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Christians throughout the area are preparing to celebrate the "most wonderful night of the year," Christmas Eve, with candles, carols and special services./**B1**

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Good times: Councilwoman Justine Barns gets in some laughs during Monday's Westland City Council meeting. She was lauded by colleagues upon her retirement.

Justine Barns says farewell

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Justine Barns refused to stay silent in 1966 when she disregarded family advice and ran for a Westland City Council seat, eventually becoming the city's first woman council president during her 17-year career on that body.

to stay silent at her last council meeting Monday.

"I have nothing but good things to say about you, Mrs. Barns, but I know some things about you that aren't so good," joked 18th District Court Judge Charles Bokos. "You'veleft a mark on our city that can never be equaled." In 1975, Barns cast the deciding vote that would appoint him and Angelo Plakas as city attorneys, Bokos added. "I thank you for all the things you've done for me and the city of Westland."

her influence on women in politics and described her as a "pathmaker." "You gave us the chance," said

Judge Gail McKnight of 18th District Court.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli

Accord gets the nod

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

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

The Westland City Council Monday approved a \$307,000, seven-year contract for supervisory employees that will allow them to purchase up to five year's worth of service time - which could bring them closer to retirement.

Included in the contract are 21 supervisory employees, including foremen and supervisors, but excluding directors and department heads.

The contract calls for 4 percent raises in the first and sixth contract years, 3 percent raises in years two through five and a pension freeze for 10 years.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc was the lone dissenting vote. He took issue with employees being able to purchase the service time because of the potential cost to the city and because no. other city contracts have that provision.

"The contract has the potential to cost (the city) \$500,000." instead of the projected \$307,000, LeBlanc said.

Employees opting to buy the service. time will pay an estimated \$17,000 to \$45,000, depending upon their salaries and years of service. The city would match whatever the employee paid, but could pay over a 30-year period. The employee would have to pay the amount up front Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said the number of employees actually taking advantage of the program would be too small to be too costly to the city. "They're going to have to come up with an awful lot of money." Griffin said, adding that some would probably need home equity loans.

REAL ESTATE

Memories: 1999 was a rewarding year for real estate agents./F1

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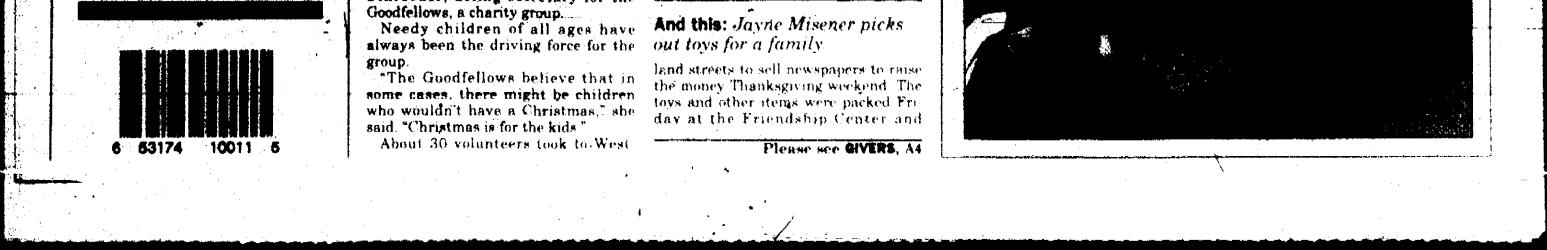
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"I knew I couldn't win." Barns said of her first election attempt. Others, including her late husband, John, also told her she couldn't win. "And so I won," Barns said.

True to Barns' spirit, her friends and political acquaintances refused

Another judge thanked Barns for

agreed that Barns was a positive influence on women in politics: "She has really paved the way for women like myself and Sharon Scott," a fellow councilwoman.

Lots to do

Barns told the audience she would stay busy in her retirement.

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Cheerful visitor

Jolly old elf: At left, Santa hugs Raquel Rose, 4, at "Breakfast With Santa" Saturday. Below, Santa greets Bradley Ceci, 4, Kyle Ceci, 24 months, and dad Matt. The annual event was held at the **Bailey Recreation Center. It** is sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, Fun 4 All Children's Recreation Scholarship Fund and the Westland Civitans. For more, please see page A2



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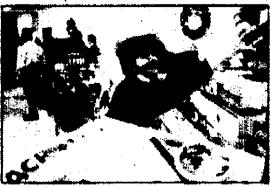
This would be good: Roderick Curry Jr., 8, contemplates which presents to pick for another 8-year-old boy who will receive the gifts from the Westland Goodfellows. His dad, Roderick Sr., packs up the bag. They are helped by volunteer Mary Macflane of Westland, who received gifts from the Westland Goodfellows when she was a child.

Goodfellows are givers

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITEE

Children from more than 300 needy Westland families will be playing with toys on Christmas Day, thanks to the efforts of the Westland Goodfellows.

The most recent fund-raising drive Nov. 26 and 27 raised an estimated \$16,200 to go toward buying toys for Westland children, said Madeleine Schroeder, acting secretary for the









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PHOTO BY BON PONEET

Lean your ear this way: Mrs. Claus and Santa greet Karen Nelson, 6, and her aunt, Denise Mercer, during "Breakfast With Santa" at the Bailey Center Saturday.

St. Nick arrives at Bailey Center

"Christmas With Santa" is a fun opportunity for Westland youngsters and their families.

The annual event, sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, Fun 4 All Children's **Recreation Scholarship Fund**

Saturday, Santa was just 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 has been held in the

OBITUARIES

ADALINE C. MCCALL

Services for Adaline C. McGill 87, of Westland were Dec. 20 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. The Rev. James Severance officiated. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery of Berkley.

Ms. McGill was born July 25, 1912, in Ferndale. She died Dec. 16 in Dearborn Heights. She was a meat cutter.

She is preceded in death by her father Lee Cunningham and mother Nelda Cunningham.

Survivors include daughter Marsha McGill of Detroit; sister Fern Koch of Florida; granddaughter Jill (Gary) McCuistion. of Detroit and grandson Lee Gruber of Adrian.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

WILLIAM JACOB TUCKER

Services for William Jacob Tucker, 64, of Croswell were Dec. 23 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cometery.

Mr. Tucker was born Dec. 26, 1934. in Wilkes Barre, Pa. He died Dec. 19.

He was a former Westland resident. He was a truck driver for the steel industry.

Mr. Tucker is survived by wife Linda; son William James (Beth); daughters Debra Jean and Robyn Ann; brother David (Rosemary); and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home of Livonia.

HENRY J. CHRISTIE

Services for Henry J. Christie, 91, of Westland were Dec. 21 in St. Theodore Church. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial West Cemeterv.

Mr. Christie was born May 22, 1908, in Bay City. He died Dec. 19 in Wayne. He was a welder for an electrical company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia.

Survivors include daughter Carole (David) Barnaby; grandchildren Michelle, Colleen and

PRANK P. MARINO

Services for Frank P. Marino, 69 of Westland were Dec. 22 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. George Hack officiating. Mr. Marino was born Feb. 16, 1930, in Detroit. He died Dec. 20 in Westland. He was an electrician.

He is survived by wife Beverly of Westland; daughters Denise Marino of Wayne and Kimberly Marino of Westland; son Anthony of Westland; sister Dolores (Jerry) Rose of Alpena; three grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 1669 Hamilton Road, Suite 210, Okemos, MI 48864-1809.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

PATRICK T. CONNOLE

Services for Patrick T. Connole, 66, of Westland were Dec. 22 in Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

Mr. Connole was born Dec. 21, 1932. He died Dec. 19 in Livonia. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include wife Ann; daughter Pamela; sons Michael, Thimothy and Jeffery; sister Barbara; brothers Robert and Frederick; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

REX ALLEN CHAPMAN

Services for Rex Allen Chapman, 47, of Westland were Dec. 22 in R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. The Rev. Gordon Wright officiated.

Mr. Chapman was born Nov. 16, 1952. He died Dec. 18.

He is survived by daughters Sherrie Rene Bergeron, Roseann Chapman and Rebecca Chapman; parents Lester and Mary Chapman; sisters Belinda Jennings and Karen Smith; brother Willie Chapman; and grandchildren Shada and Dominique.

Arrangements were made by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home of Garden City

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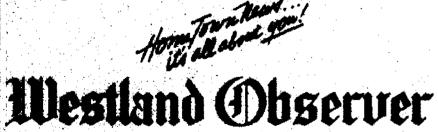
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and the Westland Civitans, was held Saturday morning at the Bailey Center.

"We had about 100 attend the breakfast, probably about 75 kids," said Marlene Doran of the Westland Civitans, who helped at the event. "We served 100 meals.'

There was a festive decorated area where children ate pancakes and sausage and drank juice, she said. "The ones that attended really seemed to enjoy the opportunity."

It's similar to the "Bunny Brunch" put on before Easter,-Doran said.

past, although this was the first year the Civitans helped, Doran said. All club members said they 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.

Parks and Recreation has done a Christmas Craft Fair in past years at which Civitans took Santa photos, she said. The craft fair wasn't held this year, but Civitans were glad to help at the breakfast.

Anthony; and great-grandchildren Alex and Nick.

ACHIEVERS

Mary Orwin of Westland has been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. She is an elementary teacher education student at Madonna University.

The initiation ceremony was held Dec. 9 at Madonna. To be a member, a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better; at least 12 semester hours of coursework in education, and leadership potential, commitment to education and desirable personal qualities.

Holidays mean closings

Local government will come close to a hait for the holidays.

Westland City Hall will be closed Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31 for Christmas and New Year's, respectively. Emergency police and fire services won't be affect- Jan 2. ed.

The 18th District Court of Westland will close Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will close Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 through

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, December 28, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Police Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest hidder

EAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1988	Volkswagen	For GL/4 Dr	Blue	9BWGA0301JP083816
1984	GMC	Pick-Up Truck	Blue/Dk Gr	1GTCS14B0E0528489
1988 ⁻	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Dk Blue	1FABP53U0JG124476

The second auction will begin promptly at 11.00 A.M. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

	YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
	1985	Chevy	Chevette/4 Dr	Red	1G1TB68C5FA198434
	1989	lsuzu	Pick-Up Truck	Camo	JAACL11L7K7206534
	1985	Ford	Tempo/4 Dr	Red	2FABP22X0FB150178
	1989	Chevy	Beretta/2 Dr	Dk Green	1G1LV1412KY118393
	1988	Ford	Ranger Pick-Up	Burgundy	1FTBR10C9JUC71907
	1989	Ford	Tempo/4 Dr	Black	2FAPP36X1KB201669
	1993	Honda	Civie/4 Dr	White	1HGEG8657PL037012
	1991	Pontiac	Grand Priz/2 Dr	Black	1G2WJ14T7MF254992
	1988	Ford	Eacort/4 Dr	Grav	1FAPP259XJW175261
ł	1984	Toyota	Truck/Van	Rust	JT3YR26V7E5014854
	1994	Flymouth	Voyager/Van	Green	2P4GH2539RR609804
	1989	Pontiac	Bonneville/4 Dr	Red	1G2HX54C2KW214301
	1989	Pontiac	Sunkird/2 Dr	Red	1G2JB11K1K7582595
	1988	Oldamobile	Cutiage/2 Dr	Red	1G3NK14DXJM267711
	1986	Dodge	Aries/2 Dr	Blue	1B3BD41K2OG114783
	1981	Pontiac	Grand Priz/2 Dr	Brown	1G2AK37S8BP624201
	1989	Oldsmobile	Cutiasé/2 Dr	Silver	1G3WS14W6KD340239
	1986	Ford	Aerostar/Van	Blue	1FMCA11S2GZA63814
	1965	Ford	Convtnl/Pick-Up		1FTDF15Y0FLA58895

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after January 22, 20(0) unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time

YRAR	MARE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
Unkown	Trailmble	Trailer	Blue	NONE

WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48336

SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Bid Package #7:

TMP Project #98038 - Marshall Middle School Remodeling

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions

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West Pive Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48239; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McS/EV, at (313) 535-6213. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McS/EV. The bid division(s) being hid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Mosting held on Thursday, January 6, 2009 @ 1:30 P.M. at the Marshall Middle School cafeteria. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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Blood drive Dec. 28 at library

The Westland library is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the library on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. Residents of Westland and surrounding communities are urged to call (800) GIVE-LIFE to schedule a donation appointment.

During the holidays, the number of blood donations in the community decreases, due to school closings, business shutdowns and vacations, but 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 communities," said Westland Deputy Mayor George Gillies.

"Let us have the strength and compassion to give to those who really are in need."

Donating blood is a life-saving gift, one of the most precious gifts a healthy person can give. A 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 hour, includes registration, a brief medical history, a mini-physical, and the donation. To be bligible, one must be 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

ARDIN

Deputy Mayor George Gillies



Jaycees planning Jan. 15 party

The Westland Jaycees 41st President Party Celebration will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Joy Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland.

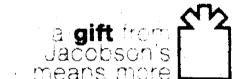
Dinner, beverages and dancing will be included. Participants are looking for CLUBS

past Westland Jaycee members to attend. Price is \$15 before Dec. 29; \$20 after. For information, call (734) 480-4984.

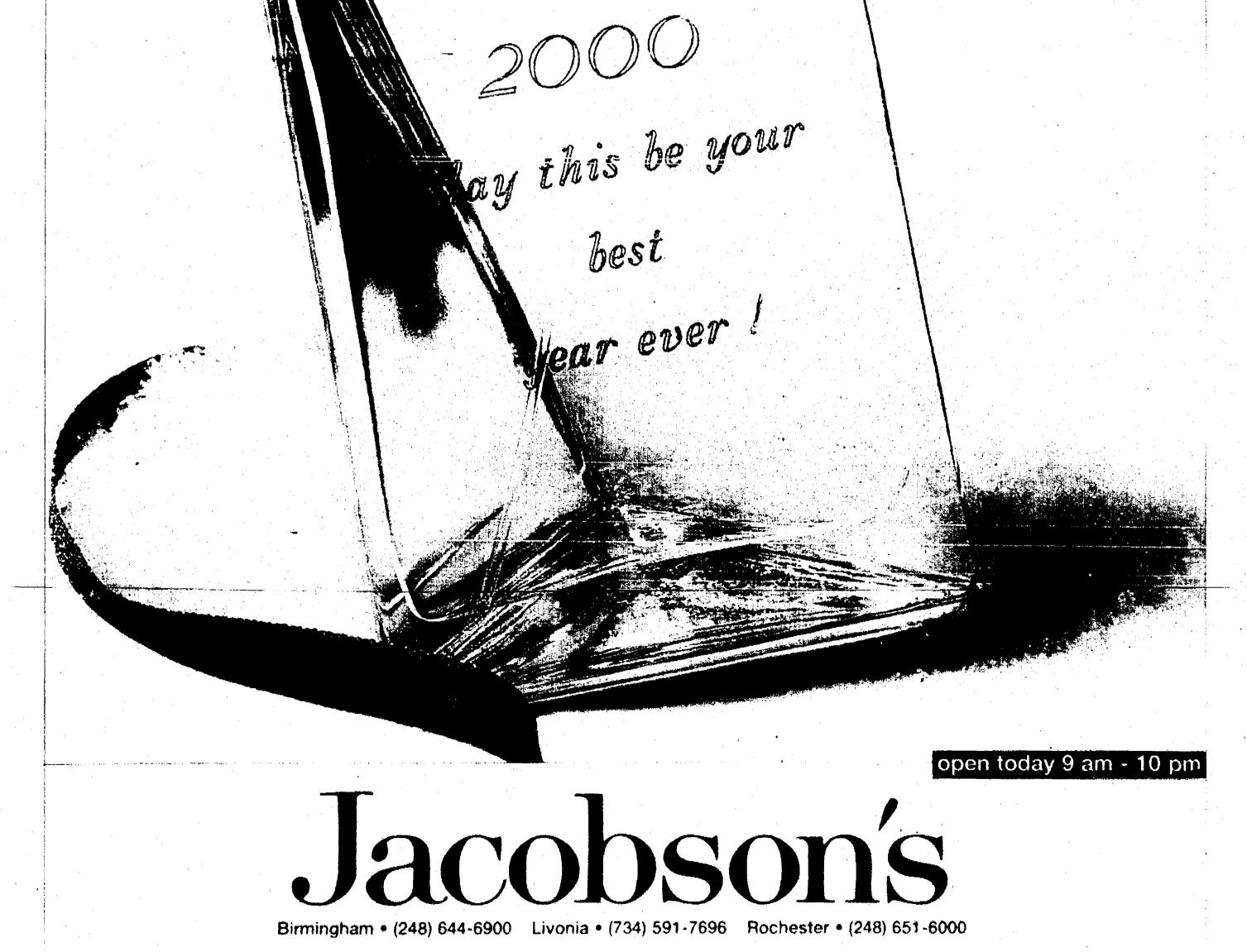
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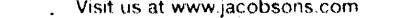
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Goodfellows: Linda White (left), pickfng out toys to be distributed, is helped by volunteer Mary Macflane.



delivered Saturday.

"They were just wonderful," Schroeder, a 14-year volunteer, said of this year's volunteers. "They were just a really nice group of people. I want to thank all of the people who helped."

Westland police Officer Joe Bobby was the biggest fund-raiser on those days, taking in more than \$2,000, Schroeder said.

Items purchased included baby dolls with high chairs for girls, Tonka trucks for boys, table and chair "play sets," riding toys for toddlers, blow dryers and curling irons for older children, K'Nex toys, traditional favorites like Lincoln Logs and jewelry for girls, Schroeder said.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Barns from page A1

"I'm not going anywhere," she said. "I'm going to the other side of the table."

One of the burning issues that drew Barns no politics was Livonia's attempt to annex Astland Center. (Livonia) wanted to come down and take

(Livonia) wanted to come down and take the mall, and I wanted to help pass a charter for the city of Westland."

When she began her political career, Nakin Township was incorporated into what show Westland.

We had one cop for the whole township," Birns said.

She cited her biggest accomplishment as keeping a prison out of Westland, while serving a pastate representative during the 1980s.

Hayor Robert Thomas presented Barns with Monday meeting. a dozen yellow roses – and said the color was chosen because of the song "The Yellow Rose of Texas." "You had the a

We figured it would take 12 (roses) to cover you and the city of Westland," Thomas said, referring to the size of Texas.

"Through the years you've taught me a lot of good lessons that have helped me mature as a persen and as a politician," Thomas added.

marns' political career began 35 years ago when so was elected to a charter commission that mapped the way for Westland to become a city in 1966.

She served 17 years on the Westland City Council, starting in 1966, and then 12 years in the state House.

Back to council

After a brief retirement four years ago; Barns, at her friends' urging, ran for council again and was the top vote-getter.

Many admirers fondly recalled their first meeting with Barns.

Councilman-elect David James, who will take over Barns' seat, said he will never forget his first official meeting "J." Barns at a Bob Evans restau-



Best wishes: Councilwoman Justine Barns visits with Mayor Robert Thomas at the

"You had the ability and the tenacity to get elected, and you had the character and integrity to get re-elected time after time."

Councilman David Cox, who was supported by Barns in his recent election bid, described Barns' tenacity in colorful terms.

"She has the ability to kick you right in the rump whenever you need it," Cox said.

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

Scott said she always admired how Barns prioritized her life, despite how busy she was.

"She never, ever sacrificed her family to be in politics," Scott said, referring to her sons, Duane and Scott, "She's one of the dearest, closest friends."

One of the keys to their long friendship, however, is Scott's knowing when to concede to the veteran councilwoman.

"I know better than to argue with (Barns) because she always wins the argument." Scott said. "She always wants to pick up the tab."



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

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 WRITER tschneider@oc.homecomm.net

Oh, they know. Yes, they do. Just like the song says.

In only a few short minutes with your child, these men can magically discern if Justin or Jessica has been bad or good. For the whole year.

As if that weren't impressive enough, they also respond appropriately to your child's personality. Outgoing and energetic, or cautious and quiet; they pick up the signs in a flash and know just what to say or do.

And here's the scary part. Many area Santa Clauses say they can get a pretty good indication of parents' character and demeanor by observing them as they stand in line with their offspring.

So you adults had better be good for goodness sake, says Eric Stopa, who has donned the red suit and stocking cap on and off for 11 years, including the last three in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the city's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Precious moments

"Really though, I think the best thing is being able to listen to the kids and not worry about the parents," 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. "I'm very gentle with them. Even though its a short visit, the key to being a good Santa is to go very slow and not force any kind of discussion out of them." Lawing, 58 and a retired Farmington Public Schools administrator, has come down from the North Pole to Livonia's Laurel Park Place for the first time this year. He's previously played Santa at schools, for corporate functions and private parties.

stories of Sinte Klass, a merry old man carrying the spirit of Christmas around in a large sack, as he made his rounds in the 18th century.

Poet Clement C. Moore and newspaper cartoonist Thomas Nast literally rounded out our holiday hero into the figure we greet each Dec. 25 with 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 a 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 two-volume set, "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language."

Nast took his inspiration from Moore for his drawing of a rotund, bearded Santa poised atop a 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 at the C.W. Howard Santa School in Midland, Mich. The school, founded in 1937, runs an intensive, three-day training course that focuses on everything from eye contact to attract passersby, to the hot new toys to handling the occasional disbeliever. "You let them tug your beard — if it's real," Lawing 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 stopped 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 know about the Wright brothers and the first plane flight. They have a difficult time believing I can just sprinkle magic dust on my sleigh 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. Stopa is employed as an assembly worker at Sealant Equipment Co. in Plymouth. Stella Padrick of Redford says she brought her 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 up." Homick says he works to get parents to play along and will ask them to post the photo of him with their child on the refrigerator, even in the summertime. He reminds kids to clean their rooms and eat their vegetables, though that last request, he said, is often in vain. Homick says his laugh - the requisite "Ho, Ho, Ho," voiced in deep, bass tones with a tinge of mischief accenting the third "Ho" - is his best quality. Lawing says his avocation came out of his deep affection for working with children and his love of the holiday season. Yes, he fills plenty of "orders" for BarbieTM dolls and Pokemon games, Lawing says. But the most memorable requests he's had are from two little girls. One who asked for "hutterflies, and then butterfly shoes to go with them." And another girl who asked for "pink - just" pink."

rant over coffee.

"I had never sat face to face with the great J. Barns before," James said. At that meeting, Barns encouraged James, who was a Wayne-Westland school board member, to run for a council seat.

"If 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 expected you to do," Barns said in response.

Fire Chief Mark Neal thanked Barns for her support of city-provided Advanced Life Support by giving her a personalized fire helmet. He said white helmets symbolize leadership,

"Oh, how nice," Barns said as she strapped on the bulky helmet. "This is just great."

City Attorney Angelo Plakas was appointed in 1975, thanks to a deciding vote by Barns.

Even those who sat on different sides of issues 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 Gleon Anderson said. "I just want to congratulate you on such a long career in public service. I'm sure we'll see you around town."

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said "If you're on the other side of an issue (from Barns), you'd better watch out."

Despite their differences, however, LeBlanc said Barns' efforts in getting a new library were laudable.

"The first one up to bat was (Barns)," he said. "We wish you the best – Godspeed." "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 visiting," 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.

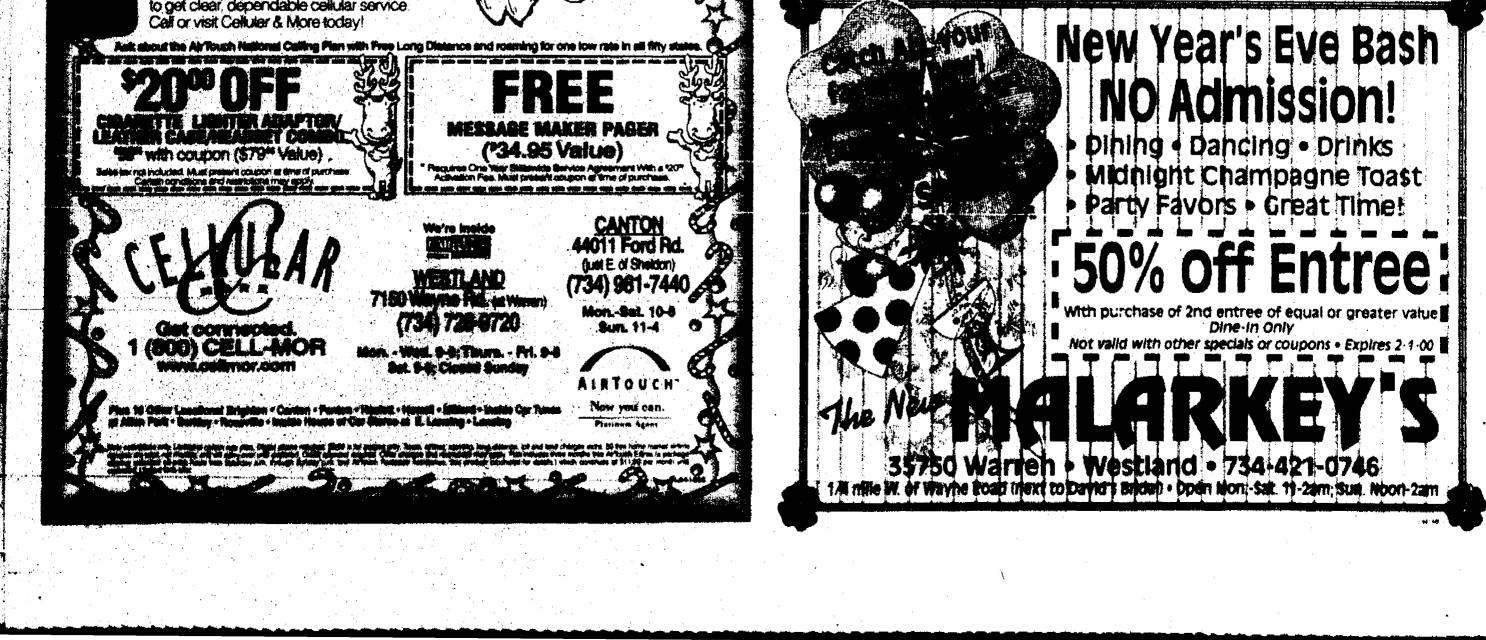
"I just can't describe it in words. I get goose bumps."

They are paid for their time and expertise. And most will acknowledge that their presence is meant to boost holiday sales. But Christmas tradition and a genuine love of children are strong motivating factors for their work, area Santas believe.

An American tradition

While Santa Claus may seem these days to be a figment of American commercialism - what with all his mall appearances and the endless stream of TV pitches - it wasn't always that way.

The American incarnation of St. Nicholas actually has Dutch roots. It was early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam (New York) who began telling





Commissioners use fund balance for juvenile program

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WEFFER kabramczyk@os.homecomm.net

County Executive Edward McNamara wanted county commissioners to approve \$10.2 million in budget cuts to fund the county's portion of the juvenile justice programs.

On Monday commissioners agreed with \$4.6 million in cuts, but designated \$5.8 million to be spent from the county's \$20 million fund balance to pay for budgeted programs. Commissioners voted, 9-5, with support from Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit; Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and commissioners Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell, Edna Bell, Christopher Cavanagh, George Cushingberry, Ilona Varga and Jewel Ware.

Commissioners opposing the general fund expenditure were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia; John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, and Edward Boike, D-Taylor; Joseph Palamara, D-Allen Park, and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit. Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, abstained.

County officials have struggled with funding a new juvenile justice program since earlier this year when state and county officials could not agree on how large of a grant was needed.

The state and county now split the costs 50-50 for treating delinquent youths and caring for abused and neglected children. County Executive Edward McNamara highlighted the funding problems in a letter to the commission on Nov. 23, stating that his administration decided

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Lyn Bankes —county commissioner

to delay the block grant program because of "state funding formula concerns."

"Our decision not to accept the juvenile block grant means that our budget needs to be amended so that it reflects: The reduction of state block grant funds, the restoration of abuse and neglect appropriations and the additional general fund dollars needed for the county match," McNamara said.

Since the general fund requirements were structural in nature and not one-time costs, McNamara recommended a 3.5 percent reduction in the general fund budget and elimination of \$1.7 million in new programs.

But Solomon wanted commissioners to wait to discuss the remaining cuts at the commission's next meeting on Jan. 4. Commissioners received letters from county sheriff Robert Ficano, county clerk Teola Hunter and county prosecutor John O'Hair, all critical of the cuts. Under McNamara's proposal, Ficano faced a \$2.1 million cut for the sheriff's department, while O'Hair faced a \$751,372 cut in his \$24.3 million budget.

"We must point out that 80 percent of the proposed reductions are taken from law enforcement and administration of justice," stated one letter from the three elected officials. "The cut-

backs being proposed will not only hurt — they will severely harm public safety in Wayne County."

Commissioners also received a letter from chief probate Judge Milton Mack complaining of the cut.

Bankes opposed the fund balance transfer because she did not believe the commissioners should use the money out of the general fund or its rainy day fund.

County administrators told commissioners any use of the budget stabilization fund may cause an increase in the bond ratings for Wayne County, driving up interest expenses on bonds.

But Bankes was clearly frustrated with the entire budget process, stating that the commission also has not received a yearend report on the budget before the end of the calender year from chief financial officer Tom

Naughton.

"How can you vote on an anticipated shortfall when you don't know what you've got?" Bankes asked.

But most commissioners backed what they called a "stopgap measure" and wanted to meet with department heads to discuss the proposed cuts. "They would be better suited to say what could or could not be cut," Bell said.

Commissioners also needed to fund expenditure.

act before the end of the year, otherwise McNamara's recommendations would have been automatically effective, according to commission counsel Ban Washburn. They could not reject McNamara's recommendations either, only come up with an alternative budget amendment, Washburn said.

Commissioners also wreatled with what may happen should McNamara veto their general fund expenditure.



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ed by the airlines at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport forecasts 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; Monday, Dec. 27; Tuesday, Dec. 28; Wednesday, Dec. 29; and on some airlines, Thursday, Dec. 30; Friday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 2.

Airport officials recommend the following:

■ Arrive at least two hours early for a domestic flight, three hours for an international flight.

■ Call the airport's 24-hour parking hotline at (800) 642-1978 before you leave home.

Wrapped gifts may be opened by security, so plan on wrapping gifts after you arrive at your destination.

Curbside check-in is still allowed in front of the terminals. Have identification tags filled out, both on the inside and outside of your bags, before you arrive.

For airport information, motorists can tune to 920 AM on their radio dial (within three miles of the airport).

Since last fall, nearly 800 onairport parking spaces have been added to Metro's long term lots. Passengers now have access to over 12,000 quick and convenient spaces located on the airport's property.

Passengers flying into or out of Metro on Spirit or Southwest Airlines this holiday will be using one of six brand new gates just completed for these two airlines. The \$10.8 million project was completed in November, and in addition to promoting competition, also helps increase passenger convenience and service on these two low fare carriers.

On Dec. 1, Wayne County opened a new passenger security checkpoint in the L.C. Smith Terminal. The airport consolidated the two security checkpoint corridors at Concourse A & B, in the L.C. Smith Terminal, into one large security access area.



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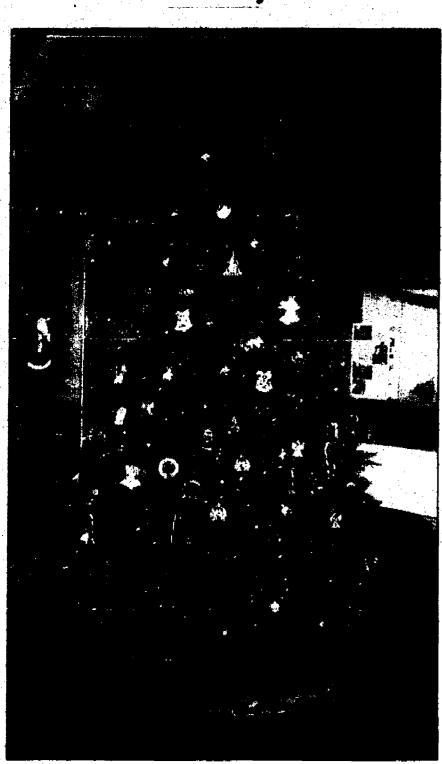
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Splendor: This festive Christmas tree adorns the lobby at the Westland police station.

Coping with arthritis

Retired educator an asset to foundation

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STATE WRITER kmortson@oc.homecomm.net

The word retirement is just that to Charlotte Pumo of Livonia – a word. The 68-yearold former Wayne-Westland 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 Referral Service specialist and troupe member of the Arthritis Foundation Kids on the Block program.

"I do whatever they need of me," said Pumo. "I'm an extra hand."

Nominated by Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter Coordinator of Volunteer Services Patrice Lynch, the presentation and honor came as a surprise to Pumo who attended the Lansing annual meeting.

"I was surprised. They don't say the name of the winner, they first read their biography and I thought to myself, "That's got to be me."

A long time Westland resident and thirdgrade teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, Pumo said the diagnosis of arthritis came after she complained to her doctor that she was having trouble with her feet - particularly getting up and down stairs.

"He diagnosed me right away."

Subsequent to the diagnosis, she was, and 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 compassionate toward Arthritis Foundation callers who telephone the information and referral service line.

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"We provide people with all kinds of information including brochures based on the specific kind of arthritis they suffer from to financial information and medical aid product recommendations," noted Pumo.

She said she is of particular help to callers who also suffer from Sjogren's (pronounced show-grins) syndrome, an incurable autoimmune disorder that causes the body's immune system to mistake its own moistureproducing glands for foreign invaders. The immune system then attacks and destroys these glands causing the hallmark symptoms of dry eyes and dry mouth.

"Charlotte has been so wonderful. Sometimes the people who call here need help because they are so desperate ... they feel like no one believes them and they that no one cares. Charlotte cares. Her dedication and loyalty to the Arthritis Foundation is amazing. She's a beautiful lady," said Shelly Goldman, Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter office manager and program assistant.

In addition to her work as a referral service specialist, Pumo is a trained puppeteer with the AF Kids on the Block program. A troupe of AF members visit various schools throughout the area and educate third- and fourth-graders about a variety of disabilities and problems children can have including arthritis, emotional impairments, diabetes, learning disabilities, 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 distinctions without ridicule," said Pumo.

Since 1986, she has been performing as a puppet diagnosed with arthritis before thirdand fourth-graders at each of Livonia's 22 elementary school on a weekly basis.

"The kids just love it," said Pumo, "and it's a fun way to educate them about being more accepting our differences."

Above and beyond

Nominated for her understanding of callers needs, Lynch said the decision to nominate Pumo was done without thought.

"She deserves it. I don't know what we would do without her. She's kind and compassionate with callers who may be frustrated or recently diagnosed and are facing the reality 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 the office isn't enough, Pumo initiated a monthly support group from her home for 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 one's that way. I do whatever I can to help," said Pumo.

When asked why she chose to become a volunteer with the Arthritis Foundation Pumo joked, "I knew I wanted to do volunteer work after I retired and that if I couldn't make it in because of my arthritis the people at the foundation would understand!"

The Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter of Southfield is located at 19117 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 950. For more information. call (800) 968-3030.

The Wayne-Westland schools recently named middle school honor roll students. They are: Adams Middle: AMBER ADAM. DARNIQUE ADAMS, TIMOTHY ADAMS, JESSI-CA AKERLEY, BRITTANY AMANN, JENNIFER ANDERSON, LAMAR ANDERSON, TIFFANI ANGER, KATRINA ARMSTRONG, RACHEL ATKINS, LINDSAY BALDRIDGE, ERIC BALL, AMY BARBER, SARAH BARONE, JOSHUA BAUDER, JAMIE BAUER, SARA BAUGHMAN.

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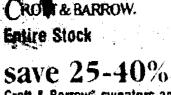
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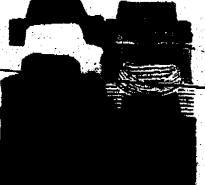


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Some assembly required? Here's Christmas help

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@ce.homecomm.net

- It's Christmas morning and that "easy-to-assemble" bicycle, foosball table or treadmill comes. with a box full of screws and bolts and a set of bewildering. directions, in steps numbered $\overline{1}$ to 27.

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-

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was born out of his observation that people don't want to spend the time or energy to piece together purchases if they don't have to.

Polzin decided to capitalize on the knowledge he already possessed from a previous job where he had to assemble display products, while at the same time noticing that stores began selling more and more unassembled items.

Initially, Polzin left business cards at Montgomery Ward stores for customers to make appointments for items they purchased from the store that required assembly.

After the company he was working for went out of business. Polzin decided to turn Assembly

If you're putting together a small, transportable product, it wouldn't be cost-effective to have us come to your home.'

John Polzin

Required Inc. into a full-time endeavor in the summer of 1992.

Run out of his Redford home, Assembly Required Inc. will come to your home and assemble a wide variety of items such as TV stands and computer desks, doll houses, bicycles, exercise equipment and furniture.

"There isn't much we haven't put together," said Polzin.

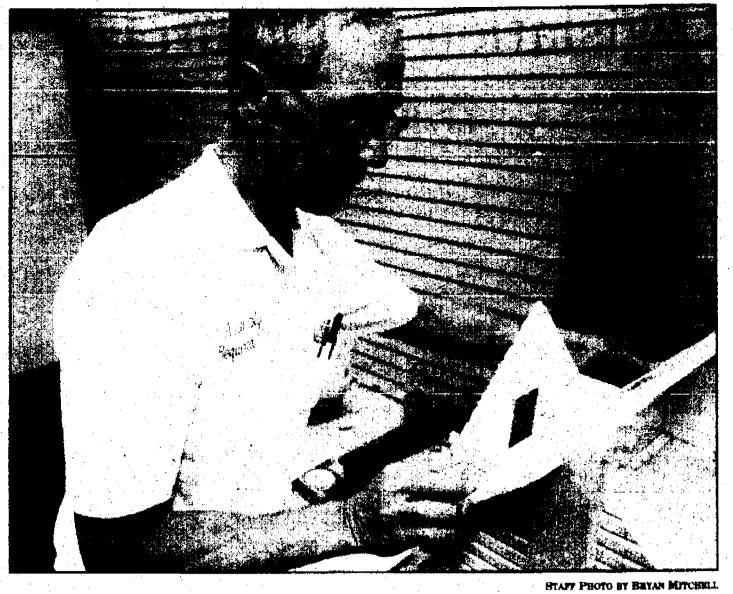
In response to the popularity of his service, the Redford businessman opened a retail store in Wonderland Mall during the 1999 holiday season to meet the needs of customers who had smaller products requiring assembly.

An average fee for The Assembly Shop is between \$10-\$30; Assembly Required in-home service averages in the \$50 to \$70 range.

Polzin said there is a minimum charge of \$30 for in-home service.

"If you're putting together a small, transportable product, it wouldn't be cost-effective 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.

derland Mall handles small items that can be dropped off an hour.

"People can bring in a smaller item like a toy or a kid's table and we can put it together while they shop," said Polzin, who employs a work force of approximately 20 people.

"It might take one person a day's worth of work to put together a bigger, ready-toassemble item like a book case or exercise equipment. That kind of stuff isn't transportable because

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of it's size ... that's why the inhome service is so convenient. and typically picked up within You don't have to worry about being in a rush with hundreds of pieces and a half-day's work shot when we can come in and take care of the hassle for you."

Assembly Required Inc. offers price quotes over the telephone if you can supply them with the model number from the manufacturer. The item is compared to an extensive library of catalogs the company maintains and an assembly price can be determined from that.

The Assembly Shop in Wonderland Mall will be open throughout the month of January 2000. Polzin said he expects to open the shop again during the holiday season and at other malls in the area.

"It's a unique concept," he said.

For more information call Assembly Required Inc. at (800) 861-4182 or The Assembly Shop. (734) 762-4882.

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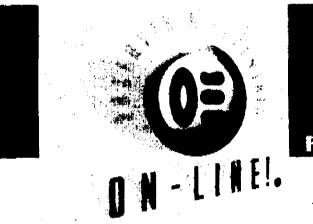
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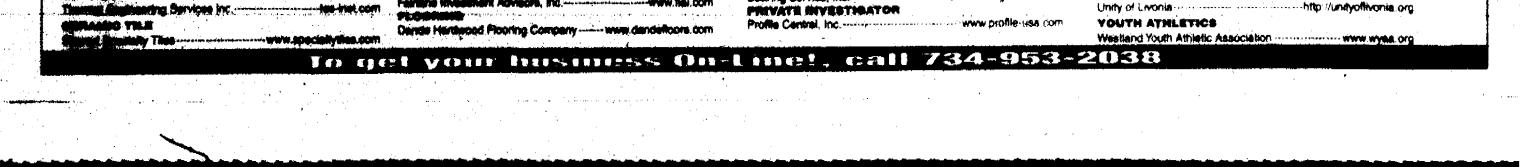
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Legislation would protect businesses from Y2K suits

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE malottehomecomm.net

"If the world ends, this legislation is null and void." Amy Rittenhouse said of a set of bills aimed at protecting small businesses and local governments from frivolous Y2K-related lawsuits.

If, on the other hand, civilization survives the computer glitch heard 'round the world, then the legislation would provide protection against suits and put limitations on damages that can be awarded as a result, explained Rittenhouse, chief of staff to state Rep. Janet Kukuk (R-Macomb).

"Her (Kukuk's) point in sponsoring this legislation was that she does not want to see anyone going out of business because someone is trying to take advantage of Y2K," Rittenhouse said.

Lawmakers have passed a 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 limit "computer date failure" lawsuits.

The bills have been presented to Gov. John Engler for his signature, which he must do before the end of year if the bills are to go into effect Jan. 1. Without a signature, the bills would take effect but not until March 1, too late to have any impact. Rittenhouse explained.

She said she expects the governor will sign, but has not yet heard when.

The bills are modeled after laws already put in place at the federal level. So far, Rittenhouse said, 20 to 23 states have adopted similar verbiage.

The problem of course is that some computers and electronic

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devices note the year with only two digits, so the year 2000 will read as 00. And those devices may misinterpret that as 1900. That could affect the performance of financial institutions, medical facilities, small businesses and governments.

Much has been spent already correcting the problem. A Senate legislative analysis estimated the state will spend a total of \$55.6 million correcting the problem in its computers. For

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business, the cost is expected to run to \$1 trillion nationally.

But the lawsuits have already started. The state estimates 80 cases have already been filed against companies nationally.

The bills would limit damages in lawsuits resulting from computer date failure to actual damages – eliminating the possibility of punitive damages - but only if the business has made some effort to be "Y2K compliant." If no effort was made, the protections would not apply.

Those damaged by a Y2K failure, either financially or as the result of some injury, could still go to court. The damages would be limited to actual costs.

Similar protections would be given to local governments, if they've made attempts to correct the problem. The bills also prohibit governments from collecting fees as a result of computer date failure; such as a late charge. Mortgages could not be

foreclosed if late payments resulted from the computer glitch.

"It (lawsuit protections in the bills) could apply to all businesses," Kukuk explained, "but my concern was greatest for the small businesses. I would not want to see them involved in protracted legal fights that could put them out of business, or perhaps because one of their vendors did not take care of it correctiv."

"Local government did not cause this problem," Shulman said, explaining his bill to protect municipalities similarly, "and they have been doing all they can to keep residents from being affected by it. In order to prevent a rash of lawsuits, it is necessary to extend this immunity. Otherwise, we risk the possibility of some governments being. so wrapped up in frivolous lawsuits, they will be hard pressed to help people."

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Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications from Monday, Jan. 17, through Friday, March 10, for the 2000-2001 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734)432-5663.

The majority of the awards stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, however, there are some exceptions as well as additional requirements.

Some of the Madonna University scholarships available for the 2000-2001 year include: **Detroit** Edison Foundation Endowed Scholarship, awarded to minority students pursuing science, especially prospective teachers in elementary schools: Mary Pitrone Richards Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior nursing students; William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, awarded to students in service. oriented degree programs, Charles and Patricia Derry Video Communications Scholarship, awarded to video communications majors; Bishop Moses B. Anderson, SSE/Dr. Frank Hayden Scholarship, awarded to African students or American students of African heritage. Lion/Lioness Club Scholarship. awarded to hearing impaired students; Livonia Jaycees Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior students; and the Joyce and Don Massey Scholarship.

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Madonna registers

Madonna University's regis tration for the winter 2000 term in in progress now through Fri day, Jan. 7, for new and return ing students. Office hours will be beld from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, except for today when the office will close at 5 p.m.

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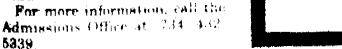
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1999

For the greater good Library actions benefit us all

im Chuck did the right thing. Westland's library board president resigned last week. The resignation followed the hiring of 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.

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The library board has a policy against nepotism, 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 schools presented a holiday music program called "Celebrate the Seasons." A school official 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 Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, but does not mention 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 menorah on government property. This year the city surrounded the crèche and the menorah with an 18-foot-high Santa, two glow-in-thedark reindeer and a flashing "Season's Greetings" sign.

They were relying on a 1984 Supreme Court decision that said such mixed displays were legal.

But earlier this month the officials were again asked to remove the crèche 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 enforcing a statute that declares Christmas a legal holiday and gives government employees the day off. He argued that the law violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment

set up a gift-wrapping booth inside a shopping mall every December - just steps away from the Salvation Army's red kettle station.

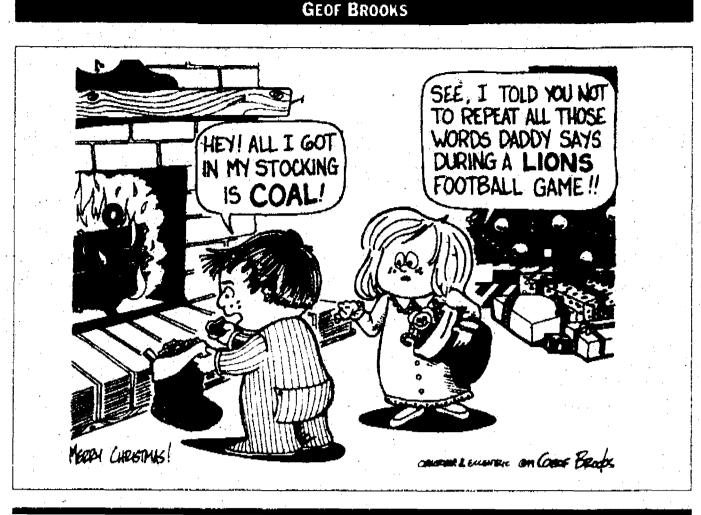
And then there were those members of a Jewish congregation who would take over a Christian soup kitchen on Christmas day, so the kitchen could stay in operation while the workers spent Christmas with their families.

Such acts epitomize the spirit of the season, not complaining that a Nativity scene or a menorab on government property "endorses" a particular religion, that surrounding such items with secular exhibits "trivializes" the religious symbols or that Congress violated the Constitution by giving government workers a Christmas holiday.

And speaking of that lawsuit – earlier this month a faderal judge dismissed it. She prefaced her formal decision with a poem that, while it may not become a classic, seems to put this holiday bickering into perspective:

"The court will address/ Plaintiff's seasonal confusion/ Erroneously believing Christmas/ Merely a religious intrusion.

"Whatever the reason/ Constitutional or other/ Christmas is not/ An act of Big Brother.



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Julie Brown, Westland editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, faxed to her at (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

Engler a menace

t this point, I am skeptical of ANY pro-Agram or rules change proposed by John Engler.

His record demonstrates not just a lack of sensitivity, but a total lack of compassion for anyone who is downtrodden - disabled children, mentally ill, imprisoned or poor.

His goal is to set up his pals, regardless of qualifications (usually nonexistent), in lucrative posts. And to provide businesses with special privileges, such as destroying the environment, to their favor.

This man single-handedly has set back the course of lifestyle in the state for decades to come. The post of governor has become emperor or dictator. Worse, he so easily manipulates the Legislature and the judiciary. He is a menace to society and so are his flunkies. **Beatrice Scalise** Westland

cians. That was evident in their election of Glenn Anderson. Anderson beat both Cox and James by nearly 1,100 votes each and he only spent \$6,962. Anderson can be assured he didn't buy his way into the voters' hearts. Instead, he truly won his way

> Michael P. Chiumento Westland

Thanks motorists

On behalf of the employees of the Taylor Transportation Service Center of the Michigan Department of Transportation and our contractors, I want to sincerely thank area 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 following; Southfield Freeway including work at both the Ford Road and Michigan Avenue interchanges, bridge work along I-94 and I-275, and Grand River (M-5) in Detroit. This work was completed in record time and was very challenging for the motorists, MDOT and our contractors. In response to the passage of Governor Engler's Build Michigan II plan and TEA-21, MDOT invested over \$1.2 billion statewide in road and bridge construction in 1999. In 2000, more than \$1.4 billion will be invested statewide and in the metro area, significant improvements will include; Telegraph Road (US-24) in Wayne and Oakland counties, Lodge Freeway (M-10) and I-94 in Wayne County, Old M-14 through Wayne County and I-696 in Macomb County.

We are reminded, nostalgically 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 neighbors during Hanukkah. The neighbors would respond with Christmas cookies and fruitcake.

We recall a Hadassah chapter that used to

"Christmas is about joy/ And giving and sharing/ It is about the child within us/ It is 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 contradictory causes/ Decreeing 'the Establishment' and 'Santa' Both worthwhile 'Claus(es)!'

. "We are all better for Santa/ The Easter Bunny too/ And maybe the Great Pumpkin/ To name just a few!

"An extra day off/ Is hardly high treason/ It may be spent as you wish/ Regardless of reason.

"The court having read/ The lessons of '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, too!"

MEAP test would baffle adults

Michigan students did poorly on the statewide social studies test given last winter to fifth- and eighth-graders.

But before everyone runs off at the mouth about public schools turning out underschieving students, let's be aware that, to paraphrase an Olds' advertising campaign, "this isn't your parents' test."

The test, which covered civics, economics, history, geography and decision-making skills, require a much higher level of skills and critical thinking than may be expected of today's 10- and 14-year-olds.

This shouldn't be misconstrued as an apology for the public schools, only a recognition of the reality of what the Michigan Education Department is demanding of today's students. The Observer feels that most parents aren't aware of the new standards.

While the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests were initially designed nearly 30 years ago to identify individual students' weaknesses so they could be corrected, the results have long been used by private school proponents and real estate agents to compare one community with another and, if the scores are above average, to boast about that to make sure your home sells for big bucks to the next potential buyer. First, lot's take a closer look at the civics portion of the test.

Statewide figures for fifth-grade students show that just 1.7 percent exceeded the standards while 17 percent met them. In statewide de figures, 4.8 percent exce

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 students' unfamiliarity with the new test, the department said.

But one major flaw in the testing process was that local schools didn't know the general focus of the test in advance.

This doesn't mean local schools have to be given 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 administered the test to her students last winter emphasized the complexity of the topics to be written about in essay form.

On one portion of the test, students were told that the local city council had banned Rollerblading at a city park and were instructed to use a specific democratic value and combine it with their own personal knowledge to compose a letter to the council either agreeing with or opposing 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 answering several multiplechoice questions. Many also required essaytype answers on topics such as the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Observer doubts that many educated adults who have been out of the classroom for

Election spending

was reading your article of Dec. 12 featuring the high spending of many of the council 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 combined 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 a 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 election in two years, and this election will include the mayor's race, which means a higher 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 campaign year.

Another interesting fact in your story is that the voters do appreciate honest politi-

MDOT is implementing an aggressive plan to significantly improve Michigan's roads and 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 the impact on daytime and special-event traffic. We will apply what was learned this year and improve wherever we can as we work through the winter and during the 2000 construction season.

Again, I want to offer thanks for the patience and support as we continue to improve Michigan's transportation system. Please remember to drive carefully throughout the coming winter and into the new millennium.

Mark Chaput, P.E., manager **Taylor Transportation Service Center**

---- Philip Power

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standards while 23 percent met them. 20 or 30 years would be successful on the test.

POINTS OF VIEW

Good memories carry editor into retirement

t has been an interesting 33th years as an Observer Newspapers community editor.

In reflecting on the eve of my retirement next week, I can recall clearly numerous events, personalities and issues. In looking back on the highlights, my mental pictures may resemble a VCR tape on fast forward.

I came to Westland at a good time, although it was technically in the last 10 days of township government. On May 16, 1966, shortly after I joined the Observer staff (which was eight years before the merger with the Eccentric Newspapers), the city of Westland was created, following voter approval of its first city charter on April 25.

As I typically ask public officials or high-profile employees when they retire, I will follow the same pattern.

What will I miss the most? Observing, reporting and comment-

ing on the the problems and chal-

lenges facing the community. Those range from the community's public image, how residents feel about their city, the rapid growth in housing, retail business, industrial parks and municipal services and structures such as the Bailey Recreation Center, new police station, Friendship Center for seniors, among others.

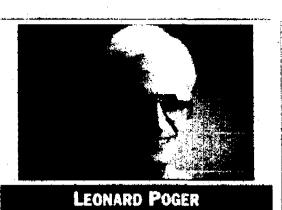
Also as challenging was the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which at one point went through superintendents as fast as kids go through notebooks.

The school board meetings, sitting next to my Westland Eagle competition, Gail McKnight, who traded in her reporter's notebook for district judge's robe.

The annual Memorial Day parades.

The creation of the historical commission and the various museum locations.

The Westland Summer Festival



If I would like to thank the many public officials, City Hall and school secretaries for their many courtesies, and the numerous 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. Pageant and Jaycees' Junior Miss pageants and the exciting coverage of Glenn High School and Principal Frank Higgins and the early years of Timothy Dyer's administration before he fell from grace.

Lightning-speed coverage of a Big-Boy Restaurant fire on a Thursday morning to get the story and photos in Thursday afternoon's edition.

Growth of Westland Center and the challenges which threatened its success because of rapid retail growth in Canton Township.

The residential developments in all areas of the city.

Dealing with Gene McKinney, a former Associated Newspapers' managing editor who was later elected city councilman and mayor.

Watching the community's pride when President Clinton came to John Glenn High School in the 1996 campaign.

The First Citizen community ser-

vice award, which I initiated in 1986 with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce.

The city's mayors, all with different skills, outlooks, life experiences, and techniques of dealing with the council, community groups and the general public.

In winding up my community newspaper career of nearly 42 years, most of that with the Observer, I would like to thank the many public officials, City Hall and school secretaries for their many courtesies, and the numerous 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 retirement, Leonard Poger will continue his studies to obtain a University of Michigan Dearborn backelor's degree, hopefully in four years. His new e-mail address after Jan. 15 will be Leonard@poger.net.

Letters to the editor help to tell story of community

ttentive readers of this column know that my regular practice is to solicit responses to it – delighted, outraged, whatever – either by phone or e-mail. I generally also ask permission from senders to have their reactions printed in the newspaper as letters to the editor.

I've always felt that letters to the editor are an essential, vital part of a hometown paper. As a columnist, I consider it an obligation to print reador reactions to what I write. Moreover, running letters to the editor. especially if there is a heavy community issue up for debate, helps make the paper an open forum of community opinion.

So over the years I've tried to make sure our editors welcome letters to the editor and tell readers how best to submit them for publication. Our policy has been to print as many letters as we can, subject only to making sure that letters we receive are in fact written by the person who signs them and checking them for libel, slander and other considerations of good taste. Imagine my surprise, then, at receiving a letter the other day unlike any I have received in my entire 35 years in this business

"Apparently, the policy of your newspaper is to print all letters to the editor short of the use of blasphemy or false accusation ... I find it extremely unusual that any newspaper would print all letters to the editor. I am not aware of any other newspaper with this policy ...

"My father used to write letters to the Bay City Times and Detroit Free Press and would occasionally have one printed. However, 80 percent of whatever he wrote ended up on the floor of the editor's office."

My correspondent is absolutely right. In most of the big city papers, something like 80 percent of the letters to the editor that are submitted wind up on the floor of the editor's office. That's one of the things that distinguishes a hometown community



I'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, others style them 'community malcontents.' Such people the editor as we can helps the paper perform a useful function as a community forum.

But the letter I received went on to make another point.

"The problem that this (printing all letters received) causes is that community malcontents can be extremely abrasive and counterproductive to the operation of a city. It is very difficult to maintain staff morale when the newspaper continually allows the proliferation of personal attacks and insults to become weekly reading ... I would think that the newspaper has some responsibility to limit the access of chronic complainers to the letters page."

I'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, others style them "community malcontents." Such people are often regular – some would say "obsessive" – letter writers, often repetitively on the same subject

that community gadflies may be a pain in the butt, but providing them a forum is an important aspect of nurturing a community. And most editors know there's a difference between a gadfly and a chronic troublemaker who has an ax to grind.

That's why we try regularly to print gadfly letters and to refrain from printing troublemaker letters that insult or slander individuals. A good boundown editor knows the people involved and is in a position to make informed judgments about the kinds of letters that deserve publication and the kinds that do not.

Editors on big city papers simply (cannot have that kind of intimateunderstanding of individual hometowns and the tolks who live there That's why it's so satisfying to publish the kinds of newspapers we do: To nurture the hometowns we serve.

newspaper like this one from our big city brethren.

As set out in our mission statement, one of our fundamental business purposes is to "nurture the communities we serve." As we understand it, nurturing a community involves doing everything we can to make the hometowns we serve good places for folks to live. We consider our newspaare often regular – some would say 'obsessive' – letter writers, often repetitively on the same subject.

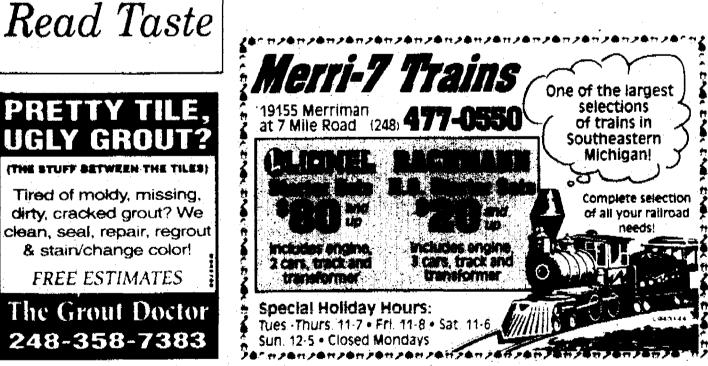
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Information services offer telephone callers the opportunity to obtain a wide variety of telephone programs that provide recorded or live information and entertainment. Chat lines, psychic advice, stock market updates, sports information, to name a few, are the types of information services available through 900 numbers. These services are valued by some consumers. Unfortunately, there are some telephone scams operating through 900 numbers and other information service numbers.

It doesn't matter who dialed the 900 number a minor, a guest or someone working in your home the call will be billed to the telephone number of a call's origination and the billed party will be responsible for paying the charges. These 900-number service providers are usually unable to verify authorization or the age of callers and are not required to do so. The rates they charge are not regulated by anyone!

How can you protect yourself from unwanted charges when calling a 900 number?

Be aware that charges are always incurred when you participate in a program offered through a 900 number, even if the 900 call was originally accessed through a toll free number. Listen to the introductory message and hang up promptly if you decide you are not interested in the service or do not want to pay the charges given. The introductory message must state that callers under 18 must obtain parental permission. Also, 900-number call providers are prohibited from advertising or marketing to children under 12 years old unless the services are educational in nature. Do not confuse 900 numbers with 800, 888, or other toll free numbers. 900 numbers ARE NOT toll free. There is always a charge for a 900-number call. E Some deceptive advertisements urge consumers to call a 900 number by offering free gifts or prizes. Be wary of ads that don't provide much detail about what is offered or the cost. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true. Consider having your local telephone company place a 900number block on your telephone line if you do not want 900-number calls placed from your telephone. In Michigan, there is no charge for 900 blocking. By law, blocking must be offered by all telephone service providers in Michigan. Contact your local and long-distance telephone companies about the availability of blocks for international or toll calls. (However, be aware that it may be possible to dial around blocks by dialing a regular long distance phone number, 800 access numbers, or an international toll number to another

country.) Blocks to international calls are available through your long-distance provider....

Review your telephone bills carefully each month. Keep in mind also that while calls to 900 numbers must be listed separately on your bill, calls to a service provider in a foreign country may not be designated as such. They frequently appear as a very expensive international or calling card call.

Who can help you with a com-

plaint?

First, you should attempt to resolve your dispute directly with the telephone company, information provider, or billing entity Follow up all conversations with the provider in writing and keep a copy for your records. 900-number charges are almost never the result of tampering or equipment malfunction and, in any case, proving anything of this nature is extremely difficult.

Your local telephone company is under no obligation to remove charges where tampering or equipment malfunction is only suspected or when it is difficult for you to accept that someone in your family made the call.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has no authority to order 900-number charges removed from a telephone bill.

Local telephone companies can revert charges back to the origi-

nator of the 900 service, although this does not prevent the originator from taking direct collection action against the customer. Also, your local telephone service cannot be terminated for non-payment of 900number charges; however, account balances may be referred to a collection agency. If you are unsuccessful in resolving a 900-number call dispute. contact:

Federal Communications Com-

mission Michigan Public Service Commission Enforcement Bureau Communications/Service Quality Section Consumer Complaints 6545 Mercantile Way Stop 1600A2 Mail Lansing, MI 48909 or Michigan Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 30213, Lansing, MI (Describe the problem and

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Essays sought on improving voter turnout

(PRNewswire) - Wayne County Commissioner George Cushingberry announced recently the kick-off of his annual civic literacy scholarship contest for high school and college students. Participants must write a two-page essay and submit their entries by the March 17, 2000 deadline.

The topic for the 2000 contest - "How Can the Races Work Together to Improve Voter Turnout?" - challenges students to examine participation by different ethnic groups. Entries must contain a bibliography and two full pages of double-spaced text in a font no larger than 12 point. The contest is open to students in the area served by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

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JACK GLADDEN

Christmas dinner with a Y2K twist

t was to be the Christmas dinner of the millennium, but The Feminist got bitten by a Y2K bug.

"It's perfect," she said. "We always do a theme dinner for Christmas. This year it can be the millennium. We can have one dish that was popular in each decade. We just have to do some research."

"Uh-huh," I said. I was tangled up in a string of Christmas lights and not paying much attention. "I'll get on the Internet and see what I can find." I found some Web sites, and she brought home half-a-dozen books

from the library,

"What about deviled eggs?" she said. "According to 'American Dish,' they were popular in the 1900s."

"There's a problem," I said, finally starting to pay attention. "The millennium doesn't really begin until 2001. Never mind what you read in the newspapers; 2000 is the last year of the old millennium."

After some discussion about decades, centuries, millennia and the Gregorian calendar, she said, "Rats! I guess we can't do this until next year."

"Besides," I said, "you only went back to the beginning of the century You have to go back 1,000 years for the millennium.

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tars, mistletoe, evergreens and holly Their mere mention evokes thoughts of Christmas. Stars top Christmas trees; mistletoe hangs in archways. And what would wreaths and roping be without evergreens and

sprigs of holly However, the origins of the symbols come wrapped in myth and legend.

To most Christians, the Christmas star is symbolic of Jesus, but ancient people looked on stars as gods and created myths about them.

Stars held importance in ancient religions. The Babylonians used three stars to represent a god. The Egyptians believed that certain gods controlled different stars and constellations.

However, the five-pointed star of Christmas holds center stage. Its appearance is recorded in the New Testament, which says it appeared over Bethlehem and served as a guiding light to lead the wise men to the Christ Child.

The stars that appear in the sky today are the same ones that were there 2,000 years ago. Which raises. the question: Was there a nova at the time of Jesus' birth? The exact time of His birth is not known, but astronomers can't place a new star appearance anywhere near the possible time. Could it have been a shooting star? Again, astronomers say it's not likely. A meteor lasts only a few seconds or minutes at best. The wise men followed the star for weeks, looking for Jesus. And rule out comets as well. They can be seen by the naked eye for a week or months. But modern astronomers know which comets were close enough to Earth hundreds and thousands of years ago. There was, they say, no comet visible to humans around the time of Christ's birth. Some star gazers suggest that if the birth of Jesus is moved to the spring of 6 B.C., the star can be attributed to the time the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were close together in the heavens. They formed a triangle in the group of stars known as Pisces. The wise men were astrologers and studied the stars and planets and knew, according to Jewish rabbis, of the triangle and that it had appeared before the birth of Moses.

Yule's symbols have origins

plant and in her joy, Frigga kissed everyone who passed be-neath the tree on which it grew.

The story ends with a decree that no harm should befall anyone who stands under mistletoe, only a kiss, a token of love.

Evergreens were a part of mid-winter festivals

long before Christ. They played a symbolic part because they stayed green and alive when other plants appeared dead.

Primitive European tribes hung everyreens above their doors to offer the wandering winter spirits shelter within their homes in hopes of receiving good fortune and good health. The Romans decorated their homes with the greens at the Festival of Saturnalia and at the Kalends of January, their New Year: They exchanged evergreen branches with friends as a sign of good luck. The Druids viewed evergreens as sacred, a symbol of life itself.

As for holly, the Druids believed it. with its shiny leaves and red berries. stayed green to keep the earth beautiful when the sacred oak lost its leaves. They wore sprigs of holly in their hair when they went into the forest to watch their priests cut the sacred mistletoe. Holly also was the sacred plant of Saturn and was used at the Roman Saturnalia festival to honor him. Romans gave one another holly wreaths and carried them about decorating images of Saturn with it. Centuries later, in December, while other Romans continued their pagan worship. Christians celebrated the hirth of Jesus. To avoid persecution, they decked their homes with Saturnalia holly. As Christian numbers increased and their customs prevailed, holly lost its pagan association and became a symbol of Christmas. The plant has come to stand for peace and joy. People often settle arguments under a holly tree. Holly is believed to frighten off witches and protect the home from thunder and lightning. In west England, it is said sprigs of holly around a young girl's bed on Christmas Eve are suppose to keep away mischievous little goblins. So when Christmas came about, people incorporated, rather than dismissed, many of the practices as Christmas customs. Of course, that was done only if the activities and items were considered harmless and lent themselves to a Christian inter-

For breakfast, we'll have Eggs **Benedict**. They're from the '20s. And **Oatmeal** Porridge from the '40s. And from the '30s, we're having Waldorf Salad. We'll have California Dip, a cheese ball and pigs in a blanket from the '50s.'

1917."

"That's cold potato soup." "It's cold potato and leek soup with heavy cream. It's delicious.'

"If you say so. What else?" "For breakfast, we'll have Eggs Benedict. They're from the '20s. And Oatmeal Porridge from the '40s. And from the '30s, we're having Waldorf Salad. We'll have California Dip, a cheese ball and pigs in a blanket from the '50s."

"A cheese ball?"

"They were very popular. And the entrée comes from the '60s, Beef Wellington. We'll have Mimosas from the '70s, frittata from the '80s, **Tiramisu and Mocha Mudslides from** the '90s."

"Mocha Mudslides?"

"It's a cocktail. Sort of like a Black Russian. Oh, and we're having daiquiris. They were popular from 1910 to 1919."

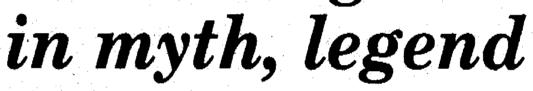
"Now there's an idea!" "What?"

"Next year. For your millennium celebration, Forget Christmas, We'll have a New Year's Eve Party. With one drink from each decade of the millennium. Now that's my idea of a celebration."

"Dear ...'

"No, really. We know they had wine even before the first millennium. I wonder when Scotch was invented

Perhaps they interpreted it as a sign of a great event in the land of



the Jewish people. It may have been With all that, it was thought to bring the star of Bethlehem. Pisces became the special constellation of the Hebrew people.

Still, many people prefer to believe that the strange star did appear and that it was simply a miracle and throughout the world today, the Christian holiday has usually begun with the appearance of the first star of Christmas Eve.

Sacred plant of Frigga

Mistletoe is an aerial parasite that has no roots of its own and lives off the tree it attaches itself to. It was thought by the ancient Europeans to be sacred.

Druid priests employed it in their sacrifices to the gods while Celtic people felt it possessed miraculous healing powers. In fact, in the Celtic language, mistletoe means "all-heal."

The belief was that it not only cured diseases, but could also render poisons harmless; make humans and animals prolific, keep one safe from witchcraft, protect the house from ghosts and even make spirits speak. good luck to anyone privileged to have it.

A Norse myth says that mistletoe was the sacred plant of Frigga, goddess of love and the mother of Balder, the god of the summer sun. Balder had a dream of death which alarmed his mother, for should he die, all life on earth would end.

In an attempt to keep this from happening, Frigga went at once to air, fire, water, earth and every animal and plant, seeking a promise that no harm would come to her son.

But Balder's one enemy, Loki, god of evil, knew of one plant Frigga had overlooked that grew on apple and oak trees - the lowly mistletoe.

So Loki made an arrow tip of the mistletoe, gave it to the blind god of winter, Hoder, who shot it, striking Balder dead. The sky paled and all things in earth and heaven wept for the sun god. Each element tried to bring Balder back to life, but he was finally restored by Frigga.

It is said the tears she shed turned. into the pearly white berries on the pretation.

Christians celebrate 'most wonderful night'

The Christmas tree is by far the most familiar symbol of the Christmas celebration.

The custom of a Christmas tree undecorated - is believed to have begunin Germany in the early 700s, and by the 16th century, fir trees were decorated to commemorate Christmas there

It is a widely held belief that the 16th centúry Protestant reformer Martin Luther was the first to add lighted candles to the Christmas tree.

Walking toward his home one evening. while composing a sermon. Luther was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling. among the evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he crected a tree in the main room of the house and wired its. branches with lighted candles.

The tree Martin Luther created for his family has a prominent place in homes and churches today. And at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and Canton, the main Christmas trees this wear will be decorated with Christian

the light and eternal life God promised to give through the gift of his Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago

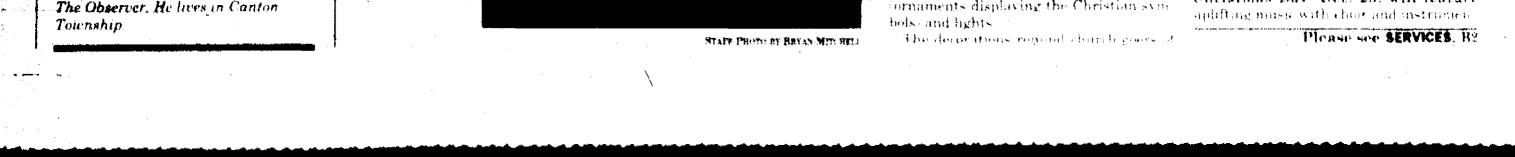
To celebrate, Christ Our Savior-Canton will have a family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 46001 Warren Road: Featured will be music by the Singers of the Spirit, Canton's Voice and instruments.

The 7 p.m. Christmas five family service at Christ Our Savior-Lavoniá, 14175 Farmington Road, will feature the Cherub and Choristers choirs and a special children's message. At the 14 p.m. candlelight service, worshippers will be given volve candles to raise during the singing of "Silent Night"

The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Jubellation Handbell Choir and instrumental ists will present the Christmus story through song, scripture and praver A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music will begin at 10.36 p.m.

A festive service with communion will he held at the lavorate site of 10 a m Christmas Day Dec. 25, will feature

Oh, Chrismon tree. The Rev. Luther Werth, pastor of Christ **Our Savior** Lutheran Church, looks at the new Christmas tree in church's sanctuary.



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

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Rita Mathes knows she's seen at least one angel in her life.

The Livonia resident recalled a time when she was involved in a "Love Circle" at her church --everyone forms a circle and hugs everyone else. Overcome with joy she shouled, "I'm going to bring all of these hugs home. It's my birthday "

The next man in line gave her a hug and then pulled from inside his coat pocket the likeness of a beautiful angel. He told Mathes he was an artist and that that was the first angel he had created. Ending their conversation, he said simply "happy" birthday."

Years later Mathes was pleasantly surprised to find a collection of his work at a church retreat she attended. She still considers her angel an inspirational gift.

"I have my own personal angel," she said. It wasn't surprising to find her at a recent event where angels were the main focus. Detroit Institute of Arts volunteer and resident angel expert Mary Lee O'Bryan recently brought angelic artwork to the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's final fall luncheon.

DIA's spiritual side

O'Bryan brought insight and aesthetics to the luncheon group. with her talk, "Spiritual Beings: Angels and Their Counterparts at the DIA."

She has been associated with the DIA for about 20 years and works in both the "Art in the Schools" program and "Speaker's Bureau" program. The Speaker's Bureau organizes outreach within the tri-county area, but also includes some cities in northern Michigan.

"As an outreach program, it's become more and more important to be available to the community," said O'Bryan, a Gross Pointe resident and one of 900 DIA volunteers.

Last year the DIA hosted "Angels from the Vatican," to pleased crowds. This holiday season, the DIA emphasizes its own collection of works depicting angels throughout time.

"In today's society (the image of) Della Reese probably sticks in mind, but angels take on many forms," said WRC Director Nancy Swanborg, referring to one of the stars of the popular. television drama "Touched by an Angel."

But O'Bryan's slides didn't include the likeness of a modernday actress. She instead showed depictions of angels as winged creatures – sometimes half-man, half-animal - who roamed among the living. In paintings and sculptures, angels are shown as protectors.

"Sometimes we know them by their actions." said O'Bryan. "We think of angels as messengers. They are seen as a protector or a guardian angel."

Appearance of wings

The defining factor of angels in artwork, regardless of origin, is the appearance of wings. According to O'Bryan, wings show divinity and power.

From Mesopotamia to ancient Rome, angels were held sacred. They took the form of a celestial falcon, a creature who appears to be part eagle, part bull, or even a creature who was part man and part lion and had the face of an eagle. They all showed a fierceness, a positive light. Portraits of Michael the Archangel show him



fighting the personification of evil forces.

Angels also possess youth and in a sense, purity, when derived from artwork. O'Bryan showed her audience that regardless of religion, origin or artistic medium, angels are all personified in the same way - youthful, oftenwinged creatures who are sent as messengers from God, from a higher power, to protect the living.

Her message came loud and clear to Mathes. "This is my cup of tea," she said in retrospect. Hilma Clifford, a Northville

resident, agreed. "I thought it was wonderful," she said. "I've been coming (to.) the luncheons) for years."

Clifford's longtime friend and fellow Northville resident Gayne Zell accompanied her to the luncheon, as they often do.

"I think this was wonderful." she said, agreeing the luncheons offer both social and educational functions. "She was very, very pleasant. I've been coming for solong."

Swanborg recognized how well attended the luncheons have become since they began more than 15 years ago.

"It's a nice opportunity for people to get together ... It's a nice opportunity for people who might not have the opportunity to come to see the college."

Upcoming presentations hosted by the Women's Resource Center include. "Dolls From Around the World" with Rigmor Cuolahan, on Friday, Jan. 28, "The Daybreak Grav and Dim" on the

Angels averywhere:

It's the season when angels are everywhere, so it was **appr**opriate for the Schoolcraft Women's Resource Center to close out its fall luncheon series with a presentation on angels by Detroit Institute of Arts volunteer and resident angel expert Mary Lee O'Bryan.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Civil War and 19th century medical practices on Friday, Feb. 25, and "Museums Past and Present and Their Role in Society" with Mary Louise Majewski on Friday, April 7.

Seating is limited for the luncheon series, and preregistration is required. Luncheons cost \$14 each and take place at 11:30 a.m. in the college's Waterman Campus Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462. 4443

RELIGIOUS NEWS

will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31,

at the church, 14175 Farmington Road. The biblical message will proclaim eternal hope for people 3778. as they enter the next millenni-

the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road at Kinloch, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-

Church will have a service with

Holy Communion at 6 p.m. New

Holy Trinity Lutheran

Church will have an informal party, beginning at 9 p.m., New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. Livonia. Participants are asked to bring a favorite game, snack and beverage. At 11:30 p.m., a service of Holy Communion and prayer will be held in the sanctuary. People need not participate in the party to attend the service. For more information, call the church office at For more information. call (734) 422-0149]

Listings for the Religious News - Livonia: Call Ray Sanders at 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.

(248) 476-822 for a blood donation appointment.

The Church of Christ will have a Red Cross blood drive

church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, For more information. call the church at (248) 474-3444.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

BLOOD DRIVE

Kenwood Church of Christ will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 20200 Merriman Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads,

Services from page B1

talists.

🗰 St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve family service at 6:30 p.m. and a candlelight service with communion at 10:30 p.m. at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland:

On Christmas Day, there will be a worship service with communion at 10 a.m. There also will be one service with communion at 10 a.m. on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26. For more information, call (734) 425-0260.

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight service with communion at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

There will be a family celebration with carols and candlelighting at 6.39 p.m. Christman Eve at Newburg United Methodist Church, 86500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The Cherub, Children's and choristers choirs will perform and child care will be provided.

At 8:30 p.m., there will be carels, candlelighting and communion, with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey preaching. The Youth Cheir and Cantabile Bells will perform and the youths will present the drama, "After the Pageant."

The 11 p.m. service, "A Time to Ponder," will have candlelighting and communion. The Rev. Thomas Badley will preach and the Chancel Choir will performe.

Badley also will preach at the 10 a.m. worship service, "A Perfect Time to Lose Our Baggage," on Christense Sunday, Dec. 28.

The family-oriented service will meture the drame, "A String of Blue Beads." Child care for children up to age 8 will be available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149,

St. Theodore Catholic Church will observe Christmas aa Rua

noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the church, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-7630 for a blood donation appointment. Donors will receive a Red Cross bean bag toy. YOUTH EVENT

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have a New year's Eve youth event 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the

ols at 11:30 p.m. will be followed by Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day Masses will be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

The First United Methodist Church at 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City, will have singersongwriter Donna Holman of Nashville, Tenn., perform at the 7 p.m. candlelight service on Christmas Eve. There also will be a candlelight service with communion at 9 p.m. The Rev. Jerry Smith will deliver the Christmas message at both services

There also will be a service at 10:45 a.m. Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26: For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

🗰 Christmas Eve services at with Eutheran Church 20000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will be at 7 and 11 p.m. There will be no services Christmas Day and services at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Christmas Eve Festival worship service, "Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him," will be held at 7 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road at Kinloch, Redford. The service will include communion and candlelighting. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve worship service with communion at 11 p.m. Pre-service music will begin at 10:30 p.m. The church is located at 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Gardon City. For more information, call (734) 427-3660.

🗰 The 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Memorial Church of Christ will feature the singing of Christmas carols and a program offering perspectives on Christmas to provide a spiritual foundation for the family celebra-

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have a service with Communion at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. The church also will have one service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. For more information, call (734) 425-0260.

🔳 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia will have a millennial New Year's Eve service

um St. James Presbyterian Church will have a worship service and celebration at 10:30 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730. Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church will have a worship service at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve.at

Year's Eve at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0211. Risen Christ Lutheran

Church will have New Year's Eve worship at 7 p.m. at the church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5252.

🗰 Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church will have services at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve and 10 a m. New Year's Day, For more information, call the church at (313)532-8655.

Resurrection Catholic Church will have Mass at 4:30 p.m. 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 a.m. For more information, call the church at (734)451-0444.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a holy hour at 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, call the church at (313) 534-2121.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Newburg United Methodist

SPECIAL SERVICE

Lola Park Lutheran Church will kick off the New Year with a special worship and praise service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, at the church, 14750 Kinloch. Redford.

A brunch will follow at 11 a.m. in the church hall. Television sets will be available to catch the New Year's parades or early football games. For more information or reservations for brunch, call the church office at (313) 532-8655.

Lola Park Lutheran is celebrating its 55th anniversary in the year 2000.

WEBLEY SERVICE

The First United Methodist Church at 6443 Merriman Road. Garden City, will worship with a Wesley Communion service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

Resource center hosts divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets Tuesdays in Room 225 of the McDowell Center.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce.

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor. The speaker sessions take place the fourth Tuesday and address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

On Jan. 25, participants will learn about the legal aspects of divorce - the process of filing and what to expect, etc. - from attorney Theodore Johnson.

Certified financial planner Elizabeth Allen will provide a

Ellen Slutzky, a clinical psychologist will focus her March 28 presentation on helping divorcing individuals develop more self confidence as they face the challenges of a new life.

Attorneys Barbara Watry and Mary Ann Mercieca will provide an overview of the divorce process. Participants will learn about such things as property settlements, custody, child sup port, visitation and alimony.

There is no fee to attend the divorce support group and regis tration isn't required.

The Women's Resource Center also is sponsoring "Ask an Attor ney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. A lawyer from the firm of Woll and Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft Col lege is located at 18600 Haggerty

Church will have a family Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There also will be scripture readings, caroling and candlelighting at 7 p.m. and a Eucharist service with candlelight at 11 p.m.

There also will be a worship service with communion at 10 a.m. Christmas Day and Christmas Communion Service at 10 a.m. Dec. 26. For more information, call (734) 464-0211.

Timothy Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve service with communion and a special children's message at 7 p.m. at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Nursery care will be provided for children under age 5, if desired.

The candlelight Christmas Eve held at 11 p.m. Hear the Christmas story and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at the service. For more information, call (734) 427-2290 or visit the Web site at www. timothylutheran. com

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have two services on Christmas Eve at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The 11 p.m. service will be a formal service, while the 7 p.m. event will be a special Christmas pageant, "Christmas Magic," presented by the Cherub and Crusader cheirs and fifth and sixth grade LOGOS youth. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

🗰 St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a traditional Latin Mass at midnight Christmas Eve (confessions will be heard at 10-11:45 p.m.) and a 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day (cenfessions heard prior to Mass), at the church, 23310 Joy Road, Redford

St. Andrew's Spiscopal Church will have a family service with Eucharist (baby-sitting a.m. and a Christmas concert,

🔳 Holy Trinity Lutheran 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia. Carols will be sung at 7 and 11 p.m. On Christmas Day, there will be one service with Eucharist at 10 a.m., while Christmas Sunday, services with Eucharist will be at 7:45 and 10 a.m. For more information, call (734) **421-8451**.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve festival worship at 7 p.m. and Christmas Day festival worship at 10 a.m. at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1360.

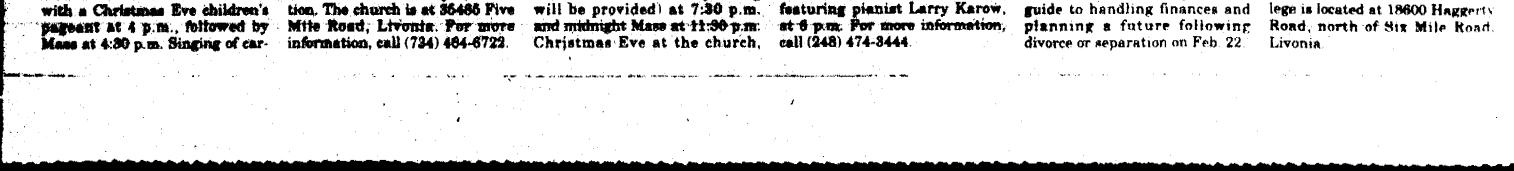
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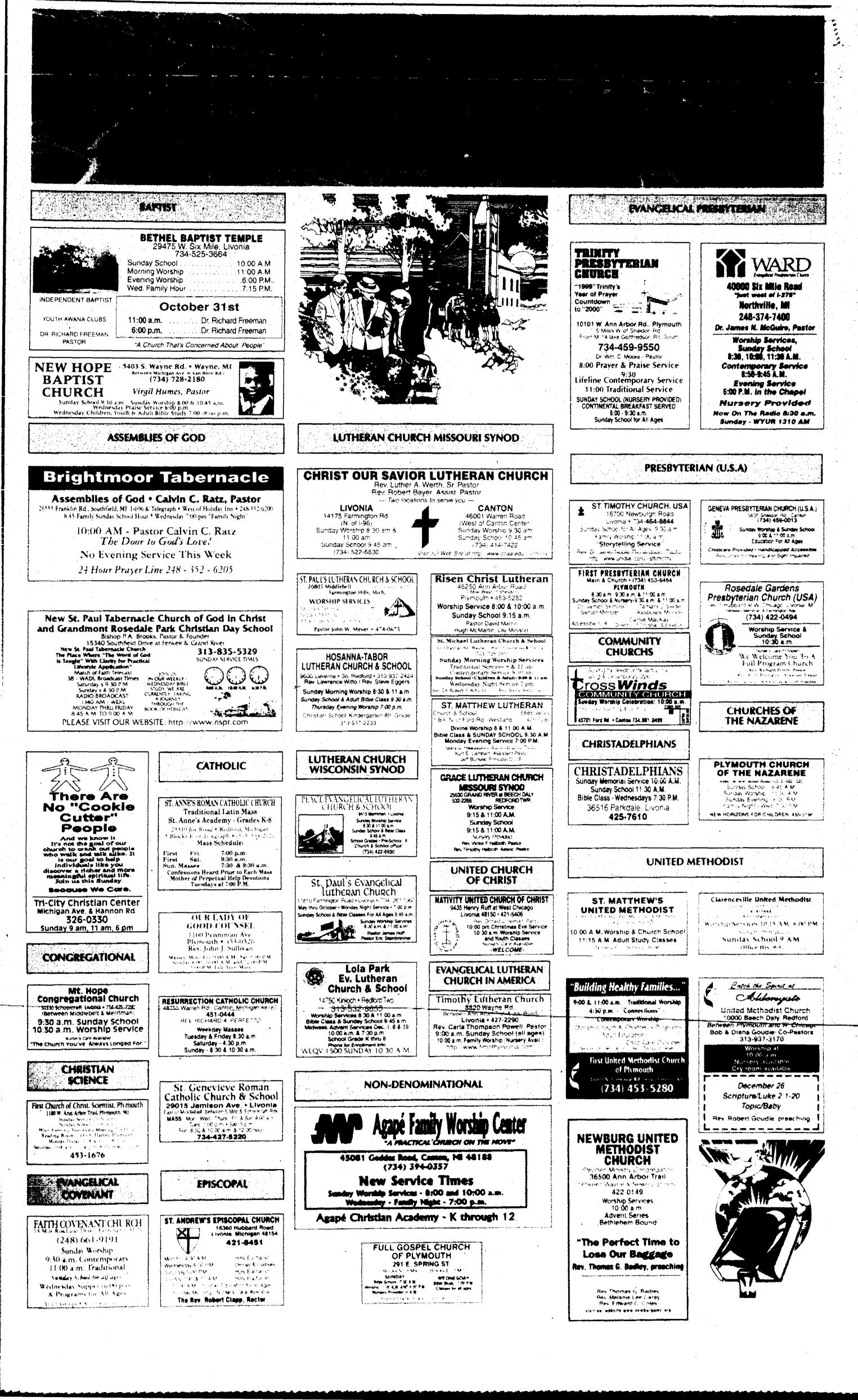
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Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m., featuring a family. musical, "Twinkle," performed by a multi-generational choir, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. A nursery will be available for preschoolers.

The 9:30 p.m. service will feature the Adult and Handbell choirs, communion and candlelighting. The pervice at 10 a.m. Christmas Day will feature a blessing of the children and their toys. For more information, call (313) 937-3170.

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have a candlelight service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Belt Road, Livopia. On Christmas Sunday, there will be a service at 10:15





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O'Shea receives honor

The Oakland University women's soccer program, for years a successful NCAA Division II member, was one of 11 programs across the country playing for the first year in Division I in 1999.

Soccer Buzz, the exclusive online source for women's collegiate soccer, has named OU coach Nick O'Shea as coach of the year among those new teams in Division I.

O'Shea, a Livonia Franklin graduate and former OU men's standout, formerly coached the Livonia Churchill girls soccer team and the Schoolcraft College women's team.

O'Shea guided OU to its first Mid-Continent Conference regular-season championship in his sixth season as the school's coach.

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 brings his career record to 75-23-4.

Five OU players were also named: Kristen Luoma, Anita Rapp, Kim Moore, Anna Muccino and Holly runstadler.

Elks Shootout winners

Six children won their respective divisions among boys and girls in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest, held Dec. 4 at Livonia Churchill High School.

The following took first place: Allison Trosell, from Adams Elementary School, and Joe McCulloch, St. Genevieve, 8-9 year old division; Robyn Whalen, Grant Elementary, and Ben Schroeder, Webster Elementary, 10-11 year old division; 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 Shoot contest is sponsored by the Livonia Parks & Recreation and the Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246 There were 67 participants.

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For years, Plymouth Salem's boys swim team always seemed to find a way to lose at the beginning of the season, then regroup to win at the end.

The Rocks have won seven-straight championships in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but prior to last year they had not managed to win many 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 Chuck Olson.

Last year, the Rocks finally won both ends, taking the WLAA Relays meet to 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, edging Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Canton and North Farmington for the title.

Salem scored 249 points to Stevenson's 235; Canton was third with 297 and North Farmington was fourth with 203.

Northville placed fifth (189), followed by Farmington/Farmington Harrison (156), Walled Lake (148), Livonia Churchill (116), Livonia Franklin (70) and Westland John Glenn (64).

"It was a lot of fun, a good meet. well-contested," said Olson. "Stevenson's good — they got our attention.

The Rocks won because they didn't do anything to beat themselves, according to Olson. "We didn't load up on anything," he said. "We just swam real

WLAA Relays statistics, B5

ably more than Lever gave out in a relays meet before," he said.

"Some of the kids had a significant improvement (from last Thursday's dual meet against Ann Arbor Huron), which showed me something."

The Rocks won two relays, while Stevenson finished first in four. Salem's wins came from Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo and Brian Mertens in the 400-yard medley relay (3:56.11), and from Dave Woodard, Ryan Kappler, Dan Jones and Mike Johnson in the 200 freestyle relay (1:35.40).

The Spartans were first in the 400 free relay, with Jeff Darby, Brad Buckler, Justin Ketterer and Joe Bublitz (3:29.89); in the 200 breaststroke relay, with Kevin D'Alessandro, Mike Nemer, Kevin VanTiem and Eric Dabkowski (2:04.52); in the 200 butterfly relay, with Pate Rodemeyer, Geoff Lowes, Rob Cambridge and Brandon Truscott (1:47.47); and in the 200 medley relay, with Bublitz, Nemer, Truscott and Buckler (1:43.60).

Northville also had two wins, from Derek Ohlgren, Dave Whitbeck, Anthony Serge and Scott Whitbeck in the 200 backstroke relay (1:48.73), and from Kevin Stuart, John Moors, Scott Whitbeck and Dave Whitbeck in the 500 free relay (4:31.27).

North Farmington's Craig Paske, John Kern, Adam Farber and Jim Gabriel were winners in the 400 medley relay (4:04.11), and Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski and Steve Zerber were first in the diving relay (320.65 points).

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Team effort: Livonia Franklin's Brian Henry (above) swims in the 200 yard backstroke relay and teammate Steve Gordon (left) participated in the 200 breaststroke relay. For complete results, please see page B5.

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solid.

Olson marks performances by Sälem swimmers that are impressive with stars, and in this meet he gave out a bunch. "I gave a lot of stars away, prob-

The difference, of course, was that Salem finished second five times and third twice. Only in the diving relay were the Rocks out of the top three.

Strong hold



in the grasp: Redford Union's Jarred Williams (left) gives his opponent, Dear born Heights Annapolis' Randy Dusman, few options in the 130-pound weight class during a dual meet on Dec. 16. The Panthers are idle until Jan. 6 when they meet Willow Run.

CC splits with Illinois team

The Detroit Catholic Central and New Trier, Il, hockey teams split a pair of games over the weekend, each ending in overtime.

New Trier, one of the top leams in Illinois, won on Friday, 3-2, and the Shamrocks bounced back to win 1-0 on Saturday.

Each game was played at Redford Arena. The split left the Shamrocks, No. 1 ranked in the

state, with a 6-1 record. After New Trier scored two goals in the first

minute and 10 seconds of Friday's game, CC allowed only one more goal in nearly 100 minutes of play.

The Shamrocks ended the marathon scoreless contest on Saturday when Brandon Kalepiscki scored, assisted by Joe Moreau and Brian Williams, at 3:20 of the overtime:

"The second game was probably one of the most exciting games I ever watched at any level." CC

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disciplined teams. There were lots of chances on both sides and outstanding goaltending."

Junior goaltender Andrew McCoy, giving starter Ben Dunne a break, stopped all 25 of New Trier's shets.

"He was certainly one of the stars," St. John said.

St. John added that Moreau played "the best game of his career" on Saturday.

In Friday's game, New Trier scored at 7:51 of the overtime to break a 2-2 tie and win 3-2.

The winning goal came on a shot from the point and Dunne didn't have much of a chance, St. John said.

"It was like a knuckleball, he saw it, but the ick just dropped like a rock," St. John said. Scoring for CC on Friday were Williams, with an assist from Ryan Yost, and Moreau, assisted by Please see SHAMROCKS, B5



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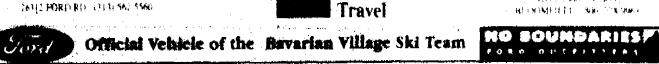
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coach Gordie St. John said. "It was tremendous hockey, a clean game. When the game is as emotional as that, up and down and you have only five penalties, all minor, that's a mark of a couple good,



Schoolcraft stumbles at Owens

The strategy for Schooleraft College going into Just Saturday's men's basketball game at Owens Community College was clearcut: Give yourself a chance. to win.

"I thought (Owens) was a good team, they're well coached and they play hard." said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "But we just didn't do the things we needed to do to beat a ranked team on the road.

"We told the guys going into this game, if you're going to winin their gym, you must not turn the ball over and you have to make your free throws."

The Ocelots didn't do either one in the first half, which is why they trailed by 13 at the intermission --- a deficit too big to overcome against the topranked team in the NJCAA Division II. The final outcome was 80-59 in favor of Owens, which improved to 12-0. SC fell to 6-4.

"The effort was there, which was pleasing to see," said Briggs. "But on the road, you want to give yourself a chance to win it at the end, and we didn't."

The Ocelots committed 13 turnovers in the first half and

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were just 10-of-22 from the freethrow line, two big reasons Owens led 37-24. SC managed to trim that to 59-52 with eight minutes left in the game, but that was as close as it got.

Robert Brown led the Ocelots with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Lamar Bigby added 13 points and six boards, and Quentin Mitchell had 12 points.

Owens was led by Joe Shepherd with 16 points. Deandre Bell added 15 and Rodney Hughes scored 11.

SC finished the game with 23 turnovers (Owens had 18). The Ocelots made 20 of 33 free throws (60 percent) compared to Owens' 24-of-33 (72 percent), and from three-point range SC was just 1-of-13 (7.7 percent) while Owens hit 6-of-14 (42:8 percent).

The Ocelots are now idle until Jan. 3; when they visit Macomb CC

Crusaders lose twice

If Madonna University could just

overcome this slow-start malady, it might add a few more we to its. total

Last weekend's trip to the Kalamazoo College Tournament provides a perfect example. In the first half of both their games, the Fighting Crusaders fell behind by substantial margins - they trailed Kalamazoo by 17 at halftime Friday and Huntington by 11 at the half on Saturday.

Madonna rallied in the second half both times, but couldn't make up the deficit. The Crusaders last to Kalamazoo 88-80 and to Huntington 88-87.

 The two losses dropped Madonna to 2-14 overall. Again, the team was. without Mike Massey, who is under suspension for disciplinary reasons until Jan. 2.

Massey, a sophomore guard, led Madonna in scoring last season. It was the third-straight game he has missed.

Against Kalamazoo, the Crusaders trailed 39-22 at the half -- in part due to the Hornets pinpoint. shooting from the perimeter. They made 8-of-17 three-point shots in the first half compared to Madonna's 1-of-8. Dan Kurtinaitis had a solid offen-

sive game, connecting on 5-of-6 from the field and 6-of-7 from the freethrow line to score 16 points. He also had five assists and two steals, but he committed eight furnovers Chad Putnam, sfrom Redford Thurston, contributed 12 points, and Josh Jensen and Jordan Garmson added nine apiece

Kalamazoo got 16 points from Brad Phillips, 13 from B.J. Ford and 11 apiece from Dick Rhinehart and Steve Thwartes:

Poor shooting particularly from three point range plaguad Madonna again. Huntington hit 4-of-13 triples in the first half, while the Crusaders made just 1-of 7

Rebounding and turnovers also hurt Madonna The Foresters enjoyed a 40-30 edge on the boards and had 15 turnovers compared to 20 for the Crusaders.

Kurtinaldi- 15 points topped Madonna; he also had six assists, three steals - and eight turnovers. Aaron Cox added 13 points and six rebounds. Garrison had 12 points and Jensen seored 11.

Huntington had five in double figures, led by 16 from Gabe LaGrange Madonna is now idle until Jan: 5.

when it hosts Concordia College.

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division for each mail order form submitted. All tickets will be mailed by March 1. unless special handling is requested at a charge of \$4 per order.

Spectators ordering tickets by mail must designate the wrestling division they prefer to watch which will result in their ticket assignment being directly in view of the mats being used for that competition.

Orders must be postmarked no earlier than Jan. 3 and no later than Feb. 4 to qualify for the Early Bird purchase plan. An order form can be found on the MHSAA Web Site: www.mhsaa.com. _...

Single session tickets guion sale Feb. 7. through the Joe Louis Arena Box Office and TicketMaster outlets statewide.

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The Shamrocks lineup has

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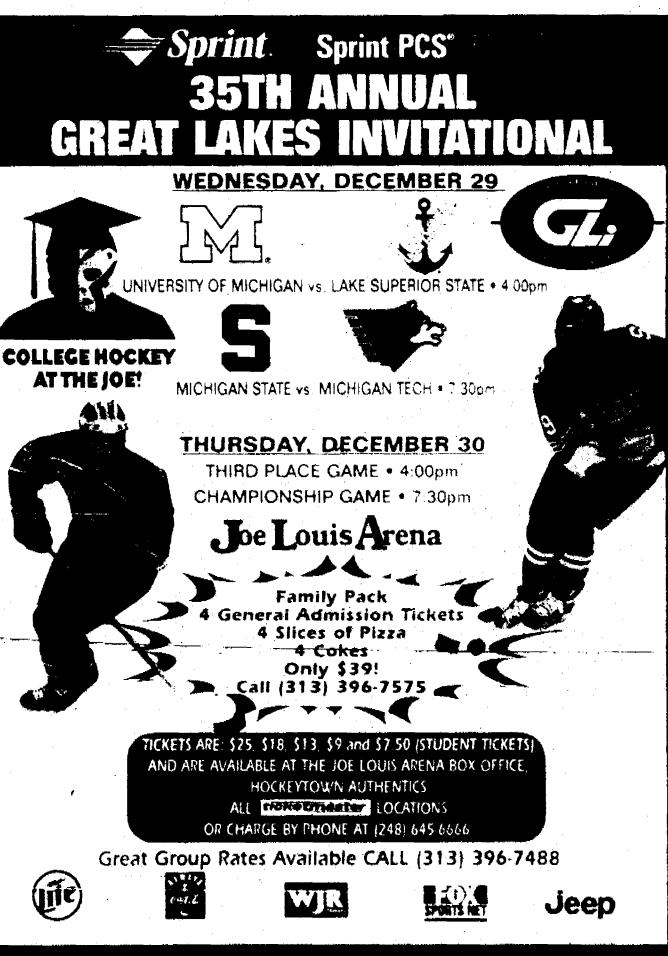
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The Shamrocks are idle untilafter Christmas when they travel to Milwaukee. Wis- for a tournament on Dec. 28 and 29. St. John said the tournament

should be good exposure for some of the Shamrocks who may have a chance to play junior. hockey for teams in the midwest

"It gives our kids more exposure and that's what we're trying to do," St. John said: "Some scouts from Green Bay and other teams in Wisconsin will come and see our kids play

St. John said he also looks forward to a return appearance. from New Trier next year.

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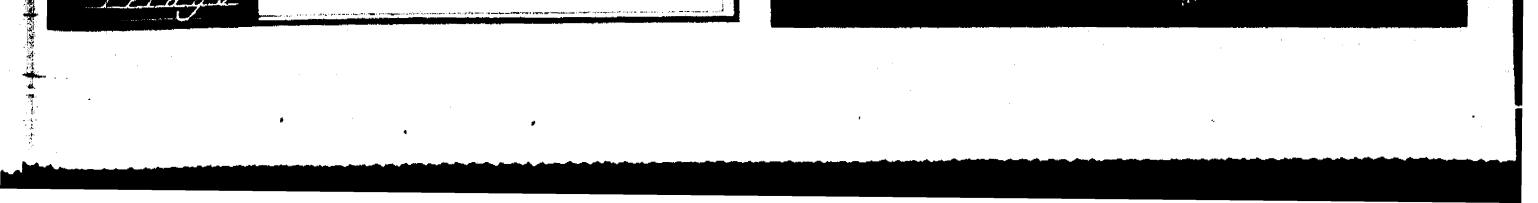
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HOCKEY

Whalers enjoy Erie experience; win pair

It shaping up like a happy holiday — at least for the Plymouth Whalers.

The Whalers traveled to the Erie Otters last weekend for a pair of Ontario Hockey League games. Such trips in the past have been roads to disaster, but this one wasn't.

The Whalers used fast starts in both games to walk away with a pair of wins, beating the Otters 6-4 Friday and 4-3 Saturday.

The two wins pushed Plymouth's record to 18-14-3 (40 points); good for third place in the OHL's West Division. The Windsor Spitfires and Sault Ste-Marie Greyhounds are tied for first in the West with 46 points.

Erie remained in second place in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 15-16-1 record (32 points).

Rob Zepp backstopped both wins for the Whalers, making 31 saves in Friday's win and 20 more on Saturday. Adam Munroe started in goal in both games for Erie.

On Friday, Plymouth almost let a 4-1 lead after one period get away. Stephen Weiss and Tomas Kurka put the Whalers up 2-0. with 11:34 of the first period elapsed; after Erie's Michael Rupp narrowed the gap to 2-1 with 4:02 left in the first; George Nistas and Eric Gooldy pushed Plymouth's lead to 4-1.

Gooldy finished the period with a goal and two assists, while Nistas and Kurka had a goal and an assist in the period.

However, Erie came battling back in the second period, getting another goal from Rupp and two more from Nikita Alexeev and Carlo Colaiacovo, respectively, to knot the score at 4-apiece.

Steven Morris got the gamewinner for the Whalers with 13:53 of the third period elapsed, assisted by Kris Vernarsky. Kevin Holdridge's empty-net goal with 51 seconds remaining iced the victory. Holdridge col-

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lected a goal and an assist in the victory.

Saturday's game was similar, with the Whalers again taking the lead (they never trailed all weekend against Erie) on firstperiod goals by Weiss (his 10th of the season) and Kurka (his 17th). Erie's Rupp narrowed the gap to 2-1 late in the opening period.

However, Weiss' second goal of the game — he also had an assist — pushed Plymouth's lead to 3-1 through two periods. Rupp, who scored all three of the Otters' goals in the game and five of their seven over the weekend, trimmed Plymouth's lead to 3-2 with a power-play goal at 3.16 of the third period.

But Jon Billy converted a pass from Nistas at the 10:22 juncture and the Whalers were again

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up by two, 4-2 — which made Rupp's third goal, scored with just nine seconds left in the game, inconsequential.

The Whalers are now idle until next Tuesday, when they host Erie in a 3 p.m. game. On Thursday, they play the Kitchener Rangers at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Ambassadors win 2

A strong second period saved the Compuware Ambassadors last Friday.

Trailing 3-2 after one period, the Ambassadors netted three second-period goals en route to a 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Sting in a North American Hockey League game at Compuware Arena.

Steve Jackson got the eventual game-winner for the Ambassadors and Marc Norrington scored twice.

On Saturday, the Ambassadors improved their home-ice

record to 9-3 with an 8-2 triumph over the Sting. Todd Bentley scored his first-ever NAHL hattrick; he also had an assist.

Tom Fortunate made 19 stops in collecting his fifth win in goal for Compuware, which stayed atop the NAHL's East Division with a 19-8-1 (39 points), tied with the Soo Kewadin Casino-Indians (18-7-3, 39 points).

Those two teams meet in a divisional showdown at 6:35 p.m. tonight at Compuware Arena.



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SEASON/DATES

BASS Bass season closes Dec. 31.

DEER

The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antierless-only firearms season runs through Jan. 2 on private and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antierlessonly firearms season runs through Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. **GROUSE**

A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is day, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more, Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

SPRING BOATING EXPO

The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.



RABBIT

Rabbit season rüns through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

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Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

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FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in South-, field offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

SHOWS

SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

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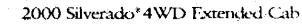
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HE WEEKEND FRIDAY



"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" features the Rockettes and Santa, 2 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$10 to \$55.50, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.





Jason Nesmith (Tim Allen) tries to defend himself from an alien Pig Lizard when he becomes stranded on a hostile planet in "Galaxy Quest," a science fiction action comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.



Bravery: One of seven new segments in "Fantasia 2000," "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" tells the story of a brave toy soldier who saves a beautiful ballerina from the evil clutches of a Jack-in-the-box.



BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@ge.homecomm.net

emember Etch-a-Sketch? While that shake-and-erase board was a beloved toy for some, it proved to be an object of fleeting artwork for all.

Not only does the technique serve as an opening sequence in one piece of "Fantasia"

viding a visual throw-back to animation efforts of the past. Seven new animated segments have been added to this, the first full-length IMAX feature film. Running 75 minutes. "Fantasia 2000" is also the first Disney film to be made in IMAX (meaning "maximum image") format.

"Fantasia" premiered on Nov. 13, 1940, marking not only a partnership between



Ron Gallagher, also known as Gallagher II, will present two shows on New Year's Eve at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Funny man:



Ron Gallagher swears he's 'gonna make you laugh,' too

Ron Gailagher, also known as Gallugher II, presents his "Living Sequel -Show" at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Tickets \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50, available at the Fisher box office, (313) 872-1000, and all Ticketmaster outlets (248). 645-6666

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"My thing is, I'm gonna make you laugh every five seconds, and if I don't., Tve failed."

Rón Gallagher, AKA Gallagher II. plans to make good on his self-challenge when he plays two New Year's Eve shows at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The jovial and genial comedian, who combines intelligent observational humor with outrageous acts on food products, also plans to have considerable help.

"With my show, the whole audience is the stage," he said before a recent appearance at Western Michigan Uni

SUNDAY



Debbie Lannen, (back row, left to right), Joe Lannen, Ken Haering, Betsy the Cow and Kate Weiss (front center) star in "Jack and the Beanstalk," 2:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets \$7, call (248) 349-8110.



Het Tieket Rem: Stroll through the "Wild Lights," a MUSIC colorful holiday display of over 400,000 lights and 70 animal sculptures, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday through Jan. 2 at the Detroit Zoo, intersection of 10 Mile Road and Wood-BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA with his troupe for a show at Lavonia's ward Avenue, just off I-696 gan. Since its start, the group has pro-STAFF WRITER vided seasonal music for the holidays. Learel Park Place mall, he said it in Royal Oak. Closed scasola@oe.homecomm.net "takes a lot of work to keep it going" Pulice, a Michigan State University Christmas Eve, Christmas From a group of about eight perform-David Pulice claims he was singing graduate, has performed with the Day, New Year's Eve and ers. Opera Late has grown to 45 particibefore he was talking - at least that's Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, New Year's Day. Admission what his mother told him. It's a good Plymouth Symphony and Detroit Sympants. The group focuses on private or **\$4 adults, \$3** children ages thing that music is his life. phony Orchestras, as well as acted in corporate parties and boliday engage 2-12. All children under age Whether he's wearing a dragon commercials, industrial films and telements, but also offers programs to area 2 admitted free. Discount for kimono or festive 1850s-style Christ- vision. He landed a lead role in an schools. It is all run from an office in **Detroit Zoological Society** mas regalia, performing Gilbert and episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" and · Pulice's home Members, Parking is free. Sullivan songs or traditional Christ-, appeared in the films "Something in Perhaps Opera Lite gets most expo Call (248) 541-5835 for mas carola, he feels right at home. -Common" and "Hoffa. sure during this, the most festive time Pulice, a Farmington Hills resident. Now president and artistic director of of year. The troups provides entertainmore information. founded Opera Lite in 1986, as a com-Opera Lite, Pulice took time out of his ment at the Eagle Tayern's holiday durpany of singers actors and dancers. hurried schedule Dec. 14 to talk about Please see OPERA, C7 Opera Lite from the Metro area and mid-Michihis work dust before taking the stage .

2000," it gives permanence to a project that seemed to have faded away. More than 60 years after work began on the original "Fantasia," this film proves that Walt Disney certainly does keep his promises:

In 1941, after the release of "Fantasia," he announced, "It is our intention to make a new version of 'Fantasia' every year. Its pattern is very flexible and fun to work with - not really a concert, not a vaudeville, not a revue, but a grand I Nine years in

mixture of comedy, fantasy, hal let, drama, impressionism, the making, color, sound and epic fury."

Roy E. Disney, vice chairman of the Walt Disney Co., has breathed new life into this work-in-progress Walt Disney referred to as a "concert film." From the first blast of bright

blue and the sight of that Disney symbol, viewers are drawn into the experience. "Fantasia 2000" caught the attention of celebrities such as Steve Martin, Bette Midler, Itzhak Perlman and James Earl Jones, who make appearances and introduce segments of the film with concise humor and intelligence.

Nine years in the making, "Fantasia 2000" marks the return of director James Algar's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Serving as the genesis of the original version, Algar's segment of magic-gone-awry remains just as relevant as over, while pro-

music and animation, but also a muchimproved sound system that required multiple speakers. "Fantasia 2000" is in IMAX. which shows an image 10 times larger than the conventional 35 millimeterframe, for sharpness and clarity, and a sixchannel, multi-speaker sound system. The screen is eight stories wide and six stories high.

Highlights of "Fantasia 2000" include "Rhapsody in Blue," with animation directed by Eric Goldberg. In a style

reminiscent of coricaturist Al Hirschfeld, viewers see that Etch-a-Sketch-style of Manhattan's cityscape and then are whisked into the lives of several characters leading separate lives during the Jazz Age. Viewers meet a hurried construction worker, a downtrodden, unemployed man, a little

girl who is inferior at every sport, and a wealthy man stifled by his overpowering wife. Following the be-bopping beat of Tickets: \$10 George Gershwin's music, viewers watch as their individual dreams are achieved.

The familiar graduation march, "Pomp dren. Discount for and Circumstance," is coupled with the story of Noah's Ark, starring Donald Duck. The story sets Donald in charge of herding all of the animals onto the ark - in procession - but he seems to lose track of the

Please see FANTASIA, C6



"Fantasia 2000"

marks the return

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"The Sorcerer's Apprentice"

WHAT: Walt Disney Pictures presents "Fantasia 2000" WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 1 through Sunday, April 30 WHERE: At the IMAX theater at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn. SHOW TIMES: Every day at -• 10 a.m.

 11:50 a.m. • 1:40 p.m. 3:30 p.m. • 5:20 p.m.

• 7:10 p.m. • 9 p.m.

adults, \$8 senior citizens and chilmembers. For more

(4629) or (313) 271-1570. To purchase tickets, call (313) 982-6001. Laughs: Director Eric Goldberg delivers a light-

hearted romp and answers the age-old question: "What would happen if you gave a yo-yo to a flamingo?" in the "Carnival of the Animals."

versity. "The show spills out into the audience - literally - so they become a part of the show. They all bring plastic. they look at everybody else with their plastic and they all get Gallagherized."

Hold on there Doesn't that sound like the last-name-only Gallagher from the cable specials, the funny-in-aweird-way guy with the floppy cap, mustache and stringy hair who ends each act with a very interactive - and _

Ron is the younger (by six vears) brother of the "originai" Gallagher. He looks remarkably like his brother. talks like his brother and for the past ten years has been doing his brother's act.

messy + pitch for Sledge-a-Matic? So whos this Gallagher doppelganger? Thequestion opens an old wound, exposing a sibling rivalry perhaps matched only by Cain and Abel Ron is the vounger (by six) years, brother of the "original" Gallagher He looks remarkably like his brother.

talks like his brother and for the past ten years has been doing his brother's act. Until recently, he's been doing it with his brother's blessing. Today, the blessing has been removed and a blood feud has ensued.

"I idolized my brother," Ron muses, "I would watch all his tapes and I knew all his routines. He encouraged me to take some of his older stuff and go out on the road with it I discounted that because at the time I was a successful ponipment salesman in Florida, where we grew un"

But Ron got the bug and big brother got him booked. "It was my brother's idea to come up with Gallagher H. It. was a joke, like I'm Gallagher, itoo' He gave me a start and he gave me the act. It really is a great story, unprecedented in show business"

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

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITTER

The strange, wide-eyed guy seemed totally confused on the small "Saturday Night Live" stage. Speaking in an unfathomable foreign accent ("Tank yoo" heddy mush"), he reached for the small phonograph on a nearby pedestal, placed the needle on a 45 and proceeded to lip-sync the theme from "Mighty Mouse." The

andience roared. That was comedian Andy Kufman's first appearance on STL. In fact, it was the first STL: Oct. 11, 1975. It would bicome apparent soon afterwhrds that he was neither confilled nor foreign. And that's agout all we'd ever learn about

An enigma, that's what they colled Kaufman. Who better to print him, then, than Jim Carrey. whose early stand-up material we as manic as Kaufman's was emmatic? Frankly, no one.

"An "Man On the Moon," Carrey ndis Kaufman. That's comicspeak for capturing someone to perfection.

Consider the challenge. The Kaufman we saw was never the real Andy.

Girlfriend Lynne Margulies,

played with surprising presence and range by singer Courtney Love, claims that there wasn't one. A real Andy, that is: He was in a zone all his own, either deep inside one of his characters or in the midst of plotting his next practical joke. Like 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" was his standing order to himself.

When he wasn't naive Latka on "Taxi" he was foul-mouthed Vegas lounge lizard Tony Clifton. He beat on the congas, wrestled women and led kiddle sing-alongs. And if an audience didn't get it, he read "The Great Gatsby" to them. In its entirety. , behind many of his most memo-People loved him, and he loved that. But even more people hated him, and he loved that, too

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, folks.

Danny DeVito, who plays Kaufman's manager George Shapiro, partnered with director Milos Forman ("The People vs." Larry Flynt") to make "Man onthe Moon." They did so with

great affection for Andy, and it shows, DeVito, of course, shared the "Taxi" ride with him for five years, but came away not knowing any more about him than we did.

The same may be said for the many others in his life who appear on screen.

There's a wonderful, too-brief "Taxi" re-creation with Judd Hirsch, Marilu Henner, Christopher Lloyd, Carol Kane and Jeff Conaway, David Letterman, Lorne Michaels and wrestler Jerry "The King" Lawler also play themselves.

Paul Giamatti is outstanding as comedian-writer Bob Zmuda, who was Kaufman's writing partner and co-conspirator rable stunts.

You may remember the mysteries that were generated by three of them: were Kaufman and Clifton the same man or not; how much of the wrestling period was planned; and was Kaufman's death in 1984 from a rare form of lung cancer his biggest joke of all. The film resolves two of these mysteries and leaves the third enigmatically open. Somewhere Andy is smiling; the gag lives on.



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Drama: Lynne Margulies (Courtney Love), is the woman who befriends and eventually falls in love with Andy Kaufman (Jim Carrey) in the "Man on the on the Moon."

Holiday video rentals brighten merry season

When it comes to movie Santas, Tim Allen got the most ho-hovene

The Beverly Hills, Mich., native pertrayed the big guy in the 1994

holiday film "The Santa Clause" According to a recent Blockbuster survey, he rated number one against the competition, which included Edmund Gwenn and



nor person

Richard Attenborough who both starred as Santa in versions of the classic "Miracle on 34th Street."

Allen rated sixth as "all-time favorite holiday movie character or star," a category won over by none other than Jimmy Stewart whose portrayal of George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life" has become a

Here's a list of the top holiday

🖬 'it's a Wonderful Life' has become a staple in holiday traditions.

Macaulay Culkin) first encou with aftershave. (1990) "White Christmas"



Classic: Richard Attenborough is Kriss Kringle. and Mara Wilson is Susar

Famous score by: Irving Berlin. (1954)

7. "How the Grinch Stole Christ-_mas`

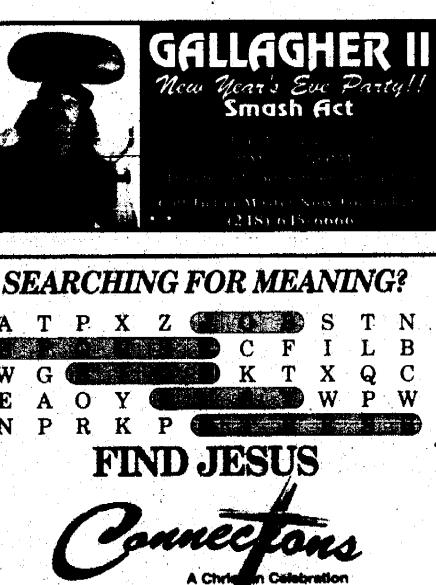
Famous holiday dish: Roast Beast (1966)

8. "Holiday Inn" Famous faces: Bing Crosby and

Fred Astaire. (1942) 9. "Scrooged"

Famous remake of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol." (1988)

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"CIDER HOUSE MULES"

Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: Leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving, Stars Tobey Maguire.

"BICENTENBAL NAN"

Robin Williams, Embeth Davidtz, Sam Neil and Olive Platt star in this romantic drama that follows the life and times of an android programmed to perform menial tasks. Over time he recognizes that his destiny is become human.

"NIDE WITH THE DEVIL"

Skeet Ulrich and Tobey Maguire team up in this drama that takes place during the Civil War as two young men join a gang of bushwhackers. During this time they find the mendship, loyalty and sense of family needed to survive during such desperate times.

"ARY GIVEN SUMBAY"

Orame about a an aging star quarter back who is induced to play hurt. because a gifted and unprincipled young taient is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that draw him to his career. and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

A dramatic look at the life and times of a Battimore family in the mid 1950s. which focuses on issues of religion, race. and class distinction written and direct-

Walker in "Miracle on 34th Street."

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atre. Based on the book by Jane Austin.

the story of a young woman from a poor

arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spinted

nature and ideas about love will make it

a difficult proposition. Stars Frances

Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver team

up in this sci-fi action comedy about a

popular television series. The star and

co-stars are abducted by friendly allens

who, after intercepting broadcasts of

Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude

Law, Cate Blanchett star In this film

about a charming youthful grifter who's

commissioned by a wealthy industrialist

to go to Italy to retrieve his errant play-

bdy son, only to find himself rather fond

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Jan. 12

and John Withersoonn ster in this sequel

about a laid back sort of guy who enjoys

friends. This time out he moves into his

uncle's place in the suburbs, after beat

ing up another guy who's now after him

Ice Cub, Tamala Jones, Justin Pierce,

to the 1995 urban comedy "Friday"

sitting on the porch talking with his

the TV series, believe that they are real

O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller

"GALLAXY QUEST"

intergalactic fighters.

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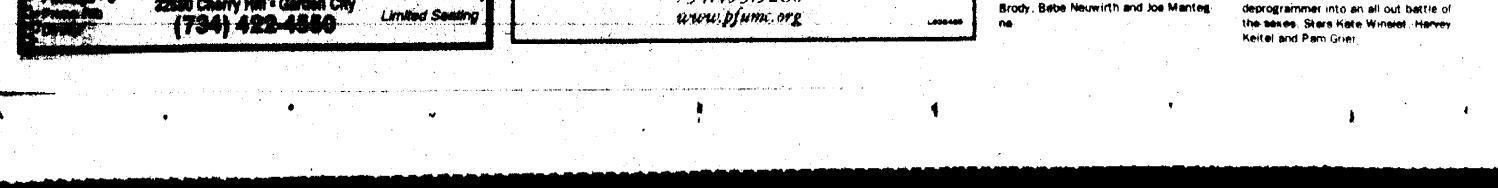
"THE TALIFITED MR. HIPLEY"

family, sent to live with her wealthy cousing at their estate. The plan is to

Now playing at metro Detroit movie the-Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25 "MANSFIELD PARK"

ed by Berry Levinson. Stars Adrien

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14 "HOLY SHORKE: A young woman is "rescued" from an Indian guru by her concerned family, and turns her follow up encounters with a



Here are current art books that make glorious gifts

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's not hard to find wonderful art books to give as holiday gifts. The hard part is deciding which book to give. This season, as in past years, the selection is gloriously, confusingly varied.

To help clarify matters, here's a sampling of the wide range of the latest art books.

The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works From the Saxe Collection" (Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco-Bulfinch. \$50) by Timothy Anglin Burgard includes background text. But the color reproductions of artworks in close-up are the book's most eye-catching feature, exploring a leading American collection of contemporary crafts.

The gleaming shapes of wood and ceramics, the textures of threads and fiber, the airiness of paper and glass vie for attention. Works are by such masters as Dale Chihuly (glass), Peter Voulkos and Michael Lucero (ceramics), and Diane Itter and Kay Sekimachi (textiles).

For devotees of popular art and illustration:

*Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People" (Abrams, \$35) by Maureen Hart Hennessey and Anne Knutson is the catalog from a traveling exhibition currently on show at the High Museum of Art. Atlanta.

The book reproduces 80 of Rockwell's well-loved paintings, from mischievous barefoot boys to heroic astronauts setting foot on the moon. It also offers a series of essays by curators and art historians, appraising the artist's life and work.

The New Yorker 75th Anniversary Cartoon Collection" (Pocket, \$40), edited by Bob Mankoff, is a book to settle down with after a holiday dinner.

when chuckling is the only exercise one could possibly contemplate.

The great cartoonists are represented here. from Charles Addams and Peter Arno to Ed Koren and Saul Steinberg, plus a host of others. Mankaff gives them a brief introduction, then leaves their contrasting styles to ly designed and well-planned,

entertain you as you turn the carefully and simply written rest of the book's pages in happy sequence.

For family reading:

"Exploring World Art" (Getty, \$24.95) by Andrea Belloli is a fine introduction to world art for young readers. It is beautiful-

with high-quality reproductions.

Page turning, from the illustrations on Greek vases to paintings of Van Gogh, from Flemish Renaissance painting to African wood carving, would make fine browsing for all the family.

"The Art of Science: A Pop-Up

Adventure in Art" (Candlewick Press, \$27.99), written by Martin Jenkins with paper engineering by Jay Young, is an action book and a fun book.

watch spring out into three dimensions, and to move and touch. All this is in the worthy

cause of explaining the science behind decisions artists make about how to express themselves in their medium.

The author delivers entertain-There are lots of things to ing explanations of perspective. color, optics, illusion and other topics.



BOOK HAPPENINGS

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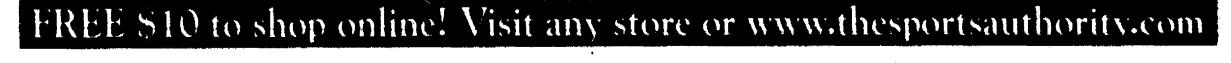
OCC WRITERS SERIES

Noted author Carla Harryman will be the next speaker in the Oakland Community College Writers Live Series, Tuesday, Jan. 18. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Jones Johnson Theater on the Royal Oak campus, Admission is free and the program is open to the public. Harryman, who has written 10 books in a variety of genres, will read selections from her published poetry, essays, plays and fiction. A question-andanswer session will follow. Call (248) 540-1500 for information. START A JOURNAL

The beginning of a new year is a perfect time for starting a journal or diary. Come to the Plymouth District Library Tuesday, Dec. 28. to learn about keeping a diary Hear excerpts from some great children's books written in journal form and make a journal of your own to take home. The program is designed for children ages 8 to 12. Registration is required and is now under way, Call (734) 453-0750, or visit the library at 223 S. Main Street.

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Parents and their children are invited to experience free, interactive 20-30 minute programs of seasonal story telling, music and movement during Story Times with Miss Karen. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the sessions. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory Call (734) 455-5220 to register at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main in Plymouth. Story times are planned for the first or second Saturday of each month. Story times are also planned for the first Tuesday of each month at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman in Plymouth Call (734) 454.0178 to register. And Baby! Baby! Children's Resale Shop. 153 E Main in Northville, also offers sessions. Call (248) 347 2229 for registration information



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Suays a week A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood:" through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays; 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre! 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800 DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church." through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit: \$15. (313) 868 1347

GEM THEATRE

*Escanaba in da Moonlight," a bomedy by Jeff Daniels; through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave... Detroit, \$24,50-\$34,50, (313) 963-9800

JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue," previews Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 23-26, show dates Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12,16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield, \$15-\$25, (248) 788-2900

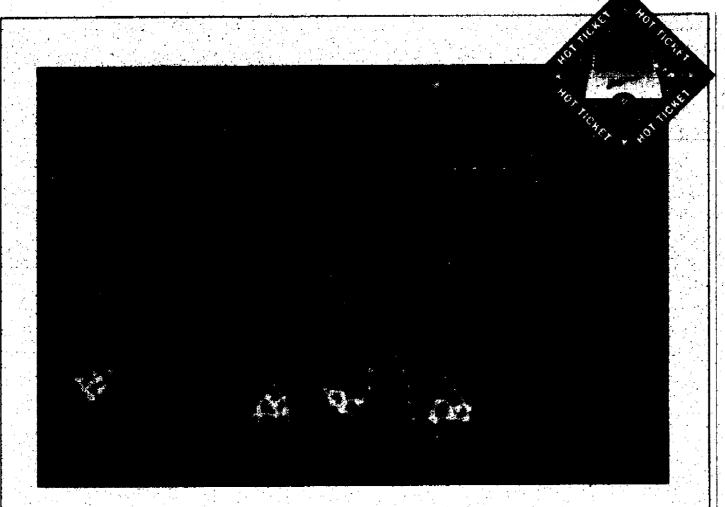
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Dangerous Osession." opens Wednesday, Jan. 5 and continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, \$24:\$35, (\$19,50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-71. (248) 377:3300

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY

No performances through Jan. 9. "Some Americans Abroad, through Saturday, Feb. 5, and Our Town[®] through Saturday. Jan. 29, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit, \$11-\$18. (313). 577-2972



Holiday light show: Stroll through the "Wild Lights," a colorful holiday display of over 400,000 lights and 70 animal sculptures, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday through Jan. 2 at the Detroit Zoo, intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off 1-696 in Royal Oak. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Admission \$4 adults, \$3 children ages 2-12. All children under age 2 admitted free. Discount for Detroit Zoological Society Members. Parking is free. Call (248) 541-5835. for more information.

Sledge-a-Matic Act as seen on

Howard Stern, 7 p.m. and 10

p.m., at the Fisher Theatre.

\$49,50, (248) 645-6666

MILLENNIUM GALA EVENT

Detroit, \$29,50, \$39,50 and

A special night at the Livonia

Showtime, Comedy Channel and

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Starring the Rockettes Friday." through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$55. (248) 645-6666/(248) 433-1515 **X-TRAVA CON**

Comic book, toy and non-sport car show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Itália West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple. Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300 **ALTURO SHELTON**

The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices

in need. For performances April 30 to May 19 at the arts council. and local schools. (734) 416-4278

CHORAL

POLONAISE CHORALE After 6 p.m. mass Sunday, Jan. 2. the chorale sings its annual Christmas Concert of Polish Carols, at St. Barbara Parish, 13534 Colson at Schaefer, north of Michigan Ave., Dearborn, Free, but freewill donation accepted. (313) 863-6209/(313) 531-5558

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS

- 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150
- SPENCER BAREFIELD QUARTET Featuring Marcus Belgrave, 4:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, concert and dinner, at the Harlequin Cafe. 8047 Agnes (in historic Indian Village), Detroit, \$40 (includes, dinner), \$30 seniors/students. \$20 children age 12 and under.
- (313) 891-2514/(313) 331-0922 TODD CURTIS

Thursdays, at Elle's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647 2420

GEM JAZZ TRIO

Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

WENDELL HARRISON 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-2150

RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, (313) 336-6350. MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophonist Larry Nozero 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, with

vocalist Barbara Ware 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east teaching session), at the Pittsfield Grange: 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of 1.94, Ann Arbor. \$\$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE

Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261 NEW YEAR'S DAY

CELEBRATION / DANCE

3 p.m; afternoon dance, 5:30 p.m. potluck and 8 p.m. Contradance, Saturday; Jan. 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of 1-94. Ann Arbor: \$7. (734) 769-1052 POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF

DEARBORN

Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun . Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181

STARDUST BALLROOM Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays. lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB

\$8. (248) 356-5678

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Bryan McCree with Dan Logan and Rich Higgenbottom, also 2XL band, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

. Kirk Noland and J.R. Remick Friday, 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 hights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5) (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Arturo Shelton, Friday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 2, at the club. 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40.W. Pike, Pontiac, (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.

Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 23. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962 MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville, \$7. (248) 349 8110

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD

Magic show for the young and young at heart, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-fuesday, Dec. 27-28, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford, \$5, \$2.50 children. (313) 531-0554

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS Experience an old-fashioned Christmas in a Candlelight glow. 6-8 p.m, Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets \$7/persun and family tickets \$20 in advance. (248) 477-7375 CHRISTRIAS EVE CHORAL SERVICES

7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at Mariner's Church, 170 E/ Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259 / 2206

MILLENNUM CELEBRATION

Complete with sit-down dinner, premium bar, comedian and dancing, Friday, Dec. 31; Pine Knob. Carriage House, Clarkston. \$125 der person, Call (248) 673-4932 DAMO COPPERFIELD

"Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical per formances, March 24-26; Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45.

and Eight Mile; Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

LIGHT SHOWS

DOMINO'S FARMS ST. NICHOLAS LIGHT DISPLAY

Through Friday, Dec. 31, 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday (\$5 donation per car), and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday (\$7 per car). 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Proceeds benefit more than 60 Metroit Detroit children charities. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of canned food for Ann Arbor Food Gatherers and Gleaners Food Bank. (734) 930-4430

WAYNE COUNTY LIGHTFEST

Through Thursday, Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday (closed Saturday, Dec. 25), along fourand one-half miles of Edward Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights, \$5 minimum donation per car helps keep the 39 giant displays lighted, (734)-261-1990

WILD LIGHTS"

Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday Saturday (closed Friday Seturday Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1), at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward and I-696, Royal Opk: \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-members (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835

NEWYEAR'S EVE

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER

7 p.m. to 3 a.m., at 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$70. includes dinner and dancing to Ray Adams Orchestra. (248) 689-3636

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

8 p.m. dinner follow by 9 p.m. performance of the folk comedy, "Revival at Passum Kingdom Community Church," at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$60, (313) 868-1347 FIRST NICHT

5:30 p.m. performances begin (4 p.m. by Village Players), midnight laser show in Shain Park, In downtown Birmingham. \$8, free for children ages 5 and under. (248) 258-9075

GAELIC LEAQUE/IRISH-AMERICAN CLUS

8 p.m. catered dinner, 9 p.m. dancing, with entertainment by Inish Coel, Black Brimmer and Walter Walsh, 2058 Michigan Ave., Detroit. \$25. (313) 964-

hors d'oeuvres, a fivee-course gourmet dinner, dessert and coffee, and entertainment provided by DJ Eddle Hakim with a variety of musical styles. Tickets \$130, Special room rates also available. Call (734) 454-7077

Marriot includes champagn toast.

NEW YEAR JUBILEE

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GALLAGHER II

Madcat & Kane, Mr. B, George Bedard & the Kingpins, and dozens of other performers, fireworks, 6 p.m., in and around Ypsilanti's Historic District, \$15 until Dec. 26, \$20, \$5 children ages 6-12, (734) 995-7281/(734) 483-4444

NORTHVILLE MANOR

8 p.m. dinner (7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres). Haggerty between Five and Six Mile; Northville, \$100. (734) 420-0144

SOKOL DETROIT

8 p.m. dinenr followed by dancing to the Joe Tomes Band, at the Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren, Dearborn Hghts. \$50. (248) 437-8976/(248) 478-8151

"STROLLING THROUGH THE CENTURY"

Evening begins with 7:30 p.m. performances of "Escanaba in da. Moonlight" and "Forbidden Christmas," followed by food, livemusic and dancing to Ed Wells and Gem Jazz Ensemble, at the Gem Theatre and Contury Club, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit: (\$225), (313) 963-9800; also an Early-to-Bed celebration 2-6 p.m., \$95 includes performance and dinner.

WEST SIDE SINGLES

7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., appetizers, pizza, fruit and dessert table. dancing, at Burton Manor, Schooleraft, west of inkster. Livonia, \$25 advance, \$30, (734) 427-9110/(734) 981-0909 WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 (doors open 6 p.m.), at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile, east of Hoover, Warren. \$35. (810) 774-9148 or E-mail Spurdencrs@aoi.com ALEXANDER ZONIIC & FRIENDS

A New Year's Eve Gala, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver (248) 680-9797

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "A Century of Song: From Vienna to Broadway to Hollywood" featuring Maureen McGovern, 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31" (\$14-\$95), at Orchestra Hall, 9811 Woodward, Detroit: (313) 576-5111

include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Ponchatrain Hotel, . Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No;cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354 1194

AUDITIONS

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston (248) 625-8811

CHORUS LINE AUDITIONS

Ages high school and older be prepared to sing and dance for the show, Bring a snapshot of yourself to auditions, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan 3-4. Call backs are set for Wednesday, Jan, 5., all at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962, Performances

run Feb. 18-27. BLUE LAKE BALLET

Auditions for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's dance program in summer of 2000 noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800). 221-3796

LIVONIA TOUTH PHILNARMONIC Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts. in room 530 of the Forum Building. at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile.

Livonia. (313) 937-0975 THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD

Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hati in Redford.

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for "The Adventures of **Beatrix Potter and her Friends."** 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday Monday, Jan. 9-10, select one day, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at

of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

MILLENNIUM JAZZ CELEBRATION 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, featuring saxophonist Wayne Shorter with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, at Orchestra Hall, 3711

Woodward, Detroit, \$15-\$60 (313) 576-5111 SHAHIDA NURULLAH 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at

Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-2150 JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, plano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

TOTY VIOLA'S JAZZ KICK

Friday, Dec. 31; at Il Posto, 29110 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 827-8070 ED WELLS

The planist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century, Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

"POETRY IN MOTION" Aurora Harris and Mike Anayas, 6

- p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181
- PUEINT SUCIEIT OF MICHIGAN Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE BALLROOM DANCING

9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline, \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300 **CONTRA DANCE**

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 665-8863 or pjb@peterjbaker.com ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 workshop and dancing, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 662 5158 or ebe@umich.edu

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE American folk dancing for people

996-9080 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

at the club, 269 E. Fourth St. Royal Oak, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays. Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19,50 on Saturdays. (313)-965 2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

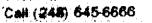
Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 plm. Tuesday Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, \$6. \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Holiday week activities spotliffht the state-of-the-art planetarium featuring Digistar technology, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday Thursday. Dec. 27-30 and until 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the institute. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$7..\$4 seniors/students/ages 0.17. (877) 462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM "On the Air! Michigan Radio &

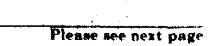
Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documen tary 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, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at: Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30. 8.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



Junction, Participation fee due upon casting: \$100 members. Scholarships available for those

of all orientations, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2 (1:30 p.m. beginners



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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India will construct a mandala sand painting Monday Friday, Dec. 27-31 as part of special holiday programming, ceremony begins noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, during which time the monks consecrate the site, at 3 p.m. visitors have the opportunity to ask the monks questions, they continue work daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 the monks perform "Sacred Music, Sacred Dance" (\$10, \$8 Founders Society members) (313) 833-4005, in the DIA Theatre, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave, Other programs during the holiday break week include puppet shows, storytelling, drop-in workshops, and drawing in the galleries. Other than the concert. programs are free with recommended museum admission of \$4, \$1 children. Holiday hours (Sunday-Friday, Dec. 26-31) are 11 a,m. to 5 p.m. For a schedule of programs, call (313) 833 4249, PuppetArt, Detroit Puppet Theater, presents the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man" (Kolobok) 2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 29-31.

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun⁺ at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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,

3-12, (248) 370-3140 MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"I Made This Jar ... " the life and works of the enslaved African. American potter, Dave continues through Jan. 2, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum; 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$.50 kids. \$5 family, (734) 455-8940 ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"A Stitch in Time" quilt, exhibit

continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

See Santas from across the glob and throughout history at the Global Holiday Celebration through Friday, Jan. 3; Antifreeze Festival through Tuesday, Feb. 29; interactive automotive science and technology experience. with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6. \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

POPULAR MUSIC

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University. Ann Arbor, Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 645 6666.

ANTIFREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL

Featuring Roomful of Blues. Pinetop Perkins, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, Robert Noll's Blues Mission, Madeat and Kane, and more, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Jan. 7-8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale: \$20 a night or \$35 for a 2-day pass. Benefits the Detroit Blues Society, (248) 544-3030 THE ATTIC NEW YEAR'S

\$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DISCIPLINE

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lilis 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Pat McGee and FunkIntelligence, Tuesday Dec. 28, Majestic Theater, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, 21 and over. Tickets at the Majestic Cafe. FicketMaster (248) 645-6666 GLEN EDDY

7 p.m. Saturday; Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue. Bipomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) FAN MAIL TOUR

With TLC, Christina Aguilera, Destiny's Child, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$39.50 and \$29,50 on sale. (248) 645-6666 FASHION BASH AT THE CRASH WITH BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD WORLD JAZZ BAND

Featuring Boca Rosa and comic vocalist Earl Okin from London, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 7th House. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac 21 and over, Benefits Pontrac charties. (248) 932-2659 FINVARRAS WREN

Featuring Jim Perkins; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 28-29. Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474 5941

FIVE HORSE JOHNSON 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, Magic

Stick, 4120 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Free show and free bowl ing all night long

THE FLATLANDERS

Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$20 advance, (248) 645-6666

FREED

\$32.50 and \$25. (248) 645-6666 JUMP LITTLE CHILDREN With Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 28, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$6 advance. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www. blindpigmusic. com DONNA KRALL

8 p.m. Friday, April 14. Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders. Books and Music. Rochester Hills, 1122 S. Rochester Road. Free: (248) 652-0558; See them every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak, Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details.

MACAOIBH

9:30 p.m: Friday Saturday, Jan 21.22, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 STONEY MAZAAR AND THE

WESTSIDERS 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Fox and Hounds: 1560 Woodward Avenue. Bloomfield Hills, New Years Eve Party, (248) 644-4800 (blues) MAZINGA

With Sublimation and 12 Angry Steps, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street. Ann. Arbor: \$4, (734) 996-8555

MARY MCGUIRE 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Borders

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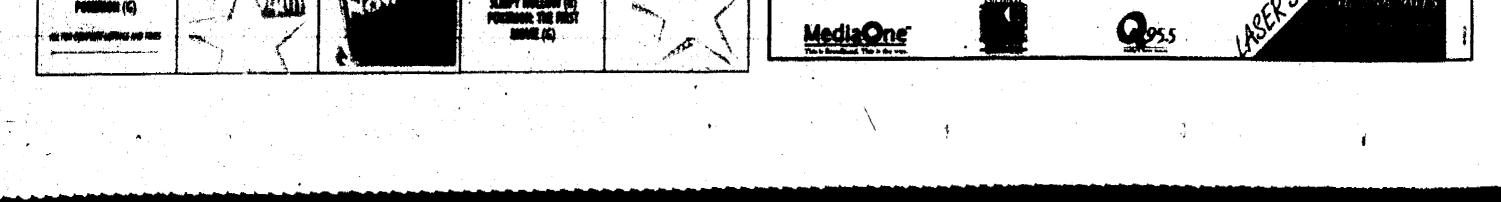
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followed. "As soon as I hit the stage dressed like my brother I was accepted, so I started putting some of my own stuff together. His show is now different than mine because he's gone off in a different direction from what his cable specials were. He does more of a lecture-based show."

As a result. Ron maintains that "I'm more the Gallagher the audience wants to see. Anyhody who loves Gallagher will love my show: I do The Best of Gallagher." He doesn't consider himself a pretender to the thrope but an inheritor of it. The problem is, hig brother's not ready to abdicate.

"When I was doing smaller clubs I wasn't a threat to him," says Gallagher the Younger. "The minute he heard that I was doing the Fisher Theatre he went completely nuts. He said 'I don't want the competition; you're invading on my territory." And I said. You created me, why can't you take credit for me? We're two brothers out there who love each other; let's collaborate, let's do shows together, let's have fun."

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> Ron Gallagher Comedian

now. Meanwhile, Gallagher II admiration for his brother and a

That's unlikely to happen for seems genuine in two things: an

pride in himself. "I use a lot of my brother's old stuff that he doesn't use anymore because it's classie," he says. "But I dont in my vein. I encourage everyone to see his show and then see my show and see if it's the same. It's not."

No matter which sibling delivers it, the Gallagher humor is a hybrid of George Carlin without the language and Jerry Seinfeld with props.

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What can audiences expect on New Year's Eve at the Fisher2 "We're going to have our own" mdoor fireworks," Ron promises. "But instead, it's food flying through the air New York City has the balls I've got the hammer. And the hammer will drop at midnight." Protective covering. is strongly suggested.

Opera from Entertainment front

ners in Greenfield Village. Everything from the lack of electricity to the authentic sevencourse meal offers the experience of a special Christmas Dinner at the former Inn which was built as a stagecoach stop in 1830.

Opera Lite acts as performers who must sing for their bed and board: A guitarist, pianist, magician and musical quartet are all part of the show, which varies from one year to the next.

This year. Pulice took it one step further. He gave the green

light to 33 1/3 records to create a CD of music from the Eagle Tavern show. Al Jacquez, partner at the Ann Arbor-based label. worked on the album. "I felt it deserved to be documented. The songs are great; it's an interesting niche, 1850s style."

The CD offers a true live performance, without overdubbing of any kind, he added.

"Everyone doing this enjoys the holidays," said Pulice. "They're in good spirits."

dent and vocalist with Opera Lite, agreed and said it's ber business.

"I can't imagine Christmas without it," she said. "Being part of the music really does make Christmas."

Opera Lite has captured the sound of good cheer on the holiday CD titled "Christmas at the Eagle Tavern," a 33 1/3 Records Release. Buy it at any Harmony House or Desirable Disc location, or Dearborn Music in Dearborn

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If you're looking for a memorable family holiday activity, go no further than the Detroit Zoo. Two entertaining 30-minute plays, commissioned by the zoo and performed by Mosaic Youth Theatre, will enlighten young audiences about the global plight of endangered amphibians and the diversity of life on the coral reef.

Mosaic's trilogy of short plays, entitled "AM-TV: All Amphibians, All the Time," will be presented 11 a.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the 200, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak

The trio of kid-friendly works includes "Leave It to Tadpole," "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians" and the "Jerry Hopper Show." "Leave It to Tadpole," a lively take-off on the 1950 TV classic, teaches metamorphosis. "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians" is an engaging detective whodunit that uncovers reasons for disappearing amphibians. Lastly, the rollicking "Jerry Hopper Show," features an amphibian and reptile couple as the bickering talkshow guests.

The second play, "Rain Forests of the Ocean," will be presented in the gallery's theater at 1 p.m.

Saturdays through March 25. concepts important to life on a Characters such as Damsel Fish The play, filled with soap opera coral reef. The actors are staged

Detroit Zoo: Watch the Mosaic Youth Theatre perform "All Amphibians, All the

Time," and follow this detective who solves "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians."

and Fox Face end the play with a lively rap about pollution and conservation.

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"We use performing arts at the zoo to make concepts like metamorphosis easy," said Gerry Craig, curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. "Mosaic is such a hip, humorous, high energy troupe that visitors remember the information without any conscious effort."

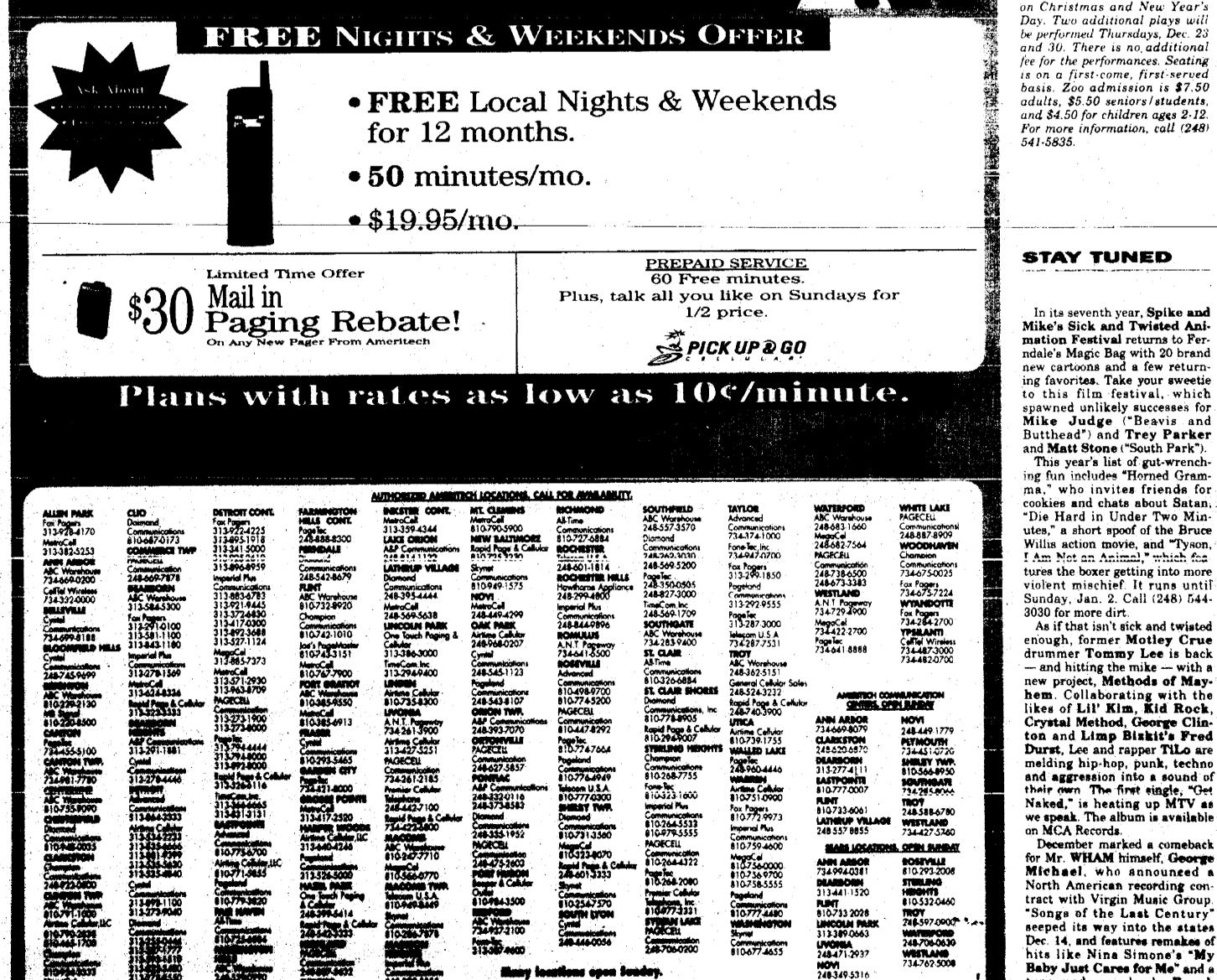
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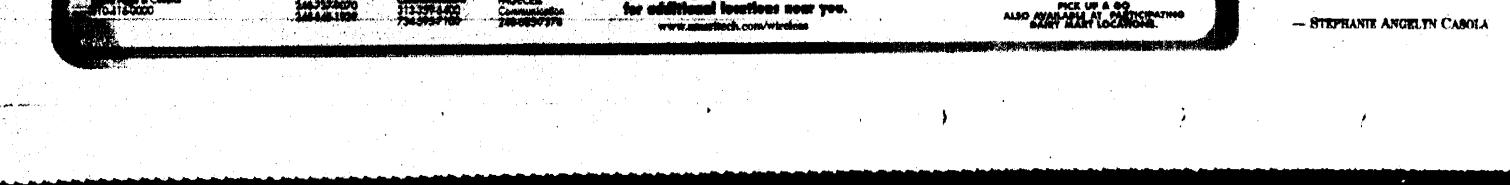






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Rooster takes the nonstop to Music City, USA



walking down the dark; narrow corridor of Jack Legs, a bar on Nashville's infamous Second Avenue, that signature twang of guitar strings becomes a tell-tale sign that Rooster has

taken the stage.

Long before setting eyes on the cowboy-attire these guys have adopted as stage-wear, it's easy to tell this band offers more than what meets the eye.

Rooster is singer/songwriter and rhythm guitarist Jon Kott. lead guitarist Dave Dean, drummer Ken Karasek and bassist John Taminski. Based in Rochester Hills, the roots rock/Americana quartet has been playing the Michigan club circuit since the mid 1990s, and was once known as Uncle Booby. With a new name and musical direction, the band began reaching across the Eastern and Midwestern United States, touring towns anywhere from Iowa to New York.

The band recorded a stellar debut album - "Solid State" with producer Dave Feeny at Ferndale's Tempermill Studio in March 1998 under that previous moniker. Before the dawn of 2000. Rooster headed south to set down new tracks for a demo. Where else but Nashville could Rooster do it up right.

Stylistically speaking

"We wanted to be more particular, more Americana, whereas the first CD was all over the board with 'Rubber Stamp' and "Witch's Brew," said Dean of the band's musical direction. "All this stuff is more in line." He lounges in a backroom of Nightingale Studio amid framed gold records of country music

Long before and speak in relaxed tones. Kott went on to explain: "We weren't country, we weren't rock. We decided to be more of a rock band with an Americana feel." How's it going?

"It definitely shows we've been together for a couple of years," said Karasek.

"Tumblin' Down" on trying times

This second trip to Music City came with trying circumstances. One of the band's producers, Clark John Hagan (Days of the New, Ray Stevens, Chet Atkins), was involved in a car accident which caused him to fall into a coma for several days, just before Rooster arrived. "It definitely dampens the mood," said Dean with concern.

But the band has kept moving ahead, with the help of engineer/producer Jason Stelluto (Randy Travis, Bryan White).

"They're really easy to work with," he said. "Everyone plays their instruments very well, that makes things very easy for me. It's a lot easier when your dealing with people who play all the time. They're really tight.".

Making it on "Music Row"

Recording in Nashville has proven quite different from studios in the Detroit area. Besides the addition of gold records covering the walls, Nashville studios are set in the heart of Music Row, an area of town bombarded by major record companies like Capitol. You can't turn a corner without noticing some symbol of power and money in the music business.

"This is a town business down here," said Dean. "You don't see that in Detroit. The town business there is making cars and everybody knows it."

Karasek continued: "Going



Reaching out: Clockwise from right, John Taminski, Jon Kott, Ken Karasek and Dave Dean are Rooster, Rochester Hills boys who've found time to work and play in Nashville, while promoting their music.

very well-received in Music City. disc)." The applause, dancing and compliments of a captured crowd at songs, including "Pick Up the nies" Jack Legs on Friday, Dec. 10 Change," when I visited on the Where will Rooster go from

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result of long hours in the studio and late nights performing as they lean back on plush couches

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who urges them to stay true to we're in Detroit, who knows their music. "My role as producwhat's going to happen. The er is to help them transfer what industry is here." Kott said he feels the band is they already sound like (to

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afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 11. "Their music crosses a lot of boundaries to me," said Stelluto.

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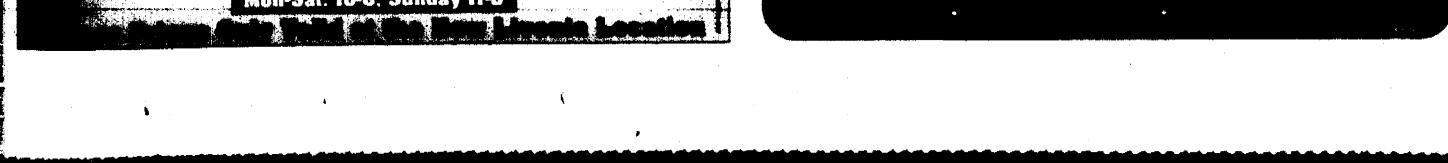
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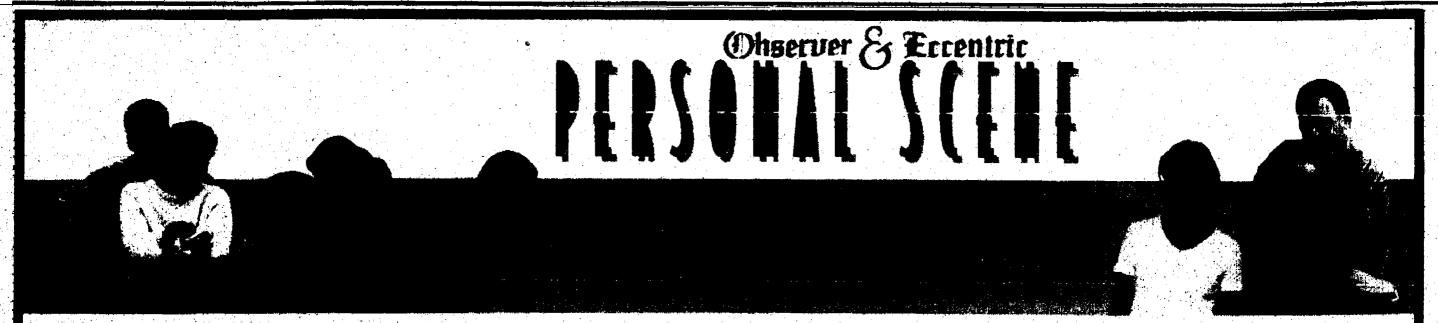
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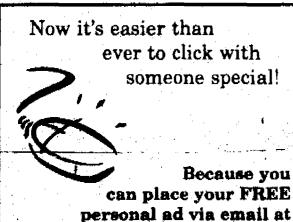
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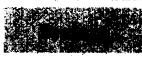
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This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6, 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad#.3639

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WORTH A TRY

Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, fleamarkets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF 29-49; to share interests with. Ad#,4500

WALK DOWN THE AISLE Romantic: Catholic SWPM. 40, 611, who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, familyoriented, slender SWF who athletically inclined. is Ad#,1515

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Never-married. friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible. studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit. pretty SWF. Ad#.4141

A REAL TRUE HEART

This friendly SW dad, 35 5'8", with brown hair and blue eves who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF. 25-40, who has a good sense of humor Ad# 1514

This friendly SWF. 31, 5'6". who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#. 1706

JUST US

SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

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Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4". 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#.1237

FOR KEEPS

This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a caring, sincere SWM, 38-55. who shares similar interests. Ad# 4240

BIG-HEARTED

This friendly SWF. 37, 5'9" with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening: dining out and traveling. to spend quality time with. Ad# 1361

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Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8". who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM. 35-45, who enjoys walking. camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad#.8191

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Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69 who loves the Lord Ad#.4444

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She is a friendly, attractive SWF. 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes. whose interests include hiking, biking and boating She's looking for a handsome, intelligent SWM: 52-

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This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7". a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship. youth ministry, church activi-ties, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM. 56-62. Ad#.5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Attractive, personable Catholic SWF. 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM. 33-44, who enjoys tennis. sporting events. reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

END MY SEARCH

is looking for a SM, 35-45. Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'b'. slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#:2525

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing. Born-Again SWCF, 43. full-figured. who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a \$WCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

LIFE GOES ON

This triendly, sincere SWF. 47. 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who. shares similar interests Ad# 2652

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Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65 5'4", 135lbs, who wants to share her time, her dancing and during out interests and friendship with wants to meet a family on

Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome. SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWE: 43. know you're interested Ad# 9915

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Romantic SWF. 60, 5'2" 118lbs. with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM. 55-65; with similar interests. Ad#.5555

AS IT FATE?

Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 57", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible. handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured. with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding. swimming and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere .SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic. Italian SWM 51-61 Ad#.1992

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Sincere. compassionate SWF. 58, 5'4", full-figured. who enjoys music. Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring compas--54-62 SWM sionate Ad# 7141

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Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3', with reddishbrown hair and green eyes who enjoys movies, concerts walking biking travel.

who enjoys camping, hiking. long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, familyoriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad# 1018 •

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Shy, nice-looking DWC dad. 37. 6', with brown hair and blue eves, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF. 30-45 Ad# 6683

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Here's a friendly SWM, 48 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling He's seeking a SWF, under 52. to share life and inter ests with. Ad# 4374

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He's a friendly SWPM. 58 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more He is in search of a caring sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad#.1939

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time with Ad# 1580: * HAVE YOU SEEN...

My best friend? This shy SWCM: 28: 5411. 16016 who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors: is seeking a SCF 20-35, who shares similar interests Ad#.2727

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Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall. attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile. Ad# 8989.

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 26-61, 165lbs., biona with blue eyes, a N-S nondrinker seeks alpetite ismart SWCF 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes, candlelit dinners, movies and time together Ad#.1777

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Outgoing, triendly DWCM. 48. 57" with long brown hair who enjoys sheet roos, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF 40-50 Ad# 6900

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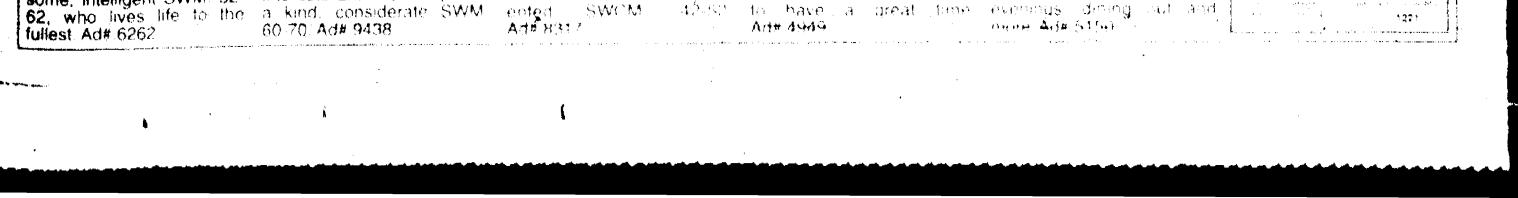
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Click and go to food.com for meals to go

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For lunch or dinner, hungry people in metro Detroit can click and go to www.food.com to order a meal to go.

Food com is a personalized Internet service that lets you choose from a number of restaurants in your neighborhood, order something off their menu and have it delivered to your door or be ready for you to pick it up. Restaurants set their own food delivery charge, but there no charge to customers who use food.com to place food orders. "Food com partners with restaurants and charges them a nominal fee to create and maintain their menu online," explained account executive Chris Fisher who grew up in Bloomfield Hills. "We are a national company that's now available in Michigan. It helps people simplify their menu selection and food needs from local restaurants."

Fisher describes food.com as "a virtual food court that offers everything from deli fare tu Larco's in Troy.

"We offer a way for restaurants to be found," he said.

U.S. Dining Trends

■ 47 percent of all adults agree they are cooking fewer meals at home than they did two years ago.

38 percent of all consumers consider meals prepared at a restaurant or fast-food place essential to the way they live.

In an average month, 78 percent of U.S. households use some form of carryout or delivery.

Statistics from the National Restaurant Association

"Online you can see the restaurant menu and order."

"Like the telephone, the Internet is fast becoming an everyday, tool that people use in both their business and professional lives." around the country. It's simply a better way to order food, with much greater choice, convenience and control."

Customers accumulate points each time they order from food.com. "The more someone orders, the more points they accumulate," said Fisher. "You can use those points to buy more food. It's an added incentive to use our service. There are a whole lot of features that make food.com well suited for people who are busy."

The Web site has a special section for office meals and college students, and a dining out guide. Eating out isn't just for special occasions anymore. According to the National Restaurant Association, in an average month, 78' percent of U.S. households use some form of carryout or delivery.

For restaurants food.com offers a quick and easy way to get online. Using food.com's patented technology, restaurants receive Internet takeout orders via a special phone automated voice system.

Food com was founded in 1996 as cybermeals, and is based in San Francisco.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe. homecomm.net

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

Cafe Cortina — Will offer a Christmas Eve dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24. The cost is \$75 per person, strolling musicians will entertain diners. Cafe Cortina welcomes the year 2000 with a six course regional dinner, dancing, party favors and champagne toast, 9:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The cost is \$150 per person. Seating for dinner at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, regular menu items. Call for information about cancellations for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 dinner seating: Cafe Cortina is at 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For. reservations and information, call (248) 474-3033 or on the

Web www@cafecortina.com Corsi's Banquet Center — Family New Year's Eve celebration served buffet style 4:30-8:30

p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Features homemade lasagna, roasted chicken and beef, potatoes, vegetables, two soups, pizza, salad and dessert bar. Beverages, tax and tip not included. The cost is \$10 adults, \$9.75 senior citizens, \$5.50 children under age 10. Reservations a must. Corsi's is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads, (248) 777-4960.

🗰 Musashi --- Y2K Super Value Dinner, served Monday-Thursday, Dec. 27-30, \$19.99 not including tax and tip. Includes salad and miso soup, chefs choice appetizer, choice of selected main dishes. Y2K Eve Gourmet dinner (by reservation only), 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Dinner \$99.99 per person, tax and tip included. Menu features an appetizer. Alaskan King Crab, Løbster tail, choice of Japanese pasta, dessert, opensushi bar and more. The restaurant is at 2000 Town Center.

Suite 98, Southfield. Call (248) 358-1911 for information, or online www.musashi-intl.com

■ The Capital Grille — Will be closed Christmas day. They will be open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 and 5.8 p.m. for dinner. The restaurant will serve lunch and dinner during its normal hours and offering dinner 5-9 p.m. New Year's Day. Capital Grille in the Somerset Collection North, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, offers dry aged steaks, chops and fresh seafood. Call (248) 649-5300.

■ Golden Mushroom -- Is offering two New Year's Eve celebration menus and seating in two dining rooms on Friday, Dec. 31. New Year's Eve celebration. first seating begins at 5 p.m. in the main dining room, cost \$95 per person; second seating begins 6:30 p.m. in the Mushroom Cellar, cost \$90 per person. Millennium Celébration, first seating in the main dining room 10 p.m., cost \$150 per person, Mushroom Cellar first seating begins 9:15 p.m. cost \$145 per person. Call (248) 559-4230 for more information.

Here are some restaurants that have been recently featured on the Dining page.

said Rich Frank, food com's

chairman and CEO. "We want to

make it simple for them to use

this tool to order meals - just

point, click and eat. That's what

food.com provides to consumers

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

■ The Intelligent Chicken — 32431 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, between Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road (248)855-4455. Open: Monday-Friday 11 a.m. 8:30 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m.: Sunday 4-8:30 p.m.

Monu: Carry-out or deliver and dine-in restaurant featuring natural ingredient marinated low-fat char-broiled or rotisserie chicken plus fresh salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and souns.

Cost: average \$5-6 per person without soft drink. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Details: All items carry-out. Two item kid's menu. Catering and corporate lunches.

Cleveland's Gill & Grill — 311 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor (directly across from The Ark). (734) 213-2505. Open: 11/30 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Monday-Thursday: 14/30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, 3-9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Lots of seafood, a good selection of steaks, just enough chicken and pasta entrees. Homemade pumpkin pie.

Cost: Moderate to moderately high, lunches range from \$5 to \$10; dinners \$9-\$17. Most dinner items are in the \$11 to \$15 range. Atmosphere: Comfortably bistro, with nautical themes. Mostly non-smoking. Smoking section on second floor.

Credit cards: All major credit cards accepted. Reservations: Recommended for parties over five. Diners may call ahead one hour for a table.

■ Sangria - 401 Lafayette (corner of Fourth Street), Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Open: For lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tues day-Saturday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until midnight Friday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Crocodile Rock a dueling piano bar and lounge on second floor is open Wednesday through Saturday from 7 p.m. until closing.

Menu: Splendid variety of tapas. Spanish style salads, tra-

and authentic Spanish desserts. Sandwiches at lunch only. Cost: Lunch \$4-7. Dinner: tapas \$4-7; entrees and paellas \$11-18. Reservations: Yes. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full service bar; carryout for all lunch and dinner items.

Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery -410 S. Washington (between Fourth & Fifth Streets), Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459. Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and until 11:30 p.m. Sunday

Menu: Grilled, sauteed and steamed fresh seafood, along with sandwiches and a late night menu after 11 p.m. daily.

Cost: Entrees and seafood platters \$14-\$23. Six-item kids menu \$3.25-\$4. Reservations: Call after 5 p.m. to have your name placed on a preferred seating list for desired time that day. Credit cards: All majors accepted

Details Full service bar, made-on-premise microbrews and handcrafted sodas:



