spring. "I'm very excited because the school has a great soccer tradition and is known as a great soccer program. I'm proud, happy and honored to be named.'

Friedrichs also said he hopes to retain Louie Kisic as the JV boys coach.

"My job is to create a good atmosphere so we can be successful on and off the field," Friedrichs said "Hopefully, with the knowledge I've acquired as a player, I can bring something back to the game

believe it's an advantage.

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been the difference between Salem and the rest of the WLAA. Stevenson, which was without two swimmers who were involved in an auto accident last Thursday (neither was seriously injured), won the 500 crescendo free relay with Brad

Buckler, Justin Ketterer, Mike Malik and Keith Falk (4:31.00). Canton had one other win, to go with its record-setter. The Chiefs' Reeder, Jon Heiss, Kurtis Hornick and LeClair were first in the 400 medley relay (3:55.43).

Walled Lake had two wins, too, with Chris Gawronski and Elliot Myers in the diving (410.95 points) and Gawronski, Derek Zerber, Rob Walker and Ryan Conroy in the 200 free

North had one win, coming in the 200 butterfly from Brandon Digia, Adam Farber, Aaron Rycroft and Mark Wachsberg (1:45.14). Northville also had a first, in the 200 breaststroke from Mark Kowalski, Jason Ballou, Matt Schlanser and Brett Johnson (2:02.21).

WESTERN LAKES SWIM RELAYS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS SWIM RELAYS Dec. 19 at Plymouth Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Salem, 244 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 233; 3. Plymouth Canton, 224; 4. North Farmington, 207; 5. Northville, 177; 6. Walled Lake, 138; 7. Westland John Glenn, 115; 8. Livonia Churchill, 112; 9. Farmington, 94; 10. Livonia Franklin, 89; 11. Farmington Hill Harrison, 52.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Canton (Aaron Reeder, Jon Heiss, Kurtis Hornick, Don LeClair), 3:55.43; 2. Northville, 3:57.77; 3. Stevenson, 4:00.13; 4. Salem, 4:00.96; 5. N. Farmington, 4:02.29; 6. John Glenn, 4:10.82; 7. Franklin, 4:39.98; 8. Walled Lake, 4:40.06; 9. Churchill, 4:41.85; 10. Farmington, 4:52.76; Harrison, disquallfied.

400 freestyle: 1. Salem (Andrew Locke, Brian Mertens, Jim Peace, Dan Jones), 3:32.75; 2. Stevenson, 3:33.0; 3. Churchill, 3:45.25; 4. Canton, 3:48.43; 5. N. Farmington, 3:49.0; 6. Northville, 3:51.63; 7. Farmington, 3:54.69; 8. Walled Lake, 4:03.05; 9. Franklin, 4:29.37; 10. John Glenn, 4:51.61; Harrison, DQ.

200 breaststroke: 1. Northville (Mark Kowalski, Jason Ballou, Matt Schlanser, Brett Johnson). 2:02.21; 2. Stevenson, 2:03.97; 3. Canton, 2:04.21; 4. Salem, 2:12:51; 5. N. Farmington, 2:13.87; 6. John Glenn, 2:15.34; 7. Walled Lake, 2:16.87; 8. Farmington, 2:18.57; 9. Churchill, 2:31.83; 10. Harrison, 2:32.42; 11. Franklin, 2:38.83.

200 backstroke: 1. Canton (Justin Allen, Aaron Reeder, Trey Gercak, Don LeClair), 1:45.69 (new meet record; old record, 1:47.32 by Churchill, 1994); 2. Salem, 1:56.95; 3. N. Farmington, 1:58.36; 4. Stevenson, 2:09.6; 5. Churchill, 2:13.36; 6, John Glenn, 2:21.32; 7. Northville, 2:32.86; 8.

Walled Lake, 2:36.04; 9. Franklin, 2:53.91; Harrison, Farmington DQ.

200 butterfly: 1, N. Farmington (Brandon Digla, Adam Farber, Aaron Rycroft, Mark Wachsberg), 1:45.14; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.68; 3. John Glenn, 1:51.4; 4. Canton, 1:53.53; 5. Walled Lake, 1:54.88; 6. Harrison, 1:57.69; 7. Salem. 2:02.05; 8. Franklin, 2:21.99; 9. Northville, 2:26.98; Churchill, Farmington, DQ.

One-meter diving: 1. Walled Lake (Chris Gawronski, Elliot Myers), 410.95 points; 2. N. Farmington, 330.65; 3. Salem, 276.0; 4. John Glenn, 273.0; 5. Canton, 221.50; 6. Stevenson, 207.85; 7. Franklin, 177.25; 8. Northville, 140.35.

400 Individual medley: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Kevin Crabill, Paul Perez), 4:02.90; 2. N. Farmington, 4:04.38; 3. Canton, 4:05.97; 4. Stevenson, 4:19.18; 5. Northville, 4:40.52; 6. Churchill, 4:49.37; 7. Farmington, 5:18.77; 8. Walled Lake, 5:34.84; Franklin, Harrison, John Glenn, DQ.

500 crescendo freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Brad Buckler, Justin Ketterer, Mike Malik, Keith Falk). 4:31.0; 2. Salem, 4:44.43; 3. N. Farmington, 4:46.46; 4. Northville, 4:50.11; 5. Churchill, 4:54.7; 6. Canton, 5:02.19: 7. Franklin, 5:14.91; 8. Walled Lake, 5:22.69; 9. Farmington, 5:49.68; 10. John Glenn, 6:31.24; Harrison, DQ.

200 medley: 1. Salem (Matt Casillas, Jason Rebarchik, Mart Witthoff, Andrew Locke), 1:47.05; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.38; 3. Farmington, 1:51.52; 4. Northville, 1:52.86; 5. N. Farmington, 2:00.69; 6. Canton, 2:01.72; 7. John Glenn, 2:10.52; 8. Franklin, 2:12.33; 9. Churchill, 2:12.69; 10. Walled Lake, 2:13.84; 11. Harrison, 2:22.25.

200 freestyle: 1. Walled Lake (Chris Gawronski, Derek Zerber, Rob Walker, Ryan Conroy), 1:37.54; 2. Salem, 1:38.7; 3. Harrison, 1:42.53; 4. Canton, 1:53.81; 5. Stevenson, 1:56.91; 6. Farmington, 2:00.8; 7. Franklin, 2:02.7; 8. Northville, 2:07.26; 9. N. Farmington, 2:14.16; 10. Churchill, 2:15.3; John Glenn, DQ.

Whalers face tough stretch

And so it begins.

If the Plymouth Whalers are going to make a run at the best record in the Ontario Hockey League, this is the time they'll have to come through.

Six of their next seven games will be on the road, a tough enough obstacle. But there are other hurdles adding to the difficulty.

The Whalers will play six games in an eight-day stretch, beginning Dec. 27 at Brampton. And they will do it with five of their top players - forwards Harold Druken, David Legwand and Tomek Valtonen, and defensemen Nikos Tselios and Paul Mara — on leave. All five are playing at the World Junior Hockey Tournament in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and likely won't be available to the Whalers until Jan. 8.

Their absence was felt last weekend, when Plymouth struggled to a 4-2 win over OHL newcomer Mississauga Friday at Mississauga, then lost 4-2 at Sarnia Saturday.

Against the Ice Dogs Friday, Plymouth certainly missed the offensive capabilities of Druken and Legwand, who have combined to score 56 goals. The power play suffered in particular without Tselios and Mara at the blue line.

Adam Colagiacomo did his share for the Whalers, scoring one goal (his 19th) and

assisting on the other three. Rick Smith scored twice, bringing his season total to 11, and Randy Fitzgerald had a goal and an

Plymouth led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two, but Mississauga pulled to within one with a power play score by Adam Nittel at 9:39 of the third period. Smith's second goal, with 2:05 remaining, clinched it for Plymouth — which isn't saying a whole lot, considering the Ice Dogs are the OHL's worst team, with a single victory to their credit this season.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the victory; he made 28 stops. Josh Evans made 38 saves for Mississauga.

Saturday's game at Sarnia was a far bigger challenge. The Whalers opened the scoring, getting a power-play goal from Fitzgerald early in the second period. But the Sting answered with scores by Ryan VanBuskirk and Peter Cava against Plymouth goalie Robert Holsinger, making it 2-1 heading into the third period.

Greg Willers clinched it for Sarnia with an empty-net goal with 47 seconds remaining.

Holsinger made 26 saves for the Whalers; Greg Hewitt had 32 saves for the Sting.

Plymouth, now 25-5-2, plays Sunday at

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Shamrocks rally in 3rd period, nip Rice

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team remained undefeated but it took a third-period rally to remain that way on Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks scored two third-period goals to rally from a 3-2 deficit and beat host Birmingham Brother Rice, 4-3, in a Metro Hockey League game.

The win raises CC's record to 9-0 overall, 6-0 in the Metro. The Shamrocks couldn't seem to solve the goaltending of Rice's Aaron Jones despite enjoying nearly a 2 to 1 shots on goal advantage.

The Shamrocks scored a pair 10:17 left in the first period.

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of power-play goals but also gave up two breakaway goals.

Senior forward Keith Rowe scored two goals for the Shamrocks, including the game-winner with with less than two minutes remaining.

"I'm worried when I'm ahead, imagine how I feel when I'm behind," CC coach Gordie St. John said.

CC scored first on a goal by Todd Bentley, assisted by David Moss and Jim Spiewak with

But Rice took a 2-1 lead with a pair of goals in the last 4:28 of the first period, including one with seven seconds remaining.

"We let down defensively and they came to play, just played well as a team," St. John said. "(Rice's second goal) was a heart stopper, gave them momentum coming into the next period."

CC tied the score at 2-2 on a goal by Rowe, assisted by Ryan Yost, with 6:56 left in the second period. The Warriors regained a one-goal lead, however, with an unassisted goal midway through the second period.

Yost's goal, assisted by Bentley, with 4:40 left in the third 14 of 17 shots on goal.

period tied the score at 3-3. The Shamrocks scored the game-winner with a goal by Rowe, assisted by Brad Holland and Spiewak, with 1:20 left.

"Rowe has done a fantastic job for us," St. John said. "He got the goal to get us back in the game. He got the game winner. He plays hard. He pushed himself every second of the game. never took a break.

"Rice was better prepared for the type of game between two arch rivals. That carried Rice a long way. We didn't have quite the same degree of emotion."

CC goalie Ben Dunne stopped

Napoleon rules C'ville mats

Napoleon, one of the top- 0 by thumping Clio, 64-12, and ranked teams in Division IV, won five consecutive matches Saturday to capture the Livonia Clarenceville Team Dual Invitational wrestling tournament.

Napoleon went 5-0 on the day followed by Ypsilanti (3-1-1) Clarenceville (3-2), Redford Union (2-3), Livonia Churchill (1-3-1) and Lutheran Westland (0-5).

Five Clarenceville wrestlers finished 4-1 on the day — Dan Tondreau (103), Dave Lemmon (130), Matt Weihl (145), Adam Marcum (171) and Walter Ragland (189).

George Gostias (135), Dan LeClerc (152) and Tony Rachoza (160) wound up with 3-2 records. Josh Rose (heavyweight) fin-

Churchill's top wrestler was Steve Vasiloff (125-130), who

Both Mike Carter (145-152) and Brandon LaPointe (152-160) finished 3-0, while Mike Gaffke (heavyweight) went 3-2.

Rocks pin Shamrocks

Nothing comes easy, but for Plymouth Salem's wrestling team, Friday's double-dual meet victories over Clio and Redford Catholic Central sure came easier than expected.

The host Rocks improved to 4-

then handling CC, 58-24.

The big match of the meet was in the 275-pound division, with defending state champ Casey Rogowski of CC going up against state runner-up Charlie Hamblin of Salem. The rematch favored the previous winner, with Rogowski pinning Hamblin in 4:34.

In fact, if there was a bright spot for CC, it was that all four of its wins came on pins. Brocc Naysmith nailed Salem's Geoff Bennett in 1:36 at 215, Andy Conlin topped the Rocks' Pat O'Connor in 1:50 at 189, and Jeff Wheeler bested Salem's Steve Dendrinos in 1:23 at 130.

Winners on pins for the Rocks were Jeff Bennett in 5:13 over Adam Stacey at 103; Ron Thompson in 0:33 over Paul Hagan at 112; John Mervyn in 0:35 over Josh Crawford at 119; Rob Ash in 0:56 over Matt Moraca at 125; Josh Henderson in :29 over Tom Kreucher at 135; Greg Petrovich in 3:51 over David Demray at 140; Greg Smith in 3:14 over Sean Bell at 145; Greg Eizen in 1:19 over Ed Zylik at 152; and Jason Bedoun in 1:53 over Blake Naysmith at 160.

The only decision of the entire meet came at 171, with Salem's Mike Popeney shutting out Jessie Norman, 9-0.

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WRESTLING COACHES POLL

The weekly Observerland wrestling | Dave Lemmon (Clarenceville); 3. Marty rankings are compiled by four area coaches. The panel includes Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS

- 1. Plymouth Salem
- 2. Redford Catholic Central. 3. Livonia Stevenson.
- 4. Redford Thurston.
- 5. Garden City.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (by weight class)

103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 3. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 5. Scott Massey (Garden City).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem): 2. Mike Kassabri (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Sayn (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John

119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC); 3. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union); 4. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 5. Zack Yaffai (Stevenson).

125; 1. Dustin Obeid (Stevenson); 2 Trevor Clarke (N. Farmington); 3. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jeff Wheeler (Redford

130: 1. Tony Lema (Farmington); 2. | ton).

Dendrinos (Salem); 4. Sean Donaldson (RU); 5. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn)

135: 1. Josh Henderson (Satem); 2 Nate Wensko (Wayne); 3. John Pocock (Canton); 4. Dave Azzopardi; 5. Jeff Usher (Thurston).

140; 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 2. Jim Shelton (Canton); 3. Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville); 4. Tom Mahon (Farmington); 5. Jake Taylor (Harrison); 3

145: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill): 2. Ryan Shiplett (Livonia Franklin); 3. Ken Raupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC), 5. Mike Falzon (Stevenson).

152: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 5. Eddie Traynor (GC)

160: 1. Robert Demsick (Canton); 2.

Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Tony Rachoza (Clarenceville) 171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Eric Toska (Franklin); 3. Javonn Perkins (John

Glenn); 4. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 5. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville). 189: 1. Walter Ragland (Clarenceville):

2. Steve Myslinski (Franklin); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Jeff Sinning 215: 1. Brocc Naysmith (Redford CC);

2. Will Baker (RU); 3. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 4. Steve Garrett (Franklin); Ollie Muscarella (RU)

Heavyweight: 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 3. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Brian Brinsden (Farming-

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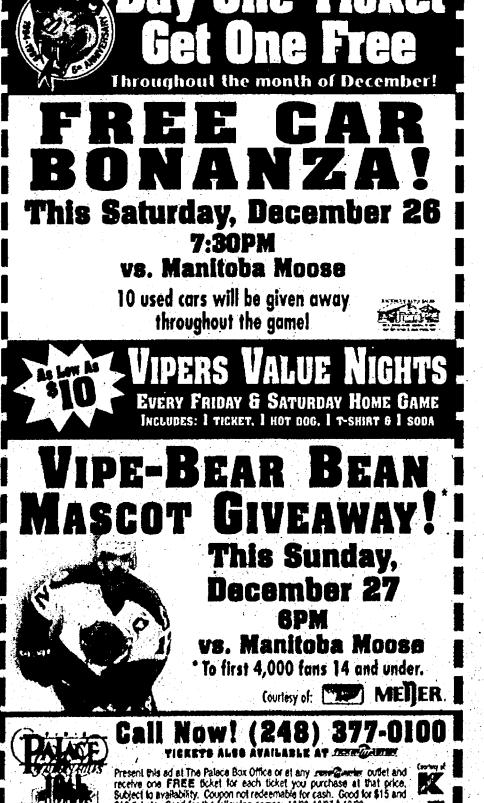
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ACTIVITIES

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SEASON/DATES

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JUNIOR ARCHERS

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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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Area players to watch include senior Jeff Kozakowski of Garden City, one of the top defensemen for MSU, and senior Bobby Hayes of Westland John Glenn, one of the Wolverines' top forwards and an assistant captain. Senior right winger Dale Rominski (Farmington/Birmingham Brother Rice) is also one of the Wolverines' assistant captains.

Redford St. Agatha graduate Jarrett Weinberger is a sophomore center with Tech and Bill Trainor (Canton/Dearborn Divine Child) is a sophomore left winger for the Wolverines.

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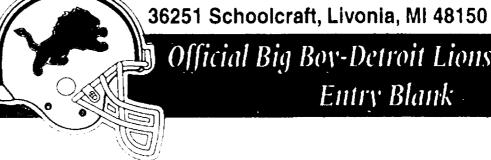
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AREA COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Schoolcraft with the land the lean. Ocelots man overskill to 8-0

Unbeaten Selications Col-lege used a policies appear stack to office his Second performance in the Second performance in the Second to a 105-52 men's bankethell victory Saturday at SC.

The Occious improved to 8-0 with its second victory of the year over Lake Michigan. which dropped to 2-6.

The Ocelots led 54-31 at halftime and 61-33 early in the second half when the Lake Michigan's Dylan Fox went down with a neck injury. The game was suspended for nearly 20 minutes waiting for EMS personnel to arrive.

Fox was later treated and released from St. Mary Hospital.

Five Ocelots scored in double figures led by 6-foot-8 Matt Bauman (Livonia Franklin), who tallied 15.

Mike Murray and Derek McKelvey contributed 13 and 12, respectively, while Dave McGlown and Lamar Bigby each added 11. Mike Peek had nine.

Butler, a a 6-7 sophomore from Benton Harbor, scored a game-high 33. Bill Powers and John Gill contributed 19 and 13, respectively.

The Ocelots return to action Saturday for the Schoolcraft Tournament. See Week Ahead.

Noticeta Chiversia substa split out of its trip to the Kalamazoo College-hosted Micro Vane, Inc. Holiday Classic last weekend, losing to the host Hornets 64-61 Friday then beating Concordia College in the consolation game, 87-73 Saturday.

Madonna's Mike Massey and Mike Marvanski were both named to the all-tournament team. Massey, a freshman guard from Walled Lake Western HS, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week after averaging 20.3 points for the Crusaders in a three-game span. For the season, Massey is averaging a team-best 18.0 points per game.

The split left Madonna with a 4-11 record.

Friday against Kalamazoo, the Crusaders led 26-25 at halftime, but the Hornets' superior shooting spelled the difference. They made 25-of-52 floor shots (48.1 percent), including 9-of-22 three-pointers (40.9 percent); Madonna was 20-of-49 (40.8 percent) from the field, hitting 8-of-22

thrus (SSA percent). Marranali's 19 points paced the Couleders Mark Mitchell hed 15 paints and four steals; Markey templed 13 points, four satiste and four steals; and Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton) finished with eight points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Kalamazoo got 22 points from Joe Grant and 15 from Joe Wicklander.

Madonna's shooting improved significantly against WHAC foe Concordia, and it showed in Saturday's win. The Crusaders hit 25-of-50 from the floor (50 percent); the Cardinals made 26-of-80 (43.3 per-

Led by Massey and Hurley. each scoring 25 points, Madonna pulled away from its 38-31 halftime lead to win going away. Hurley, in particular, enjoyed a spectacular game. He sank 7of-8 shots from the field and 11-of-12 free throws. grabbed six rebounds, dished out three assists and made

eight steals. Maryanski had 13 points, eight boards and two blocked shots.

Concordia, which slipped to 3-13, got 17 points from Ken Flowers and 12 from Derrick

Lady Ocelots stop Lansing

A suffocating man-to-man defense carried Schoolcraft College to a 56-51 women's basketball victory Saturday at Lansing Community College.

"We won the game with our defense," Schoolcraft first-year coach Karen Lafata said. "We held them to 18 points in the first half.

"We went straight man-to-man and our pressure on the ball was really intense."-

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 6-3 overall, got 14 points, including a pair of threes, along with six rebounds from Antone Watson (Detroit Henry

Stacey Cavin (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) added 12 points and 12 rebounds, while Jackie Kocis (Lake Shore) and Jamie Lewandowski (Warren Fitzgerald) each added 11 points. Samantha Thiesen (Warren Woods Tower) grabbed 11 rebounds.

Mahalia Smith led Lansing (6-4) with 14 points.

Schoolcraft shot 20-of-63 from the floor (32 percent) and outrebounded Lansing, 45-33. They also hit 14-of-24 free throws and committed 20 turnovers.

Lansing had 21 turnovers, made 19-of-53 shots from the field (35 percent) and connected on 11-of-18 free throws.

"We seemed to struggle when we had the lead," Lafata said. "But we hung on to win. It was a good team effort."

The Lady Ocelots return to action this weekend in their own

WOMEN'S WRAP

tournament. See Week Ahead.

Madonna stumbles

At least there was something good to come out of the weekend for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

The Lady Crusaders were jolted twice at their Holiday Hoops Tournament, getting upended by Kalamazoo College 93-84 Friday and then losing the consolation game to St. Francis (Ind.) 123-111 Saturday. The two losses left Madonna with a 9-4 mark.

The good news was the selection of sophomore forward Kathy Panganis as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week. The Allen Park HS graduate averaged 18 points and 10.7 rebounds in three games last week for Madonna; for the season, she's averaging 11.8 points and 5.7 rebounds.

Indiana-South Bend (8-5), which upset St. Francis 94-58 in the other opening-round game, ended up as tournament champion with an 84-73 triumph over Kalamazoo Saturday. The Titans' Amie Burger was named tournament MVP after scoring 47 points and making eight steals in her team's two victo-

In Madonna's loss to Kalamazoo (4-4), the Crusaders had a 40-37 halftime lead but fell prey to the Hornets' 20-of-34 shooting spree in the second half (58.8) percent).

Much of the damage was done by a pair of local standouts: senior guard Kelly LaCosse, a Farmington Harrison graduate, blistered Madonna with 32 points (including 4-of-6 on threepointers), seven rebounds and five steals, and sophomore forward MaryJane Valade, from Farmington Mercy, scored 19 points, grabbed 12 boards and dished out seven assists. Both were named to the all-tournament team.

Jennifer Stefanski also had 15 points for Kalamazoo.

Madonna got 17 points, five assists and two steals from Katie Cushman; 17 points from Chris Dietrich; 16 points and nine boards from Panganis; and 12 points from Lori Enfield.

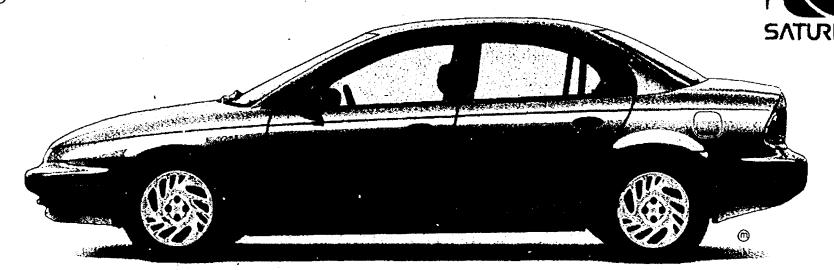
In Saturday's consolation game, St. Francis played with a vengeance and Madonna did nothing to prevent it. The Caugars rolled to a 66-52 halftime lead and never let up; for the game, they converted 44-of-83 floor shots (53 percent) and 30-of-36 free throws (85.7 per-

Six players scored in doublefigures for St. Francis (10-3): Brenda Schlegel led with 31 points, followed by Shannon Dunbar with 17.

Madonna got 29 points and six assists from Dietrich; 22 points, seven rebounds and three steals from Panganis; 18 points, 10 assists and two steals from Cushman; 13 points from Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton); and 10 points from Jennifer Jacek.

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PCA at Lenawee Tourney, TBA' (Roundball Classic at U-D Jesuit) Redford CC vs. Cin. Hughes, 1:45 p.m. Borgess vs. Douglas, 4 p.m. Salem vs. Det. Northern, 8 p.m.

(Riverview Gab. Richard Tourney St. Agatha vs. Tay. Kennedy, 6 p.m. Grosse Ile vs. Riv. Richard, 7:30 p.m. (Traverse City Central Tourney) Sag. Arthur Hill vs. Holland, 6 p.m. Canton vs. T.C. Central, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 T.C. Central Tourney, 6 & 7:30 p.m PCA at Lenawee Tourney, TBA. Wednesday, Dec. 30

Riv. Richard Tourney, 6 & 7:30 p.m. (Superintendent's Classic at Cobo) Wayne vs. Det. Cass Tech, 8 p.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**

Saturday, Dec. 26 (Schoolcraft Christmas Tournament) Conestoga vs. Waubonsee, 5 p.m Schoolcraft vs. St. Clair (Ont.), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27 Schoolcraft Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m Saturday, Jan. 2 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. Oakland CC at Delta, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Dec. 28 (Schoolcraft Christmas Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. Elgin (III.), 1 p.m. Lakeland vs. Kennedy (III.), 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27

Schoolcraft Tourney, 1 & 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29 (Taylor, Ind. Univ. Tournament) Madonna vs. Ohio Dominican, 8 p.m

Wednesday, Dec. 30 Taylor Univ. Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Oakland CC at Delta, 1 p.m.

PREP KOCKEY Sunday, Dec. 27 (UD-Jesuit Tourney at City Arena) Red. Unified vs. S. Lyon, 4 p.m.

U-D Jesuit vs. Lansing CC, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 U-D Tourney at City Arena, 6 & 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30

Churchill at G.P. South, 7:25 p m **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Sunday, Dec. 27 Whalers at Brampton, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 Ply. Whaters vs. London at Compuware Arena, 3 p.m Wednesday, Dec. 30 Whaters at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1 Whalers at Belleville, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 Whalers at Barrie, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3

Whalers at Oshawa, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Saturday, Dec. 26

Portage Northern Tourney, TBA Tuesday, Dec. 29 Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m. W. Bloomfield Inv., 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.

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AD OF THE WEEK

VINTAGE WINE Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, sim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 5.7" educated, nifty 50s and financiary secure. Seeking active, gentleman, who is sweet and warm, 40-60. 1272089

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LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50, 5'4', brown/ blue, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking

handsome, sincere, caring, financally secure, compassionate SWM, 45-55, for friendship, leading to LTR 12083 SILLY HEART SEEKS SILLY HEART Happiness makes life better. Funny, free-spirited, successful SWF, 30, 577. blonde/blue, two sons, seeks humorous, truthful, free-spirited SWM, 35-50, for eternal happiness and LTR, \$2084 OUTGOING FEMALE

Sensitive, social, sincere, humorous, loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, medium height/weight, seeks same in man. Call soon. 22139 DOWN-TO-EARTH

Attractive, fit. fun-loring, outgoing SWPF, 27, enjoys traveling, working out, movies. Red Wings, quiet nights, much more. Seeking confident, average/attractive. SWPM, 25-35, with sense of humor. #2086 ROMANCE, PASSION.

Honesty and laughs are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well educated female. 30s. If you are a successful, kind, sincere doctor. You should call me. 122081 RN SEEKS HEALTHY RELATIONS

Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intel-figent, professional SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, homeowner, no depen-dents, N/S, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens 17 1469

FIRST TIME AD DWF, 39, 5'2", 105lbs, blonde/blue, infout loves to laugh. Seeking attract tive, humorous, loving, honest DWM, 38-42, with children/full head of hair.

mendship first, LTR 1897 TEDDY BEAR WANTED SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical pro-fessional, looking for teddy bear 45+ ressumat, expand for feody beat 45+ with good communication skills, who is an athlete event watcher enjoys whoter sports. Good sense of humor a must \$21804

WHAT A COMBINATION Tall, thin, fiery-tempered SF, 30 blonde/blue. Passionate lover, great thend impressive to look at Even bet ter to converse and/or debate with Did I mention confident? Call me. 121715

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC DWF, 44 financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde-blue, romantic Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passion for kie, for a possible LTR, 17(1660)

BEAUTIFUL SMILE Very attractive, athletic, stender, degreed DWF, 49, 57°, enjoys sports concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, spon-taneous, honest, widowed or DWM. 48-53, with sense of humor. Bir mingham area 171588

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL Widowed WF, 60, 52", blonde blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, canng man 58-65, good sense of humor 101253

YOUNGER MAN DESIRED For romance and interesting times Degreed, fit, fun-loving, feisty, pretty blonde, 50s. You're N.S., sporty, savvy. educated, kind. We'll enjoy travel, fine dining, movies, theater, concerts, cud-

dling Call soon 17 1907 SLENDER & STYLISH Active, independent, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, blue-eyed blonde, 40s, (looks 30s), 5'8', Birmingham homeowner, seeks professional, witty fit, handsome, unencumbered, male

counterpart, 6'+, for extreme fun LET'S PLOW TOGETHER This flirtatious blue-eyed blonde would love to take a nide in your truck. There

is something about a man in a truck 30-43, who loves kids, and is attrac-tive and easygoing \$1166 PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8' 275'bs, curvy, blonde, enjoys arts

beaches, sports, movies reading Seeking male friend/lover to share time, talking, flirting, etc. 12 1625 SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN

Pretty, classy, slim secure open hip gal, 5'7', no children, seeks SWPM average/attractive, trustworthy emo 48-52, 5'8'-5'11" No games You won't be disappointed 17/531

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED by very pretty, full-figured, blue event blonde SF, youthful 48, 5'6', smoker lives in Troy, seeks warm, intelligent man, for friendship 1271472

FIRST-TIME AD NOF 31, tall thin blunde professional seeks attractive adventurous male who loves skiing gotting and boating

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND 54" 1380s Nonde NS seeks SWM, 45-58 young looking and energetic like myself. A title bit country, a little bit rock in roll, can be humorous

as well as serious 17 1298 GENTLEMEN ONLY I'm pretty, slander tall very intelligent refined, fun sminker 52 Seeking intelligent tall articulate classy. OF bdent gentleman 52.65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates taken

with good conversation. 171285 WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE Attractive It degreed, honest SWF 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks N/S enjoys animals sports outdoors humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking simaar qualities in a SWM 28-40 for LTR 121193.

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER
Altractive SWF 35 5'4' black twow thin to medium build, seeks attractive tall, physically lit SWM, 30,40, environ the arts, movies bookstores road trips, working out outstook activities friends first, LTR 172052

COWBOY WANTED DWF, wants a financially secure cow-boy, over 50, over 59°, weight unim-portant, smoker, social drinker. Must be a two-stepper. \$2,2053 SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR

BEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR
DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a
S/DWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who
likes children, outdoors, sports, for a
possible LTR. \$1998

TALL, ATTRACTIVE
DBF, 39, 5'8', enjoys dancing, jazz,
affection. Seeking SBM, 40+, 6'+,
who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Senous replies only
please! \$1995

52 YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL Pretty, successful, humorous, charming. interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, toves people. Seeking soutmate in a successful, sincere V/M, 45-75. Please reply. \$71162

GENTLY USED Blonde lady, late 50s, 53°, 1250s, enjoys If a. Seeking gentleman, mid-50s-60s, to enjoy life with, triends first. \$71906

SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT
SF, 36, loves animals, gardening, spectator sports, laughing, seeks SM, N/S, no kids, for new start, possible LTR, 171865

TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW Attractive SWF, 27, N/S, social drinker, a little heavy, enjoys travel, movies, theater, more, seeks attractive finantheater, more, seeks attractive financially/emotionally secure SWM, 28-38, N/S, with similar interests. #1967
PRETTY NATURE LOVER
SWF. 43, 577, 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into sell growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, taughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48, #19723
PASSION FOR LIFE

PASSION FOR LIFE Classy, spirited, poised DWF, 59, 52, seeks man of integrity, 58-65, NS, romantic and trim, to share interests which include dancing, traveling, movies, duning out. For friendship, leading to LTR, 12/1908

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR... on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe God call and let's fly logether. Seeking SBCM, 40-60, 12 1099 COFFEE, TEA, OR ME?

Tal, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent. romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. \$79726 FIRST TIME AD

Attractive widowed BF, 41, 57°, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and Seeking bonest dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. 13 1821 SINGLE WHITE MON Independent SWF, 38, 53°, 115bs, smoker NO, enjoys the simple tie, rock music, comedy clubs, movies, fitness, outdoors, hunting, fishing. Seeking confident, emotionally/financially stable SWM, 38-45, NO, for LTR, 10-1802

A PINCH OF JUNGLE FEVER OF JUNGLE FEVER
Complex preference, not novelty. DWF,
39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks financially emotionally secure black gentio-

man, late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness, 179880 PROVERBS 3:15
41, 5'8', 135lbs, N/S, non-drinker, Christian, brunette, seeks company of quality gentleman, for sharing and caring Bloomfield area. 221719

GREAT PERSON/FUN Stack female, a young 50, affectionate, employed, N/S, social drinker, wide vanety of interests. Seeking mature male, who's fun and affectionale, 46-54, N/S, with no hang ups. \$1720. LOOKING FOR SANTA

SY/F, 44, 57°, brown/hazel, N/S, enjoy sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest tamely-onented S/DY/M, 38-54, 57°+, N/S. All calls will be answered. \$79198

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN Outgoing single morn, 38, brown/ brown Likes movies, theater, dancing. long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45 who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #1721

STARGAZER
Shapely WF, 48, brunette, no dependents, seeks intelligent, educated YVM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escaping on weekends, and lively conversation. Friends first, Rochester area 1772 SWF - BUILT TO LAST

1963 limitad edition. Shapely, sporty model, enjoys romantic spontaneous excursions or kicking back in neutral. Trunk contains, brinis racquet, books, ods, yoga mat. Seeking ambitious SWM. to co-plot across He's roads 171718 STARTING OVER

DWF 43, 510°, NS, N/Drugs, easy-going overweight, South Lyon Area. enjoys swimming walking bowling cards pets traveling Seeking honest loyal SWM, NS, NDrugs, 12:1713 GREAT PERSON Afractive BF 50, 56", 150fbs N/S edu

ca'ed employed no dependents seeks one great male, 48-55. HAV propor-tionate, N/S a must for monogamous relationship. Race open must live alone No hang-ups baggage. \$179878 FRIENDSHIP SEARCH

SBF college graduate. NS loves taughter home movies long drives. Seeking someone with whom to share triendship, possible LTB. 121620. THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET
Mature kind-hearted, quiet SBF, 22

160ths, enjoys books and movies friendship first, possible LTR 11628

Personal Interview^w

FALL IN LOVE? SWF, 38, trownhazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit. Catholic SWM, 35-40, 6+, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. 17:1655

STILL LOOKING SWF, 28, 53°, enjoys dining out, dart. Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is not afraid of a commit-ment. 13 1558

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blond/blue, enjoys movies, theater, diving in/out, animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. \$\overline{\pi}\$ 1657

FIGURED/PLUS-SIZED Financially secure, attractive SWPF, 50, 514*, N/S, N/D, seeks S/DWM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship, possible LTR. 11651

WHERE ARE YOU?

Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched far and wide for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. \$21595 SHARE MY LIFE

SHARE MY LIFE
Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5 10°, enjoys antiques, arrimals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6°+, who enjoys the outdoors. 17 1597

EXPRESSIVE

Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5' 4", seeks to meet SM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. 121536 WANTED: BEST FRIENDALOVER

SWF, 47, 5'6", 125tos, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking tal., handsome, secure SWM, 42-52, who's not afraid of commitment. N/Drugs or alcohol. #21537

COMPANION
FOR HOLIDAYS
Pretty, proportionate, 54 years young lady who loves life, travel, earth/ocean. Still believes in kindness and sharing Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/ financially secure, healthy gendeman to enjoy the wonders of life with. \$29123

FRIENDS FIRST

DWF, 31, redigreen, size 8, enjoys some sports, Nascar, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son Seeking S/DWM, 28-38, H/W proportionate, with same interests, for friends first, parelike LTP, #1473 possible LTR. 11473 LETS HORSE AROUND... Urban cowgin, 40, 57, 145lbs. brunette/brown, horse owner, N/S. loves volleyball, wally ball, cross-

Seeking tall, fit male, 35-45, N/S, with similar interests 121345 SOULMATE SEARCH Attractive, passionate BF, seeks one special man, 35+, to be friend, lover,

and companion. I know you are out there seeking me. 171346 LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Educated, financially secure SBPF, enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking honest, sincere SPM, preferably a graduate/medical student 12 1351 COULD CONNECT... with tall, HW proportionate, secure. ethical, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40ish, 5'4"

115lbs, with varied interests, great logs and good heart, would like to talk with you 1271378 ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60ish, 5°5, good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks genteman, 65-75, with sense of humor.

caring, intelligent, secure, NS, for last-ing relationship, 17 1297 R.S.V.P an invitation to meet this attractive DWF. 44. If you are an attractive S/DWM, 38+. N/S, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy Let the party begin! \$1299

LOOKING FOR A WALK...
In the clouds with you SWF, \$5, 5'3', enjoys dining out, casinos, kive entertainment. Seeking SM, 50-63, a good. listener, for dating and companionship

LOOKING FOR LOVE

DW mother of three, 5.7°. HAW proportionate, brown/blue, enjoys hockey. dining, music, dancing, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, stable S/DWM, 34-45, 5/8*+, H/W proporbonale Must love kids. \$1292

ALMOST HAVE IT ALL Everything going for you, but someone to share life with? I'm looking for someone like myself. Professional, attractive, articulate, spiritual, adventurous I'm physically fit, 37, 5'6', long, dark harklark eyes 171289

RU4 ME? DWF 57, 5'4', 125/bs, long brown/ blue, enjoys movies, restaurants. crafts, dancing reading Seeking S/DWM, 55-65, with similar interests Friendship first, possible LTR 12:1284

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT Easygoing SWF 31 577 medium build, darkhazel, never mamed, two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around chal-dren and animals. 17 1252

SOULMATE WANTED Ambitious, athletic, attractive, coffegeeducated, goal-priented, optimistic SWPF, 31, 5'2", slender, red/green. N/S enjoys music, movies, theater dancing biking, rollerblading, ice skating, skiking cuddling. Seeking soulmate with similar background interests, for friendship leading to luture 17 1814

GOOD THINGS/ SMALL PACKAGES Well-packaged emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, petite DPF, charisy and intelectually, petite DFF, charsmatic, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the sublime to outrageous. Seeking a SM, for a monogamous relationship. 27:1997

ONE-OF-KIND

Employed, educated BF, 50, 5'6', 147ibs, no dependents, seeks mature mate 48-55 settled by the to be with

147bs, no dependents, seeks mature male, 48-55, settled but fun to be with. Must be romantic. No baggage. No hang-ups. N/S mandatory. 12 (806 SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA DWF, 427, 53", fun-loving, caring, loves throvies, diving, bowling. Red Wings. Seeking a fun-loving, caring gentleman, 24-33, for a relationship. 12 1709

LOOKING FOR THAT GENTLEMAN DWF, 58", full-figured, reddish-brown hair, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies/theater, quiet dinners. Seeking tall, financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, Westland area. #1441

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SHARE MY DREAMS
Ruggedy-handsome, humerus, retred
DWM, 51, 61*, horneowner, enjoys
gardening, hunting. Appalachians and
fishing. Seeking honest widowed or
S/DWF, with good morals. Let's build
a log home together. Serious repties
only. \$21818

SMILE WITH ME Caring, attentive, friendly, handsome SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, tall, fit, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donnas, please Talk to you soon... ##9636

Way to Have a

LOTS TO OFFER

Humorous, yet intellectual outgoing active SVM, 40, 5 to*, 190 bs. enjoys

outdoor activities, reading writing theater, and moves Seeking N.S. Inendty, outgoing S/OWF 35-45 petite to medium build for possible relationship 179538

LONELY
IN GARDEN CITY
SWM, 52, 56*, 1758bs, social drinker, enjoys motorcycling, blues and quiet times. One dependant Seeks financially secure S/DWF, 35-48 with skim build good and good series of burnor.

build good and good sense of humor Friends first 12088

SEEKING A COMMITMENT

DWM 58, employed full-time, N/S. N/O, drug-free, interests vary from concerts to craft shows to family outings. Seeking SWF, 40-55, for LTR. Please

ROMANCE, LOYALTY..

Laughs and passion is what I have to offer Italian male, 40, 6, 1800s who leves kids, sports, family, life, seeks attractive SWPF, 30-38. I want to fall madly in love, 17, 2082.

SPIRITED, ADVENTUROUS.

sincere athletic fun-loving thoughtful SWPM, 40, 6", seeks special stim frim

W//AF, who is romantic-at-heart, sen

sual by nature, affectionate by choice for LTR 172144

NON-SMOKER

Very active, healthy SM 60 years young graduate student who is not through earning and learning. Need social activities to balance school and work load. Seeking SF 17:2079

HAPPY NEW

YEAR WITH YOU

Fit, handsome, honest open-minded SBM 35-511° seeks like minded SF

race open. Respond to this ad and

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AMBITIOUS BUSINESSMAN

52, 5'10" seeks honest woman with

52 5 TU seeks honest woman with sense of humor, for driving out danc-ing, plays, weekend getaways travel-ing. Seeking special friend to share great times with \$\mathbf{T}\$1902

HERPES +, HIV

Attractive athletic open honest sin-cere WM 34 6, 175bs seeks woman

with similar qualities/condition for

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER

Spiritual fail dark handsome DWN 50 looks younger 511, 185'bs hair mustaches, plays tennis, works out.

UNCLAIMED TREASURE!!! Exceptivital practical playful caring tall handsome SWPM 40 ish dark

blonde farge blue seeks attractive stim SWF under 46 NS with similar

qualities, who sisenously interested in

a relationship. See you soon. 13:9554

friendship or relationship 17:1813

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CHARACTER MATTERS Thoughtfulness, understanding, sin-cerity, everyday warmth coupled with romantic play are paramount to a quality, monogamous, romantic relationship. Athletic, articulate SWPM, 611, seeks You: sim, trim, petite WF, for monogamous LTR. \$\frac{1}{2}\$140

Tall, honest, humorous, financially stable, slim DWM, 54, 6'4", N/S, in good physical condition. Would like to meet a stender tady, 42-50, for companionship, possible LTR. 129541

DEAR FRIEND

Fit, lonely DWM, 47 years young, 57", enjoys movies, dinling, running, bowling, seeks #1 girl, 35-47, N/S Strivtmedium build a plus. 12087

FOR X-MAS & THEREAFTER

Semi-retired, secure unecourobered. LOYAL

Semi-retired, secure, unencumbered, active DVVM, 611, htm, enjoys travel, dinattractive SF, average height, sender, degreed, for possible LTR 117280

EASYGOING

Very attractive, athletic SWM, 27, 510, 1700s seeks attractive, fit SWF, 23-35, who enjoys exercising, shooting pool, movies and plain old fun and dating LTR. \$1664

BEETHOVEN IS HERE

Friendry, outgoing SV/M, 26, 5'11', 170'bs, smoker, enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, movies. Seeking SW/BF, 18-90, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. No games, please Xios ok. 12 1999 SEKS EURO/RUSSIAN LADY
SEKS EURO/RUSSIAN LADY
Good-looking, SWM, 40, 58", 155/bs,
who enjoys movies theater symphony,
dning out, long walks, concerts, opera,
art, romance, travet, Seeks stender,
pretty SWF interested in LTR, 27 1710

PLAIN JANE OK! Delightful, down-to-earth SWM, 43, seeks female, age/race unimportant, for playful friendship and possible romance Please call me. \$\mathbf{T}\$ 1994

HOPELESS ROMANTIC Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, ferminine, sweethearted SW/AF soutmate. For monogamous LTR. 12/1714

KIND... sincere SWM, 37, enjoys music, movies, taughter, and spectator sports. Seeking SWF, 27-38, for triendship, possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and straight-

LIH. Kindness, nonesty, and straight-lowardness, are important. \$21106 HOPELESS ROMANTIC SWM, 23, 5'10", 175bs, into candles, movies, cuddling, waking, camping, concerts, sports, lowers, travel, poems. Seeking SWF, 20-40, with same inter-ests. Smoker/kids ok. \$21961 LOOKING FOR MS, RIGHT SWM, 65 SET 185bs, advantage walker.

SWM, 60, 5'5', 165lbs, enjoys walks, dining out flea markets, movies, art gal-leries, anythino, seeks petite lady, 55-

cuddling, walking in the rain, storms, seeks SF with similar interests. 171965 TOSS CAUTION TO THE WIND Athletic, articulata, attractive SWM, 24,

sionate relationship. No games. 12 1966 NICE GUYS FINISH LAST Handsome DWM, 48, 6', 155tbs, brown/blue, mustache, 2 college chi-

Honest SVM, 42, seeks full-figured, affectionate, adventurous SF, for fun, romantic times, travel, and conversations, possible LTR. All calls answered. 17 1903

Sincere, fun, affectionate SWM, 50ish, seeks female, 45-65, who would love PROBABLY NOT YOUR TYPE

DWM, 50, 5'8', 145'bs, gray/brown, smoker, boeter, cat lover. Seeking a companion/triend in SWF, 40-52, for possible relationship. 171900

HEART OF GOLD.

Handsome, trim, SWPM, 39, 5'10'.

eking attractive, stender, independen demale, with similar interests. 179818
COCOONING TOO LONG? Me too! Let's get social for the Hondays. Handsome, hard-working.

EASY TO LOVE! Romantic, professional SWM, 35, has everything now, except you. Like me, please be Catholic, N/S, never mar-

Attractive SWM, 35 6, 190/bs brown-blue professionally employed Garden City homeowner, enjoys during out, movies, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible MIDDLE EASTERN A PLUS

MIDDLE EASTERN A PLUS Sincere, thoughtful, frim, athleto, degreed, understanding SWPM, 39, 61, 190bs, seeks very stim, firm Middle Eastern/white female, for monogamous, passionate LTR 1770 LIVONIA AREA

LOOKING AT YOU Very canno, attractive, outgoing giving SVM, 46, with a vanety of inter-

good-boking professional SWM, 51-59' homeowner enjoys boyoling, art, music reading travel. Young body mind, and soul snoere active romantic, intelligent WEST SIDE APEA

Good-looking SWPM 29 5'10' 155'bs with dark hair and eyes enjoys sporting events, traveting conversation, working out rofferblading humor and much more Seeking an outgot by and fun woman \$\frac{\text{TN}}{2}\$.

INCURABLE ROMANTICS
Have all the quality, sweet sincere SFs gotten marined or just moved to the Bermuda Triangle? Stim sensual spritual SJM 46 seeks SF soutmate 30-45 SE Oakland County \$\frac{\text{TS}}{2}\$. NS light dinnker enjoys dancing movies music of 60s. Seeking attractive, stender honest SV/F, 38-50, who s emotionally ready for LTR 179724

32-42 Mothers are welcome 121990 PLAY WITH ME Fun to play with you might become attached lovable, affectionate DWM

SHARE LIFE Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM 6 170bs N/S college graduate, loster

TMAGINE
SWPM 42.58 Communicative our cus humorous lit flexible persevering no dependents eclectic taste. homeowner seeks honest fit WF under 50 1272142

> CAUTION: DON'T MISS OUT! WM 51 secure honest 6 gray threfit seeks an honest female, 38-50 kg a LTR, \$1163

leries, arrything, seeks petite lady, 55 60, slender to medium build. 22 1964 ARE YOU OUT THERE? SM, 38, 5'11", 1900s, long brown/ brown, N/S, social drinker, enjoys roserblading, bowling, dancing, taking.

61°, 190bs, looking for sam, attractive, romantic SF, 18-24, for romantic, pas-

dren, smoker, social drinker, seeks attractive, stm SWF, 40-52, for triend-ship/LTR_TE1905

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", 175'bs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed, seeks attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. #1904

GOOD-HEARTED

STORY OF THE SWALL FOR THE SWALL

attention Big smiles assured. All calls answered. Height and weight unimportant. 12(1899)

170bs, great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleybalk, rock music, biking, dancing. custodial dad of 12 year-old son.

humorous SWM, 45, vaned interests, seeks nice gal, who's time has come to meet her man. \$\overline{\pi}\$1898

ried unbelievably affectionate. Capture my heart forevert 17:1820 GOOD LOOKING

Secure SWM, 55, likes movies, sports travel during quiet times. Seeking SWF, 43-55, N/S, N/D, for compan-ionship to LTR. 17:1542

ests, loves to be romantic and cook Seeking same in petite SWF for friendship maybe more \$\frac{17}{27}9363 Attractive, financially secure DWM, 46-611, 1856s, brown-blue, moustache

Spiritual growth-minded, caring under-standing, happy SWM, 41, seeks sta-ble proportional, open-minded SWF

47 5111, you can take me for walks or show to your friends, college degree papers available upon request. \$\mathbf{T}\$1107

parent enjoys the outdoors, travel, cul-ture humor and good conversation. Seeking retired SWF, 50s, LTR to share life, adventures, 17:1014

movies music and more Seeking fit emotionally available SWF to share hearthy happy relationship 17 1819 EXTREMELY DELIGHTFUL GENT Sharp cosmopolitan SWM 42 enjoys sharing mysteries and adventure Seeking kind caring ouddly SF 35-50 for friendship first 12 1812

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TALL & ATTRACTIVE

Humorous, attractive SWM, 37, 6'4", seeks attractive SWF, 27-40, who enjoys cornedies, movies, walking, or just run. Plymouth area. \$\oldsymbol{2}\$1815 NORMAL

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To most people, Joe (left) is a myth and a legend. To his only friend, Jill (Charlize Theron, center) he is a protector and companion. Zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton, right) thinks he's the most amazing creature on the planet in "Mighty Joe Young," opening today at metro-Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY

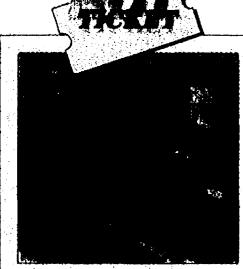


Booth Colman leads a cast of 35 in Meadow Brook Theatre's annual holiday spectacular, "A Christmas Carol," at the theater on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$25 for 2 p.m. show, \$36 for 6:30 p.m., call (248) 377-3300.

SUNDAY



See Santa Claus before he leaves town at the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes," at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 to \$52.50, call (248) *433-1515*.



You'll find collectible dolls, bears, and toy trains at Toy & Hobby Expo '98, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 26-27 at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road, Call (248) 348-5600 for more information.



Duty first: Pharaoh Seti (Patrick Stewart, center) lectures Rameses (Ralph Fiennes, left) and Moses (Val Kilmer) for their irresponsible behavior as the Queen (Helen Mirren, far left) and the court magicians Hotep (Steve Martin) and Huy (Martin Short) look on in "The Prince of Egypt."

Animator enjoys developing characters

BY KEELY WYGONIK kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Animators draw characters, but to be really good, they have to know something about acting too.

"An animator is an actor with a pencil," said Kurt Culotta, one of 350 animators who worked on "The Prince Egypt," the story of Moses, now playing at metro-Detroit movie theaters. "It helps to feel the characters when you're drawing them."

Culotta worked on the character Pharaoh Seti for whom Patrick Stewart of Star Trek fame gives voice, but he is proudest of two minor characters he designed himself - a young Hebrew girl and her grandmother.

They first appear in the Exodus scene," said Culotta. "The grandmother slips, and the little girl

takes her by the hand and says, 'come on, let's go.' You see them crossing the Red Sea. The little girl is afraid, and the grandmother

takes her by the hand. When they cross the pencil." sea, you see them hugging each other." A 1978 graduate of

Plymouth Salem High School, Culotta grew up in Plymouth and dreamed of one day becoming an animator. "I can't remember not drawing," he said. "My earliest memories are of drawing. I've wanted to be an animator since I was 9. I always watched Disney cartoons and the Disney show every Sunday night."

He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Michigan State University and worked for an adver-

"An animator is

an actor with a

Kurt Culotta

program he got a job, Animator and one job led to another. In September of 1995 he began working at DreamWorks Pictures in Glendale,

deciding to move to

California to follow his

Culotta enrolled in

the UCLA graduate

film program and

majored in animation.

Before finishing the

Calif., which produced "The Prince of Egypt." "For a long time I worked as a clean-up artist," he said. "That's

the person who cleans up the drawing, puts in buttons and other details. An animator figures out the motions."

Before beginning work on "The Prince of Egypt," he attended an

tising agency before extensive training program at DreamWorks that included acting and drawing classes. "I didn't quite have the tools an actor has," said Culotta. "It helps to try and understand motivations of actors. The class helped me understand how to look for more subtle ways of expressing emotion. Sometimes in trying to figure out the acting we will act out the scene and watch it on videotape. Sometimes real actors do it, it helps, it might add some natural elements. You find yourself saying 'I didn't realize I breathe that way or had that

> expression on my face." Because he didn't know any little girls, Culotta watched the movie "Annie" to see how little girls ran. This attention to detail is what makes "The Prince of

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ROCK 'N' ROLL ALL NIGHT

Loyalty brings Kiss to The Palace New Year's Eve

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

For the rock band Kiss, playing The Palace of Auburn Hills on New Year's Eve is all about loyalty.

"Detroit really took us to heart earlier than any other city; even before New York. And we're very serious about stuff like loyalty and not forgetting our friends," said bassist Gene Simmons, who affectionately calls himself "Uncle Gene."

"We never turn our backs on people and places that were there for us. We will be there for them. Things like loyalty are very important words for us. We have a song called 'Detroit Rock City.' We don't have one called 'New York Rock City.'

New York, he said, turned its back on rock 'n' roll, instead opting to support in-your-face rock 'n' roll. "disco bands," he said.

"Name a major rock band that came out of New York. There's the New York Dolls, they never made it. The Ramones, they never made it. Nobody.

But there's a lot of disco bands, a lot of R&B and this and that," he said.

"Out of Detroit there was Grand Funk Railroad, Ted Nugent, Bob Seger, some very important stuff; real meat and potatoes kind of music. Detroit's a city that was more about content than style. Style, it's OK to have, but style is like a dog chasing its own tail. It moves, but it goes nowhere fast."

Simmons said when Kiss plays live, the band makes it feel like the first time for everyone. Kiss's 1998-1999 jaunt, "The Psycho Circus 3-D Tour," is the first 3-D concert. Simmons swims over the audience, Peter Criss taunts fans with drumsticks, guitarist Ace Frehley pokes his instrument at the audience, and rhythm guitarist Paul Stanley spits guitar picks from in between his red-painted lips. It's true,

And what would a Kiss show be without Stanley's trademark screeching. "We don't (care) about the Rock 'n'

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Ringing in New Year: Kiss – Ace Frehley, Peter Criss, Gene Simmons, and Paul Stanley - brings its "Psycho Circus 3-D Tour" to The Palace of AuburnHills.

You'd be a blockhead to miss 'Charlie Brown' musical

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," continues through Sunday, Dec. 27. at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, Tickets \$26.50 to. \$49, call (248) 645-6666.

By Jon Katz Special Writer

The word went out: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" was being souped up for a Broadway run. But nobody expected their stroke of casting genius: Bill Gates as Charlie Brown! The program claims that Anthony Rapp, not His Microsoftness, plays Charlie Brown, but have you ever seen them in the same room together? Just look at this guy and tell me I'm wrong.

Anyway, the 1967 off-Broadway "Peanuts" musical has, indeed, been refitted. And as one who has played both Linus and Snoopy locally, I heartily congratulate the production team for their loving and true-to-theoriginal expansion. Whether you have or haven't seen it before, or even been in it, "Charlie Brown" is an evening of pure "Happiness" so right for the season.

With the blessings of "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz, director Michael Mayer incorporated 26 newer "strips" and kept only 13 from the origi-



On stage: Kristin Chenoweth (Sally, left to right), B.D. Wong (Linus), Anthony Rapp (Charlie Brown), Stanley Wayne Mathis (Schroeder), Roger Bart (Snoopy), and Ilana Levine (Lucy) in a scene from "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Swinging in the New Year

Not everyone is into explo-

sions, fireworks, blood and 3-D

effects. So don't fret, there's plen-

ty of other opportunities to ring

Swing is the thing in several

area clubs. "Al Capone's New

Year's Eve Party," at the 24

Karat Club in Westland, includes

a performance by Swing Syndi-

cate, buffet dinner and cham-

pagne toast at midnight for \$10-

is celebrating the repeal of prohi-

bition with a complimentary

toast at midnight and a perfor-

mance by Superdot as part of the

"Speakeasy New Year's Eve"

event. Every year Pontiac drops

a giant ball at midnight and The

Velvet Lounge is offering a pent-

For those with more discrimi-

nating tastes, The Detroit Sym-

phony Orchestra is once again

hosting its "New Year's Eve

Gala" with performances by the

house view of it.

The Velvet Lounge in Pontiac

in the New Year.

nal. The show, after all, is pre- the famed comic strip, with out like so many peas on a spoon

orchestra with conductor Neeme

Jarvi and violinist Alexander

The evening also includes din-

ner catered by Matt Prentice.

Once the big and little hands

strike midnight, there's dancing

on the stage with the Keith Sax-

Jazz fans get multiple choices

this holiday. David Sanborn is

bringing his show to the inti-

mate State Theatre in Detroit

twice on New Year's Eve.

Rachelle Ferrell plays the Music

Hall, and in Oakland County,

Alexander Zonjic, host of the

WVMV morning show, will sere-

nade diners at Baci in Pontiac,

while Shahida Nurullah visits

Families might want to check

into the "New Year Jubilee" in

Ypsilanti, or the alcohol-free

If disposable income isn't a

problem, blues man Bugs Bed-

dow is reprising his Blue Year's

Eve Party at the Kingsley Inn in

Redford resident B.B. Queen, a

veteran of the "Jenny Jones"

"First Night" in Birmingham.

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ton Orchestra.

sented in part as a live version of Schulz's words of wisdom dished (Lucy: "My Aunt Marian was

right. Never try to discuss marriage with a musician").

The new material works wondrously with the old. Charlie's still heartsick over his slim chances with that red-haired girl ("I think I'll flap my arms and fly to the moon"). But Linus ("M. Butterfly" Tony-winner B.D. Wong) gets a fresh line to explain his blue cloth dancing partner ("Sucking your thumb without a blanket is like eating a cone without ice cream").

The original Clark Gesner songs are all there, with faithfully updated arrangements and added harmonies. And, there are two new songs which are-hold on-tremendous. "My New Philosophy" is a kind of "Hakuna Matata," as delivered by Sally (Kristin Chenoweth) and Schroeder (Stanley Wayne Mathis). "Beethoven Day" is a gospel roof-raiser featuring Mathis, who has the best voice in the show. Both additions were composed by the show's musical supervisor, Andrew Lippa of Oak Park.

The character of Sally (Charlie Brown's feisty little sister) is new, and Chenoweth almost walks off with the show playing her. A tiny powerhouse who apparently sucks on a helium tank in the wings to get that voice, she takes full advantage of a newly-extended rabbit-chasing bit with Snoopy, complete with musical spy themes from "Peter Gunn" to "Peer Gynt."

Rapp, Wong and Ilana Levine as Lucy are each so true to the author's intent. We're all holding the string with Rapp when that kite crashes. And who amongst us can help sighing when Linus disarms his super-crab sister with "You have a little brother

But - and you all knew this was coming - it's the Snoopster who dances off with most of the marbles. As a dog, Roger Bart is "de man." Whether it's atop a hydraulic doghouse-er, Sopwith Camel-dodging the Red Baron, or singing and dancing for his supper in the show-stopping "Suppertime" (which has been totally redone as "Joe Cool choreographed by Bob Fosse"), Bart gets four barks.

who loves you?"

It's questionable if this delightfully and appropriately small production will be supported by Broadway crowds paying Broadway prices for Broadway spectacles. But right here, right now, and with just a few performances left, you'd be a blockhead to miss it.

Kiss from page E1

Roll Hall of Fame. We just plan to be in the city that rock 'n' rolls. Before there was the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, we were playing Cleveland. This feels to us like being home," Stanley told oùt a sold-out Gund Arena in Cleveland on Sunday, Dec. 6.

-"I used to sit in a parked car at night. Sometimes I could hear this (Cleveland) radio station. WMMS. I would be in New York City and I knew something magical was happening there. I knew I would always be here. You're making my dream come true."

The tour is living up to Simmons' expectations.

"Not only is it cool, it's also very expensive, which is why other bands are cowards. They talk the talk, but they really don't walk the walk. Every band says we care about our fans, but they don't put their money where their mouth is," Simmons

The cost is reflected in the ticket prices - \$75 and \$100.

"I don't necessarily buy the idea that ticket prices have to be low. Bands should charge whatever they think they should charge. People have the ability to make the decision whether they want to get it or not," Simmons

"The thing that infuriates me is a lot of bands get up on stage and charge full price while giving you very little. We give you what you want."

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Gene Simmons

Sink that darn film

The creative minds at the Arbor Brewing Company in Ann Arbor are hoping to sink the "Titanic" obsession with its anti-

"There was a couple here for Halloween who had the greatest Titanic ghost costumes. They were all blue and had icicles hanging out of their hair. They're coming back so they can get double use out of their costumes," said Rene Greff, the owner of

renting their costumes from Fantasy Attic in Ann Arbor.

"They've got some of the Titanic costumes. The dress that she wore with the blue hope diamond. That's what I'm wearing. My husband's going to dress up

"Some people are doing like deck hands and more just traditional 1920s formal wear. Some people are doing the Irish peasant class. Our daytime dishwasher always does all the major decorations for our party. He's been working for months on stuff like building little life rafts, and he's got all these plans for making the brewery look underwater.

Show," is performing at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak. The Witch Doctors are part of the New Year's Eve party at Karl's Cabin

in Plymouth, where a special holiday menu will be available.

Titanic costume party.

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Greff and her husband are

as the captain, she said.

It's going to be really fun."

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Egypt" different from other animated films you may have seen.

Under the direction of supervising animator Kristof Serrand, Culotta also worked on the animation for Pharaoh Seti who is the father of Rameses and Moses. In film versions, Pharaoh seems very stern and unapproachable. In "The Prince of Egypt," he is a fatherly figure who disciplines his sons yet forgives their pranks

"I think 'The Prince of Egypt' is special because it's a little different from other animated films," said Culotta. "They tried to tell a story with more complex emotions. If the film was made Massachusetts to be with his earlier, they might have made Moses the hero and Rameses the villain. Even though you care more for Moses, you realize that Rameses still loves his brother and wants to be with him. You feel sorry for him. They're complex emotions, it's not just black and white."

Culotta is busy at work on his next project for DreamWorks -"El Dorado," a comedy adventure

about two con men aboard Cortes' ship and the adventures they have.

He lives two miles from work and likes his new office with a view of a manmade waterfall. "DreamWorks has been wonderful, they spoil us rotten," he said.

His advice to anyone dreaming of being an animator is to "just draw and draw from life. So you really know how things are put together go outside and draw people, life drawing classes are essential. The best animators draw all the time."

He'll be spending Christmas in California and will then fly to brother Mark and his family. His parents John and Lynn still live in Plymouth.

The last time I was home was two years ago," he said. "I miss the seasons. I like snow, and I love fall, but I've become acclimated to California."

Ultimately, Culotta said he would like to do his own short animated films. He'd also like to do a children's book.

Stagecrafters draws on community for help

Stagecrafters in Royal Oak is holding a contest for a new logo. Submissions should be postmarked no later than Jan. 15 and contain the following ele-

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"The Board of Directors of Stagecrafters is looking for a new corporate image that meets our image today and where we are headed in the future," said Foltin. "This logo (which may or may not include type-face) has to be attractive, immediately recognizable, or easily identifiable. present a positive image for Stagecrafters, translate well into black and white, and say something unique about the organization."

The contest is open to all members of Stagecrafters as well as members of the community. All submissions will be confidential. The membership of Stagecrafters will vote on the winner in an upcoming newsletter.

Stagecrafters mailed approximately 1,000 Gala-in-a-Boxes, a small cd-size box promising a party inside. It's a fund-raiser for the Stagecrafters Building Restoration Fund.

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Crossroads Ceilidh, an evening of Celtic music and dance, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the Ark, 316 Main St., downtown Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10, call (734) 761-1451.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Growing up in County Clare, Ireland, Mick Gavin liked hanging around the old-timers who showed him how to play the fiddle. Sometimes they'd take him with them on trips to perform in other parts of the country.

"I guess I'm doing that now," said Gavin of Redford who is presenting Crossroads Ceilidh, an evening of Celtic music and dance Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Ark in downtown Ann Arbor. "I love to see the kids playing. The funny thing about the music is you can't create good students if they want to play, they'll find

The concert will feature a variety of Irish musicians and dancers including U.S. National Scottish Junior Fiddle Champion Jeremy Kittle, champion Irish dancers, Paul Cusak of Plymouth, who will soon be joining the cast of Riverdance, Mike Belvitch and Pat Quinn.

Glengary Road will perform the music of Cape Breton Island, and Charlie Wilkie, Dawn Hudek, Gavin, Terence McKinney and others will perform tra-

ditional Irish music and songs.



Fiddler: Look for Jeremy Kittle, U.S. National Scottish Junior Fiddle Champion, at the Crossroads Ceilidh.

venue," said Gavin explaining why he chose the site. "There are quite a few talented young people around, unfortunately, the clubs around Detroit are not into promoting the kids and their music, they have lost the art these kids are finding."

Kittle, 14, has been playing classical violin since he was 5. "He called me, he got my name from the Ark and was looking for someone to teach him the fiddle," said Gavin. "He had a lot of background and also plays with the Saline Fiddler's Philharmon-

With Gavin's help, Kittle learned how to play the fiddle, and has been the Great Lakes "The Ark is a well-known folk Scottish Fiddle Junior Champion

for the past two years. At the Ceilidh he will be performing alongside Gavin's son, Sean, who plays flute, and Tyler Duncan on uilleann pipes,

"Tyler went to see 'Riverdance' and wanted to play pipes. He told his parents, and they found a set of pipes for him. He's really good on them. He's going to Ireland this summer with his parents and to study pipes for a year."

Sean Gavin, 12, has been playing the flute for about nine months. "I've been listening to Irish music ever since I was a little kid, I just like everything about it," he said. "I think the concert's gonna be great. A lot of people have CDs of Celtic music, and enjoy listening to it."

Cusak, 18, a senior at Catholic Central High School is also looking forward to the concert. This has been a great year. In April he won the All-World Dancing Championships in Ireland. In July he tried out for, and was asked to join the Riverdance tour, a dream come true.

"I'll be attending a workshop on Feb. 28, and joining the tour this summer after I graduate. I'll tour for a year and see what happens," said Cusak. "Riverdance has put Irish dancing on the map. It's probably the most popular dance show in the world."

Cusak said he would like to attend college and major in political science. He hopes to get a law degree and may even run for to.

political office some day. "I haven't planned out my whole life yet," he said. "As far as Riverdance goes, Cusak says, "I will be getting paid for something I really like to do." He has been dancing since he was five years old. To get ready for "Riverdance" he's practicing as if he were preparing for a dance competi-

In March he performed at the St. Patrick's Day Fest at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland, which Gavin also organized.

"He gives us an opportunity to put forth our talent," said Cusak. "I enjoy dancing to his music and band. It's a lot of fun."

The concert will be very laidback. "It won't be organized," said Gavin. "If anyone in the audience wants to come up and sing or dance, they're welcome

Gavin describes a Ceilidh as just a gathering of musicians, dancers and singers. About 16 people will be performing including Gavin's other son, Michael, 22, who plays fiddle, guitar, and bouzouki, a long-necked string instrument that originated in Greece. "It's a cross between a banjo and a guitar," said Gavin. "It's been in Ireland the last 40-50 years."

He was thinking about doing something for New Year's Eve, but decided it would be a bit wild, and wanted something parents could bring their children



Award-winning dancer: Paul Cusak, the first American male ever to win the All-Ireland senior Dance competition in 1997. and 1998 All-World Championship winner, will be participating in the Crossroads Ceilidh.

Youth theater tracks vanishing amphibians

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN chomin@oe.homecomm.net

Amphibians rarely come up in conversations, but the Detroit Zoo plans to change that with three new plays it's commissioned the Mosaic Youth Theatre to present Dec. 28-30 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

The productions run in conjunction with the Smithsonian's traveling exhibition, "Vanishing Amphibians," on display in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at

Where's Kermit? is just one of the subjects the youth theater addresses in the trilogy of short plays. A search for the Budweiser frogs further enlightens audiences about the decline of amphibian populations over the last 50 years. For some species, however, it's too late. An increase in UV-B rays resulting from ozone layer depletion, the effects of pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides, and the introduction of predators and competitors has led to their demise. Zoo director Ron Kagan said, that's why a National Amphibian Conservation Center, one of two largescale exhibits, is scheduled to open in the next two years at the

"We talked about funny ideas and came up with an Amphibian TV network," said Annette Madias, a Farmington Hills resident and managing director of Mosaic Youth Theatre. "What a fun place to work. The kids

"AM-TV: All Amphibians, All the Time"

What: The Mosaic Youth Theatre presents three short plays dealing with the plight of amphibians, held in conjunction with the Smithsonian traveling exhibition, "Vanishing Amphibians" which continues to Jan. 10.

When: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30.

Where: The Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward Avenue and 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak.

Cost: Free with zoo admission of \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 for seniors/students, and \$4.50 children ages 2-12.

would come back to say 'I got to feed the animals or I went behind the scenes."

Gerry Craig, Wildlife Interpretive Gallery curator, was looking for creative ways to relay scientific facts when she commissioned the youth theater to write the plays about the disappearing amphibians.

"It was great," said Craig. "There's a news reporter who tries to do an interview with Kermit the Frog and he's vanished, as have the Budweiser frogs. When they first brought back a draft, we decided what points were important- to understand metamorphosis and what is an amphibian. Amphibians always live near water, not necessarily in it. They have soft moist skins that need water and lay their eggs in water. What we didn't realize was how much Kermit was going to get their attention."

Madias, youth theater founder

Rick Sperling, and members of the youth theater's Next Stage Company eventually came up with scripts to teach metamorphosis in "Leave It to Tadpole," a take off on the 1950s TV show "Leave it to Beaver." "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians" is a whodunit which uncovers the reasons for disappearing amphibians, and the "Jerry Hopper Show" features an amphibian and reptile couple as bicker-

ing talk-show guests. "After we studied the materials Gerry gave us and saw the Smithsonian exhibit, I got on the Internet," said Madias. "There's a lot of work being done that I wasn't aware of, people all over the world counting amphibians."

Founded in 1992, the Mosaic Youth Theatre is housed in the historic Fort Wayne in southwest Detroit. Comprised of youth from Detroit, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, and Windsor, the theater

received the 1998 Governor's Award for Arts and Culture in November and will perform at one of the Inaugural events in Lansing. Sperling created Mosaic as a multi-cultural arts organization whose mission is "to develop young theater artists through comprehensive theatrical training and to provide high quality performances for audiences of all ages."

"We try to work that mosaic of racial and economic diversity by bringing in kids who in their everyday life might not come into contact with each other," said Madias. "We've see what happens when the city and the suburbs come together - black and white and Latino."

The Youth Ensemble consists of 105 students who auditioned in September for the 10 months of free theatrical training offered by Mosaic. There is also a 16member National Touring Company, and the eight member Next Stage Company, comprised of youth ages 17 to 23 who are paid "so they're able to go to college and have Next Stage as a



On the trail: Brian McIntosh, an actor with the Mosaic Youth Theatre, is a detective on the case of the "Vanishing Amphibians," at the Detroit Zoo.

part-time job."

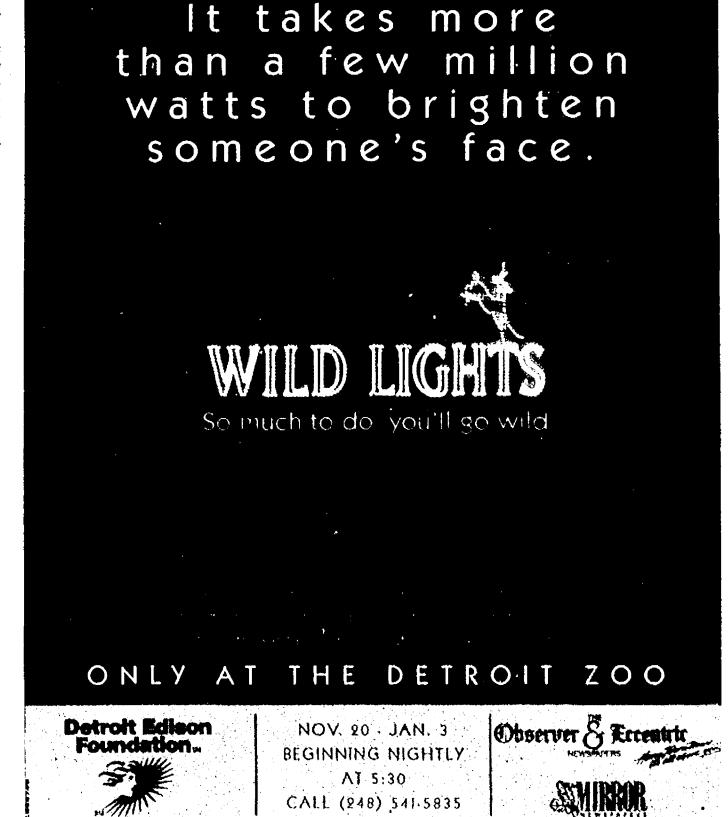
Craig originally approached the multi-cultural youth theater to collaborate on a production to celebrate the International Year of the Coral Reef in 1997. The youth theater had held a benefit at the Detroit Artists Market where Craig was then executive

"We were looking for someone to collaborate with, to bring these issues to the forefront, the plight of amphibians vanishing worldwide." said Craig. "I see a lot of groups perform. We were in 1996.

looking for the right flavor and style to appeal to zoo audiences. The Mosaic Youth Theatre has a high energy, hip, engaging style that appeals to teens as well as

Craig plans to expand the performing arts at the theater in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Craig already has booked a variety of entertainment from chamber music concerts to puppet shows since the gallery opened in the renovated old bird house





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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 FISHER THEATRE

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. . \$26.50-\$49. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132

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 JET

"Resident Alien," 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-

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating répertory 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., Pontiac. Special New Year's Eve performances, 6 p.m. (\$75) and \$10 p.m. (\$100). Later show includes full-course dinner, party favors, and dancing. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 **GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL**

Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," through Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville, \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Cinderella," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 9 and 16, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 10 and 17, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART

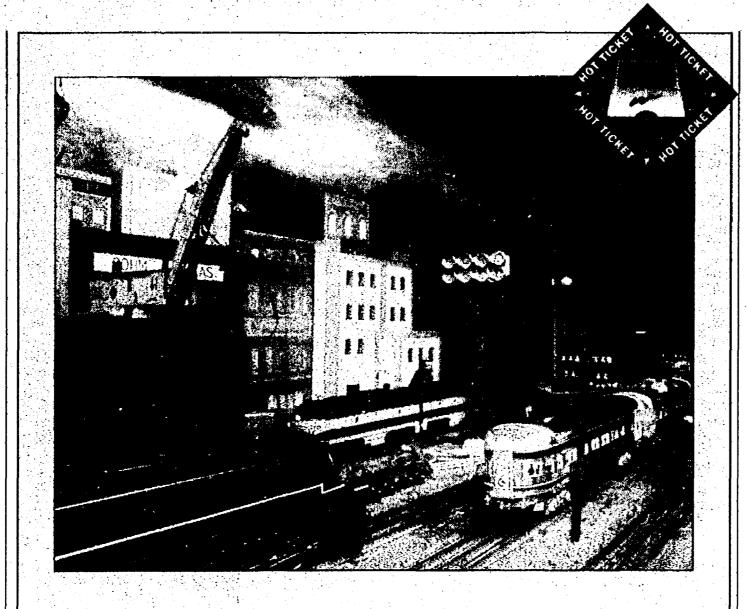
"Cinderella," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 28-29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Cinderella," 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, east of Hunter, Birmingham, \$8 Wednesday and Saturday, free Thursday to anyone with a \$7 First Night Birmingham button. (248) 644-2075

WILD SWAN THEATER

"The Cricket in Times Square." through Saturday, Jan. 2, Anderson Theatre at Henry Ford



Toys and Trains: The Wonderful World of Toy Trains, the world's largest mobile model railroad display, will be featured at the Toy & Hobby Expo '98, Dec. 26-27 at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 & Novi Road (Exit 162). In addition to model trains, you'll find collectible toys, models, bears, and dolls, including Barbies and Beanie Babies. Paul Adams, who is known for his automobile and train art, and the recently completed Holiday Memories J.L. Hudson's Christmas 1951, will be showing and selling his works. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Admission is adults \$6, children ages 4-12, \$3. Parking \$4. Call (248) 348-5600 for information.

Museum, Dearborn. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

HELLFIRE WRESTLING

Professional wrestling from Psychopathic Productions, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700

BENEFIT

CONCEPT: CURE FASHION JAM Featuring cars designed by fashion designers such as a Chevrolet Cavalier Convertible by BCBG's Max Azria, an Oldsmobile Alero by Vivienne Tam, a Chevy Venture by Nicholas Graham for Joe Boxer, a GMC Sierra by Joseph Abboud, and a Pontiac Grand Am by Dana Buchman, music performances and visual displays to showcase the unveil-Ing of five one-of-a-kind vehicles from GM, Sunday, Jan. 4, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. Benefits the Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. \$125; a limited number of 12-seat boxes are \$1,500. (248) 443-5800 before Dec. 29, or (313) 961-3500 afterward.

FAMILY EVENTS

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Featuring daily rituals and performances, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 to Friday, Jan. 1, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, 315 E. Warren St., Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 494-5800

POOL FUN

Jewish Community Center Is hosting a pool party at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25 (free), and concert by Ron Coden at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25 (\$3), at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

AUDITIONS/ **OPPORTUNITIES**

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY. Rehearsals begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, "Mass In G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditons required. (734) 455-8353

JAZZ

TERRY CALLIER

With Straight Ahead, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, in the main auditorium at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, \$25, \$20, \$15. (313) 833-4005 JUDIE COCHILL QUARTET

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. at Mack Avenue, Detroit. (313) 831-3838 **HEID! HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO**

7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

(vocal/piano/bass) KATHY KOSINS TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocals/piano/bass)

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, The Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022 **ROBERT PIPHO** 8 p.m. Mondays in December,

Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. (313) 831-3838 TAMMY RAFFERTY

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

WALLACE RONEY QUINTET 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 1-2, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 **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-

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY IN MOTION Featuring Detroit Black Writers' Guild and their senior poetry editor Karen Williams, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE

English Country dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday,

Dec. 29, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Featuring the Rockettes, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Hector Rezzano, Frank Turner,

Alyce Fave and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Derek Richards, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package) during which he will record "Twas the Nightmare After Christmas* CD, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 (\$6); Norm Stulz, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3 (\$6), at the club, 5070 Schaefer

Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Stunt Johnson Theatre and David Glover, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 24

27; Dan Wilson and Kevin McPeek, Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 30-Jan. 3, 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.comedycas-

tle.com SECOND CITY

*Dalmlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

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; 'The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's* exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "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 younger. IMAX films are addi-

tional \$4. (313) 577-8400 **DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM** Christmas hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 26-30; "Annual Ford Fleet Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30, at the museum, 100 Strand Dr., on Belie Isle. \$2 adults, \$1

seniors and students; free for children ages 12 and younger. (313) 852-4051 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

HENRY FORD ESTATE The National Hisotric Landmark features a role-play of Clara Ford, wife of Henry Ford for 59 nine years, on the hour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Thursday, Dec. 26, 28-31, and hourly 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, Pool Restaurant open for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30. at Fair Lane, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$7, \$6

seniors/students, children under age five free. (313) 593-5590 CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 children ages 17 and younger, free for members and children younger

than 5. (313) 494-5800. HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Traditions of the Season continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. at the Village and Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue. Museum & Village open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day. Admission, adults \$12.50; senior citizens 62 and older \$11.50; children 5-12 years old

\$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

POPULAR MUSIC

"ANTI-FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL" With Larry McCray, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis and Black Beauty, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics and Robert Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, and Johnnie Johnson, Jim McCarty and Willie D. Warren with Mystery Train, The Butler Twins with Jeff Grand, The Reefermen and Randy Volin and the Sonic Blues, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 each night, \$25 for two-day pass. Benefits Detroit Blues Society, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)

GORDON BENNETT 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free.

21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock) **BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS** 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26,

Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St.,

Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (jump blues) BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Bridget McCarty, Harbingers Mile, The Zoom and Big Budget Fiasco, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

(variety) **BLUE ROSE**

ADAMS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues) **BLUE SUIT FEATURING ALBERTA**

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BLUES LIFE 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

DAVE BOUTETTE 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (singer/songwriter) **BRANDED**

10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 533-4477 (rock)

CONNIPTION With Bowlscraper, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 334-9292; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older, (734) 996-

8555 (rock) "EVOLUTION DANCE"

With Kevin Saunderson, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$25 in advance, \$35. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (tech-

AL HILL

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ELVIS HITLER

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Lill's. 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 876-5555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock) LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26. Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233

(acoustic rock) STONEY MAZAAR AND THE

WESTSIDERS 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hilfs. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) MUDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26. Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-0917

(R&B/blues) **MURDER CITY WRECKS**

With Easy Action and the Gore Gore Girls, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave.. Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock) **MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM**

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26. Bad

MCCARTY

Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues) **KEANU REEVES BAND**

With P.S. I Love You, formerly

known as Muscles, and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26. Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave. Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http:://www.golddollar.com (rock)

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, For and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free All ages. (248) 644-4800 (pop)

THE SIGHTS AND THE PORTERS 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29. Magic Stick in the Majestic complex. 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit Free, 18 and older.) (313) 833

9700 (rock) TELEGRAPH With Fletcher Pratt, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, St. Andrew 5

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit Please see next page days a week

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Continued from previous page \$4. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska)

Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERTS

SAM BARNETT AND HIS ORCHES-

1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free tickets issued at JPM reception desk. (248) 967-4030 BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Special menu ranging from \$16.95-\$36.95. Party favors and complimentary champagne toast at midnight. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627/(248) 399-6750 (rock) **BLUE ROSE**

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Red Dog Saloon, 250 W. Summit, Milford, Free, 21 and older, (248) 685-2171 (blues)

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9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, McCarthy's, 1600 W. Fort St., at 10th Street, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 496-0626 (rock/blues)

RON BROOKS TRIO

With Stephanie from the Flint band Oasis, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann. Arbor. \$50, \$90 couples. (734) 662-8310 (jazz) **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

"New Year's Eve Gala," with conductor Neeme Jarvi, violinist Alexander Markov, and the Keith Saxton Orchestra, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dinner catered by Matt Prentice and dancing on the stage with music by the Keith Saxton Orchestra follow the concert. \$50-\$75, \$100 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.co

JIMMY DILLON

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$50 for dinner and show, \$20 show only, benefits Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, 21 and older, (734) 213-6000

RACHELLE FERRELL

With Storming Norman Brown. 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$26. \$36, and \$50. Party favors and champagne for 11 p.m. (313) 730-3490/(248) 645-6666 (Jazz)

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9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Il Posto Ristorante. 29110 Franklin Road, Southfield, (248) 827-8070

HOWLING DIABLOS

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9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, A. ages. (248) 644 4800

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P.W. LONG'S REELFOOT

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (rockabil-

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With The Wild Bunch, Five Horse Johnson, Soul Clique, and Thee Lucky Stiffs, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961meit.com (rock)

"NEW YEAR JUBILEE" With performances by Josh White Jr., O.J. Anderson, Madcat Ruth and Kane, Paul Vornhagen, Wild Swan Theatre, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, and Boychoir of Ann Arbor, 6 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, throughout Ypsilanti. \$12.50 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger, in advance; \$15 adults and \$5 children at the door. (734) 483-4444/(734) 995-7281 or http://www.ypsilanti.org (vari-

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With Marilyn Scott, 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25, \$35 and \$50. 18 and older. Party favors and champagne provided for 11:30 show. (313) 961-5451

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Performs as part of "Al Capone's New Year's Eve Party," 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$10-\$15, includes buffet and champagne toast. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

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With Wailin' Inc., and the Reefermen, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$40, \$70 couples, includes champagne toast, buffet dinner and party favors. 21 and older. (248) 542 9922

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10 p.m. Thursday, Dec 31, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road. Plymouth, \$10, includes party favors, champagne toast. Cover waived with dinner. Holiday menuincludes lobster tail, prime rib, 1 1 2 pound t bone, vegetarian dishes, and fish, 21 and older Reservations preferred (734) 455 8450

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Family affair: Todd Curtis (left) joins sister Heidi Hepler and brother-in-law Michele Ramo for their rare mix of music. They'll be performing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Il Posto Ristorante, 29110 Franklin Road in Southfield.

four-course beer sampler, and champagne toast at midnight. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com. CITY CLUB

Goth club hosts New Year's Eve party with local DJs, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club in the Ramada Hotel, 400 Bagley St. (at Cass Avenue), Detroit. (313) 962-2300

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

"Swing, Jazz and Rock 'n' Roll" party with live music from an eight-piece swing orchestra, a jazz act, and rockers Tommy C. and the Burnouts, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15, or \$25 per couple. 21 and older. (810) 913-1921 JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Resident Alien," by Stuart Spencer, 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road. West Bloomfield, \$35 includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres and "gizmos" for 6:30 p.m. show; \$50 includes the same plus breakfast for 10 p.m. show. (248) 788-2900

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE

Fourth Street New Year's Eve party, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. at the club, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door, and includes buffet dinner, champagne toast, hats and party favors, and continental breakfast, 21 and older, (248) 645-6666/(248) 546-6410 **VELVET LOUNGE**

*Speakeasy New Year's Eve," a celebration of the repeal of prohibition, featuring complimentary champagne toast, and a performance by Superdot, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older (248) 334-7411

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday. Dec. 31, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

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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, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

BLIND PIG

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-8 p.m. and a performance by The Penthouse Playboys follows at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show; "Solar" night, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the club. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (248) 333-

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"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older, (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB

"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays, \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older. \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

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"Decadia," a mix of music from the 1960s-1990s, 9 p.m. Thursdays, Free, 18 and older: "Swing Night" with DJ Sonny spinning big band, swing and lounge, 8 p.m. Fridays, \$3; DJ Sonny spins big band, swing and Latin dance, 8 p.m. Saturdays. \$3, 21 and older; "SLAM" night featuring house and technolon the main and abstraction in beats, 9 p.m. Sundays. Free 18 and older; Intermediate and advance swing lessons, 8.10 p.m. Mondays Free 18 and older, Beginner swing lessons, 8 10 p.m. Tuesdays, Free, 18 and older, and and West Coast Swing dance lessons 8 10 pm Wednesdays Free 18 and older at the club 29 S. Saginaw St. Pontiac - 248: 334 7411

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Adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players) of all ages. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7, at Groves High School, 13 Mile Road, west of Southfield Road, in Birmingham. Call Bruce Kramer (248) 333-7519 for details.

FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Call for entries for the 1999 Michigan Fine Arts Competition presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, March 5-26. Open to artists at least 18 years old living and working in Michigan. Works in all media accepted. Cash prizes total \$9,000. Submit 35 mm color slides by Jan. 4, 1999. For details, contact Lizbeth Spink, (248) 644-0866, Ext. 103. HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

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Open to singers from any community. Auditions 7:30 p.m. luesday, Jan. 5. Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R. Madison Heights; (248) 548-6340. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR

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'Shakespeare in Love' a treat for the heart

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Young Will Shakespeare is suffering from a rather stubborn case of writer's block. Then, one evening, he spies a beautiful stranger across a crowded room and falls hopelessly, helplessly, maddeningly in love at first sight. This passion inspires him to sit right down and write one of the most enduring love stories of all time, "Romeo and Juliet."

This, in a nutshell, is the fanciful plot of director John Madden's new film, "Shakespeare in Love." Who knows if a smidgen of it is true? Who cares if the idea sounds slightly silly on paper? In and of itself, this and Tom Stoppard, is utterly captivating. It's lively. It's colorful. It's witty, It's moving, And. though it always seems authentically Elizabethan, it never loses touch with its 1990s audi-

What else could we ask as filmgoers? How about a cast that simply dazzles?

By all means, begin with Joseph Fiennes, who plays the young, smitten Bard of Avon with a kind of feverish intensity that seems just right, though you might expect it to grow tedious or to edge over-the-top. His dashing but slightly-grubby Shakespeare even seems to be just a bit of a ding-a-ling now and

movie, scripted by Marc Norman then, but since most of us turn a little goofy in the heat of passion, anyway, this only makes him appear more human.

> As Lady Viola, the object of ardent affection, Gwyneth Paltrow supplies the requisite dreamy quality and ethereal beauty, as only she can. When she takes the stage as Romeo (in this story-within-a-story, Lady Viola disguises herself as a boy in order to act on the all-male Elizabethan stage), it's a bit of stretch to believe she'd fool anybody for long, however.

A superb supporting cast add just the right touches at just the right times. Dame Judi Dench is a slightly wigged-out Elizabeth I. Colin Firth, plays Lady Viola's

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It's almost impossible to emphasize how important the settings, costumes, lighting, makeup, and all other peripherals are in this movie. So central are they that one seriously hesitates even to refer to them as "peripherals."

Production designer Martin Childs, costumer Sandy Powell, and hair/make-up designer Lisa Westcott obviously believe that God is in the details. Some of the shots are so beautiful that they look as if they have been designed by Caravaggio. And we are provided with a look at everything from the jewelencrusted clothing to the sop in the teeming streets to the theaters, the pubs, the churches, brothels, markets, and country



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Readers share memories of favorite holiday movies

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

"It's a Wonderful Life." This is the season when we look for a "Miracle on 34th Street" and giggle at the memory of "Christmas

Vacation." We asked readers to share memories of their favorite holiday movies. Get out your pencil and paper, it's not to late to rent a video to enjoy with your family and friends. Check your local TV listings, too, to see what holiday movies will be aired.

Emmett Hynes of Livonia remembers gathering around the TV with his family to watch "March of the Wooden Soldiers." or "Babes in Toyland" with Laurel & Hardy. "A few years ago my sister gave me a Christmas gift of this tape," said Hynes about "Babes in Toyland." "To this day, I still watch this movie and I become a kid just for one hour; I'm 54."

My favorite holiday movie is "A Christmas Story," wrote Cindy Koene of West Bloomfield. "It is the story of a young boy, Ralphie, who wants a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas. Yet, each time he requests it, he receives the same answer, 'You'll shoot your eye out!' However, it is more than just a young boys yearning for a coveted toy. It is a humorous tale of a family during the holidays.

"Just thinking about the 'Leg Lamp,' the 'Stuck Tongue,' and the 'Bumpus Hounds' brings a smile to my face. I usually watch it every year during the holiday season. It is usually shown on your regular television stations felt! and is also available on tape. So if the holidays are dragging you movies that we saw - Mr. Magoo one of the actresses, 'Vera' down, rent tifis video, lighten up, and Li'l Abner. Not holiday (Veronica) Allen. She thought and laugh. The holidays are to be movies by any stretch of the that was pretty cool."

Here are some all-time holiday favorites picked by the people who recently presented The Festival of Trees at Cobo Center in Detroit.

■ All I Want For Christmas

■ The Bishop's Wife (1947) A Christmas Carol (1938) ■ A Christmas Carol (1951) ■ Christmas In Connecti-

cut (1945) ■ Christmas In Connecticut (1992) ■ A Christmas Story (1983)

Christmas Vacation (1989)■ Ernest Saves Christmas

(1988)**Home Alone** (1990) ■ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992)

■ Miracle on 34th Street (1947)Miracle on 34th Street (1994)

Sharon Gawthrop of Westland's favorite memories aren't of one particular movie, but of time shared with her father going to the movies.

"Growing up, the tradition in my family was to open Christmas presents on Christmas Eve," wrote Gawthrop. "For many years, my father would take me to downtown Detroit to watch a movie on Christmas Eve day while my mother finished wrapping presents and getting ready for the evening. I had his undivided attention and how special I

imagination, but I got to pick the movie and they were my picks. I am and I guess always have been a huge movie buff. I go to the movies one to two times a week. If there are holiday movies showing at the theater, it's great. It helps you get in a holiday spirit. I have the usual classic holiday movies on tape, 'Santa Claus,' 'It's a Wonderful Life,' 'Jingle Bells,' but nothing tops the experience of actually getting out of the house, going to the theater and immersing yourself into the story unfolding on the screen. I'm sure the pleasure I feel partially relates back to those early pleasures experienced laughing or crying, watching a movie with my now departed father. Thanks for prompting a good memory!"

Teresa Allen of Livonia recently purchased one of her favorite Christmas movies - "White Christmas.'

"I always used to watch it with my mom at Christmas. She passed away four years ago," wrote Allen. "It is still hard for me to think of how much I miss her. We would bake her Christmas 'S' cookies and make her pinulata, an Italian sweet that is made with fried dough balls mixed with honey, chopped almonds, and chocolate.

"In-between, we would sip egg nog, watch 'White Christmas' singing along with all the songs. This year, I had my children watch it with me. Initially, I cried remembering all the good times passed and how much I miss my mom. Now, though, I'm glad I have this holiday movie to watch and share with my children. I pointed out to my daugh-"I can remember only two ter that she shares the name of

enjoyed!"

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Adventure drama: "Mighty Joe Young," an awesome 15. foot gorilla from Africa, is brought to a California animal preserve for his own safety, but threatened and confused in his new confines, the gorilla escapes, leaving a trail of destruction along Hollywood Boulevard.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 25

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"LITTLE VOICE"

Magical musical comedy about the power and perils of expression. Based on one of London's most acclaimed hit plays, the story follows an aging but onthe-prowl widow who never shuts up and her reticent daughter, dubbed Little Voice or "LV" who barely speaks but she does sing. Stars Michael Caine. Scheduled to open Friday, January 8

"A CIVIL ACTION"

True story about an attorney willing to risk everything to represent several famities who seemingly lost their children to leukemia because of a nearby toxic waste dump. Stars John Travolta, Robert Duvall.

Scheduled to open Friday, January 15

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'Little Voice' marvelous entertainment

By Bob Thomas Associated Press Writer

The transformation is miraculous. One minute the fragile waif is so painfully introverted that she fits her nickname of Little Voice. Then she struts onstage with the confidence of a Vegas headliner and belts out tunes in the styles of Judy Garland and Shirley Bassey.

This stunning scene is the high point of a marvelous British import, "Little Voice." And don't complain about a reviewer giving away a vital plot point; Little Voice's performance comes as no surprise, except in the polish of her delivery.

The story takes place in a seedy resort town in the north of England. The only entertainment can be found in a rundown nightclub, where the smarmy owner-emcee (Jim Broadbent) tells unfunny jokes and introduces failed rock groups and antiquated vaudeville acts.

Little Voice (Jane Horrocks) lives with her mother Mari (Brenda Blethyn), a motormouth against age with booze and an occasional fling. No wonder the daughter is painfully withdrawn; she is constantly bombarded with belittling attacks. As a result, she spends most of the time in her attic bedroom.

The girl's only solace comes from playing the old 78s that she enjoyed listening to with her late father. The records feature the big-voiced female singers of another era.

A shy young electrician's helper (Ewan MacGregor) makes a repair call to the house and is intrigued by Little Voice. Until now his only after-hours interest has been his collection of homing

Whenever Ray Say (Michael Caine) comes to town. Mari lights up. She has had a longrunning romance with Say, a once-successful manager of musical acts. Now his clients are deserting him and his debts are rising.

Say hears Little Voice singing in her room and figures he has discovered his gold mine. He

harridan desperately fighting bristles with confidence that he the songs, on camera with no lipcan turn the mousy recluse into synch. a superstar - if he can only get her on the stage.

"Little Voice" was first written as a London play by Jim Cartwright, who designed it for the mimicry genius of Jane Horrocks. So unerring are her reproductions of Garland, Bassey, Monroe, Dietrich and Merman that a note at the end of the film assures us there were no tricks, and that Horrocks herself sang

Michael Caine is in peak form and back in his "Alfie" mode, playing a man of outward charmand cold heart. Brenda Blethyn. Oscar-nominated for "Secrets and Lies," is scorching as the ruthless mother.

The Miramax release was written and directed by Mark Herman and produced by Elizabeth Karlsen. Rated R for language and sexual innuendo.

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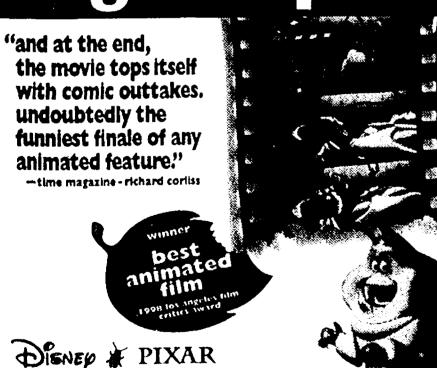
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Welcome the new year at Boulders

By Kerly Wygonik Staff Writer kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Live music, thick deli sandwiches, ribs, pizza, burgers, South of the "Boulder" specialties including grilled fajitas, burrito and Chicken Quesadilla, salads, homemade soups, and specials such as prime rib, meatloaf and coconut shrimp are some of the items you'll find on the menu at Boulders Restaurant & Lounge in Plymouth. All entrees are served with soup or salad and fresh vegetable, choice of potato and hearth baked French role from Breadsmith Bakery in Plymouth.

Sandwiches are prepared with fresh hearth baked bread from Breadsmith Bakery, and served with a pickle and steak fries.

"It's a nice place for people to come listen to music, and we have good food," said Dave Daugherty of Canton who owns the restaurant with his wife, Michelle.

Chris Pounds, a graduate of the award-winning culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is in charge of the

Boulders Restaurant & Lounge

Where: 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (734) 459-4190 Open: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to midnight, Sunday. Open Dec. 24 until 9 p.m. Closed Dec. 25

Menu: Deli sandwiches, burgers, ribs, Mexican dishes, soups, salads, pizza, and weekly specials such as prime rib, coconut shrimp, and meatloaf.

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kitchen. "We wil! be upgrading our menu with more entrees," he said. Pounds makes fresh soups every day. He even cuts the steaks. The new menu will feature chicken fettuccine. prime rib, and a couple of seafood dishes. "We're changing our specials to see what people want," said Dave.

He and Michelle met at a restaurant in Ann Arbor. They both managed restaurants and

dreamed of some day owning their own. On Sept. 2 they purchased the former Mr. B's.

"We cleaned it up a lot," said Dave. He made the new tabletops, and pictures he took in Boulder, Colo. decorate the walls. The chairs, ceiling tiles and ventilation system are also

The parents of four children, Dave and Michelle wanted to create a homey atmosphere for

their customers. They make a point to greet customers, and make them feel welcome. "I just like people," said Michelle.

If you're not in the mood for a big dinner or lunch, there are lots of appetizers to choose from including the Rocky Mountain Hot Spot Platter - chicken strips, Buffalo wings, potato skins and Mozzarella cheese sticks; Spinach Artichoke Dip, and Nacho Supreme. If you're in a hurry for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, order the Soup & Half Sandwich Express Soup of the Day with Chef's choice half sandwich.

Watch the game on one of the two big screen TVs. There's also an area near the bar with dart boards and video games.

Boulders be serving dinner on New Year's Eve from 5 to 11 p.m. The special menu includes Prime Rib, \$12.95; lobster tail, \$17.95; Prime Rib and lobster tail, \$25.95; Top Sirloin and lobster tail, \$23.95; Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, \$10.95; Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo, \$12.95; full slab ribs, \$15.95; Cajun Catfish, \$13.95, served with salad, choice of potato, vegetable and roll.

New restaurant: Michelle (left), Sabrina and Dave Daugherty in the dining room at Boulders, which is known for its Boulder Back Ribs and deli sandwiches.

There will also be a variety of trying to get the word out. "A lot desserts and appetizers to

choose from. Since opening in September, Dave and Michelle have been

of people don't even know we're here," said Michele. They're planning a grand opening in

NEW YEAR'S EVE

■ Water Club Grill - 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 454-0666.

New Year's Eve Gala Celebration, Prime Rib and Seafood Buffet, 6 p.m. (first seating, \$26.95 per person). Second seating 9 p.m., includes buffet, DJ, dancing until 1 a.m., party favors, and a champagne toast at midnight. The cost is \$35.95 per person. Cash bar, tax and tip not included. Water Club Grill will also be serving dinner in the main dinfrom their regular menu. Call for beef. reservations/information.

■ Andiamo West - 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 865-9300.

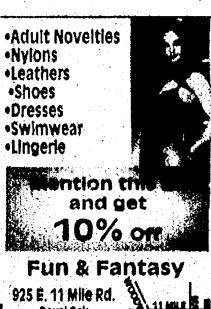
Gala New Year's Eve party in lower-level banquet facility beginning 8 p.m. at \$125 per person including tax and gratuity featuring open, bar, six-course dinner, champagne at midnight, favors, band, special snack at 12:30 a.m. and breakfast at 2:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance for round tables seating 10, minimum of four guests.

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ton on the Stone Terrace and ring in the New Year with champagne toast and party favors at no additional charge. Big Rock's fabulous upper level Got Rocks lounge is first come, first served, but be advised, it was packed last year at midnight.

■ Cafe Bon Homme - 844 Penniman, Plymouth (734) 453-6260. From 5 p.m. to midnight an all a la carte menu has eight entree selections ranging \$29-33 and includes seafood, duck, lamb ing rooms 4 p.m. to midnight veal, steak and Wellington of

> 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 champagne at midnight.

Cafe Cortina is also offering a Christmas Eve Dinner with live holiday music, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. The cost is \$65 per Rack of Lamb with roasted peppers and garlic, Filet of Sole "Meuniere" or Veal Medallions "Limone" Imported Artichokes. Call for information/reservations.

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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.

8 p.m. and 2 a.m. at \$125 per person, same as restaurant menu but dancing and entertainment by The Jerry Ross Band. .

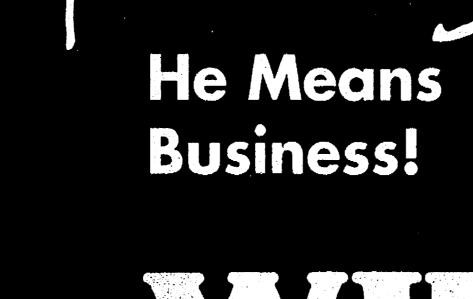
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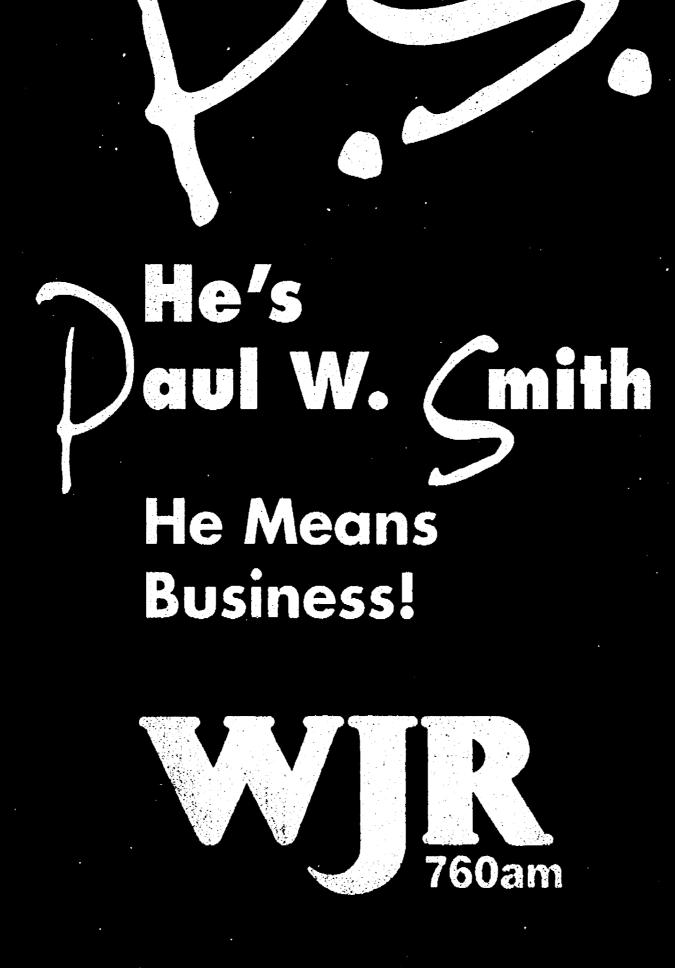
■ Fox & Hounds - 1560 North Woodward Ave.; Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800.

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