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Thls would be good: Roderick Curry Ir., 8, contemplates which presents to pick for another 8 -vear-old boy who will recelve the gifts from the Westland Goodfellows. His dad, Roderick Sr, packs up the bag. They are helped by wolunteer Mary Macflane of West land, who received gifts from the Westland Goodfellows when she was a child.

## Goodfellows are givers



And this: Jaynic Misener picks out toys for a family.
land street, to sell new wapmest to raise
 day at the Friendifip center and

## Accord

 gets the nodE A total of 21 supervisory employees are covered by a contract approved by the Westland City Council Mon day. The contract is for seven years.

By Heather needham
STaf Whiter
The Westland City Council Monday apprived a $\$ 307,000$ seven-year conwill allow them to purchase up to five year's worth of service time - which could bring them closer to retire ment
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said, adding that some would probably



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Lean your ear this way: Mrs. Claus and Santa greet Karen Nelson, 6, and her aunt, Denise Mercer, during

## St. Nick arrives at Bailey Center

"Christmas With Santa" is a $\begin{aligned} & \text { Saturday, Santa was just }\end{aligned}$
fun opportunity for Westland delightful, just exceptionally fun opportunity for Westland
youngsters and their families. The annual event, sponsored by Westland Parke and Recreation, Fun 4 All Children's
Recreation Scholarship Fund Recreation Scholarship Fund
and the Westland Civitans, was held Saturday morning at the Bailey Center. breakfast, probably about 75
kids," said Marlene Doran of the Westland Civitans, who helped
at the event. "We served 100 at the event. "We served 100
meals." meals."
There There was a festive decorated area where children ate pan-
cakes and sausaze and drank juice, she said. "The ones that attended really seemed to enjoy the opportunity." Brunch" put on before Easter,-
Doran said. delightful, "just exceptionally
good with the kids." Some little ones who were apprehensive stood nearby and accepted a
candy cane from Mrs. Claus
The event The event has been held in the year the Civitans helped, Doran
said. All will return. "It was just a very delightful
morning. It was just a nice holiday event for children and their families,"'she said. Children received a keepsake folder for
their photos. Doran said eir photos, Doran said
Parks and Recreation Christmas Craft Fair in past years at which Civitans toois
Santa photos she said Santa photos, she said. The craft
fair wasn't held this year bit fair wasn't held this year, but
Civitans were glad to help at the breakfast.

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Funeral Home in Garden Cit Funeral Home in Garden City.
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Willie Chapman; and grandchildren Shada and Dominique. Arrangements were made by R.G. \& G.R. Harris Funeral
Home of Garden City

## ACHIEVERS

Mary Orwin of Westland has member a been inducted into Kestland has Pi, an international honor society in education. She is an elementary teacher education atudent at Madonna University.
The initiation ceremony was overall grade point average an overall grade point average o
3.0 or better; at least 12 semester hours of coursework in educatiou, and leadership peten
tial, commitment to education held Dec. 9 al Madonna. Jo be a

## Holidays mean closings

 Lacal government will comeclose to a halt for the holidays.
Westland City Hall will be Westland City Hall will be Westland will close Dec. 23-24 closed Dec. $23-24$ and Dec. $30-31$ for Chrimas and New Year's, Library of W P. Faust Public respectively. Emergency police
and fire services won't be affect. Dec. $24-26$ and Dec. 31 through ed.

| CITY OF WESTLLAND <br> NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION |  |  |  |  |
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| On Tueaday, December 28, 1999, the Wextland Police Dept will conduct <br> Police Auctionn of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Weatland Service Towing, 3750! Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehitles win offered for sale to the higheel bidder: |  |  |  |  |
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Blood drive Dec. 28 at library.
The Weetland library is oponsoring on Ameriean
Red Crosi blod drive 2.8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the library on Central City Parkway between rounding communitien are urged to call ( 800 )
GIVE-LIFE to achedule a donation appointment.
During the holidays, the number of blood dona. tions in the community decreases, due to school the need for blood remains.
"With the advent of the holidays, each of us should take the time to internalize what we have and what we stand for in our individual communi-
ties," said Westland Deputy Mayor George Gillies.
to those who really are in need
Donating blood is a life-saving most precious gifts a healthy person can of the donation could mean a lifetime of memories to someone in need.
Donating blood is safe, easy and relatively painless. The entire process, which takes little more
than an huur, includes registration, a brief medical than an hour, includes registration, a brief medical
history, a mini-physical, and the donation. To be history, a mini-physical, and the donation. To be
Eligible, one must be 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.


Deputy Mayor George Callez

Jaycees planning Jan. 15 party
The Westland Jaycees 4lat President Party Celebration
will be held 6 p.m. Saturday will be held 6 p.m. Saturday,
Jan. 15 , at Joy Manor, on Joy Jan. 15 , at Joy Manor, on Joy
east of Middebelt in Weatland.
Dinuer, beverages and danc-
ing will be included.
past Weastland Jaycee members to attend. Price is $\$ 15$ before Dec. 29: $\$ 20$ after.
For information, call ; $734 ;$ $480-4984$.


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| Gpodtellows: Linda White (left), pick fing out toys o be dis "Iributed, is $\therefore$ helped by volunteer Mary Macflane. |  |
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Barns
Fim not going anywhere." she sid, Wne of the burning issues that drew Barn
po politics was Livonia's attemt to anne Ttland Center.
Livonia ) wanted to come down and tak (Livonia) wanted to come down and take the ity of Westland"
Nhen she began her political career
We had one co
She cited her bigest accomplishment as
eping a prison out of Westland, while servin Q statit representative during the 1980s.
Fiazen yellow rosess - and said the color was

We figured it would take 12 'rosess) to cover you中
Through the years youve tauggt me a lot of mand as a poiticician," Thomas added
Warne political carcer bogan 35 years ago whon

She served 17 years on the Westland City Coun-
cii. starting in 1966 and then 12 years in the state
Back to council
After a brief retirement four years ago. Barns, at
her friends' urging, ran for council again and wo
he top vote-getter.
Many adnirer
ing with Barns.
Councilman-elect David James, who will take over Barns' seat. said he will never forget his first
ufficial meeting "J." Barns at a Bob Evans restaurant over coffee.
"I had never sat face to face with the great J .
Barns before." James said. At that meeting, Barns ncouraged James, who was a Wayne-Westland chooi board member, to run for a council seat.
uf J. Barns thought I'd be a good candidate, that was good enough for me," James said.
i know you're going to do the job I $\omega$ do," Barns said in response.
Fire Chief Mark Neal thanked Barns for her support of city-provided Advanced Life Support by white helmets symbolize leadership.
"Oh, how nice," Barns said as she
City Attorney Angelo Plakas was appointed in
975 , thanks to a deciding vote by Barns.


Best wishes: Councilwoman Justine Barns visits with Mayor Robert Thomas at the
Monday meeting nday meeting.
"You had the ability and the tenacity to get elect-
ed, and you had the character and integrity to get re-elected time after time.."
Barns in his recent election bid. described Barns tenacity in colorful terms.

## "She has the ability to kick you right in the

Councilwoman and longtime friend Sharon Scott said, "You're probably one of the greatest human
beings that 1 have ever known. You will definitely

## Scott said she slways admired hnw Barnu priori-

tized her lite. despite how busy she was.
"She never, ever sacrificed her family to be in
politics," Scott said. referring to her sons, Duane

## and S

One of the keys to their long friendship, howev

## countw knowing when to concede to the veter

"I know better than to argue with Barns said. "She always wants to pick up the tab." from Barns had good things to say. "For the number of years we've been together on council, it hasn't always been smooth and there hasn't always been agreement," Councilman Glenn
Anderson said "l just want to congratulate you on Anderson said. "just want to congratulate you on
such a long career in public service. I'm sure well see you around tow
Councilman Richard LeBlanc said "If you're on
the other side' of an issue (from Barns). vou'd betthe other side.
ter watch out."
Despite their differences, however, LeBlanc said Barns' efforts in getting a new library were laud"The first one up to bat was (Barns)," he said.


Listen: Santa holds Michaela Keils of Farmington Hills, 6 weeks, and sister Olivia who both dressed for the visit with the jolly fat man at Laurel Park Place recently
Santas ply trade, charm kids

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER

## STAFF WRTER tschneidereo.homecomm.net

Oh, they know. Yes, they do. Just like the song
In only a few short minutes with your child, these men can magically discern if Justin or Jessi:
ca has been bad or pood. For the whole year. As if that weren't impressive enough, they also respond appropriately to your child's personality they pick up the signs in a flash and know just And here's the scary part. Many area Sent Clauses say they can get a pretty good indication them as they stand in line with their offspring. So you adults had better be good for goodness
sake savs Eric Stopa who has dooned th and stocking cap on and off for 11 years, including Park for the city's annual Christmas tree lighting

Precious moments
"Really though, I think the best thing is being able to listen to the kids and not worry about the
parenta," the Plymouth resident says. "The moment a child is with you is precious and if you handle it right there is an immediate bond."
For "Santa" Jack Lawing of Livonia there is no
better time in the world than the 90 seconds or two minutes a child spends in his lap "ro very. gentle with them. Even thuugh its a short visit, the key to any kind of discussion out of them."
Lawing, 58 and a retired Farmington Public Schools administrator, has come down from the North Foie to Livonias Laurel Park Place for the
first time this year. He's previously played Santa first time this year. He's previously played Santa
at schools, for corporate functions and private par-
"Santa" Joe Homick and "Santa" Andy Barnaby share time playing the jolly guy at Westland Shopping Center. Plymouth resident Homick takes the
morning shift and has a soft spot in his heart for certain children
"We had a group of special education kids visit
ing," he said on a recent snowy, slushy day. He showed off some of the sign language expressions he has mastered to talk with hearing-impaired
youngsters. ${ }_{\text {I just }}$ jun't describe it in words. I get goose bumps."
They are paid for their time and expertise. And most will acknowledge that their presence is tion and a genuine love of children are strong moti-

## An American tradition

While Santa Claus may seem these days to be a
figment of American commercialism - what with figment of American commercialism - what with
all his mall appearances and the endless stream of all his mall appearances and the endess
TV pitches - it wasn't always that way. TV pitches - it wasn't always that way.
The American incarnation of St. Nicholas actual1y hew Dutch rots. It was early Dutch settlers in
New Amsterdam (New York) who began telling
stories of Sinte Klass, a merry old man carrying
the spirit of Christmas around in a large sack as he spint of Christmas around in a large sack, as Poet Clement $C$. Moore and newspaper cartoon ist Thomas Nast literally rounded out our holiday hero into the figure we greet each
milk and cookies set near the fireplace. milk and cookies set near the fireplace.
Moore's 1823 poem, "A Visit from St Nicholas, described the chimney entrance and cherry-red cheeks to a T. Moore was reportedly inspired by Christmas Eve sleigh ride with his children. The whimsical poem was a bit of a departure for
an author whose most notable prior work was the wo-volume set, "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language
Nast took hise inspiration from Moore for his
drawink of a rotund, bearded Santa poised atop chimney, with his sleigh on the adjacent roof in Harper's Weekly Christmas issue of 1890 .
Going to Santa school
Several area Santas say they learned their trade hich. The school, founded in 1937, runs an intensive, three day training course that focuses on
everything from eye contact to attract passersby verything from eye contact to attract passersby belieyer. "You let them tug your beard if it's real", Law-
ing says. His well-groomed facial hair used to be red but is now the perfect shade of snow white For the older kids you explain that even if you've
topped believing that Santa is a real person, he embodies the spirit of Christmas.
Stopa says second grade is about the time most kids start questioning Santa's existence. "They plane flight. They have a difficult time believing on jugt gorinele magic duat on my sleigb and make it to everyone's house in the same night." Lawing has been a Santa Claus since the early
1970s, starting at about the same young age as Stopa, who is a young - for Santa, anyway - 36 Sealant Equipment Co. in Plymouth.. Stella Padrick of Redford says she brought her
grandchildren to the malt the day Sand grandchildren to the mall the day Santa Jack
made his debut. "Oh. it was something He came on two horse-drawn sleighs and the kids just ate it
Homick says he works to get parents to play long and will ask them to post the photo of him with their child on the refrigerator, even in the and eat their vegetables, though that last request he said, is often in vain.
Homick says his laugh -- the requisite "Ho. Ho Homick says his laugh - the requisite "Ho. Ho,
Ho," viced in deep, hass tones with a tinge of mass chief accenting the third "Ho" - is his best quality. Lawing says his avocation came out of bis deep
ffection for working with children and his love of he holiday seawon. Yes, he fills plenty of "orders" for Barbie dolls
and Pokemon games. Lawing says. But the most memorable requests he's had are from two little girk One who aikeod for "hutterflies, and then but Lerfly ghoes to go with them.
And another giri who And ${ }^{\text {And }}$


## Commissioners use fund balance for juvenile program

By Kow antumctis
$\qquad$
County Executive Edward McNamara wanted county comlion in budget cuts to fund the county's portion of he juvenile juatice programs.
On Monday commissioners agreed with $\$ 4.6$ million in cuts,
but designated $\$ 5.8$ million to spent from the county's $\$ 20$ million fund balance to pay for budgeted programs. Commissioners voted, 9-5, with support from Detroit, Vice Chair Kay Beard,
D. Westland and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford; and Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell. Edna Bell, Christopher Cavanagh, George Cushingber. Commissioners opposing th general fund expenditure were
Lyn Bankes. R.Livonia; John Lyn Bankes. R-Livonia; John
Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, and Edward Boike, D-Taylor; Joseph PalamaParker, D-Detroit. Commissioner Suann Hubbard. D.Dearborn, abstained.
County officials have struggled with funding a new juvenile jusyear when state and county off cials could not agree on how large of a grant was needed. The state and county now split quent youths and caring for quent youths and caring for County Executive Edward McNamara highlighted the fundiug problema in a letter to the
commission on Nov. 23, stating that his administration decided

Airport expected to be busy Advance booking data provid.
ed by the airlines at Wayne County's Detroit Meiropolitan Airport forecasta above average
passenger loads from now til the end of the holiday season Travel days expected to be especially heavy are Thursday
Dec. 23: Sunday. Dec. 26; Mon day. Dec. 27: Tuesday. Dec. 28; wome airlines, Thursday, De 30 Frisay. Dec. 31 and Sunday Jan. 2 . the following:
early for a domestic flight, three hours for an international flight parking hotline at (800) 642 1978 before you leave home. W Wrapped gifts may be
opened by security, so plan on wrapping gifts after you arrive at your destination.
allowed in front of the terminals Have identification tags filled out, both on the inside and out-
side of your bags, before you arrive.
Fur airport information motorists can tune to 920 AM on their radio dial (within thre miles of the airport girport parking spaces have been added to Metro's long term lots Passengers now have access avent spaces located on the eir portis propert Passengers flyniz meo or out of Metro on Spirit or Southwest Airlines this holiday will be just completed for these two air lines. The $\$ 108$ million projec was completed in November, and in addition to promoting comp rition, also helps increase panvenience and servic on these two low fare carriers. On Dec. 1, Wayne County opened a new passenger secumb Terminal The airport consolt dated the two security check point corriders at Coneourse A B. in the LC Smith Terminal nto one large security acces
backs being proposed will not
only hurt - they will severely only hurt - they will severely County." Commisgioners also received a
letter from chief probate Judge letter from chief probate Judge cut. Bankes opposed the fund balance transfer because she did not believe the commissioners peneral fund or ity rainy day genera
fund.


Countyadministrators told Naughton. budget stabilization fund may cause an increase in the bond ratings for Wayne County, driving up interest expenses on But Ban But Bankes was clearly frus-
rated with the entire budge process, stating that the commis sion also has not received a year-
end report on the budget before and report on the budget before the end of the calender year from
chief financial officer Tom aukked
But Bell said.

Naughton.
"How can you vote on an anticpated shortfall when you don't know what you've got?" Bankes most commissioners backed what they called a "stop-
gap measure" and wanted to meet with department heads to discuss the proposed cuts. They would be better suited to say
Commissioners also needed to


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## Greenery



Splendor: This festive Christmas tree adorns the
lobby at the Westland police station.

## Coping with arthritis

## Retired educator an asset to foundation

## By Kibzai A. Mortson

The word retirement is just that to Chat lotte Pumo of Livonia - a word. The 68-year
old former Wayne-Westiand School District educator ended her public school teaching career in 1986 and has been volunteering
with the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan ever since.
Pumo, who was diagnosed in 1975 with rheumatoid arthritis, was recently awarded
the Arthritis Foundation's 1999 Arthritis Achievement Award. In the past four years she has logged more than 800 volunteer hours as an Arthritis Information and Refer
ral Service specialist and troupe member of the Arthritis Foundation Kids on the Block program.
Pumo. "I'm an extra hand." Michigan Chapter Coordinator of Voluntee Services Patrice Lynch, the presentation and honor came as a surprise to Pumo who
attended the Lansing annual meeting attended the Lansing annual meeting, I was surpnised They don say the name
of the winner, they first read their biography
and Ithought to myself. That's got to be me.

A long time Westland resident and third
grade teacher at Hamilton Elementar grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary
School in Westland, Pumo said the diagnosis School in Westland, Pumo said the diagnosis
of arthritis came ater she complained to her
doctor that she was having trouble witt her doctor that she was having trouble with her
feet - particularly getting up and down thirs.
"He diagnosed me right away.
Subsequent to the diagnosis. continues to be, treated with non-steroidal inflammatory medication and injectable gold
therapy from Dr. Joseph Weiss of Livonia.


Pumo says her own personal experience with arthritis makes her more compassion-
ate toward Arthritis Foundation callers who elephone the information and referral ser-


We provide people with all kinds of infor-
mation including brochures based on the specific kind of arthritis they suffer from to financial information and medical aid prodct recommendations," noted Pumo.
She said she is of particular help She said she is of particular help to caller
who also suffer from Sjogren's (pronounced how grins) syndrome, an incurable autoimmune disorder that causes the body's immune system to mistake its own moisture mmune system then attacks and destroy hese glands causing the hallmark symp "Charloteyes and dry mouth.
"Charlote has been so wonderful. Some because they are so desperate need help like no one believes them and they that no one cires. Charlotte cares. Her dedication
and loyalty to the Arthritis Foundation is and loyalty to the Arthritis Foundation is Chapter office manager and program assis
In addition to her work as a referral serwith the AF Kids on the Block program. A troupe of AF members visit various schools
throughout the area and educate third- and ourth-graders about a variety of dissbilities nd problems children can have including
rthntis, emotional impairments, diabetes earthrisis, emotional impairments, diabetes,
earisabilities, autism, and growing up in a household with divorce.
"Our message is always the same. We are
all different and we should celebrate the fact that we are different and accept the distine
tions without ridicule, said Pume. ions without ridicule, s sid Pumo. Since 1986, she has been performing as a
puppet diagosed with arthritis before thind. uppet diagnosed fourth-graders at each of Livonia's 22 elementary school on a weekly basis. "The kids just love it,", said Pumo, "and it's
fun way to educate them about being mure fun way to educate them
Above and beyond
Nominated for her understanding of callers needs, Lynch said the decision :
nominate Pumo was done without thought. "She deserves it. I don't know what we would do without her. She's kind and com. d or recently diagnosed and are facing the eality that the pain won't go away," said
Lynch. "I continue to learn from Charlotte and from all of our AIRS volunteers.
And not that her work both in and out of monthly support group from her home for monthly support group from her home fo
arthritis patients of her Livonia physician. "I like meeting people and talking with
them on the phone. I get to meet a lot of nice ne's that way. 1 do watever i can to help." Whaid Pumo.
When as
When asked why she chose to become a
volunteer with the Arthritis. Foundation Pumo joked, "I knew I wanted to do volunmake it in because of my arthritis the people.
at the foundation would understand'"

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# Some assembly required? Here's Christmas help 



It's Christmas morning and that "easy-to-assemble" bicycle, forosball table or treadmill comes
with a bex full of screws and with a box full of screws and
bolts, and a set of bewildering.
directions, in steps numbered Local entrepreneur John Polzin and his employees have a
solution. The company, Assembly
Required Inc., takes the hassle and stress out of assembling furniture, toys, lawn equipment,
gas grills, TV stands and most products for the home or office. Established in 1989 as a part-
ime business to Polzin's fulltime business to Poizin's full-
time job, Assembly Required Inc.

Wais born out of his observation
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Polzin d Polzin decided to capitalize on
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sessed from a previous job where sessed to assemble display prod
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come to your home and assemble a wide variety of items sassemble as
TV stands and computer deaks Toll hands and computer desk bicycles, exercise
dot doll houses, bicycles, "There iss't much we haven't put together," said Polzin.
In responese to the popurity of his service, the Redford busi
nessman opened a retail store in Wonderland Mall during the 1999 holiday season to meet the needs of customers who had
smaller products requiring smaller products requiring
assembly. An average fee for The Assem-
bly Shop is between $\$ 10 . \$ 30$; Assembly Required in-home serrice averages in
rolzin said there is a minimum charge of $\$ 30$ for in-home
service. service.
If yourre putting together a
small tranportable product it small, transportable product,
wouldn't be costeffective to have us come to your home," said Polzin.
The Assembly.Shop in Won


Helping hands: John Polzin, president of the Assembly Shop, and Lynda Robison work on a dollhouse in the Wonderland Mall store.
 The Assembly Shop in Won an hour. beill ping a rush with hundreds of throughout the month of Jan APeople can bring in a smaller
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## Read Arts \& Leisure every Sunday



Legislation would protect businesses from Y2K suits

If the world ends, this legisla ion is nullide vold, Amy Rit aimed at protecting small businesses and local government from frivolous Y2K-related law-
If on the other hand civiliza Iion survives the computer gititch heard 'round the world, then the legislation would provide protec. tion against suits and put limitations on damages that can be Rittenhouse. chief of staff to state Rep. Janet Kukuk (k. Macomb).
"Her (Kukuk's) point in spon. soring this legislation was that
she does not want to see anyone going out of business because someone is trying to take advan tage of $Y 2 \mathrm{~K}$," Rittenhouse said. Lawmaxers have passed
series of five bills - House Bill 4424 by Kukuk, House Bill 4588 by Rep Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) as well as House Bills 4469,4487 and 4737 - to lawsuits.
The bills have been presented to Guv. Juhn Engler for his sig nature, which he must do before go into effect Jan. 1. Without signature, the bills would take effect but not until March 1, to late to have any impact. Ritten
She said she ex
nor will sign, but has not ye heard when.
The bills are modeled after laws already put in place at the said, 20 to 23 states have adopt ed similar verbiage. The problem of course is tha:

Scholarship applications being taken

Madonna University in Live Mia is accepting scholarthip 17. through Friday, March 10 for the $2000-2001$ academic vear Scholarship applications may be
obtained at the University Financiai Aid Ófice or by caliing 7344432-5663.
The majority of the awards
stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 32 on a 40 scale, however, there are some requirements.
Some of the Madoma Lniver gity scholarships avalable for the 2000-2001 year include. Endowed Scholarship, awarded to minority students pursuing science, especially prospectict teachers in elementary xchools. Mary Pitrone Richards Scholar
ship, awarded to junior or senor shursing students: William Ran
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put them out of business, or purhaps because one of their vendors did
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cause this problem." Shulman said, explaining his bill to protect muncipalities similarty, and they have been doing all
they can to keep residents from being affected by it Io order to prevent a rash of lawauita, it is necessary to extend this immunity. Otherwise, we risk the possi-
hinity of anme governments being so wrapped up in frivolous lawsuits, they will be hard pressed to help people."


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## For the greater good

## Library actions benefit us all

J
im Chuck did the right thing. Westland's ibrary board president resigned last his wife, Cheryl, for a part-time job in the children's room of the library and a subsequent nepotism flap. One board member resigned in protest after Cheryl Chuck was hired.
The library board has a policy against nepo-
ism and members last week agreed to keep it
essentially in place at the Dec. 15 meeting. Chuck's resignation that evening removes any conflict of interest problems related to his wife's employment.
The library board did the right thing for the people of our community, just as Chuck did the right thing in relinquishing his seat: We commend them for their actions and their concern in keeping Westland's library a jewel of the community.

## Celebrate season of caring

In Beatrice, Neb., this year, two elementary I Beatrice, Neb., ais year, wo elementary
called "Celebrated a holiday music pragram called "Celebrate the Seasons." A school off. cial said the program, which makes reference to Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, fits a 1993 state mandate to bring multiculturalism into schools.
But three sets of parents have pulled their children out of the music program, claiming that it goes into detail about the origins of tion the religious origins of Christmas. In Somerset, Mass., last year, the ACLU and the American Atheists Inc. sued the town over a display of a Nativity scene and a meno rah on eovernment property. This year the city surrounded the creche and the menorah with an 18 -foot-high Santa, two glow-in-thedark reindeer and a flashing "Season's Greet ings" sign.
They were relying on a 1984 Supreme Court decision that said such mixed displays But eagal.
Bain asked to remove the crecticials were again asked to remove the creche and the
menorah - this time by a group of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious leaders, who said surrounding those items with secular symbols produced "a mishmash that offers nothing of substance to any one faith, and instead trivializes highly meaningful religious displays.
And in Cincinnati last year, a lawyer sued the federal government to keep it from enforc ing a statute that declares Christmas a legal
holiday and gives government employees the holiday and gives government employees the day off. He argued that the law violated the
establishment clause of the First Amendment We are reminded, nostalgically perhaps, of We are reminded, nostangically perhaps, of
two families we used to know - one Christian one Jewish - who annually exchanged holiday cards. The cards - the "Season's Greetings" type of thing - symbolized sharing and caring It was that spirit that prompted another Jewish family of our acquaintance to send a plate of potato latkes to their Christian neigh bors during Hanukkah. The neighbors would
respond with Christmas cookjes and fruitcake

We recall a Hadassah chapter that used to set up a gift-wrapping booth inside a shopping
mall every December - just sweps away from the Salvation Army's red kettle station. And then there were those members of a Jewish congregation who would take over a Christian soup kitchen on Christmas day, so the kitchen could stay in operation while so Such acts epitomize the spirit of the season, not complaining that a Nativity scene or a menorgh on government pronerty "endorses particular religion, that surrounding such items with secular exhibits "trivializes" the religious symbols or that Congress violated the Censtitution by giving government workers a Thristmas holiday
And speaking of that lawsuit - earlier this month a faderal judge dismissed it. She pref aced her formal decision with a poem that, whie it may not become a chassic, seems
put this holiday bickering into perspective:
"The court will address/ Plaintiffs seasonal confusion/Erroneously believing Christmas/ confusion Erroneously believing Christmas
Merely a religious intrusion.
"What "Whatever the reason/ Constitutional or er. "Christmas is not/ An ans about joy/ And piving and
"Christmas is about joy/ And giving and
sharing/ It is about the child within us/ It it sharing/ It is about
mostly about caring!
mostly about caring!
"One is never jailed/ For not having a tree For not going to church/For not spreading glee! The court will uphold/ Seemingly contra dictory causes/ Decreeing the Establishm
and 'Santa/ Both worthwhile 'Claus(es)" and "We are all better for Santa/The Easte Bunny too/ And maybe the Great Pumpkin/ To name justia few! nay be spent as you wish/ Regardless of rea ${ }^{\text {son. }}$ "The "The court having read/ The lessons of
Lynch'/Refuses to play/ The remer Lynch/Refuses to play/The role of the Grinch!
"There is room in this country/ And in all our hearts, too/For different convictions/ And a day off, tool"

## MEAP test would baffle adults

M ichigan students did poorly on the ter to fith-and eighth-graders. But before everyone runs off at the mouth about public achools turning out underachiev ing students, let's be aware that, to paraphrase an Olds' advertising campaign, "this isn'tyour parente' teat.
history, geography and decision onomics, require it much higher level of skilla and criti. cal thinking than may be expected of today's. 10 - and 14 -year-olds.
This thouldn't be misconstrued as an apology for the pustic schools, anly a recognition of the reality of what the Michigan Education Department is demanding of today'a students. The Obeerver feels that mont partents aren't ware of the new itandaride. ment Progrem tere ment Program temta were initially designed pearry 30 years ago to teen uy hadividal stuthe redultas have koos beve uned triprivate the resulis have hag bena uad by private ommpare one community with arother and, if the ncoren are above averuse, to boatt about buat to matie sure your home colla backs to the next potiential buyer. Fortion of the teen
Statowide figuren for fith-grade atudents mhow that fiutt 1.7 perceat excwedod the ataindardit while 17 percent mot kheme in atatewide cupla fride Agures, 4.8 percent exceeded the ctind whde while 23 percent met then

The State Education Department, which created and administered the test, said the state scores mirror national results on the . same subjects. One problem was the studento unfamiliarity with the new test the depart
nent said.
But one major flaw in the testing process was that local school didne
This doesn't mean local schools have to be ven the specific test in advance but let's be fair: If you're going to tested for a specific skill, let's make sure the material generally is covered BEFORE the tests are given. One area fifth-grade teacher who adminis tered the teat to her atudents last winter emphasized the complexity of the topics to be written about in essay form
On one portion of the test, studeats were olld that the local city council had banned Rollerblading at a city park and were instruct bine it a speris do paral compose a letter to the council either agreeing with or oppoeing the ban. The letter had to be written within a five-minute time frame, she said.
In the eighth-grade tests, students were given a sheet containing information they had to read before anawering several multiple choice queitions. Many also required ensay type answers on topics such as the Firs Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
The Obeerver doubts that many educated adulfe whe have been out of the classroom for 20 or 30 years would be successful on the teat


## LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We ast ing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to. Julie Brown, Westland editor

Engler a menace

## Agram or rules change proposed by dohn

Engler. .
sensitivity, but a total lack of compassion for anyone who is downtrodden - disabled chil-
dren, mentally ill, imprisoned or poor.
His goal is to set up his pals, regardless of qualifications (usually nonexistent), in lucra-
tive posts. And to provide businesses with spe cial privileges, such as destroying the environ ment, to their favor
This man single-handedly has set back the curse of lifestyle in the state for decades to come. The post of governor has become emper dictator. Worse, he so easily manipulate the Legislature and the judiciary. He is a Beatrice Scalise

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## Election spending

Was reading your article of Dec. 12 featurin candidates in the most recent Westland City Council election.
It was hard not to feel somewhat ashamed at the amount of money spent by former Wayne-Westland Board of Education members David James and David Cox. James spent more than $\$ 21,000$ in the election and Cox spent $\$ 17,633$
It isn't so much that the two of them com bined spent nearly $\$ 39,000$ as it is the fact that Dorothy Smith, a woman in her 70s, lagged only 84 votes behind Cox and 88 votes behind James. She was able to do this all for
little more than $\$ 1,500$. Also, Dorothy Smith has never held elected office. This pales in comparison to Mr. James' four years of public services and Mr. Cox's nearly six years of public service.

I think that your article sends a very clear message. The message is that both Cox and James barely got elected. There is another include the mayor's race which means a high er turnout at the polls. Both Cox and James were defeated at the polls and only saved by the absentee ballot votes. Come November of 2000 , it is apparent that David Cox will not regain election. He will once again lose as he did when he ran for re-election to the city council in 1995, another mayoral election cam paign year.
Another interesting fact in your story is
that the yoters do appreciate honest politi-
cians. That was evident in their election of Glenn Anderson. Anderson beat both Cox and spent $\$ 6962$ Anderson can be assured he didn't buy his way into the voters' hearts didn't buy his way into the voters' hearts.
Insteed, he truly worn his way Michael P. Chiumento

## Thanks motorists

$\mathrm{O}_{\text {Transportation Service }}^{\mathrm{n} \text { behalf } \text { of the Taylor }}$ Transporation Service Center of the our contractors, I want to sincerely than and motorists, residents, businesses and communities for their cooperation and understanding during the 1999 construction season This year's construction program provided long-term repairs to more than 30 miles of metro Detroit freeways, including the follow
ing; Southfield Freeway including work ing; Southfield Freeway including work a both the Ford Road and Michigan Avenue interchanges, bridge work along $1-94$ and work was completed in record time and was very challenging for the motorists, MDOT and our contractors.
ln response to the passage of Governor Engler's Build Michigan II plạn and TEA-21 Od invested over $\$ 1.2$ billion statewide in more than $\$ 1.4$ billion will be invested tatewide and in the metro area, significant improvements will include; Telegraph Road US-24) in Wayne and Oakland counties, Lodge Freeway (M-10) and 1-94 in Wayne 696 in, Old M-14 through acomb County
MDOT is implementing an aggressive plan bridges by 2007 , and with the continued help of everyone, we will be able to deliver this promise.
We will continue to work to minimize motorists' inconvenience by building at night on weekends and being careful to minimize he impact on daytime and special-event traf ic. We will apply what was learned this yea through the winter and during the 2000 con trough the seasom

## Again, I want

Again. I want to offer thanks for the mprove Michigan's transportation syste Please remember to drive carefully through out the coming winter and into the new millennium.

Mark Chaput, P.E., manager
Taylor Tramaportation Service Center

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Oun mastow: "Because we pushish communty newspapers, we think about communty journalism in a fundamentally different way than mur bigger competition. Thev consider themselues to be independent from the stories and communties they couer. sumpins in to urite the unusual or senwational and then dashmg off to cow yomething else. We regard ourselues as beth arcurate journatists and as caring cinvens of the communturs where we uork

## Good memories carry editor into retirement


as been an interesting 33 year as an Observer
In reflecting on the eve of my retirement next week, 1 can recall clearly numerous events, personalities and iesues. In lowking back on the highlights, my mental pictures may resemble a VCR tape on fast furward I came to Westland at a good time. although it was technically in the last May 16,1966 , shortly after I joined May 16, 1966 , shortly atter I joined the Observer staff (which was eigh years before the merger with the
Eccentric Newspapers), the city of Westland was created, following vote approval of its first city charter on April 25.
As I typically ask public officials or high-profile employees when they retire, will follow the same pattern

What will I miss the most. Observing, reporting and commen ing on the the problems and chal
lenges facing the community. Those range from the community's public image, how residents feel about the city, the rapid growth in housing, retail business, industrial parks and
municipal zervices and structures municipal services and structures
such as the Bailey Recreation Cent new police station, Friendship Center for seniurs, among otherb.
Also as challenging was th Wayne-Westand Community Sch which at one point went through through notebooks.
-The school board meetings, sit ting next to my Westland Eagle con petition, Gail McKnight, who traded in her reporter's notebowk for district m The annual Memorial Day parades.

- The creation of the historical commission and the various museum e The W

- I would Ilike to thank the many pubilic officials, City Hall and school secretaries for thelr many courtesles. and the numerous families who opened their doors for ho opened thoir doors ne to taik about their accomplishments as well as haring their grief a day or two after a tragedy.


## Letters to the editor help to tell story of community

Aknetive readers of this colunn
know that my regular ractice sto sulicict repeponses too delighed, outraged, whateerer - ether by phone ore e-mail. I generally also ask permission from senders to have their reactions printed in the newspa per as ietters to the editur editor are an essential vital part of editor are an essential, vital part of
hometown paper. As a columnist, consider it an obligation to print read er reactions to what I write More. over, running letters to the editor. especially if there is a heavy community issue up for debate, helps make the paper an open forum of communi ty opinion.
So our the yars ke tried to make sure our editors welcome letters to editor and tell readers how bes sy has been to print an many letters as we can, subject only to making sur that letters we receive are in fact written by the person who signs the and checking them for libel, slander and other considerations of goot taste.
Imagine my surprise, then, at receiving a letter the other day unlik
any I have recared in my contre 35
"Apparently, the policy of your
new spaper is to print all letters to the newspaper is to print all letters to the
editur short of the use of blasphemy or false accusation ... I find it extremely unusual that any newspaper would print all letters to the editur. I am not aware of any
this policy..
${ }^{\text {M }}$ My father used to write letters to the Bay city Times and Detroit Press printed. Howeyar, En permant whatever he wrote ended up on the floor of the editor's office.
My correspondent is absolutely right. In most of the big cily papers. something like so percent of the letters to the editor that are sumnitted office. Thats one of the things that distinguishes a hometown community newspaper like
city brethren

As set out in our ness purposes is to "nurture the co muntices we serve" Ac we undertan it, nurturing a community doing everything we can to make the:
hometowns we serve good places for

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Glenn High School and Principal Frank Higgins and the early years Tinwothy Dyer's administration befere he fell from grace.

- Eightning-speed coverage of a Big. Bo Restaurant fire on a Thurs. day norning to get the story and phu tus in Thursday afternoms edition. Grow th of Westland Center and the challenges which threatened its
success because of rapid retail growth success because of rapid retail growth
in Canton Township. - The residential
all areas of the city. former Associated Newspapers' managing editor who was hater elected cit councilman and mayor.
- Watching the community's pride when President Clinton came to John Glenn High School in the 1996 campaign.
we award, which I initiated in 1996 with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce. Cthe city's mayors, all with diffe and techniques of dealing with the councti, commurity groups and the general public.
In wifiding up my community newspaper career of nearly 42 years most of that with the Onserver, 1 would like to thank the many public taries for their many courtesies and the numernus families who opened their doors for me to talk about their accomplishments as well as sharing their grief a day or two after a tragedy
In retirentent, Ievnard Poger will continut his studies to obtain a Uni. versity of Mo hugan Dearborn bache. lor's degres, topefully in four years.
His new email address after Jon. 15

al've got to admit here my correspondent has a point. In any community, there are always a handful of people who are regularly sore about one thing or another. Some people call them gadflies, pople call them gadiles, thers style the ' communi y maicontents.' Such people are often regular - some would say 'obsessive' - letter writers, often repetitively on the same subject.

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updates, sports information, to name a few, are the types of information services available through 900 numbers. These services are valued by some con-
sumers. Unfortunately, there are some telephone scams operating through 900 numbers and other information service numbers.
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- Consider having your local elephone company place a 900 . number block on your telephone ber calls placed from your tele phone. In Michigan, there is no charge for 900 blocking. By law, locking must be offered by al telephone service providers in ong-distance telephone companies about the availability of locks for international or toll calls.
nay be possible to dial around blacks by dialing a regular long distance phone number; 80 access numbers, or an interna
tional toll number to another

Essays sought on improving voter turnout
(PRNewswire) - Wayne Coun y Commisioner George Cush ingberry announced recentiy the
kick-off of his annual civic literascholarship contest for hig achool and college students. Par cipenta must write a two-page easay and submit their entries by the March 17,2000 deadline. -How Can the Racea Work Together to Improve Voter Turnout? - challenges studente to oxamine participution by difmuat contain a bibliography and two full pagea of double-spaced turt in a font no larger than 12 donint The content is open to atu denta in the area served by
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Christmas dinner with a Y2K twist $t$ was to be the Christmas dinner of
the millennium, but The Feminist got bitten by a Y Y K bug.
"It's perfect," she said. "We always do a theme dimner for Christmas This year it can be the millenniu We can have one dish that was popusome research
"Uh-huh," I said I was tangled up in a string of Christmas lights and not paying much attention. "Tll get on The Internet and see what I can find frought home half-a-dozen books from the library
"What about deviled eggs?" she said. "According to 'American Dish they were papular in the 1900s." "There's a problem," " said. finally
starting to pay attention. "The milleu starting to pay attention. The millen Never mind what you read in the newspapers: 2000 is the last year of the ofd millennium.
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having Wal-: Well jutit call it $\begin{array}{ll}\text { having Wal- Welljust cal } \\ \text { dorf Salad. } & \text { the Almost } \\ \text { End-of-the-C }\end{array}$ We'l have End-of-the-C Dip, a cheese you say So
ball and plgs. what are we ball and pigs what are we in a blanket from the
'50s.' deviled eggs?
"O.K. Well start with
vichyssoise, invented in
1917.
917." ${ }^{\text {"Thats cold potato soup }}$ heavy cream. It's delicious."
"ff you say so. What else? "If you say so. What else?"
"For breatfast, we'll have Eg Benedict. They're from the '20s. And
Oatmeal Poridy from Oatmeal Porridge from the 4 has And
From the 30 s. we're having Waldorf
Salad Well have California Dip heene ball and pigs in a blanket the 50 s .
"A cheese ball?"
They. were very popular. And th entré comes from the 60 s , Beef Wellingtan. Well have Mimosas from
the 70 s , frittata from the 80 s , Tiramisu and Mocha Mudslides fro the 90 s .
"Mocha Mudilides?
-lt's a cocktail. Sort of like a Black Russian. Oh, and we're having 1910 to ivis."
"Now the
What?
Next year. For your millennium celebration. Forget Christmas. Weily have a New Year's Eve Party. With
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"No, really. We know they had wine even before the firat millennium I wonder when Scotch was invented

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## DIA's 'angels' spread joy during the holiday season

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Rita Mathes knowa whe'r
at least one nogel in her life. at least one angel in her life.
The Livonia reaident recalled a time when abe wads involved in
"Love Circle" at her church veryone forms a circle and hug veryone else. Overcome with joy he ahouted, "I'm going to bring ah of these hugs houre It's in The ne
hug and then pulled from inside his eoat pooket the like-
ness of a beautiful angel. He told Mathes he was an artist an had created. Ending their con rsation, haid smmply "happ Yeirthay. atty surprised Mathes was ples etreat she attended. She stit onsiders her angel an inspira ional gift.
ngel;" she said own pasn't sur prising to find her at a recent
event where angels were the main focuan Detroit Institute of arts volunteer and residen recently brought angelic artwork Women's Resource Center's fina DIA's spiritual side orbryan brought insight and with her talk, "Spiritual Beings At the DIA."


Angets avery It's the sea son when angels are
everywhere so it was. appropriat for the Schoolcraf Women's Resource close out fall luncheon series with a presentation Detroit Insti. ute of Arts volunteer. and resident angel exper
Mary Lee O'Bryan. he DIA for about 20 years and Shools" prograt Art in the Schoois ${ }^{\text {B }}$, program and "Speaker'
Bureau" program. The Speaker' Bureau organizes outreach with
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## Angels alse possess youth and resident, apreed

 A a sense, purity, when derivedrom artwork. O'Bryan showed her audience that regardless of religion, origin or artistic medium, angels are all persomified in
the same way - youthful often winged creatures who are sent
as messengers from God, from a as messengers from God. from a higher power, to protect the liv-
ing. ing. Her message came loud and If thought it she said: I've been coming it the luncheons) for years Clifford's longtime friend and
fellow Northville resident Gayie Zell accompanied her to the luncheon. as they often do.
she said, agreeing the luncheons offer both social and educhational pleasant. "She was very, very

Swanborg recognized how well
Civil War and 19th century med. uncheons have ical practices on Friday, Feb. 25 . and Museums Past and Present
and Their Role in Society" with "It's a nice opportunity for peoopportunity for people who might not have the opportunity Seating is timited for the lun cheon series, and prenegistration is required. Luncheons cost $\$ 14$
each and take place at 11:30 $0 . \mathrm{m}$. Upcoming presentations hosted each and take place at inan Cam.
by the Women's Resource Center in the college's Waterman Cam.
include: *Dolls From Around the pus Center Haggerty Road south include: *Dolls From Around the pus Center, Haggerty Road south
World" with Rigmor Cuolahan, of Seven Mile Rod, Litona. For
on Friday, Jan. 28, "The Day", more information. call $\overline{734} 1402$.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

| Livonia: Call Ray Sanders at | church. 20300 Middlebelt Road. | will be held at $7: 30$ p.m. Dec. 31, |
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| - |  | church, 14175 Farmington |
| appointment. | call the <br> 3.444 | Road The biblical message |
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| on to | Mathew Luheran |  |
| , at the church, 9301 She | ha | - |
| Road, Plymouth. Call (734) | New Y | hurch will have |
| 630 for a blood donatio | $e$ church, 5885 Venoy Road, | ce and celebration at 10.3 |
| appointment. Donors will receiv | estland The church also will |  |
| Cross bean bag to | have one service at 10 | church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road |
| rount tvent <br> Clarenceville United | Sunday, Jan. 2. For more infor mation, call i 734 425-0260 | Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730 |
| thodist Church will hav | $\square$ Christ Our Savior Luther | $\square$ Good Shepherd L |
| year's Eve yout |  |  |
| to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 |  |  |



## Services


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> the church, 26212 W. Six Mile more information, call 313153
> - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will have a service with
Holy Communion at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church. 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For
more information, call 734 / 464 Church will Christ Lutheran Eve worship at 7 pin at the Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-5252.
Linian Parik Evangericai. vices at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve more information, call the church at ( (1313)532-8655. Church will have Mass ic p.ru. New Year's Eve at the church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, New Year's Sunday Masses on Jan. 2 will be at $8: 30$
and $10: 30 \mathrm{am}$. For more anfor and 10:30 a m. For more infor-
mation, call the church at ( 734 ) 451-0444.
ESt. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a holy hour a 11 p.m. New Year's Eve and
Masses at midnight and $9: 30$ a.m. New Year's Day at the
church, 23310 Joy Road. Redford. For more information, cal thew rears cm MLW YEAF's CBanalinow
Newburg United Method
Church will have an informal party, beginning at 9 p.m., Ne church 36500 Ann Arbor Tril church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail.
Livonia. Participants are asked to bring a favorite game, snack and beverage Communion and praver of Holy held in the sanctuaryer will b need not participate in the party information, call the church call ( 7341 422-014

## SPECLIL SERNEE

ll kick oft the New Ye special worship and praise ser
vice at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Saturday. Jan. at the church. 14750 Kinloch. Redfor
in the church hall Th at 11 am sets will be available to catch the New Year's parades or early football games. For more infor brunch, call the church office (313) 532-8655. brating its 55th andiversary in wesear semmice

## The Fira United Methoclist

 Church at 6443 Merriman Ruat Garden City, will worship wit Wesiey Communion service at10.45 a m Sunday, Jan. 2 For more information, call the
church at (734) 421.8628

## Resource center hosts divorce support group

of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meete Tuesdays in Ro
the McDowell Center.
The group provider. a forum discumsion and the receiving and sharing of information for those eontemplating, in the procena of
or having difficulty adjusting to or havin
divorce.
The discussion group meets the second Tuenday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a speaker session take place the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the On Jan. 25. learn bout the legal anta will divorce - the procen of filing attorney Theodore Johnson. Certified financial planner Elizabeth Alten will provide a guide to handling finances and
planming a future following divorce or separation on Feb. 22.
chologiat will focus her March is presentation on helping divorc ing individuals deveiop mora self lenges of a new life. Atlomeya Barbara Watry and Mary Ann Mercieca will provide an overview of the divorte pro
cess. Participants will tearn about such things an property
settemente, eustadj, thite wip port, visitation and alimony. divorce support group and regis. Tration isn't required. the in amen's Resource Center ney" 5.7 p.m.m. Ank an Attor. of the month the third Monday firm of Woll A law Worll from the be available to anawar questions about divorce and family inw
For more information. call the (734) $462-4443$ Rese Center (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraf lega is located at 18600 Hagkerit
Road, north of \$ix Mile Hoat Rond, north of Six Mile Roart
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## ASSEMBUES OF GOD

Brightmoor Tabernacle

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| 10:0n AM - Pastor Caivin C. Ratz The Dour tu Gud's Lole.' |
| No Evening Service This Week |
| 24 Hour Prajer Line 248-352-6205 |

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and Grandmont Rosedale Park Chrtstian Day School


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# Observer Sports 

## observer SPORTS SCENE

## 0'Shea receives honor

 The Oakland University women's soc mber, was one ofcountry playing for the first year in Division I in 1999. Soccer Buzz, the exchusive online named OU coach Nick OShea as coach of the year among those new teams in Division I.
O'Shea, a Livonia Franklin graduate
and former OU men's standeut former y coached the Livenia Churchill girls soccer team and the Schoolcraf College women's team.
O'Shea guided OU to its first MidContinent Conference regular-season
championship in his sixth season as the school's coach.
O'Shea entered the season fifth in the O'Shea entered the season fifth in the
nation among active Division i coaches that have been at a school less than five
years. OU's final record of 14-4-1 overall years. his career record to $75-23-4$.
brings
Five OU players were also named: Five OU players were also named: Moore, Anna Muccino and Holly yun-

Elks Shootout winners Six children won their respective divi-
sioms manong boys and frist in the Eliks sions among boys and girls in the Elks
Hoop Shoot Contest, held Dec. 4 at Livonia Churchill High Sehool. The following tmak first place: Allison Troseii, from Adams Elemeniury Sciuvi.
and Joe McCulloch, St. Genevieve, $8-9$ and Joe McCulloch, St. Genevieve, , 9 Elementary, and Ben Schroeder, Webster Elementary, $10-11$ year oid divi-
sion; Amanda Owen Riley Middle sion; Amanda Owen, Riley Middle
School, and James Marcicki. Holmes Middle School, 12-13 year old division. The winners will move on to the district contest on Jan. 15 at Dearborn
Fordson.The Elks Hoop Shomt contest is Fordson. The Elks Hoop Shont contest is
sponsored hy the Livonia Parks \& sponsored by the Livonia Parks \&
Recreation and the Livonia Eiks Lodge No. 2246 There were 67 participants.

## Spartans 2nd at WLAA Relays

BY C.J. RISAK Spohts Edrior

crisakeot homecomm,nes
For years, Plymouth Satem's boys
swim team always seemed to find a way to lose at the beginning of the sea on, then regroup to win at the end. The Rocks have won sever straight
championships in the Western Lakes Champonships in the Western Lakes year they had not managed to win
many of the WEAA's season-opening nany of the WLAA's season-opening
relays meet, which they host. "We always seemed to do something get DQed or someone else would swim, really, really well!" said Salem coach huck Olson
Last year, the Rocks finalty wern both start the season and the WLAA Championship meet to end it.
This year, they're halfway to doing it
again. Salem won the Relays again again. Salem won the Relays again,
edging Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth
Canton and North Farmingto fur the

## Salem scored 249 points to Steven

 sun's 235 Canton was thitd with 207and North Farninglion was fourth with and North Farmingion was fourth with
z03.
Northwille placed fifth ( 189 , followed Northvile placed fifth (189), followed (156), Walled Lake (148), Livonia Churchill (116), Livenia Fiaikikin :76
and Westland John Glenn (64) and Westland John Glenn (64).
"It was a lot of fun a good meet. "It was a lot of fun, a good meet
well-contested," said Olson. "Stever son's good - they got our attention." The Rocks won because they didn't do anything to beat themselves, accord-
ing to Olson. We didnt ing to Olson. "We didn't load up on
anything." he said. "We just swam real anything. he said We just swam real
solid."
Olson marks perfurmsancess by Salem swimmers hat are impressive with
stars, and in this meet he gave out a
ann Kevin VanTiem and Eric Dabkowsk
$2: 04.52 ;$ in the 200 butterfly relay, with Pate Rode meyer, Geoff Lowes,
Rob Cambridye and Brandon Trucoty Rob Cambridge and Brandon Truscont
1147.47) and in the 200 medley relay with Bublitz Nemer, Truscott and
Duckler ins Euchler hata. No.
Northerille Truscott and Northville also had wo wins. from
Derek Ohigren. Dave Whitbeck. Antho Derek Ohigren. Dave Whitbeck, Antho-
ny Serge and Scott Whitbeck in the 200 My Serge and Scott Whitbeck in the 200
beckitro relay (1:18,73), and from Keyin Stuart John Moors. Scott Whitfeck and Dave Whitiock in the 500 Noe relay 4:31.27.
North Farmington's Craig Paske Whn Kern, Adam Farber and Jim Gabriel were winners in the 400 med-
ley relay ( $4: 04.11$. and Walled Lahe's Chris Gawronski and Steve Zerber
were first in the diving relay 1320.65 were first in the diving relay 1320.65
points). The difference, of course, was that Salem tmished scoond fwe times and third twice. Only in the diving relay
were the Rocks out of the top three?


Team effort: Lio nia Franklin (above) swims in the 200 yard back stroke relay and teammate Steve Gordon ilefti) parti pated in the 200 freaststroke relay results, please see
page B5.


In the graep: Redford Union's Jarred Williams (left glves his oppponent, tuear born Heights Annapolis' Randy Dusman, few options in the 130 -pound weigh class during a doual me.
they meet Willow Run.

## CC splits with Illinois team

The Detroit Catholic Cenitral and New Trier, It. hockey toams split a pair of
nd, teach ending in overtime.
 in $10-0$ on Saturday.
Racc game wias played at Rediord Arene.
The eplit left the Shamrocke, No. 1 ranked in the
ateta, with 96.1 recurd
Ather Now Trier teoored two goals in the firat Anar Now Trier scorod to gools in the first
minute and 10 seconds of Fridayis geme, CC alowted only one moore goal in nearly 100 minutes
Pray sh
The Shanirock ended the marrthon ecoreviene ecored, ansioted by Joe Moreau and Brian Wintiams, at $8: 20$ of the overtime.
The mecond gaime wasp probably one of the most exciting games I ever watched at any lovel, "CC hoctey, a clean game. When the aame is mon emotional, at that, up and down and ym have only five
penalties, all minor, that's a mark of a couple good.

HOCKEY
disciplined teams. There were lots of chancen on both sides and outstanding goaltending. Junior goaltender Andrew McCoy, giving starter Ben Dunne a break, stopped all 25 of New Trier The was certainly one of the atars," St. John St. John added that Moreau played "the best ame of his career" on Saturdey
In Friday' game, New Trier acored at 7:51 of the The to brouk a $2-2$ tie and win $3-2$. The maning goal came on a shot from the point aid:
ouck juat dropped like a rock. " St . Sown at, but the puct juit dropped like a rock." St. John said.
severg for CC on Priday were Withism with mesion fromi Ryan Yoot, and Moreau, masisted by $\xrightarrow{\text { masict fromi Ryan Yost, and Moreau, assisted by }}$


| The strategy for Schouleraft College going inta hagt satur day's men's basketball gatue at Owens Comanumy forche Give yourself a chance clearcu, to win. <br> "I thought (Owens) was a goux team, theyre well coached and they play hard," said sce ctach Carlos Briggs. "But we just did. n't do the things we needed to do to beat a ranked team on the raad. <br> "We told the guys going : this game, if you're gimit to wiil the ballover and you have to make your free throws <br> The Oeelots didn't du either one in the first half. which is why they traited tyy 13 at the intermission --- a deficit too big ranked team in the NJCAA Divi. sion II. The final outcome was $80-59$ in favor of Owend, which mproved to $12-0$. sc fento 6 "Was pleasing to ses", satid Briggs. give yourself a chance to win it at the end, and we didn <br> The Ocelots committed 13 turnovers in the first half and |
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ofon tickets are $\$$ ? per session

## HOCKEY

## Whalers enjoy Erie experience; win pair

doy - at least for the Plymout Whalers.
The Whalers traveled to the prie ofters last weekend for a pames. Such trips in the past have been roads to disaster, but his one wasn't.
The Whaters used fast starts in both games to waik away with 6.4 Friday and 4.3 Saturday. The two wins pushed Ply mouth's record to $18-14-3$ (40 points): good for third place in
the OHL's West Division. The Windsor Spitfires and Sault St Marie Greyhounds are tied for first in the West with 46 points. Erie remained in second place
n the OHL's Midwest. Division with a $15-16-1$ record ( 32 points) Rob Zepp backstopped but wins for the Whalers, making 31 aves in Friday's win and 20 more on Saturday. Adam
games for Erie
On Friday; Plymouth almost atay Stead atter oine period get Kurka put the Whalers up $2-0$ with 11:34 of the first peitiod hupsed; after Erie's Michae with 402 narowed the gap to $2-$ Nistas and Eric Guoldy George Plymouth's lead to 4-1.
Gooldy finished the period white Nistas and Kurka had oal and ath assist in the period however, Erie came battling ting another goal from Rupp and wo more from Nikita Alexee and Carlo Colaiacovo, respective St to knot the score at 4-apiece. Steven Morris gut the game
winner for the Whalers with 13:53 of the third period elapsed assisted by Kris Vernarsky
Kevin Holdridge's empty-ne goal with 51 seconds remaining

lected a goal and an assist in the

Saturday's with the Whalera again taking
he lead they never trailed al weekend against Erie) on first period goals by Weiss this 10 th of the season tand Kurka (his
17 (h). Erie's Rupp narrewed the gap to $2-1$ late in the opening However Weiss' second goal the game - he also had an assist-pushed Plymouth's lead
to. $3-1$ through two periods Rupp, who scored all three of the oue of thears in the game and nd, trimined Plymouth' week 3-2 with a power-play poal Bo the third period. fruin Non Bistly converted a pas roun Nistas at the $10: 22$ junc.
ture and the Whalers were again

## Outdoor Calendar

Ta submit items for considera. Outdoor Calendar send informa. tion to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple. Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax

## SEASON/DATES

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The late archery season runs ntlerless-only firearms season runs through jan. 2 on privale nd public land in Deer Manage ment Unit 452. A tate antlerless. through Jan. 2 on most privai land in the Lower Peninsula. arouse
A special late grouse season runs through Jan
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## CLASSES/

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Hook Line \& Sinker bait shop Cake Orion will hold fly tying Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) ROD BuLDina
Hook Line \& Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every wedn beginning of ice fishing seaso Call (248) 814-9216 for more nformation
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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a vanety of fly
tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650 . 0440 for more information or make a reservation for an upcoming class
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River Bend Sport Shop in South
feld offers fly tying ciasses or beld offers fly tying ciasses io beginners, intermediate and held at various times. For more nformation and to register call 248) $350-8484$ or ( 248 ) 591

## SHOWS

## Levespone moat,sport and

 me 174Boat, Sport and Fishine Show will be held Feb. 2.6 at the Ponjac Silverdome. The show feacuree over 300 hoats from more ackle, fishing trips, charter cap Lains, virtual fishing, trout ponde, seminars, casting demon atratione and more Show houra tre 3-9:30 p.m. Wednenday and $9: 30$ p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 . dminaion in $\$ 7$ adult, 83 fo under five will be admitted free. mencin sont, seont Ano
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he azed annual Detroit Boat, mid Feb 12-20 at Cotoo Center
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sadors improved their home-ice
record to 9.3 with an $8-2$ triumph over the Sting. Todd Bent- with a $19.8-1$ (39 points), tie ley scored his first-ever NAHL with the Soo Kew adin C
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## It's not Christmas without Opera Lite



## 'Man on the Moon' brings an enigma back to life

By Jow Kat
The atrange, wide-eyed guy small "Saturday Night Live" stage. Speaking in an unfath amantle foreign accent ("Tank yoo
beddy muah"), he reached for the baddy muan', he reached for the pedestal, placed the needle on a 45 and proceeded to lip-sync the theme from "Mighty Mouse." The Yhence roared hat was comedian Andy St. In fact, it was the first (2t: Oct. 11. 1975. It would bigome apparent soon after
wads that he was neither con nfed nor foreign. And that's dut all we'd ever learn abou An enigma, that's what they did him, then, than Jim Carrey whise early stand up material Wa manic as Kgufman's was an matic? Frankly, no one. nhis Kaufman. That's comicspeak for capturing someone to perfection.
Consider the chailenge. The Kaulman we saw
Teal Andy.
Girlfiend Lynne Margulies
played with surprising presence great affection for Andy, and it
and range by singer Courtney
shows. DeVito, of course, shared and range by singer Courtney shows. DeVito, of course, shared
Love. claims that there wasn't the Taxi" ride with him for five one. A real Andy, that is: He was years, but came away not knowin a zone all his own, either deep inside one of his characters or in
the midst of plotting his next practical joke. Liktike the bottom layer of a multipart carbon form, he was down there somewhere but impossible to read.
"I've got to stay one stop ahead of em ${ }^{n}$ got to stay one stis standing order to
himself himself.
When he wasn't naive Latka
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Veigas lounge lizard Tony Cifton. He beat on the congas. wrestied women and led kiddie sing-alongs. And if an audience
didn't get it, he read "The Great didn't get it, he read "The Great
Gatsby" to them: In its entirety People loved him, and he loved that. But even more people
hated him, and he loved that, ${ }^{100}$ So what we're watching here is not an impression. It's Carrey doing the private Kaufman doing the public Kaufman doing Latka. That's acting, falks. Danny DeVito, who pays
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Shapiro, partnered with director Milos Forman ("The People vs.
Larry Flynt") to make "Man on Larry Flynt" to make "Man on
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Orama: Lyme Margulies (Courthey Loue) is the woman who befriends and eventu ally falls in love with Andy Kaufman (Jim Carrey) in the "Man on the on the

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most important one of all, Daisy,
As the lovebirds almogt lose hope hinking the might never see each other again, a true Disney The film shows a light-hearted look at man's relationship wit nature in "Carnival of the Ani mall" by Camille Saint-Saen Viewers meet a group of flamin- in the-box. Director Hendel accompany it. The relationship gows - oute of which developa his. Butoy brings the beloved toys to between music and animation is
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City Ife: Eric Goldberg brings Manhattan's Jazz Age back to life with "Rhapsody in Blue," set to music by George Gershwin


followed. As youn as I hit the was sccepted. so I started putting some of my own stuff
together. His show is now different than mine because he's gone aff in a different direction from
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"When I was doing smaller clubs I wasn't a threat to him,"
says Gallagher the Younger The minute he heard that I wa
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ing fun includes "Horned Gramme," who invites friends for cookies and chats about Satan; "Die Hard in Under Two Min. utes, a short spoof of the Bruce Willis action movie, and Tyson, tures the boxer getting into more violent mischief. It runs untif
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## Rooster takes the nonstop to Music City, USA




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