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Caught: Police arrested three teens for a garage break-in./A2

SPECIAL SECTION

Gift giving: Our holiday gift guide, included in today's newspaper, gives ideas for the upcoming gift-giving season.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Local model: Once a Playboy Playmate, always a Playboy Playmate. And so it is that the magazine's Miss December, Karen McDougal of Canton, is ready for the life of a celebrity./B1

CABLE GUIDE

Correction: WDIV-TV Channel 4 will televise America's Thanksgiving Day Parade at 9 a.m. from Detroit. An item in today's Cable TV listings incorrectly lists the 9 a.m. to noon time period as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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Police arrest gunman in standoff

A 44-year-old Canton man was expected to be arraigned Wednesday in 35th District Court after allegedly keeping police at bay for about an hour.

Police were called to Sherwood Mobile Home park on Haggerty, south of Michigan at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday on a report that a resident had barricaded himself inside and threatened to kill other residents.

Police apprehended the man at 6:13 p.m. The weapon was recovered from inside the mobile home.

Police weren't saying if the incident was connected to a homicide at neighboring Westpointe Mobile Home Park last week in which a 21-year-old correctional officer was ambushed by gunmen.

A melting pot Thanksgiving

Students taste U.S. tradition

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Teriyaki chicken, cake Azteca, bul gogi and chirashi sushi may not strike you as your typical American Thanksgiving fare.

But it is for students in the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education English as a second language class.

"It means it's cooked when it pops up. That's 20 minutes per pound," said teacher Dodie Beckman, as she carved the turkey she cooked American-style for the class' annual Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinner was more than an annual celebration of an American holiday at Starkweather Education Center. It was also designed to show the 60-70 foreign students American culture, history and cuisine.

The students are from all parts of the world, including the Middle East, Mexico, France, Bulgaria, Albania, Germany and Asia.

"Uhhm. Very good," said an Asian student who was the first to taste the turkey.

Students were asked to bring in food to illustrate their backgrounds and cultures. That's where the sushi came

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Cultural exchange: Shelly Tam reacts to a reporter's question about how she likes turkey. Adult education students brought in food to illustrate their own ethnic backgrounds.

Township workers get pact

Forty employees in AFSCME Local 3860 will see 14 percent salary increases over the next four years in a contract approved by the township board. Negotiations bogged down over drug testing and longevity pay.



BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The 40 employees of AFSCME Local 3860 will receive 14 percent pay raises over the four-year life of the contract approved by Canton Township officials this week.

The contract expired April 1, 1996.

Local 3860 is comprised of municipal employees from Public Works, Building Services, Engineering Services, Parks and Recreation, Grounds Maintenance and Facilities Maintenance.

They will receive a 4 percent salary hike for 1996, 3.5 percent for 1997, 3.5 percent for 1998 and 3 percent for 1999.

"We usually give out three-year contracts, but since it was so late we added another year," said Dan Durack, director of Administrative Services.

The reasons the contract took so long to settle were the township's zero-tolerance stance on a federally mandated drug testing policy and an issue over longevity pay, said Durack.

As of Jan. 1, 1996, all employees with a commercial driver's license are required under feder-

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Meatloaf to jukeboxes, new diner has retro feel

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Canton residents will get a taste of what a real 1940s restaurant was like when Central City Diner opens its doors Dec. 2.

The curved design of fabricated steel and neon marks the location on Canton Center, between Warren and Hanford.

The interior is authenticated with a soda bar, seating for 138 people on bright red vinyl, an open grill so that cooks are in plain view with pointed white hats and aprons and, of course, a genuine 1957 Siebert jukebox with individual chromed push-button boxes in each booth.

Musical selections will include classics from Bing, Frank and Elvis. There also will be a candy counter with old-fashioned goodies, such as strips of Dots.

The artwork will make the eatery resemble a museum on the evolution of the American diner - with a splash of Canton's history.

"Diners really began in the 1940s. There's a lot of '50s gimmicky things out there, but we wanted to do what old diners really looked like," said co-

owner Randy Blaylock.

Blaylock and partner Tom Alonzo did tons of research before planning the diner. That included trips to Pennsylvania and the East Coast before incorporating a few styles into their finished product.

A restaurant was something they both dreamed of doing some day. The two have been friends since fifth grade and currently live 10 houses away from each other in the Glengarry Village subdivision, across from the Canton administration building.

Alonzo graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1985 and Blaylock from Plymouth Salem, the same year.

The owners consulted with Massachusetts author Richard Gutman, who wrote "The American Diner, Then and Now." Gutman also helped Greenfield Village restore its diner.

A brief history of the American diner will be included on the menu, written by Gutman, in addition to his artwork on the walls. The Canton Historical Society provided old photographs for the foyer, as well.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Authentic: Partners Tom Alonzo (left) and Randy Blaylock looked at diners in Pennsylvania and on the East Coast for inspiration in designing their new venture.

Program pairs pets, Waltonwood residents

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The Pet-A-Pet program has spread its paws into Canton Township.

In mid-November, the Pet-A-Pet volunteers made their first visit to Waltonwood of Canton, formerly Carriage Park. They plan to return monthly with the next visit planned for Dec. 16.

The furry guests at the retirement community included Chandler, a chocolate-point Siamese cat owned by Canton resident Arlene Baughman, and three golden retrievers, Kayla, Aspen and Morgan.

The golden belonged to Parkway veterinarian Dr. Kevin Burt, Westland veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Hynes and her mother, Sue Hynes, respectively.

The group is looking for more four-legged volunteers, who are friendly, healthy and have vaccination records. Dogs and cats with attitudes need not

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Making friends: Mildred Sanford pets Aspen, owned by Westland veterinarian Jennifer Hynes.

Schools to get \$5.4 million in Durant settlement

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Although it's not anywhere near what he feels the school district ought to be getting, Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Charles Little is happy to be finally getting some money from the long-running Durant special education lawsuit.

See related story, page A12

"It appears we're going to get something, and for a long time I doubted we would get anything," Little said Monday when asked how he felt about the settlement of the 17-year-old suit.

Plymouth-Canton, which was among the initial 84 districts filing the original action in 1980, will get a lump-sum payment of \$5,383,350 as its share of the settlement approved in Lansing last week, according to John Birchler, executive director of business for the

Please see SETTLEMENT, A3

Resident thwarts break-in; police arrest 3 teen-agers

Three teen-agers were arrested in connection with a garage break-in on the 5800 block of Willow Creek in the Hanford and Morton Taylor area.

One of the teens was detained by the homeowner, who found the suspect in his garage about 11:15 p.m. Saturday. The teen told the man he was looking for a friend's house.

However, the homeowner told police he saw a red GMC Jimmy pickup truck without its headlights on park next to his neighbor's house. He watched as the one teen walked into his open garage. The garage was open because the owner had just put sealant on it and was waiting for it to dry, police said.

Two other teens were arrested as they walked in the neighborhood. Both told police they were driving around with the other teen looking for open garages to find beer and other items to

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steal.
The duo also told police that they waited in the pickup truck for some time and when their friend didn't return, they got scared and left.

Car crash
The driver of a car that crashed into a ditch on Geddes Road, near Denton is suspected of being intoxicated.

A homeowner called police after hearing the crash about 10 p.m. Nov. 18.

The man was extracted from the car by Canton firefighters and taken to the hospital.

An officer investigating the accident reported that the man smelled of alcohol and when asked by firefighter who was the president of the United States, the subject responded, "George

Clinton." District Court Judge John MacDonald approved the search warrant about midnight. Police are awaiting results from the Michigan State Police crime lab.

Embezzlement
Police are investigating an embezzlement complaint at Mammoth Video, 7209 Canton Center Road in which \$6,327 was stolen between July 18 and September 22.

The culprit fraudulently used customer's credit cards and pocketed cash out of the register. The report was made to police Nov. 20.

Break-ins
A thief broke two door locks to get inside a home on the 1700 block of Columbus sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. Nov. 20. A Nintendo 64, valued at \$250, and \$4,000 worth of CDs and Nintendo games were stolen.

Approximately \$3,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from a home the 42000 block of Redfern.

Catching the volunteer spirit

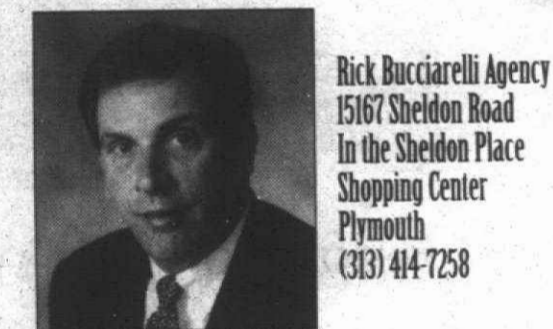


STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARENAGA

Helping hands: Twelve-year-old Jessica Helms (left) rounded up a group of friends for Make a Difference Day and spent five days this fall going door to door in her neighborhood collecting canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. "It really says something wonderful about our young people," said Kathleen Salla, volunteer coordinator for Canton Township. Helms' friends from Lowell Middle School who helped in the food drive were (from left) Alicia Dotson, Trisha Dotson, Erin Dillenbeck, Becky Wenker, Danielle Masey and Nicole Masey. The Observer is looking for other community volunteers who deserve recognition this holiday season. Call us at (313) 459-2700 or fax us at (313) 459-4224 with your suggestions.

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The districts claimed in the suit that the state had mandated special education programs, but had underfunded them down through the years before 1980. Little said he was "disappointed the state Supreme Court cut off the dates for settlement, because we would have been entitled to \$11 million." The court's decision limited the amount of settlement "to more recent years, not to the long history" of the underfunding, he said. It should have been otherwise, said Little, because "the state knew it was going to lose the case since 1985."

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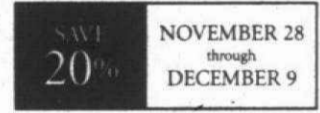
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@ the Canton Public Library

Did you know:
 ■ The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
 ■ An Oreo cookie is 29 percent creme and 71 percent cookie? Each Oreo cookie takes 90 minutes to make and has 90 ridges.
 ■ One of the space shuttle's main engines generates sufficient thrust to maintain the flight of two-and-a-half Boeing 747 airplanes?
 ■ Play-Doh originated as a wallpaper cleaning compound at a Cincinnati-based company making soap and cleaning solutions?
Multi-media for kids
 Here are some new youth CD-ROMs coming soon to the library:
 ■ "My Very First Storybook"
 ■ "More Bugs in Boxes"

- "Hollywood High"
 - "My Make Believe Treasure Isle"
 - "My Teacher Is an Alien"
- Here are some new audio cassette titles available from the library:
 ■ "Rosary Murders" - Kienzle
 ■ "Blood Shot" - Paretaky
 ■ "The Blessing" - Hillerman

Q & A
Q: Who invented the Frisbee?
A: The popular Frisbee flying disc is rooted in high-jinks at Yale University. After students finished eating pies from a local bakery called Frisbie's, they began tossing around the empty, saucer-shaped pie tins. A California carpenter invented a plastic variation and called it the Pluto Platter. Wham-O, then known for the Hula Hoop, bought the rights and renamed it.
 The source for this information is Toy Manufacturers of America.

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For your listening pleasure

Contract

al law to submit to random drug testing.
 "Each year about half of our employees get tested during four or five different testing sessions. No one has ever failed, but the question came up, 'What if someone does fail?'" Durack said.
 "It's always been our policy for zero tolerance. Anyone who failed it would be fired. They wanted it to be less stringent."
 Negotiations yielded the same zero-tolerance policy under the new contract.
 The union also lost on the longevity pay issue. The collective bargaining unit wanted a percentage system similar to police and firefighter contracts.
 Under the AFS-CME contract, an employee would max out at \$1,500 after 17 years on the job. Under the police and fire longevity plan, a longtime employee would receive 8 percent of the base salary. For an employee earning \$40,000 annually, he or she would receive \$3,200 in longevity pay.
 Under the previous contract, an employee received a payment of \$150 after three years of service. Now, an employee must work five years to receive \$300. After five years of service an additional \$100 per year is paid to a maximum of \$1,500. It had been an additional \$50 per year and maxed out at \$1,000.
 A similar longevity pay policy was adopted by the board of trustees recently for non-union employees.
 Life insurance increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for AFS-CME members and optical and dental plans were enhanced under the new contract.
 Durack said each employee gained an annual \$1,604 increase in salaries and other pension, insurance and longevity benefits.
 Township costs over the four-year term of the contract will increase by \$256,639, Durack said.
 Local 3860 president Richard Nadowski was unavailable for comment.

■ 'It's always been our policy for zero tolerance. Anyone who failed (a drug test) would be fired.'
 Dan Durack
 administrative services director

Auditor general gets separate budget

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER
 Wayne County commissioners took action Thursday to allow the auditor general to operate his own budget, separate from the county commission.
 Commissioners amended the 1997-98 budget appropriations ordinance in a unanimous vote to allow Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy to operate under a separate internal service fund, which will allow him to charge county departments for reimbursement.
 With the move Dunleavy can now allocate audit costs to departments. It also allows him to allocate costs through a special cost allocation fund, which the auditor general's office has not done since 1992.
 The reimbursement will help Dunleavy increase his \$1.1 million budget and six auditors, bringing it more in line with the city of Detroit, which spends \$2.4 million to staff 22 auditors.
 Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, introduced the resolution on Thursday, which calls for either a direct charge system or an indirect cost allocation system. It calls for the chief financial officer of the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget to establish the office of the auditor general as an independent internal service fund.
 County Executive Ed McNamara can veto the ordinance within 10 days, but it was not known Monday whether he would do so.
 Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, wondered if this would be classified as a legislative expense and, therefore, not reimbursable with grants.
 The commission's legal counsel, Ben Washburn, told Parker that the auditor general is not necessarily a legislative function. "Some of it is, some of it is not," Washburn said.
 Dunleavy appreciated the commission's unanimous action

on his office after commissioners had an earlier split vote between Detroit and suburban commissioners over a budget appropriation for his department.
 "I think Vice Chair Beard did an outstanding job," Dunleavy said. "(Beard) and chairman Solomon were able to unite the commission on this matter."
 Dunleavy called it a first step in a process to strengthen the auditor general's office in obtaining additional revenue by charging Detroit Metro Airport, county roads and mental health departments for audits.
 While Dunleavy was hired by the county commission earlier this year, in theory he is independent of that legislative body. Wayne County voters gave the auditor general more power in November 1996 through the approval of a charter amendment.
 With those powers Dunleavy will be auditing county departments at least once every two years, including the county commission.
 "What we've done is students can delay payments until January, 1998," Raby said. "That's why they will get the maximum tax credit. In future years, it shouldn't be a problem because (the credit) will roll over."
 Students will be asked to fill out a Hope Tax Credit form during registration to arrange for a deferred payment.
 Raby estimates that 2,000 to 3,000 students may qualify for the credit.

Economists eye 3.8 percent increase for school state aid

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER
 Public schools can look forward to 3.8 percent boosts in state revenues in each of the next two years, say University of Michigan economists.
 "3.8% I'll accept that," said state treasurer Doug Roberts, who was in the audience Nov. 21 for the 45th annual Conference on the Economic Outlook on the Ann Arbor campus.
 U-M economists Joan Cray and George Fulton included estimates of the school aid fund with their predictions for Michigan job, income and unemployment growth in the two years ahead.
 School aid is now an important figure because, since the Proposal A reforms of 1994, the state is now the biggest provider of K-12 funds. In that package of constitutional amendments and bills, local property taxes were slashed and replaced by a two-cents hike in the sales tax.
 They estimated \$8.35 billion in state aid for 1997 and projected \$8.67 billion in 1998 and just under \$9 billion in 1999.
 "That's about what we expected," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, a member of the Appropriations Committee.
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SC students eligible for Hope Tax Credit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER
 Students at Schoolcraft College may find hope in softening the blow of rising costs of college tuition in a new tax credit.
 Schoolcraft officials are willing to defer payment for the winter 1998 semester only, so that students can take advantage of the Hope Tax Credit, which was approved by Congress in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.
 Students can be credited against federal income taxes of up to \$1,500 for qualified tuition and fees paid on behalf of a student, which is available for the first two years of a student's post-secondary education only.
 Students can receive 100 percent credit on the first \$1,000 and 50 percent of the next \$1,000 or \$500. Butch Raby, vice president of business services at Schoolcraft, told trustees on Nov. 19.
 Taxpayers who earn up to \$40,000 qualify or \$80,000 if married. The credit amount is

phased out between \$40,000 and \$50,000 if single, and \$80,000 to \$100,000 for married taxpayers.
 "They have to be enrolled for at least six credit hours," Raby said.
 Students also must not have been convicted of a state or federal drug offense before the end of the tax year.
 Under the school's normal procedures, students who register now and pay now for winter classes would not qualify for the tax credit, Raby said.

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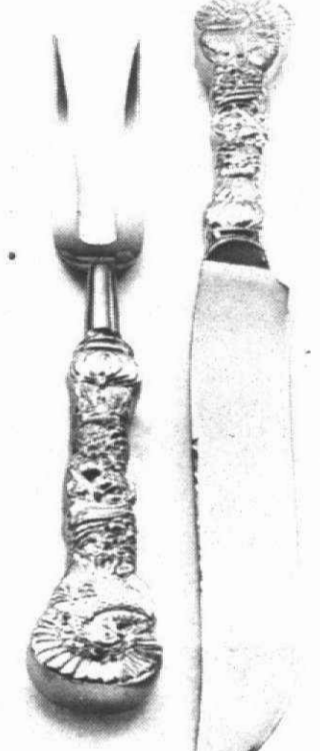
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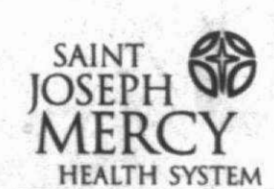
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from, as well as the dim sum and the potato bough. "It is so different. In France, we eat a lot of vegetables, not a lot of fats or meats," said Florence Dupessey, who has lived in Canton for little more than a year. Dupessey and her family expect to stay in America for about three years.

Yoshie Yasumoto of Japan, who has lived in Plymouth for one year and three months, says the turkey is "so-so," but prefers chicken. "Part of this class is culture. We had Halloween. We will do Christmas, Easter and St. Patrick's Day."

Hart teaches basic English and Beckman teaches intermediate and advanced English. Thanksgiving dinner was arranged by Hart's class. Beckman's class put on the Halloween celebration.

In fact, the students say their

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teacher Linda Hart

children really liked the Halloween celebration, especially trick or treating and the goodies they brought home.

Manon Pierre of Belgium, who has lived in Plymouth eight months, also is getting used to American food. "It is so sweet. The drinks are sweet. The bread is sweet."

Learning about Thanksgiving has been interesting to the students, as well. Pierre said with a doubt, Christmas is the big holiday in her country. "The whole family makes a dinner," she said.

And even though Shelly Tam, who has lived here seven years - and was just sworn in as a citi-

takes field trips and goes out to dinner together. To further show the students just how diverse America really is, the teachers take them to restaurants featuring ethnic cuisines.

"We took them bowling to show them an American pastime," Hart said.

Beckman says she learns as much from her students as she hopes they learn from her. "I feel I travel all over the world," Beckman said.

Other teachers also work with Beckman and Hart. The Literacy Council sends volunteers over to work with the students, who are asked to learn English for reading, spelling, pronunciation, conversation, grammar and listening.

When they are done with the beginning English class, "students can speak survival English," Hart added.

To bring in information about living in America and what America is all about, the class

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apply. "For people receiving pet therapy, it really brightens their day and puts a smile on their face," said Baughman.

"And the pets love their work," she added.

They nearly ran out of chairs for residents at Waltonwood who wanted a chance to pet Chandler, Kayla, Aspen and Morgan. Each person had a turn to pet and soothe the animals.

"I heard a lot of stories about the pets they use to have and the funny things they used to do," said Baughman.

Pet-A-Pet volunteers will begin going to Waltonwood of Canton monthly to provide seniors in the independent living facility a chance to bond with the animals. The program also will expand when the assisted living facility next door opens in January, which is why more volunteers are needed, she said.

"Basically, I got involved in

the program because of my love for animals and just being able to share my love for animals with other people," said Baughman.

The Canton resident owns several cats in addition to Chandler, three poodles, an African gray parrot that talks, finches and a canary. Also, a ferret, rabbit and guinea pigs.

The Pet-A-Pet organization now visits 74 facilities each month in the Detroit metropolitan area bringing "pet therapy" to those living in nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitation centers and schools.

The program was started 12 years ago by Redford resident Ruth Curry.

Visits are once a month and usually last about one hour.

Baughman is the Canton Pet-A-Pet coordinator and can be reached at (313) 459-7931. Curry can be reached at (313) 535-0410.

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Factories made prefab building pieces that were sealed together on a slab.

Central City Diner's menu includes burgers and shakes but also homestyle favorites of the 1940s and '50s, such as roast beef, turkey, meatloaf and mashed potatoes. It has a beer

and wine license. "I think we fit a niche perfect for Canton. It gives them a quick fun place to take the kids and there's some healthy things on the menu, too," said Blaylock.

Alonzo added, "It's an alternative to fast food and a place where you're not going to spend a lot of money, like the Outback Steakhouse. Nothing on the menu is over \$10."

Alonzo is certified as an executive chef after attending Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I., one of the largest culinary colleges in the country. He worked at The Whitney in downtown Detroit and, for the last seven years, operated a food service company, Culinaty Trainers, which provides job training and placement for newly released prisoners.

"I always wanted to get back into the restaurant business, but I always said the next one would be my own," he said.

Alonzo will handle the back operations (cooks and dishwashers). Blaylock, who has a management background, will be operating the front end of the restaurant.

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Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Municipal offices at 1150 S. Canton Central Road will reopen 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1.

The administrative offices at Summit on the Park will be closed Thursday and Friday but the community center will be open to the public for swimming and other activities 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

The Canton Public Library will close at 6 p.m. today at reopen 9:30 a.m. Friday.

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"We are aggressively rebuilding all of Michigan's transportation systems," Engler said. "These grants will be used to improve air commerce at ten airports from Detroit Metro to Houghton Hancock."

Those airports authorized to receive federal and/or state funds for projects are:

• \$26 million to Detroit Metro Airport for noise mitigation and continuing funding for runway, taxiway and apron construction and land acquisition.

• \$7 million to Bishop International in Flint for runway improvements.

• \$4 million to Capital City Airport in Lansing.

• \$1.8 million to Clare Municipal Airport for a new runway and rotating beacon.

• \$1 million to Mackinac County Airport in St. Ignace to construct a parallel taxiway.

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission approved the grants at its regular monthly meeting in Lansing on Nov. 12. The commission action clears the way for issuance of the federal portion of the funds.

Federal and state dollars for airport development come from restricted, user-generated funds. The primary sources of revenue are aviation fuel, passenger taxes and aircraft registration fees.

Madonna award helps fund Internet course

Madonna University has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Ameritech Foundation to develop or expand its use of innovative technology.

The grant will help the school develop a World Wide Web course on palliative care for hospice care workers in the United States and Israel, preparing them to deliver effective care to incurably ill patients.

The program is a collaboration of Madonna, Hospice of Michigan, Hospice of Central Galilee/Ha'Emek Medical Center in Israel, and the Jewish Federation of Detroit. Madonna University is a leader in pioneering academic programs in hospice education.

The Ameritech Partnership Award was developed to encourage the innovative use of technology in higher education by private institutions in the company's five-state region.

More than \$200,000 was dedicated this year to this awards program by the Ameritech Foundation. All accredited, degree-granting institutions that are members of the Midwest Partnership of Independent Colleges were eligible to participate and invited to compete on a statewide basis for one of two cash awards.

Robert Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan, said the Ameritech Partnership Award Program underscores Ameritech's commitment to

higher education, particularly independent colleges and universities.

"Ameritech is proud to partner with these schools on their projects," Cooper said. "We're delighted to recognize well-deserving institutions that are making a positive impact on the value of higher education."

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Inflation 3 percent

The gains will be diluted a bit by inflation but "will remain in the comfort zone," said Cray. She expects the Detroit area consumer price index will rise 2.4 percent this year, 2.3 percent in 1998 and 3 percent in 1999.

"Local inflation is expected to run a little higher than national inflation, since the labor market in Michigan is projected to be tighter," the economists said.

Treasurer Roberts raised an eyebrow at their forecast of rising interest rates, which directly impact vehicle and real estate sales. They predicted the Federal Reserve Board would seek to dampen inflation by raising interest rates in 1998 in three or four steps from 5.5 to 7 percent.

The U-M economists predicted conventional mortgage rates would hold near 7.25 percent through early 1998, then go up to 8.2 percent in late '98 and 8.5 percent in 1999.

"They have interest rates going up 1.5 percent with little effect," said Roberts. "I'm not sure there will be little effect."

In an interview afterward, Cray clarified her view: "It (economic activity) is a decline from where it would have been."

'News good again'

Compared to the last three years, the U-M forecasters picture for the state was still rosy, though the roses are a bit paler. "The news is good again," Cray began. Items:

- Michigan's unemployment rate, which dropped below 4 percent in mid-year, will hover around the 4 to 4.3 percent range in 1998 and reach 4.5 percent in 1999. But in what will be good news for Gov. John Engler, the state jobless rate will still be 0.5 to 1 percent below the national rate.

- Construction will be jolted upward with three gambling casinos and two stadiums in Detroit. "Worrisome" labor shortages will develop, dampening job and income growth.

- Jobs will continue to grow outside manufacturing, but not as fast as in the past few years. Michigan jobs will rise 52,000 in each of the next two years compared to 59,000 in 1997. It will mean "moderate" growth of 1.2 percent for the next two years compared to the current rate of 1.4 percent.

- Job growth will be uneven. Manufacturing will lose 9,300 next year and 12,000 in 1999 as light vehicle sales remain flat around 15 million and productivity rises. (Before the day was out, General Motors announced it will shut down its Flint Buick City plant in 1999, idling 3,100.) Non-manufacturing jobs will rise 1.8 percent in each of the next two years.

- Personal incomes will grow steadily - 4.6 percent this year, 4.8 in 1998 and 4.7 in 1999. "The general mood is decidedly upbeat," Cray said. If expansion continues three more years, "this will be the longest run of growth in Michigan in this half

of the century." They had no breakdowns for any section of the state. The U-M economists will do an Ann Arbor area forecast in February and another for Oakland County in April.

"Oakland County is very strong," Fulton said. "This area is doing very well. A lot (of future) growth will come from it's come from in the past."

Two dampening developments were the 7,000 state workers who took early retirement this year and the planned closing of General Motors' Kalamazoo metal stamping plant with the loss of 1,000 jobs.

Cray said the U-M economists' predictions are getting closer and closer to actual performance. Last year they predicted a 4.6 percent rise in personal income; the actual was 4.3. They predicted 1.6 percent rise in wage and salary employment; the actual was 1.7.

Consumers happy

"Consumer confidence is now at its highest level in more than 30 years," said Richard T. Curtin, director of consumer sur-

veys for U-M. "In the 20 years that I have participated in this conference, it has never been easier to summarize the recent findings."

The "index of consumer sentiment" has averaged 102.9 during the first 10 months of 1997 - highest since the 103.4 level in 1965. "It was widespread across all major population groups," Curtin said.

In some specific cases, consumer confidence in 1997 is higher than 32 years ago. Asked if it's a good time to buy a vehicle, 74 percent this year said yes versus 53 percent in 1965. As for houses, 78 percent said now is a good time versus 57 percent in 1965.

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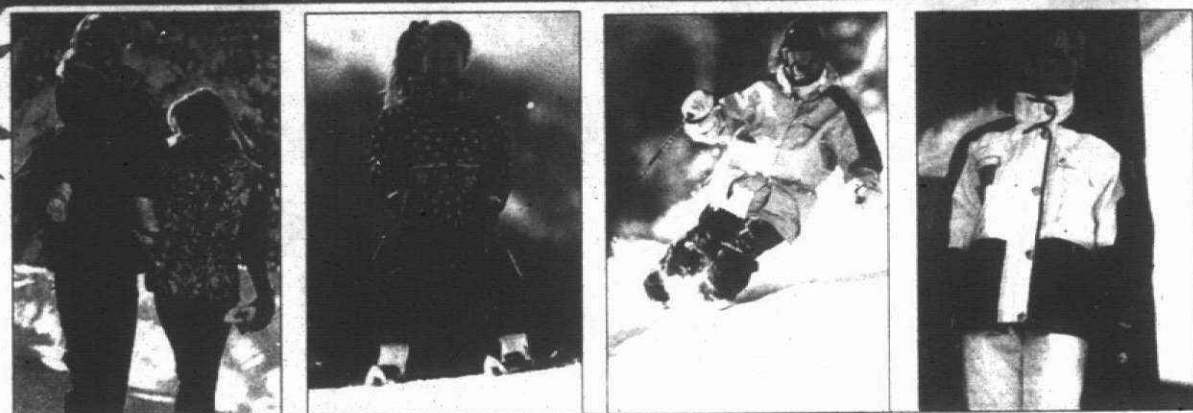
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State will hand over \$211 million to schools

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

School districts that won a court decision in the so-called Durant case will receive their \$211 million total in checks from state Treasurer Doug Roberts around next April 15.

The Michigan Legislature last week put the finishing touches

on bills to pay 84 mostly suburban districts the money Lansing owes them for shorting them on special education and other mandated services over 17 years. The bills await Gov. John Engler's signature.

It was a major bipartisan victory for House members, who fought Engler's and the Senate

Republicans' plan to pay off the winners over three years. The state will use about one-sixth of the budget stabilization fund, known as the "rainy day fund," to make the payments. Engler and Senate Republicans wanted to use only the fund's interest.

Rep. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, won unanimous approval of an amendment requiring that school boards convene a public meeting within 90 days after receiving their settlements and before spending any of the winnings.

"After all the controversy surrounding this matter," Middleton said, "I insisted that the public have a strong voice when important choices are made."

The House on Nov. 13 gave final approval to a conference committee report on a vote of 99-7. Here is how area representatives voted:

Yes - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford,

Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

No - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Kelly was one of the three House conferees that put together the final versions.

The 84 plaintiffs filed suit in 1980 charging the state violated the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution by failing to pay them for such state-mandated services as special ed, transportation for special ed and other categoricals.

The suit, named for Donald Durant of Warren Fitzgerald School District, was decided in spring by the state Supreme Court. The court awarded local districts about 43 percent of the \$492 million they were seeking.

The Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on the money damages, awarding \$210 million of the \$492 mil-

lion sought by 84 school districts. Last week's bills also dealt with related school finance issues.

The deal: School districts which weren't plaintiffs in the suit, but could have filed claims, will get a total of \$768 million - about \$350 million from state-issued bonds, the rest in equal installments over 10 years from the rainy day fund.

Engler and Senate Republicans had wanted to pay them off in one lump sum, restricting use of the money to capital improvements and not salaries.

Programs for "at-risk" pupils will get \$250 million in the current fiscal year and \$260 million in fiscal 1998.

Special education this year will get \$66.7 million more and next year another \$48.2 million. This avoids violating the court

decision in future fiscal years.

The per-pupil minimum school aid grant will rise \$46 to \$5,170 for the lowest-funded districts.

A handful of districts with large numbers of at-risk students will get \$20 million; to reduce class sizes. Flint lawmakers, in particular, had pushed hard for this money.

School districts will have to pay 3.54 percent less into the employees' pension fund for the next two years. Estimated savings: \$246.6 million in fiscal 1998 and \$252.7 million less in fiscal 1999.

Adult education will be given \$80 million despite Engler administration efforts to shift much of those funds to the Jobs Commission.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

OBITUARIES

DENVER W. BARKER
Funeral services for Denver Barker, 94, of Plymouth Township were recently in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

Mr. Barker, who died Nov. 17 in Plymouth Township, was born in Blue Creek Township, Ohio. He was a custodian in the Farmington public school system for 13 years, retiring in 1977. He came to the Plymouth community in 1925 from Blue Creek Township, Ohio. Mr. Barker loved to hunt, fish and farm. He

loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving Mr. Barker are: sons, Duane of Plymouth, Richard of Farmington and Robert of Plymouth; daughters, Ruth Richard of Livonia, Mary Burk of Plymouth, Betty Barker of Detroit; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Barker was preceded in death by his sister, Norma.

DONALD FRANCIS PLANCK
Mr. Planck, 76, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 18.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Planck worked as a pilot for 34 years with Republic Airlines. He was a member of the Sitting Ducks.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; son, Cary; daughters, Cheryl Arney, Carla Chute, Sheri Pelletier and Donna Day; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Planck; seven grandchildren.

He was a World War II Navy pilot. Services were at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to the ALS Association.

CLARA E. MOONEY
Mrs. Mooney, 88, of Wayne died Nov. 19.

Born in Gaylord, Mrs. Mooney was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Dennis and Robert; daughters, Carole Beaudry and Patricia Boyle; sisters, Donna Kolany and Lucille Schroder; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Nov. 22 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander Kurus officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170, or as Mass offerings.

Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

VIRGINIA T. OCHI
Mrs. Ochi of Plymouth died Nov. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Shigeru; sons, James, Robert and Steven; daughter, Wendy; five grandchildren.

Services will be held in California. Arrangements were made by the Muehlig Funeral Chapel.

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Founders' Day at Madonna

Celebrating Madonna's Founders' Day 50th Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 21 included an interfaith prayer service and special university community awards celebration. Opening the prayer service with a Chinese Ribbon Dance (right) were Ya Hui Chi-hong (front) and Tsui Yuan Chang. Honored for 40 years of service to Madonna University was Sister Mary Lauriana Gruszczynski (below left) who was given the special award by Madonna President Sister Mary Francilene. The morning's activities culminated with a luncheon and awards presentation.

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SC eyes business center

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College administrators and trustees will be discussing plans soon for a new \$7 million Business and Industry Training/Conference Center.

Trustees verbally consented Nov. 19 to allow Butch Raby, vice president of business services, to obtain three or four potential teams of architects and food service consultants to develop the building.

Raby is expected to return to trustees on Jan. 28 with a list of teams. The new conference center will be proposed on a state grant application along with \$3 million in renovations to the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft will apply for 50 percent matching state grants on both projects, Raby said.

Raby estimated the architect could cost in a range of 0.5 percent to 1 percent of the \$10 million project, or \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The center would be located just north of the Waterman Campus Center.

Trustees went along with the request, but Trustee Steve Ragan wondered what actual studies were completed to find out what the needs for a conference center were.

Raby said the university used an architectural firm to interview the staff on needs during research for the college's master plan the board approved earlier this year. The facility would be a high-tech facility, Raby said.

Board Chairwoman Patricia Watson asked if users go elsewhere because Schoolcraft's cen-

ter does not offer what they need. Raby said some did, but he did not have statistics.

Trustee Mary Breen suggested that the college follow the same routine used the last time a building was constructed to ensure the state funds would be available. "We hired a firm in Lansing as our lobbyist," Breen said. "The lobbyists were most effective. I want us to think very seriously of doing this again."

Administrators have enrollment numbers and class sizes to outline future college course offerings, Ragan said. But Ragan was still concerned over the lack of outside data on the needs of business and industry trainers and users.

Raby said the college received job training and retraining grants, and a lot of spinoff from business. The center would be productive because of the college's linkages, Raby said.

Trustee Carol Strom said conference center users were part of the college community because they were paying for a service. "For that quality of service to continue, we need to have the best possible facility," Strom said.

Ragan said he has been involved in the planning of smaller facilities. "I'd love to know what do we project is the growth of business and industry and do we see some plateau in the future," Ragan said. "This is a fairly large facility."

Trustee Dick DeVries believed there was a need for the facility but that the college needed to express that need to the public.

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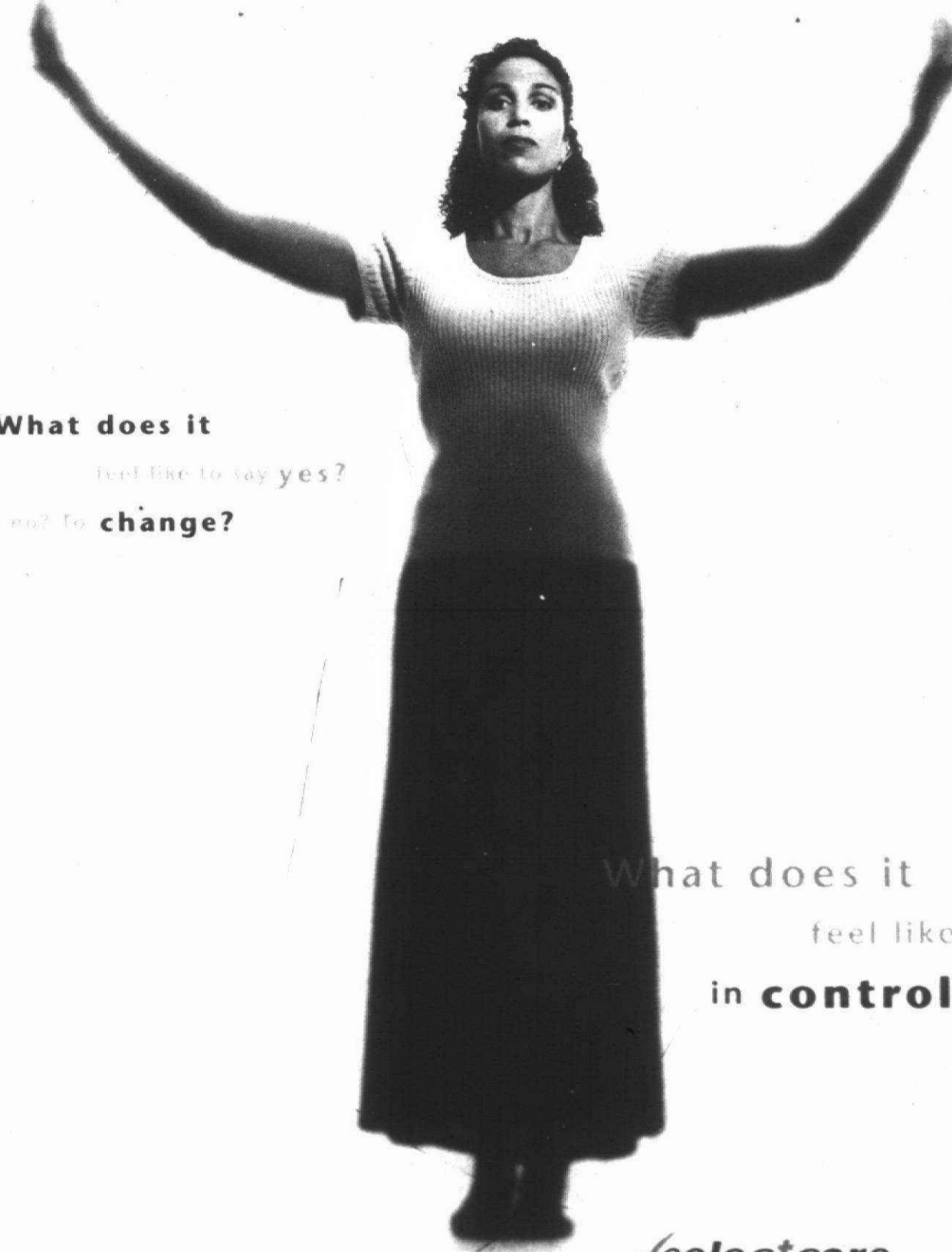
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Offering thanks Canton residents are grateful

You've given the house that last-minute once-over and the turkey is headed for the oven. So before the company arrives and your attention is diverted elsewhere, take a moment to reflect on the blessings life has offered up during the past year.

We invited Observer readers in the Canton community to tell us what they were thankful for in 1997. Here are some of their responses: Joanne Spencer of Canton penned this short poem: "The way my son's eyes shine when he wakes me up each day, standing at my bedside ready to go down and play. This I am thankful for."

Kimberly Fuoco of Canton said "I am

thankful for health, love and happiness in my beautiful family, and for my faith in God." Canton resident James Addison said he was grateful to "still have my health, my family and a good job."

Amy Shea of Canton said she is "thankful that I live in a caring community, where my neighbors watch out for me and my family."

Milton Nichols, a Canton senior citizen, said he is thankful "that the times we live in are prosperous and peaceful. I have a warm, loving family and I don't have to wonder where my next meal - Thanksgiving or otherwise - is coming from."

Preservation a worthy effort

"History is more or less bunk," Henry Ford once uttered.

Maybe if he'd lived at the dawn of the information age as opposed to the machine age, the auto pioneer would have thought differently. Technology pushes change at such a rapid pace nowadays that even the recent past is more difficult to hold onto and sift for meaning.

History helps provide communities with an identity. In Canton - where mushrooming suburban development relentlessly stalks the township's agrarian roots - preserving a slice of that identity takes on added importance.

Canton residents have lots of ways to participate in local preservation efforts. One of

them, the annual Evening at the Summit, is fast approaching. Proceeds from the Dec. 13 benefit are split evenly between the Canton Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Commission. The first group is the volunteer civic organization that runs the Canton Historical Museum and other programs that help bring history to life in Canton. The second is a township-appointed board responsible for preserving and renovating local historic structures like the Cherry Hill School and Bartlett-Travis House.

Tickets for this year's event are \$40 each and the reservation deadline is Monday. Call 397-8975 and give Canton history a hand.

Share the wealth this season

'Tis the season for giving thanks and although most who live in the suburbs are enjoying some prosperous times, there are many who still need help throughout the metropolitan area.

As we gather with family and friends to enjoy this Thanksgiving, share your bounty either in the form of volunteer time, canned goods or cash.

Your local church, synagogue, school, civic organization and place of business are good places to start. But if you're still looking for other suggestions, the following agencies have put out the word that help is needed this season. Many groups rely on the increased spirit of giving at this time to help them continue their work the entire year.

The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. The Salvation Army provides more than three million direct services to disadvantaged individuals in metro Detroit. In the past 12 months, Salvation Army programs have contributed nearly \$40 million to the local economy.

Public financial support during the holiday season is crucial to the Salvation Army and enables it to share food, clothing and shelter with those less fortunate throughout the entire year.

"The Salvation Army needs to raise enough money to meet the needs of 125,000 people in the tri-county area," said Dale Johnson, of the Salvation Army.

"Our goal is to meet the needs of the community. We never put the money before the need. The generosity of this community is sparked because people understand the need," says Johnson, adding the Army's 1997 holiday fund-raising goal is \$4.5 million.

Johnson reminds us that "need knows no

season." Donations this holiday season provide food, clothing and shelter for many needy individuals for the entire year.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell-ringers at various locations to help raise money. To volunteer, call the Salvation Plymouth Office at (313) 453-5464.

If you can't donate the time, be generous as you pass by the families: red kettle which this year will be at Kmart, Hudson's, Target, Farmer Jack, Kroger and other locations.

First Step, a western Wayne County agency which aids the victims of domestic violence, is looking for generous individuals and organization to "adopt a family" this holiday season.

First Step provides the donor with information, including ages, sizes and particular wishes. The donor brings unwrapped gifts and food baskets to the First Step office in Canton, where families pick them up.

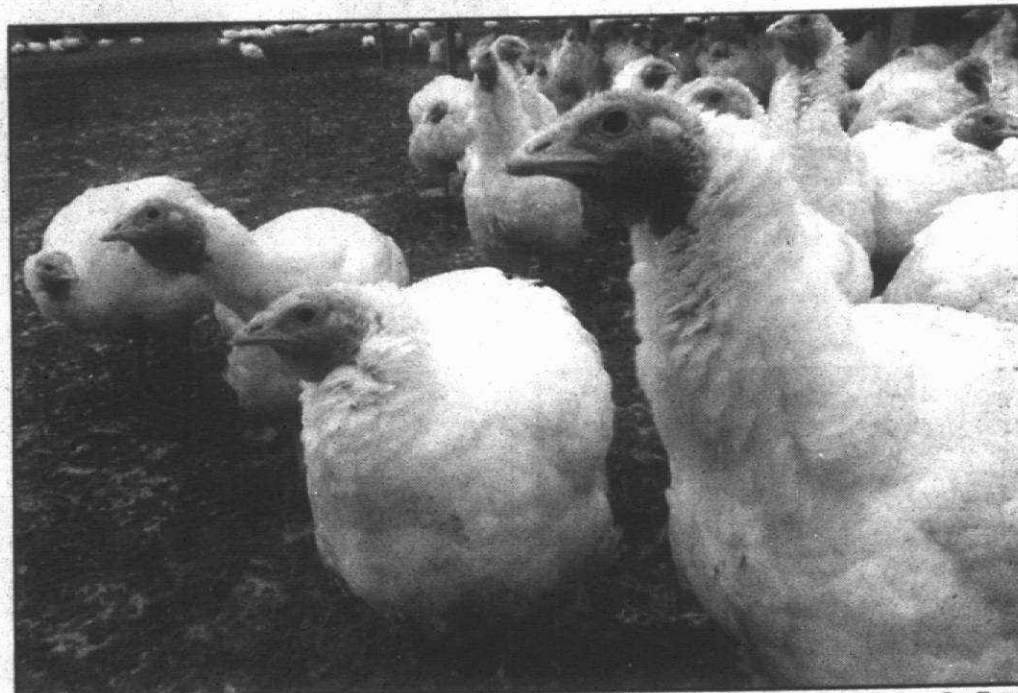
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Honored dinner 'guests'



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At the turkey farm: The crowd at Roperti's Turkey Farm on Five Mile in Livonia will thin out noticeably by Friday. Although the popularity of catered meals and "alternative" (non-turkey) Thanksgiving dinners is rising, many people still get their entrée the old-fashioned way.

LETTERS

County criticism deserved

The Canton Observer gave Canton residents the impression in its Nov. 20, 1997, editorial, "Word of mouth - Harping on county extraneous," that Canton officials are alone in their continuing criticism of Wayne County government. Quite the contrary, officials and residents throughout the county and Mayor Robert Thomas of Westland in particular have called for the breakup of the existing county into smaller, more accountable governments.

Why? Because residents and local officials have lost confidence in the county's ability to deliver needed services in a fair, cost-efficient, and effective manner. We live in the highest-taxed county in Michigan, and what do Canton residents receive for their money?

A recent McNamara (County Executive Ed McNamara) re-election piece touted a number of county programs benefiting Canton residents. The numbers of citizens benefiting from these programs are insignificant when compared to the \$13 million sent to the county each year (slightly less than all funding for Canton government.) Canton residents recognize they get little for their money and are fed up. Almost yearly, the county trots out a new millage designed to add to its bloated budget - recreation, transportation and jails. Canton residents recognize a bad deal when they see one.

The poor condition of the county roads is a daily reminder to Canton residents of the county's inefficiency and indifference toward Canton. Residents know that the issue of road funding is all about fairness. The county receives millions of dollars in road funds each year on behalf of Canton but chooses to spend them elsewhere. The result, roads in poor condition, widening stalls for years, dangerous intersections, dirty street gutters, uncut weeds and missing traffic signals.

Canton residents demand and deserve better. For years, county officials have overstated their efforts in Canton. An example of this can be seen in the McNamara re-election letter wherein the county took credit for the \$1.9 million Beck Road paving project.

The only workable solution to this problem is to receive our road funds directly from the state of Michigan. To that end, Canton has worked on a bipartisan basis with Senator Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, to find a legislative solution. In the meantime, we will enter negotiations with the county to receive all road funding and assume

responsibility for all roads. We know we can do a better job, and for this Canton officials make no apologies.

Thomas J. Yack
Canton supervisor

Are they heroes?

When hunting season comes, the average hunter comes out of hibernating in front of the TV and goes out to destroy the enemy. Sounds like he's a hero, huh? Well, he's not when the enemy is a 200-pound defenseless doe. The only thing she has done is eat some leaves and maybe some grass for survival. It's just not right, especially when there could be a fawn inside the mother or a fawn that cannot live on its own.

Kyle Malloy
Farmington

No 'downtown' vision

It never ceases to amaze me. Think about the utter mindlessness that spawns a comment such as: "Ford Road is really our downtown." There are several sterling examples of a real downtown in the immediate surrounding communities, but in Canton, we have to settle for Ford Road. Maybe it's a "vision thing" but I don't see it. And I don't think I'm alone.

Where are the parks? Where are the benches? Where is the quintessential "Canton Community?" Let me tell you, it surely isn't Ford Road!

The leaders of our township took a beautiful, peaceful community and turned it into Just Another Suburb. They've aspired to be average, and they're achieving that end - in overdrive. Along the way, Canton becomes just another Sterling Heights. Just another Novi. Just another Bermed Community.

But Mr. Yack got one thing right: "... it doesn't look like a downtown." It doesn't feel like one, either.

You don't have to look far to determine who took "the community" out of Canton ...

Michael Olin
Canton

Martha knows what to do when guests come calling

POINTS OF VIEW

The holidays are knocking at the doors, folks. Almost here. Just around the proverbial corner. Are you ready? Do your decorations need refurbishing? Have you got those recipes down pat? Is your guest room ready for those overnighters? If these questions leave you just a tad frazzled, fear no more. I know just the person to get you through the next few weeks. I'm speaking of the grand dame of culinary excellence, the beacon of light for storm-tossed klutzes, the duenna of homemakers everywhere - Martha Stewart!

Martha is here to assist you on her daily show now. Way to go, Martha! I know she'd make it daily. Her weekly show was quite good, however, even though Martha had a tendency to sneak in an unfamiliar term now and then just to make sure you were still awake.

I first became acquainted with Martha many years ago when she did her now-famous Thanksgiving video.

Martha was still married at the time. Shortly after that show, her husband of 20-some years left her - just before the mega-millions started rolling in. *Touche, Martha!* That's French for "Living well is the best revenge."

But I digress. This particular video showed Martha making preparations for an old-fashioned family Thanksgiving. She did this by cooking three, possibly four, turkeys. It's been some time and I can't remember the exact number. Actually, after one, my eyes glazed over and my mind went blank. One of Martha's turkeys was roasted the conventional way, one was baked in pastry, *a la Wellington* (that's French for British!), and I forgot the way the others were cooked.

Once the turkeys were in the oven(s!), Martha went outdoors, a large wicker basket over one arm, to gather pumpkins, baby carrots and Brussels sprouts from the vegetable patch in the back of the barn, down by the smokehouse. She baked pies with



MARGHERITA PERAINO

fruit picked from her own orchards, each pie crowned majestically with a more elaborate crust than the last.

Tables were set with her very own exquisite linens, and different sets of china (from pantries the size of Rhode Island) were used for each age group. Every table was set with a distinctive centerpiece, and each place setting had its own napkin ring and favors. There were so many guests, tables were set in the dining room, the living room, the kitchen, around the patio,

the barn, the silo and under the haystack!

Before the actual dinner, Martha mingled comfortably with guests who spoke softly and giggled gently, and all the pretty children were dressed perfectly and behaved beautifully.

My husband watched the show with me, mouth agape, and said in wonder, "Wow! Did you see that, honey? Martha hasn't even broken a sweat! Why is it when we used to have 40 people over for dinner every New Year's, you always looked like you had just finished applying the first coat of paint on the Golden Gate Bridge?" Now, dear reader, please follow me. Place one hand under your chin, fingernails facing your collar bone. Now flip your hand swiftly forward. That's Italian for "Your mother's mustache is fuller than yours!"

Martha's new daily show is really quite good, but she must do something about her hairdresser Pierre Scissorhands, Edward's untalented

brother! Pierre hasn't yet grasped the essence of casual chic. Poor Martha - always seems to have a chunk of hair poking out somewhere on her head, swimming upstream. Hint to Martha: Dump Pierre. Otherwise, the show is excellent.

She will most likely give you countless ideas to incorporate into your festivities, and they're all "good things." I must warn, however, that Martha still gets the coy/shy/Princess D temptations, but one does grow accustomed to them. She loves to *flambe*, *puree* and *papier mache* her way through the kitchen and craft rooms, and, on the whole, there are many portions of her show that are quite adaptable to even my mundane life.

This year, though, I will adhere to my limitations. If she so much as alludes to cooking more than one bird per holiday, I say, *Ciao*, Boobala (no translation needed).

Margherita Peraino is a resident of Northville.

The loss of classical music on radio comes down to profits

Tom Lehrer, the former Harvard math prof who turned to satirical songwriting and stage comedy, used to joke about "rock 'n' roll and other children's songs." The line got howls of laughter in Ann Arbor, Detroit and other college towns in the 1950s through '80s.

Rock fans, however, had the last laugh. They have managed to squeeze the classics out of broadcasting at every turn. The reported decision of WQRS-FM to abandon its classical format after 36 years for soft rock is just the latest victory for the children.

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Bravo, the cable TV channel, reminded us 10 days ago that NBC, both radio and television, used to carry Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra in the 1940s and '50s.

A fishin' buddy recalled he was exposed to classical music as a preschooler when his mother, while ironing, turned on a morning hour of

classics sponsored by J.L. Hudson Co. That, too, was on WWJ.

One Sunday during an after-dinner siesta, WWJ-AM broadcast a concert so stunning that I sat bolt upright. Leonard Bernstein was conducting, and playing the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 was a 19-year-old from Texas. I predicted the kid would be ranked among the greatest by the time he was 30. He drifted out of sight until 1958 when the Russians rediscovered him - Van Cliburn.

Would today's Van Cliburns get the same chance on commercial radio?

In winters during the 1970s, ice fishing was made more tolerable by the Metropolitan Opera on WJR Saturdays and the Detroit Symphony on WWJ Sundays, picked up on a pocket radio.

It's true: Those stations weren't always for jabbbers.

I don't knock rock, any more than I would knock Dick and Jane stories. I



TIM RICHARD

read an enormous amount of Dick and Jane tales in my formative years and gladly succumb to a child's request to read them aloud today.

It's that there's more to literature than children's stories and more to music than children's tunes.

First to quit were the two Detroit AM stations. Then WDET cut back its classical offerings to a negligible level. WUOM-FM in Ann Arbor switched its daytime format to news-talk. It's a

high level of news-talk, but like Rush Limbaugh's show, it's very inefficient - you must listen 20 minutes to get five minutes' worth of information.

With WQRS-FM abandoning its classical format by month's end, we are left with a Canadian station, CBE, to fill the classical niche, though in the western suburbs my vehicle radio picks up WKAR-FM from East Lansing.

The reasoning of business people in all of this is curious. Was WQRS's problem a lack of profitability? No, it made \$2 million in its first year under Greater Media's ownership, the Free Press reported. The problem was \$2 million was "just not that much," said a station source.

"Diversity" may be OK in politics and academia, but not in broadcasting. If 5 percent of southeastern Michiganians like classical music, can't the marketplace allocate 5 per-

cent or even 2 percent of the broadcast frequencies to those citizens? Nope. Rock and talk must rule, absolutely, with an ironclad monopoly, no exceptions.

Radio is a business, as they say, and the name of the game isn't satisfying listeners. The name of the game is delivering listeners to the advertisers.

So if press accounts are true, classical programming in metro Detroit is about to dry up.

Well, there are still LP records, tapes and compact discs. Many libraries loan out these sources. One may only hope that rock fans don't decide to start a ballot initiative to remove all classics from the libraries and replace them with children's music.

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Football bridges generations

Reflections on the Michigan Wolverines' undefeated season:

My father started taking me to Michigan football games in 1946. I was eight years old.

In those days, Michigan ran out of the single wing, with the spinning fullback taking the ball from center and dishing it out. I kept asking, "Daddy, who's got the ball?" Turns out that Michigan's opponents were asking the same question as "Michigan's Mad Magicians" under head coach Fritz Crisler lost only to Army that year.

In 1947, Michigan went 9-2 in the Big Ten behind the running and passing of All-American halfback Bob Chappuis. In my memory, each of those games was played on green grass, in bright sunlight, under a cloudless sky.

I listened to the Rose Bowl on the radio at a friend's house. After Michigan stopped USC 49-0, we dashed out into the frigid street over our mothers' protests, throwing the football and pretending to tackle like Dick Kempthorn. After the game, the sports-writers voted Michigan No. 1 over Notre Dame.

I remember how anxious I felt in 1969, when Woody Hayes brought Ohio State to Ann Arbor ranked No. 1 in the nation and rated as among the best football teams of all time. Michigan had just hired a new coach, somebody with the unpronounceable name of Schembechler.

I believe it was under a grim, gray sky that Michigan broke OSU's 22-game winning streak, 24-12, gaining a share of the Big Ten title. Never have I heard such a savagely satisfying roar as came from that giant crowd when Don Moorhead crashed over the goal line in the second quarter. Winning that game was the defining moment for Bo Schembechler's career. Suddenly, from that moment on, he became bigger than life.

Other than Jack Kennedy, I never experienced a personality as compelling in a small group as Bo's. And he was never more compelling than in 1971. After going undefeated in the Big Ten, Michigan lost in the Rose Bowl to Stanford, 13-12, on a last-second field goal. "It's a hell of a thing to lose the Rose Bowl when we had it won," said Bo.

As the '70s turned into the '80s, I'd always join my father in the Big House to watch Michigan play. We'd grouse about Bo's conservative play selection and delight in his fierce sideline manner, grabbing the earphones and slamming them on the grass after a particularly blatant bad call from the ref.

Even though his eyesight was going a bit by then, my father and I turned to each other in delight when Desmond Howard made that fan-



PHILIP POWER

tastic catch against Notre Dame in 1991.

It was after that game that he told me how he had been arrested by the Ann Arbor police after a game at Ferry Field some time in the 1920s. Seems a traffic jam developed at the intersection of State Street and Stadium. After having a few beers, my father concluded that he was just the person to get out into the middle of the street and direct traffic to sort it out.

My son, Nathan, started joining us at Michigan football games when he was 10. All three of us would marvel as Tyrone Wheatley would turn it on as he cut upfield, speed and power combined. "Look at him go. Look at him GO!" my father would say.

And so last Saturday, as I stood in the jam-packed Michigan Stadium and felt the whole place rumble as the crowd got into the game in the first quarter, I thought of my father and of the games we had seen together. I recalled the memories we had stored up, of famous victories won and defeats suffered.

And I reflected on the intensity of emotion that comes from the tribal bonding of hope and fear in the company of many thousands of others, closely packed together.

Some say that the only worthwhile residue of a life is the memories it spawns.

Maybe that's one reason I keep going back to the Big House year after year to watch Michigan play football, to experience once again some of the big memories and to make some new ones.

And maybe that's why it was such a wonderfully intense emotional experience as the realization that came to me as Ohio State's last pass fell incomplete on the ground: WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS GAME!

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Dads make difference

News Flash: Kids Do Better When Dads Involved in Their Schools. What do you think? Do children further their success rate when dads are involved? Traditionally, research has focused on the correlation between academics and general parental involvement. The Education Department's newest study was one of the first to "put a microscope on the part that fathers play in their children's schools and educational development."

The 1997 study came out of a nationwide survey conducted in the 1995-96 school year, of the parents of 17,000 children from K-12. Researchers gauged the level of involvement by asking parents if: 1. They had volunteered at school. 2. Attended a parent-teacher conference. 3. Gone to a school or class event. 4. Attended a general school meeting since the beginning of the school year.

Parents who participated in three or more of the activities were considered "highly involved." The study concluded that three things happened when fathers participated in three or more of the above activities. First, it increased the odds of the children earning mostly A's. Second, the chances that the children would enjoy

Please see SENSORS, B8

'Country girl' graces Playboy

■ Once a Playboy Playmate, always a Playboy Playmate. That magazine's Miss December, Karen McDougal of Canton, is ready for the life of a celebrity.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to Karen McDougal, the city of Sawyer, nestled within Berrien County on the shore of Lake Michigan, is now on the map.

McDougal, who moved to Canton Township six years ago, has become a celebrity in her rural hometown after appearing as Miss December in Playboy magazine. The issue is on the newsstands until the first week of December.

"At first, some were all right with it, some were shocked," McDougal said of her hometown friends. "I was a cheerleader and stuff. I was quiet and a little more on the conservative side. I was a basic wholesome girl."

"(Now) they love it. It put Sawyer on the map. They think I'm a celebrity. There's just a small post office in town and people are calling and asking for my address. They (post office workers) called my mom and asked her if it was all right, and of course she said no."

To those naysayers who disapprove of her centerfold, McDougal says "Playboy's an art. Everything else is porn."

Modeling has always been the career of choice for McDougal, dressed in jeans, a white shirt and a Calvin Klein baseball hat. That came to fruition when a Playboy photographer discovered her at the Venus International Model Search in Florida.

"It just went from there," she said.

McDougal admits that posing in Playboy had crossed her mind, but she "never had the confidence." When she met some of the other girls, she

thought, "If they could do it, I could." McDougal explained that the photo shoot - held in a studio and in the mountains in Utah - went exactly as she had imagined.

"They were a little more professional and pleasant than I thought," she said. "They were so nice. They asked me if I wanted candy and said 'We'll get it for you.'"

A hectic time ahead

The responsibility of being a Playmate includes an endless stream of promotional work. Barraged with invitations to make guest appearances, McDougal said the next two months will be hectic. Already, she has promoted her centerfold spread on the Keenan Ivory Wayans Show.

"He was very shy with me; he was very down to earth," she said. "After the show, he came back to say goodbye to me. Everyone was shocked. They told me that he never says goodbye to his guests."

Recently she hosted a party for "Slaughterhouse Five" author Kurt Vonnegut in New York - "It was fun; that's all I'll say. There was a lot of people who were very prestigious. I didn't know much about what they were talking about."

Part of the perks of being a Playboy Playmate include the opportunity to stay at Hugh Hefner's mansion in California when she is there.

Besides glamorous jobs like hosting parties and appearing on television talk shows, Playboy Playmates also visit hospitals and do other charitable work. And there is no time limit on guest appearances.

"I went to a Veterans Administration hospital in New York and a Playmate from 1975 was with us," she said. "I guess once you're a Playmate, you're always a Playmate."

One thing that sets her aside from other Playboy models, she said, is her personality.

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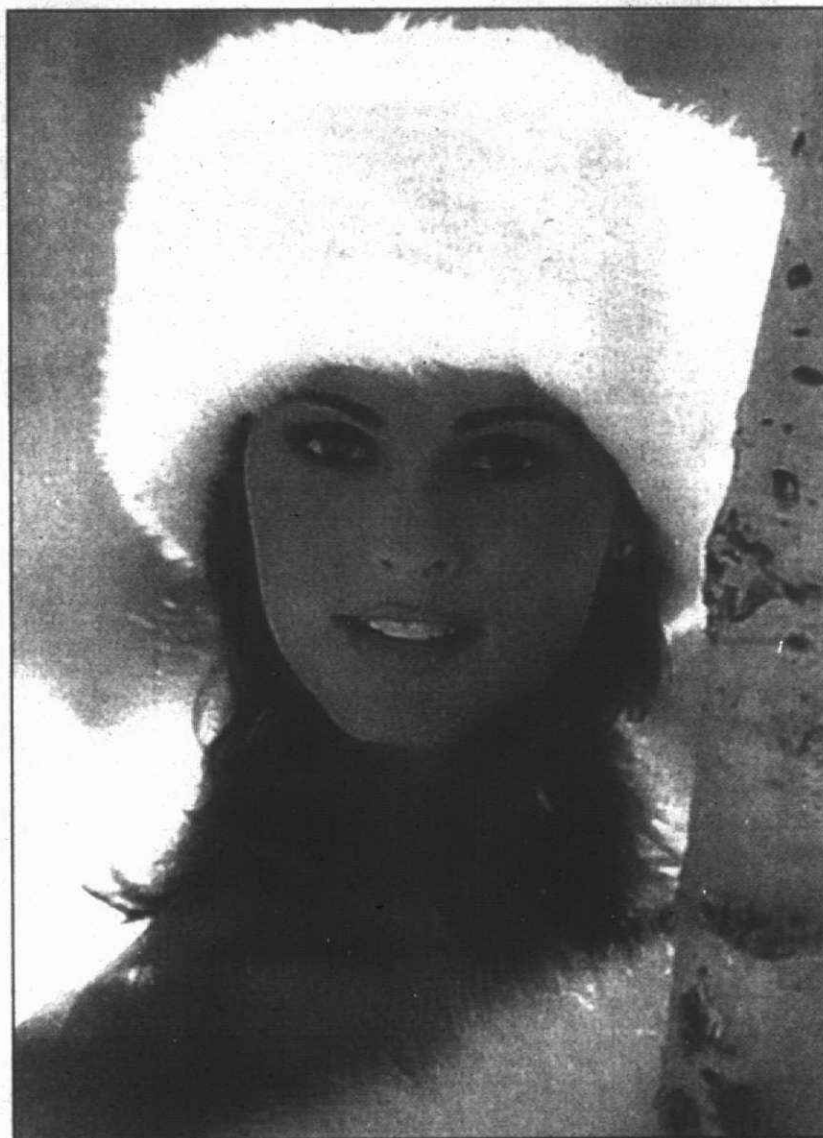


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Youth choir offers children a 'wholesome activity'

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Susan Patterson started teaching piano when she was 12 years old, and 37 years later music continues to play an important role in her life, especially now, as she tries to establish a new children's choir.

"It's really the right time," Patterson said. "Parents are looking for wholesome activities for their children. I've had a lot of parents recently mention it and ask about it, because they want their children to sing."

The Brisselle Music School Choir - named for her mother's parents who lived in France and whom she never met - is open to third-through eighth-graders. It will rehearse 7-8 p.m. Mondays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Each three-month term is \$75. Registration is 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at St. Paul's, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road. The term begins Jan. 12.

"I don't want people to think that because it's at a church that it belongs to the church," Patterson said. "It's open to all denominations."

If her dream comes true, there will be different children choirs, separated by geographic area, that will come together occasionally to perform.

The sound of music has always been an important part of Patterson's life that was instilled by her parents who sang everywhere - in the car, on walks, at parties and always at home.

They enjoyed their duets and listening to Patterson practice hours at a time. She was 4 when she began taking formal lessons.

Patterson's resume includes decades of teaching private piano and voice lessons. She also accompanied, performed in and directed choirs throughout her life. Currently, she is the music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church in charge of plan-

nng the music and directing the adult Chancel Choir and the children's Cherub Choir. She is also the church organist and pianist.

Confidence-builder

Learning and playing music has given her confidence for other life challenges, Patterson said, and has remained a constant that she has always been able to return to as a place of comfort.

"When a child performs, it's very good for his or her self-esteem," Patterson said, adding that the children in the Brisselle Music School Choir will learn varied types of music, including classical, folk and popular. She plans to have them perform in schools and community events.

"There's really nothing as pretty to listen to as children singing," Patterson added.

The Rev. Tom Eggebeen from St. Paul's sees a great importance in preserving the arts and welcomes other music groups, like the Sweet Adelines, to practice at his church.

"Music is to the soul what air is to our lungs, and I'm serious about that," Eggebeen said. "One of the things I've observed is that a lot of contemporary music is not particularly singable. A couple of generations ago, it wasn't uncommon for a group to get together at someone's house and sing. I think any kind of group that would encourage chorale singing surely is good for the soul, but also helps us retain an art form that is slipping away from this culture of ours."

"People who make music together are less likely to hit each other."

Eggebeen has known Patterson for about five years and welcomed her idea to start a children's choral group.

"How many art forms can disappear from our daily lives before we begin to suffer?" Eggebeen said.

During a meeting sandwiched between her day job as a word processor at First Chicago NBD in Detroit and a private piano lesson, Patterson was calm and relaxed as she talked about her plans. Studying music, she said, has given her a programmed, structured way to think that has helped her organize her busy, sometimes hectic, schedule.

Different language

"Learning music is really learning a different language," she said. "You learn to listen to sounds and you learn to blend as a group and to make a beautiful sound. When they (children) grow up they can look back on it. Good experiences give them stability."

Starting the children's choir also fulfills a need for Patterson.

"I'm trying to gradually take the steps to have all the decisions to do the things that make me happy as a person," she said. "For my identity, it has to be centered on music, because music has always been a major part of my life."

As music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church, Patterson said, there's nothing more

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Playmate

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"When I go to Los Angeles or New York, everyone says 'You're so nice, you must be a country girl,'" the 5-foot-9-inch, brown-haired, blue-eyed model said.

"The other women just go to sign pictures. They don't talk to the people who come to see them. I'm to the people who come to see them. I'm a nice person. When I go to Los Angeles or New York, everyone says 'You're so nice, you must be a country girl,'" the 5-foot-9-inch, brown-haired, blue-eyed model said.

"The other women just go to sign pictures. They don't talk to the people who come to see them. I'm to the people who come to see them. I'm a nice person and I'll always be that way. I take pride in my personality."

McDougal hopes the Playboy

layout will lead to a vast array of opportunities. Television star Jenny McCarthy, a one-time Playmate model, and singer/actress Vanessa Williams, who appeared in Penthouse, both have successful careers.

"I'm not Jenny. I'm not Vanessa," she said. "I hope to make a name for myself in a different way. I do think it's great what they've done. I hope to be successful as well, but if I'm not, well at least I tried."

McDougal, who enjoys reading, working out and talking on the phone, may be on her way to stardom. She has an interview scheduled with Elite modeling agency in Chicago.

"They seemed pretty excited on the phone; they're one of the

top agencies," she said. "From there I can go to Elite New York, Elite Milan, Elite Paris, any of them."

She also has an audition to read for a couple of movies in California. But movies aren't a priority in her life.

"It's not really what I'd like to do; modeling is my big dream," McDougal said. "But models don't have a long life span."

A former preschool teacher in a district she'll only describe as "in Michigan," McDougal said her ultimate dream is to open a learning center for kids.

"I love kids, I have a real compassion for kid," she said. "If I can help kids, that's great."

Although she's thrilled about her job, her family and her boyfriend, she said, are "more excited than I am."

"My boyfriend and I went to an oil change place and he pulls out the magazine and says, 'Hey guys, come here. Who is this?' They said they didn't know and he points over to me," she said.

"They said, 'Yeah, right. Everybody tries to get a free oil change.'"

With embarrassment quickly fading to frustration, McDougal pulled out identification and said, "This is me."

It seems like most of Sawyer has seen her picture as well.

"My mom will have my picture in her hand and say 'That's my daughter' to strangers," she said with a laugh.

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CAROL A. STONE,
Admin. Services Director

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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays from Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office **WILL BE OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.**

TERESA CISCHKE, CMAA
City Treasurer

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The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting bids for Janitorial Office Cleaning Services. Services to commence January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 with an optional one year extension. Request for Proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Sealed bids can be delivered to the Office of the Clerk by Friday, December 5, 1997 no later than 9:00 a.m. Mandatory tour of the Township facilities is mandatory for bid acceptance.

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Gebski-Gould

D. Lynne Gould and Gary Gebski were married Oct. 5 at The Mill Race Historical Village in Northville by the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Eileen Gould of Carleton. The groom is the son of Alfred and Sylvia Gebski of Plymouth.

The bride, a graduate of Airport High School in Carleton, owns her own communications marketing company.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan with degrees in electrical and manufacturing engineering. He is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Chrysler Corp.

The bride asked her parents to stand up for her, with her mother serving as matron of honor.

The groom asked his parents to stand up for him, with his father serving as best man. The ring bearer was Kyle Gebski,



son of the groom. The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor before leaving on a cruise to the Cayman Islands and Disney World. They make their home in Canton.

Fereshetian-Gmerek

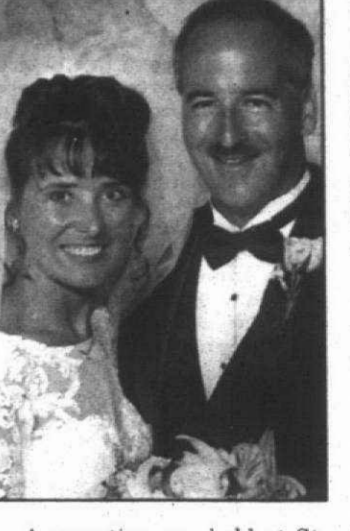
Eric Alan Fereshetian and Adita Marie Gmerek were married Aug. 31 at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Dolores Gmerek of Clinton Township. The groom is the son of Harry and Janet Fereshetian of Livonia.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Utah and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. She is a cardiovascular clinical scientist at Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor.

The groom earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He is an engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Co. in Rawsonville.

They are also alumni of the University of Michigan marching band.



A reception was held at St. John's Hall. The couple honeymooned on the islands of Kauai and Maui before making their home in Livonia.

Duncan-Kossick

Janet Marie Kossick, formerly of Westland, and Eric Todd Duncan, were married Aug. 17 at Trinity Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Bill Moore.

The bride, whose parents are deceased, earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Calico Cat in Saline.

The groom is the son of James and Marcia Duncan of Saline. He received a bachelor's degree in business and hotel restaurant management from Central Michigan University. He is the owner of Eric's Lawn and Snow Service of Saline.

The bride asked Denise Lovelace to be her matron of honor, while Linda Williams was her bridesmaid.

James Duncan served as the groom's best man with Bob Webster as an usher.



The couple greeted guests at a reception at Weber's before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They make their home in Saline.

Tabbert-Podrasky

Michelle Podrasky and Eddie Tabbert were married Aug. 2 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. The Rev. Edward Prus officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Jean Podrasky of Canton. The groom is the son of Ed and Nancy Jo Tabbert of Whitmore Lake.

The bride, a 1991 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, works for Tapco International.

The groom, 1990 Redford Union High School graduate, is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Kelly Podrasky to serve as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jody Puschaver, Natalie Kobylanski, Karen Podrasky, Kim Kovach and Carrie Podrasky. Flower girls were Haylee Podrasky and Chelsea Puschaver.

The groom asked Jim Puschaver to serve as his best man. Groomsman were Joey Nalepa, Pete Podrasky, Chris Moyanhen, Tommy Gallaher



and Kevin Majewski. Ring bearer was Joey Podrasky. The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor. They are making their home in Canton, following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

Paschke-Mikulski

Steve and Cathy Paschke of Chino Hills, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly of Westland, to Philip Mikulski of Tawas, the son of Rick and Judy Mikulski of Wyandotte.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Central Michigan University this month. She plans to work as a biology teacher.

Her fiancé, a CMU graduate, is employed as a business teacher at Tawas High School.

A July wedding in California is being planned.



The couple received guests at a reception at Weber's before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They make their home in Saline.

Dee-Garbarino

Rick and Kristin Dee of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Richard B., to Mary A. Garbarino of Livonia. A spring wedding is planned.



Hospice, St. Michael's hold cookie walks

Are you too busy to bake cookies for the holiday season? Looking for something new to serve your guests?

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Shoppers will be able to fill their boxes with different cookies

at St. Michael's, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The homemade cookies will be sold for \$6 a pound.

Featured will be a variety of holiday cookies, including miniature nut rolls, homemade fudge and chocolates.

A word to the wise from organizers is come early. While the sale ends at 1 p.m. the cookies have sold out by 11 a.m. the last few years.

For more information, call the church at (313) 937-0970.

Angela Hospice will be having its first annual cookie walk 9 a.m. until the last cookie is sold. The benefit will be at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, north of Schoolcraft Road.

Prices will be \$5 for a small box and \$8 for a large box. Holiday gifts and other sweets also will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the many caring programs of

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Hospices' trees honor loved ones

For people who have lived through the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be an especially difficult time for celebration. To assist those grieving individuals, Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. of Westland and Plymouth, Arbor Hospice and Angela Hospice are again offering Trees of Memories, Life and Remembrance.

In its eighth year, the CHHCS Tree of Memories celebrates the lives of people by the representation of golden angel ornaments. The event runs Friday, Nov. 28, through Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia, during mall hours.

For a donation, patrons can inscribe the names on their loved ones on the gold angel ornaments to hang on lighted Christmas trees. The memory trees will remain at the mall throughout the holiday season.

The Tree of Memories enables people to openly acknowledge their loss during what can be the most painful time of the year -

the holiday season," said Kathy Dattolo, director of CHHCS Social Services. "Healing can be reached by writing a special note on an ornament. It can also be accomplished by seeing other ornaments on the trees and sharing stories with those who have also experienced losses."

For those who can't make it to Wonderland Mall, Community Hospice will send angel ornaments to homes or businesses in time for the holidays. The ornaments can be returned by mail. They will be placed on the trees by CHHCS volunteers.

All the proceeds go toward providing non-reimbursable care for incurably ill patients and their families. Community Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that has been serving residents of western Wayne, southern Oakland, and eastern Washtenaw counties since 1981.

For more information about the CHHCS Tree of Memories, call (313) 522-4244.

At noon Saturday, Nov. 29,

Angela Hospice of Livonia will dedicate its Tree of Life, which will be on display in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

People are invited to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased.

The donations are tax-deductible and donor cards are available at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, or by calling (313) 464-7810.

"During this season of gift giving, Angela Hospice takes special note of the gifts we have received since 1985, the beginning of our caring hospice program," said Sister Mary Giovanna, director. "Our patients have given us the gift and privilege of being able to care for them during their final stages of life. Our benefactors have given us the gift of their faith, their commitment and their trust in the philosophy of hospice and have ensured, through time and con-

tributions, the success of our programs."

Arbor Hospice's Tree of Remembrance is on display at the Westchester Mall, 550 Forest St., in downtown Plymouth. The tree is decorated in heart-shaped ornaments and this year's have been quilted in colors of ecor and burgundy by Arbor Hospice volunteers.

In exchange for a donation to Arbor Hospice, an ornament will be placed on the tree in memory of a deceased loved one. After the holidays, the ornament will be sent to the donor.

Last year, more than 400 ornaments were placed on the tree.

A public dedication service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Community clergy, musicians and Arbor Hospice supporters will participate.

For information or to make a donation to Arbor Hospice for the Tree of Remembrance, call Michele Leshan at (248) 624-4522 or 1-800-783-5764.



Special decorations: Robert Bull, a volunteer for Community Hospice and Home Care Services, helped hang the remembrance ornaments on the agency's annual Tree of Memories. An annual event, the tree will be at Wonderland Mall in Livonia Nov. 28-Dec. 24.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

ST. EDITH
St. Edith Parish of Livonia is hosting a "craft mall" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. The mall features crafts made by artisans from around the world. Gift wrapping paper, ribbon and refreshments will also be for sale. Admission is

free. Call (313) 464-2027 for more information.

BRYANT CENTER
Bryant Center is having its Christmas craft bazaar 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, and Friday, Dec. 5, and 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the center, 1800 Merriman Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission and parking are free. All the crafts are made by Bryant students. Proceeds will help fund the student vocational workshop. For more information, call (313) 425-0100.

SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House of Livonia will have its eighth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4, at the retirement residences, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth, new gift items, decorations and ornaments. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

ST. KEVIN'S
St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be \$15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room, bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL
"Treats and Treasures," a sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, west of I-275, Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures, cutlery, and more will be featured. Admission is free. For more information, (248) 348-7757.

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Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events and sports. The books cost \$40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5960 or (248) 474-1396.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES
"Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have Thanksgiving services at 9 and 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Senior Pastor Dr. James McGuire will deliver the message and the Men's Choir and Brass Ensemble will be featured. Pre-service fellowship will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City and Christ Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights are holding a combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Good Hope, 28660 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Faith United Methodist Church is having a community Thanksgiving Eve service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road (south of I-94), with the Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church preaching. Call (313) 483-2276 for more information.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is having a special service of praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Chorists choirs, Sunday School children, orchestra and handbell choirs. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter.

Thanksgiving Day worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, also featuring special music of praise and thanksgiving. Call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

The spirit of gratitude will be celebrated at the First Church of Christ Science, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The service will include testimonies of healing by Christian Scientists. Members of other religious denominations are invited to attend, and child care will be provided.

SUNDAY LESSONS
"Field of Dreams" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. Scott Kalechstein will lead a workshop on "Finding Your Passion and Living Your Purpose," 12:45-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church. The registration fee is \$15. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at

MOVING FORWARD
Patricia Ann Hopkins, a master of divinity of candidate, will speak on the topic of "Moving Forward in Spite of..." at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Hopkins will receive her cooperative master of divinity degree in the year 2000 from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit and the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. As part of her training, she will remain at the Unity of Livonia until the spring.

For more information, call the Unity of Livonia at (313) 421-1760.

DIVORCARE
DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Does your

church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30, "What are these Reading Rooms all about?" on Dec. 7, "What does Christian Science say about sin?" on Dec. 14, "How can anyone have that much faith?" on Dec. 21, and "Just what is a Christian Science practitioner?" on Dec. 28.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

COMMUNION SERVICE
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold its annual women's Advent Communion Service and creche display at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-1470.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Advent Worship Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 9, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A soup and salad dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. A Christmas Fantasia Cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

NEW BEGINNINGS
New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road,

east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the program "Handling the Holidays" and on Jan. 8 with "Moving On." There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6058, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 890-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

NEW ANTIOTH
St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe," "About Scripture and Tradition," "Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhout Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-9010.

ADVENT CLASS
Kindergartners, first and second graders are invited to an Advent class 4-6 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Activities include making ornaments, gifts, cooking, stories and worship. Participants should bring a sack supper; milk will be supplied. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

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chances that the children would enjoy school were higher, and third, the children were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities. The good news—bad news in this research was interesting as well. Bad news: Only 27 percent of the dads in two-parent homes were deeply involved in their children's schools. (55 percent of the mothers were involved.)

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So it looks like we have two charges: First of all we need to get everyone on the same page... teachers, administrators, parents. All have the same goal — to see that the child works to the best of his or her ability. Schools must remember to welcome parents in, making the school building user-friendly. Parents who have not had a terribly positive school experience themselves won't necessarily

rewarding than to hear her choir perform. "I get to see the outcome in a program every Sunday morning when my choir performs," said Patterson, a member of the Music Teachers National Association, Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Ann Arbor Association for Piano Teachers. "I love the feeling of hearing them sing and blend beautifully. You do get an immediate gratifi-

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events, dads have to show up. It isn't a lot of fun for a teacher to plan a program for fathers and students when only six fathers come to it. Ya know, now that I think about this, I'll bet you have tons of ideas on how to get fathers into schools. Write me with those ideas... this concept is worth another article.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzicki, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Minghine, Rorabacher

ITEM 1 BILLING FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

Tony Minghine, Finance and Budget Director, introduced Michelle Leonard and Colleen Eckert, from Accumed. Mr. Minghine pointed out that Canton's current system waives fees to residents and persons working in Canton. He said that we were the only community in Wayne County that did not bill for ambulance service. After a brief overview of the current billing system, Ms. Leonard, Ms. Eckert and Mr. Minghine fielded questions from the Board regarding the proposed billing system. The proposed hardship waiver policy was discussed. Mr. Minghine stressed that the Township was not interested in hiring a collection agency, but that every person transported by ambulance would be treated equally with no exceptions. Insurance companies would be billed, co-pays would be billed and payment would be expected.

ITEM 2 REVIEW OF BUDGET PROCESS - THE BOARD'S ROLE

Mr. Minghine asked for comments from the Board regarding the budget process. It was suggested that goals should be partnered with the budget reviews. It was also suggested that goals be included with the smaller budget summary, this would benefit the Board and interested residents. Trustee McLaughlin initiated discussion on the length of the budget document. Mr. Minghine pointed out that there were three years shown for comparison purposes.

OTHER

General discussion occurred regarding road issues. The liquor license inquiry for a proposed Whirlyball complex was also discussed.

ADJOURN

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 18, 1997. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 25, 1997.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by Norwest L.L.C. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility being constructed at 8440 Haggerty Road N. within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land situated in part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 1689.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1, and South 00 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West, 400.05 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 5789.55 feet, central angle 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds and an arc distance of 99.95 feet chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 99.95 feet and along another curve to the right, radius of 5789.55 feet, a central angle of 06 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds and an arc distance of 541.35 feet; chord bearing South 04 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds West 541.15 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 1, T 1 S., R 8 E., and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 960.86 feet; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West 1583.90 feet; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West along the East and West 1/4 line of Section 1, 63.52 feet; thence along the Northeastly right of way line of C & O Railroad right of way North 28 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West 1342.17; thence along the Easterly right of way line of rerouted Haggerty Road North 08 degrees 55 minutes 37 seconds East 257.97 feet; thence continuing along the Easterly right of way line of rerouted Haggerty Road along a curve to the left, radius 5789.55 feet, a central angle of 01 degree 36 minutes 20 seconds and an arc distance of 162.25 feet chord bearing North 08 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 162.24 feet to the point of beginning, 17.08 acres. Tax I.D. No. 002-99-0001-708.

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- 3) Look into alternatives to builder financing. There are many different mortgage programs available.
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Griffin Funeral Home keeps in touch with community

By CHRISTINA FLOCO STAFF WRITER

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes in Westland and Canton strongly believe that their service to a family doesn't end when the funeral is over. "We have a strong family tradition that carries over to the families that are served here," said David G. Griffin, manager of the Canton location. "Taking into consideration the

profound grief people feel on the anniversary of their loved ones' death, the funeral home has held a memorial service yearly since 1994.

"Every first week of December, we invite people from the entire community who has experienced a loss over the past years to a memorial service," Griffin explained. "It's a nice memorial service for somebody who has experienced a loss."

This year's memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. Before the service, families are asked if they would like a prayer dedicated to their loved ones.

Griffin Funeral Home brings in a priest and a local minister from local churches to officiate. Last year, St. John Neumann Catholic and St. Michael's

Lutheran Church participated.

In the past, the event has attracted 100-150 people per year. "We've been seeing the people from the first year coming back the following year," said Griffin, who is on the board of directors of the Canton Community Foundation, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Community Hospice.

He is also the past president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association Wayne County division.

Founded in 1954 in northwest Detroit, Griffin Funeral Home helps people work through their grief throughout the year.

Recently, the company wrapped up a five-week bereavement series held in conjunction with Arbor Hospice at the Canton Public Library. The funeral home will continue its bereavement series in the spring. The funeral home serves 600

families yearly between its two locations - 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland, and 42600 Ford Road, Canton. For more information, call the Westland chapel at (313) 522-9400 or the Canton chapel at (313) 981-1700.

"Our focus here at the funeral home is not just the service at the time of the death," Griffin said. "It's more than establishing yourself as a funeral home. We need to give back to the community."

ANNIVERSARIES

Tatzka

Willard (Bill) and Bea Tatzka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their Plymouth home. The couple married Nov. 15, 1947, in Pontiac. She is the former Bea Lemanski.

The Tatzkas have three daughters - Teresa Cieschke and husband Jim of Plymouth, Joan Johnson and husband Doug of East Grand Rapids, and Barbara Davalo and husband Steve of Kalamazoo. They also have four grandchildren - Suzy and Katie Johnson and Andrew and Diana Davalo.

He retired in 1984 from Burroughs Corp.'s Plymouth plant after 34 years of service. He enjoys gardening and fishing. She likes to read and sew.

As a couple, they enjoy visiting with family and friends and their grandchildren.



Niemiec

Don and Fran Niemiec of Westland celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Austin, Texas.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 17, 1972, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit. She is the former Fran Wisz.

The couple has three children - Karen, Jeanine and Tim. A member of St. Theodore's Men's Club, he is a property tax consultant for Treco Tosto. Active in St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women, she is a paraprofessional for the Livonia Public Schools.

McLean

John C. and Marie McLean of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at St. Colette Church and a family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.


The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 8, 1947, in Detroit. She is the former Marie Loney.

The McLeans have five children - Michael and wife Marsha, John and wife Kitty, Dennis and Tom, all of Livonia, Ellen of Canton and Mary and husband Eric of Westerville, Ohio - and 10 grandchildren.

She is a homemaker while he retired from Chrysler as an accountant 10 years ago. Detroit Red Wings fans, they also enjoy spending winters in Florida and daily walks at Laurel Park Place.

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Contra dance offers 'escape'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Spending holiday weekends with family can get pretty tiring. Karen Missavage knows this by the success of the contra dances she's held over the years.

"It's a good time to have one," Missavage said. "There's a lot of people visiting and a lot of people by Saturday night are tired of the family thing. They don't feel like sticking around their aunt and uncle's house anymore. "You'd be surprised at how well we do holiday weekends."

Keeping with that trend, Missavage and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society are hosting the "Turkey Hoedown" contra dance from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, on the north side of Kellogg Park next to the Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Admission to the dance is \$6 and includes live music by members of the society, lemonade and name tags. The dance is smoke- and alcohol-free.

Missavage describes contra dancing as similar to square dancing.

"It's a traditional form of American country dance," she said. "In a square dance you're in a set with eight people. In a contra dance, you're in a long line, facing your partner. You dance with everybody in the line and everybody in the room as you change partners. It's similar to the Virginia Reel."

Partners are not required, she said, because partners change with every dance. Experience is not necessary either. Missavage and fellow caller Tom Allen will teach all the dances.

Missavage, an Ann Arbor resident, was introduced to contra dancing in 1981 while she was living in Montana.

"I had a buddy who worked in bicycle shop and he kept talking about this great dance event and this great music," she said.



Which way: It's right hand in as the ladies formed a right-hand star during contra dancing called by Karen Missavage.

"After a few months of persuading I finally went."

She added that camaraderie is a big part of the dances.

"Expect to dance with a lot of friendly people who will walk up and ask them to dance regardless of gender. It's bright in there so you can see who you're dancing with," she said with a laugh. "People will offer you a hand and say, 'Let's dance.' We'll teach all the maneuvers and figures."

"It repeats itself over and over again - circle left, circle right, swing your partner. There's no fancy footwork or maneuvers."

Missavage suggests that participants wear comfortable footwear. High heels are not the thing to do, she said, adding that dancers of any age group will feel comfortable at the event.

"You'll make 50 new friends," she said. "It's a wide variety of ages from college kids up to senior citizens. The only caveat is if there's a motion problem or trouble moving, it's probably not for you. Even then we have people who really aren't capable of it, do it well. We take care of

them."

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society is also hosting a First Friday Square and Contra Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Admission is \$6 adults or \$3 children. For more information, call (313) 665-8405.

Other upcoming events include: Lovett Hall holiday contra dance, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Lovett Hall ballroom, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Admission is \$7. Call (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2262; New Year's Jubilee, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Greater Hall, St. Luke's Church, 120 N. Huron, Ypsilanti's Depot Town. The \$15 badge admission includes admission to all Jubilee events. (313) 483-4444; and a contra dance Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, Plymouth.

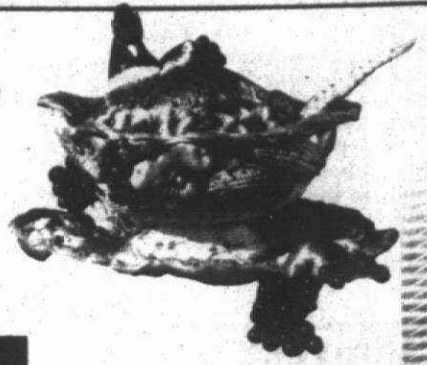
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All-Conference pick

Chad Dale, a midfielder from Plymouth Canton, earned all-Mid-Central Conference honors for Taylor University.

A junior, Dale was second among the Trojans in scoring with six goals and seven assists (19 points).

His Taylor team finished 14-6-1 overall, including a 6-1 mark in the MCC. The Trojans won the MCC Tournament for the third time to advance to the NAAI Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

PCJBL registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League will have registration for boys and girls in grades 9-12 from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 6 at East Middle School.

Cost is \$90.

Used sports stuff

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse.

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at prices they set (minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation department).

Items can be dropped off 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Pheasant Run; volunteers will be on hand to do the selling the following Saturday.

Money or unsold items can be picked up from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Indoor soccer tourneys

SoccerZone of Novi will have registration for its second session of indoor soccer through Dec. 6, for both individuals and teams.

Cost for individuals is \$55; for teams, the fee is \$695 plus referee fees (which vary by age divisions).

The eight-game session goes Dec. 14-Feb. 14; you can register in person at SoccerZone, located on Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads.

SoccerZone is currently conducting registration for its annual Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament, which will be Dec. 28-29. Age divisions will be from under-10 through under-19, for both boys and girls.

Cost is \$200 per team; registration deadline is Dec. 15. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three 45-minute games. For further information, call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500.

Motion tryouts

Michigan Motion, an AAU girls basketball club, will have open tryouts Sunday, Dec. 7; Friday, Dec. 12; and Sunday, Dec. 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Tryout times are 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 11-13; 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 14-15; and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 16-17. All players are welcome; for more information, call Mike Tuck between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at (248) 486-1515.

Youth hockey schools

Suburban Hockey Schools will be offering holiday clinics Dec. 22-24 and 26 at Devon-Aire in Livonia and the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Among the programs offered include power skating and puck-handling for Mites (ages 6-8) and Squirts (9-10), along with checking and scoring for Pee Wees and Bantams (11-14).

The cost for the clinic is \$130 per per player. A goaltending clinic for all ages will also be held at Mount Clemens only (cost \$115).

Classes will also be offered Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 2 at the Ice Box Sports Center in Trenton and Royal Oak's Lindell Arena.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600.

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Chiefs plow past Pershing

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

"That was a struggle."

Those are the words of Bob Blohm, Plymouth Canton girls basketball coach, a few minutes after his Chiefs pulled away to a 47-27 victory over Detroit Pershing in the Class A regional semifinals at Plymouth Salem HS.

Well, I've got some bad news for you, coach. If you think that game was tough, wait'll you see Wednesday's opponent.

The Chiefs will take on the defending state champions for the regional title — Birmingham Marian — at 7 p.m. at Salem. Marian eliminated West Bloomfield 68-46 Monday at Salem.

How good are the Mustangs? Good enough to win the Catholic League title, beating Redford Bishop Borgess in the final. And good enough to bury Canton, 57-39, early in the season.

Blohm knows all this, of course. He also knows that if they play like they did against Pershing, it will be a 20-point game once again — only the Chiefs won't be on top.

"They beat us the first time with everything," the Canton coach said of Marian. "With their pressure, with their rebounding, with their size . . . It's hard for us to match up with them."

Nicole Anaejonu, the Mustangs' 6-foot-3 junior center, is the player that catches your attention first. But they have much more, particularly in their three-guard backcourt: seniors Breean Walas and Markeisha Thompson and junior Jasmin MacAlpine. Their bench is loaded with talent, too.

Make no mistake: Blohm isn't throwing in the towel, not at all. The Chiefs, now 19-4, can beat the Mustangs (who are also 19-4, with two regular-season losses to Borgess, one to Flint Northern and another to Detroit Country Day), but it will take a near-perfect performance.

"I have confidence in this group," he said of his team. "But they'll have to play at a high level of intensity for the whole game."

It's a challenge, but the Chiefs have handled such obstacles before. And that's something Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone is well aware of.

"They are so patient on offense," she said of Canton. "They hold the ball for 30 to 40 seconds before looking to take a shot. That may not seem like a long time, but when you're down in a defensive stance that's quite a while."

"We're going to have to be patient defensively and not take too many risks. And we're going to have to do a



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Opening up: Pershing's Jacqueline Price (right) tried to pressure Canton's Kristin Mayer into a mistake, but the Chiefs all-too-often found an open player in scoring position to take advantage of the Doughgirls' attempts.

good job boxing out (on rebounds)."

If nothing else, Wednesday's game will be a match of willpower. Marian likes to press and run; Canton will pressure occasionally, but for the most part the Chiefs want to control the tempo, especially with their offense.

Their constant motion when they have possession of the ball is predicated on patience; in other words, get a good shot.

They also rebound well for a team without a starter over 5-foot-9. And their defense is superb.

What Canton doesn't do well: Shoot.

For a team with seven seniors, the Chiefs should be better scorers. At times they are, but they have lapses when nothing goes down, not even free throws.

Like against Pershing. Oh, Canton

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Whalers gain share of 1st place



David Legwand and Jesse Boulerice each scored a pair of goals Saturday to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 5-1 road victory over Erie Nov. 22.

The Whalers led all the way scoring two first-period goals and adding another pair in the second. Left winger Randy Fitzgerald recorded four assists for Plymouth.

The win pushed the Whalers into a first place tie in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division with the London Knights. Both teams have 29 points with 23 games played.

Plymouth (13-7-3) returns to action Saturday at home against the Oshawa Generals. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

As for last week's game with Erie, Boulerice netted

the game's first goal just 38 seconds after the puck was dropped. Julian Smith and Fitzgerald assisted.

Legwand got his first of the game at 18:46 of the period. The center iceman leads all OHL rookies in scoring with 24 goals and 14 assists. He's fifth overall in league scoring.

Legwand scored at 8:36 of the second period to make it a 3-0 game. Erie got its lone goal with just under three minutes to play.

Plymouth got its three-goal advantage back as Boulerice netted his second of the night. Tory Smith, a defenseman, got the Whalers final goal 32 seconds into the third period.

Robert Esché played well in goal for Plymouth by stopping 24 of 25 shots.

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Ladywood shocks Cody in regional

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood may be proud of its achievements in the classroom, but the Ladywood basketball team proved Monday it has also learned valuable lessons on the court.

Exactly a month after the Blazers were crushed by Redford Bishop Borgess, 47-24, Ladywood turned the tables on Detroit Cody.

The Blazers played aggressively Monday against the much faster Lady Comets and held on

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Domeward bound CC gains berth in final

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Joe Sgroi surprised Sterling Heights Stevenson with some early runs from scrimmage, but the real shock came in the fourth quarter of Saturday's Class AA playoff semifinal at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium.

Sgroi, normally a blocking back, gained 58 yards on six carries, including runs of 27 and 21 on the Shamrocks' first scoring drive.

But his final offensive achievement won't be found in the CC playbook.

Sgroi recovered a fumbled punt return by Stevenson and rambled 24 yards to the Titans' 6-yard line with 5:13 left, setting up the go-ahead score in the Shamrocks' 21-17 victory.

CC senior tailback Josh Christenson, who led all rushers with 73 yards on 12 carries, scored on a three-yard run and Aaron Rock made his third extra point to give the Shamrocks a 21-17 lead with 4:27 remaining.

The win sends the Shamrocks back to the Pontiac Silverdome where they have won four state titles, including three in Class AA since 1990. CC, 10-1 overall, meets undefeated Ann Arbor Huron, a 17-14 upset winner over Detroit Rockford, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Sgroi, the long snapper on CC punts, and Mike Carroll converged on the Stevenson punt returner, who bobbled the punt by Jason Hamilton.

"I saw him bobble it, both of us were right on him and I caught it on the

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Key play: CC's Joe Sgroi (right) grabs a fumbled punt in the fourth quarter of Saturday's state semifinal. Sgroi returned the ball to the Stevenson 6-yard line, setting up the go-ahead score.

CLASS AA FOOTBALL FINAL: CATHOLIC CENTRAL VS. ANN ARBOR HURON

Unbeaten Huron seeking to dump underdog label

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Mark Wojcik, defensive coordinator for Ann Arbor Huron's undefeated football team, might be the only guy in the state to try on more high school jerseys than River Rats' head coach Paul Verska.

Wojcik sells jerseys for a living at McNish's Sporting Goods & Trophies in Novi.

Verska just wears them out and tries on another.

The Green and Gold of Huron looks the best on Verska, who in his eighth year is taking the River Rats to the Pontiac Silverdome for the Class AA state championship game against perennial state power Redford Catholic Central.

Huron is 12-0 and in the playoffs for the first time in school history. The Shamrocks are 11-1 and trying for their fourth Class AA title in the 1990s and fifth state crown overall.

Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday.

PROFILE

Presidential terms last longer than most of Verska's previous stops.

Prior to Huron, he was the head coach at Cadillac for two years, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard for three, Detroit Servite for three, Allegan for two and Lincoln Alcona for two.

He also was an assistant coach at Servite, Berkley and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart.

In 23 years as a head coach he has a 104-90-4 record, including a 45-31 mark at Huron.

Verska played football at Harper Woods Notre Dame and Central Michigan University. His senior season in 1962 at ND, a team coached by Walt Bazylewicz, ended with a loss in the Catholic League championship game to Detroit St. Ambrose.

"I like to take a program that's down and turn it around," said Verska. "My wife (Kathy) and I aren't moving any-

more."

Nowhere has the turnaround been more evident than at Huron.

The River Rats have had four-straight winning seasons and even play in their own stadium on campus now, instead of sharing one at cross-town rival Pioneer.

"The stadium really helped us get our own identity," Verska said. "We can own practice, watch film in the locker room, don't have to get on a bus for our home games and worry about it breaking down."

Respect has been hard to come by at Huron despite an unscathed record and beating three favored playoff opponents by a combined score of 72-28.

Even Pioneer, which won six straight games at one point and finished 6-3 overall after a 33-14 season-ending loss to Huron, got more publicity, according to Verska.

It wasn't until the ninth week that the River Rats were ranked among the top 10 in Class AA.

After Sterling Heights Stevenson lost to CC, 21-17, in the state semifinals,

the River Rats are left as the only AA team left undefeated.

"All we kept hearing about was the way Pioneer won six straight," Verska said. "But they beat Holly, which hadn't won a game in 20 years, and Flint Beecher, which can't even line up and get a first down."

"When you get to the seventh and eighth week and you're undefeated and unranked, you start to wonder. That kind of rubbed us the wrong way. We had a little chip on our shoulders."

"The Shamrocks aren't as big as usual, but they still present problems because of their discipline and fundamentals," Verska said.

Senior quarterback Adam Tubaro threw two interceptions last week, his first since throwing one early in the season, but also threw a pair of touchdowns passes to tight end Don Slankster.

Senior fullback Chris Dueweke was held to 39 yards on 16 carries against Stevenson, but he's closing in on 1,000 yards rushing with an average of about 4.5 per carry.

The "underdog" label Huron's been wearing in the playoffs might apply the most this week.

"We like being the underdog," Verska said. "We expect a lot out of ourselves. But we know we won't sneak up on CC. They'll be ready, and I hope we'll be. We better be."

"CC has a hard nosed defense and two turnovers for them is like a dozen for anyone else. And if you lose the ball, you don't get it back. It's another game and we're excited to play."

Perhaps CC's best player on defense last week was defensive back Dave Lusky, who made 12 unassisted tackles, which is unheard of.

He helped to keep Stevenson's speedy backs, Joe Alls and Mike Tennessee, from turning the corner on runs.

"He's a player, that's for sure," Verska said.

"He had the game of his life," CC coach Tom Mach said. "I can't ever remember a player making 12 unassisted tackles in one game."

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rub," said Sgroi, who also played a splendid game at inside linebacker. "Things get you down but we always believed we were going to win the game. Every second we believed."

Stevenson coach Rick Bye questioned the call but couldn't get the referees to reverse the decision.

"There's no easy way to lose," said Bye, whose team finished 11-1 overall. "It was a judgment call. I was hoping his butt was down (before the fumble) and maybe I hope I don't see his butt is down on the film. That's the way it goes. Turnovers in November are part of football."

Stevenson, trying to regain the lead, had its last two possessions end in interceptions - by Brian Cox and Joe Jonna.

Stevenson, which fell behind 14-0 after one quarter, took its

only lead when senior tailback Joe Alls completed a 39-yard drive with a two-yard drive with 1:48 remaining in the third quarter.

"It doesn't happen very often in your lifetime that a big game comes down to the bounce of a ball," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Both teams battled very hard. It was a great game on both sides."

The Shamrocks had a 232-170 advantage in total yardage. Alls, Stevenson's all-state back, was held to 44 yards on 19 carries, but had a 68-yard catch that led to his first touchdown from one yard out in the second quarter.

The other Stevenson score came on a 31-yard field goal.

Chris Dueweke, CC's featured back, got just 39 yards on 16 attempts. Adam Tubaro, sacked three times, was 5-of-13 for 80 yards and two interceptions.

CC looked like it would turn the game into a rout early, scoring on its first two possessions, both capped by easy touchdown passes to Don Slankster.

A 15-yard scoring pass to Slankster capped the first drive, which covered 78 yards in six plays with 9:50 remaining.

After Dave Lusky intercepted a Stevenson pass at the CC six, the Shamrocks marched 94 yards in 12 plays, capped by Slankster's nine-yard grab on third down and eight with :43 left in the quarter.

Bye said he didn't expect to see Sgroi get four carries the first two drives.

"Joe is a tremendous kid and all year long he's wanted to get in there as a runner," Mach said. "I keep thinking let's use him as a blocking back but he's changed our mind."



Top ground-gainer: Josh Christenson's 73 yards led CC's rushing attack.

STARTING LINEUPS	
CC Offense	CC Defense
Huron Defense	Huron Offense
TE-Dan Slankster #88 (6-4, 225)	DE-Mike Carroll #66 (6-1, 215)
DE-Ashlee Robinson #95 (6-11, 205)	TE-Quinn Bear #31 (5-11, 180)
LB-Brian Parent #62 (5-11, 225)	DT-Chuck Spolsky #68 (5-11, 215)
DT-Antonio Mierzewski #57 (6-2, 205)	LB-Danond Flagg #94 (6-4, 240)
LB-Chuck Spolsky #68 (5-11, 215)	LB-John Abrath #46 (6-1, 190)
DT-Roger Ehnman #79 (6-0, 325)	LB-Greg Smith #50 (5-11, 325)
C-Mike Davidson #57 (6-0, 215)	DT-Lou Willoughby #60 (6-0, 230)
DE-Cinque Carter #32 (6-1, 210)	C-Greg Fisher #60 (6-0, 220)
RB-Brocc Naysmith #58 (6-0, 220)	DE-Brian Beardsley #85 (6-3, 185)
LB-Greg Smith #50 (5-11, 200)	RB-Jordan Snyder #77 (6-2, 270)
RT-Ben Herman #74 (6-0, 240)	LB-Joe Sgroi #36 (6-0, 215)
LB-Quinn Bear #31 (5-11, 180)	RT-Sam Argersinger #55 (6-1, 230)
SE-Joe Jonna #12 (6-0, 180)	LB-Casey Rogowski #45 (6-3, 210)
LB-Mike Harrison #5 (5-11, 160)	SE-Mike Kalleher #6 (6-0, 170)
QB-Adam Tubaro #10 (6-2, 198)	LB-Justin Cassante #21 (6-0, 185)
DE-Mike Kalleher #6 (6-0, 170)	QB-Joe Przygodski #12 (6-0, 175)
RB-Josh Christenson #35 (6-1, 190)	RB-Bryan Cox #44 (5-11, 180)
DE-Derek Ginyard #7 (6-1, 165)	RB-Joe Jonna #12 (6-0, 180)
FB-Chris Dueweke #47 (6-1, 225)	FB-Mike Porter #44 (5-11, 205)
DE-Nate Hurst #3 (5-10, 170)	DE-Dave Lusky #16 (6-2, 195)
FL-Joe Sgroi #36 (6-0, 215)	FL-Thabiti Williamson #20 (6-0, 170)
DE-Thabiti Williamson #20 (6-0, 170)	

Shamrocks are favorites, but victory doesn't figure to come easy

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ann Arbor Huron football coach Paul Verska lives across the street from University of Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, which makes you wonder if that gives him first dibs to using the Wolverines indoor facility for practice this week.

It's a tradition U-M has done over the years, allowing teams to use their facility in preparing for the state finals at the Silverdome.

Kickoff for the matchup between the 12-0 River Rats and the 11-1 Shamrocks is 1 p.m. Saturday.

The two coaches laugh about Verska's ties to Carr, but maybe the U-M coach has divided loyalty. His son, Jason Carr, quarterbacked CC to the 1990 state

championship.

CC coach Tom Mach only wants to use the indoor facility once this week anyway.

"It's a little more work for us to get on the bus and drive an hour there," Mach said. "We went on near three times and that's a little tiring. It's a great experience, seeing the No. 1 team in the nation, a chance for players to meet the players and coaches. Now we've got a former player (Terry Malone) as an assistant on the U-M staff and that's impressive for our kids."

CC has already played at the Silverdome twice this year, including the final game against Southgate Aquinas in the Prep Bowl. Verska and his players

have been there only to watch games.

"I asked coach Mach, 'How am I supposed to act?'" Verska said.

"The River Rats beat previously-undefeated Rockford, 17-14, in the semifinals at Lansing Everett.

Rockford's all-state quarterback Mike Segard, who has committed to Purdue, was sacked several times and intercepted in the end zone by Huron's Quinn Basir in the final seconds.

"It's a dream come true," Basir said. "I dreamed about this. It's been our goal all year. Now we have to make a new one: winning the state championship."

Huron junior quarterback Joel Przygodski is the son of Plymouth Canton girls cross country and track coach Greg Przygodski, who was a standout at U-M and all-state at Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

The younger Przygodski completed more than 50 percent of his passes for 572 yards and 12 touchdowns during the regular season.

He completed five of 11 last week for 100 yards, including a long TD pass to wide receiver Thabiti Williamson.

"He's a good kid and gets better each week," Verska said. "He started off slowly and we've added to his work load each week."

He also punts. His brother, sophomore Doonny Przygodski, is a lineman at Huron.

Pat Johnson, a 5-10, 175-pound senior, is the River Rats' top rusher. He was the workhorse during the regular season with 12 TDs and 1,110 yards on 208 carries. Williamson has shared the rushing load throughout the playoffs after being a breakout threat with 682 yards on 48 carries and 11 TDs in the regular season.

CC has some active defensive ends, 6-1, 215-pound senior Mike Carroll and 6-3, 185-pound junior Brian Beardsley, who plays much bigger than his size.

The River Rats didn't kick a field goal until last week when David McNamara converted his

only attempt of the year from 37 yards last week.

The two teams met once previously, in 1987 when the Shamrocks won a non-league matchup, 14-0. CC went on to lose in the finals that year of the Class A state tournament to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Mach said this CC team has improved from Day 1 to now as much as any team he's had. The emphasis is on team more than stars, he said.

"I'm real excited and real, real happy for them," Mach said. "Of all the teams I've had, they've taken themselves from the beginning to the end of the season to a higher spot. They work extremely hard and are a joy to coach, believe what you say. They're the kind of guys you like to be around."

The Shamrocks are 18-2 in the playoffs in the 1990s. Along with a 900 winning percentage, CC has shown a penchant to win close games. The Shamrocks are 7-2 in playoff games decided by seven points or less, including 2-0 in overtime.

They have reached the AA state finals four previous times, losing only to Saginaw Arthur

Harrison must stop Dow's running attack

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The objective for the Farmington Harrison football team is clear but not so simple. Achieving it will require some effort.

The No. 1-ranked Hawks (12-0) will attempt to complete the fifth undefeated season in school history and win an eighth state championship Friday afternoon.

"For this team, getting to the Dome is not enough," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "They want to go there and win it."

Midland Dow (11-1) is the last team standing in the way of reaching that goal and will challenge Harrison for the Class A title at 1 p.m. in the Silverdome.

The Chargers are playing in their first state championship game since defeating the Hawks in the 1976 Class A contest, 36-27.

Dow is champion of the rugged Saginaw Valley Conference and features a potent running game led by senior tailback Matt Samecki and a strong defense.

"We don't have many stars, but we have a lot of good kids," Dow coach Frank Altmore said.

"We're not very big, but we're pretty tough and we are fast. That's a requisite for our defense. You can't play Flint, Saginaw and Bay City and not have speed."

Samocki rushed for more than 1,500 yards last year and has gained 1,470 this season while scoring 12 touchdowns.

He had a game like Harrison tailback Chris Ghannam did Saturday. Samocki ran for 145 yards on 32 carries and the game's only TD as Dow blanked East Lansing, 7-0. Ghannam had 146 yards and a touchdown on 31 attempts in Harrison's 21-7 win over Birmingham Seaholm.

"Samocki has good balance and good feet anyway, and he'll be even quicker on the carpet," Herrington said.

"So the first thing we have to do is stop him, but the fullback is 6-3 and 235 pounds. They have the big powerful running back we don't have."

Senior upback Jason Spiece has received scholarship offers from Big Ten schools and committed to Samocki, rushing for 750 yards and nine touchdowns.

"They're Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Altmore said, adding Samocki is a little speedster and Spiece a great blocker.

"The strength of our team lies in our defense and a very strong running game. In the process, our running game complemented our defense. We keep the ball; the defense goes in and does its job."

Harrison has been good

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against the run this year and hopes to prevent Dow from doing what Grandville did in last year's Class A final. The Bulldogs rushed 56 times for 303 yards in a 24-17 victory over the Hawks.

Grandville controlled the ball and moved it; if that happens, we're in trouble," Herrington said. "We have to keep them from getting 6 and 7 yards on first down, which Grandville did and always seemed to put us in a bind."

"Some teams that run a few formations and a few plays are harder to stop. You know what they want to do, but stopping them isn't easy to do."

While the passing game isn't a big part of the Dow offense, the Chargers are apt to spring a surprise and do just that.

Senior quarterback Mike Johnson is the Dow captain and "pretty much our team leader," according to Altmore.

"When we have to throw, we throw," he said. "But you like to dance with who brought you, and that's been primarily the running game."

"We were down 10 points to Saginaw and threw the ball. We throw the ball just about the time you don't want us to throw."

The emphasis on the running game is quite a departure from the offense Dow used when Altmore took over as head coach 15 years ago. But it was a change necessitated by circumstances, he said.

"We were a one-back team and used a lot of motion," he said. "We were very much like the teams you've seen in your league (Western Lakes Athletic Association), enmeshed with the passing game."

"We got in the playoffs one year at Traverse City and ran into mud, and I decided we were no longer a passing team. We were playing every year for the playoffs."

The change was necessary, "especially for northern teams because the fields are going to be bad; the weather is going to be bad," Altmore added. "We figured the path to the playoffs would go through places like Traverse City and Escanaba."

"We changed to a hard-nosed running game, which we felt complemented our defense even better."

The Chargers also have an excellent kicker in junior Phil Brabbs, who has booted nine field goals with his longest being 49 yards.

"And he kicks under pressure," Altmore said, adding Brabbs kicked a 25-yarder on the last play of the game to beat Saginaw in the regular season.

While the Dow offense had eight starters back from last year and is mostly seniors, the defense was a largely a new unit at the start of the season but has performed well.

"The juniors (seven starters) have filled in the spots on defense, and that's been the strongest part of the team," Altmore said.

In their 5-2 defense, the Chargers are led by junior inside linebacker Andrew Smith and

senior outside linebacker Doug Church. Both are All-SVC players.

Church's lack of size (5-8, 165) belies how well he plays. He had six sacks and 14 solo tackles in the win over East Lansing.

"He's like a Pocket Hercules," Altmore said, comparing Church to the Olympic weightlifter from Turkey. "He's one of the strongest kids we have on the team."

"He's a sprinter on the track team, too; He quit wrestling to devote himself to being a better football player."

The Chargers have the fastest 11 players on defense the Harrison coaches have seen, according to Herrington.

"Smith seems to be able to go sideline to sideline, and they bring great pressure from the corners with the two ends," he said. "No. 5 (Church) destroyed East Lansing; he was all over the place."

The Harrison Grubbers "will have to do the job on the guys," Herrington added. "It's hard to evaluate their secondary."

because not too many teams have tried to pass on them.

The Hawks have a balanced offense to keep the Dow defense guessing, and the indoor climate could help a passing game that lagged due to the weather and game circumstances the last two weeks.

Quarterback Jared Hopkins is having a fine season but was 8-of-20 for 145 yards and one touchdown in the previous two games after throwing for nearly 300 yards against Dearborn Edsel Ford in the playoff opener.

"The good conditions (in the Dome) will help, but it depends on the flow of the game," Herrington said.

"Once we got the ball back (from Seaholm in the fourth quarter), we wanted to eat up the clock and not give them two possessions and a chance to tie the score."

"The conditions the week before were not very favorable to the passing game. We have to come out of our playing-in-the-mud mode to play on the quicker stuff."

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Harrison 55, Livonia Franklin 6.
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Harrison 56, Livonia Churchill 7.
Harrison 35, Northville 0.
Harrison 27, W.L. Central 6.
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Harrison 56, Dear. Edsel Ford 21.
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Ghannam leads Hawks past Seaholm

BY MARTY BUNER
STAFF WRITER

"We're going to the Dome! We're going to the Dome!"

That's what Farmington Harrison fans enthusiastically chanted Saturday following a 7-0 win over Birmingham Seaholm in a Class A semifinal game at Rochester High School.

The No. 1-ranked Hawks earned their 11th trip to the state football finals and will play for their eighth state championship Friday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Although Harrison won by two touchdowns Saturday, the victory didn't come easy.

Seaholm, riding the momentum of its best season in school history, gave unbeaten Harrison (12-0) its closest game of the playoffs and one of its toughest games of the season.

The Hawks and Maples (10-2) did all the scoring in the 21-half Seaholm controlled the ball in the second half but had nothing to show for it.

"It was like two different games," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding the Hawks dominated the first half.

"In the second half, they took the ball and we had a hard time getting it back. The only good thing was we were ahead and they were eating up the clock."

Harrison opened the scoring with a 57-yard rushing pass from quarterback Jared Hopkins to Ricky Bryant late in the first quarter.

"The ball bounced off a Seaholm defender, who then fell down. Bryant just had to wait for 15 plays to come down. There was no one between him and the

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end zone.

The Hawks scored twice in the second quarter on 1-yard runs by tailback Chris Ghannam and upback Zack Cornwell.

Harrison's second scoring drive covered 49 yards after a punt, and the clinching TD resulted from a Seaholm miscue on the ensuing kickoff.

The Maples failed to field the ball as it rolled to the 30-yard line where Kareem Smartt recovered it for the Hawks, who needed five plays to score again and lead 21-0.

"That wasn't an inside kick," Herrington said. "They missed the ball and we took advantage of it."

The Hawks mustered all of their points in the first 19:17 and threatened to make it a rout. But the Maples wouldn't let it happen.

Seaholm rebounded after Harrison's third touchdown and eventually scored when quarterback Bill Schuerman rolled left and kept going around end for a 25-yard TD.

The Maples came out with a vengeance in the second half. In the third quarter, Seaholm ran 25 plays to Harrison's five and had the ball for 10 of the 12 minutes.

However, it couldn't dent a Harrison defense that allowed more than one touchdown in only three of its 12 games.

Seaholm's opening drive of the third quarter, which lasted more than six minutes and included 15 plays, ended when Smartt intercepted a pass in the Harri-

son end zone.

Smartt made three big plays, also tackling Gabe Hemmingsway on fourth-and-2 at the Harrison 15 in the third quarter. The Maples were unsuccessful on fourth-and-12 at the Harrison 17 in the fourth, too.

"I'm really proud of how we played them tough all the way to the end," Seaholm coach Doug Fraser said. "It would have been easy to give up against that team."

"We moved the ball well the last drive of the first half and most of the second half. But give credit to their defense; they stiffened when they had to down in the red zone."

Harrison did like Seaholm when it got the ball with 9:28 remaining and held it for the duration of the game, running the ball on 16 of 17 plays.

"We had to go to third and fourth down a few times, but we kept moving the ball and driving," Herrington said.

Ghannam was the workhorse for the Hawks, who finished with 285 total yards in tying their lowest point total of the season. He carried 31 times for 146 yards, Cornwell 12 for 43. Hopkins completed four of eight passes 96 yards.

Seaholm had 221 yards, including 175 rushing. Junior tailback Aas Sherwood finished with 126 yards on 29 carries. Schuerman completed four of 17 passes for 46 yards with two interceptions.

"I didn't think we contained (Sherwood) sometimes, but he didn't have any long runs," Herrington said. "His passing game was off a little, and we could load up on the run."

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for a 41-31 victory in a Class A regional semifinal at Southfield. "When we got beat up by Borgess the second time, we played timid," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "I reminded the team of that, and wanted them to learn from it and come out tonight and play aggressive."

Ladywood advanced to Wednesday's regional final to face Detroit Martin Luther King (23-2), a 73-41 winner over Detroit Southwestern. The Blazers haven't won a regional title since 1992.

"I'm not surprised we're in this position; we've worked hard all year and deserve to be here," said senior center Sarah Poglits, who led the Blazers with 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots.

The Blazers led 36-26 with six minutes remaining in the game, but held off a furious Cody comeback attempt. The win was secure when Brandy Davis' game-tying three-point attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

"I felt confident that if we could control their guards and slow the game down, then we would have a good chance of winning," Gorski said. "I think we did a good job of taking the guards out of their normal game and we handled their pressure pretty well."

"I thought we'd be in good shape if we could hold them under 50 points, so I was pleased they finished with only 38."

Senior Nichole Miller scored 13 points for Cody, which finished its season 20-3. Keneisha Moss added 11 points, while Davis, who Gorski feared would

be the most dangerous, was held to three points.

After Poglits' 16, the Blazers received balanced scoring, paced by senior forward Jenny Lachapelle's seven points.

The Lady Comets appeared they would make the game a rout early, jumping out to a quick 9-2 lead. Six straight points by Poglits and a triple by Meryl Denton helped the Blazers knot the game at 13-13 heading into the second quarter.

The shooting turned cold in the second quarter as neither team made a basket for the first six minutes. A jumper by Poglits and a putback by freshman center Michelle Harakas just before the first half buzzer tied the game at 21-21 at halftime.

Cody rallied to take a 26-24 lead with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter, but the Blazers reeled off 10 unanswered points (six by Poglits) to take a 34-26 lead into the final quarter.

"We knew that if we could work the ball around enough that their defense would collapse and go to the ball," Poglits said. "That would then leave someone open and we were finding that person."

"We knew they would send a couple players to the ball and the key was for our guards not to panic and to make the second, third and fourth passes and get the good shots," Gorski said.

Key to the Ladywood second-half run was the play of junior forward Elena Sventickas, who came off the bench to score three points and grab three boards.

Ladywood appeared to have the game in hand, leading 39-31 with 1:44 remaining, but poor

free throw shooting and several missed layups gave Cody an opening. A trey by Miller closed the gap to 39-36 with 45 seconds remaining.

Senior guard Sheryl Wroblewski split a pair of free throws to increase the lead to four. The Lady Comets had four chances to score but failed. Still, Cody stayed alive after Davis and Danielle Dixon each made a free throw make it 40-38 with eight seconds left.

Wroblewski was again fouled and made one of two free throws with four seconds left. After a timeout, the Lady Comets threw the ball down court where Davis got behind Poglits and had an open three-point attempt. But her off-balanced shot only hit the outside of the rim.

Cody shot poorly from the field, making only 22 percent of its shots (13-of-58), compared to Ladywood's 36 percent clip (16-of-43). Neither team shot well at the charity stripe, as Cody made eight-of-15 tries, and the Blazers converted only eight-of-17 attempts.

With the win, the Blazers improved their overall mark to 12-11, the first time Ladywood has been over .500 since early in the season. To stay above .500, the Blazers are going to have to beat a tough King squad.

"They are like Cody, very quick, but they also have an inside game and play very physical," Gorski said.

Winning streak ends for Ocelots

He knew it would be difficult. Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs knew the non-conference portion of his schedule could make or break his team. The way the season started, it was definitely making it.

Until last weekend?

Well, maybe. True enough, after a 5-0 start, the Ocelots lost twice over the weekend at the Monroe CC (Trenton, N.J.) Memorial Scholarship Tournament.

But neither loss was by a lopsided score. In fact, each was by a mere three points.

SC lost to Gloucester College

(N.J.) on a controversial non-call Friday, 94-91in three OTs. On Saturday, Monroe overcame a four-point deficit at the half to beat the Ocelots, 77-74.

SC, playing without David Jarrett (from Westland John Glenn), out with a sprained ankle, and Dan Gomez, who has left the team, still gave Monroe all it could handle Saturday. Kevin Nelson finished with 27 points to lead the Ocelots; Derek McKelvey added 15 and Jamar Eddins had 10.

Shamar Johnson's 19 points paced Monroe, which trailed 45-41 at the half.

On Friday against Gloucester,

a three-point shot with eight seconds left in regulation from a Gloucester player who later had already fouled out was the winning margin.

Gloucester used the three-point shot to tie the score at the end of regulation and went on to win in three overtimes.

At the start of the first overtime it was ruled the Gloucester hero had five fouls, which would have fouled him out.

The Gloucester player took a seat but it was too late to take away the basket, Briggs said.

Melson led five Schoolcraft players in double figures with 30 points. McKelvey scored 17.

Whalers from page C1

The Whalers took a 3-1 road win over London Nov. 21.

Plymouth scored a goal in each period at the London Ice House. Andy Burnham, Eric Gooldy and Andrew Taylor all tallied.

Esche carried a shutout into the third period but lost as London's Max Spirodonov scored with just 43 seconds remaining in the game.

Whaler Notes

Legwand's 38 points leads Plymouth in scoring. Fitzgerald is second with 25, including 8 goals and 17 assists. Left wing Harold Druken is third with 12 goals and 11 assists for 23 points and center Yuri Babenko has 8 goals and 13 assists for 21 points.

Goaltender Esche sports an

11-4-1 record with a 2.97 goals against average.

As a team, the Whalers have outscored opponents 102-82. Plymouth has netted eight short-handed goals and allowed just two. Plymouth's power play has been successful 79.7 percent of the time while the penalty killers are allowing goals 22.7 percent of the time.

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led after every quarter — but not by much. It was 10-9 after one quarter and 18-15 at the half; only Janell Twietmeyer's strong showing in the third quarter allowed the Chiefs to take a 26-19 lead into the fourth.

Twietmeyer scored the last six points of the period, after the Doughgirls had closed to within 20-19. She indeed was one of the offensive sparks for Canton, pouring in 15 points.

Nkechi Okwumabua, who had a rough start with more shots rimming out in the first three quarters than most players will see in a season, finished with a game-high 17 points. Seven of those came in the fourth quarter, sparking the Chiefs' 21-8 finish.

Prior to that, Canton didn't do anything impressive offensively — and it wasn't due to something Pershing did. Indeed, the Doughgirls didn't seem that

interested in playing much defense.

Canton's shooting in the first three quarters was just plain poor: 11-of-37 (29.7 percent). In the fourth period, the Chiefs connected on track, making 9-of-15 of their shots (60 percent).

"I thought early in the game we had patience, but we really didn't attack their zone," Blohm said. "We passed up some shots, but we missed some easy ones."

Melissa Marzoff added nine points for the Chiefs. Pershing, which finished 12-9, got 10 points from Ranisha Austin and eight from Laura Simmons.

Whitmore Lake 35, Agape 29: The final quarter finished off Canton Agape Academy in the Class D district semifinals last Wednesday (Nov. 19) at Whitmore Lake.

The Wolverines finished their

season with a 16-5 record.

Agape led 9-4 after one quarter and 15-13 at the half. But Whitmore Lake overtook the Wolverines and led 22-21 entering the fourth period.

In that final stanza, the host team outscored Agape 13-8 to advance to the district final.

No one on Agape reached double figures in scoring. Kim Ther was high point-person with eight points, she also had four steals. Charla Sexton had seven points and seven rebounds, Allie Major contributed six points, eight rebounds and four steals, Margie Henry added six points and three steals, and Sarah Chrenko totaled two points and six boards.

Whitmore Lake was led by Christine Mulreed with 15 points and Kelly Blayer with 12.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

SINGLES' DANCE
West Side Singles Friday night dances are held every Friday at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission is \$5. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older welcome. Music by professional DJ. Top 40 current hits. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

Suburban Singles presents a "Singles Single Dance" every Wednesday and Sunday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile in Redford. Admission \$4. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Fashionable attire (no jeans). For more information, call (313) 849-5275.

NEWBURG SINGLES
Newburg Singles Ministries meets at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City.

AROUND TOWN

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS
Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

GARFIELD COOPERATIVE
Garfield Cooperative Preschool is located at Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile, east of Wayne. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years. For more information, call (313) 462-0135.

CRAPT SHOWS
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual December Arts & Crafts Show. The two-day show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The cost for an eight-foot table space is \$65. Admission and parking are both free.

The Women's Club of St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church is sponsoring a craft show Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 555 S. Lily, Canton. Admission \$1, seniors 50 cents and 12 years and under free. Information, 397-0878.

TREATS AND TREASURES
A sale will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21855 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. No admission fee.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
There will be a Holiday Open House Friday through Sunday, Dec. 5-7, and free photos with Santa at Keller & Stee, 42158 Michigan Ave., Canton. Information, 397-0800.

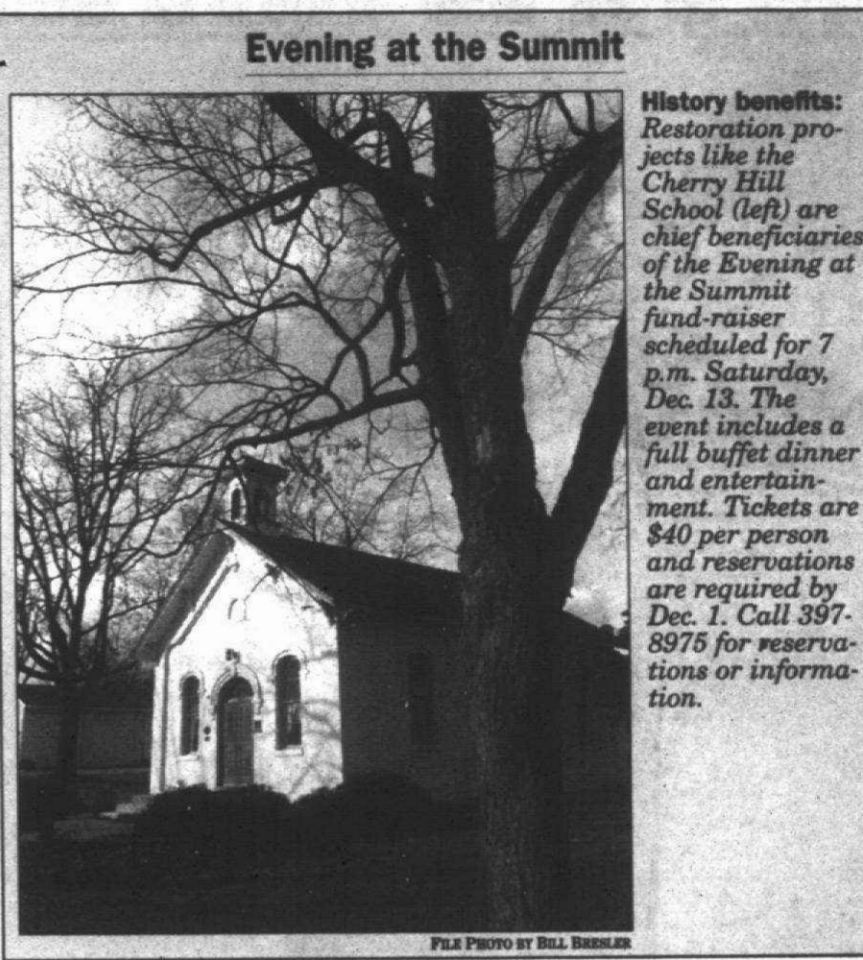
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PLYMOUTH YMCA
Through Dec. 19. Practices for the Basketball Travel League are on Monday or Wednesday with Friday or Saturday games. This is a league for both girls and boys. Divisions: Passers: third-fourth grade; Shooters: fifth-sixth grade; Blockers: seventh-eighth grade and Jammers: ninth-twelfth grade. Call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA to register by phone at (313) 453-2904 with Visa or MasterCard or for further information.

Through Dec. 17. The Girls Basketball Instructional League will teach basic skills including dribbling, shooting, passing, and rules of the game. Instruction will be 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Bentley Elementary School, Canton. Ages 9-12. Call the Plymouth YMCA for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard at (313) 453-2904.



History benefits: Restoration projects like the Cherry Hill School (left) are chief beneficiaries of the Evening at the Summit fund-raiser scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The event includes a full buffet dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$40 per person and reservations are required by Dec. 1. Call 397-8975 for reservations or information.

MARTIAL ARTS

The Canton Calvary Assembly of God Church, 7933 Sheldon, Canton, is sponsoring martial arts programs by Robert M. Skinner of Judo & Karate Arts Inc. to teach judo and aikido. The programs are for men and women 16 years and older. The cost is \$53 for eight weeks. The classes are through Dec. 11, with no class on Nov. 27. Any student who is not 18 years must be accompanied by an adult who has the authority to register this student. All students are required to sign the waiver of liability form before participating in either or both of these programs. Class times for judo are 7-8:15 p.m., and for aikido, 8:15-9:30 p.m. For more information, call Robert M. Skinner at (248) 477-8806.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University's open registration for winter term continues through Friday, Jan. 2, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with some exceptions. All

offices will be closed for Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-30) and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

SALVATION ARMY
Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time too in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

STOCKING STUFFERS
Available for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors. The parents' committee, helping to plan the 1998 Senior Party part of graduation festivities, will be offering the early sale of 1998 Senior Party tickets. Information, Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.

SOCCER
Wide World Sports Center is now accepting registration for its indoor soccer season. The season runs through to Dec. 15. Individual registrations are welcome. Instructional classes are also available for age levels. For more information, call (313) 913-4625.

DATATEL SCHOLARSHIP
Schoolcraft College students are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by Datatel Scholars Foundation. Awards range from \$700 to \$2,000 and applications are due in the Office Marketing and Development no later than Friday, Feb. 6. Information, (313) 462-4463.

HOT FAMILIES
Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American holiday during Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-30) and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in learning more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428.

VICTORIAN SANTA
Santa Claus will appear as he did in Victorian times. He will hold court at

CELIAQ SPRUE

There is a support group for persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings. There will be a meeting Monday, Dec. 8, at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. Information, (248) 988-6996.

SUPPORT GROUPS

NEW BEGINNINGS
The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.

ARBOR HOSPICE
A seven-week support and educational group for patients who have lost an adult child will be offered by Arbor Hospice. Groups will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor. The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child, regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

LIFE MINISTRIES
Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

LEARNING DISABLED
Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MDDA
MDDA (Manic Depressive/Depressive Association) holds its meeting the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

SUBURBAN WEST
Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. Information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

WOLUNTEERS

ALZHEIMER'S
The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

WOLUNTEER DRIVERS
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4908.

BEAUMONT HOSPICE
Beaumont Hospice invites you to become part of its hospice team by volunteering your services to support the care of patients with terminal illnesses and their families. Information, (248) 828-9514.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. For more information, call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

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CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

HONORS COLLEGE
The following students from Canton graduated from Madonna University. They are: George Darabon, Erin Ford, Angela Klenn, Robert Kowalski, Lori Kusche, Meghan O'Keefe, Kimberley O'Malley, Margaret Shields, and Jennifer Weiss. Graduating with associate degrees are: Jill Bayush and Diane Brooks.

The following students from Plymouth graduated from Madonna University. They are: Tracy Massel, Kelly Geiger, Elizabeth Miller and Marilyn Peterson.

HONORS COLLEGE
The following students from Canton and Plymouth were named new members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan. They are: Carla Howe, Daniel Krustka, Sara Schoeneman, Vanessa Bodnar, Sarah Pratt, Kimberly Reynolds, Susanne Thomson and Rebecca Weiner.

HONORS SCHOLARSHIP
Arshi Khan of Canton received the Honors Scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE
Rachael Johnson, international studies, Albert Kahn Associates; Lisa Poulson, general studies, Amerisure Companies. UM-Dearborn; CASI, co-op students work at companies in southeast Michigan, gaining valuable job experience and academic credits while earning money to help meet college expenses.

DEAN'S LIST
The following student was named to the dean's list at GMI Engineering & Management Institute: Adam Streeb, son of Terry and Sharon Streeb of Plymouth.

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS
Albion College's Claire Walton of Plymouth is spending the fall semester studying in Oxford as part of the college's off-campus programs. She is a junior majoring in biology and speech communication and theatre. She is a graduate of Ladywood High School.

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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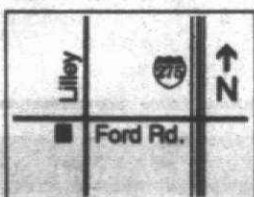
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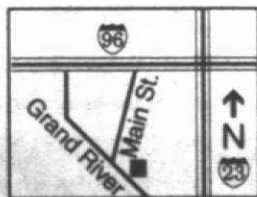


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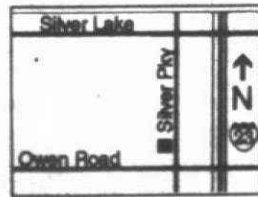
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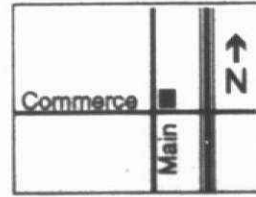
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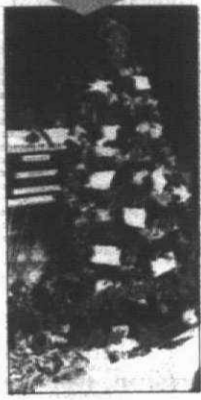
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Festival of Trees at Cobo Center in Detroit, open today 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. features 113 professionally designed trees and holiday vignettes. Call (313) 966-TREE for information.

SATURDAY

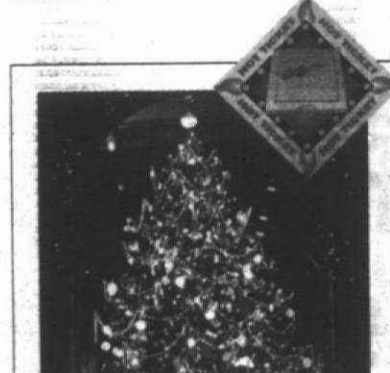


Jennifer Koh, a 20-year-old violinist, joins guest conductor James Paul and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for an 8:30 p.m. performance at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, (313) 833-3700.

SUNDAY



Stagecrafters presents "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430.



Hot tix: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn deck the halls and walls during Traditions of the Season, Friday, Nov. 28 through Sunday, Jan. 4. This three-story holiday tree greets visitors inside the museum as they enter the Great Hall, (313) 271-1620.



ILM/WALT DISNEY PICTURES

Family comedy: Professor Phillip Brainard, (Robin Williams) who has been working to create an alternative source of energy, accidentally creates a goo that looks like rubber but has amazing properties in "Flubber."

Remakes, sequels highlight holiday trips to the movies

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

December 25 has long been a popular night at the movies.

"It's become a sort of family tradition," said one friend, more a casual moviegoer than fanatic. "Once the presents are exchanged and the dinner eaten, it's about the only thing open to do."

Hollywood, which routinely premieres movies on Christmas Day, is being especially accommodating this year. No less than nine movies bow, and though the ghosts of Christmas past have often capped the day with disappointment ("The Godfather Part III" and "Four Rooms" come to mind), we can only hope.

"Flubber" and "Alien Resurrection," which officially kick off the holiday season this weekend, pretty much sum up your choices in general: sequels and remakes with some original ideas thrown into the mix.

■ "Flubber" - A Disney remake of its own 1961 live-action comedy. Robin Williams fills the shoes of "My Three Sons" Fred MacMurray, whose absent-minded professor was first to invent the green goo that makes whatever it comes into contact with fly. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ "Alien Resurrection" - More than lead char-



ANDREW COOPER/DREAMWORKS

On the set: Director Steven Spielberg (left) goes over a scene with Anthony Hopkins (center) and Morgan Freeman on the set of "Amistad."

acter Ripley died at the end of "Alien 3." Director David Fincher pretty much sank the franchise with his shaved-head aesthetic and heavy-handed symbolism. French directors Jeunet and Caro (fresh from "Delicatessen" and "The City of

Lost Children") promise to breathe new life into the series, resurrecting star Sigourney Weaver and introducing Winona Ryder as a cyborg mechanic. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ "Contempt" - Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director. (Playing Nov. 28-30 at the Detroit Film Theatre)

■ "Amistad" - Word is that it's no "Schindler's List," but Steven Spielberg still entertains while bringing to light a little discussed bit of history. The year is 1839 when 53 Africans take over the title vessel, a Spanish slave ship, and are put on trial in the United States. Matthew McConaughey plays a crusading young lawyer (again) while Anthony Hopkins depicts another American President, this time John Quincy Adams. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "For Richer or Poorer" - Kirstie Allie and Tim Allen as a rich Manhattan couple, on the

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THEATER

Ghost of Christmas past returns to Meadow Brook

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Keep it simple. Keep it true to the original. Have a great actor in the lead role.

According to Charles Nolte this is the secret to success when mounting a production of Charles Dickens' beloved "A Christmas Carol."

Nolte should know. After a three-year experiment of doing other versions, Meadow Brook Theatre is bringing back Nolte's adaptation with Nolte directing. Earlier this year, Meadow Brook artistic director Geoffrey Sherman admitted that popular sentiment favored the simple, faithful Nolte approach.

"It's nice to have your version remembered so fondly by people," Nolte said.

Nolte lives in Minneapolis where he divides his time between acting, writing and directing and teaching theater at the University of Minnesota. But Meadow Brook, on the campus of Oakland University, has become something of a second

A Christmas Carol

What: Charles Nolte's adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous story.

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester

When: Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesdays-

Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2, 6 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets: Range from \$23 to \$33.50 depending on performance day. Special family rates are available Nov. 28-30.

For tickets and information: (248) 377-3300.

home for Nolte.

"I'm delighted to be back. I've spent a good deal of time here. There are also so many who were in my version years ago, so it's déjà vu all over again. It's a family reunion."

Dickens' immortal tale of a stingy man redeemed by ghosts has been a Nolte favorite for a long time.

"My generation remembers the

old radio show with Lionel Barrymore," he said. "And every year, my father made us sit down and listen to him read the story. So the story was familiar to me."

Nolte also remembers seeing the original MGM sound version in the 1930s which featured an eager, round-faced young boy as Tiny Tim. The boy was Terrence Kilbourne, who became artistic director at Meadow Brook. It was Kilbourne who asked Nolte to adapt the story.

"The challenge of converting 'Christmas Carol' to the stage isn't as great as you might think because Dickens thought in theatrical terms," Nolte said. "He was great monologist himself. He wrote in theatrical terms. Much of the dialogue in my play comes from the book because you can't improve on Dickens."

Dickens also gives the play a simple, clear structure with visits of Marley and three spirits leading to the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge. Nolte said the story has a

natural shape to it as Scrooge deals with his past, compares his current misery to the warmth of those around him and confronts his possible future.

"The closer one gets to the original story is the way to go," Nolte said. "The problem at many theaters, such as the production at the Guthrie (in Minneapolis) is they draw in things that don't belong and aren't in the story. At the Guthrie, they bring on Charles Dickens but he's not in the story."

But keeping things simple doesn't mean ignoring the stories deeper meanings. Dickens is not all sweetness and light and Nolte said he wouldn't think of softening the later scenes of despicable slum life and haunting death.

"Admittedly the story is quite dark, it doesn't serve Dickens' purpose to pretty it up. It's a dark, dark scene. But immediately after the darkest scene comes the lightest when he is redeemed," Nolte



Fast friends: Booth Colman reprises his performance of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jeffrey Hyke (left) alternates the role of Tiny Tim with Jami-son Schrock (right).

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Movies from page E1

lam from the L.R.S., who hide out in Amish country. Enough said. (Opens Dec. 12)
'Scream 2' - The characters left alive at the end of Wes Craven's last frightfest are still haunted by the ghosts of horror movies past. (Opens Dec. 12)
'Spike and Mike's Festival of Animation' - The California-based duo have been producing and distributing animated shorts for almost 20 years. The regular edition of their popular festival begins Dec. 19-21 at the Detroit Film Theatre. The adults-only 'Sick and Twisted' version plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1, highlighted by the unpaired pilot for the cable TV hit 'South Park.'
'Home Alone 3' - Goodbye Macaulay Culkin. Hello Alex D. Linz, his 8-year-old replacement who gets the best of computer chip thieves while left home alone with the Chicken Pox. John Hughes, who penned the first two, is credited with this screenplay. (Opens Dec. 19)
'Tomorrow Never Dies' - Some would say the 18th James Bond entry is about 13 too many. There is one upside here: Michele Yeoh upstaged Jackie Chan in 'Supercop,' so should have no trouble with Pierce Brosnan, in his second outing as 007. (Opens Dec. 19)
'Titanic' - The most anticipated Hollywood epic in recent years finally gets to test its sea legs. The love story between Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio should take a back seat to the painstaking recreation of the 1912 disaster, conducted by the 'Terminator's' James Cameron. (Opens Dec. 19)
'Deconstructing Harry' - Like clockwork, Woody Allen has made a film a year even during his most trying personal times. In this year's model he plays a successful author who is a complete failure in every other aspect of his life. The typically eclectic cast includes Demi Moore, Kirstie Alley, Robin Williams, Judy Davis, Amy Irving, and Elisabeth Shue. (Opens Dec. 25)
'The Sweet Hereafter' - Canadian Atom Egoyan's downbeat drama about collective mourning copped the Grand Prize at Cannes this year. Here the residents of a small town try to cope with the bus accident that killed 14 school children. (Opens Dec. 25)
'Mousehunt' - Nathan Lane and Lee Evans in a story aimed at kids about brothers who inherit a haunted house. (Opens Dec. 25)
'Goodwill Hunting' - Gus Van Sant ('To Die For,' 'Drugstore Cowboy') directed this drama about a brilliant but uneducated orphan from South Boston who is helped by a college professor and a psychologist. Robin Williams and Ben Affleck ('Chasing Amy') star. (Opens Dec. 25)
'Jackie Brown' - Hard to believe but this is the first feature Quentin Tarantino has directed since 'Pulp Fiction.' Here he takes 'Rum Punch,' a novel by Birmingham author Elmore Leonard, and concocts a tribute to '70s blaxploitation movies with queen of the genre Pam Grier as star. (Opens Dec. 25)
'As Good as it Gets' - Jack Nicholson is harassing waitress again, this time TV's Helen Hunt as the only server who can stand his outbursts. Joining their unlikely friendship is Greg Kinnear, as a gay artist neighbor. Nicholson to great effect in 'Terms of Endearment,' will hopefully perform similar magic here. When was the last time Nicholson appeared in a truly solid film? (Opens Dec. 25)
'The Postman' - 'Waterworld's' Kevin Costner in yet another post-apocalyptic action drama. Here he plays a man, circa 2013, who discovers a lost postal vehicle and starts delivering to survivors letters written before the war. (Opens Dec. 25)

SINGLES CALENDAR

Send items to be considered for publication to: Sarah Takas, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 3625 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; or fax to (313) 591-7279.
TRI-COUNTY SINGLES
'Single Mingle Dance,' 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 29, Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph south of 8 Mile Road. Ages 21 and up, fashionable attire, no jeans. Admission \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m., call (313) 842-0443.
SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES
Dance 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., every Sunday, Bonnie Brook Country Club. Admission \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m., call (313) 842-0443.
WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES
'Single Mingle Dance' 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., every Wednesday, at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile, Redford. You must be 21. Fashionable attire. Admission \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-0443.
STAYERS
Ballroom dancing for singles

age 40 and older, 9 p.m.-midnight Fridays in the Northwest YWCA, 2594 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire. (313) 422-2887, (810) 558-2731.
SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES
Sunday Suburban Singles holds dances 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile, Redford. Ages 21 and up. Proper attire. \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-0443.
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Catholic Church, West Chicago and Inkster Road. \$8 includes refreshments. (313) 464-3325.
FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
Single Mingle Dance 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at The Historic Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Avenue, north of 8 Mile, Farmington Hills. Dance will be held in the Carriage House. Admission \$4/members and \$7/non-members. Ballroom is non-smoking. Attire dressy, men must wear coat and tie. (248) 851-9909.
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Ballroom dancing to Mike Wolverton and Eddie 'O, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Magr. Hunt Drive, between Southfield and Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights. \$4. Dance lessons 6:45-8 p.m. Cost \$2. (313) 295-1134.
MOON DUSTERS
Ballroom dancing, 9 p.m.-midnight Saturdays at the Moon Dusters, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. \$5. Dressy attire. (313) 422-3298.
PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
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Bluesman creates unique sound all by himself

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

On his debut CD 'Trashy Love Songs,' bluesman Pete 'Big Dog' Fetters wants listeners of the impending trouble. 'This product may cause happy feet. Do not listen while wearing swim fins or other restrictive foot gear,' the Livonia resident writes. There should be a warning of another kind on 'Trashy Love Songs' and his recent release 'Be a Big Dog.' Listeners who haven't seen Fetters perform live are in for a surprise. Fetters is a one-man band. The guitar, vocals, harmonica, congas, shakers - Fetters does it all. He fills out the bottom end of the music by tapping his foot on a piece of wood that has a microphone mounted to it. 'People get up and dance,' Fetters said of his live show. 'There's more of a beat to it than people would think. I fill up a room with music. I used to be a trio but it sounds just as full to the people who are listening.' He's also a one-man organization. Fetters writes and performs the music, and takes care of all of the business. 'I spend a lot of time being my own booking agent,' he said with a laugh.

An East Lansing native, Fetters graduated from Michigan State University in 1980 with the hopes of becoming a professional musician. Soon afterward he formed a four-piece country band. 'That's when the 'Urban Cowboy' craze was going on.' Three years after graduating from MSU he went to Nashville to record an album and made a logical decision about his immediate future. 'I said, 'Now that we're big on the road,' we did the travel thing for six months barely making enough money.' Songwriting was where the money was so Fetters moved to Nashville to concentrate on his career. It was there that he was introduced to the blues. 'There was all kinds of stuff going on. There was a blues scene with some great players,' said Fetters who also worked as a swimming coach for a local university. In 1984, when his songwriting 'was not going anywhere' he decided to 'get out of music' and earned his master's degree at Michigan State University. For six years following, Fetters worked as the head swimming coach at Vanderbilt University. In the fall of 1994, he moved back to Michigan to be near his daughters. Since then, Fetters has released two CDs. His latest effort, the 11-song 'Be a Big Dog' recorded at the Boneyard Studio in Warren, kicks off with the rollicking 'Big Bottom Woman.' In the song, which takes place in a Mexican jail, Fetters sings 'I've got a big-bottomed woman in my mind tonight. She can move that thing and make the whole world bright.' He keeps his sense of humor in check with the Hawaiian-flavored 'Hula Dancer' ('the way you move can make a man go blind'), and his trademark song 'Be a Big Dog' where Fetters growls between the choruses. 'Remember these four little words and they'll take care of you.' Fetters moves on to more sentimental topics with 'Deeper Into the Stars' which closes with the sounds of windchimes blowing in the mind, and 'Casey's Song,' an ode to his daughter. His CDs are only available at his shows. Ironically, now that Fetters is back in the Detroit area, he's able to make a living off of his music. 'I can make ends meet financially. I spend a lot of time focusing on my writing and teaching myself the slide guitar.' Fetters recently played his biggest gig, opening for Leon Russell at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. 'It was a really great audience. The place was packed. They opened the doors at 8 and at 8:25 you couldn't find a place to stand up in there. I did a 45-minute set and about 95 percent of it was stuff on my CD and it went over really well. I sold a bunch of CDs.' The key to his success, Fetters said, is being unique. 'It's really important not only to have a unique sound but to do something that's unusual that they'll remember,' he said. Pete Fetters performs at 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and every Friday and Saturday in December at Bakers, 2055 S. Milford Road, Milford. The free shows are open to all ages. Call (248) 685-0505 for more information. He also plays at 9 p.m. Thursdays in December at Telly's, 20795 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. The free shows are open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (313) 881-3985.



New release: Pete 'Big Dog' Fetters of Livonia recently released his second CD 'Trashy Love Songs' on Two Sisters Records. Fetters was nominated for Best New Acoustic Act for the 1997 Detroit Music Awards.

Hard-working people stage Thanksgiving parade

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It makes your day to talk with people who love what they do. It shows in their work, too. A certain joy seeps into the finished product, and you're left just feeling good. I've just spent some time with a group of people who love their work. They put together America's Thanksgiving Day Parade today, an enormous event in its 71st year - 2.2 million of parade along Woodward Avenue and still Michigan's largest free public event. And, in the words of the Parade Company's executive director Suzie Gross, 'We're reved up.' Another thing about the people who love what they do? Follow the baton as it's passed around. Suzie Gross: 'We have four full-time artists who are master sculptors and craftsmen, plus hundreds of volunteers to paint, glitter, mache, work with fabric and sculpt. The windows of my office overlook the parade studio, and there must be 300 people in the studio. We have an award-winning art director, Jimmy Thompson, renowned nationally for his designs and his whimsical and creative concepts. It's fun.' To art director Jimmy Thompson: 'Ralph Skinner, our assistant art director, is one of the best sculptors I've ever met, and great painter, too, and Don Watts, our technical director, who does everything from building chassis to building animation. We're all on the same page. And the veteran volunteers understand the direction we're going, too.' To technical director Don Watts: 'It's a pretty big effort between a lot of different people. I keep a pretty low profile. My goal is to make the animation work underneath their art work. If my animation distracts from the art in any way, that's not good. My intent is to make the art work come to life by adding the movement. And I have great people backing me up.' Sense a pattern? Suzie credits Jim. Jim credits Don. They credit the volunteers. No wonder the parade's so fun to watch!

Jimmy explained the parade process lasts all year. 'In January I state illustrating for next year.' Literally hundreds of artisans and volunteers are involved. 'We have carpentry, mechanical, people who are engineers who assist us in practical matters when putting things together, production line folks, people who work on surfaces and coatings, painters, fabricators, fabrics people with sewing skills - like if we need an oversized bedspread pleated in a certain way that had to be weighted to fall just right, they can do it. You get to do as many different types of art as you can imagine. Painting, sculpting, seeing how things are going to move left to right, and the whole live performance aspect. There are people who discipline themselves as artists by pushing themselves a little further.' Talking to Don, it sounds like he may be one of those people. 'My previous mechanical background was working on trucks, and I couldn't express myself. I only did repairs. But now Jimmy Thompson and I talk about how artwork doesn't sit on high, or so we can put more on the chassis. Even though nobody really sees that, if it enhances the art we've done, it's worth it.' They all get a thrill out of parade day. Jimmy says, 'The payoff is the teamwork involved. There's nothing like seeing so many people on the same page. And to see it go down Woodward, seeing people enjoy the parade even if they don't know how much work goes into it. And then there are the people who pitched in who are able to point their stuff out to people, hey I did this part, that's my piece? It's really a parade for everybody.' Suzie says she watches children on parade day. 'The best part are the looks that you see on the kids' faces as you walk the route. When you look at the parade, it takes you on a magical journey. It takes so many people to put together, but it touches everyone individually. That's why we work these 18- and 20-hour days. These are not only floats and balloons, these are enduring memories that will last a lifetime. It's really a moving exhibition, a museum on wheels. It's not only a story book, but it's a history book, too.' Don concurs. 'I personally do love it. I get a thrill out of the excitement of doing the parade.' Then he whets our appetite with this: 'Wait 'til next year, 'cause we already have ideas.' Backstage Pass will be pre-empted tonight and for the Winterfest Parade Drive - we return Dec. 18, so for Detroit Public Television: Happy Thanksgiving.

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MOVIES

Savannah stars as 'Midnight' unravels murder



JOHN MONAGHAN

Savannah, Georgia, is unlike any other Southern city. Left relatively intact at the close of the Civil War, it is a haunted place where you can turn a corner on its brick-lined streets and come face to face with a building untouched for over a century.

For John Kelso, the writer played by John Cusack in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," its mixture of the traditional and bizarre proves downright beguiling. Sent there to write a magazine fluff piece, he decides this "Gone with the Wind" - "on mescaline" - would be an ideal setting for his next book.

Unfortunately, the real-life story that made 1994's "Mid-

night" one of the decade's best-selling novels doesn't translate all that well to film. Through the earnest, but uninspired, lens of director Clint Eastwood, it becomes a murder mystery without enough of either to sustain its 2-1/2-hour running time.

The movie opens leisurely (and I suppose appropriately so) as Kelso encounters the eccentric Savannah locals. A man walks an imaginary dog. Another has huge horseshoes attached to strings on his sweater. A former beauty only strays from her bouboir long enough to attend the lavish formal parties.

When Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey), a popular member of Savannah's "nouveau riche," shoots his volatile young lover, his self-defense plea doesn't automatically mean innocence. How his sexual relationship with the deceased plays in court could put him behind bars.

Set in 1911, the movie is adapted from John Berendt's

novel, itself based on the actual Williams murder trial. Tourists now visit familiar Savannah spots described in "Midnight" (referred to simply as "The Book") and pry the locals for first-hand gossip about the case.

But these same juicy tidbits that seem so great in whispers might not be enough to support a film, especially one as self-important as this one. Eastwood, never so intent on covering all the bases of race, sexual preference and even voodoo, that he strips the life out of each. Cusack walks through the movie literally in an open-mouthed stupor, seemingly awed by his Gatsby-like relationship to the dapper Williams (he even addresses the young writer as "Sport"). Spacey, sporting distinguished gray hair and a bushy mustache, plays his role appropriately friendly but formal and maybe even a bit detached.

If that woman the young writ-

er has his eyes on throughout the movie looks familiar, it's because Eastwood cast his 25-year-old daughter Alison in the role. Yet the attempt to give Cusack a love interest (I don't think her character existed in the book) only drags the movie out longer than necessary.

Eastwood makes a far bolder move in the casting of The Lady Chablis, the real-life Savannah drag diva who figured somewhat in the original case. With her black, aquiline face and impossibly long arms, she gives an authentic, if unevenly paced, performance.

The courtroom sequences move at a fairly good clip, helped in part by Jack Thompson's turn as Williams' loyal friend and attorney. The Australian actor employs the same jury-swaying technique that won accolades in the classic "Breaker Morant" almost two decades ago.

Still, the gay conflict at the center of the trial seems a bit out-of-date. Sure a lot has changed since 1911, but because Savannah is such an antique place to begin with (the old cars are normally a giveaway), I didn't realize until almost halfway through that we were back in time at all.

What remains unspoiled in "Midnight" is Savannah itself, still the movie's biggest selling point. That alone may make it



JOHN KELSEY/WARNER BROS. Film adaptation: John Kelso (John Cusack) looks at a dagger owned by Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey) in "The Garden of Good and Evil," based on the book by John Berendt.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Contempt" (France/Italy-1963). Friday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30 (call for showtimes). Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director.

"Forgotten Silver" (New Zealand-1996). 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Peter Jackson ("Heavenly Creatures") created this mock documentary about a forgotten New Zealand film legend whose life is shown through interviews and clips.

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Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Washington Square" (USA-1997). Jennifer Jason Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl in turn-of-the-century New York caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor.

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain-1997). More Henry James. This time the turn-of-the-century romantic entanglement occurs between a conniving woman (Helena Bonham Carter) and a handsome journalist (Linus Roache). They devise a plan to have him woo a dying woman and thus inherit her fortune.

"Kiss or Kill" (Australia-1997). In this grifters movie from the Land Down Under, an outlaw couple used to robbing business men ends up on the run when one of their victims dies.

Magic Bag Theatre 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (USA-1982). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Nicolas Cage, Eric Stolz and Anthony Edwards are just a few of the familiar faces in this New Wave-era teen comedy. Writer/director Cameron Crowe based it on his own experiences going undercover in a Southern California high school.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (West of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222 (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Ice Storm" (USA-1997). A film adaptation of Rick Moody's confessional account of life in the 1970s, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet," "Sense and Sensibility").

Windsor Film Theatre, 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"A Summer in La Goulette" (France/Tunisia-1996). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30. When a trio of girls begin dating boys of a different religion, tension erupts in their strict families.

3-D Double Feature "Revenge of the Creature" (USA-1955) and "I Came From Outer Space" (USA-1953). Beginning at 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30.

After the success of last season's "Creature From the Black Lagoon," the theater presents its first sequel, again directed by Jack Arnold. He was also behind "I Came From Outer Space," about aliens who assume the identities of locals so they can repair their damaged ship. Expect meteors to fly into the audience in this rare 3-D presentation, with the glasses, of course.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 26

"FLUBBER" Remake of the classic Disney comedy about a bumbling professor who accidentally invents an anti-gravity material which he names "flubber." Stars Robin Williams. Marcia Gay Harden, Ted Levine and Clancy Brown.

"ALIEN RESURRECTION" Sigourney Weaver returns as Ripley who discovers that her "resurrection" is the result of an incredible experiment which has altered both her and the creature she had been carrying. Also stars Ron Perlman. Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 12

"AMISTAD" Story set in 1839 about the Spanish slave ship Amistad whose "cargo" of 53 Africans took over the vessel and were charged with murder. Stars Anthony Hopkins, Morgan Freeman.

"FOR RICHER OR POORER" Comedy about a well-to-do married couple who are ripped off by their accountant and end up owing the IRS. Stars Tim Allen, Kirstie Alley.

"SCREAM 2" It's two years later and the original players from "Scream" are reunited when they discover that some secrets from the past are best left forgotten. Stars Courtney Cox, David Arquette. Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 19

"HOME ALONE 3" A secret computer chip is hidden inside a toy and paragon. Also stars Ron Perlman. International thieves. Between them and the chip stands an 8-year-old boy.

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STREET SCENE

Autumn bears fruit for local recording artists



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The fall has proved to be a fruitful season for local bands. The Farmington Hills-based rock band Blue Eyed Soul has garnered interest from Atlantic Records. The Verve Pipe is in pre-production for its follow-up to the million-selling "Villains." The Charm Farm continues work on its fourth record. And two Detroit-area artists have signed major-label deals.

Rapper Kid Rock, known to his parents as Bob Ritchie, signed to Lava Atlantic, home to the likes of Matchbox 20 and Sugar Ray, about a month ago.

"For the last two years I didn't want a record deal. (But I thought) when I did get a record deal I'll get what I want and the money I want," Ritchie said.

After an artist and repertoire rep came out to see Kid Rock's show at the State Theatre, he asked Ritchie to cut a two-song demo with producer John Travis (Sugar Ray, ONYX, Soundgarden). Atlantic liked what it heard but word got around - Madonna's label Maverick was interested as was Universal, MCA and Interscope.

"Atlantic started freaking out and gave me everything I wanted," Atlantic, Ritchie said, is really behind him. The Royal Oak rapper is tentatively scheduled to appear on next summer's Warped Tour. Ritchie and Travis,



Celebrating release: The roots rock band 19 Wheels celebrates the nationwide release of "Six Ways From Sunday" with a party and performance Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

recently signed a deal with the Sony-owned Columbia Records. Its debut album "Six Ways From Sunday," originally released regionally on Aware Records, will be distributed nationally by Red Ink, Sony's distribution arm, beginning in January.

"Red Ink acts like a record label with records that are already done. They do the promotion and marketing. They're in charge of things like hiring (publicists), making sure the displays are up, and making sure it's priced right. They'll actually have a potential video budget as well. It all depends on how things go," said Chris Johnston, singer/guitarist and former Birmingham resident.

The re-released "Six Ways From Sunday" will feature a new variation of the cover, a

Speaking of the Charm Farm, Taj Bell, who has worked as a back-up singer for the band, is hosting an acid jazz night the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 662-8310.

Third Eye Blind bassist Arion Salazar said he was left speechless when he found out his band would be opening for supergroups the Rolling Stones and U2.

"I was at a complete loss for words," said Salazar whose San Francisco-based band will open for the Stones Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"We were sitting in a car when I found out that the Stones had made an inquiry. That's what left me speechless. We were in the car with this girl and she said, 'You don't get excited about much,' I said, 'You know what, Margie, right now I'm tripping as hard as I possibly can.' I looked down and felt my stomach knot up. When I found out

we got the Stones and U2 that's when I started jumping around."

So far Third Eye Blind is known for its hit "How's It Gonna Be" and "Semi-Charmed Life" off its self-titled debut album - has only done one show with the Stones.

"It was a couple weeks ago, but it seems like it was a year ago. What I do remember was it was incredible. The excitement level is at an all-time high when you're going to be playing and you know the Stones are gonna come on after you."

The show went well, Salazar said, but the response was a little better from U2's audiences.

"They're a little younger and a little more accustomed to our style of music. We're maybe a little closer to what U2 does."

Third Eye Blind opens for the Rolling Stones at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone, in Pontiac. Tickets are \$37.50 and \$62. For more information, call (248) 645-6666.

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DINING

New owner has 'Grand' ideas for Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Lance Kawas was a banker, "but I didn't find solace in it," he said. A writer at heart, Kawas purchased the Grand Cafe on Grand River in Farmington eight months ago.

"I write screenplays, epic-dramas on the side," he said putting aside a copy of the "English Patient." "This is an ideal place to drink coffee and write on my laptop when I'm not too busy."

Kawas is working to create a haven for musicians, artists and writers, and a cozy retreat for people who want to stop for coffee, brunch or a bite to eat.

Located in the lower level of the Cook Building, The Grand Cafe is a good place to escape the hustle and bustle, especially during the holiday season.

"It's a very private place," he said. "It's not very bright, it's kind of mystic, and there are beautiful pictures on the walls."

Kawas describes his Grand Cafe as "a place where friends meet for coffee, entertainment and food."

He offers close to 50 different blends of coffee, a variety of coffee drinks and non-alcoholic beverages, baked goods, ice cream, brunch, salads, pizza, sandwiches, chicken and vegetarian dishes. "I'll be getting a juice bar soon," he said.

For brunch, there are homemade Belgian Waffles made with cinnamon, crushed apples and walnuts. You can choose to have

Grand Cafe

Where: 33316 Grand River (lower level of the Cook Building) downtown Farmington, (248) 615-9181.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Gourmet Coffee, pastries, brunch items, sandwiches, soup, salads, and heartier entrees such as Honey Mustard Chicken with pasta and Sweet and Sour Chicken with rice.

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banana, strawberry or peach flavor added. The waffles are topped with fruit and whipped cream.

There's also a breakfast burrito filled with rice, vegetables, bacon and chicken, topped with melted cheese, and salsa. Oatmeal, granola topped with fresh fruit, or bacon and eggs are also available.

Hawaiian Chicken, Orange Chicken, Tuna Salad, Vegetarian and Old Fashioned Burger are some of the "big" sandwich offerings, which are served with chips. There's also a Salmon salad served with raspberry vinaigrette, Chicken Caesar and Garden Salad.

Check the blackboard for daily specials including soup. On the day I stopped in there were a

number of chicken entrees on special - South Pacific Chicken over Pasta, Ginger Teriyaki Chicken over Rice, Honey Mustard Chicken over Pasta, and Sweet and Sour Chicken over Rice. An eggplant sandwich was also on special.

Every dish is beautifully garnished, and Kawas does most of the baking and cooking himself. The scones, available in a variety of flavors - butterscotch, blueberry, cherry and golden raisin - are homemade. Kawas also makes the cookies.

Although he doesn't have any formal culinary training, Kawas, who earned a degree in banking and finance from the University of Michigan, is very motivated to learn. "I have books, and I learn from television," he said.

His customers seem well pleased. "I make a portabello mushroom sandwich, which is dynamic," he said. Because the specials have become so popular, Kawas is revising the menu to include them.

A newcomer to Farmington, Kawas lives in Dearborn and is impressed with the talent he has discovered. He plans to host a music festival at the cafe in February and features local musicians on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Civic Theatre is just down the street, and Kawas said Farmington would be a perfect place for a Music and Movie Festival.

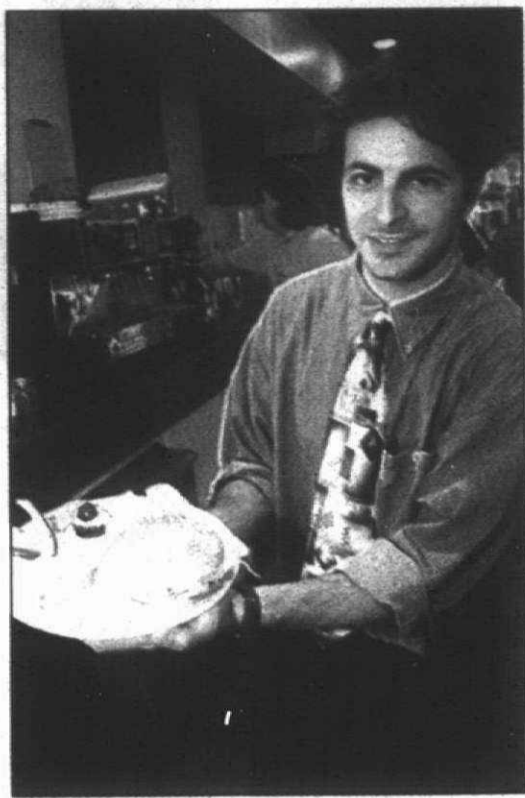
"We have a lot of young, undiscovered talent here," he said. "I see a lot of potential, but no one knows about them. I'd like this to be a place where people can be discovered."

He also plans to open his space to local artists - "it will be kind of a gallery," explained Kawas. "The works will be for sale." An artist will do portrait sketches at the cafe on Tuesdays.

While he's serious about writing and promoting local artists and musicians, Kawas also knows how to create an atmosphere where people can unwind and relax.

His cafe is warm and inviting. You can sit on the couch and watch TV, read magazines, play a board game with friends or surf the Internet.

"You'll never be bored here," he



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KESSEL

Sensational sandwich: Lance Kawas presents Hawaiian Chicken, one of the sandwiches he offers at Grand Cafe in Farmington.

said. On Wednesdays, depending on the interest, Grand Cafe hosts a "Dating Game."

Running a business and working to become a writer is a lot of work, but Kawas is determined.

"I'm here 15 hours a day," he said. "That's what it takes to build a business. There are no shortcuts."

Most of all, Kawas wants to "do something constructive. I love to write and hope young people will come here and show their talent."

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Valentines Day dinner/dance tickets on sale now. The dance is on Saturday, Feb. 14 and offers dinner and the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets \$37.50 per per-

son, call number listed above for reservations/information.

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House & Lobster Bar is inside the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. Open for dinner, call (248) 305-5210 for reservations.

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The restaurant at 30855 Southfield Road has new owners and a new look. Joe Muer's Grill was recently purchased by Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor - two longtime employees of the original Joe Muer's Seafood restaurant in downtown Detroit.

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The Observer gift guide offers ideas for giving



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- 4 Roaming the toy aisles with mile high boxes to choose from can be discouraging especially if you're wondering what will be used more than once and if there's educational value.
- 6 There's no need to limit your artistic flair by lighting up the season with just one Christmas tree.
- 8 It's the gift that lasts forever ... a book. And, during the Christmas season many of the best are just coming out.
- 10 If you're tired of giving your family and friends boring gifts think about doing something unusual.
- 11 In the 1980s, fast-paced lives meant eating fast food and frozen dinners. In the 1990s, we still eat fast food, but we also want to get back into the kitchen to make real meals. However, we don't necessarily want to be there long.

- 14 Although winter is here, and your garden is nothing more than a memory, it shouldn't be forgotten just because the snow flies.
- 16 Gift certificates give you a chance to add a little pizzazz to your present list and they take the worry out of sizes, color and duplication.
- 17 Computer software will continue to be a top item on many a holiday wish list. And, if you're not prepared early, you might have a difficult time in finding the selection you want.
- 20 There's someone on everyone's gift list who invariably opens their presents, gets a puzzled look, politely says thank you and files the gifts in a drawer designated for gifts that will never see the light of day.
- 21 Downtown Plymouth merchants offer items for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

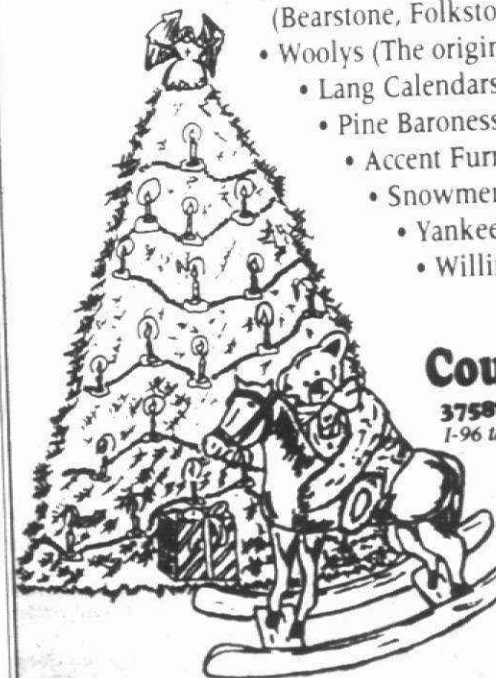
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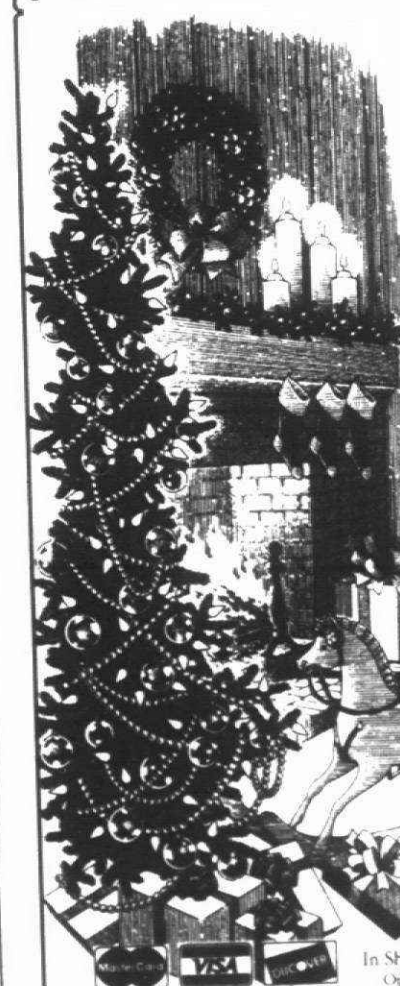
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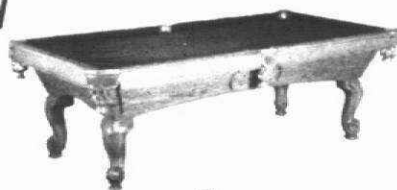
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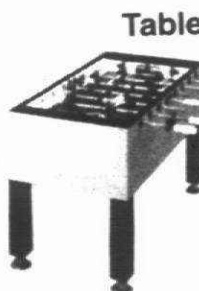


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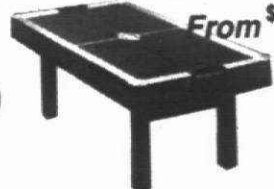
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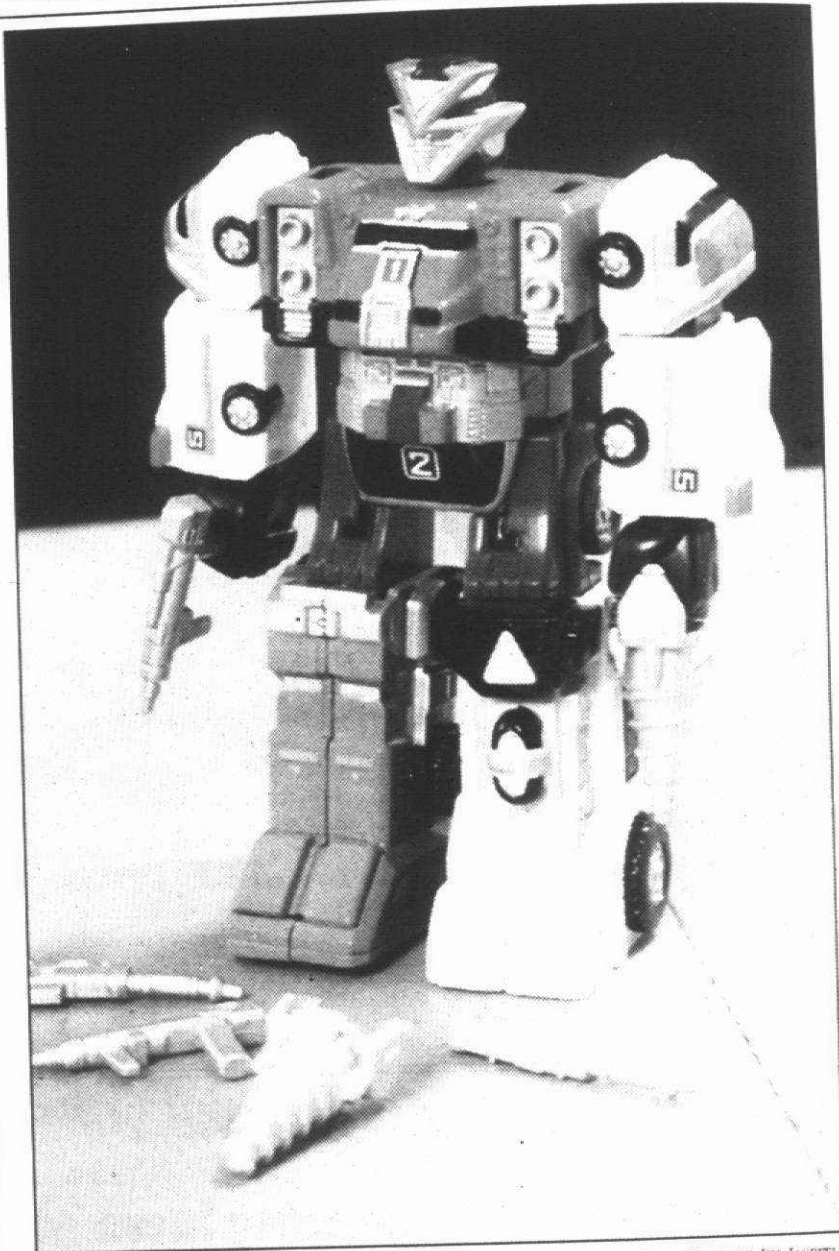
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Toying with kids gifts? Try educational items

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

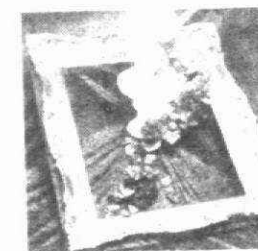


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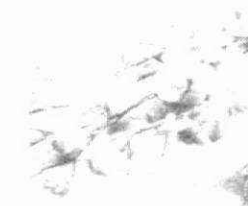
books are his favorite. Roaming the toy aisles with mile high boxes to choose from can be discouraging especially if you're wondering what will be used more than once and if there's educational value. Sometimes sneaking in a few gifts that teach the child while they play softens the opulence of the season. And some kids, like Brandon Rosa, 7, want the good-for-your-brain gifts. Recently on a Saturday morning, Rosa with his grandmother Geri Whestine, seemed fascinated by the window display of Little Professor on the Park in downtown Plymouth. "I like to get books," the second grade Allen Elementary School student said. "Arthur"

Throw in a few Power Ranger transformers, another of Rosa's top present choices, and he'll definitely be happy on Christmas morning. Inside the store, American Girl books, teaching everything from manners to cooking and how to write clever letters, are big sellers, according to book seller Maggie Schneider. And the series of Klutz books are just right for the parents who like to see their children read and for kids who need to keep active. The kits include books and materials that teach magic, juggling and other crafts. "People come in and say my son doesn't like to read," Schneider said. "These books will have kids reading without

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In fact, more and more people are decorating trees in a number of rooms in their homes, according to Ray Boley, director of visual presentation at Frank's Nursery and Crafts.

"Most of it is life styling," he said. "In the past you bought an ornament, because it was pretty. And now they're thinking it out to match a collection or to go with a color theme. They're decorating trees to make sense. Christmas has gone past just the Christmas tree."

Many people will put a tree in their kitchen with vegetables and fruit; and in the family room they might have one with an earthy and country look. And one in the living room, which is often decorated formally, sometimes includes trees with an old world and collective

type of theme.

Some people are decorating trees for their bath and powder rooms, often with a romantic touch, that includes silk flowers, baby breath, ribbons and bows, Boley said.

"Basically it's having the total gamut of things," he added.

Pastels are popular colors, but there's still a lot of the generic red, green and metallic Christmas colors.

Decorators are embellishing that sense of decor for the fireplace mantel; and choosing from thousands of styles of wreaths for the front door.

"Adding garland down the staircase is very traditional," Boley said.

"But, you can do it with a look that goes with the decor."

When you're decorating don't forget about scent. You can bring in the right scent with potpourris and sprays. As soon as someone smells pine they think about Christmas.

"So many people are going to the artificial tree and they're buying bows

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Page for people: A variety of books are available for any age group on your gift list. Here are some titles available at Little Professor on the Park in Plymouth.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

It's the gift that lasts forever... a book.

Christmas season many of the best are just coming out.

"Most publishers, if they're smart, hold onto their best books for the October release, just before the holiday season," said Mary Millington, who runs the Little Professor On The Park bookstore in downtown Plymouth. "Every year, it seems, is a good one for books. And, this year is no exception."

At the top of Millington's holiday gift-giving list is "Tuesday's with Morrie."

"This would be my number one pick," noted Millington. "It's a wonderful Christmas book, a very spiritual book. And, it's written by a Michigan author, Mitch Albom."

Millington also likes "Diana, Princess of Wales" by Michael O'Mara.

"I think this will take off as the Princess Diana book for the holidays." She also calls "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier "great fiction."

Any Beatles fan will surely want Paul McCartney's "Many Years From Now." Millington believes this book will be popular because it has all the Beatles years, plus much about his relationship with John Lennon. It's 650 pages for \$27.50.

"If there's a woman out there who doesn't have 'Simple Abundance' by Sara Ban Breathnach, they should have it," Millington says without hesitation. "It's a wonderful book about gratitude, and will make a great

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Christmas present." Pulitzer Prize winner Larry McMurtry has just completed the final saga of the Lonesome Dove series with just-released "Comanche Moon."

And, if you're looking for that special coffee table book, Millington recommends "Images of the Wild" by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick. It's a photography book of nature and the wild, with many of the photos and scenes from Michigan.

Millington notes that books come in all shapes and sizes, and in all price ranges.

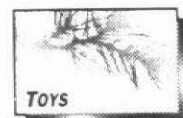
"You can get some great stocking stuffers from \$5-\$10," she said. "While you can buy books up to \$100, the average book will probably cost from \$15 to \$20."

If you're not certain what kind of book to get that someone special, Millington knows how to help.

"Many times I just ask questions about the person, what is the last book they read, the last movie they saw,

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realizing they're reading. They have to read directions and there's interesting tidbits

added to the books."

In Livonia, it's common to see parents, who say they're shopping, playing with the toys at Science Emporium.

"More than anything, the toys here are educational, so they're learning from it while they're having fun," according to owner Dean Kremin.

This year he predicts the biggest seller will be the Geo Safari learning computers.

The portable units run off of batteries or adapters and tell kids everything they want to know about dinosaurs, geography, animals and different languages.

There's even a junior program for preschool kids. The computer is \$99.95 with one lesson. Each additional lesson is \$13.45.

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Another is called Squid Spit. These kits are \$30 each; however, there are smaller versions, just the right size for stocking stuffers, for \$5.50.

Junior Bill Nye are bound to be pleased with models of the human head, heart, lung, tooth and skull; hundreds of different rocks; kits showing how magnetism and the ecosystem work; another kit on building and erupting a volcano; puppets; stuffed animals; sea monkeys and tattoos.

Everywhere you look in the store there's a "toy" to delight. Like, butterfly gardens that illustrate their life cycle.

The kit comes with a house and a mail-in coupon for caterpillars.

Or, send your child on an excavation hunt with mystery rocks lodged in a block of clay.

The goal is to dig out hidden treasures and identify what they are. Holding the kit in his hand, Kremin added:

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what they like to do," said Millington. "That way you can tailor your selection to their interests."

Despite the worlds of television and computers, books are still tops on the list of many people for entertainment.

"Back when I started working in bookstores, in 1978, you were a nerd for hanging out in bookstores," quips Millington. "Now, it's very vogue to hang out looking at books."

And, what kinds of selections are popular these days?

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"It's fun stuff."

The stock at Science Emporium is mostly for children eight to 13, "but I have just as many adults come in here and have fun," he added.

Similarly, Noodle Kidoodle, in Farmington Hills, is an educational toy store for newborns on up.

"The big thing this year is the Interactive Barney that can be hooked-up to a computer or television," according to Kevin Roberts, replenishment specialist.

The plush Barney that moves and talks is \$99.99.

If you squeeze its hand, for instance, it sings songs and if you close his eyes he plays hide-and-seek. The television and pc interactive Barney packs are \$59.99 each.

The store has video and audio equipment; a let's pretend area with dress-up clothes and play houses; arts and crafts and a science and nature section with models of the heart and brain that come apart, for instance.

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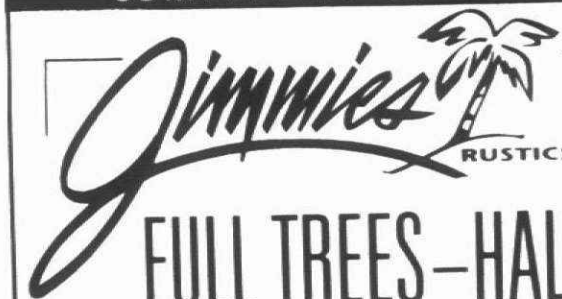
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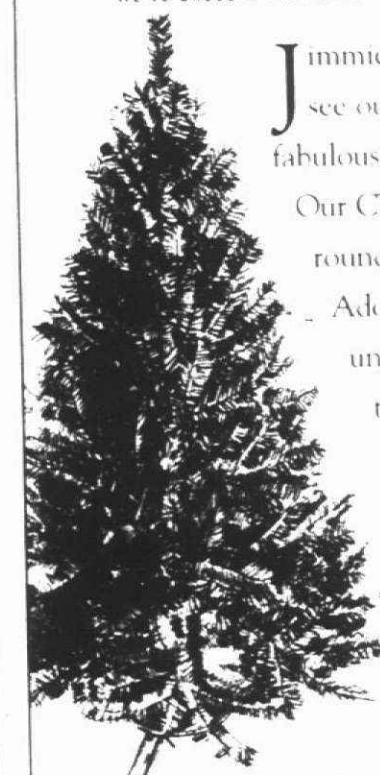
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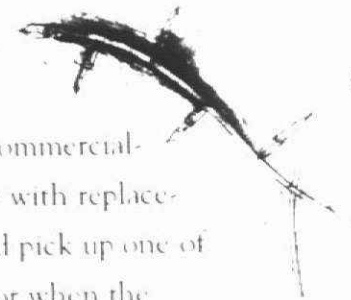
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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER



If you're tired of giving your family and friends boring gifts think about doing something unusual.

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And your gift will also help sick and dying children. Every year Time Warner offers a promotional program donating money to a charitable organization. This year Children's Hospital in Detroit will receive a donation for each new cable installation from Dec. 1-19.

If they already have cable or aren't interested in surfing the channels there are countless never to be duplicated gift ideas available at Carousel Crafts & Antiques on Ford Road in Canton.

The 40,000-square-foot mall features handmade crafts. The expansive building also holds antiques and collectibles, including the ever-popular Beanie Babies. If you don't already know what you want to buy, give yourself time to

■ The Detroit Zoological Society has a Pathways Endowment program. Bricks that range in price from \$100 to \$1,000 will be placed on a walkway in the zoo.

browse and really look at what's available.

Like, wood carvings and shelves; music boxes; sewn items; florals; yard decor including goose clothing; tables made from tile; sea shell ornaments; Victorian florals; adorable, life like, pouty babies made from nylons that stand two-feet-tall aisle after aisle of other ideas.

"They're unique, unusual, special gifts, according to Carol Wren, executive director. "This is good when you want to give a gift that is more personal and something that is not commercialized. There's no duplication possible.

"Something that is uniquely hand-crafted can say more to the person receiving it than the sweater off the rack," she added.

If you can't find the perfect gift at a crafts and antiques mall consider a present that has special meaning and supports a nonprofit or charitable organization.

For instance, the Detroit Zoological Society has a Pathways Endowment program. Bricks that range in price from \$100 to \$1,000 will be placed on a

walkway in the middle of the zoo west of the fountain next spring.

Every time your friend or relative visits the zoo they will see their name on the walkway and the special significance behind the gift.

"The money we generate from this will go to an endowment fund to ensure the future of the zoo, according to Betsy Brittan, membership coordinator. "It's popular for gifts or in memory of people they've lost; or for children and grandchildren," Brittan said.

"We have had so many different orders and it's 100 percent tax deductible." Or, you might want to buy a one-year membership to the zoo, which is \$55 for a family.

Another option is to get involved in the Wildlife program. The zoo has 100 animals available for adoption. Each of the 100 animals can have as many people adopting them who care to get involved. The adoption includes a photograph of the animal; a certificate; a fact sheet explaining where it comes from and what it eats and two annual newsletters. There is a minimum \$25 fee. The money generated from this pro-

gram pays for the renovation of exhibits; the zoo veterinary clinic and educational programs.

During the holidays the zoo is also featuring six animals - the polar bear, red panda, Siberian tiger, green and black dart poison frog and zebra - who can be adopted for \$45 each. This package includes a bean bag replica of the animal and all the other adoption benefits, according to Scott Trudell, wildlife preservers coordinator.

And celebrating the river otter exhibit, the zoo is offering an adoption program for \$50; which includes a plush stuffed river otter animal and all the other adoption benefits. For more information about the Detroit Zoo gift ideas call 248-541-5717.

If the zoo isn't exactly what you were thinking of, pick another charitable organization in your community, or one you know has special meaning to the person you're giving the gift, and make a contribution in your friend or relative's name.

If that doesn't solve your holiday gift list problems, give a present that reminds the person of your gift all year long.

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Kitchen gadgets might be just the ticket for holidays

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

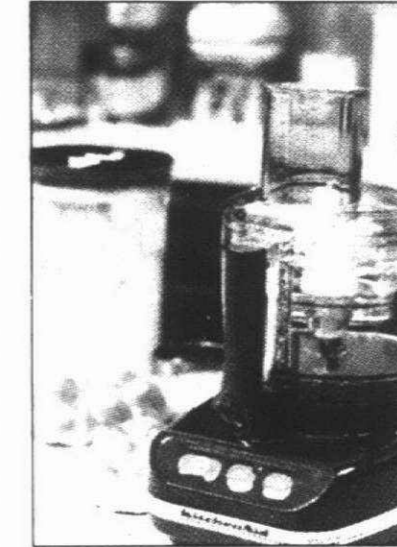


In the 1980s, fast-paced lives meant eating fast food and frozen dinners.

In the 1990s, we still eat fast food, but we also want to get back into the kitchen to make real meals. However, we don't necessarily want to be there long.

"People want to simplify their lives with new kitchen gadgets, but they also don't want to give up quality," says Toula Patsalis, owner of Kitchen Glamor, from her corporate offices in Westland. "The addition of computers in many of today's kitchen appliances make it easy. People don't have to sit and wait, they can program ahead."

Patsalis says one of this season's hottest items is sure to be the Salton Breadman Ultimate, which sells for about \$250.



Processor prospect: This Kitchen Aid food processor sells for \$189.99 at Kitchen Glamor

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Getting mugged: A set of 4 cappuccino mugs featuring museum artists is \$24.99 at Kitchen Glamor. Christmas tree spreaders are \$9.95

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all you have to do is call them up. Then, after mixing all the ingredients, you can program the entire process for the perfect loaf of bread."

For today's fast-paced mom or dad, Patsalis says pressure cookers are expected to be an item at the top of many lists.

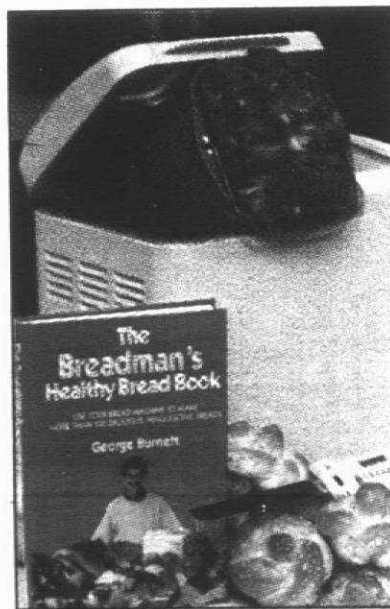
"Pressure cookers are ideal for the working parent, allowing them to make soups, stews and even a cheese-cake in a short amount of time," Patsalis said. "That way, there's no need to spend a lot of time preparing foods when you come home from a long day at work."

Another gift suggestion is something that's been around a while, however continues to save time for the family of the '90s.

"Non-stick cookware is still very popular," comments Patsalis. "After eating, people want to clean up quickly, put it away, and move on to more leisurely activities."

At the Redford Township store, manager Kathie Pietroski has some ideas for the time-conscious consumer.

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Baking bread: Bread book is \$12.00, bread machine is \$249.95 and includes, as a bonus gift, the electric bread knife at Kitchen Glamor.

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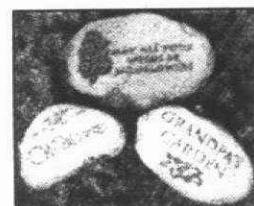
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Although winter is here, and your garden is nothing more than a memory, it shouldn't be forgotten just because the snow flies.

"The winter is a great time to plan for next spring," notes Linnea Garvey of Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. "It's a good time to get books and magazines and look at pictures, to get ideas of what you would like to see in your garden next spring. I like to call it dream time."

Garvey suggests picking up planting books to help decide on what kinds of perennials and annuals you'd like. Books that show "how to do" gardening are good because they have pictures, giving you an idea of what it will look like.



While most garden shops have most of their tools and other gardening paraphernalia put away until spring, Garvey says there are a number of items many gardeners would be happy to have as gifts to give them a jump on spring.

"Windmills, sun dials and statues are always popular garden items," Garvey said. "Giving these type of gifts can help a gardener plan a theme for the upcoming season. Garden nymphs and fairies always add a personal touch to a garden."

Adding that personal touch is not a costly endeavor either, ranging between \$6 and \$25.

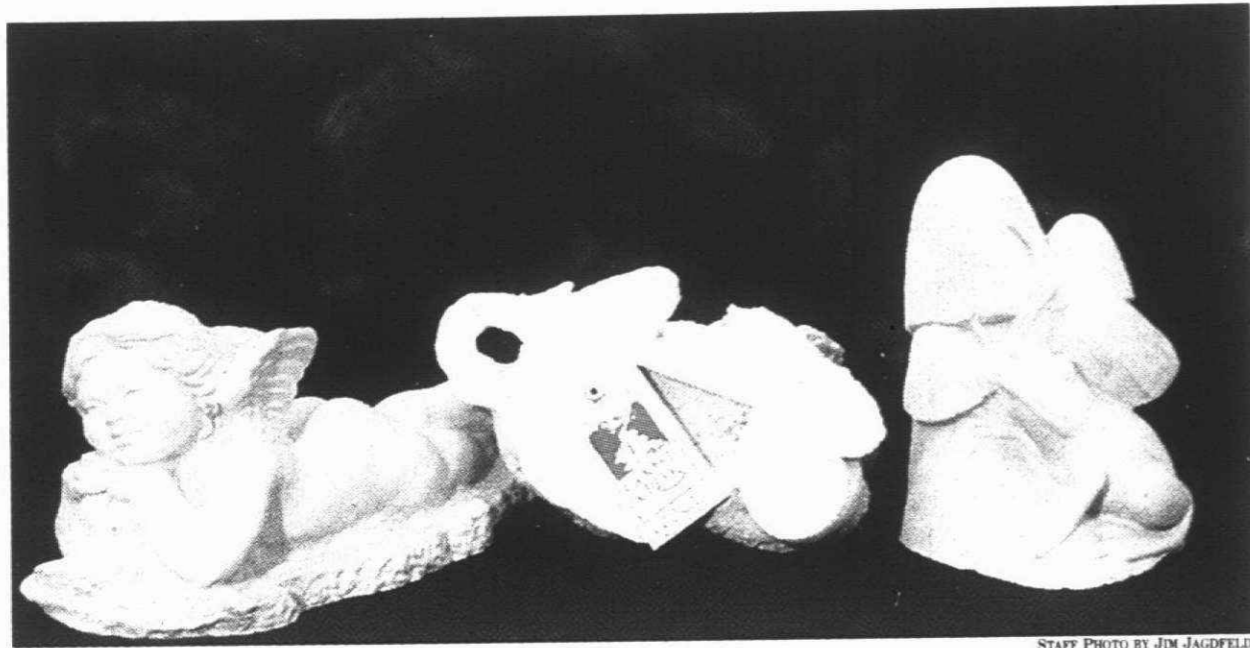
An old standby, for any garden, is a bird feeder, Garvey said.

"Bird feeders are made in various shapes and sizes, and can be made of wood and pottery," Garvey said. "You can put a feeder right next to your window, and during the winter watch close-up as small birds feed near the house."

Many people get gloves as winter gifts, but not usually ones made of goatskin.

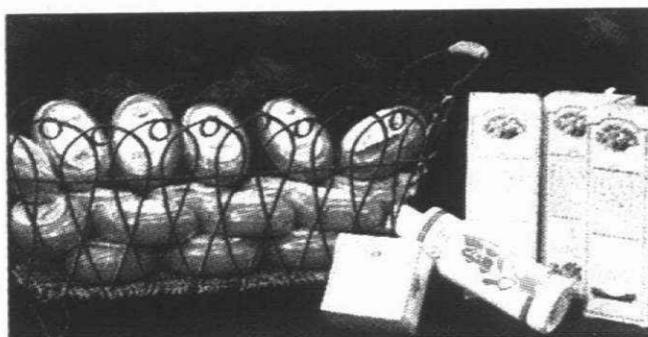
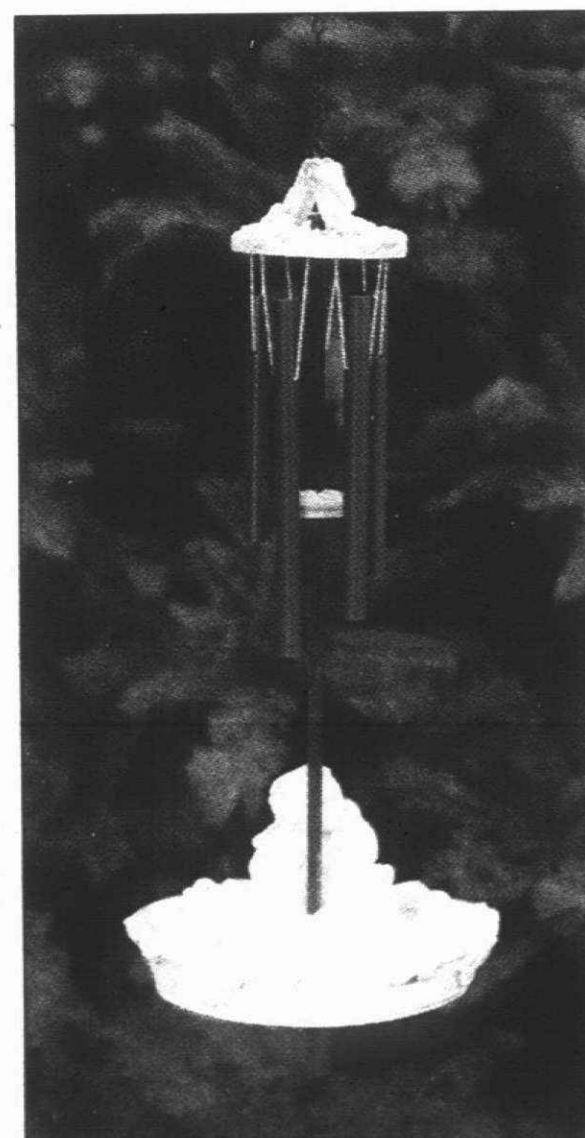
"I use them all the time ... while raking, planting bulbs, digging in the dirt," Garvey said. "They keep your hands nice and moist while working, and they don't wear out."

Garvey says goatskin gloves go for about \$18 a pair and can last a couple of seasons. But, that can be cheap compared to having to buy several pairs of fabric gloves over a 2-year span. Garvey notes wind chimes and wall hangers are always popular.

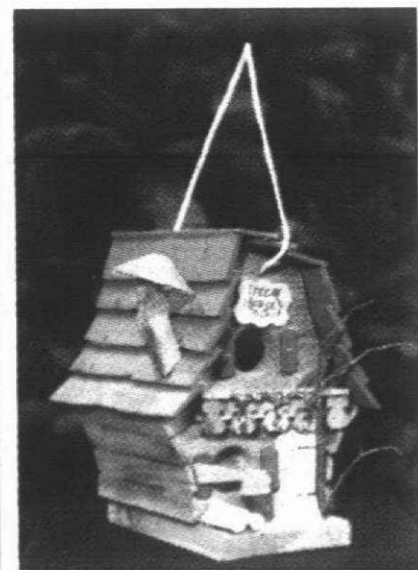


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In hiding: Key-Keeps are a device to hide a house key outside in a choice of three: an angel, mushroom or a puppy. Price is \$21.99 at Plymouth Nursery.



Personal products: Hand Lotion, 7.99 Creamy Oatmeal soap, 3.49 and Gentle Pumice Soap, 3.49 at Plymouth Nursery.



For the birds: At middle left is a combination bird feeder and wind chime for \$34.99. At left is a birdhouse for \$39.99.

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of the real thing or they'll put out a bowl of potpourri for the scent," Boley said. Candles and lighting are very important for a romantic and Christmas like atmosphere, he said.

Placing candles around the home; lighting the fireplace and turning on the Christmas tree lights are important to remember.

Meanwhile, Betty McLaughlin, owner of Betty's Crafts and Supplies on Ford Road in Garden City, says anything with Santas or angels are popular.

Decorators can find a place for angels in almost any display. They're most popular though in centerpieces, but can often be found hanging from just the right spot or sitting alone in a corner of the room.

During the holidays, McLaughlin said, customers often come to her with decor problems.

"And I try to solve them," she said adding that people work on Christmas projects all year long.

"We carry a lot of craft supplies that other stores don't have, or no longer carry, like heads and hands for dolls," she said.

Leanna Blair, a part-time designer at Michaels, said burgundy, creams, gold and shades of mauve mixed with shades of gold are popular, too.

"A lot of yarn has been going this year," Blair said. "I think they're getting back into knitting and crocheting."

This year, as early as Sept. 15 the store had already had 20 holiday wreaths ordered. Centerpieces are also extremely popular, Blair added.

"I think angels are big all year around," she said. "I've been doing a lot of the country designs and Santa really seems to be going good."

Blair predicts that this year will be a big year for Beanie Babies again.

"We have a Beanie Baby or Beanie Baby look-alikes for trees," she said.

Also, traditional wreaths with fruits, nuts and berries are always popular.

"It's a classic, age old design, Blair said. "We do a lot of custom looks for people. We have such a wide variety and we tell them to look around and find something that fascinates them. It's pretty simple, because we have everything they need to put these things together and we can always give them some kind of instruction. Sometimes people know what they want, but are not quite sure what the product is. Plus, the product that decorator creates is something they have made and they can always feel real good about that."

One craft that also seems to be popular this year are the rubber stamps used to make your own Christmas cards.

"We offer a special buy that has envelopes and blank cards and are made especially for rubber stamping and embossing, which is a powder you sprinkle over an ink," Blair said adding that the stamping designs can be colored in with water colors or a felt pen.

"It depends on what they're looking for."

Visit a craft store and the holiday decorating ideas seem endless.

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The Capresso Coffee Team grind and brew has your coffee ready when you want it, made from fresh coffee beans. All you have to do is put in the beans, filter and water and you're ready for a fresh cup of java.

"You can program the maker to the desired number of cups you want and when you want it ready," says Pietroski. "It does it all, from grinding the beans to brewing the coffee."

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A throw-back to the 1960s and '70s is expected to be a big hit for gift-giving in the 90's.

"We expect the fondu, for both chocolate and cheese, to be good sellers this holiday season," notes Pietroski. "More and more people like to gather together for eating, and the fondu allows them to eat and talk at the same time. Sales of these took a dip for a while, but have picked up as people want to save time and relax."

Pietroski says pasta makers continue to make good gifts. A model from Atlas sells for approximately \$30, and will take your pre-made dough and turn it into pasta, spaghetti or fettuccine.

Mixers and cutlery are also nice gifts this time of year.

"While people are eating out a lot, they also prefer to cook healthier foods at home," notes Pietroski. "There are plenty of utensils that can help you do that, plus save time."

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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

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No need to wrap it or pick out a card. You can get the traditional gift certificate from a favorite apparel shop, department store or any range of restaurants from fast-food chains to exclusive dining eateries.

Or, you can take a chance and a get gift certificate from a place that your friend wouldn't normally think of going.

Let them splurge and spend money, yours that is, on themselves. Who wouldn't want a luxurious day of pampering at a salon, for instance?

Gift certificates are especially popular during the holidays and Mother's Day, according to Trudy Smock owner of Face Up, located in Salon Trio on Starkweather in Plymouth.

She offers her own line of cosmetics, makeovers, skin care, facials, body waxing and fruit acid peels. Maybe a gift certificate for a hair cut at a salon that your mom or sister wouldn't normally go.

And a session with a manicurist is a treat that a lot of people don't think to

get themselves.

If outer beauty isn't a treat, a gift certificate to a health spa might be. Almost anyone would love an evening and morning to get away from the humdrum activities that consume our lives.

Send the person on your list to a bed and breakfast. And they don't have to go too far if you choose a local spot, like Willow Brook Inn Bed and Breakfast on Warren Road in Canton.

The house, built in 1929 and decorated in a country cottage style, is filled with antiques. Evening snacks fit the season, like hot chocolate and homemade cookies during the winter or cider and doughnuts in fall.

"Generally the gift certificates we sold last year were from employees looking to give something to their employer," according to innkeeper Bernadette VanLenten.

"We also had older children looking to give something to their parents and parents who have children with young children and they say: You get away and we'll take the children," Merry Christmas."

Breakfast is catered to the guests' wishes. "We really enjoy pampering our guest," VanLenten said. "They decide what time and the choice of a breakfast entree."

Rooms at the inn vary in price from \$85 and \$115. To make the stay more

relaxing, VanLenten is adding a hot tub and planning a spa atmosphere with massage and make-up artists.

It's for patrons who want all the pampering you would get at an exclusive shop and who want to get away from the daily routine, too.

Or, give the person on your list a glimpse of Hollywood life at Glamour Shots.

Clients come to the shop in Novi's Twelve Oaks shopping mall with clean dry hair, no make-up and a two-piece outfit. Two hours later they have a new hair style, make-up and a fun or glamorous outfit to borrow. Then just like being a movie star or model, a photographer takes a series of pictures. Portraits start at \$35.

"They create their own packages depending on what they want to get them for and what size," according to Kim Street, manager.

"A lot of times they are really pretty shy when they come in, but by the time they leave they are dressed-up and ready to have fun. It's like playing dress-up when you're a little kid. This is dress-up for adults."

Special package prices are offered during the holidays. Most customers come from Wayne and Oakland counties, Street said.

Maybe a gift certificate from a make-up consultant would be enjoyed.

Or, if you've rubbed someone wrong during the year, a gift certificate for a massage would be appropriate. Leanne Arndt, a receptionist at Charisma Salon in Laurel Park Place in Livonia says anyone who comes to her counter after a massage has a different attitude.

"They're happy when they leave and they're very relaxed," Arndt said. "They look like they're going to fall asleep."

A one-hour massage is \$45. If you're feeling extravagant give a gift certificate from a travel agency for a getaway trip. You can cut costs if you go in on the gift with someone else. Chances are they're having a hard time finding the right gift, too.

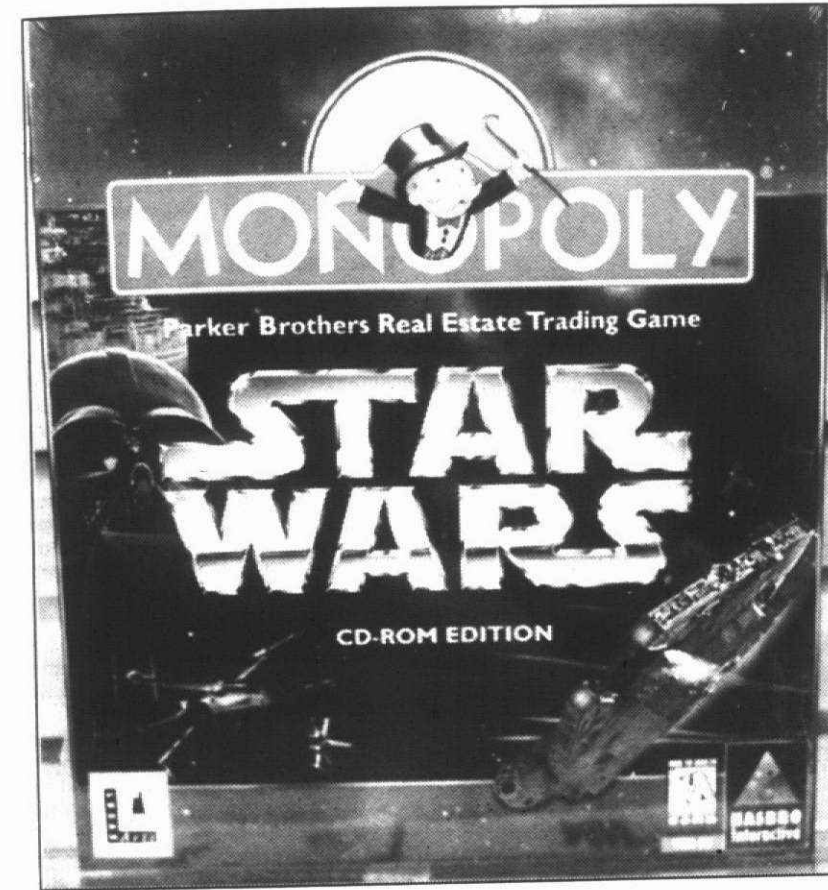
"People give it to friends who they want to give gifts to and are not sure what to get them," according to Tricia Testa, travel agent at Emily's World Travel in Plymouth.

"The gift certificate doesn't have to be to a certain destination. That way they can pick wherever they want to go."

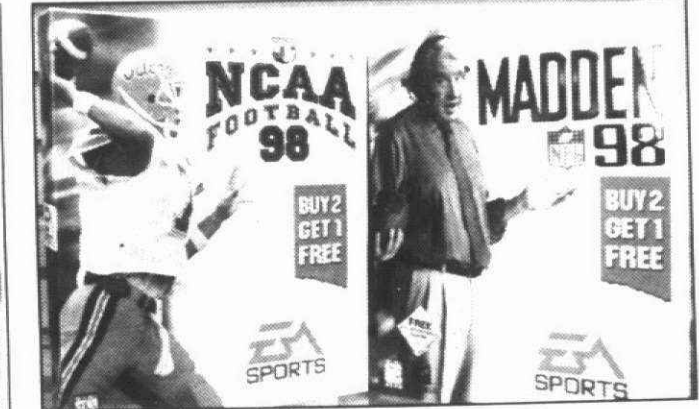
Or, if someone on your list has been talking about taking art classes for the last 20 years and he's finally retired, a gift certificate to an art class in his neighborhood would be fun.

If these ideas are too far out, play it safe and get a gift certificate from a

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Computer game: Starwars Monopoly is available at Media Play for \$49.99.



Game time: NCAA/Madden is available at Media Play for \$47.99 (buy two and get an additional one free).

Computer software tops many wish lists

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



Computer software will continue to be a top item on many a holiday wish list. And, if you're not prepared early, you might have a difficult time in finding the selection you want.

"There are a lot of new games and releases coming out for the holidays," said Dennis Goldsmith, general manager of Media Play in Livonia. "It's

always better if you buy the hot items early to make sure you get what you want. However, hot items can be both consumer and manufacturer generated. So, sometimes it can be hard to determine what's going to sell before it's too late. For instance, last year no one knew Barbie software would become as hot as it was. We were just lucky to be able to stock it."

By the way, Goldsmith says Barbie will be hot again this year.

"We expect sports software to be big."

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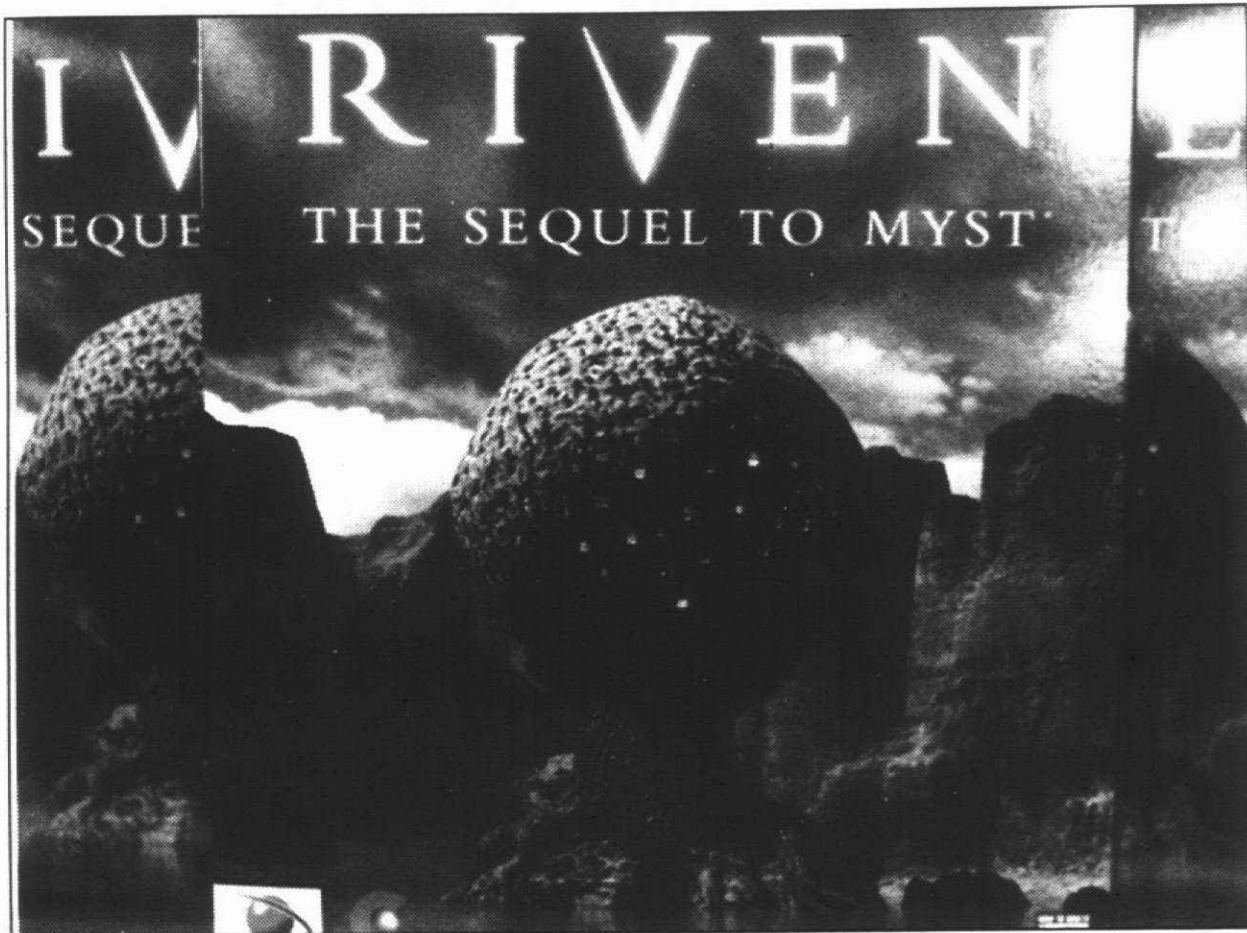
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Popular sequel: Riven is available at Media Play.

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noted Goldsmith. "NHL '98" is expected to be a really good seller this winter. And, so will fantasy football and basketball software during the winter sports season."

There are some software packages that just keep on selling, no matter what the time of year, and are sure to be on the Christmas list of someone you know.

"Anything to do with Star Wars will do well," said Goldsmith. "It was good last year, the year before, the year before that and ever since it's been on the market. 'Jedi Knight' is the latest, and is on the best-selling list."

Also this holiday season "Monopoly: Star Wars Edition."

"Myst" was popular last year, and this year look for "Riven: Sequel to Myst" to be just as well-liked.

Goldsmith notes the American Girls software series has become very popular with the young crowd, and is expected to be a can't-miss gift for that someone special.

For the younger kids, Goldsmith says the gift-giver will be popular giving educational games.

In fact, if you look down the aisles at Media Play, more than half the computer software titles are educational.

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Software

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"Educational games are very popular when school starts up and during the holiday season,"

said Goldsmith. "The good software is one that asks questions and requires a response by the child. If you pick a title by Learning Company, Disney and Active Mind you are getting something worthwhile."

Goldsmith says there are two types of educational software ... those designated for kids and those titles for teens and adults.

"There is math software to help the older student," said Goldsmith.

"And, believe it or not, atlas software is popular. While many families have books, many times it's easier to access the information you need on the computer."

Goldsmith also suggests encyclopedia software from World Book, Grolier, Collier and Microsoft.

Goldsmith says adults like software that is educational in nature, like the medical advisers, home and business use software, and software that helps navigate the Internet.

However, adults like fun, too. Microsoft's Flight Simulator series has always been popular with big kids.

Goldsmith says the ever-popular Sony Play Station, Sega, and Super

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Nintendo will continue to be sought-after. "Kids are into them, and so are adults," said Goldsmith.

"I wouldn't put any age limits on the video games. In fact, many of the top selections are adult games."

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Useful gifts please senior citizens

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

There's someone on everyone's gift list who invariably opens their presents, gets a puzzled look, politely says thank you and files the gifts in a drawer designated for gifts that will never see the light of day.

Senior citizens often have accumulated all they need and want and that makes them an especially hard group to surprise and please.

But, no matter what their age some people really do have everything, or can buy anything they want. And those people are the ones that everyone else agonizes over during the holidays.

We hope to get inspired by the yuletide muse and settle for another shirt or crazy gadget that won't make it past the plastic wrapping.

Don't scratch these people off your list, yet. Get them something that you know they'll use, like a gift basket with gourmet foods or some other specialty items.

Or make up a dinner basket with a favorite entree, a bottle of whatever the person likes to drink and all the side dishes that you know will be appreciated.

Judy Decker, of Decker Flowers and Gifts on Merriman in Westland, said a lot of last-minute shoppers turn to gift

■ If all else fails, consider giving yourself. Sometimes a gift of your time is the most appreciated thing you can give someone who has everything, especially for a senior citizen who might appreciate seeing you more often. Make a hand-written coupon explaining that you're available to clean the house, paint the garage, or help rummage through an attic or basement. Or, give them an open-ended invitation for a fun evening out together at a restaurant, movie, opera or something else that you know would be enjoyed.

baskets. In fact, if all else fails she will take orders even as late as the day before an event or holiday.

"Most of our baskets are personally done for different age groups, things that are not spicy, sugar free or fat free and we've even had people ask for slippers to be added for senior citizens," Decker said.

"You can pretty much tell us what you want in them and give us an idea and we'll get it."

At Christmas Decker Flowers and Gifts employees make more than 1,000 gift baskets and ship them all over the United States.

Decker combs through trade shows to find all kinds of candies, jellies, cookies, teas, coffees and nuts. She also makes baskets with various potpourri, soaps

and lotions. Different kinds of items can be combined with flowers or fruit. There's really no limit to what can be done with the baskets.

"Trends in gift baskets have really changed," Decker said. "People are giving them more - even for children's parties."

If you don't think a gift basket will work, you might want to try giving a stack of lottery tickets. You'll give your friend or relative a chance, however small that chance might be, at a million-dollar lifestyle and the excitement of seeing if they won or lost.

If a chance for a million really isn't the ticket, consider capturing a moment in time that can be enjoyed for years to come. Have an old picture restored or enlarged and put it in a frame.

Or, make a collage of family members. Collect photos from a specific time period in another collage. You might want to pay for a portrait sitting of your family or of the person you're giving the gift and it will be enjoyed for many holidays to come.

"When you look at a photo you look back on time, according to Tom N. Edau, owner of Portrait Concepts in Westland.

"Both of my parents are deceased and I look at photos of them and think of good times and good feelings. Giving a photo during the holidays is to think of those times and to think of the way they were like in x amount of years. I think a photo is a wonderful gift to give at Christmas."

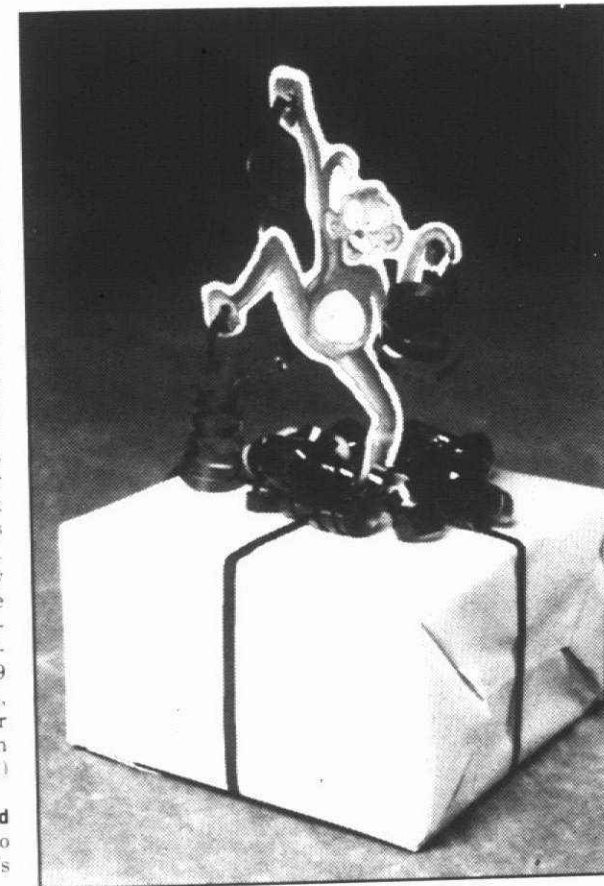
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Plymouth shops offer gift-giving suggestions

Downtown Plymouth merchants offer items for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

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Themed bracelets: (Photo Page 22) There's



ordinary jewelry and then there is jewelry that reflects one's personality, hobbies and interests, such as these sports-themed bracelets. The soccer bracelet features soccer balls and cleats; the golf bracelet features two clubs, the 18th hole, a ball on a tee and a golf bag; and the Stanley Cup Bracelet features a referee and hockey players in various positions including hitting a puck, protecting the goal, facing off - and of course - holding up the Stanley Cup. A large selection of sport and profession themed bracelets is available. The enamel bracelets, such as the golf and soccer bracelets, retail for \$12.95 each.

and the brushed gold bracelets, like the Stanley Cup bracelet, retail for \$9.95 each of Gabriela's, 322 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. (313) 455-8884.

Train bookends: (photo page 22) These beautiful oak train bookends are hand-carved by Amish craftsmen. One side features an engine, while the other features the caboose. This makes a great gift for kids - who will have fun adding cars (books) to the train, and adult train collectors will appreciate the fine craftsmanship. A large selection of authentic Amish goods, including furniture, clothing, toys and home accessories.

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book store. "I can go through almost 20 or 30 books of gift certificates (with 50 certificates in each book) just in one month's time during the holidays," according to Susan Polk, store manager of B Dalton Book Store at Westland Center.

"Sometimes they know for certain what to get, but can't decide on what else and they throw in a gift certificate at the same time," Polk said. "They're good at all our stores and no there's expiration date. We've had people come in and their gift certificate will be from two Christmases ago, and they tucked it away in a drawer and found it."

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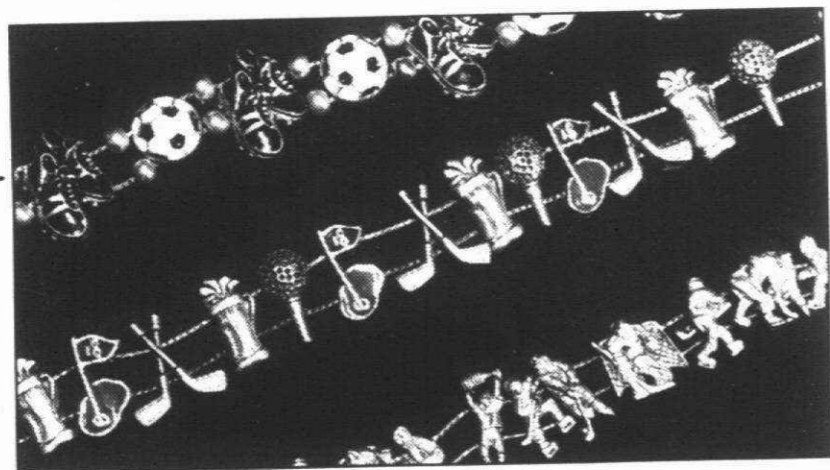
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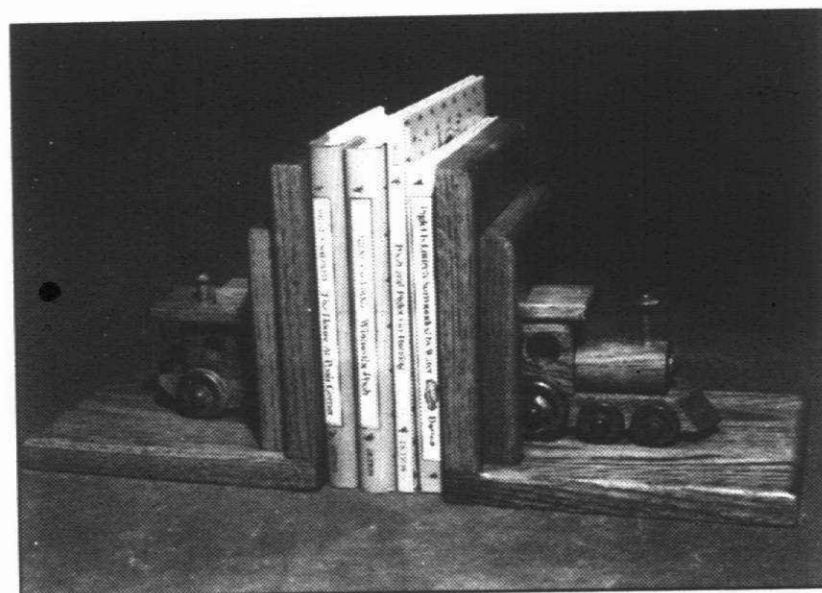
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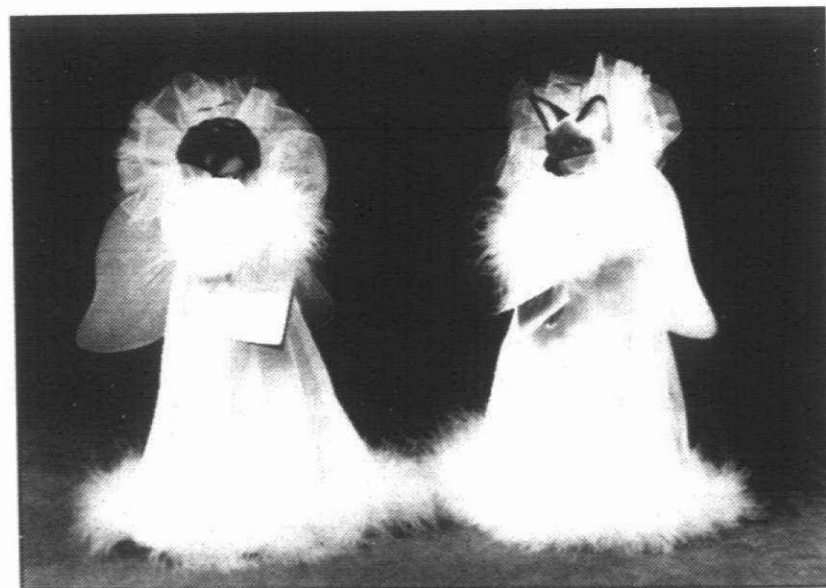


series are also available. The train bookends retail for \$39.95 at Village Shopkeeper, 470 Forest Place Mall in downtown Plymouth. (313) 455-6060.



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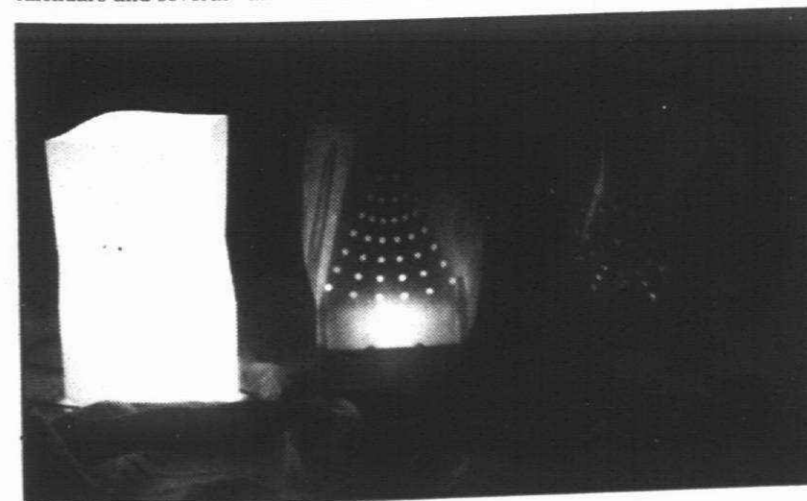


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