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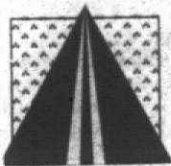
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Hanford paving put off to spring



The planned Hanford Road extension ran into Wayne County's winter construction deadline. Although local workers could have paved the new stretch of Hanford, the intersection at Canton Center is the county's responsibility.

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Wait until next year. That old baseball adage was put to new use in Canton Township this week when Wayne County's annual winter shutdown beat out Canton Township's

planned paving of the new Hanford Road extension by about two days.

In effect, the county roads department's move, a safety measure that halts work for the winter on all county-owned roads - including Canton Center Road - put the township's entire

Hanford-to-Canton Center connector project on the shelf until next spring.

"We were probably within a couple of days" of beginning to pave Hanford Road when the annual winter shutdown was announced, said Tom Casari, township engineering services director.

All underground drainage and other preparations were complete and the subgrade was prepared for paving, he said.

"We would have been able to (pave) Hanford itself, but we wouldn't have

been able to connect to Canton Center Road and probably would have incurred winter costs, so we decided to wait," he said.

"We would have liked to have a little flexibility to get it done, but it's hard to predict what the weather is going to do," said Casari, noting that the county usually shuts down projects around Nov. 15.

In fact, the county does build some flexibility into the date, said John

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Goodfellows gearing up campaign



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Collection point: John Scicluna, regional director of AutoNation, displays donated toys for the Canton Goodfellows.

'There's a lot of needy families'

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Goodfellows are asking for residents' help - whether it be a monetary donation to their newspaper sale on Dec. 6, a contribution of toys, clothes and food to the "Canton Cares" van at the old Kmart shopping plaza or taking time out to wrap gifts Dec. 17, 18, and 19.

The Goodfellows will reach out to

91 needy families in Canton this year - the largest number to date, said Goodfellows president Nancy Spencer.

"We're hoping to get lots of food donations. There's a lot of needy families out there," she said.

People can drop off their non-perishable food items at a food collection site at AutoNation on Ford Road, east of I-275, until Dec. 16 or at the "Canton Cares" van at Ford Road and

Sheldon.

The Goodfellows newspaper sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Goodfellows will be located in front of various businesses, including Piccadilly Peddler, Dunkin' Donuts, Richardson's, Builder's Square, Old Country Buffet, Allstate, Pet Supplies Plus, and Johnson's Restaurant.

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Rezoning will allow condo project

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The Canton planning commission Monday approved the first rezoning application submitted since it revised the Michigan Avenue corridor in its master plan Nov. 17.

The commission approved a request by Geddes Beck Land Co. to rezone 86 acres along the southwest corner of Beck and Geddes Roads from rural agriculture to single-family attached residential.

The change would permit construction of up to 640 condominiums, although township planner Jeff Goulet noted wetlands on the site will probably reduce the total.

The approval goes to Wayne County for 30 days for possible revisions before returning to the planning commission for final action Jan. 13.

Last month, the planning commission recommended two master plan changes on its future land use map which made it easier for developers to request rezoning changes.

One of the changes increased the maximum density for frontage lots along the south side of Geddes between Beck and Denton from a maximum of three dwelling units per acre to eight. The purpose is to provide a better transition between the industrial usages along Michigan Avenue and the lower density single-family usages contemplated north of Geddes.

Any development in the area will require Planned Development District approval.

In other action Monday, the scaled-down version of a proposed Marathon/Tech Express won speedy approval for a special land-use request

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These young consumers know season's top picks

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

We staked-out area stores to corner the experts on their picks for the hottest toys of the season.

And these young consumers, who prompt others to chalk-up millions of dollars in sales during the holiday season, know what they want.

Video games; remote control cars; Tamagotchis, the tiny pets from cyberspace that have to be fed and cared for; K'nex; laser tag games and anything to do with Barbie topped their lists. Last year's most popular toy, Tickle Me Elmo, came up a winner again, too.

Walking down a short toy aisle in the boy's department at Sears, Chris Petersmark, a fourth-grader at Coolidge Elementary School in Livonia, said Legos are his first choice quickly followed by K'nex; Nintendo 64; Sega Genesis and "anything Star Wars."

His sister Caitlin, a sixth-grader, wants Sega Genesis, Nintendo and "any" CDs.

A few feet away, Elliott McDonald, 7, liked just about everything he saw. His mom, Linda, will have an easy time shopping for his gifts.

When pressed to give us his first choices, Elliott thought a moment and declared that he wanted cars and anything with motors. During a five minute tour of the aisle, however, he said "I like this, too" at least five times as he pointed to various emergency vehicle cars, especially a fire engine that lit-up.

The second-grader from Detroit was awestruck after he spotted a microscope laboratory kit. "Mom, I would really like this," he declared.

Jason, a Botsford Elementary School student from Livonia, who was shopping with his mom, Amy, and his 10-month-old baby brother, Justin, couldn't resist trying his hand at computers that were placed just within his reach.

Aside from computers, Jason, 5, Please see TOP TOYS, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Early start: Liz Heilig loads a My Size Barbie into her cart. Heilig was doing some lunch hour shopping at the Canton Target store.

Local leaders give Coleman Young era mixed reviews

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

After Coleman Young's death Saturday, some Canton and Plymouth leaders had a few rough things to say about the former Detroit mayor.

"My perception is there were two things that happened that impacted this region over the last 20 years. One of them was cross-district busing and

the other Coleman Young and both were clearly negatives," said Tom Yack, Canton township supervisor.

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"I worked with Coleman Young on and off for 20 years. I never really felt comfortable," said state Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville.

"He consistently preached brother-

hood to the suburbs and racism to his black constituents in Detroit," said Geake, whose Senate district includes the northern half of Canton.

"I would have hoped that he could have gotten beyond that to encourage true cooperation between the races and between Detroit and the suburbs," Geake added.

Plymouth officials voiced similar

opinions. "My perspective was he raped the city for 20 years," said Plymouth Township trustee Kay Arnold.

"Coleman Young was well-intentioned but the results were disastrous," said Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi.

Offering some praise for Young was

Please see COLEMAN YOUNG, A8

Evening at Summit offers food, fun, entertainment

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BENEFIT

Tickets are still available for Evening at the Summit, the annual gala benefiting the Canton Historical Society and Historic District Commission.

This year's event is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Summit on the Park banquet center. The evening includes an appetizer hour, full buffet dinner, after-dinner entertainment and coffee bar.

The annual dinner has become a key social gathering for Canton residents and area business people and a chance to contribute to the preservation of local history, said Terry Bennett, Canton Township clerk and member of the dinner committee.

The ticket price (\$40 per person, \$75 per couple) "makes it a very affordable way to spend an evening on the town," she added. Featured entertainment is the

a cappella group "Desperate Measures." Pianist Alden Schell will provide music during the appetizer hour and dinner.

The opening reception will include wine, champagne and non-alcoholic punch. Hors D'oeuvres will include fruits and cheeses, as well as chilled shrimp.

The dinner buffet will feature an array of salads, and entrees of herb roasted turkey and round of beef, along with accompaniments. Dessert will be modeled after the Pecan Ball served at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

"Desperate Measures" will perform following dinner. The 10-person mixed chorus entertained at last year's Evening at the Summit and features graduates from three University of Michi-

gan a cappella choirs. The current version of the vocal group is in its third year. Members are from Ann Arbor and metro Detroit.

"A lot of us have sung in groups before and we missed it," said group member Ainsley Sonntag of Novi.

"Desperate Measures" is planning a program of holiday selections, although the group also sings pop, classical and jazz. Sonntag said.

A gourmet coffee bar will cap off the evening.

In addition to tickets, dinner sponsorships are still available. For reservations or information, call Nancy Spencer, 397-8975, or the Canton Historical Museum, 981-0088.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

Preparing for the crush: Julie Holiday, a Guest Services team leader at Target, places a Talking Arthur back on the shelf.

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wants a basketball net; Nintendo; Goody Louie; a water tag game and a motorized Jeep.

At Jacobson's in Livonia, 4-year-old Catherine Vollmerhausen of Grosse Ile said she likes Princess Barbie and Christmas Barbie.

Four-year-old Brandon Evans of Dearborn had his eyes and hands on Brio train set pieces. Amy Gulick said her 21-month-old son, Eddie, likes anything to do with Elmo.

"Everything is Elmo, Elmo," according to the Wisconsin resident. He already has two of the Sesame Street character that shakes, talks and sent parents into a frenzy last year as they tried to find them for their children. You don't have to be a baby to like Elmo.

Justin Priuer, 6, a Plymouth resident and first-grader at Allen Elementary School, was at Toys R Us in Westland and couldn't resist a Tickle Me Cook-je Monster that shakes and talks just like Elmo.

"I like Tickle Me Elmo better," Justin clarified. It was just that

'I let one go (child) at a time and he gets to show me anything in the store...'

Tim Evans
-Livonia parent

Elmo was on a higher shelf and couldn't be reached as easily. He also wants Legos, a Tamagotchi, Play-doh and remote control cars.

Tim Evans of Livonia was previewing the merchandise with his three sons, Brad, 8; Tad, 6; and Chad, 4. The purpose of the 90-minute trip to the toy mecca was to get ideas for Christmas presents.

Prepared with a note pad and marker, Evans won't be wandering aimlessly when it comes time to buy presents.

"It's an idea night," Evans said. "I let one go (child) at a time and he gets to show me anything in the store and then we go onto the next one. It's a fun evening for them."

Brad wants radio control cars; Tad also wants radio control cars and they both want Star Wars items.

Two lanes down, Chad Fuller, 13, was shopping with his father. The Canton teen-ager, who attends Pioneer Middle School, wants Play Station video games, especially Gameday '98.

"I'm trying to get new games for Christmas," he said.

At Meijer's in Canton, Lauren Price, 9, said she wants Tamagotchi's and Barbie dolls, especially Shopping Barbie, because the fourth grader from Bird Elementary School in Plymouth, likes to shop.

Price also likes "baby dolls." Her father, Bruce, seemed to be taking mental notes about her choices as her three brothers, Kyle, 10; Devin, 5 and Alex, 2 finished grocery shopping with their mother, Kimberly.

Bruce knows exactly what his crew wants. The older boys like Laser Tag and the youngest wants Rugrats and Arthur toys.

Alyssa Guerin, 10, of Plymouth closely inspected Tamagotchis and Giga Pets. The fifth-grader from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth wants Nintendo and Laser Challenge under the Christmas tree this year.

These gift ideas, from the people who know best, will certainly ring-in the holidays on area cash registers.

Christmas concert



Practicing: Michael Gross conducts the Plymouth Community Chorus in rehearsal for its 25th annual Christmas concert Dec. 5, 6 and 7. Tickets may be obtained by calling, 455-4080.

Haggerty set to reopen at Michigan

Haggerty Road running north from Michigan Avenue to Palmer Road should be reopened to traffic by early next week, according

to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Wayne County has finished its part of the roadwork and Canton Township is completing its part, according to an MDOT spokeswoman, and so the north leg of the rebuilt road should reopen, with the possible exception of its median lanes.

Brenda Peek of MDOT said the rest of the Michigan Avenue reconstruction project, which runs from Haggerty west to Belleville Road, is about half-finished and is scheduled for completion by Aug. 14, 1998.

Work on a related project, the new leg of Canton Center Road between Michigan Avenue and Geddes, has been shut down for the winter.

The new four-lane section, under construction by Wayne County, realigns the intersection of Canton Center and Michigan, said John Roach, spokesman for the county roads department. When the paving is completed, the original stretch will be designated Old Canton Center Road, he said.

-Richard Pearl

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Those folks are the Tucker family of Plymouth, Sue O'Donohue of Westland, Andy and Sarah Stolaruk of Plymouth, and the Cords family.

So join the Cheer Club by bringing donations of new toys and canned and boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth, during normal business hours.

The items will be collected until Dec. 12, when we'll turn them over to the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make Christmas special for everybody - not just the lucky families where mom and dad have plenty to spend.

MediaOne opens area customer center

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Cartoon characters Buzz and Woody from "Toy Story" were there, and so were local politicians and MediaOne representatives.

The occasion was the grand opening Wednesday of the company's new Metro Detroit Customer Care Center. MediaOne offers cable TV and Internet services and plans to offer more in coming months through fiber optics technology.

The 50,000 square foot facility is on Beck Road, north of M-14, just across the street from Compuware Arena. It will house 300 employees, including MediaOne corporate staff overseeing operations in Michigan.

Company spokesman Bill Black said the staff are moving from facilities in Southfield, Dearborn Heights, Roseville and Ann Arbor.

Black said the Plymouth Township site was chosen "because it's a central location for operations."

"There's access to M-14, I-275, 96, it's just an ideal location," he



Special guest: Drew Hannibal of Howell visits with "Toy Story" character Buzz Lightyear at the opening of the new MediaOne customer care center in Plymouth Township. Calls from Canton subscribers are handled at the center.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNON

Black said staff began relocating to the new Plymouth Township facility two weeks ago. The ceremony also included demonstrations of digital television and MediaOne's Broadband Data Services.

The characters from the Disney film "Toy Story" were on hand to promote MediaOne's partnership with the Disney Channel. The channel is being offered to customers along with basic service.

MediaOne and the Disney Channel are also sponsoring a sweepstakes for new customers who sign up before Dec. 31. Prizes include a four-day-three-night vacation to Orlando, Fla., two \$500 gift certificates for Disney stores and five \$100 Disney store gift certificates.

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'He was a fighter'

Young leaves legacy, memories for those who worked with him

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

In 1970, Ed McNamara was a candidate for lieutenant governor and sought support from Michigan Democrats.

McNamara met one day with the black caucus of state lawmakers, chaired by Coleman Young.

Young greeted McNamara at the door. McNamara expected the caucus members to give him a difficult time about various issues, but Young reassured McNamara to "leave everything to me."

"He then started an argument about something insignificant," McNamara recalled. By the time the argument ended, the caucus members ran out of time to ask McNamara questions and a potential rift within the Democratic Party was averted.

County Executive McNamara, who knew Young while McNamara was mayor of Livonia, was one of several elected or retired officials who remembered Young

after learning of the former Detroit mayor's death. Young, 79, died Saturday of respiratory failure after a long illness.

Young will be in state from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. today in the Hall of Ancestors at the Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush in Detroit. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Greater Grace Temple, 19161 Schaefer at West Seven Mile in Detroit.

McNamara said Young was always accessible. Both mayors used each other's local clout to lobby for state appropriations and bills.

"He'd call me and say 'I need one Republican and two Democrats to get these bills through,' and he would contact the Detroit lawmakers when I needed something. We had that kind of a relationship."

As a county executive, McNamara found Young to be protective of Detroit's "gems" when McNamara thought they should



Coleman Young

be regionalized. "He had an attitude about the (Detroit Department of Transportation)," McNamara said. "Belle Isle was a gem, the

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Legislation limits lawsuits against police for chases

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Police departments would be partly shielded from lawsuits resulting from their pursuits of fleeing suspects under a state Senate-passed bill.

The Senate Nov. 13 passed the main measure 34-0, but rejected amendments by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, to allow more product liability suits.

"It deals with police pursuits," said Sen. William VanRegen-

morter, R-Jenison, seeking to shut off debate on Peters' amendments.

"We need to revisit this because we now know that we made a mistake last year," said Peters, pointing to heart damage done to people taking the appetite depressant drug Phen-Fen.

The Senate, on almost party-line votes, rejected Peters' amendments. Then, at the urging of Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, it passed SB 163 without opposition. Three mem-

bers, including the hospitalized Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, were absent.

Suits limited

Purpose of the VanRegenmorter bill is to limit lawsuits against police agencies resulting from injuries during chases. Key provisions:

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Gubernatorial candidate visits Westland Democrats

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Doug Ross knows he has work to do, a fact he acknowledged while visiting the Westland Democratic Club on Nov. 25. The 55-year-old gubernatorial candidate hopes to unseat Gov. John Engler next year, but first Ross must win the Democratic nomination over Larry Owen in the primary.

That means Ross must overcome organized labor's endorsements of Owen. He realizes that, and doesn't cower from the challenge. "A substantial number of voters are not union members," Ross said. "A majority of union members think for themselves. Powerful ideas matter more than old-style endorsements."

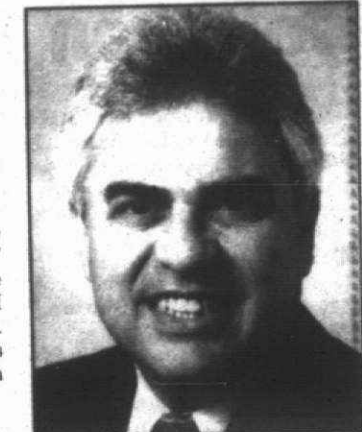
Issues are roads, education

Ross told the 30 Westland Democrats he wants to improve education and roads.

"A lot of your children and grandchildren will be the first generation who will not do better than their parents," Ross said. "That would be terrible." Ross vowed to recommit lottery money to education to help young people receive diplomas. Ross promised to send that generation to college.

Ross also criticized the state's use of road money to build new roads when the current ones are in such bad condition. "That's like putting an addition on your house when your roof is falling down."

Ross told the crowd that the Democrats need to be more active and "expose (Engler) for who he is." "I think it's time to say, 'Promises made, promises broken,'" Ross said, poking fun at Engler's campaign slogan from three years ago. Still, Ross realized an Engler defeat won't happen without a united front from Democrats.



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Woolly Tree campaign
Woolly Trees will again be in place at the Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, and 6355 N. Canton Center, Canton. Decorating Woolly Trees is the credit union's traditional way of helping to keep the needy in the community warm throughout the winter. Anyone who would like to help is asked to donate warm clothing for adults and children. Articles such as hats, scarves, socks, may be placed on the Woolly Tree. Toward the end of the season, the items will be donated to local non-profit organizations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Student teacher
Albion College student Donald R. Hogaboom is completing his student teaching requirement this semester by teaching elementary instrumental music. Hogaboom, a senior majoring in music, is the son of Larry and Lynda Hogaboom of Canton.

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Bill Joyner, former executive director of the Canton Community Foundation and former Democratic Wayne County commissioner, from Plymouth Township.

"He was a strong supporter of his city just as Tom Yack is a strong supporter of Canton," Joyner said.

"They (local leaders) have pride in their hometown and so did Coleman Young and there's nothing wrong with that," he added.

But Yack said Young often carried his Detroit-against-the-world attitude too far. While Young may have been good for the people of Detroit, Yack said, the controversial mayor's actions "encouraged economic flight from the city."

Geake said that as a member of the legislature he felt he had a responsibility to help Detroit prosper but that Young's policies

and comments often acted as barriers. He cited the Detroit income tax on non-residents who work in the city.

Added Joyner: "Coleman Young had a polarizing effect on people. I don't think polarization is necessarily bad - people have to think through their position. He forced the out-county to define itself as a community and I think that's positive."

"What's not positive was playing black and white against each other - probably more toward the end of his life than he needed to," Joyner said.

"He provided hope to the have nots when he first got elected, people who were in fact being subjugated had a voice, there needed to be hope in Detroit," he added. "I think Coleman Young was a great man of the civil rights movement who we should reverse for standing up for minority rights."

Staff writer **Tedd Schneider** contributed to this story.

Police don't buy 'phoney' story, bust youth in theft

COP CALLS

Canton police may have been entertained, but they weren't buying one young man's story Nov. 28.

Called to the Speedway station at 5596 Lilley at 3:25 a.m., they chased down and caught the young man after he had run from the store, throwing cellular phones into the bushes as he ran.

He told them he got lost while walking home from the Livonia police department after being arrested for retail fraud.

While walking down Ford Road, he said, he saw a brown pickup truck at the Amoco station at John Hix with two cell phones, a charger and an adaptor cord all sitting on the vehicle's cab.

He said he took the phones to call for a ride, but they didn't work.

The clerk told police the man had tried to sell him the phones for \$5. When the clerk refused, the man asked for \$1 in change. The clerk called police and the man ran, tossing the phones.

After recovering the equipment but finding no corroboration for the story at either the Amoco station or with Westland police, Canton officers arrested the man on a charge of possession

of stolen property and released him in the custody of his father.

High school thefts

Both Plymouth Community Educational Park high schools reported thefts over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

In the first incident, Plymouth-Canton High School reported that someone broke into the guidance office and unplugged five computers from five different offices, moving one monitor into the hallway, where the night cleaning crew found it.

No property was stolen from the offices, although two door handles totaling \$90 were missing.

Police said the would-be burglar apparently gained entrance to each office by removing ceiling tiles and climbing into each office.

In the other incident, a Plymouth-Salem wrestler admitted stealing \$130 in cash plus door keys from the school cafeteria office after a practice.

He said he entered through a window. His mother was able to

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from the commission.

The Saad Group and Richard LaRowe of Tech Express, whose previous plan for a car wash, Taco Bell Express and diesel fueling for trucks in addition to a gas station and convenience store at Michigan and Beck met with opposition from area resi-

dents in October, proposed only the automobile filling station and convenience store this time.

At the last meeting, the commission recommended denial of the larger proposal, leading the company to withdraw its request.

The proposed station will have

six pumps, including two offering diesel fuel for automobiles, not tractor-trailers. And the property line to the nearest property was cut to 250 feet from 475.

However, Beck Road resident Melissa Cooley questioned the need for another filling station and also said she believes it will make turning on Michigan more dangerous during rush hour.

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Accomplishments cited

Ross talked about some of his accomplishments, one of which was saving consumers \$10 billion in taxes on groceries and prescriptions, a drive he helped spearhead in the early 1970s with the Michigan Citizens Lobby.

"We also passed the first generic drug law in America," Ross said. He also helped protect car owners from expensive car repair bills by pushing for the Auto Repair Protection Act, which also called for auto mechanic certification.

Ross helped draft the president's GI bill for working Americans to provide comprehensive job training for laid-off

workers. Ross served as assistant secretary for employment and training in the U.S. Labor Department from 1993-95.

Ross also served as the Michigan's commerce director in the Blanchard Administration from 1984-89. From 1978-82 Ross served as a state senator from Oakland County. Ross also led the Citizens Lobby from 1972-75 and 1976-78, a group he also founded. It organized a successful petition drive to repeal the sales tax on food and medicine.

Ross is currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan in the School of Public Policy.

More thoughts

After the meeting, Ross said if he is elected, he wants to establish job skills accounts to provide state residents with post-secondary training. "If (workers) are laid off or downsized, we will give you \$2,500 to 'buy' skills that are in demand from a community college, training institute or trade school," Ross said.

The program would be financed through funds now used through the Job Training Partnership Act.

Ross also wants the single business tax repealed and replaced with a corporate income or a profits tax. "I believe

'(People) want want someone who is independent and is not owned by any interest group.'

Doug Ross
gubernatorial candidate

(the single business tax) discourages people from starting a business and from hiring new people. If you hire more people and your income stays the same, your tax goes up."

Ross said the profits tax would go across-the-board on businesses.

Ross likes chances

Ross likes his election chances. "(People) want someone who is independent and is not owned by any interest group," Ross said. "I've always insisted on doing what I think is right and independent. To do that you need a large, 'grass roots' support and you get that support from a broad base of people."

Westland Democratic Club Chairman John Franklin said he loves to hear Ross speak, calling him a man who cares about people.

"He's a Democrat and he speaks like a Democrat," Franklin said.

Legislation from page A5

■ The \$1 million cap could be lifted if the police agency were "guilty of gross negligence," defined as "conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results."

■ Economic damages could be fully recovered, but a jury or judge would have to itemize economic losses.

■ A person injured while fleeing police could not sue.

A companion measure, House Bill 4039, would establish a

panel in the Law Enforcement Council to draft a model pursuit policy. The protections in SB 163 would apply only to agencies that adopted the model policy and used trained pursuit drivers.

No figures were available for total payouts in the tri-county (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb) area. Here are figures from the other 80 counties:

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Detroit Zoo was a gem, the art museum was a gem, the water system was a gem.

"It just wasn't his philosophy. He was a unique guy. He had no fear. He was probably more compassionate than people thought he was."

McNamara actually was fired from the Detroit Water Board by Young after McNamara criticized water rate hikes allocated to the suburbs and the lack of audits on the water board. Young had appointed McNamara to that post.

McNamara visited Young about a year ago. "We had a nice conversation, but he was lost. He just didn't have any challenges anymore."

Didn't mince words

Carl Pursell of Plymouth called Young an "active voice" for the city of Detroit. Pursell, a Republican, represented western Wayne County and served with Young in the state Senate before Young was elected mayor of Detroit in 1974.

Pursell later served in U.S. Congress representing the second District, which included Livonia and Plymouth and several Oakland County communities. Pursell remembered the Chrysler bailout in the early 1980s.

"The bailout was pretty much nip-and-tuck for a while," Pursell said. "Many Republicans

'Although you didn't always agree with him, you respected his opinion.'

Carl Pursell
—former congressman

were against it, but some of us felt we could take our chances. It was a matter of trust, and it worked out for the best.

"Coleman Young was very active in that."

Pursell called Young a fighter. "He didn't mince any words."

Pursell believed that Young wasn't always the adversary to the suburbs. "He worked well with Gov. (William) Milliken and suburban legislators."

"He worked with the Michigan (congressional) delegation pretty well. He fought for what Detroit was entitled to with dollars and numbers. I enjoyed his personality. Although you did not always agree with him, you respected his opinion."

Death is a 'tragic loss'

Ricardo Solomon, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, called Young's death a tragic loss for the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan.

Solomon knew the mayor for 20 years and worked as one of five campaign coordinators for

'He was probably more compassionate than people thought he was.'

Ed McNamara
—county executive

Young in 1974. Solomon learned from Young to "be true to your beliefs and stand up for your beliefs." "I learned from him to work hard and always be a fighter," Solomon said. "He believed that the people who put you in office always come first."

Solomon cites Young's accomplishments in integrating the police department, giving blacks opportunities during his 20 years in office and Detroit's economic development, such as the construction of Joe Louis Arena and remodeling of Cobo Hall.

"People also forget he was the president of the National Conference of Mayors, which was a group of black and white mayors, and led the Democratic platform committee," Solomon said. "He worked closely with Gov. Milliken and Max Fisher."

"He was a fighter. He believed when you get knocked down, you get back up and help those who are less fortunate."

For black Detroiters, Young "instilled a sense of pride and a sense of can-do," Solomon said.

"He was an individual that no

matter what your skin color was, you could achieve. The reason he got involved with the labor movement was the unity of African-Americans and whites."

Style 'confrontational'

Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Roman Gribbs was mayor of Detroit for one term immediately preceding Young.

"He was energetic and forthright, as was his style," Gribbs said. "He was very direct and very forceful."

When asked to comment on what he thought of Young's performance, Gribbs said, "I leave that to history. There's some pluses and minuses."

"His style was a bit too confrontational, which may have worked for him when he was first elected. But unfortunately, he kept that style. Contrast that to his successor (Mayor Dennis Archer) who is conciliatory and cooperative, and he has cooperation with all the communities."

"I don't criticize (Young), that was just his nature." Gribbs also invited Young to a funeral of a police officer, who was killed in the line of duty just weeks before Young officially took office.

"He was grateful for that," Gribbs said about Young's appreciation for Gribbs' gesture. "He was not insensitive to the dangers of good police work."



Young memories:
In a photo taken in the late 1970s, then Livonia Mayor Ed McNamara jokes with Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. In July 1989 Young addressed a luncheon group in Plymouth.

Stalemate expected over benefits

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A House Democratic bill to raise unemployment benefits is probably dead on arrival when the Republican-controlled Michigan Senate returns to work Dec. 2.

The Democrats' gift to organized labor came Nov. 6, three weeks after Republican Gov. John Engler announced that jobless benefit taxes on employers will be cut 10 percent, or \$50 million, in 1998.

"Irresponsible," said House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, of the Democratic bill. "In two days' time, House Democrats recklessly undid several years of work fixing a troubled system that was desperately in need of repair."

"This is a major step in correcting the injustice perpetrated two years ago by a callous, mean-spirited, Republican-dominated state Legislature," said Frank Garrison, president of the state AFL-CIO.

Republicans control the Senate 22-16 with the victory of David, Jaye in a Macomb County dis-

trict to fill a vacancy. Democrats have a 58-51 margin in the House with Jaye's departure.

The stalemate means that Public Act 25 of 1995, passed when Republicans controlled both chambers, is still in effect. House Bill 5303, sponsored by Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, is aimed at restoring jobless benefits to the pre-1995 level. Her changes:

- Restores the benefit rate to 70 percent of after-tax earnings. The GOP (current) law pegs them at 67 percent.

- Raises the maximum benefit to 58 percent of the state average weekly wage of \$591.18, or \$342.88. That's \$42.88 more than the current law. The Bogardus bill restores cost-of-living indexing because "the buying power of a \$300 unemployment check is less and less each year," she said.

- Allows seasonal workers to qualify for jobless benefits.

- Reduces the amount a worker must earn to qualify for benefits. Ironically, the threshold was raised when the Legislature in 1996 hiked the minimum wage

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Gov. John Engler

from \$3.35 to \$5.15 per hour. Engler announced Oct. 16 that an automatic 10 percent tax cut for employers would take effect in tax year 1998 because the state had a higher-than-anticipated balance in its Unemployment Trust Fund.

"The trust fund owed the federal government a \$417 million debt in 1991. Through hard work, we've erased that debt entirely and built a \$2 billion surplus," Engler said.

Michigan's balance had to be at least \$2.077 billion to trigger the reduction. The U.S. Treasury Department said Michigan's mid-1997 balance was \$2.088 billion with no outstanding debt.

Michigan employers pay unemployment insurance taxes assessed against the first \$9,500 of wages of an employee. The maximum tax rate has been 10 percent. In 1998 it will 9 percent.

Jim Barrett, president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said a major chamber goal is to "preserve the (1995) reform measures. It would be irresponsible to drain the UI Trust Fund when we've finally built up an adequate surplus to protect unemployed workers during the next economic downturn."

Under an executive order issued Aug. 6 by Engler, jobless benefits are now handled by the Department of Consumer & Industry Services. Job finding services are handled by the Jobs Commission.

The GOP's Sikkema credited the 1995 changes with "prompting record declines in unemployment and welfare cases while expanding job opportunities for working men and women and fueling Michigan's economic expansion."

Open registration continues

Madonna University's open registration for Winter '98 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 the exception of Dec. 15, 18 and 22 when the office will close at 5 p.m. and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1).

Classes begin the week of Jan. 5.

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There is no application fee. For more information, call the Admissions Office at (313) 432-5339.

Awards banquet set for Friday

The Arab-American Chaldean Council will host its Fifth Annual Civic and Humanitarian Awards Banquet at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam Road, in Livonia at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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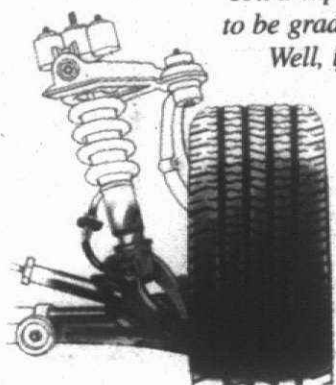
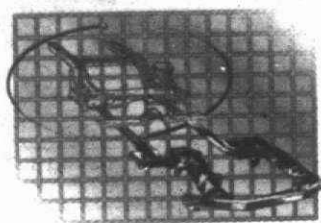
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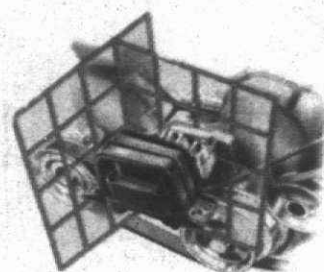
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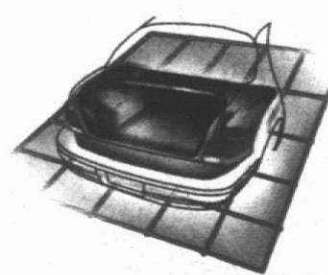


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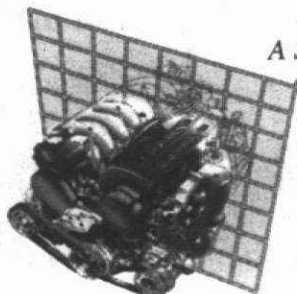


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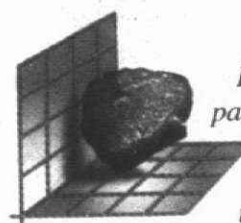
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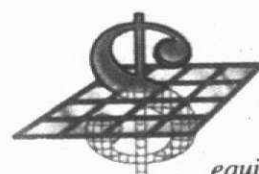
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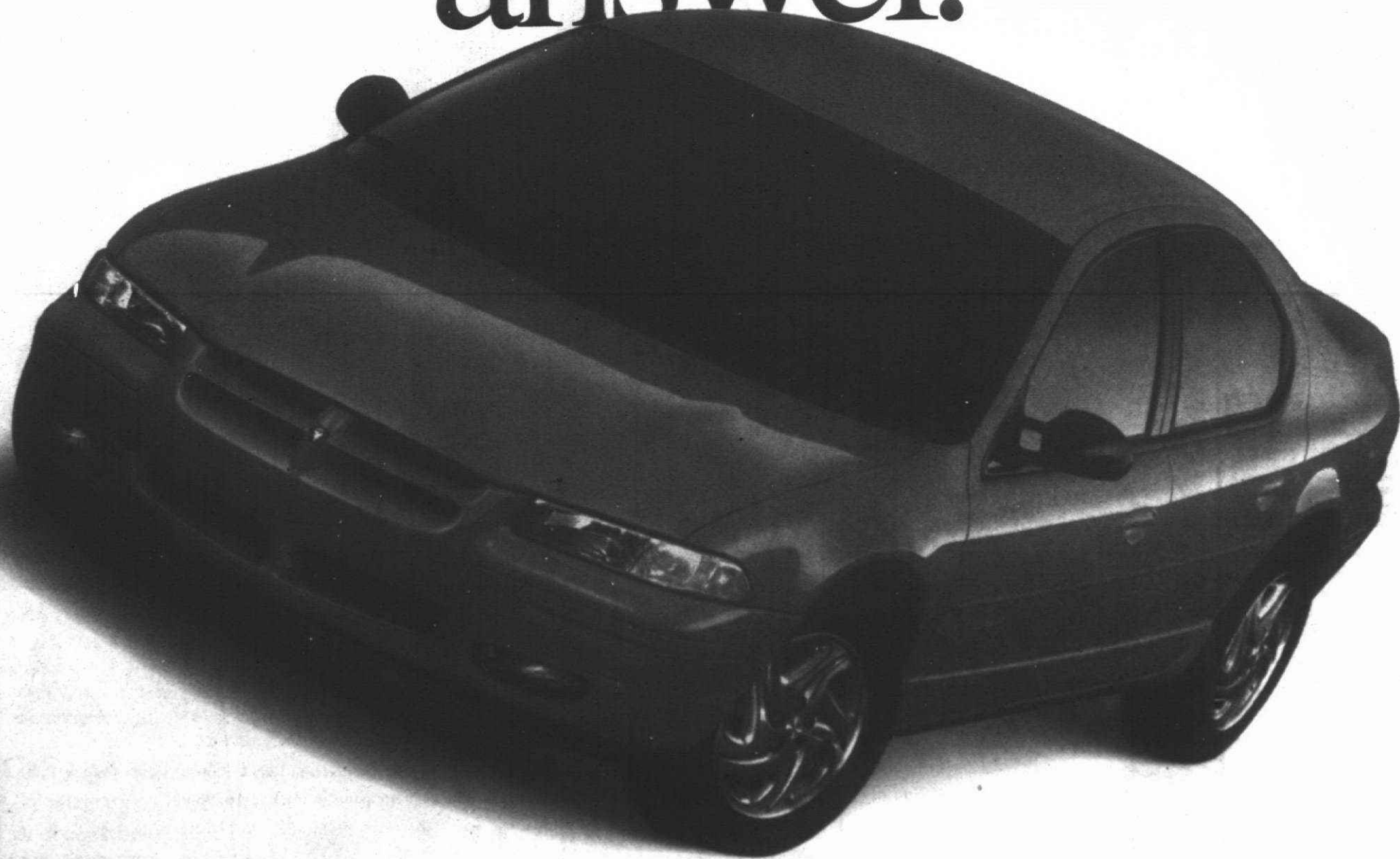
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Parade helpers: Bob and Sandra (Sam) Florek of Canton Township have volunteered for 14 of the Livonia Holiday Parade's 15 years. The Floreks spend several hours before the parade making sure participants are prepared to march. Bob Florek is retired from GSE Inc. in Farmington Hills, where he was an application engineer. She is dean of Marketing and Development at Schoolcraft College.

Parade aid

Canton couple helps with event

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Holiday Parade is a sure sign of the Christmas season. And as sure as the parade is to the season, so are some of the volunteers who make it happen.

For 14 of the parade's 15 years, a Canton Township couple has been a fixture, making sure the procession gets off without a hitch. Bob and Sandra (Sam) Florek are about as much a fixture as the floats and bands in the parade.

"I knew Jeanne Hildebrandt (manager of the Livonia Mall), and she asked if I would volunteer to help with the parade the mall was sponsoring," Sam Florek said. "I had to say 'yes' because how could you say 'no' to someone who volunteers much of her time?"

That was the beginning of a long relationship with Hildebrandt and the parade. And where Sam goes, most likely you'll find Bob.

"It's not the first time it's happened," joked Bob Florek. "I quite often hear, 'I need help.' I can't say 'no' or I wouldn't eat for a week."

He makes sure all the bands are ready for their turn, and has gotten to know them quite well.

"We've had most of the bands in the parade for a long time, so I've gotten to know many of the band directors," Florek said. "We have to keep them moving, considering the traffic problems with seven bands, with about 50 kids each. And, there

is always additional traffic with parents dropping off some of the band members.

"We keep them in order, and moving in the right direction. Of course, these aren't little kids, so they help make it easy."

The Floreks are basically in charge of choreographing the parade, spending several hours beforehand making certain there aren't any problems.

"It's fun, mainly because of all the kids," Sam Florek said, referring to such groups as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts that participate. "We get there early with our long underwear, which by the way seems to be getting tighter every year."

"I usually just take orders," her husband said. "But really, it's a lot of fun to watch the kids. They have such a great time, and it becomes infectious."

Bob Florek is retired from GSE Inc. in Farmington Hills, where he was an application engineer. Sam is dean of Marketing and Development at Schoolcraft College.

"Bob is the silent volunteer," she said. "He helps me a lot with Schoolcraft's golf outings, craft shows, the culinary extravaganza, and many other projects that I volunteer to help."

The Floreks have been married 32 years, and volunteering side-by-side almost as long.

"We enjoy many of the same things, and it keeps us together," she said.

Young artists can enter contest

Young artists from Michigan can go for the gold by entering an Olympic-theme poster in the 1998 International Aviation Art Contest.

"This is a great creative opportunity for budding young artists to explore the many avenues of air travel that play such an important role in our economy and quality of life," said James DeSana, state transportation director.

This year's contest involves creating a poster for "Air Sports in the Olympics." The poster may include all types of sporting and recreational aeronautics, including ballooning, gliding, parachuting, aerobatics, hang gliding, paragliding, microlight/ultralight flying, model aircraft, light aircraft and

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Sponsored at the state level by the Michigan Department of Transportation bureau of aeronautics, the competition is open to students age 6 to 17. The program encourages young people to become familiar with the many facets of aviation and aeronautics. Other contest sponsors include the National Aeronautic Association, the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federation Aeronautic Internationale.

Entries will be judged in three separate age categories, with first-, second- and third-place winners selected in each. First place winners in each category will advance to the national competition in Washington D.C.

National winners will compete with entries from other nations late next spring.

For the first time, this year's contest features a separate competition for computer-generated art. Computer art will be judged at the state and national levels only.

The Bureau of Aeronautics is accepting entries through Feb. 6, 1998. For a copy of the contest brochure, including contest rules and an entry form, write to: Michigan Bureau Aeronautics, Attn: Aviation Art Contest, 2700 E. Airport Service Drive, Lansing MI 48906, or call (517) 335-9977. Contest details can be obtained from the Bureau of Aeronautics web site at <http://www.mdot.state.mi.us/aer>.

State police report decline in holiday traffic deaths

Michigan State Police reported that 11 persons were killed in nine fatal traffic crashes this Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Last year 23 persons lost their lives in crashes during the same period.

Of the 11 persons killed, two were pedestrians. Out of the remaining nine persons who had safety belts available, only two were belted. Alcohol was a known factor in three of these fatalities.

"These preliminary numbers show this was the safest Thanksgiving holiday weekend in the last 25 years," said Col. Michael Robinson, director of the Michigan State Police.

"In addition, the fact that seven of the nine persons killed were not wearing their safety belts means we still have work to do to educate the public. Buckling up is the simplest way to prevent needless injuries and deaths."

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Canton resident marks 20th year as business advocate

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It might be insensitive to say, but there's plenty of people who would secretly admit they're glad Sharon Holroyde couldn't get a teaching job.

"Teachers were a dime a dozen," said Holroyde, who is celebrating her 20th year working at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

In 1977, Holroyde graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education. And so did plenty of other people.

"I couldn't find a job. My parents moved to Arizona and I was engaged and didn't want to leave here," Holroyde said.

That led her to the chamber of commerce. "Back then I don't remember what my title was. But I basically did clerical," said the Canton resident.

When Holroyde started at the chamber she was determined to move on. "It was supposed to be temporary. It was just a stepping stone."

That was 20 years ago. "I enjoyed it so much. The people are wonderful. I saw what a commitment everyone has to the community and the chamber. It's amazing. And it's a fun job."

Today, Holroyde indeed has a title. She is the administrative assistant to chamber executive director Fran Toney, who considers Holroyde "my partner" and irreplaceable.

"There is no one like Sharon," Toney said. "She brings history, yes... she knows the community and its background... however, more importantly Sharon can and does go with the flow. New ideas? No problem. Changing directions several times in a day when necessary - she just keeps smiling."

Indeed Holroyde has seen a lot of history in her 20 years at the chamber and in the heart of Plymouth. For example, she has worked with eight chamber executive directors. "There's not another person in the country who can say that," she said.

Asked if she had anything to do with the turnover of executive directors at the chamber, Holroyde said, "I wonder..."

Holroyde's love of children, however, prompted her to return to school in the early 1980s and update her teaching certificate. But "it then expired," she said. "I have always loved children but I never really got into teaching and never had any children of my own," Holroyde said.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREMER
First and last job: What began as a temporary job turned into a career for Sharon Holroyde, who is now administrative assistant to Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney.

OBITUARIES

GRACE E. BRENNAN
Services for Grace E. Brennan, 95, of Westland were held on Tuesday at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. She was buried in the Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

She is survived by her daughter, Wilma L. Sedore of Westland; a grandson, Leslie Sedore of Westland; and two great-grandsons, Aaron Sedore and Jason Sedore, both of Westland.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, Mich. 48075-3680.

ANDREW R. MAGNUSON
A funeral Mass will be held for Andrew R. Magnuson, 60, of Canton noon Friday, Dec. 5, at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. The visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Thursday. His burial will follow the service in the Watersmeet Cemetery in Watersmeet, Mich.

He was born April 2, 1937, in Ironwood, Mich. He died Dec. 1 in Livonia. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1962.

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U-M gifts are No. 1 on many Christmas lists

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears that anything with the block M of the Michigan Wolverines is a hot item this holiday season.

"We didn't think about last Friday being the busiest shopping day of the year, because we've been that busy for the past three weeks," said Wendy Roberts, manager of the M Den store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. "We've been doing inventory daily, and twice a day on the weekends, just to make sure we're ordering merchandise before it runs out."

One of the hottest gifts is an instant replay music box.

"It looks like a jewelry box, and replays four sound bites from big games," noted Roberts. "Of course, hats and sweatshirts with the Rose Bowl insignia are going well. And, we carry the line of clothing that the coaching staff and players wear, which is also selling well at this time."

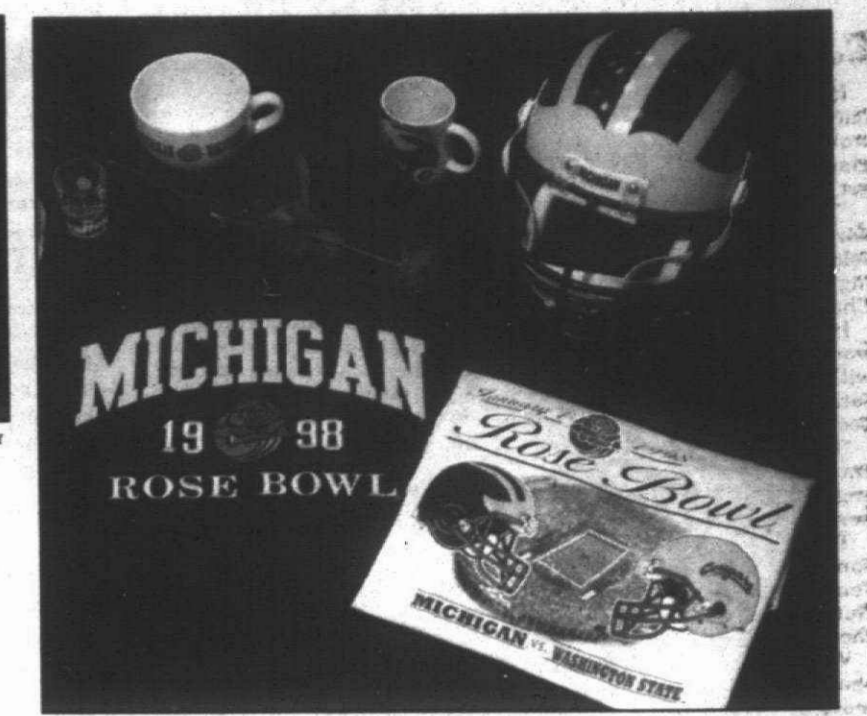
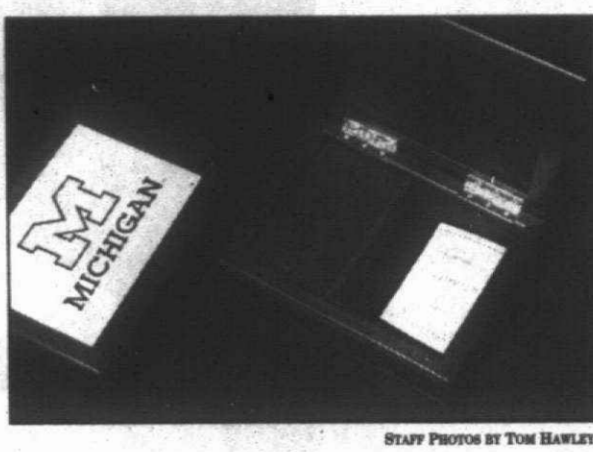
Roberts is looking to keep busy, right up to New Year's Day, when the Wolverines take their No. 1 ranking against Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

Meanwhile, at JC Penney in Westland Center, athletic apparel manager Tom Kjellstrom says business has certainly picked up since the Wolverines won the Big Ten championship.

"The Michigan stuff is selling like crazy," said Kjellstrom. "We've gotten some of the better fleece and embroidered sweat shirts, and they're selling well."

Kjellstrom says sales of Michigan items were going slow, until the Sunday after the Wolverines beat Ohio State.

"Sales really took off, and we've been reordering to keep from running out," noted Kjellstrom. "Officially licensed sweat shirts, caps and anything with Nike on it are selling like hotcakes."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY
Rosy holidays: Merchants are cashing in on the University of Michigan's success on the football field. Some of the hot holiday gift items include an instant replay box (above) at the M Den at Laurel Park Place, Rose Bowl paraphernalia (right) and an authentic football helmet.

Volunteers sought to recruit, screen families for program

A student exchange program offered through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange International is looking for volunteers to serve as area representatives in their local communities.

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all located off of Ford Road. Others are AlphaGraphics (Joy and Morton Taylor), World Gym (Canton Center Road), Bob's of Canton (Lilley), the Canton Public Library and Summit of the Park.

Volunteers are also needed to help sort and wrap packages at the Canton Library from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, December 19.

Delivery of the 91 needy families begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

Pennies also are being collected at Gallimore and Hoben schools in the annual Pennies from Heaven campaign Dec. 1-5 and 8-12. The pennies can be dropped off at the school offices.

For the third year, Plymouth resident Matt Adams and his wife, Carol, will be at the old Knart plaza at Ford Road and Sheldon with the "Canton Cares" van from noon to 5 p.m. every weekend through Dec. 14.

New toys, children's clothing and food will be collected at the van donated by Adams' employer Corrigan Moving.

"All the donations stay in the area. I give it to the Goodfellows and they in turn distribute it to needy families," he said.

"I think it's important to encourage parents to get their

Hanford paving from page A1

Roach, public information manager for the county roads department, but "The weather turned colder quicker this year."

"We do allow flexibility to let folks finish projects, but the colder weather and the precipitation makes for a bad mix to finish a job," Roach said.

"This is Michigan and the timing was unfortunate from their perspective. But in the long run, it will be less expensive for them to do it (in the spring)," he said.

The township will widen Canton Center to four lanes at its intersection with Hanford, which is extending west from near Sheldon Road.

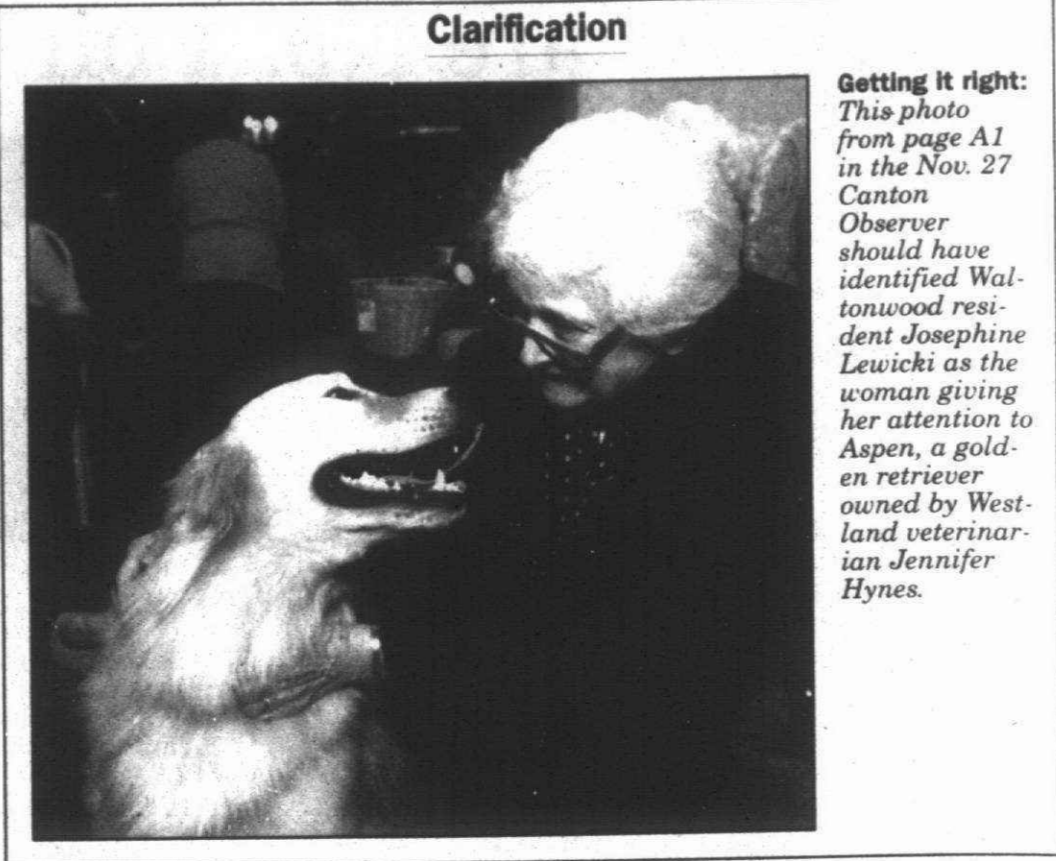
To do that, the township must excavate the right of way on Canton Center for subgrade undercutting, then fill it in and pave it, said Casari.

That work wasn't very far along, and the county didn't want the excavation left open for the winter.

"We viewed that as a being a safety risk," said the county's Roach.

Regarding the paving of Hanford, he explained that "You can pave in the winter, but it runs into much greater expenses to protect the pavement and the sub-base so that it cures properly. And that was a cost Canton Township decided it did not want to incur and that it would be in their best interest to wait until spring."

One immediate benefit to drivers: with construction crews gone, traffic on Canton Center this week returned to normal speeds.



Auto theft unit recovers air bags

Police recovered 2,000 stolen air bags during a raid on an auto parts business Monday night.

The air bags have a retail value estimated at \$1 million, said Michigan State Police Lt. William Darnell of the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit. The business which was raided, C & J Metro Automotive Supply, located in the Greenfield-Jeffries area, had paid an estimated \$200,000 for the air bags.

"Some of the air bags were identified with numbers. The ones we ran came back stolen," said Darnell. "The air bags are real popular to steal, big time. A guy can get \$65 or \$100 per air bag. For a couple minutes work he's got a \$100 in his pocket."

The Western Wayne Auto Theft unit has taken over the investigation, which was initiated by the Metro Street Enforcement Team, which has officers from Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Inkster.

Getting it right: This photo from page A1 in the Nov. 27 Canton Observer should have identified Westland resident Josephine Lewicki as the woman giving her attention to Aspen, a golden retriever owned by Westland veterinarian Jennifer Hynes.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: OS, OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
 TO REZONE TO: TAR, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT
 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
 DATE OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1997
 PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from OS, Office Service District, to TAR, Technology & Research District.

Application #1490

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Tax ID Number 78-024-99-0019-000. PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, T. 1 S., R. 7 E., PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING NORTH 67 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 501.50 FEET AND SOUTH 5 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 1328.65 FEET FROM THE CENTER 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 24, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 461.04 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A CURVE TO LEFT RADIUS 9717.63 FEET AND 462.88 FEET THENCE NORTH 7 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 316.67 FEET NORTH 26 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 261.58 FEET, THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 214.96 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 132.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ORDINANCE NO. 85
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 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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 EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-3840, ext. 209.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

CAROL DAVIS, Secretary
 Planning Commission

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting bids for the purchase of Six (6) Overhead Garage Doors to be installed at Plymouth Community Fire Department, Station 2, located at 41212 Wilcox Rd. 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 Monday, December 8, 1997 no later than 3:00 p.m. Publish: December 4, 1997.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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 3:00 p.m. Mandatory tour of the Township facilities is mandatory for bid acceptance. Publish: November 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 and December 4, 1997.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1997 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR TOWER AUTOMOTIVE

PLEASE NOTE: That on November 18, 1997, the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth received from Tower Automotive, a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on proposed building improvements, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures for their leased facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request of Tower Automotive is on file in the Clerk's Office for public hearing. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.

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PLEASE NOTE: That on November 13, 1997, the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth received from Tower Automotive, a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 96-020 from A.O. Smith Corporation to Tower Automotive. The facility is located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1997 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR RICHARDS DEVELOPMENTS, INC., (DADCO)

PLEASE NOTE: That on November 13, 1997, the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth received from Richards Developments, Inc. (DADCO) a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a proposed addition to their existing facility, including new machinery and equipment. The facility is located at 43860 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request of Richards Developments is on file in the Clerk's Office for public hearing. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
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City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Certificate at its regular meeting on Monday, December 15, 1997. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from Pdc Glass of Michigan Inc., the proposed tenant for the existing industrial building located at 300 Dunn Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

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The Certificate would allow tax abatement on modifications to the existing facility and the installation of new manufacturing equipment. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,000,000. The Certificate would result in abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied on the estimated additional State Equalized Valuation of \$1,000,000, for a maximum period of twelve (12) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 1974, No. 198, as amended - MCLA 207.561 et. seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of an IFT Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

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Goodfellows Success on Saturday a must

It is the season. We refer, of course, to the holidays. But also to the holiday giving season, which begins in earnest the week after Thanksgiving. No doubt you've already been confronted with a Lions Club member at the intersection and a Salvation Army kettle in front of the drugstore. There are countless area campaigns going on as well, from Toys for Tots to the Observer's very own Cheer Club. All are worthy causes and a contribution to any is certainly heartfelt and deserved.

The Canton Goodfellows, though — who will be out in force for their annual newspaper drive on Saturday — get a special place in our hearts. Maybe it's that "old newsboy" connection, or just the Goodfellows mission, which is to make sure that every local child, regardless of the family's situation, is able to find a reason to celebrate on Christmas morning.

The Goodfellows newspaper sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Goodfellows will be located in front of various businesses, including Piccadilly Peddler, Dunkin' Donuts, Richardson's, Builders Square, Old Country Buffet, Allstate, Pet Supplies Plus, and Johnson's Restaurant, all located off of Ford Road. Others are AlphaGraphics (Joy and Morton Taylor), World Gym (Canton Center Road), Bob's of Canton (Lil-

ley), the Canton Public Library and Summit on the Park.

Volunteers are also needed to help sort and wrap packages at the Canton Library from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Delivery to local families begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

The Goodfellows will reach out to 91 needy families in Canton this year — the largest number to date, according to the local organization's president, Nancy Spencer.

"We're hoping to get lots of food donations. There's a lot of needy families out there," she said.

People can drop off their non-perishable food items at a food collection site at AutoNation on Ford Road, east of I-275, until Dec. 16 or at the "Canton Cares" van at Ford Road and Sheldon.

The Canton Goodfellows have a short month to meet their fund-raising goals. So take a moment in your travels on Saturday and purchase a Goodfellows newspaper, drop off a can or two at AutoNation or volunteer for the wrapping and distribution efforts later this month. Call Spencer at 397-8975 for additional information.

Contrary views of Mayor Young

Coleman Young's death Saturday triggered strong emotions within his beloved city and throughout its suburbs.

As expected, his supporters praised Young's accomplishments as mayor of Detroit for a record 20 years — ignoring that his style alienated many potential backers.

Many of those years occurred during two economic recessions (termed depressions in Detroit where the jobless rate soared to more than 15 percent).

While he can be credited for many accomplishments, many suburban political leaders and residents had a different view of Young's record. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was quoted saying bluntly, "He was responsible for the demise of Detroit."

In public, his comments were softened and muted to avoid being accused of racism. But in private, many suburban leaders had strong negative reactions to Young and what they saw as his divisive policies and abrasive style.

Young spent his life fighting against racial intolerance, dramatically standing up to the House Un-American Activities Committee and taking a leadership role in other racial confrontations.

He saw things through his own racial prism, based on his experiences growing up in a racially divided Detroit, its public schools and the church in the 1920s and '30s. His views were hardened by his military experience. Young made no bones in public that he felt Detroit's problems were caused by a white power structure that had taken its money and abandoned Detroit.

His foes felt just the opposite — that they wanted to help Detroit but were rebuffed by Young and his confrontational approach to problems.

But Young managed to accomplish many positive things for the city he loved, especially in the early years.

After the second economic recession (from

1979-82), Young's administration did the land assembly for General Motors Corp. Poletown plant on the Detroit-Hamtramck boundary, which helped preserve the jobs of thousands of Detroiters. He also worked with Chrysler on the expansion of the Jefferson plant.

He pursued a program to develop the city's waterfront, already launched before he took office with the development of the Renaissance Center by Henry Ford II and others. Young's administration expanded Cobo Hall and developed Joe Louis Arena. Work on the restored Detroit Opera House was started during Young's final years.

He hailed out the People Mover when the regional transportation authority had no money to operate it.

Tiger Stadium, threatened with abandonment early in Young's administration, was saved for the balance of the 20th century by the sale to the city.

He promoted full integration of the Detroit Police Department and created programs that dramatically reduced complaints about police brutality.

He expanded City Airport. Many, in the city of Detroit and in its suburbs, can rightfully complain about the rapid decline of Detroit's neighborhoods and the school system, as well as the rising crime rate, but those problems started long before Young took office. Though, it is fair to say Young's response was not always the most astute or productive.

While the Observer felt that Young often created as many problems as he solved on major policy issues, suburban residents should also remember his accomplishments.

Young gave the majority black residents of Detroit a strong voice in the region and state, and he was not one to back down or give in. His abrasive style eventually paved the way for the more politically sensitive and less confrontational Dennis Archer.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What are your thoughts regarding the death of Coleman Young?



"As mayor, I wasn't real fond of him but as a person, it makes you feel bad."
Linda Benedict
Canton



"His death saddened me. He was a dynamic, powerful and interesting human being. He was good for Detroit."
Corinne Finc
Canton



"I didn't grow up in Detroit. He was a spirited man, dynamic force for the city."
Ron Ferla
Canton



"I just wonder if the scandals in his administration will come out now. There are bound to be skeletons in the closet."
Tom Clough
Westland

Billboard controversy



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Free speech or eyesore: Patrick Ratchford Jr. (pictured) says he shares many of the views expressed by his father on this controversial billboard that overlooks I-275 from the family's Palmer Road property. The Ratchfords however, say the current message, for which they've been ticketed by Canton Township, is the work of unidentified graffiti artists.

LETTERS

Thanks to donors

On behalf of the Canton Newcomers, we would like to take the opportunity to thank First Step of Western Wayne County and various area merchants for their participation in the Canton Newcomers' Make A Difference Day project (Oct. 25, 1997.)

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Elizabeth Fleming
Janet Fraser,
Canton Newcomers

School compromise

In response to Janusz Szysko's comments regarding Jerry Vorva holding the community's future hostage with his actions taken as a result of the recent school bond election, I would like to offer a compromise for consideration.

As I understand, some of the discontent among Plymouth residents is partially a reaction to having their taxes pay for all the new schools to be built in the Canton area where the majority of the building boom is taking place and will continue to take place. The Plymouth community is almost built out with the last 400 acres now being developed in Plymouth Township.

Because we are a large community school district, there have been many advantages provided as well as the problems which are created by size. But as Canton continues to

expand, the same question will be raised again and again as more and more schools will be needed to meet their needs.

In order to attempt to resolve both the immediate problem of the school bond issue and take into consideration future needs which will have to be addressed, I suggest the following:

■ Allow the school bond vote to remain so we can get on with addressing the needs of the school community now.

■ Put into place the steps to have the proposed location of the new high school annexed by the Plymouth community.

■ Change one of the middle schools in the Plymouth community into an elementary school and build another middle school in Canton.

As more schools are needed in Canton we can begin to shift the attendance at the different schools so that there is less busbing from one community to the other. Eventually, Canton students will go to Canton schools and Plymouth students can remain in their back yard at all levels. Eventually, each community could be taxed on its own schools. The friendly competitive rivalry between the two entities would still be in place. We could even have one superintendent as we do now, but the taxes would be distributed more equitably for each community without the loss of savings gained by the advantage of size when it comes to purchasing power, etc.

Let's not get stuck because of how things must be done now. Let us look with a different, open-minded approach to creative planning.

We could look at legislation that would allow the municipal communities to run the elections for the schools and absentee ballots could be sent out. Please, let us stop all the suspicion as to motives. What are we teaching? Let us not forget where and for whom our goals should be directed.

K.C. Mueller
Plymouth

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Selection of holiday toys more than child's play

Just down the street from me in November a woman was tortured before she choked to death on her own blood at the hands of a West Bloomfield mother of two and her boyfriend.

Recently, 70 people, including 60 foreign tourists, were killed by six gunmen who ambushed them as they visited the 3,400-year-old Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt.

And, as I write this, the United States is positioned for air strikes against Iraq should that be necessary to continue U.S. participation in critical United Nations weapons inspections of Iraqi sites.

Against this backdrop, it seems inconceivable that thinking adults would deliberately go out and purchase a violent toy for a child whom they love. But some will.

To make us think twice about it, Women's Action for New Directions joined by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom held a

peaceful demonstration and petition drive against war toys outside Toys R Us in Southfield. The signed petitions will be sent to toy manufacturers.

For 12 consecutive years, WAND and other peace marchers have targeted the Friday after Thanksgiving because it is the busiest shopping day of the year. And they have targeted the Toys R Us store because it continues to carry toys that encourage aggressive behavior.

Of course this year, Toys R Us is defending itself against some alleged aggressive behavior of its own. Michigan has joined 36 other states in a lawsuit alleging price-fixing by Toys R Us and four toy makers: Mattel, Hasbro, Tyco Toys and Rubbermaid's "Little Tykes."

West Bloomfield resident and WAND activist Jean Prokopow knows that buying a boy or girl a gun, battle-style video game or Power Ranger won't necessarily turn her or her into a violent person. And after raising



JUDITH DONER BERNE

four children and teaching for 20 years, she knows that "some children will use their fingers or sticks to make pretend guns, and no child should be made to feel like a scumbag because of this."

But, she also knows that "buying toys of violence tells our children that we condone them and accept violence as a solution to our problems. Better choices should be made."

These include: dinosaur toys, puzzles, blocks, books and board games;

art supplies, musical instruments, records and tapes; aquariums, maps and globes; cameras and photo equipment; science, cooking, gardening and sports equipment; tickets and passes for bowling, rollerblading, roller or ice skating, concerts, museums, theater, opera, ballet and skiing; playing toys such as dressup clothes and wigs, puppets, face paints, masks; starting or adding to a collection; tool boxes and construction sets.

Dolls make both the buy and don't buy list. Prokopow and her fellow peace activists also warn against dolls that promote sexism, stereotyping and physical violence.

We'll probably have to wait until next year to see if the new Barbie doll makes the do or don't list. Barbie is reportedly being remodeled to more realistic proportions, including a wider waist, smaller bustline, straighter hair and less makeup.

In addition to buying toys that encourage children's creative growth,

we can choose to patronize our local toy stores that have a policy against carrying war toys. They include: Adventure in Toys, Birmingham; Children's Emporium, West Bloomfield; Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop, Berkley; Marmel, Farmington Hills; Noodle Kidoodle in Southfield, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills; Peggy's Dolls, Toys & Miniatures, Rochester; Your Toy Box, Rochester.

The U.S. has the highest homicide rate in the world, by far. The adult crime rate has declined slightly, but the juvenile rate is climbing. And we have a high rate of domestic abuse, of both children and spouses.

WAND's message takes the form of a question to each of us: "Toys are the tools for learning. What do you want to teach?"

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Hillsdale district's weapons policy isn't worth emulating

"No BB gun, Ralphie. You'll shoot your eye out!"

In the seasonal classic movie, "A Christmas Story," young Ralph is told by his teacher, his mother and even a male Santa Claus he can't have a Red Ryder BB gun.

Here is a true story that is a little more chilling, stemming from a March 1996 incident at Davis Middle School in Hillsdale. Jim Meyer and Chris Crall, students at Davis, brought a BB gun onto school property. Another student told administrators, who called the cops.

The state Court of Appeals record doesn't indicate whether they fired at anything or anyone. Nor does it indicate whether Jim and Chris had been problem kids where this incident could be called "the last straw." After an investigation and a disciplinary hearing," said the court, the boys were expelled.

Their parents and guardians sued. A trial judge issued an injunction prohibiting Hillsdale School District from enforcing the expulsion. The school district appealed and, last month, won in the Court of Appeals.

There are some intriguing points. First, the school policy. It prohibits "dangerous weapons" in school buildings, buses and grounds within 1,000 feet of a building. Dangerous weapon includes a firearm. "For purposes of application and enforcement of this policy, a BB gun is considered to be a firearm," says the policy.

Whoa, said the parents and trial court. The school policy is lifted mainly from state law, but the law doesn't include a BB gun on the weapons list. Hillsdale School District added the BB gun sentence itself.

The appeals court upheld the school. "School boards enjoy broad discretion in fashioning rules ... Indeed such power is basic to the operation of

possesses a weapon in a weapon-free school zone. Such expulsion is mandatory."

Here, I think, we run into trouble. A kid who violates the policy is booted not just from Davis but any school in the district. Permanently. He can't transfer to another building. As a practical matter, his parents must pay for a private school, make travel arrangements for him to go to another district, or move out of town.

Now, suppose an adult had brought a BB gun onto school property. He would not be violating MCL 380.1311, the law on which the school policy is based. Maybe the local cops could nail him under the disorderly conduct ordinance; the judge would have some discretion in punishing him.

The points are 1) the punishment against the kid is harsher and 2) the kids' judges have no discretion. Something is amiss. I seem to

recall a U.S. Supreme Court appeal, *In Re Gault*, in which a minor was punished more severely than an adult for the same transgression.

BB guns can be dangerous. I would fault the makers of "A Christmas Story" for failing to have Ralphie's dad, played by Darren McGavin, show the kid how to make a backdrop with a stack of newspapers or straw so his shots wouldn't ricochet. The movie dad lets Ralphie into the yard with no instruction whatsoever. Ralphie fires at a metal target, and he does get hurt.

Meanwhile, it would behoove local school districts not to copy Hillsdale's mandatory permanent expulsion rule.

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TIM RICHARD

schools. Thus, it is beyond question that defendant had the authority to prohibit B-B guns on school property ...

So the rule seems to be that a school district, a creature of the state, may fashion a local rule more restrictive than state law.

Second, the punishment. The policy says the board "shall permanently expel a pupil from attending a school in the School District ... if the pupil

University boards important

For decades, political insiders have been shaking their heads in wonder at Michigan's odd and virtually unique system of selecting members of major education boards.

By state constitutional mandate, candidates for the State Board of Education and for the boards of the Big Three universities — University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State — are nominated at party state conventions and elected statewide on the partisan ballot in November.

The usual result is that those so selected are virtually unknown and largely ignored by a news media preoccupied with other, sexier races. In turn, this lends a certain randomness to the outcome of elections, with winners generally riding on the coattails of Democratic or Republican candidates for governor or president.

That's too bad, because these boards, although largely unknown, have a considerable impact on Michigan public policy and shouldn't be selected merely on somebody else's coattails. The State Board of Education, for instance, oversees the contentious charter school experiment, while the U-M Board of Regents is at the center of the far-reaching lawsuit challenging the university's practice of using affirmative action in admissions decisions in order to achieve a diverse student body.

For years, however, this system has worked pretty well in practice. The key to making the process work has been sensible and far-sighted board members who, well in advance of their party's conventions, have recruited able candidates and worked to wire the conventions by selling their candidates to the party leaders and interest groups.

Sometimes the system doesn't work. Absent good early candidates and a pre-wired convention, the urge to play ticket balancing or interest group politics becomes uncontrollable. I remember sitting in on the Democratic Party's "Midnight Caucus" some years ago when people started talking seriously about how important it was to find a female Pole from the Upper Peninsula to run for the MSU board.

In recent years, the Republican Party has experienced considerable trouble with educational nominations, in large part because the political litmus test required of all candidates by Right to Life, the predominant interest group in the GOP, is an unquestioned anti-abortion position.

Two years ago, for instance, Judy Frey, an experienced civic worker from Grand Rapids, was recruited by Gov. John Engler to run for the U-M board. Engler even gave her nominating speech. But Frey lost the nomination to Mike Bishop, an unknown lawyer from



PHILIP POWER

Rochester Hills whose main claim to fame was serving as president of his fraternity while an undergraduate at U-M.

The issue was abortion. Frey was pro-choice; Bishop, whose late entry into the race was orchestrated by Right to Life and the religious right, was pro-life.

Sen. John Schwarz, the leading legislative authority on higher education, is angry about it. "Judy Frey was treated shabbily, shamefully, by my party," Schwarz says, arguing that it is "not only wrong but absolutely wrong" to choose university trustees solely on the basis of their ideology on abortion or the services they have rendered to powerful party interest groups.

And Schwarz, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education, wants to do something about it. It's tough, he admits, to change the Michigan Constitution, which specifies that university boards shall be elected statewide.

But at a recent meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, Schwarz proposed a legislative statute specifying primaries rather than conventions as the means of nominating candidates for state university posts. Legislation to that end could be passed to take immediate effect without going through all the trouble of amending the Michigan Constitution.

Schwarz's idea received a mixed reception. Carl Pursell, a veteran Republican legislator and now serving as (an appointed, by the governor) regent of Eastern Michigan University, predicted "his bill won't fly."

But Schwarz has performed an important public service by bringing into sharp focus an important aspect of the soft underbelly of Michigan politics. His ideas deserve a fair hearing.

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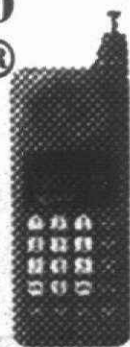
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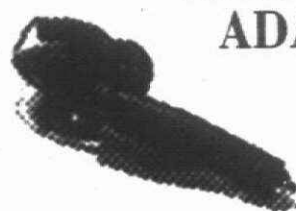


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JACK GLADDEN

Zero tolerance has zero room for child's play

It may be Norman Rockwell America, but it's not acceptable behavior today. If that Saturday Evening Post illustrator were still alive, he'd probably be painting pictures of kids sitting in detention rooms instead of frolicking on the playground.

I was thinking about this after rereading the story of that 6-year-old boy in North Carolina who was placed in solitary confinement (the school said he was placed in a room apart from his classmates) for violating the school's sexual harassment policy. The boy said a girl on the playground asked him to kiss her and he gave her a peck on the cheek. A teacher witnessed the "incident" and reported it to the principal, who decided the boy should be punished.

He was placed in a room alone, where he missed out on coloring and playing with his friends and was not allowed to attend an ice cream party honoring students with good attendance. The boy's mother said he was just expressing friendship with the kiss.

"Can't you just imagine children skipping down the hall holding hands?" she asked. "Isn't that Norman Rockwell America?"

Not according to a school district spokeswoman, who said the sexual harassment policy is clear: "A 6-year-old kissing another 6-year-old is inappropriate behavior. Unwelcome is unwelcome at any age." (Emphasis added.)

A 6-year-old Flint boy learned the same lesson earlier this year. He was playing tag with a female classmate and during the game he touched her on the bottom. The girl reported the "incident" to a teacher and the boy was given a one-day, in-school suspension for, again, violating the sexual harassment policy.

"These are little kids playing tag," the boy's mother said. "It's ridiculous."

But the school principal had a different interpretation.

"It used to be that boys and girls could play that game," she said. "But times have changed. The kids don't think it's a problem, but the adults do." (Emphasis added.)

Same-sex harassment?

And in a related "incident," a first-grade GIRL in Delaware managed to beat the rap after she gave a female teacher a "love pat" on the teacher's behind.

"It's something she and I do," the girl's mother said. "I never dreamt it would come to this."

But the teacher reported the "incident" to the principal, who called the superintendent, who called the state attorney general's office to get clarification on a state law against "offensive touching." Eventually it was decided that the "love pat" was not a criminal act and did not deserve punishment.

In the meantime, however, the student's mother said her daughter "did nothing but cry" after school officials had said they were considering suspending her. "... she has no idea why she is in trouble."

Yes, indeed, in American classrooms times have changed. And the zero-tolerance policies aren't just limited to weapons, drugs and sex.

When the dye bottle comes out, schools and students can both have bad hair days. More than one student has been suspended or threatened with suspension after showing up with green or purple hair. It's considered "disruptive to the educational process."

That's what a couple of Arkansas students were told after showing up at school with pink hair. The two ninth-grade girls had dyed their hair for Halloween, and even though the father of one of the girls said she had tried her best to redye it with brown dye before returning to school, it was still too pink to suit a vice principal, who told her to change the color or

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Curtain call

Production has 'Tickets' for coping

In a season filled with music and good cheer, one church is offering dessert and drama aimed at the heartache that the holidays tend to bring out in some people.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Aside from the usual Christmas fare, some holiday celebrations are filled with heartache. If there's any hint of a family problem, it will usually come to a head.

Canton Community Church is hoping to show that it's possible to resolve those problems with its Christmas presentation, "Four Tickets to Christmas."

"It touches a nerve," said the Rev. Eric Moore, a Plymouth resident and pastor of Canton Community Church. "For a lot of people, the holidays are not a pleasant time. Many people don't like going home for Christmas. They just want to get there, spend a couple hours and leave."

"This play reflects that but it brings a peaceful resolution through the process of forgiveness."

"Four Tickets to Christmas" will be performed in a dessert theater setting at Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail between Haggerty and Mill, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14.

The \$6 tickets are available at Agape Bookseller, 44720 Ford Road, Canton - (313) 453-9400 - or through the CCC Creative Arts Department at (313) 414-9741.

Set at the turn of the century, the Broadway-style musical follows the holiday experiences of an out-of-work family performing group - Henry and Lucille Richmond and their children - who unexpectedly must spend Christmas with his parents, Chester and Eleanor Richmond.

"There's a lot of tension between Henry and Chester because of old issues," said Jen Lombardo, drama director at the church, and a Plymouth resident. "The father always expected more out of his son. He wanted him to work on the farm but Henry wanted to become a musician."

"There was no 'I love you's' or anything."

The 25-member cast of "Four Tickets to Christmas" includes Moore as Chester Richmond and Pattie Dooley of Canton as his wife, Eleanor. Ryan Ballard of Macomb, a student at



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Offering hope: In "Four Tickets to Christmas," the holiday starts out in conflict for father Chester Richmond, played by Eric Moore (bottom photo, at left), and son Henry Richmond (Ryan Ballard) that is eventually resolved (top photo). Also appearing in the production is Diane Cassidy of Westland as Henry's wife, Lucille.

William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills, is his son, Henry, and Diane Cassidy of Westland plays Henry's wife, Lucille.

During the course of the play, Chester Richmond starts a choir for the church.

"The pastor think he's sent from the Lord to create this program."

The turning point in the musical is, after a fight between Henry and Chester, the church burns down and Henry severely burns his hand. That's when they begin mending their broken relationship.

The score, Lombardo explained, blends ragtime, parlor music and a barbershop quartet with a mix of traditional and new Christmas music.

"We really felt overall the music is well-written and very powerful lyri-

cally but it's a lot of fun, too," he said. "Dramatically, the message of forgiveness and restoration really comes through."

"Four Tickets to Christmas" is Canton Community Church's first dessert theater. A selection of cheesecakes as well as coffee and punch will be served.

Lombardo said that this presentation is significant because it is the first full-staged musical in its permanent facility. The church moved into the location in July. Previously, it had been conducting services in Plymouth Canton High School.

"It's very nice; before we had to do rehearsals at Kim's house and at people's basements. They were not on stage until the day of production," Lombardo said.

For "Four Tickets to Christmas," the church was able to put some people in leadership roles who haven't been involved.

Lombardo and Kim Moore, the church's creative arts director, said that reflects the focus of the church.

"We have a team focus here at the church," Kim Moore said. "It's all of us coming together and working on it."

Lombardo hopes that people will be uplifted by the performance.

"Our prayer is that people will be able to experience the love of Christ and what Christmas is all about," she said. "It has a message of forgiveness, healing and grace not only with relationships with one another but with Christ."

Center needs help to make holidays merry



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOPFIELD

Sorting things: Plastic Rubbermaid bins are stacked five high in the material goods room of the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, where volunteers like Vicki Harkey spend their time sorting the donations of baby clothing and supplies that are given to its clients free of charge.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

With the help of donations, the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center in Livonia is able to fulfill its mission of ministering to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

A Christian ministry started in 1974, the agency offers positive alternatives to abortion by meeting the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the sexually active.

But the influx of financial donations and material goods tends to have a seasonal bent. In the warmer months, donations are plentiful, and the winter is the hardest time for bringing in money and material goods.

In addition to free pregnancy testing, counseling, support programs community education programs and evangelism, the center provides its clients with layettes and supplemental baby clothing, diapers and formula for the first year after birth. All of the items are donated to the center by supporters through Giving Trees at Christmas, baby showers and garage sales throughout the year.

"Everything is paid for by donations," said Ginger Bloomfield, administrative director. "Forty-nine percent of our funding comes from churches and individuals, 49 percent from fund-raisers and 2 percent from designated programs."

"Everything (material goods) that comes in is donated; everything that is donated we give away free of charge."

One way of meeting expenses is through its gift certificate project. The center sells gift certificates in \$20 denominations for both Meijer and Kroger, receiving \$1 for every certificate that's redeemed. For a family that spends \$400 a month at those stores, using the certificates would translate into a \$20 contribution to the center.

Even though it is tucked away in a courtyard of a small shopping plaza at Inkster and Schoolcraft

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roads in Livonia, women in need are finding AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. A lot of that is because of word of mouth about the free maternity and baby items and the counseling, according to Bloomfield.

The center has a paid staff of four full-time and one part-time employees and about 100 volunteers, less than what a center its size should have, according to Bloomfield.

"It's a miracle we get things done," she said. "For a crisis pregnancy center our size, we should have a staff of four full-time people."

Helping families

And in an effort to help families in crisis, the agency is turning to the community to support its third annual Adopt a Family Program and Giving Tree.

For Adopt a Family, the center matches up churches, individuals and families with clients fac-

ing difficulties at Christmas. Last year, 50 families were adopted. Mothers are asked what's needed for their children, such as toys they would like to receive, and what food or grocery items may be needed. Adopting families have the option of delivering the gifts or being anonymous donors.

Bloomfield is coordinating the Giving Trees program. Christmas trees are decorated with ornaments that contain items from the material goods department's wish list.

Items needed include disposable diapers (small, medium and large), Isomil and Similac formulas (with iron or low iron), pacifiers, regular and Playtex bottle nipples, newborn clothing only, size large onesies, crib sheets and blankets (heavy and receiving), feeding supplies (bowls, cups and spoons), bath supplies, child safety items (doorknob and outlet covers, safety latches and

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gates) winter maternity clothing, metal shelving and Rubbermaid storage containers.

Also needed is a Pentium 133 computer, a Canon Bubblejet printer model BJC 620, overhead projector, combination TV/VCR and a copier. The computer would complement three others the center acquired and permit the staff to network between the offices, which straddle the courtyard, according to Bloomfield.

Information about the programs is available by calling Bloomfield or Ashe at (313) 425-1826 or material goods at (313) 425-1826.

Faced with an increasing caseload - executive director Dave West estimates the center will work with 2,088 clients this year, up from 1,967 last year - and budget (monthly expense are projected to top \$12,000 next year) the center is trying to build up its donor base.

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Expanding resources

One way of expanding that base is through a trust fund. The center is looking for 1,000 people to give \$1,000 each. The \$1 million would serve as a nest egg, with the dividends and earnings used for operations. Only 995 new donors are needed, according to West.

"We'll accept any donation, but if we can have \$1 million we'll have all we need to run on," West said. "Over the year, the investment would take care of this year's budget. It also would take the burden off the people who already are giving."

The center's biggest need is have all its services under one roof, and it's also the biggest project it's facing. The center set goal last year of doubling its

space within two years, and the search is under way to find something that will suit the center's needs - a 3,000-4,000-square-foot building with reduced or free rent in the area near the I-96 expressway.

Through walkathons and banquets, the center is hoping to raise money to purchase a building. The hope is for AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center to be in its own building by its 25th anniversary in May 1999.

"We're trying to improve on what we have and build relationships with new people," West said. "We're stepping up our marketing to make people aware of who we are and what we do. The more we do that the larger our donor base will be."

The AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center is at 27592 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information or to make a donation, call the center at (313) 425-8000.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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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.

ALDERSGATE U.M.

Aldersgate United Methodist will have an arts, crafts and candy Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 10000 Beech Dale Road, south of Plymouth Road, Redford. There will be a wide variety of bazaar tables, and drawings will be held throughout the day and a luncheon counter will be available. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 661-5145.

ST. KEVIN'S

St. Kevin's Church will have a Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 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. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21313 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.

BISHOP BORGESS

Bishop Borgess High School still has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the school, 11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

PLYMOUTH PARKS

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GRAND COURT

A crafts show will be held 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the main lobby of Grand Court, 36550 Grand Rive Ave., Farmington Hills.

HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters will sponsor its 16th annual Christmas arts and crafts show Dec. 12-14 at the Northville Recreation Center, 3030 W. Main St., Northville. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 14. There will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying their works. Lunch will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers allowed. For more information, call (313) 459-0050.

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Schollett-Gildhaus

Valerie June Gildhaus and Marc Anthony Schollett were married June 7 at Central United Methodist Church of Traverse City by the Rev. Dean Bailey.

The bride asked her sister, Beverly Wayne of Canton, to be her matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Anne Gilmore, Kerie O'Donnell and Kinzie Thomas.

The groom, the son of Frank and Jan Schollett of Traverse City, asked Andrew Hittle to serve as best man, with groomsmen Bill Gildhaus, Mike Pietraszak and Jeff Ramsey.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1996 graduate of Rush University in Chicago with a master's degree in health systems management.

The groom also is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and recently completed work on a master's degree in biology at Loyola University in



Chicago. A reception was held at the Bowers Harbor Inn in Traverse City. Following an Alaskan cruise, the couple is living in Traverse City.

Gotham-Boman

Nancy Boman and Greg Gotham were married June 23 at Bethesda United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor by Dr. Orval L.E. Willimann.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Betty Boman of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Bryon and Alice Gotham of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. She is employed by the University of Michigan School of Information.

The groom received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Madonna University and a master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University.

He is employed as a financial services manager at Rima Manufacturing Co. in Hudson.

The bride asked Laurene Steina way to serve as maid of honor with Kim Kyro, Jennifer Sertunc, and Valerie Boman as her attendants. Junior bridesmaid was Alicia Kozub, with Beth Boman as the flower girl. The groom asked Jim McDow-



ell to serve as best man with Greg Wlosinski, Jeff Cherenzia, and Jack Boman as attendants. Rich Boman was the ringbearer. The couple received guests at Weller's Carriage House in Saline before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Britton, Mich.

McCabe-Tarpley

Mary Margaret Tarpley and Daryl Clayton McCabe were married Sept. 27 in St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Wyandotte by the Revs. John Hedges and Edmond Ertzbischoff.

The bride is the sister of Geary Tarpley II of Ann Arbor and goddaughter of Lorraine Schwartz of Trenton. The groom is the son of Lloyd and Marilyn McCabe of Canton.

The bride earned her bachelor and master degrees in psychology from the University of Michigan. She is the founder and owner of Advance Center for Psychological and Counseling Services of Dearborn.

The groom is a graduate of Thurston High School and Wayne State University. He is employed by Ford Motor Company.

Robin Marie Tarpley-Misuraca served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Ann Marie Tarpley-Provencio, Dawn Conolly, Kelly McCabe, Amy Stevens and Amanda Provencio. Kelsey Johnson served as flower



girl. Michael Renner served as best man with groomsmen Bill Paritykula, Bob Biggs, Gary McCabe, Tom Sousa and Joseph Provencio. Jordan Provencio served as ringbearer. The couple received guests at the Dearborn Inn before leaving on a trip to Marco Island, Fla. They are making their home in Ypsilanti Township.

Francis-Kumm

Amy Kristen Kumm and Darin P. Francis were married Sept. 5 in the garden of the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. A reception followed in the inn's Coach House.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kumm of Westland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Francis of Troy.



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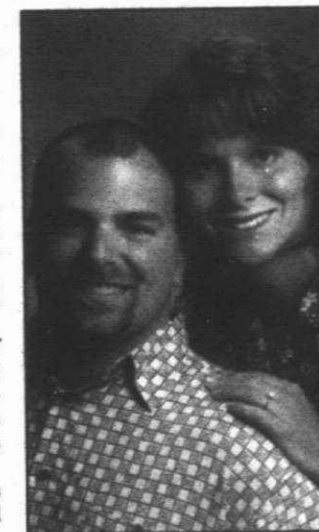
Pydyn-Bidolli

Daniel and Elizabeth Pydyn of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Renea, to Peter Anthony Bidolli, the son of Kathleen E. Bidolli of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High School in Westland and Madonna University. She is employed by Providence Hospital as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn and Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by General Motors as a mechanical engineer.

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Griess-Karshneski

Dr. Jerald Griess of Ann Arbor announces the engagement of his daughter, Karlee, to Richard Karshneski of Livonia, the son of Anthony and Irene Karshneski of Inkster.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Roberta Griess, is an Eastern Michigan University graduate. She is employed as a contract technical writer and graphics specialist at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, who attended Henry Ford Community College, works as a global EDI coordinator at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

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NEW VOICES

Douglas and Monique Dingeldey of Chesterfield Township, announce the birth of twin girls, **Miranda Grace** and **Madison Mary** Oct. 8. Grandparents are Mary and Jake Dingeldey of Canton and Grace and Marvin Zurek of Caseville.

Rena Brock of Garden City announces the birth of **John Zachary** Sept. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Ron and Becky Pritchard of Wayne announce the birth of **Kaitlyn Amber** Oct. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Jim and Michele Pritchard of Alamo, Texas. Bill and Judy Steinhauer of Redford, and Jackie Martin of Dearborn Heights.

Dewey Frady Jr. and Lori Potter of Westland announce the birth of **Collin Manuel Frady** Sept. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Daniel, 8, and Emily, 3. Grandparents are Dewey and Carole Frady of Westland.

Steven and Lisa Smith of Westland announce the birth of **Logan Scott** Oct. 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Britany Paige Smith. Grandparents

are Roger and Phyllis Smith of Westland, and John and Lucretia Griswold of Brighton.

David and Connie Boyd of Westland announce the birth of **Rebecca Lynn** Sept. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Hannah-Mae, 15 months. Grandparents are Hattie Boyd, John Lear, and Hannelore Lear, all of Westland.

Ron and Wendi Way of Wayne announce the birth of **Brett Joseph** Oct. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Chelsea. Grandparents are James and Martha Burgess of Wayne, Jimmie Way of Westland, and Patricia Hamilton of Northville.

George and Angela Steeves of Canton announce the birth of **Devin Michael** Sept. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Nicholas, 9, and a sister, Angel, 6. Grandparents are George and Karen Steeves of Farmington Hills, Nicholas and Sandy Sesan of Dusseldorf, Germany, and David and Stephanie Clark of Naples, Fla.

John Currey and Karen Stitler Currey of Connecticut, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of **Nicole Michelle**

July 23 at the Birthing Center at Providence Hospital. She joins a brother, Jacob. Grandparents are Marilyn Stitler of Livonia, and Pam and John Currey of Brighton. Great-grandparents are Ed and Elnora Boush of Aida, Ohio.

Mark and Estelle Dewulf of Livonia announce the birth of **Laura Ann** Sept. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Michael and Robert, ages 4. Grandparents are Michael and Barbara Hills of Ann Arbor and Faye and Robert DeWulf of Westland.

Jim and Cindy Wertz of Garden City announce the birth of **Kristy Marie** July 14 at Providence Hospital. She joins a brother, Danny, 7 1/2, and a sister, Julie, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Harold and Mary Brick, and George and Peggy Wertz, all of Garden City.

Patrick and Becky Stoliker of Westland announce the birth of **Penelope Faye** Oct. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Kimberly, 23, Jamey, 21, Ashley, 8, Brittany and Bridget, 7, and Chelsea, 5. Grandparents are Bob Hankins and Penny Coffey, both of Wayne.

Kevin and Melissa Henderson of Grass Lake Township, formerly of Canton Township, announce the birth of **Benjamin Terrance** Sept. 14 at University Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Debra Beebe, and Barbara Henderson, all of Canton. Great-grandparents are Vic and Mary Lortiz of Lincoln Park.

Daniel and Lynn Linderman announce the birth of **Hunter William** Oct. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Jessica, 3 1/2, and Rachel, 1 1/2. Grandparents are William Balogh and Lee Balogh, both of Redford, and Pat Linderman of Chicago, Ill.

Randolph and Lynette Mann of Plymouth announce the birth of **Chad Earl** July 30 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. He joins three brothers, Ryan, 8, Jason, 6, and Scott, 2. Grandparents are Earl and Priscilla Mann of Highland and Lawrence and Lois Woodrum of Westland.

Jeff and Anna Lawley of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **Thomas Joseph** Oct. 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Lindsay, 10, Jeffrey, 8, Alexandra, 6, and Elise, 4. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. George Lawley of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Americo Petucca of Livonia.

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Scott and Dawn Hamby of Westland announce the birth of **Brendan James** Oct. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Ariel Nicole, 3. Grandparents are Jonas and Bonnie Peters of Canton, Kathy Linder of Westland, and James Hamby of Ecorse

Mitchell and Patricia Piner of Wayne announce the birth of **Emily Rose Michelle** Oct. 24 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins siblings, Joshua, Preston, Trieta, Marissa and Tyler. Grandparents are Steve and June Cox of Westland, and Linda Cronwell of Brownstown Township.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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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 "Handing 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) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

'THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'
Temple Baptist Church will present its annual musical production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 6, 12-13, and 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sundays Dec. 7, 14, and 21, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth.
Tickets are priced \$6 to \$10 and can be purchased at the church's ticket office, by mail (orders will be processed until 10 days prior to the performance), or Visa/MasterCard by calling the ticket hotline at (313) 414-3990. No children younger than age 4 will be admitted to the performances.

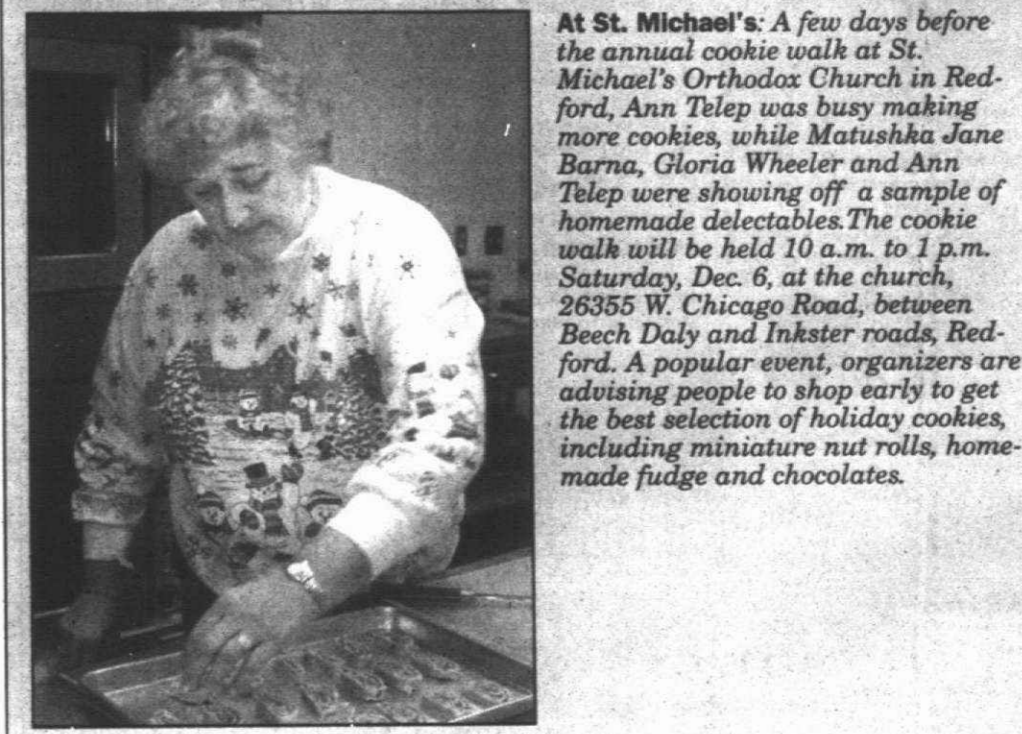
A special performance for the deaf and hearing impaired will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10. For more information about that show, call TTY (313) 414-3992 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for reservations.

NEW PROGRAM
St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7:30-9:00 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 Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

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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At St. Michael's: A few days before the annual cookie walk at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Redford, Ann Telpew was busy making more cookies, while Matushka Jane Barna, Gloria Wheeler and Ann Telpew were showing off a sample of homemade delectables. The cookie walk will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. A popular event, organizers are advising people to shop early to get the best selection of holiday cookies, including miniature nut rolls, homemade fudge and chocolates.

HOLIDAY PARTY
The 50-Plus Club at Redford Baptist Church will have its annual holiday party at noon Thursday, Dec. 4. The event will feature a catered luncheon, music by the Jubilee Trio, a sing-along, and a visit from St. Nick. Call (313) 533-2300 for reservations before Friday, Nov. 28. Transportation is available.

December. The class, taught by Linda Haught, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760.

CHRISTMAS FEAST
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Feast, a candlelight dinner and musical program presented by the Youth Choir as a fund raiser for its tour, at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets cost \$12.50 and are available from the church office. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

SUP AND CELEBRATE
Trinity House Theatre presents community theater in a festive tradition - with a double bill and shared meal of bread, bowls, hot soup and cider - 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5-21, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The Bayards celebrate 90 years of family relationship in Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner," while three bumbling shepherds search for a lost sheep and find the wonder of Christmas in "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation by Ford Ainsworth of "The Second Shepherd's Play."

Seating is limited to 50 and tickets cost \$8, not including the shared supper. For more information, call (313) 464-6302.

NEWBURG SINGLES
The Newburg Church Single Ministries will meet at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City.

COOKIE WALKS
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having its cookie walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 38075 W. Seven Mile Road between Newburg and Farmington roads, Livonia. Homemade holiday cookies will be sold by the pound. Apricot, poppy seed, and nut rolls, along with sweet breads, kraut and potato pierogies will also be available. For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

Faith Lutheran Church of Livonia is having a cookie walk for its members 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Participants must bring six dozen cookies to the church between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. All cookies must be homemade Christmas cookies. No tollhouse cookies allowed. For more information, call (313) 421-7249.

ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council is hosting its 17th annual Advent Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., at Third Street, Detroit. The guest speaker will be Lewis T. Hickson, the executive director of the Capuchin Fathers Outreach and Soup Kitchen Programs. Tickets are \$6 and are available from the Detroit Presbytery office. For more information, call (313) 545-6550 or George Irwin at (313) 425-3024.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT
The Notre Dame Council of the Knights of Columbus will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight at 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. Admission will be \$2. There will be a cash bar and kitchen. Cash prizes will not exceed \$500 per person. Proceeds will go to the council's building program. For more information, call (313) 728-3020.

GUEST SPEAKER
The Rev. Robert Hoskins, on special assignment with "Book of Life International" for the Assemblies of God Division of Foreign Missions, will be the featured guest speaker at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 7, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile west of I-275, Northville. "The Book of Life," developed for children's evangelism, is a harmony of the Gospels in story book form that chronicles the life of Jesus; it is presented in easy-to-read format and is followed by 100 questions.

An associate pastor for two years before going into evangelism, the Rev. Hoskins has held crusades in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

HOLIDAY EVENTS
Special holiday events at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will kick off with the children's Sunshine Choir, under the direction of Steve and Tina Moore and Tina Tomakowsky, presenting "Mission Possible" at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Dec. 7. "Mission Possible" is a musical adventure in which kids uncover the clues to help carry out God's mission to deliver Christ to the world.

The Sacred First Church Detroit Church, led by Don St. John, will present "O Come Let us Adore Him," a musical celebration of Christmas, at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. On Sunday, Dec. 21, the Family

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The true meaning of Christmas will be the center of attention Friday through Sunday, Dec. 5-8, at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints in Livonia.

More than 600 nativity scenes from more than 30 countries will be presented as part of the 11th annual creche exhibit at the church, 31450 Six Mile Road at Merriman Road.

The nativities are made from a variety of materials, including clay, stone, porcelain, fabric, metal, gingerbread, chocolate, corn husks, shucks, Israeli olive wood and even mud and dung.

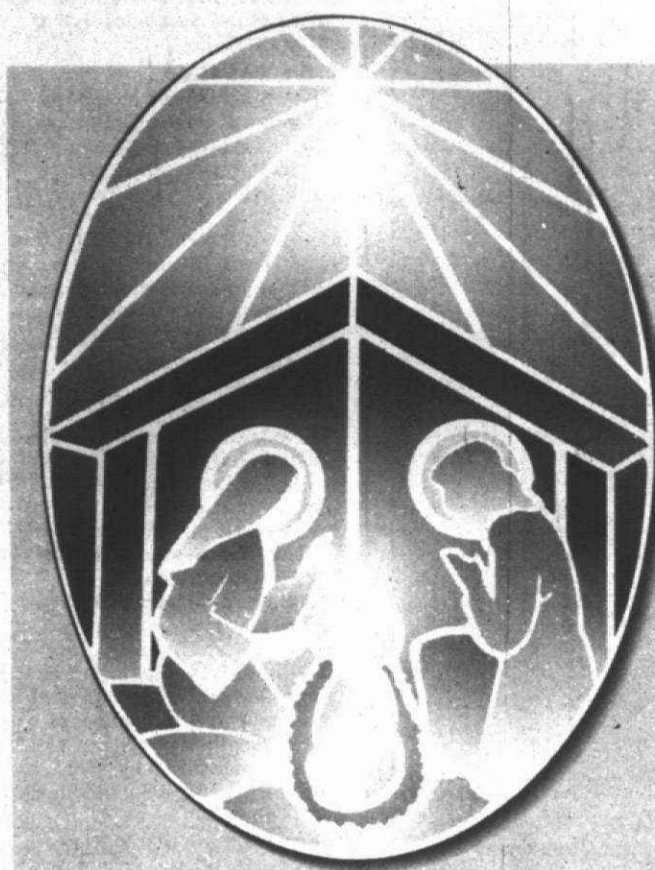
"We look forward to providing this service to the community each year," said Shirley Hutchinson chair of this year's exhibit. "It's amazing to see everyone with their diversities coming together to celebrate one magnificent event."

In addition to the nativities, there also will be hour-long Christmas concerts, featuring special talent, at 7 p.m. each evening and a display of hand-painted, hand-applied quilts belonging to members.

The recreation of the nativity is one of the oldest and most sacred Christian traditions. St. Francis of Assisi created the forerunner of the modern creche in the Italian village of Greccio in 1223.

According to the story, he saw shepherds sleeping in moonlit fields one December night and recalled the first Christmas.

Inspired by the sight and desiring to see the Baby Jesus in the manger with his own eyes, he



set about recreating the Bethlehem scene with real people and animals.

Today, artistic representation of the birth of Jesus has many different names. In France, it is called "creche," while in Italy it's "presepio," in Spain "nacimientito," in Germany "krippe" and in

Ireland "manger."

The exhibit is free of charge. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday and 1-9 p.m. Sunday.

"We look forward to opening the Christmas season with this wonderful display and all who join us," Hutchinson said.

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ly Christmas service will be held at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Children will be included in the service with special recognition of "Baby's First Christmas" at which time babies born since last Christmas will be introduced and a special gift presented to each child. Between services, the children's department will host a Christmas open house 9:45-10:45 a.m.

REUNION CELEBRATION
St. Martin Episcopal Church, 24699 Grand River Ave., Detroit, is planning a reunion celebration Sunday, Dec. 7, with a 10:15 a.m. church service followed by a special coffee hour with photos and videos. The Very Rev. Canon William Logan and the Revs. Robert Miller and Margaret Haas will concelebrate the service.

'JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM'
Experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes along the road that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem during Newburgh United Methodist Church's presentation of "Journey to Bethlehem," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Come to the sanctuary for Christmas carols, stories and to meet your tour guide who will lead you on a journey back in time. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

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) 425-5950 or (248) 474-1396.

SUNDAY LESSONS
St. Matthew United Methodist Church is also selling the 1998 Entertainment book. The cost is \$40 with \$8 going to the church's Mission Committee. To order, call Dick Horie at (313) 522-4856.

SCOTT KALECHSTEIN will lead a workshop on "Finding Your Passion and Living Your Purpose," 12:45-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The registration fee is \$15. "Love in Action" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900.

IN CONCERT
The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, will perform "Alleluia, Rejoice!" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St.

The program will feature "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham, accompanied by the Solid Brass ensemble, a variety of seasonal works and a traditional carol sing-along. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the door. For more information, call the church office at (313) 453-6464.

The choir will also perform "Alleluia Rejoice!" a 18 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Donations will be accepted during the intermission. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

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 "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.

BLOOD DRIVE
There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, 1/4 mile south of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (313) 464-8844 for more information.

The bloodmobile also will be a Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Call Sandy at (313) 464-8286 or Larry at (313) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Plymouth Baptist Church will present the Christmas concert, "Everlasting Light," at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 12-14, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. The fully staged production will feature a variety of dynamic vocal and instrumental music. There is no admission charge, however, a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations following the concert.

Children under age 5 will not be permitted in the auditorium, however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-5534.

'RAISING CHILDREN'
"Raising Solid Rock Children (in a Less Than Steady World)" will be the title of a seminar presented 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. Terry LaDuke will teach what it means to be a successful parent and the principles the Bible gives to raise godly children.

Lunch will be provided to those who preregister by Dec. 10. Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses. To register or for more information, call the church office at (313) 421-6300 or Dot Shepherd at (313) 422-9918 after 4 p.m.

NEW SERIES
Pastor Eric Moore of Canton Community Church will begin a new series, "Facing the Millennium - What the Bible Says About the End Times" at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, between Haggerty and Mill Street, Canton. Moore will explore such questions as what is the New World Order and is the Bible Code valid? For more information, call the church at (313) 455-6022.

CHRISTMAS TEA
The United Methodist Women of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Tea for members and guests 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the church 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The musical program will be by Ken Marks, and new officers will be installed. Admission will be two dozen (or more) cookies. Child care will be available by reservation by calling Linda Dorton at (313) 525-7213.

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the home and once at the agency, and individually at the agency as part of the home study.

References also are needed from non-relatives that addressed how long they have known them, if they would be good parents and if there are any substance abuse problems in the home.

Once their dossier is complete, it is sent to Russia, where it is translated. The translations are done there, according to John, so if there are any questions they can be answered before they are presented to the court.

"The dossier is presented to the Ministry of Education and then the Ministry of Health before the facilitator takes it to the orphanage where a child is selected and a videotape made to show the prospective parents."

"We try to get as much information as we can about the child," John said. "You have to take clothes because the orphanages don't have enough to exist."

Setting the date
The facilitator also asks for a letter which verifies that the child has been in the system for six months and an application to adopt. Once the letter and grant to adopt are received from Moscow, the paperwork is filed with the court in Nizhny Novgorod and a court date is set.

Both adoptive parents are required to travel to Russia and appear before the judge, so the agency has lined up flats in the area for them to live in during their stay of about two weeks. The flats, according to John, are far nicer than the best hotels in the city.

The cost of the adoption, including the home study, attorney services, lodging and transportation in Russia and the Russian facilitator, is \$19,600. In

addition, adoptive parents must pay for the airfare to and from Russia, all ministry and court fees, the cost of passports and any gift they may want to buy.

With airfares to Russia as a costly proposition, the Hinkles want to give the family a 21-day notice of their court date so they can get as cheap an airfare as possible. Short notice on Ashlyn's court date left them with costs of \$1,800 per ticket.

The adoption is finalized in Russia, but the agency does a six-month followup to see how the transition is going.

"When you get on that plane to come home, that child is yours," John said. "No one can come and take him away."

The new kid on the block when it comes to adoptions, the Hinkles hope the fact of no waiting list will attract clients. Open the first week of November, they were still waiting for their first family by month's end.

"We're focused on helping people who want to adopt," said Linda, who was adopted as a child. "We want to help fill their emptiness and fill those kids' emptiness."

"Over there, the No. 1 request is 'Send me a momma and poppa,'" John said.

Linda, who as an adult, met her birth family, which lives in Roseville, is manager of the office at 5955 N. Wayne Road, between Ford Road and Hunter in Westland. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The telephone number is (313) 467-6222.

"We want to get as many families over there and back as soon as we can," John said. "If we get just one family, it makes this all worthwhile."

'Gifts of Hunger Relief' help Forgotten Harvest

Southfield-based Forgotten Harvest, metropolitan Detroit's only prepared and perishable food distribution program, is offering a charitable way of gift giving.

Friends, family and business colleagues can be honored during the holiday season through a tax-deductible donation to Forgotten Harvest made in their name.

The organization's holiday tribute cards are simple, non-secular and come with a holiday message, telling the recipient that hungry people are being helped in their honor. The minimum suggested donation is \$5.

Through holiday giving, patrons can give the "gift of hunger relief" to thousands of people in the Detroit metropolitan area. For each \$1 given, one hungry person can be fed.

Forgotten Harvest transports more than 60,000 pounds of donated, perishable surplus food each month to soup kitchens and shelters. According to food industry standards (one pound equals one meal), this is equivalent to 720,000 meals per year.

For more information, call Forgotten Harvest at (248) 350-FOOD (3663).

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KENWOOD Kenwood Stereo Receiver 50 watts per channel, 4 audio inputs, Remote Control, 40 station presets. #103AR \$147	KENWOOD Kenwood Audio Video Receiver 50 watts per channel, Dolby Pro Logic Surround Sound, Remote Control. #105VR \$197	Panasonic Panasonic Microwave Oven 700 watts of power, 0.6 cu. ft. automatic turntable, auto cook, auto defrost. #NNS4468A \$99	Panasonic Panasonic 9" Color TV Under cabinet swivel bracket. Built-in bottom swivel, Kitchen white cabinet, Sleep timer. #CTSR10 \$269
KENWOOD Kenwood Mini Audio System 50 watts per channel, 3 Disc CD player, Dual auto reverse cassette decks, 3 way speakers, Remote control. #XD500 \$299	KENWOOD Kenwood Portable CD Player 10 second anti-skip, Rechargeable batteries, Headphones included. #DPC383 \$89	Panasonic Panasonic VHS-C Camcorder 16 to 1 zoom, 3.2" LCD color monitor swivels 270° for easy viewing, Built-in auto light. Auto titler: #PVL557 \$299	Panasonic Panasonic Answering Machine All digital greeting and incoming message. Time day stamp, 2 digit LED display, 12 function remote. #KXCTM60 \$59
KENWOOD Kenwood Powered Subwoofer 10" woofer, 100 watt amplifier, Automatic power on/off, Remote control. #103SW \$249	KENWOOD Kenwood Turntable Semi-automatic mechanism, Complete with cartridge and dust cover. #KBD21RC \$79	Panasonic Panasonic 900mhz Cordless phone All digital, 30 channel auto scanning, Lighted handset. #KXTC900 \$99	Panasonic Panasonic Upright Vacuum 10 amp motor, On board tools, 5 stage filtration, Lightweight, Headlight. #MVC5710 \$99

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

Class of 1987
Class of 1988
Class of 1989
Class of 1990

FARMINGTON HARRISON
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.

FRASER
Class of 1972
A reunion is being planned for Fraser Stephens Park.

GARDEN CITY
Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for October.

HIGHLAND PARK
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion.

MADISON
Class of 1948
Is planning a reunion.

11:30 a.m. Dec. 27 at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills.
(248) 644-1750

OAK PARK
Classes of 1957-59
Is planning a reunion for November 1998.

PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM
Classes of 1988
A joint reunion will be held June 20.

ST. ALPHONSUS
Community groups, businesses, church organizations and individuals look for ways to celebrate the holiday season by helping those less fortunate.

ST. JOSEPHAT
Class of 1943-46
Are planning a reunion.

STERLING HEIGHTS
Class of 1978
July 25 at Gino's Surf Restaurant, Warren Township.

WARREN WOODS TOWER
Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.

WATERFORD KETERING
Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.

(248) 360-7004, press 6
WARREN WOODS TOWER
Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.

WATERFORD KETERING
Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.

Capuchin Kitchen holds toy drive

Community groups, businesses, church organizations and individuals look for ways to celebrate the holiday season by helping those less fortunate can do with the Capuchin Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, the Capuchin Christmas Toy Program aided more than 1,100 needy families in the Detroit area.

backgrounds are popular, as are sporting goods, such as basketballs and footballs. An educational or skill-building emphasis is encouraged while toys which have a violent orientation, especially guns, are discouraged.

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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 25, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. and the Clerk Center Road Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durr, Machnik, Minghine, Bilibrey-Honsowetz, Stewart, Voyke, Zevulink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
General Calendar, Item 3, Approval to Purchase Spiewak Utility Jackets for the Department of Public Safety, was deleted from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 4, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdick, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

EXHIBIT A
General Fund 101 \$153,829.32
Police Fund 207 37,113.87

EXHIBIT B
General Fund 101 \$153,829.32
Police Fund 207 37,113.87

EXHIBIT C
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EXHIBIT H
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EXHIBIT AF
General Fund 101 \$153,829.32
Police Fund 207 37,113.87

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of furniture to: BT Office Products International of Warren, Michigan is the amount of \$14,787.00.

Interior Systems Contract Group of Royal Oak, Michigan in the amount of \$6,286.00; and ABC Warehouse of Canton, Michigan in the amount of \$2,889.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve Yellow Pages advertising the Westland and Downriver directories for Summit on the Park in the amount of \$5,386.53 and to approve the transfer of \$2,600 from Community Center Fund Capital Outlay - Building account #208-757-0000 to Capital Outlay - Equipment account #208-757-0000 for a portion of this purchase.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to award the contract for professional landscape architectural services for the development of Phase II of Freedom park to Grissom/Metz Associates in the amount of \$20,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the contract for professional landscape architectural services for Phase II of Independence park to Beckett and Rasler, Inc., in the amount of \$43,725. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to increase the current Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Child and Family Services/Huron Services for Youth, Inc., form \$105,000 to \$132,000. Further, to approve the following budget amount in the General Fund to increase the budget for Income Revenues:

Appropriations: Public Safety \$101-000-699-0000 \$25,000
Income Revenues: Transportation \$101-670-800-0000 \$25,000

This budget amendment increases the Social Services Department budget from \$158,671 to \$183,671, and the General Fund Budget from \$13,054,505 to \$13,079,505. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid amount to the Pollard Company in the amount of \$6,765.00 for the purchase of one (1) Stake Body with Lift Gate.

Further to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to transfer budget funds for this purchase there is \$5,232.19 available in the 977 account.

Income (Decrease) Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Land & Improvements \$101-270-971-0000 (\$2,000)
Capital Outlay-Equipment \$101-270-977-0000 2,000

This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Grounds Maintenance Division budget or the General Fund budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the contract between Canton Township and APCSCM Local 3860 from April 1, 1996 through March 31, 2000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to approve the creation and filling for the new Maintenance technician III position for the Administrative and Community Services Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid to Safety Storage, Inc., in the amount of \$17,856 of the purchase of one Chemical Storage Building. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer (December 4, 1997) the First Reading of the amendments to the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan Ordinance No. 118(B). Motion carried.

FIRST READING
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 118(B) (Effective December 22, 1994; amended December 19, 1996; amended December 18, 1997)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN PERTAINING TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 197, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1975 AS AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON HEREBY ORDAINS:
104.801 Section 1 DEFINITIONS
The terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

"Development Area" shall mean the area within the boundaries of the Canton Downtown Development Authority District, as described in Exhibit E of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000. (Ord. No. 115(A) as amended, and as illustrated in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amend. Dec. 19, 1996)

"Development Plan" means the Development Plan for the Downtown Development Authority District, illustrated in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000 as amended by Ordinance 132. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 18, 1997)

"Initial Assessed Value" means the most recently assessed value, as finally equalized by the State Board of Equalization, of all taxable property within the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority at the time of adoption of this ordinance, as more fully described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000, as amended by Ordinance 132. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 18, 1997)

"Tax Increment" shall be that portion of the tax levy of all Taxing Jurisdictions paid each year and personal property in the Downtown Development Authority district on the Captured Assessed Value, as more fully described in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000, as amended by Ordinance 132. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 18, 1997)

"Downtown Development Authority" means the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority, established by Ordinance No. 115(A) as amended. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984; amended Dec. 19, 1996)

"Tax Increment Finance Plan" means the Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Canton Downtown Development Authority District, including the Development Plan, as transmitted to the Canton Township Board of Trustees by the Downtown Development Authority for public hearing, and as confirmed by this Ordinance, copies of which are on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

"Taxing Jurisdiction" shall mean each unit of government levying an ad valorem property tax on property in the Downtown Development Authority District.

All other undefined terms, unless the context of this Ordinance specifically requires otherwise, shall have the meanings attributed to them by current usage. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.802 Section 2 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN, 1984/2000, AS AMENDED.

Pursuant to Section 19(1) Act 197 as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton hereby finds and determines as follows:

a) That the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan constitutes and embodies a public purpose of the Charter Township of Canton;

b) That the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan meets the requirements set forth in Section 17(2) of Act 197 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1975 as amended;

c) That the proposed method of financing the development activities described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan is feasible, and that the Downtown Development Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;

d) That the development activities described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 197 as amended;

e) That the land to be acquired within the Downtown Development Authority District is reasonable necessary to carry out the purposes of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan and the purposes of Act 197 as amended;

f) That the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, 1984/2000 and all respective amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the Township Clerk's office and cross-indexed to this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984 as amended by Ordinance 132.)

104.803 Section 3 BOUNDARIES OF DEVELOPMENT AREA
The boundaries of the Development Area are hereby adopted and confirmed. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.804 Section 4 PREPARATION OF BASE YEAR ASSESSMENT ROLL
Within 90 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, the Township Assessor shall prepare the Base Year Assessment Roll. The Base Year Assessment Roll shall list each Taxing Jurisdiction in which the Downtown Development Authority District is located, the Initial Assessed Value of the Development District on the effective date of this Ordinance and the amount of tax revenue derived by each Taxing Jurisdiction from ad valorem taxes on the property in the Development District.

b) The Township Assessor shall transmit copies of the Base Year Assessment to the Township Treasurer, the County Treasurer, the Downtown Development Authority and each Taxing Jurisdiction, together with a notice that the assessment roll has been prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan approved by this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.805 Section 5 PREPARATION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
Each year within 15 days following the final equalization of property in the Development District, the Township Assessor shall prepare an updated Annual Assessment Roll. The Annual Assessment Roll shall show the information required by the Base Year Assessment Roll, and in addition, the Captured Assessed Value for that year. Copies of the Annual Assessment Roll shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the same persons as the Base Year Assessment Roll, together with a notice that it has been prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.806 Section 6 IMPLEMENTATION
All Tax Increments shall be transmitted by the Township Treasurer and the Treasurer of Wayne County to the Township Treasurer for the account of the Township Treasurer. For the purpose of segregation and transfer of such funds, the Township Treasurer shall maintain a separate fund which shall be kept in a depository bank account or accounts in a bank or banks approved by the Controller of the Township, to be designated Downtown Development Authority Project Fund. All moneys received by the Authority pursuant to the Amended Plan shall be deposited directly in the Downtown Development Authority Project Fund. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.807 Section 7 DURATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN
The Tax Increment Finance Plan will continue in effect until all purposes of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan have been fulfilled. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.808 Section 8 ORDINANCE IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION
This Ordinance has been deemed necessary to assure the preservation of the general welfare of the Canton Community; therefore, said Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township on December 18, 1997. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

Effective: December 22, 1984
Amended(a) Effective/Publication: December 19, 1996
Amended(b) Effective/Publication: December 18, 1997

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer (December 4, 1997) the amendments to the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan Ordinance No. 132(a). Motion carried.

FIRST READING
AMENDED DDA FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDINANCE NO. 132(A) (Effective June 3, 1995; amended December 18, 1997)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 132, AND AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197, Michigan Public Act of 1975 ("Act 197") and Ordinance No. 115, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton has established the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it is in the best interests of the Downtown District of the Township to add and revise development projects to be carried out under a development plan for the development area within the Downtown District; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1984, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") established the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1993, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 132, approving the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Authority (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval amendments to the Plan attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein (the "Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1997, the Township Board held a public hearing on the Amended Plan pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Plan is located an opportunity to meet with the Township Board and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan and the Amended Plan, as required by the Act;

WHEREAS, after consideration for the Plan, the Township Board has determined to approve the Amended Plan, as amended; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:
104.901 Section 1 FINDINGS
(a) The Amended Plan meets the requirements set forth in the Act.

(b) The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.

(c) The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

(d) The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Amended Plan and the purposes of the Act in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.

(e) The Development Plan is reasonable accord with the master plan for the Township.

(f) Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the project area.

(g) Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Restated Plan, are reasonable necessary for the project and for the Township. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995; amend. Dec. 18, 1997)

104.902 Section 2 PUBLIC PURPOSE
The Township Board hereby determines that the Amended Plan constitutes a public purpose. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995; amend. Dec. 18, 1997)

104.903 Section 3 BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC
The Township Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the Amended Plan in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to stimulate growth in the Downtown District. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995; amend. Dec. 18, 1997)

104.904 Section 4 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED PLAN
The Amended Plan is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Amended Plan, and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the Township Clerk's office. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995; amend. Dec. 18, 1997)

104.905 Section 5 ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT FUND; APPROVAL OF DEPOSITARY
The treasurer of the Authority shall establish a separate fund which shall be kept in a depository bank account or accounts in a bank or banks approved by the Treasurer of the Township, to be designated Downtown Development Authority Project Fund. All moneys received by the Authority pursuant to the Amended Plan shall be deposited in the Project Fund. All moneys in the Project Fund and earnings thereon shall be used only in accordance with the Amended Plan. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995)

104.906 Section 6 USE OF MONIES IN THE PROJECT FUND
The moneys credited to the Project Fund and on hand therein from time to time shall be used annually in the manner provided in the Tax Increment Financing Plan portion of the Amended Plan. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995)

104.907 Section 7 RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPENDITURES THAT EXCEED PROJECT FUND
In the event the Township or any agency of the Township issues obligations on behalf of the Authority, and the Township is required in any fiscal year to pay the amount of any additional information required by the Township Board, the out of its general fund any portion of debt service on such an obligation, the Authority shall be required to fully reimburse the Township from its available funds (but only after the set aside for debt service for any fiscal year has been met). (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995)

104.908 Section 8 ANNUAL REPORT
Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall submit to the Township Board, with copies of each taxing jurisdiction, a report on the status of the Project Fund. The report shall include the amount and source of revenue in the account, the amount and purpose of expenditures from the account, the amount of principal and interest of any outstanding indebtedness, the amount of principal and interest of any debt service on such an obligation, the amount of principal and interest of any debt service on such an obligation, and the amount of principal and interest of any debt service on such an obligation.

Any surplus money in the Project Fund at the end of a year not held for the Township or otherwise held as required pursuant to the Amended Plan, as shown by the Annual report of the Authority, shall be paid by the Authority to the Township Treasurer or the County Treasurer, as the case may be, and rebated by each to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction pro rata. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1995)

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A time to remember



Friends and family: Members of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim gathered together Monday, Dec. 1, to dedicate remembrance panels for the National "Names Project" AIDS Memorial Quilt. The service, a part of the World AIDS Day observance, was held at the church on Ridge Road in Canton. The panels were made during a workshop held on Nov. 8 at the Canton Township Administrative Building.



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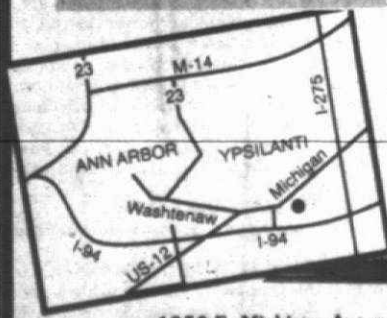
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104.910 Section 10. AMENDMENT AND CONTINUANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 132.

Ordinance No. 132 is hereby amended to the extent of the amendments to the Plan as set forth in Exhibit A. Except to the extent this Ordinance amend the Plan, all sections and portions of Ordinance No. 132, to the extent not in conflict herewith, shall continue in full force and effect. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.911 Section 11. CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY.

All other ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of the Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of the Ordinance. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.912 Section 12. PUBLICATION AND RECORDING.

This Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the Canton Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the Township Clerk. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.913 Section 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Canton Observer on December 18, 1997. (Ord. no. 132, eff. June 3, 1993; amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

ADJOURN

Motion by LaJoy, supported by Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 25, 1997. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on December 9, 1997.

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

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Impact player

It's been two years since Tara Overaitis (Livonia Ladywood/Dearborn Divine Child) has played basketball, and three years since she was a player of impact.

That was in her senior year at Divine Child. Since then, she has spent a year at Michigan State and a year on the bench as a redshirt after transferring to the University of Toledo.

Seems the time away from on-the-floor competition didn't hurt Overaitis much. In Toledo's first three games, two of them victories, the 5-foot-11 sophomore forward has averaged 8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game while making 52.4 percent of her shots. She ranks second on the Rockets in scoring and is third in rebounding and minutes played.

Adriane Bryant (Redford Bishop Borgess), a sophomore guard, is averaging 3.7 points and 2.3 assists in 17 minutes of action per game.

Top of the list

The Detroit Rockers moved a game over .500, and they did it against the team leading the National Professional Soccer League's North Division, beating the Buffalo Blizzard 19-14 Saturday at Joe Louis Arena.

The win pushed the Rockers' record to 4-3, good for second place in the North. Buffalo was still in first at 6-3.

Second in scoring for Detroit is Travis Roy, from Livonia (Stevenson HS). Roy had five two-point goals, one one-pointer and three assists for 14 points. He has one game-winning goal.

Other local players with the Rockers are Jeff Gold (Plymouth Salem), who has one two-point goal and three points, and Lars Richters (Livonia Stevenson), who has one two-pointer to his credit. Richters' 17 blocks is second on the Rockers and fourth in the NPSL.

Scoring leader

There are good reasons Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is off to one of the best starts in school history, with five wins in its first seven games.

There names are Kevin Melson and Pete Males.

Both are statistical leaders in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Melson leads all scorers, averaging 29.4 points per game; Males (Garden City) has helped Melson reach that lofty position (the second-highest scorer is Joe Kozel of St. Clair CCC with a 21.6 point average) by leading the conference in assists, with a 7.0 average.

Melson is also tied for third in rebounding (8.4 per game) and ranks third in field-goal percentage (61.4 percent).

There are other Ocelots who have compiled admirable statistics. Derek McKelvey is third in scoring (17.7 points), three-point shooting (45.6 percent) and free throw accuracy (86.9 percent), and Emeka Okonkwo is 12th in scoring (12.5), fourth in floor shooting (58.3 percent), fifth in free throw shooting (80 percent) and sixth in three-point shooting (42.8 percent).

David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) is tied for sixth in the conference in rebounding with an average of 7.5 per game.

PCJBA registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school students from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at East Middle School.

The registration is for 9-12 graders, both boys and girls. 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.

Grinding it out

CC plows through Huron to another state title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

College and professional coaches receive phone calls from the President while celebrating championships.

Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach, standing in a crowded Pontiac Silverdome Press Room Saturday afternoon, settled for a direct link with a Detroit radio station.

That's as presidential as it gets at this level.

The Shamrocks scored 16 unanswered points in the second half and beat Ann Arbor Huron, 23-7, before 15,147 for their fourth Class AA state championship and fifth state crown overall.

"The credit goes to the kids, the coaches just came along for the ride," said Mach, whose teams have reached the finals eight times in his 22 years as coach. "I'm real happy for the guys. They did a tremendous job, improved every game."

Actually, Mach and his staff deserve much of the credit, utilizing a diversified offense and an attacking defense designed by defensive coordinator Rick Coratti.

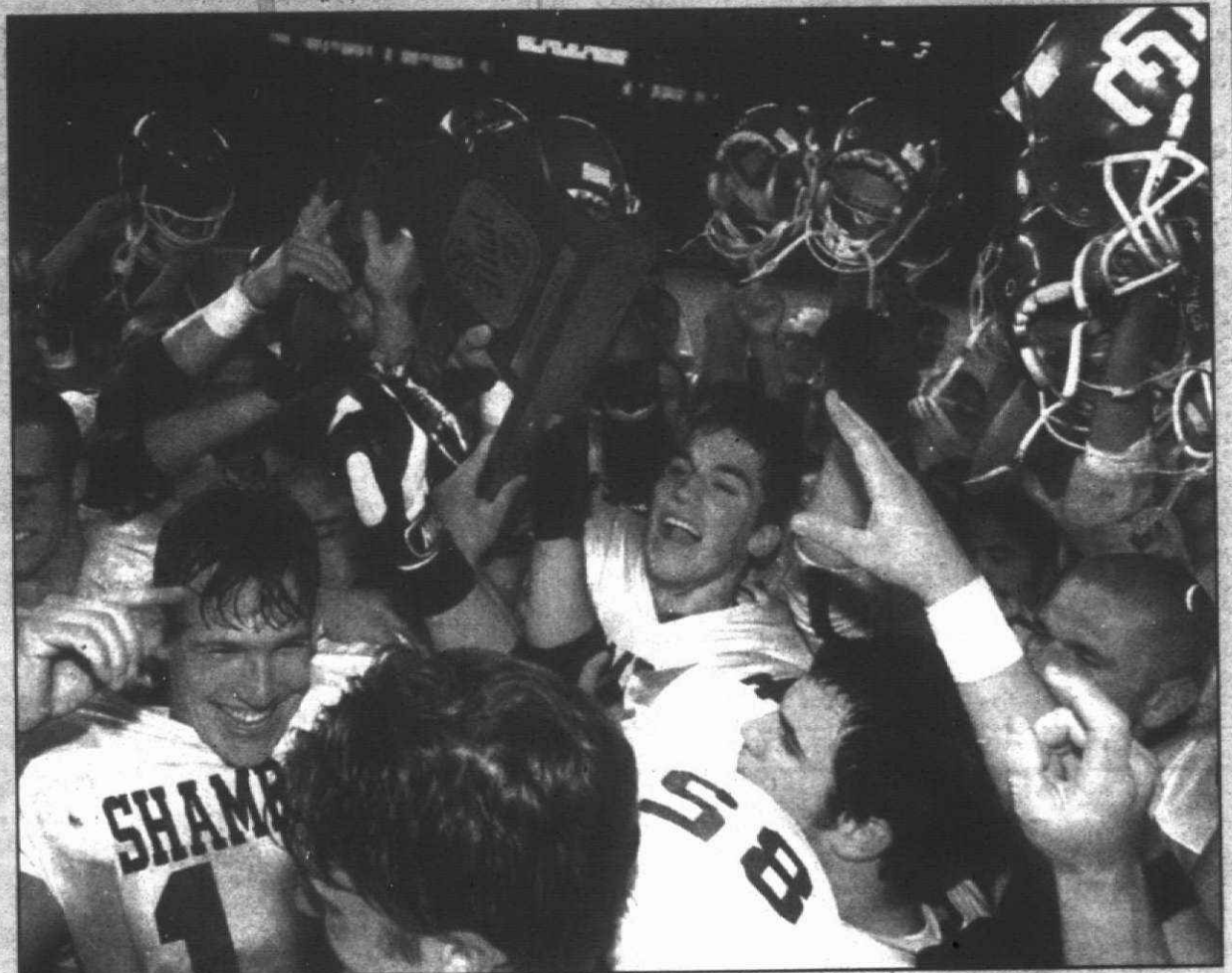
The Shamrocks held a 16-7 edge in first downs and limited Huron to 133 total yards.

Defensive tackle Chuck Spolsky and defensive back Dave Lusky had one interception each and the Shamrocks also got a big game out of junior defensive end Brian Beardsley, who sacked Huron quarterback Joel Przygodski twice for a loss of 22 yards.

The River Rats' only points came on a 26-yard touchdown pass from Przygodski to Nate Johns with :26 left before halftime to tie the score at 7-7.

Huron's Cinderella season ends with a 12-1 record. The River Rats won three games in the post-season despite going in as underdogs each time.

"My hats off to their defensive line," said Huron tailback Patrick Johnson,



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Celebration time: A jubilant bunch of Shamrocks hoist the Class AA championship trophy toward the Silverdome roof after beating Ann Arbor Huron in the state final Saturday, CC's fifth state title.

who had 46 yards in 13 carries. "It seemed like every time I got the ball one of their guys was in my way."

CC senior quarterback Adam Tubaro, who played the entire way

despite suffering a slightly sprained ankle in the first half, threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to tight end Nick Brzezinski and scored on a four-yard run.

Senior tailback Josh Christenson, who led the Shamrocks with 107 yards on 27 carries, scored the other touchdown on a four-yard run. Spol-

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CC quarterback adds to his ring collection

Adam Tubaro credits his success as Redford Catholic Central's quarterback to not having any average Joe's - or Don's or Nick's, for that matter, as receivers.

That kid in a candy store feeling comes from having wide receivers Joe Jonna and Joe Saah to throw deep to and tight ends Don Slankster and Nick Brzezinski over the middle.

And yet there are insecurities that come with being a kid, which may explain Tubaro keeping his state championship ring - the one he won as a sophomore -

under his pillow when he went to bed during the state playoffs.

Tubaro can rest easy now as the Shamrocks won their second Class AA championship in three years and fourth in the 1990s with a 23-7 win over Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday afternoon at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Maybe that ring under the pillow routine was symbolic of something else we did as kids. Remember leaving the tooth you lost under the pillow to get a dollar from the "Tooth Fairy?"

Only in this scenario, Tubaro's father Eddie (he must have been a silly-looking Tooth Fairy in his day) will gladly leave the 1995 ring with his son and add another to his collection.

Tubaro, who played his entire sophomore year as a backup defensive back on the '95 CC state champion team, and Jonna are the only seniors with two rings.

"The other seniors were envious to the point where 'We want one,'" Tubaro said. "To get one this year is totally different because it's 'Our senior year.'"

Tubaro has films of each game the Shamrocks played this year, watching the 24-20 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's the most to learn from his mistakes.

It'll be the second-most watched film now.

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STEVE KOWALSKI

Title run in sight for Rocks

Strong group of returnees favors Salem

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Like every wrestling coach in the state of Michigan, Ron Krueger is hoping for a solid 1997-98 season.

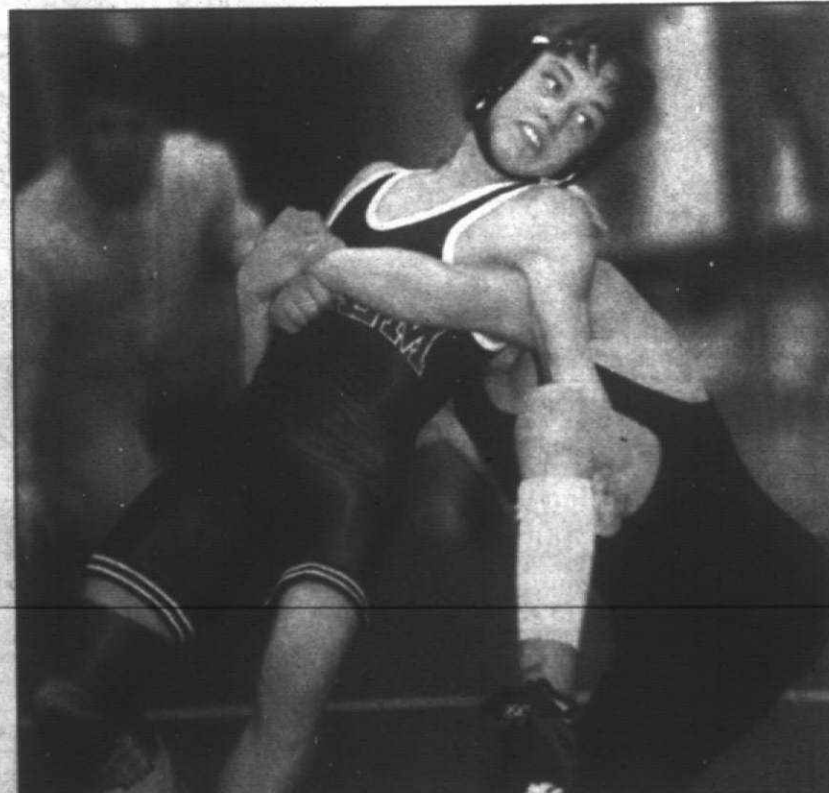
But with several state placers and several more veterans returning to the lineup, the Plymouth-Salem mentor has more than hope to go on.

If everything falls into place, in fact, the Rocks could challenge for a Western Lakes Activities Association title and send a large contingent of wrestlers to the state finals.

"If our kids work hard," Krueger said, "I feel we've got seven or eight individuals that could qualify for state finals."

The Rocks had a pair of state placers last year. Eric Coburn was fifth at 119-pounds and Teono Wilson captured fourth at 189.

Each won 52 matches a year ago, which established a new school record. Coburn graduated last spring while



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Big expectations: As a freshman, John Mervyn collected 29 mat wins. More of the same is anticipated from him as a sophomore in the two lowest weight divisions.

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Improvement is Canton's main agenda

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for an up-and-coming team to follow at CEP this winter, Plymouth-Canton's wrestling squad may be the one to watch.

After posting a 4-7 record last season, coach Ernie Krumm thinks the Chiefs will continue to improve.

"I think we'll be able to compete with the teams in our division," he said. "We have a chance to be a good tournament team, too."

Canton opens the season tonight against Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Plymouth-Salem and Farmington. It should be a good test, Krumm said.

The Rocks "blew us out last year in the beginning," the coach added. When the two squads met in the state district, though, Canton narrowed the gap considerably.

"We had an improving year," Krumm said. "I thought we improved steadily."

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Canton will remain busy until the Christmas break. Many of the Chiefs could have 14- or 15 matches under their belts by the first of the year, which will be an advantage going into the league season.

"I'll give us an opportunity to shake some things out," Krumm added.

The things that need to be shaken out are the top and bottom of Canton's lineup.

While the Chiefs are relatively set from about 130 to 189 pounds, positions below and above are unclear right now. Krumm wants his lineup established by the time the WLA A season kicks off in early January.

That's because he believes his team can challenge for a Western Division championship.

"For us," said Krumm, who's in his third year with Canton, "that would be an excellent accomplishment."

The Chiefs haven't won a division title since the late 1980s.

If Canton is to achieve its goal, Brent Buttermore will be one wrestler that has to come through. The senior qualified for state regionals last year and could go even further this year.

"He's very quick and agile," Krumm said. "He's a very slick wrestler. He understands balance and movement."

At 135 pounds, junior Kevin Stone holds down the fort. He qualified for regionals last year while winning more than twice as many as he lost.

"This is his third year on varsity," Krumm said. "He has improved every year."

"He's got great mat sense. He's strong. He's got a lot of qualities that make him a good wrestler."

Brent Musser will be Canton's man at 140 pounds. Also a third year wrestler, he should move over the .500 mark this season.

"I think it could be a breakthrough year for him," said Krumm.

The Chiefs aren't set at 145 pounds. Brothers Jim and Dan Shelton are battling for time at 152 pounds.

"They've both turned into good wrestlers," said Krumm. "The Sheltons aren't Canton's only brother act. Robert and John-Peter Demack will fill the 160 and 171-pound positions, respectively."

"They have the potential to make it to the state meet," Krumm said. "They have all the tools to do it."

Robert is a junior and John-Peter a senior. Another senior, Larry Anderson, will wrestle at 189 pounds.

Krumm said he'll be a little undersized in that weight division, but will still help the team.

"He's an aggressive kid that's tough-minded," the coach commented. "I think he'll win some matches."

CC to challenge Salem as area's best

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The music of choice for area wrestling coaches this year is the blues. Nearly all are singing it, too.

All the members of the Western Lakes Activities Association coaching fraternity must be ex-quarterbacks, the way they're handing the ball off to Plymouth Salem as the league favorite.

"Mr. Salem, he's got the monkey on his back," said Livonia Stevenson's Don Berg. "I'm predicting right now, he's the front runner. He'll tell you he has holes, but I'd like to have his holes."

"Seriously, he's worked hard. And if you work hard, you'll generally find that it pays off in the end."

"He's got a lineup, that's for sure," agreed Coach Marty Altounian of Livonia Churchill. "You ask him for his key returners, he'll probably just list his whole team."

Unlike a year ago, no area team is loaded with returning superstars. Most have quality wrestlers returning, but lost more than they return or have depth problems. Virtually all are young.

Outside of Plymouth Salem, the best area team before the first pin is made is Redford Catholic Central, also heavy with returning talent.

Biggest adjustment this year is to the new Michigan High School Athletic Association rules enacted to guard against wrestlers being forced (or forcing themselves) to lose

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copious amounts of weight to make their classification.

It's caused no small amount of grumbling, but more because of the paperwork involved than over the philosophical intent.

Slimmed down, the rule requires every wrestler to undergo a physical examination which involves weight-for-height and body fat.

The wrestler cannot be below 7 percent body fat and is told by the doctor the lowest weight he (or she) can wrestle at.

"The state is basically telling us where kids are going to wrestle," the Chargers' Altounian said. "This isn't exactly new because we had a dry run last year."

"But I think you'll probably see a few voids in a lot of lineups this year."

This isn't a cut-and-dried thing, though. There are exceptions.

Doctors can issue exemptions for kids who have had extremely low amounts of body fat their whole lives and parents can sign permission slips for minor variations.

This documentation must be submitted to the MHSAA and then returned to the school before the wrestler can compete.

Coaches traditionally have scrambled to find kids to fill voids in their lineups early in the season. Now the paperwork must be completed, too.

At Catholic Central, Coach Mike Rodriguez welcomes back a load of talent.

His captain is Detroit Catholic League champion Matt Peterson, who will move from 130 pounds to 145 this season.

Rodriguez expects good things from four other seniors: Andy Lendrum (130), Brendan Burns (140), Jeff Pasco (160) and Rob Wentworth (171).

Junior Brocc Naismith, who placed eighth among state heavyweights, drops down to 215 this year. Junior Casey Rogowski, who was second in the regionals, will wrestle heavyweight.

Sophomore Mitch Hancock, a Catholic League champion and district runnerup, will go at 135.

The Shamrocks boast two freshmen with older brothers on the team, Chris Petersen (112) and Ed Lendrum (119). In addition, freshman Chris O'Hara's (103) older brother Dave was CC's captain last year.

Sophomore Sean Bell (152) wrestled last year while the team should be improved because Andy Conlin (189) has outlasted John Abshire for a spot in the starting lineup. Also being counted on is Matt Goward (125).

"We're a pretty solid team," Rodriguez said. "We're heavy at the top. We've got some kids that have been there for awhile, especially in the upper weights."

Catholic Central opens today against powerful Temperance-Bedford in an assembly match in front of its student body.

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Wilson returns.

"We're hoping he'll rise a notch from last year," Krueger said.

Wilson and the rest of his teammates will begin the season today with a pair of matches against Canton and Monroe. Krueger isn't sure what to expect from either opponent.

"I think Canton has some good kids," he commented. "I think they'll be better than they've been."

Krueger, who has guided Salem since the school opened in 1971, would like to see his team pick up its intensity.

"I feel right now that we're not working as hard as we should," he said.

The Rocks are coming off a good 1996-97 season.

Besides the two state placers, Salem posted an 11-4-1 dual meet record and finished third at the WLA A meet.

Livonia Stevenson won the

league title while Walled Lake Central was second. Krueger thinks both will be tough again as will the rest of the Lakes Division.

"The league will be better overall this year," he added. "There are good people everywhere."

Including the Rocks' lineup. Sophomores Ron Thompson and John Mervyn will open the season in the 103 and 112-pound weight divisions, respectively. Mervyn posted 29 wins as a freshman.

Rob Ash, another sophomore, will see action at 103, too.

Dan Morgan returns at 119 pounds. The senior captain is a four-year member of the Rocks.

"I expect him to have a real solid season," said Krueger. "I think he can win 40 matches."

At 125 pounds, sophomores Greg Smith and Jason Bruner will see action. Both wrestled at the junior varsity level a year ago.

Returner Josh Henderson will be the Rocks' man at 130 pounds. Eric Green and Greg Petrovich are battling for the 135-pound slot.

Salem is set at 140 pounds. Jason Beaudon and Mike Popovoy are fighting for the 171-pound position. Krueger said that fight could last all season.

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At 160 pounds, the Rocks have one of the best wrestlers in the area in Anwar Crutchfield. The senior captain was a WLA A champ last season and qualified for the state finals.

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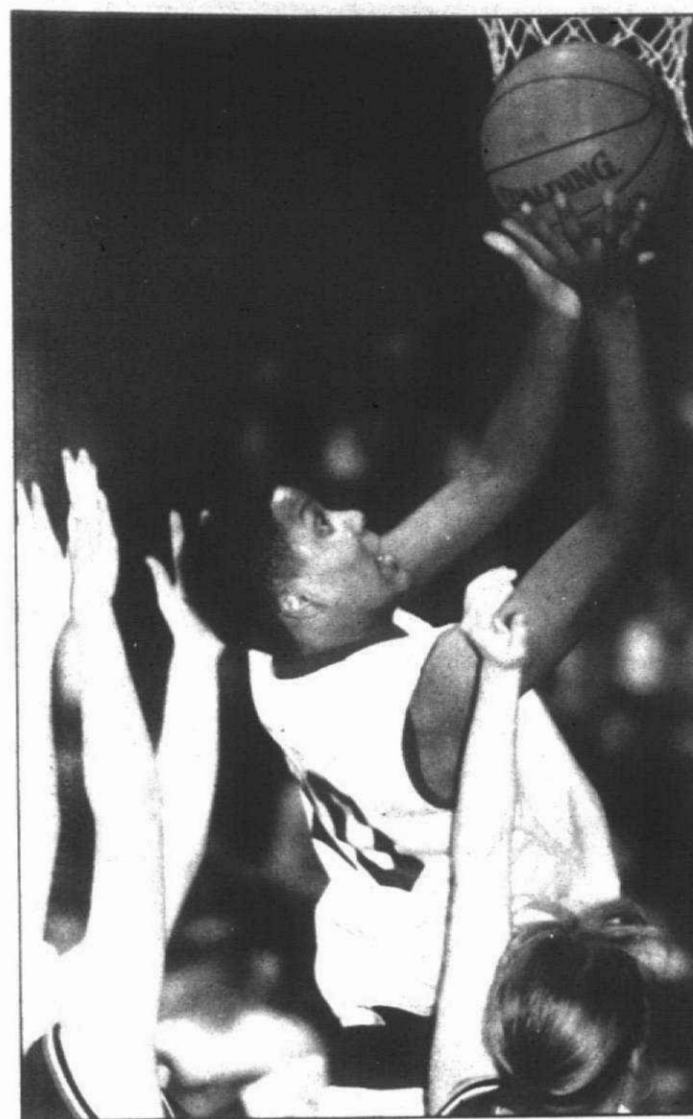
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Tall order: As Tanisha Dillard showed, Bishop Borgess proved to be a big order for Sandusky to handle in Tuesday's quarterfinals.

Surprise selection Spartan star is Miss Basketball

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Early in her career at Redford Bishop Borgess, Aiysha Smith seemed more likely to win Miss Michigan than Miss Basketball.

Prim, proper and attractive off the court, Smith wasn't the most feared player on coach Dave Mann's girls basketball team.

People still rave about her qualities as a person, but this week her basketball skills were mentioned first when she was introduced as the state's 17th Miss Basketball winner as voted by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Smith, a surprise winner, received 145 first-place votes and 818 points. The two pre-season favorites, Flint Northern's Tanisha Dillard (463 points) and Detroit Dominican's Raina Goodlow (280), finished second and fourth, respectively.

Smith scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds as a freshman in the Spartans' Class C state championship victory in 1994, but basketball was still fairly new to her.

She credits Maxann Reese, a Borgess graduate and the winner of the 1995 Miss Basketball award, for giving her a mean streak and motivation on the court.

"She taught me how to play tougher instead of being timid," said Smith, whose first passion was swimming.

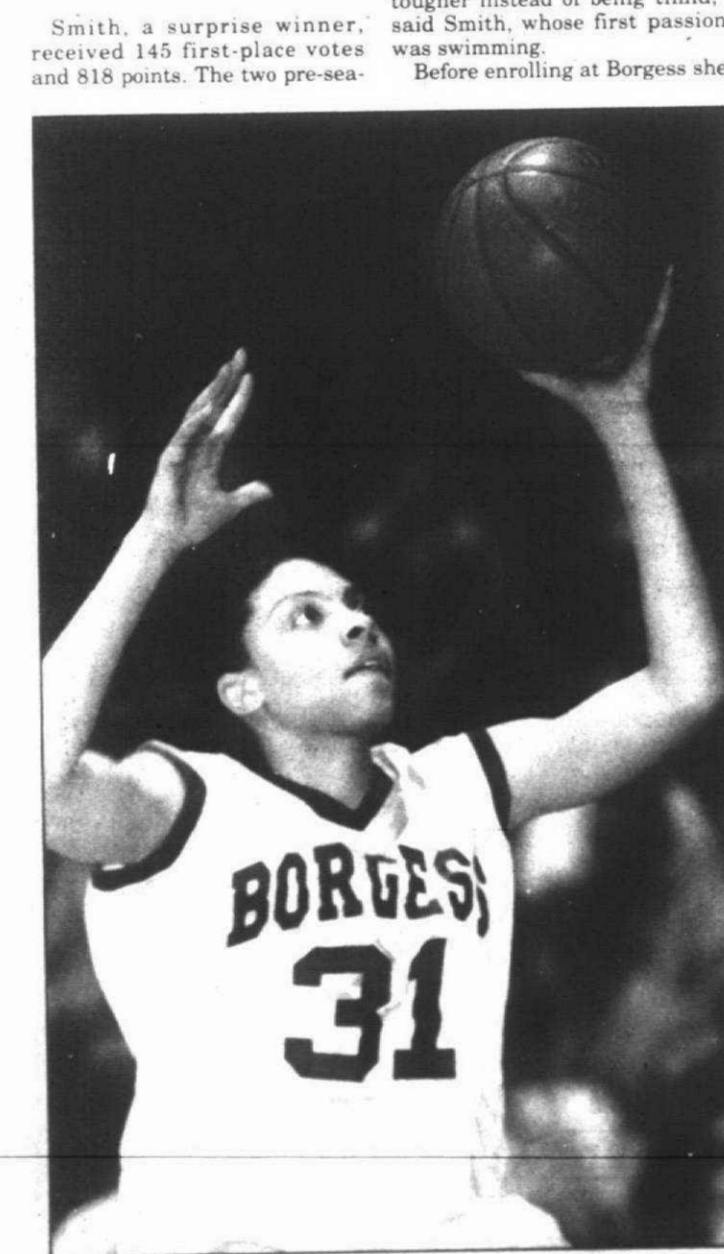
Before enrolling at Borgess she

swam in the Junior Olympics as a student at Murphy Middle School near Telegraph and Fenkell roads in Detroit.

"That was one of the things she was disappointed about when she came to Borgess and didn't see a pool," Borgess coach Dave Mann said.

Smith averaged 10.6 points and 11.5 rebounds per game for the Spartans, who are 24-1 and headed to the Class C Final Four for the fifth straight season. Borgess senior guard Christina Anderson played on the Murphy seventh and eighth grade team with Smith.

"Aiysha, we had to force her to play," laughs Anderson. "It was like, 'Come on, you're too tall not to play.'"



A solid choice: Spartan standout Aiysha Smith wasn't one of the favorites to be chosen as Miss Basketball, but her abilities were recognized by state coaches. Smith averaged 10.6 points and 11.5 rebounds a game for Borgess, helping her team reach the Class C semifinals.

CLASS C BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

Borgess bounces to semis

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Sandusky girls basketball coach Al DeMott knows it would have been a real coup for his program to beat heavily-favored Redford Bishop Borgess in Tuesday's Class C quarterfinal at Troy Athens.

Borgess coach Dave Mann, meanwhile, had a real Koo on his mind as well - that is, senior forward Koren "Koo" Merchant, arguably the most talented player in the state whose game has a habit of mysteriously leaving her at times.

Merchant began the game in Mann's doghouse on the bench and played so-so once she got in, but the Spartans still had enough to win 41-26 and earn a fifth-straight trip to the Final Four.

The Spartans, who were Class C champions in 1993 and '94, will play Kalamazoo Christian at 6 p.m. Friday in a semifinal game at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

Admission to the semifinal session is \$4; the finals cost \$5.

Christian beat Parchment 54-30 in another quarterfinal game Tuesday night. If the Spartans win the semifinal, the championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, also at Rose Arena.

Borgess senior center Aiysha Smith, named Miss Basketball

earlier in the week, scored eight of her 10 points in the first half and led all rebounders with 12. Joining Smith with 10 points were junior forward Tiffany Simon and Merchant, who has been averaging near 20 per game lately.

"Koren did not play well and we hope she plays better Friday," Mann said.

Despite a big height advantage, the Spartans out rebounded Sandusky only 28-21. Merchant and Shermaine Drake helped out on the boards with four rebounds each.

Merchant's teammates know a third-state championship will be a lot easier to come by if Koo is at her best.

"Sometimes she's in a good (rhythm), sometimes she's in a daze, then she's back to the normal Koo, scoring and everything," Smith said.

Sandusky used exactly what Mann expected - a patient offense and packed in zone defense, both of which worked

well the first quarter, anyway.

Sandusky led 6-4 early before the Spartans scored the last four points of the first quarter and the first seven of the second for a 15-6 lead.

A three-point shot by Sandusky cut the deficit to 15-9 but the Spartans outscored the Redskins, 6-2, the remainder of the half for a 21-11 lead.

"I have a great appreciation for what coach DeMott and his kids did," said Mann, who also coaches the women at University of Michigan Dearborn.

"When I coach at U of M Dearborn, that's exactly what we've got to do - come up with some sort of a wrinkle (strategy) to have a chance and they did. That's a team that executed it well and is hard to defend. I guarantee you whatever they're offense is they don't spread it out as much."

The Spartans' senior point guard Christina Anderson was held two field goals and six points.

Senior guard Jennifer Green led Sandusky with 12 points. Teammate Kristy Mitchell added 11.

Sandusky finished with a 23-2 overall record, losing only to Harbor Beach during the regular season.

"The kids know they're very good and Smith's a very good player," said Mann. "The kid did a good job. Borgess is very well disciplined, well coached and spread it out on us. They are so quick defensively."

Sandusky committed 22 turnovers to Borgess' 17. The Spartans missed their first six shot attempts from the floor and finished 15 for 45 for 33 percent. Sandusky was eight for 27.

Smith made only five of 13 shots but winning Miss Basketball had nothing to do with her performance.

"It's not gone to her head," Mann said. "She just did not play well. She's not the one walking around with the big head."

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The meeting will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1997 at 10:00 A.M.
Wayne County Commission, Hearing Room 402
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Whalers reign on home ice

It's nice to be home. Certainly the Plymouth Whalers are developing a warm feeling for their 15-month-old residence, Compuware Arena. And why not? The Whalers are riding an 11-game winning streak on their home ice.

The latest in this streak came Saturday against the Oshawa Generals. It took overtime for the Whalers, but they did prevail by a 4-3 count.

The game-winner came from team captain Andrew Taylor. He didn't waste much time, either, knocking home the winning goal just 27 seconds into OT.

David Legwand continued his offensive assault for Plymouth, collecting two goals and assisting on a third. Legwand still leads the first-year players in the Ontario Hockey League in scoring with 26 goals and 15 assists for 41 points. He is fifth in the OHL in scoring.

Robert Esche was in goal for the Whalers, improving his record to 12-4-1. He has a 2.97 goals-against average and a .893 save percentage.

The Whalers improved to 14-7-3 with the victory; their 31 points are second to the London Knights (16-8-1, 33 points) in the OHL's West Division.

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Schoolcraft at Siena Hts., JV, 5:30 p.m.
Madonna at St. Benedictine, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 4
Albion College at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 8:20 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Dec. 4
Churchill at Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 5
Stevenson vs. Dearborn at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6
Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Dec. 4
Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuare Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 7
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuare Arena, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

Marian rolls over East

By MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

In the market for a Final Four? Call on Kelly Byers. That's what Birmingham Marian did and it paid huge dividends Tuesday.

The defending Class A champions defeated a fearless but out-matched Lapeer East squad, 61-48, in a quarterfinal game played at Waterford Mott High School.

The Mustangs (21-4) next meet Detroit Martin Luther King (24-2) in the state semifinals scheduled for 2:50 p.m. today at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

The winner of that game plays for the Class A state championship 2 p.m. Saturday at the same site, and the Mustangs hope to be there.

"I'm happy we made it (to the Final Four)," Byers said. "That's been our goal since Day One and we achieved it."

Byers has played a big role off the bench for Marian all year, and it was no different against the Eagles.

The Marina junior not only scored a game-high 18 points but was instrumental in keying a third-quarter onslaught that virtually buried Lapeer East.

Halfway through the quarter, Marian held a 40-36 advantage. Although the Mustangs were in control, they couldn't shake a Lapeer East team (22-4) that had a size, depth and experience disadvantage. That is, until Byers took matters into her hands.

CLASS A

Marian went on a 9-0 run to take a 49-36 lead. Byers accounted for seven of those points, including a clutch three that concluded the run of points. Breaan Walas scored the other basket on a layup after a turnover.

By the end of the third quarter, Marian owned a 49-38 lead and maintain a comfortable advantage throughout the fourth quarter.

Byers, who also scored a big basket in the regional championship victory over Plymouth Canton, said the all Marian players "picked up" their games knowing what was at stake.

"I felt real good in that third quarter. I felt like I was in a zone," Byers said. "If they started to come at me, I started to penetrate and take the short jumper. I just wanted to play my game."

"I decided to step my game up and play all out. As a team, we all really wanted to go to Central Michigan."

Veteran Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone figured Byers would play a key role with her outside shooting to help attack the Lapeer East zone defense.

"All along I knew I wanted Kellie, because we knew they were going to play a zone against us," she said. "And Kellie has been shooting the ball real well all season, especially in the tournament. So we wanted to get her in there and break down that zone for us."

CLASS A

"And she did step it up again for us tonight and didn't let us down."

Byers was Marian's leading scorer, but she was not the only double-digit player. Junior center Nicole Anaejionu finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Walas added 13 points.

Each team had two three-point baskets, but Marian made four more field goals (22-18) and five more foul shots (11-6).

Marian outscored Lapeer East in three quarters, and each team netted 16 second-quarter points. The Mustangs held a slim, 33-29 halftime lead.

"Marian is the best team we've played this year," East coach Mike Halstead said. "Byers played a real good game for them. They have so many weapons, and they're very hard to stop."

If the Mustangs have their way, they hope to use those weapons to charge into the state championship game for the second straight season.

Lillie-Cicerone has been to the Final Four on four different occasions. Each trip to finals is an exciting time, she said.

"This is my fourth time in the state semis, and it feels just as good as the first time. It's just so exciting, so much fun."

Lillie-Cicerone's teams have captured three Class A championships in her 15 years as head coach.

"It's too bad all the players in the state can't do that," she said. "And I tell the girls that. I tell them there is nothing more fun than this right now."

Thomas guides DCDS to semis

By JOE KYRIAKOU
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Thomas decided to take matters into her own hands Tuesday.

After a quick feeling-out process of Dexter's defensive scheme, which was to shadow every move she made with three to four defenders, the junior forward went on the offensive.

Thomas made all the plays necessary to pilot Country Day to its second Class B state semifinal appearance in three seasons with a 52-40 conquest of Dexter at Carleton-Airport.

"In the beginning, it looked like it was going to be a difficult night for us," Country Day coach Frank Orlando said. "(The Dreadnaughts) said 'We're not gonna let Jennifer beat us.'"

The Yellow Jackets fell behind 13-4 before Thomas scored 11 straight points.

CLASS B

Orlando praised Dexter's effort.

"They had a great game plan," Orlando said. "I give Dexter a lot of credit. They're well-coached. That should be recognized."

Thomas was determined not to yield an opportunity to grab another state title, which the Jackets earned in 1995.

"I told the team we weren't going home today," Thomas said. "This has been our goal throughout the year."

Thomas and Orlando realize that this year's squad differs from the championship team two seasons ago, but has the capability of going all the way.

"This team is not as experienced as the championship team," Thomas said. "We had six seniors. This year we have none, but we know what it takes to win."

Hunters finish firearms season with a lot to talk about



BILL PARKER

It seems like the 1997 firearms deer season just started yesterday and already it has come to an end. If you were fortunate this fall and put some venison in the freezer during the bow or firearms season give me a call and report your success. Then watch future editions of the Observer & Eccentric newspaper for those results to be published.

Several area hunters reported success during the firearms season.

Jeri Sutherland believes in including his children in his hunting trips and that's exactly what the Westland resident was doing on the second day of the firearms season when he tagged the "buck of a lifetime." With his 10-year-old son Weston at his side, Sutherland arrived at his deer blind in Washtenaw County early in the morning on Nov. 17. At 6:40 a.m. a doe stepped into a cut hay field, but Sutherland was unable to get off a shot.

"Five minutes later the big buck stepped into the hay field and I whispered to Wes, 'Here comes a buck, stay real still.' The buck stopped once, then stopped a second time just 25 yards away," explained Sutherland. "He was looking right at us and he was getting nervous. I knew now was our chance so I put the sights on his neck and squeezed the trigger."

The rack on the 9-point buck sported a 17-inch spread and featured an 11-inch tine.

"As we approached him carefully I realized it was the buck of a lifetime and the best part was that my son was with me," said Sutherland. "Not only will we enjoy the venison all year, but we will cherish the moment for a lifetime. Special thanks to my brother Bill who put us in this spot and who has taught us to never give up. Your time will come if you invest time in the hunt."

But that's not the whole story. She dropped the buck with one shot - at 90 yards and on the run.

"This is the third running shot for her out of the 10 bucks she's taken," boasted her husband, J. William Smith.

"It took four years for Livonia native Gary Witt to convince his father, Bob, to join him in the Upper Peninsula for the opening of Michigan's firearms deer season.

"This is his last year at college at Michigan Tech," explained Bob. "Gary has been trying to get me to come up there deer hunting and I finally went this year, now that he's a senior."

The trip proved to be tremendously successful. Hunting on state land in Houghton County, Gary shot a nice 4-point on opening day to get the season

started. Bob followed that up on Nov. 19 by shooting a beautiful 8-point at 9:15 a.m. That buck dressed out at 170 pounds and sported a symmetrical rack with a 16-inch spread.

Not to be outdone by his father, Gary, who is majoring in civil engineering, bagged a fantastic 14-point buck at 5:15 on the 19th. Gary's buck dressed out at 192 pounds and the rack had a 20-inch spread.

Bob also shot a 200-pound bear in October.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

DATES/DEADLINES

BASS Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31.

DEER The second archery season is Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading seasons are Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will be held Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

DUCKS Duck season runs through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE The second part of the Canada goose season runs through Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMUs.

MUSKIE Muskies season ends Dec. 15 on Lake St. Clair the St. Clair River and the Detroit River.

PHEASANT A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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FISHING BUDDIES Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

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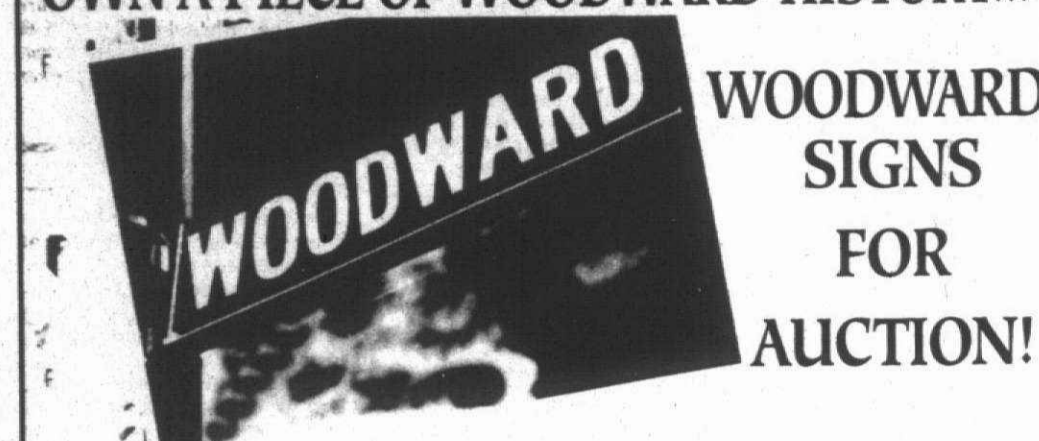
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sky and Chris Respondek combined to sack Przygodski for a two-point safety and senior placekicker Aaron Rock made all three of his extra point attempts, including one from 35 yards out after a CC penalty.

Senior fullback Chris Dueweke complemented Christenson's running with 60 tough carries, including his own on eight carries, including a long of 23.

"Chris was our number one back all year but starting with Sterling Heights Stevenson teams started keying on him and that's when our depth showed," Christenson said.

The Shamrocks went ahead to stay, 14-7, after taking the second-half kickoff and needing only five plays to drive 69 yards for a score.

Tubaro completed two passes to Brzezinski on the drive, including a 34-yarder for a touchdown over the outstretched arms of one of the Huron defensive backs.

The play was a confidence builder for Tubaro, who threw two first-half interceptions. The two interceptions were the only passes Tubaro didn't complete to his team.

He finished five of seven for 91 yards through the air.

"We've been running that play all year," said Tubaro. "We fake the counter and catch the defensive backs coming up hard."

The Shamrocks were called for an uncharacteristically high 11 penalties for 117 yards, but the interpretation of one of those

flags worked in their favor at a crucial time.

Leading 14-7, the Shamrocks were called for a personal foul after hitting Przygodski out of bounds following an eight yard run on fourth down to CC's 22.

The referees ruled the foul occurred after the whistle, meaning no automatic first down. The five-yard penalty left the River Rats short of the first down, turning the ball over to CC.

The Shamrocks sealed the outcome with a 62-yard 10 play drive that ended with Tubaro's four yard run with 2:24 remaining.

So much for a sprained ankle. "This was the state championship and something like that can't keep you down," Tubaro said.

Spolsky's plays provide a lift

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Chuck Spolsky got his hands on the football and also had some heroics in the end zone in Saturday's Class AA state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Sounds like the kind of day his brother John, a sophomore on the Air Force Academy's football team, used to enjoy as an all-state fullback at CC.

But Spolsky, a 5-foot-11, 195-pounder, wouldn't dare suggest he should have been used as a ballcarrier the last two years.

Spolsky was quite content opening holes for the running backs as an offensive lineman and stuffing holes as a tackle on defense.

Still, it was good seeing some of Chuck's plays lead to points in the Shamrocks' 23-7 victory over Ann Arbor Huron.

His interception at Huron's 15 yard line early in the second quarter led to the Shamrocks' first touchdown, a 4-yard run by Josh Christenson with 9:18 left in the half.

Spolsky also combined with Chris Respondek on a safety, sacking Huron quarterback Joel Przygodski in the end zone with 2:02 remaining in the game to

finish the scoring. Spolsky went to the turf immediately after making his interception.

"Coach (Roy) Dudas says 'Smell the skunk,'" Spolsky said. "I was fortunate enough to catch it. So I just fell on it. I didn't want to press my luck."

Sign of the times: A sign on the wall in the tunnel at the Pontiac Silverdome said: "Hey CC, Alls was down. Stevenson rules."

The sign was in reference to the week before when CC's Joe Sgroi recovered a fumble by Joe Alls on a punt return leading to the go-ahead touchdown in a 21-17 Class AA semifinal playoff victory.

There was a question of whether Alls was down before he fumbled the ball.

After beating Ann Arbor Huron, 23-7, for the Class AA championship it's safe to say the sign wasn't anything the Shamrocks would read and weep over.

Flags galore: The Shamrocks were penalized 11 times for 117 yards to Huron's seven for 55 yards. Mach can't remember the Shamrocks ever being penalized that much, crediting some of the infractions to "overenthusiasm" on his players' part.

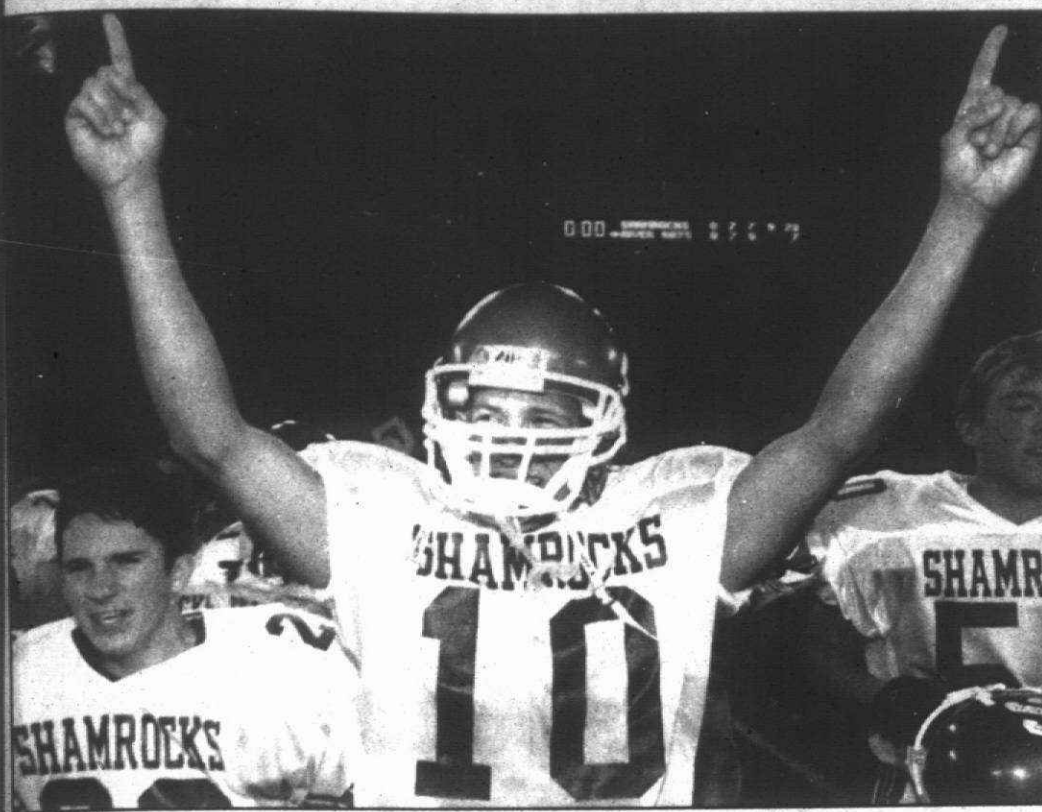
The officials also called several delay of game penalties on both teams.

"It was unbelievable the amount of penalties we had," Mach said. "The referees were spotting the ball quicker than in the history of spotting the ball, and I'm not a computer - I was trying to call the plays as quick as possible."

Team effort: Senior quarterback Adam Tubaro was the undisputed leader on offense and senior linebacker Joe Sgroi the same on defense, but Mach can't single out any of the members of the 1997 team.

The Shamrocks were ranked among the top 10 in Class AA throughout the season but had to wait until the championship game to stake their claim as the No. 1 team.

"Not a lot of people gave them too much credit early, and they decided in their own minds they'd be state champs," Mach said. "They believed in themselves 100 percent. It's an easy group to coach, and had fun going to practice. I didn't have one bit of problem with anybody this year. It was a great year from a great bunch of kids. They listened, learned, did what you said. There's nothing more a coach could ask."



Reason to celebrate: Shamrock quarterback Adam Tubaro gives the appropriate signal after guiding his team to the Class AA state championship.

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A perfect ending

Tubaro is to CC's football team what Brian Griese is to the University of Michigan: Someone who came from obscurity to lead his team with a confident, yet controlled style that produces few mistakes.

Tubaro passed for more than 1,300 yards and threw for 17 touchdowns. Impressive numbers for anyone, but almost unheard of for a CC quarterback.

Getting coach Tom Mach to add the pass to his run-oriented offense is akin to asking Rush Limbau to become a Democrat.

"One thing I pride myself on is making as few mistakes as possible," Tubaro said. "We all expected the passing game to go well, it was just a matter of coach Mach letting us go with it. I have receivers I can throw the ball to who adjust and make a mediocre throw look great."

Toughness is a Tubaro trait, probably from his background as a defensive back. He was starting two-ways this year before a shoulder injury against Warren

DeLaSalle scared Mach more than the forward pass used to.

"I don't avoid contact at all," said Tubaro, who carries a 3.1 grade point average and scored a 26 on his ACT. "I enjoy it."

Tubaro decided against coming out for his fourth season on CC's basketball team to concentrate more on his improvement in football. He hopes to play collegiately.

Maybe his neighbor in his new Livonia neighborhood, former Central Michigan University tight end Pat Bonk, can still run a pass route or two for him in the off-season.

In good company

It's been billed as the Year of the Quarterback in Michigan and though Tubaro isn't in the Fab Five group headed by Brighton's Drew Henson, he's near the top of the next list.

Ironically, Tubaro started his football career as a lineman in the sixth grade at St. Gemma's in Detroit.

He was taking after his dad, who was a lineman at Detroit

Benedictine. Adam couldn't listen to all his advice.

"I played when they allowed head slaps," Eddie Tubaro said. "Wasn't that before they had facemasks?"

Tubaro always had a strong arm, even as a toddler, his mother, Marie, remembers.

"He'd play whiffle ball in the house with his dad but I had to cut it out because his throws kept deflecting off pictures," Marie Tubaro said.

The Tubaros lived next door to the Baaki family, whose boys Bill and Brian attended CC, near Telegraph and Schoolcraft roads.

Adam and Brian were buddies growing up, which meant they fought a lot.

"And 10 minutes later, we'd be back out playing," remembers Adam.

Judging by his 11 of 15 performance in a snowstorm during the 21-3 regional final win over Troy, Tubaro probably never lost

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Lady Crusaders win 2 down South

Katie Cushman sparked a second-half comeback for Madonna University's women's basketball team that resulted in a 99-92 triumph for the Lady Crusaders over St. Cloud State Friday at the University of Tampa.

Madonna's momentum carried over to Saturday against host Tampa. The Crusaders nailed 40-of-62 shots from the floor (64.5 percent) in posting a 97-94 victory.

The two wins improved Madonna's record to 4-2. It was St. Cloud's first loss of the season after three wins.

In Friday's game, a six-point run by St. Cloud in the final minute of the first half put the Crusaders down by five, 42-37, at the intermission.

But they exploded for 62 second-half points, led by Cushman, who poured in 24 of her game-high 34 points in the final 20 minutes. She hit five three pointers in the second half, finishing with seven (in 14 attempts) for the game.

Cushman was 11-of-21 from the floor in the game. She also had eight assists and five steals.

Madonna trailed by seven early in the second half, but that quickly changed with the Crusaders rolling on a 16-2 run in the next four minutes. Cushman had two triples in that rally.

Five players reached double-figures in scoring for Madonna. Angie Negri collected 14 points, four assists and two steals; Lori Enfield had 13 points and 12 rebounds (in 21 minutes); Chris Dietrich scored 12 points; and Mary Murray had 10.

Christine Williamson and Teri Watkins each scored 23 points to pace St. Cloud.

On Saturday against Tampa, Cushman was again provided the ignition. The junior guard made 8-of-12 shots from the field (66.7 percent), including 5-of-9

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three-pointers (55 percent), and dished out seven assists.

She got plenty of help. Dietrich added 20 points and four assists; Dawn Pelc connected on 7-of-9 shots (77 percent) to score 14 points, and she also had six rebounds and four assists; Negri had 10 points, six boards and five assists; and Murray had 10

points. Chevera Smith topped Tampa with 28 points.

Huntington 87, Madonna 54 (men): A combination of factors led to Madonna University's demise Friday at the Walsh College Tournament in North Canton, OH.

First, the Fighting Crusaders poor shooting (22-of-53, 41.5 percent). Second, their defense

against Huntington College's shooting (34-of-57, 59.6 percent).

Mark Hayes led the Crusader scorers with 18 points. Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton) contributed 11 points and five rebounds.

Huntington got 25 points from Jeff Shepherd, 14 from Joe Gaff (on 7-for-7 shooting) and 12 from Ryan Ripke.

Centennial 85, Madonna 83

(men): The Crusaders played better in their second game at the Walsh College Tournament, against Centennial College Saturday. But the result was still a defeat, Madonna's seventh in eight games.

The Crusaders made 50 percent of their shots (28-of-56) and got balanced scoring, led by John-Mark Branch's 16 points. He also had seven rebounds. Jason Maschke (Livonia

Franklin) and Hayes added 15 points each, Hurley scored 14 and Narvin Russaw finished with 13 and eight boards.

Duane Elder, who hit 8-of-15 threes, led Centennial with 34 points. Shawn Palmer added 15.

Madonna outrebounded Centennial, 34-29, but couldn't match their opponents long-range accuracy (9-of-20, 45 percent on threes; Madonna was 5-of-14, 35.7 percent).

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BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Everybody knows Dick and Jane. They had a little sister named Sally, a dog named Spot (run, Spot, run), a cat named Puff and parents who were always impeccably dressed.

Of course, in the early years, they lived in an all-white suburban neighborhood.

They were always happy and repeated themselves a lot.

Of course, Dick and Jane were up to serious business. They were our road to reading and, in their day, a revolutionary shift from the traditional phonics to a method called "look-say" or whole language reading.

These educational revolutionaries are back, at least temporarily, as an exhibit at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, beginning Dec. 8 and continuing through the end of the month.

"The Story of Dick and Jane" began in 1994 as a special exhibit at the Richmond Public Library in Richmond, Va. In 1995 it won the American Library Association's John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award after it proved to be a solid hit with library patrons. The exhibit is now on a five-year, cross-country tour of U.S. libraries.

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Disney brings life to 'Aladdin'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

If you liked "Aladdin" the movie, you're gonna love it on ice.

"No one walks away without a smile on their face," said Robert Stoker, performance director for "Walt Disney's World on Ice - Aladdin," at Joe Louis Arena through Sunday, Dec. 7. "To do this live on ice makes it all that more exciting. It's a better sound track. Music was enhanced and expanded, it was specially recorded for the show. It's better than the original."

An international cast of "very successful figure skaters" brings Disney's rags-to-riches story of Aladdin to life. "I've been with the company for 10 years, six as a skater," said Stoker who was born in Sydney, Australia. "I watch every performance to make sure everything looks good - the choreography, scenery, sound and lighting."

Movie fans will recognize the voices, but because this "Aladdin" is live, some scenes are expanded. For instance, "You Ain't Never had a Friend Like Me" with Aladdin and the Genie builds into a big colorful production number," explained Stoker in a phone interview from Rochester, N.Y. "There are lots of surprises."

Jaime Eggleton plays the determined Aladdin who falls in love with

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Join Trinity House for 'The Long Christmas Dinner'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Think about your life in relation to Christmas, or holiday dinners you've shared with family members. These celebrations are markers by which we can measure our passage from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, births and deaths.

Thornton Wilder chose "The Long Christmas Dinner," to illustrate 90 years of life in the Bayard family. The one-act play opening Friday at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, is being presented with "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation by Ford Ainsworth of "The Second Shepherd's Play."

Guest director Thomas Malcolm Olson of St. Paul, Minn., has been working to create an ensemble cast that will make the audience feel like they're part of the show.

"We're all in this together folks," is the message Olson and his cast wants to send.

Only 50 people will be admitted to each performance, and the audience, if they choose, can enjoy a shared meal of bread bowls, hot soup and cider with the cast in a sort of progressive dinner. The scene will be set as you enter the theater. Actors will hand out bread bowls, and soup and cider will be served during intermission.

Believing that theater is a "mirror to the community, which provokes thought," Trinity House The-



Drama: Paul Henry (as Charles) and Colleen Hayes (right, Leonora) rehearse a scene from "The Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder. Hayes has just learned her son Sam was killed in the war.

atre is trying to blur the boundary where theater begins and ends with these productions.

A ramp extends from the stage to the seating area, which helps link the make believe world of theater and the real world.

"The audience has a role in community theater," said Olson. "There's an intimacy of space, and we embrace this. You cannot watch these productions like TV. We try to commune with the audience, they're part of the play."

As you join the Bayard family during "The Long Christmas Dinner," you'll be reminded of your own. From the first Christmas dinner you ever spent in your new house with grandma to the last after your children have grown, and left to build houses of their own. Time goes very fast. There are deaths, marriages, and births, yet a certain familiarity prevails.

The "sermon was lovely, I cried and cried," says Lucia, one of the characters, year after year. There are shared memories, as history is passed generation to generation.

"It's not all happy memories," said Olson. "There are confrontations between family members who disagree. Sometimes this escalates into violence."

"There's a very keen sense of reality," said Colleen Hayes of Farmington Hills portrays Leonora in "The Long Christmas Dinner," and a Snow

Maiden in "The Sheep Thief."

"There are tender moments, and some bittersweet, but that's how life is - there is good and bad."

In "The Sheep Thief," the second play to be presented, three bumbling shepherds fight sleep to protect their flock, fail, and search for their finest lamb, which is stolen.

Many lines rhyme sing-song in this medieval play, and the script is very funny. Mak the thief takes a lamb home to his wife Gil. They pretend the lamb is a baby when the shepherds come to retrieve it, along the way they discover the miracle of Christmas.

"This play's in verse form," said Olson. "There's a

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Viper Room emphasizes intimate club atmosphere

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Redford resident Alex Handy hopes that his new nightclub The Viper Room Detroit will provide visitors with a comfortable alternative to the "mega clubs" found throughout the area. "It's a good intimate club that gives people a chance to get away from the mega-club atmosphere and to be treated really well with good service," said Handy, a 29-year-old 1986 Redford Thurston High School graduate.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL HANSEN

New club: Alex Handy of Redford recently opened The Viper Room Detroit which hosts dance nights and live bands five days a week.

There's so many mega-clubs going on between the Motor Lounge, Industry, Clutch Cargo's, and on and on. The Viper Room (Velvet Lounge in Pontiac) kind of cool, but that's a totally different thing. As far as live music and a dance club, there's no mid-sized ones, especially on the east side. That's what sets it apart.

This weekend, The Viper Room Detroit, 17320 Harper (between Morross and Cadieux roads), Detroit, is celebrating its grand opening with performances by 3 Speed, Hopper, Monkey Chuck, and Elephant Gerald on Friday, Dec. 5, and Trail, Fletcher Pratt and Less Than Useful on Saturday, Dec. 6. For more information, call (313) 881-3611.

Handy admits that a "mega-club" is "cool once in awhile but sometimes you just want to hang out in a club where you get to know the bartender, you know the doorman, or you get to know the people who are there — the DJs, the musicians or whatever."

Handy has been in the building for a couple of months stripping the former Impound club of its carpet, painting the floors and the walls, redoing the bathrooms and the stage, and adding new sound and lighting equipment. "I'm basically trying to overcome the Impound's notorious past. We basically went in there and gutted the whole inside and repainted it, redid the whole outside. I want to give a decent venue to the east siders."

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Working with a booking agency out of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Handy has hosted a variety of local acts along with Wesley Willis and Touch and Go recording artists U.S. Maple. "I want it to be the only club in the Detroit area that actually works with the scene as far as the bands promoting the club and the club owner promoting the bands. One of my plans is a year from now I want to put out a compilation by the bar called The Viper Room Compilation that will have some of my favorite bands that have played over the last year. I'll send it out to the artist with no cost."

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'Spectacular' show brings 'A Little Christmas' to Detroit

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" continues through Saturday, Dec. 27 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Dec. 4-6, Dec. 9-13, Dec. 16-20, Dec. 22-23, and Dec. 26-27; 1 p.m. 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21; 2 p.m. Dec. 24. No show Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10-\$50 and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.



Kicks: Rockettes Erica Bromm (left) of Farmington Hills, and Denise Caston of Clarkston, perform with "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

After seeing "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular," starring the Rockettes at the Fox, a lot of people are hoping it will become an annual holiday tradition. "There's more to "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" than the Rockettes, although they do play a starring role. It's a "Spectacular" variety show with lots of surprises, and everyone in the audience opening night, Nov. 28, loved it.

The cast includes Santa and Mrs. Claus, elves, skaters, an ensemble of singers and dancers, and a young boy and girl who perform holiday music written just for the show. Against a backdrop of colorful, creative sets, this multi-talented cast, dressed in dazzling costumes, celebrates cherished holiday traditions in eight different scenes beginning with "We Need A Little Christmas."

Each scene tells a story, which is introduced by a narrator. The applause was thundering as the Rockettes stepped out on stage carrying rings of gold garland. "The Nutcracker" puts an interesting twist on this familiar classic. Clara joins a cuddly cast of roly poly characters for "A Teddy Bear's Dream."

With military precision, the Rockettes perform "The Parade of The Wooden Soldiers." As a cannon fires, they fall backward like dominoes, without falling out of formation. "Christmas in New York" features carolers in Central Park, falling snow, and two figure skaters dressed in white who twirl around gracefully on a platform of real ice. The Rockettes make their entrance through the doors of a taxi.

magnificent program, and it is ever. Live animals — sheep, a donkey, and two camels — parade

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except for a few distracting sound system glitches, "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" lives up to all the excitement it has generated. It's a fast-paced show, and children will not be bored. They'll love the towering jack-in-the-boxes, and other

surprises such as the little white dog who is taken out of a box as the cast opens their presents. The Rockettes are truly a kick — it's amazing how they perform in perfect union without ever missing a beat.

Producers of "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" put "The Holiday Spirit in Christmas,"

and keep the focus where it belongs — on celebrating the season with family and friends, and remembering what happened so long ago in that "Little Town of Bethlehem" on a "Silent Night."

You'll want to make "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" part of your holiday tradition.

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Aladdin from page E1

Princess Jasmine, an exotic beauty portrayed by Lynda Downey. Shae Green skates the part of the Sultan of Agrabah who is controlled by his advisor, Jafar, and wisecracking parrot, Iago. Alexandre Kortchach is Jafar, the sorcerer driven by a lust for power.

Christopher Phipson is the all-powerful Genie, who materializes from a magic lamp to help Aladdin learn the lessons of loyalty, integrity, and his own self-worth. "Aladdin is much, much more than the traditional ice production that audiences have come to expect from Walt Disney's World on Ice," said producer Kenneth

Trinity from page E1

real melody, and a Vaudeville, slapstick quality to the humor, but when the angels enter the mood changes "radiantly." "It's very silly and light-hearted," said Hayes. P.W. Henry of Westland portrays Charles in "The Long Christmas Dinner," and the shepherd Col in "The Sheep Thief."

these plays? It shows his love for theater. "The Long Christmas Dinner" is serious drama, but Henry says "The Sheep Thief," is a chance for the audience to have some fun, and see the birth of Jesus in a different light.

"We have a real good sense of working together as a team," she said. "It's going to be a good opportunity for audience participation, not anything to be scared of. They can come and share our Christmas dinner with us."

Library from page E1

Library discussions of how to best use the materials we have and bring attention to our children's library," said Elena Siddall, a former Richmond library board member and exhibit coordinator.

"Nobody had ever done an exhibit on textbooks and, really, they're a snapshot of the culture where society was heading. We instantly had the idea of doing a Dick and Jane exhibit."

Dick and Jane was created by Zerna Sharp in 1930 and published by Scott Foresman as an alternative to the traditional phonics method. In look-say, simple words were repeated over and over again until they were learned. The series was eventually used in 85 percent of America's schools, including special versions for Roman Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist schools.

from residents (eventually receiving books from throughout the United States) and went to Scott Foresman. "They were very protective of Dick and Jane, but I needed to have permission to reproduce material for publicity," said Siddall.

Scott Foresman has been protective about anyone using the famous images for commercial purposes. They have also been sensitive to criticism of the books since the last edition was released in 1965. The series was taken out of circulation in the mid-'70s except for a few Amish communities.

Dick and Jane were the targets of severe criticism from the late 1960s on. The series was attacked as being less effective than phonics and it was also attacked for its portrayal of a sterile, standardized, white suburban environment. "The idea was to take the seven editions over 4 1/2 decades with blowups emphasizing several themes: the look of the family, the appearance of the house, the cars. It's a snapshot of what people looked like," said Siddall.

received a lot of valuable material from Thompson. "The show has a lot of nostalgia. There has been criticism of the whole language approach instead of phonics and complaints of dumbing down and also comments on the sexism and racism of the books. But mostly it's been extremely positive," said Siddall.

Siddall said the exhibit has been a rewarding experience for her and the library. When it completes its tour, she said, the library will fold the material into its permanent collection.

An amusing folder put out by the Richmond library has some fun with Dick and Jane (a title of one of the early books and later used for a Jane Fonda movie). "Oh, oh. See the 1960s. "See women's groups accuse Dick and Jane of stereotyping gender."

Refurbished 'Les Miserables' is now more enjoyable than ever

"Les Miserables" continues through Jan. 4, at the Fisher Theatre, Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. matinee Saturdays and Sundays. Special holiday performances 1 and 7 p.m. Nov. 26 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31. No performances Dec. 24 or Jan. 1. Tickets \$15 to \$55 available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666. BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

This is musical theater with deep emotion, continuous action, lush music and vivid color. It is the perfect way to introduce young people to the special qualities that separate theater from movies.

I also suspect that the revolutionary setting of 1830s Paris is reminiscent of the 1960s for many baby boomers and the sentimental yearnings expressed in the Alain Boublil-Claude-Michel Schonberg musical match the feelings of many former "student revolutionaries."

This "Les Miz" production has a new light system which is more dramatic and eye-popping; a new sound system that is clear, warm and totally void of the usual annoying feedback of most musical theater; bright new costumes; and subtle, but appropriate, changes in the play itself. All of these add up to a road show

with more zest, more visual dynamics and richer sound than most Broadway productions. But what really makes this "Les Miz" special is a uniformly excellent acting company, a company that wrings all the emotion necessary without becoming too cloying, even in those moments which threaten to go over the top.

"Les Miserables" was Victor Hugo's gigantic novel exposing the injustices of France in the early 1800s. It centers on the story of Jean Valjean, a petty thief with a temper who becomes victimized by the French penal system. He finds redemption and a new path through the kindness of a bishop, but he is continuously hounded by the self-righteous police officer Javert.

Gregory Calvin Stone is a strong, vital Valjean. His soaring tenor sometimes falters, but it

has rich emotional qualities, especially on "Who Am I" and "Bring Him Home." Todd Alan Johnson is a worthy adversary as the rigid Javert. Johnson has a Puritan minister's gaze that is appropriately chilling and a voice that is expressive.

Holly Jo Crane delivers a strong performance as Fantine, especially on her wrenching "I Dreamed a Dream."

Rona Figueroa gives a vivid, emotionally expressive performance as the sad, rejected Eponine.

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MOVIES

French director resurrects the 'Alien' saga



JOHN MONAGHAN

The last time we saw Ripley... Officer Ellen Ripley, she was taking a dive into a fiery inferno that seemingly put an end to her and to the 'Alien' movie franchise. Two hundred years later, she has been cloned and from her an alien offspring has been surgically removed.

(and actually look forward to this follow-up to that miserable third entry was the visuals, and in the able hands of French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, 'Alien Resurrection' doesn't disappoint.

Jeunet (with collaborator Marc Caro) created two of the decade's most spectacular-looking films, the hyperkinetic 'Delicatessen' and the eerie, atmospheric 'City of Lost Children.' Enlisting him for this fourth installment of the 'Alien' series proved an inspired idea.

Here, military scientists want to exploit the monster by breeding it with humans and thus creating superbeings. Of course, this new breed of alien escapes and it's up to Ripley to blow them off the ship, which is quickly speeding back to Earth.

I didn't get much farther in the scientific intricacies of the plot, but I did deduce that Ripley is the creatures show their sea legs as their human prey struggle to reach oxygen.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information.

Because you can bet that there's already an 'Alien 5' in the works. And I'm thinking, if it's half as clever and quirky as this, count me in.

Save Ferris' 'Eileen' cover wins support of fans



CHRISTINA FUOCO

hit 'Come on Eileen' one night at a show. Its popularity spread like wildfire. So, while Save Ferris was rebranding its debut album 'It Means Everything' (Epic), its members decided to throw it on.

Save Ferris, named after the title character in the John Hughes' movie 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' dabbles in a variety of genres on 'It Means Everything' including swing, cool jazz and ska.

Save Ferris, Marcy Playground, Fuel and the Eclectics, perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at St. Andrew's Hall, 421 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$5.99 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

Working in Philadelphia with producers the Butcher Brothers (Urge Overkill, Cypress Hill), Getaway Cruiser also brought on board Pras from the Fugees and Cool Keith from Ultramagnetic MCs and Dr. Octagon.



Playing St. Andrew's: Save Ferris - from left, Marc Harris-mendy, Eric Zamora, Jose Castellanos, Bill Uechi (seated), Brian Mashburn, T-Bone Willy, and Monique Powell.

Students learn about the creative process



ANN DELISI

Over the course of about one and a half seasons of Backstage Pass, we've looked at a lot of art - dance, theater, poetry, cinema, the visual arts and music of every kind.

Maskill explained how she found her artifact. "I was instantly attracted to the bombillas. They were exquisite to look at and remarkable to hold. The drinking of mate is a cultural tradition in South America and while the straws were all used for the same thing, each one was a little different. I found connection and separateness in this."

The exhibition will reflect the diversities of medium, approach and also the array of objects to which individual students were drawn. Donna Maskill, a CCS senior living in Ferndale, was intrigued by bombillas, which are straws used to drink a South American tea, called "mate."

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Advertisement for Anastasia musical featuring photos of the cast and promotional text.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Large movie guide section with multiple columns listing theaters, showtimes, and movie titles like 'The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer' and 'The Leet Storm'.

Advertisement for Woodward Dream Cruise featuring a large image of a car and promotional text.

Large advertisement for Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise, including a 'Give a Gift That Goes with Everything!' headline and various product listings.

Advertisement for 'Kiss or Kill' movie featuring a couple in a romantic embrace and promotional text.

Large advertisement for the movie 'Flubber' featuring Robin Williams and a dog, with the headline 'OUTRAGEDUSLY FUNNY!'.

Advertisement for 'Now Playing' section listing various theaters and movies.

Advertisement for 'The Rainmaker' movie featuring Matt Damon and promotional text.

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Advertisement for 'Now Playing' section listing various theaters and movies.

Advertisement for 'Make the Discovery Today!' listing various AMC theaters and showtimes.

Large advertisement for 'Alien Resurrection' movie featuring Sigourney Weaver and Ripley, with the headline 'ALIEN RESURRECTION ROCKS!'.

DINING

Area restaurants offer festive holiday atmosphere

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Looking for the most festive holiday dining spots? With the number of high-profile restaurants and excellent chefs in the area, we understand the dilemma. Taking their well-appointed dining atmosphere a step further with holiday decorations or Hanukkah celebrations, the following restaurants have special features; some on certain days, so reservations are advised.

■ **Big Rock Chop & Brew House** - 245 S. Eton, Birmingham (248) 647-7774.

Big Rock's master brewer Dean Jones rolls out "Winter Welcome" ale, made only once a year to do what its name implies. This incredibly flavorful, full-bodied, 10 percent alcohol brew with rich maltiness lends itself to easy drinking. It is best enjoyed among the moose, elk, deer and other game trophies creating Big Rock's lodge atmosphere, all decked out for the holidays. Served in its own distinct glass to accentuate its sipping qualities, Jones suggests its phenomenal duality be experienced with Big Rock's standing bone-in filet mignon or with Flying Buffalo Stout Cheesecake as a dessert beverage.

■ **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro** - 26053 Town Center, Novi (248)

380-8460

Decorating for Christmas is a 44-year-old tradition for Diamond Jim's. The extensive regular menu featuring "Little Plates," always appealing for grazing, is featured for the holidays. It is complemented by a host of house specialties served with Caesar Salad or Baby Greens Tossed with Sundried Cranberries and Pinenuts, dressed with low-fat citrus vinaigrette. As highlights, there's Beef Wellington \$18; Dijon and Herb Coated Salmon \$15, Chicken Isabella \$15; and Honey-Roasted Pork Loin \$13.25.

The holiday highlight is a Gingerbread Story. Sous chef Sue Walker, an apprentice in the Culinary Arts program at Oakland Community College, is making gingerbread cookies for Christmas. Proceeds from the cookie sale will help pay Walker's tuition so she can continue in the culinary program.

"Every holiday season, my mother would stay up late on Christmas Eve and fill the entire kitchen table full of frosted gingerbread cookies," she explained. "This year, I am carrying on the family tradition. I love the memories that come with baking gingerbread cookies."

■ **Excalibur** - 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern

Highway), (248)358-3355.

It's hard to beat the holiday ambiance here. Chef/owner Marty Wilks offers an ambitious menu with every imaginable appetizer. You can make a whole meal with the Baby Back Ribs. Whether it's flown-in-daily seafood, meat, poultry, pasta or vegetarian, selections are so broad, you hardly know what to choose. Appetizers range \$10-14 and entrees average \$25. Twin lobster tails or surf and turf are \$33.

■ **Fox & Hounds** - 1560 North Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248)644-4800.

The holiday mood at Fox & Hounds begins as one drives onto the grounds with its European-style hunting lodge outlined in white lights. The flag pole supports a 20-foot multi-colored Christmas Tree and the front entrance displays a large French Horn. The holiday spirit is carried through the dining rooms with exquisite decorations and the warmth of fireplaces. Executive Chef Terry Shuster is offering many traditional specialties including individual Chateaubriand, Chicken Wellington and combination platters of roasted prime rib and individually split Alaskan King Crab Legs.

■ **The Lark** - 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248)661-

4466.

The December Old English Holiday Feast is the most popular monthly theme dinner at the Lark. As such, Mary and Jim Lark are offering it on more evenings this year: Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 and 10; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15, 16 and 17; and Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23. The fitting holiday repast, \$95 per person, will be accompanied by equally appropriate live music, including madrigals and carols. A wine bouquet to accompany the seven-course feast is available. Among courses are Beignet of Dover Sole, Oysters in Champagne Sauce, Lobster Bisque, Halibut Bristol with Dublin Bay Prawns, Roast Goose with Port Wine Sauce ending with a Yule Log accompanied by Guernsey Island Ice Cream and Rum Sauce.

■ **Stage & Co.** - 6873 Orchard Lake Road (south of Maple), West Bloomfield (248)855-6622. In honor of its 35th anniversary, Stage & Co. is treating diners to "35 Days of Customer Appreciation" through Dec. 27. Tuesday through Sunday, the restaurant and deli is featuring celebratory activities ranging from menu promotions and magic shows to caricatures and handwriting analysis. Sunday brunch for four is \$35. Celebrate Hanukkah



STAFF PHOTO JERRY ZOLINSKY

Holiday atmosphere: Executive Chef Terry Shuster and restaurant owner Kevin Downey at Fox & Hounds where the holiday spirit is carried through the dining rooms with exquisite decorations and the warmth of fireplaces.

December 23 with 35 1/2-size latkes for \$19.62. The December 24 special is 2 pounds of corned beef or pastrami and rye for \$19.62. Stage and Co. is open Christmas Day.

If your restaurant is not included in our holiday round-

up, fax information to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, (313) 591-7279, or send to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features theme dinners, menu changes, and restaurant openings. Send news items to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

■ **Clarkston Cafe** - 18 S. Main, Clarkston, (248) 625-5660.

Dickens Singers will perform 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 10 and 17 to get diners in the holiday mood.

These are the same singers who perform at the Village of Holly's Christmas celebration. To go along with the theme, a special menu will focus on English entrees including cider-glazed

Cornish Hen, Pecan Turkey with warm cranberry sauce, Trout with apples and toasted hazelnuts, Ham and Chicken Pie, Roasted Pork with apricots and sweet spices and Peppercorn Beef Top Round. Prices on these specials range from \$11 to \$20. Children's menu available.

■ **Eagle Tavern** - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Call (313) 271-1620 for reservations and information.

Open on select evenings during the holidays, serving food and spirits that were prepared from mid-19th century.

■ **Henry Ford Estate** - on the campus of The University of

Michigan, Dearborn, Call (313) 593-5590 for reservations/information.

A variety of special events will be offered at the Henry Ford Estate during the holidays including, Breakfast with Santa, 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, \$9; Holiday Luncheon Concerts, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-12, \$19.50; and Candles and Carols Dinner 6:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 7 and 14, \$38. The Pool Restaurant is open for lunch weekdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Limited lunch

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