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Backstage with the Rockettes



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Getting a leg up: Olivia Wofford (back row, third from left) practices her number with members of the Rockettes. The Canton girl won the dance lesson in a local television station promotion.

Dance lesson is a real kick

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Olivia Wofford, 9, of Canton has taken dance lessons for four years, and now - thanks to her mother and FOX-TV Channel 2 - she's had a lesson from the world-famous New York Rockettes.

A few weeks ago, mom Christine was in her husband's home office when she caught a blurb on Channel 2 announcing a contest for children to win dance lessons with the Rockettes. The world-famous high-kickers currently are starring in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Inspiration bright as a Christmas



Olivia Wofford

tree light flashed in her head: Olivia. Without telling her daughter, Christine dashed off a picture of her daughter dolled up in a pink dance costume to Channel 2. "I thought, oh

well, that would be great if she won."

Well, ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas, Olivia was one of 15 children randomly chosen from over 300 entries. Lessons were scheduled before showtime on Dec. 11 in the Fox Theatre's lobby.

Five Rockettes, dressed in red velvet and white fur, instructed the 14 girls and reluctant one boy in steps from the show's famous "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" number. The lesson lasted 45 minutes.

"It was fabulous, everyone (maybe not the boy) was in awe," said Chris-

Please see ROCKETTES, A10

EMS to begin billing for ambulance runs

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

As of Jan. 22, Canton residents will be billed \$200 for an ambulance ride to a nearby hospital. Non-residents will pay \$300.

The billing procedure will begin prior to the start-up of Advanced Life Support (ALS) services by Canton firefighters, which will be online in late 1998 or early 1999, according to fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

Prices will then increase to \$350 for residents and \$500 for non-residents.

"We don't want to put a burden on the taxpayers. It's not the case. Most of the time it's paid by (medical or auto) insurance so we're not looking to put an undue hardship on anyone," said Tony Minghine, Budget and Finance director.

Canton is the only community in Wayne County that does not bill for ambulance service, he said.

In the past, Canton only billed non-residents and often waived the fee. Out of the 1,840 transports in 1997 only 359 were billed, amounting to \$60,000

in revenue.

"I've only been here a year so I really don't know why (Canton never collected the fee from residents in the past). I guess they didn't recognize the opportunity," said Minghine.

The first year of charging for the ambulance transports is expected to raise \$330,000 in revenue. The money will be earmarked for fire services and defray costs of ALS training and equipment.

Canton firefighters will be trained as paramedics allowing them to administer IVs and medication. Paramedics are equipped with heart monitors and defibrillators.

Under its current Basic Life Support (BLS) service, firefighters are trained as EMTs, whose basic purpose is to rapidly transport victims to the hospital for treatment.

The Canton Board of Trustees tentatively agreed to the ALS program when they approved the 1998 budget. Approximately \$31,000 has been budgeted for the training of firefighters.

Please see EMS, A4

Holiday challenge: Keeping kids busy during break

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When school lets out for the holidays, youngsters often complain "there's nothing to do."

Parents seek "activities usually where their kids can do something in the afternoon," said Jennifer Varajon, recreation specialist for Summit on the Park in Canton. Parents appreciate activities where kids can be dropped off for the day.

"They do," agreed Denise Felix, senior program director for the Livonia Family YMCA. "We keep them busy here." Activities at the YMCA in Livonia include day camp.

"It's really a lot of fun," Felix said. "It's kind of like a reunion time." Those who attended summer camp come back

for winter fun.

Fun sites for the younger set this winter vacation include:

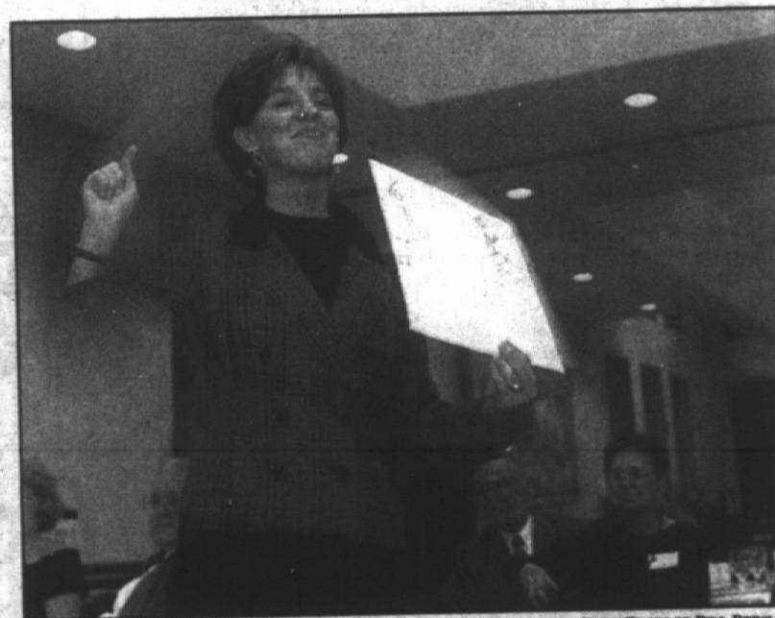
■ The Plymouth District Library, on Main Street between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The library offers a variety of videos, books and other items sure to please visitors of all ages.

Library hours in Plymouth are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The library will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. For information, call (313) 453-0750.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold holiday art and music workshops for children in kindergarten through fifth grade on Saturday, Dec.

Please see KIDS' ACTIVITIES, A6

Evening at the Summit



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Musical cue: Ainsley Sonntag of the a cappella group *Desperate Measures* cues the audience during a rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas" at Saturday's fund-raiser for the Canton Historical Society and Historic District Commission. For more photos from the annual event, please turn to page A4 in today's Observer.



PHOTO BY JERRY MENDORA

Creative fun: Olivia Lemire pours glitter on her project during a holiday crafts workshop at Canton's Summit on the Park. The community center offers a number of drop-off holiday programs for kids.

Court moves to new quarters

■ The modular courthouse across from the former 35th District Court site is open for business. The temporary location could be in use for up to two years while workers replace the court, destroyed by fire last July 2.



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The frantic activity on the lower level of Canton's administration building in recent months will recede with the opening of a temporary 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth.

Until the new courthouse is finished in 18-24 months, the court will be in modular, bolted-together facilities on Plymouth Road.

The temporary court is just across the street from the former Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, destroyed by fire July 2.

The site of the former court will also serve as site for the new court.

On Dec. 12, the Court Advisory Board hired Southfield architects Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta to design the permanent court building.

Court Administrator Kerry Erdman said the new court will likely be three stories, housing around 33,000 square feet.

"Administrative and clerical offices would be on the first floor and courtrooms on the second and third floors," Erdman said.

Please see COURT, A4

Volunteer post goes to full time

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Canton will hire a full-time person at a cost of \$24,500 to \$28,800 to recruit volunteers for local human service agencies, nonprofit groups and special events, such as the Liberty Fest and Healthorama.

Supervisor Tom Yack called it a "quality of life issue" for Canton Township. No other known community has a similar position on the payroll.

"What they'll be doing is building the community through volunteerism," Yack said.

For the past three years, the volunteer coordinator position has been part time and held by Kathleen Salla, who is said to be responsible for making the first national archery tournament held this summer at Heritage Park a huge success.

Salla recruited 200-plus volunteers for the 113th annual U.S. Target Championship, which drew 550 competitors from 17 different countries to Canton.

"I work with about 40 different organizations and basically know what their needs are so I can match people up with their

interests," she said.

Salla receives several calls per week from residents interested in community service. Some of the calls are from students looking to complete the community service portion of the Plymouth-Canton schools' curriculum.

Duties will expand for the full-time volunteer coordinator. Enhancing Project Arts and the arts programming in Canton is one primary focus for 1998.

Other new projects involve teen-agers and the corporate sector. The volunteer coordinator also will help structure and support the township's community groups, such as the Historical Society and the beautification committee.

"Older communities, like Dearborn, have well-established service organizations, such as the Kiwanis Club and Jaycees, with a number of members. What they give back to the community is extraordinary. A new community like Canton doesn't have that," Yack said.

A Federal Community Block Development Grant will pay \$6,000 toward the salary.

Donating dental care for those in need



Helping hands: Canton dentist Thomas Kolderman and his staff will donate their services Friday to area families in need. Kolderman will perform free emergency procedures and dental hygienist Michelle Krusnik (third from left) will do free teeth cleaning for children up to age 16. Other staff members (from left) Patty Nehra, Kelly Crosby, Renee Fondaw and Gina Kasprzak will be on hand. Call 981-1228 for details.

Police to charge 3 in gas station holdup

Three men were expected to be arraigned in 35th District Court Wednesday for allegedly robbing the Total Gas Station on Ford Road and Canton Center.

Two of the robbers, one armed with a shotgun, wore hockey masks as they entered the gas station at 11:44 p.m. Monday, said officer Leonard Shemanske.

The clerk told police that a shotgun was pointed in his face as he was ordered to open the cash register. Afterwards, he was shoved into a bathroom, police said.

The clerk suffered minor injuries from being hit in the face with the butt of the shotgun. Canton officers called out its K-9 squad and searched for the suspects. Other police agencies were alerted to the incident.

Livonia police caught three men matching the robbers' descriptions at a gas station near I-275 and Six Mile Road.

The shotgun, masks and an undisclosed amount of money

COP CALLS

Stolen cars
A 51-year-old Detroit man reported that his 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass was stolen from the Fairfield Inn motel on Haggerty Road sometime between 8 p.m. Dec. 7 and 1 a.m. Dec. 8.

The victim told police that he brought a prostitute to the hotel "to party and watch football". When he woke up the vehicle and his pants were missing.

A 1990 Mercedes Benz, valued at \$50,000, was stolen from the parking lot of the Village Squire Apartments sometime between 4:30-9 a.m. Dec. 9.

I-275 incident leaves 2 women hospitalized

Helping out
A Canton police officer apprehended a man who fled Ann Arbor Police after assaulting one of their officers.

The officer spotted the fleeing 1992 Dodge Caravan on eastbound Warren near Canton Center at 3 a.m. Sunday after receiving information that Ann Arbor police terminated a chase with a similar vehicle.

The van speed through the intersection, and the Canton squad car, at a high rate of speed.

The van was pursued eastbound on Warren and north on Emerson into the Kingsbridge subdivision where the fleeing driver pulled into a driveway on the 7700 block of Royal Court and tried to run off on foot. The subject was arrested a short time later.

The passenger told police a piece of concrete, possibly thrown from the Cherry Hill overpass, shattered the windshield and struck the driver moments before the car veered off the freeway.

Two women were seriously injured Saturday morning when their car veered out of control on I-275 after someone apparently tossed some concrete through the windshield from an overpass, police said.

The accident remained under investigation Monday, said Michigan State Police Trooper Mike Green.

Injured in the one-car crash were driver Nancy Valvona, 45, of West Bloomfield and her passenger, Sharon Hochman, 51, of Orchard Lake.

Valvona was reported in fair condition Monday at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, with unspecified injuries.

Hochman was taken to Annapolis Hospital, then airlifted to University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was reported in good condition Monday, suffering from a broken arm and internal injuries, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The incident happened at 8:15 a.m. on southbound I-275 at Cherry Hill Road in Canton, Green said.

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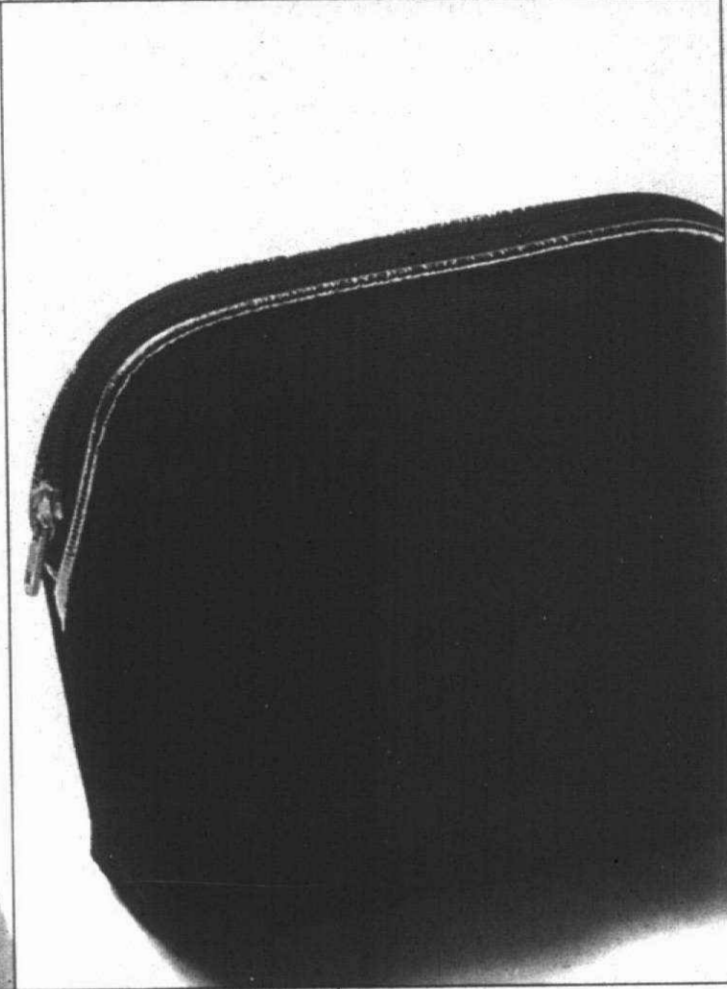
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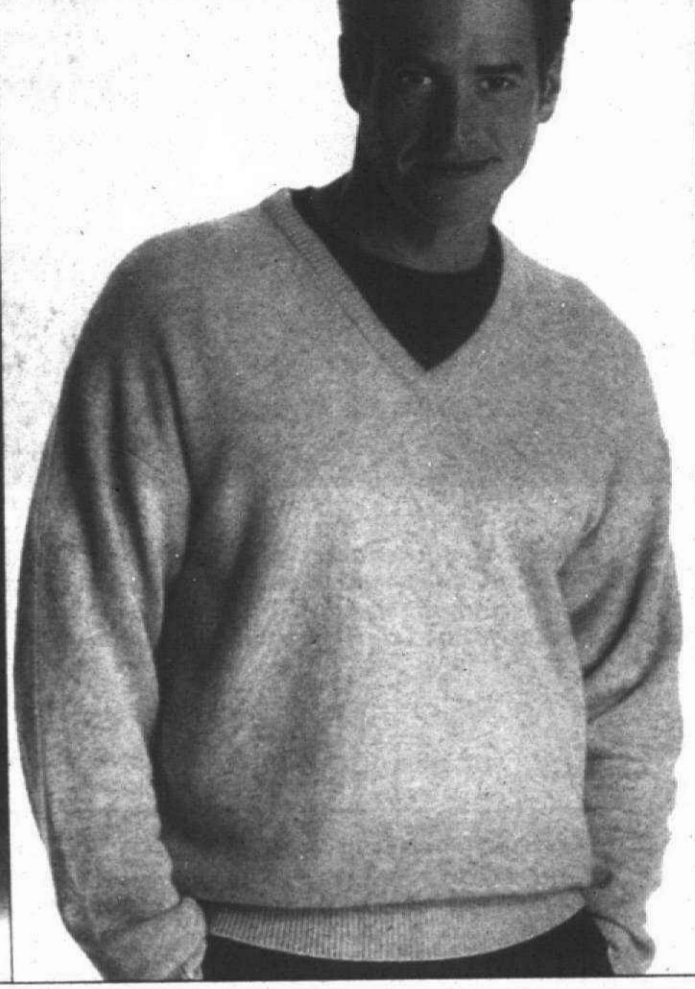
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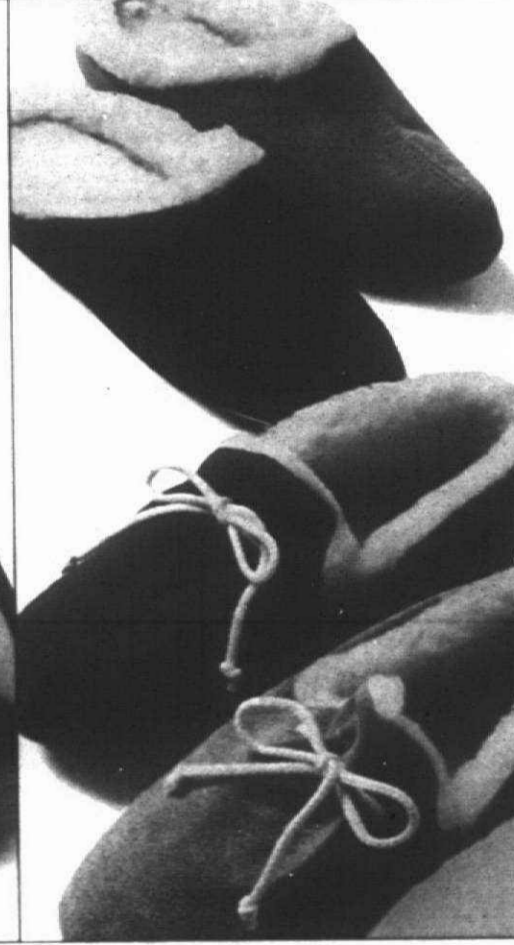
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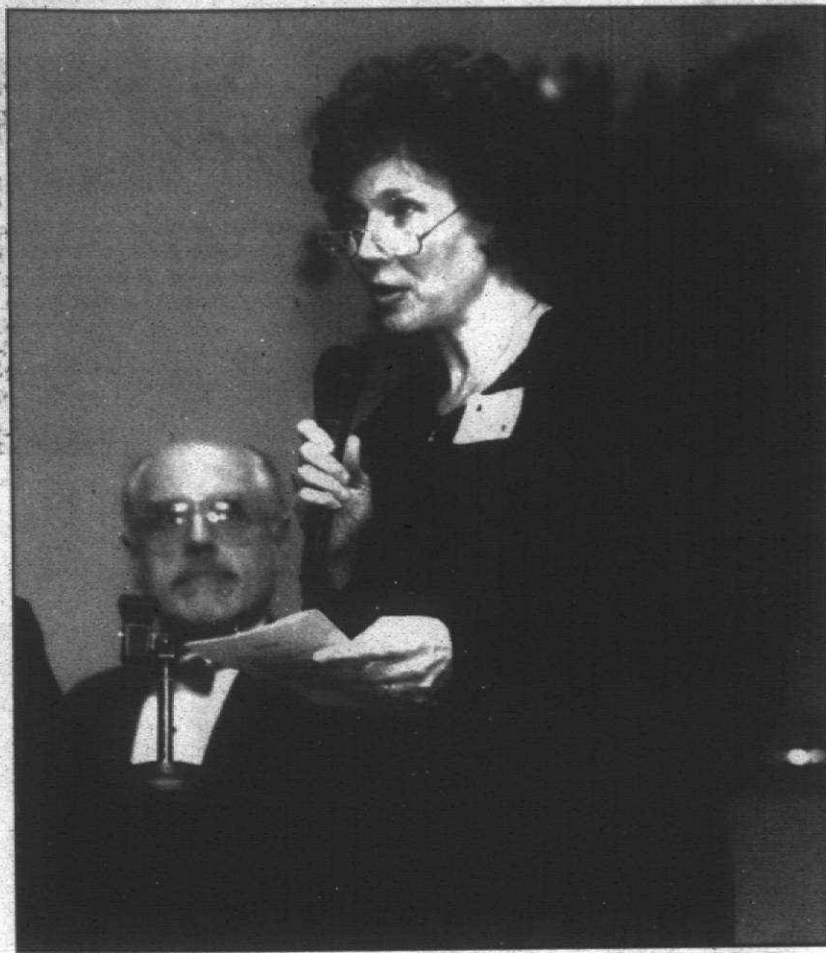
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1996 Grand Award

Canton Historical groups gain from fundraiser



Saying thanks: Virginia Parker, representing the Canton Historical Society, thanks supporters and committee members for helping to plan the annual event. Also pictured is pianist Alden Schell, who performed during social hour and dinner.



Featured entertainment: The cappella group Desperate Measures (above) wowed more than 175 guests during Saturday's Evening at the Summit benefit with an hour-long program of holiday music. Pictured at right, Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett (center) talks with Joanne and Jim Cisek.



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Court from page A1

Erdman said the advisory board hasn't set a budget for the new building. He estimated it will cost \$4 million, paid for from an insurance settlement over the former court.

Small claims cases were the first official business to take place in the temporary court on Friday. The court, with 35 staff, was open for all court-related business Monday.

"I think it's going to do us real well, the courtrooms are huge," Erdman said. While lower ceilings lessen some of the majesty suggested by a typical courtroom, "we're going to make every effort we can to maintain proper decorum," Erdman said.

Stackable plastic and metal chairs are being used throughout the building. Six 12-foot wood benches have been donated by the Detroit College of Law for use in hallways.

The price tag for the temporary courtroom is \$500,000. The modular units are four years old. They come from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, where they served as offices.

The temporary court facility has 16,800 square feet of space, compared to 20,000 square feet in the former court.

"The old court had three sets of bathrooms, there's only one set of bathrooms" in the tempo-

rary court, Erdman said. There will also be less hallway space than previously, and courtrooms and administrative offices will be smaller.

On the positive side, Erdman said, "it's a familiar area for those who are coming to court, as it's just across the street from the old court."

Also, there is nearly unlimited parking at the site, a former Unisys parking lot. While 360 spaces will be striped for parking, there is more paved area for parking if needed.

The facility's temporary nature is suggested by a slight bounce one can detect while walking through some hallways

and by lower ceiling heights, around seven to eight feet.

Since the old courthouse was destroyed, the court operated out of the Canton administration building, Unisys, Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth Township Hall and courts in Redford, Livonia, Westland and Romulus.

"It's going to be nice to have everyone under one roof again," Erdman said. "It will be a lot easier to communicate with everybody."

"It was really a struggle but the staff did an unbelievable job, they kept their spirits high," he said.

Canton officers complete D.A.R.E. training

Canton Police officers Kenneth Winkler and Debra Newsome, who each completed D.A.R.E. school in October, were recently awarded D.A.R.E. assignments.

Winkler will serve as the full-time D.A.R.E. officer, while Newsome will divide her schedule equally between D.A.R.E. and her current patrol duties.

The two officers will teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum to all 11 of Canton's elementary schools.

Winkler joined the department in 1978 as a patrol officer.

Presently, he is a range officer and member of the Accident Investigations Team. He is married with three children.

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EMS from A1

Equipping two squads for ALS is estimated at \$38,000.

Elected officials' final step toward moving to an enhanced emergency service will be approving the expenditure for the paramedic training.

The largest cost factor is that of paying overtime for firefighters since training would be conducted during "off" hours. Overtime is expected to cost the township about \$151,000.

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11 candidates vie for SC appointment

Eleven area residents have applied for a vacancy on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. Applicants had until Monday to submit letters of interest to Schoolcraft College to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh, who was elected in November to the Livonia City Council.

Four of the applicants live in Livonia. Three live in Plymouth, two in Canton, one in Northville and one in Westland.

The applicants are:

- From Canton, Bryan Amann, an attorney and former county commissioner, and Susan Kopinski, deputy chief financial officer at Detroit's Metro Airport.
- From Livonia, Harry Greenleaf, director of transfer college programs in the College of Engineering and Science at the University of Detroit-Mercy and a former Schoolcraft trustee; Ken Harb, an investment advisor with Prudential Securities; Donald Knapp Jr., a research attorney for a Wayne County circuit judge; and Neil Weiner, a counselor at Mackenzie High School.
- From Northville, Greg Stempion, an attorney.
- From Plymouth, Sean FitzGerald, assistant general

counsel at Wayne State University; John Lynch, a retired consultant for the community and business relations division at Washtenaw Community College, and Robert Omilian, a finance manager at Ford Motor Co.

From Westland, Michael Novak, a police officer in Livonia.

The replacement will serve through June 30, 1999. Voters will decide who will serve a six-year term in June 1999.

Board members must reside in the college district and be a registered voter. The college district includes the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, Northville and part of the Novi school districts.

Trustees have scheduled a meeting on Jan. 7 to discuss how to narrow that field. Tentative meeting dates were scheduled for Jan. 17 for interviews and Jan. 24, if necessary.

Trustees plan to approve a final candidate on Jan. 28.

The current Schoolcraft board includes Carol Strom of Livonia, Richard DeVries of Livonia, Steve Ragan of Plymouth, Pat Watson of Northville, Mary Breen of Plymouth Township and Brian Broderick of Plymouth.

Revamped sled hill is open for business

Grab your scarf and mittens, climb into those old galoshes and get the sled down from the nail in the garage.

Wayne County Parks has improved the sledding hill at Cass Benton hill in Hines Park to provide a safer experience for kids of all ages.

Thanks to the millage approved by voters in 1996, two new ramps with hand-rails have been installed to make it easier to trudge back up the hill after each slide down.

And, most importantly, the

parking lot has been re-oriented away from the bottom of the hill to avoid anyone accidentally sliding into the parking area. Future plans call for the addition of a freestanding bonfire can be built to provide a place to warm up after a long afternoon of fun in the snow.

Cass-Benton sledding hill is on Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information, call Wayne County Parks at (313) 261-1990.

Commission reviews split-ticket primary

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

A group of Wayne County residents want to allow split-ticket voting in county primary elections.

Wayne County commissioners may decide today whether to place such a proposal on a countywide ballot, possibly in August 1998. If voters approved the measure, it would allow them to vote for local Democrats in county elections, even if they voted for Republicans or other parties in national or state races, or vote for Republicans in county races if they voted Democratic or other parties nationally.

Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, is expected to introduce the resolution for approval. It may be referred to the commission's Committee on General Government for further study.

Supporters believe the split-ticket voting will create greater inclusion of voters in county electoral decision making and

improve the county's system of home rule.

"When I see numbers indicating that half of my constituents who turn out on primary election day are still excluded from the only county primaries that matter, it becomes obvious that something is drastically wrong," O'Neil said. "I will do all in my power to pass this resolution so that all the people of Wayne County can have no less than what is their right — a voice in their county government."

John Hand, the former charter commission and chairman of Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries, said, "When the number of voters disenfranchised in the polling booths is greater than the margins of difference between candidates for particular offices, it is clearly time to change the system."

"Disenfranchised" voters are described by Hand as voters who are excluded because they cannot cross party lines on the ballots without spoiling them.

In 1996, voters who cast a vote for U.S. Senate candidates Ronna Romney or Jim Nicholson in the Republican primary could not vote for Democratic candidates in county races.

In Garden City, the total Senate votes cast were 2,111. The 1,059 residents who cast votes for Romney and Nicholson were excluded from the local Democratic races or 51 percent of voters who turned out that day.

In largely Republican Livonia and Plymouth, those figures were 71 and 75 percent. In West-

land, 50 percent of voters were disenfranchised. In Canton, Plymouth and Redford townships, those figures were 68, 82 and 82 percent, respectively.

That meant that more than 47,000 voters could not vote in the prosecutor's race between incumbent John O'Hair and state Sen. Virgil Smith, a race won by O'Hair by 13,400 votes.

In a letter to commissioners, ballot proposal supporters called the voter exclusion "terribly unfair." "The promise of home

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Kids' activities from page A1

"Songs of the Season," 9:30-11:30 a.m., will look at different holiday celebrations, including Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

"Christmas Around the World," noon to 2 p.m., will focus on holiday songs and customs from other countries.

Each workshop is \$15 per child. Free child care during lunch will be provided if both sessions are attended.

For reservations or information, call the PCAC at (313) 416-4278.

Fun is also to be found at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, there will be a stained glass ornament activity in the Children's Activity Room. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, a New Year Calendar craft will be featured in the Children's Activity Room. No registration is required.

A collective craft project is planned for children ages 4-10 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, in the Children's Activity Room. The project will be kept in the Children's Services Area. No registration is required.

All day Friday, Jan. 2, children will seek 10 "freaky" things in the Children's Services Area to receive a prize.

Creation Station will be offered for children ages 4-10 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in the Children's Activity Room. No registration is required for the craft activity.

Westland's library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. For information on library activities in Westland, call (313) 326-6123.

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will offer its winter camp Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day except for Wednesday, when hours will be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp is for children ages 5-12 and will feature games, crafts, sports, swimming and field trips. Price is \$85 for members for four days, \$70 for members for three days, \$50 for members for two days. For registration information, call (313) 721-7044.

The Summit on the Park, off of Canton Center south of Cherry Hill in Canton, offers winter fun for the young. Open swim is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Jan. 2.

Drop-in gym time is also available throughout the Christmas vacation period, including teen and family/youth sessions. Drop-in time is designated for all types of activity, including basketball and volleyball. For information, call (313) 397-5110. Schedules are available at the facility.

The Redford Parks and Recreation Department's Ice

Arena will feature skating exhibition 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. The arena is at 12400 Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road.

There will also be a special open skating schedule Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. For recorded times and days, call (313) 93-PARKS.

Farmington Hills Youth & Family Services is at 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 473-1841.

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena will be open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 31. The arena is on Eight Mile west of Gill.

The Farmington YMCA will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 31. The YMCA is on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile.

The Livonia Family YMCA is at 14255 Stark, north of Schoolcraft and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. The YMCA will offer "School's Out" camp for kids ages 5-12. The fun-packed days will include trips on some of the days, swimming and gym games. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and extended care is available at an hourly fee of \$1.50 per hour per family. Extended care runs from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Participants should bring a sack lunch, drink, swimsuit and towel each day. Price is \$19 per day for members, \$25 for program members.

Dates are Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Jan. 2.



Getting it just right: Hannah Zomermaand examines her project during a holiday craft workshop at Canton's Summit on the Park earlier this month.

26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Jan. 2. For registration information, call (313) 261-2161.

The Garden City Public Library is at 2012 Middlebelt, south of Ford. The library offers a variety of books, videos and other fun for kids and the young at heart. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 1:45 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (313) 261-3491.

The Garden City Ice Arena is at 200 Log Cabin Road, east of the Cherry Hill-Merriman intersection. Open skating is offered 12:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, 4-5:45 p.m. Thursday, 12:30-2 p.m. Saturday and noon to 1:45 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (313) 261-3491.

The Garden City Ice Arena will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. It will close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

School calendar

Commission to study start date

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Tourism got a couple of slices from the full loaf when the Michigan Legislature acted on bills to push the starting date of school after Labor Day.

On its final day of the fall session: The Senate barely passed a bill, 20-16, to guarantee a four-day Labor Day weekend. It wouldn't order school districts to push the starting time after Labor Day, but it would plunk an immediate disruption in the schedules of those that do.

The House defeated, 35-71, a bill to require that public schools not open their doors until after Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

This legislation is supported by business interests but not by a majority of the constituents it represent," said Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, summing up the opposition. "By a 3-1 margin, constituents have urged me to defend local control. Accordingly, I vote 'no' on this bill."

The House bill was sponsored by Rep. Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond Island. The tourism industry sees its best months as July and August. When schools open the last week in August, one-eighth of the season is lost for families.

"If we can have a day off and help an industry survive," that's a positive," said Senate floor leader Dan DeGow, R-Port Huron.

School districts generally opposed the bill because it infringes on local control and reduces their scheduling flexibility.

Here is how area representatives voted in defeating House Bill 5080:

Yes - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.
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Canton Public Safety will again collaborate with Mother Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to encourage motorists to drive safely and soberly throughout the coming holidays.

The annual traffic public awareness campaign runs through Jan. 1.

Over the next two weeks, Canton Public Safety will promote the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign by distributing the familiar red ribbons to Canton employees and asking them to attach them to vehicle antennas and mirrors. The MADD red ribbon is a symbol of the motorist's commitment to drive safe and sober during the holiday season and to remind other motorists to do the same.

As part of Canton Public Safety's participation, the agency also is making red ribbons available to the public. And as a campaign sponsor, is asking residents of the Canton Community to visit the department to obtain a MADD red ribbon and tie the ribbon to their antenna, side mirror or other visible location on their vehicles.

To "Tie One On For Safety", individuals can obtain a red ribbon by stopping by the front desk, on the ground level of the Canton Public Safety building on Canton Center Road. To find out more about the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign, contact your local county MADD chapter of the MADD State Office at (517) 681-6233 or 910 Eastlawn, Midland, Mich. 48642.

Primary

rule is that everyone shall have a voice in the government of his or her home county," the letter states.

But state party rules supersede county charters, argues Thaddeus McCotter, a Wayne County commissioner and chair of the Wayne County Republicans. That would allow party delegates to caucus for their candidates to place them on the ballot if they chose to do so, thus closing the general public out of that aspect of the electoral process. A caucus is a private meeting or a committee of a political party or faction.

Currently county elective seats are filled through partisan contests in which the winner from each party is placed on the ballot. With the proposed open system, the two candidates with the most votes would advance to the general election.

But some wonder about the mischief such a setup would encourage. Many political observers remember presidential candidate George Wallace nearly winning on the Democratic ticket in Michigan in 1972, a success clearly blamed on GOP crossover votes and not attributed to support among Democrats.

"That could happen on a county level, some believe.

"Our (state party) rules are quiet now, but we can change that," McCotter said. "It's not a good idea. It would be a law of unintended consequences."

But Hand said the group wants to keep the general election partisan.

"It's a government of the people, for the people, and by the people," not a government of the party, for the party and by the party," Hand said. "We're not getting rid of the parties. Just don't put us in a strait jacket."

Currently voters can still disrupt the electoral process by voting for a challenger in the opposite party even though they cannot cross over into two separate races on the same ballot, Hand said.

"All we're saying is give voters a voice. Right now, we have an all-or-nothing or nothing-at-all primary. I don't believe that's good politics."

Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, also opposed the resolution. He will introduce a strongly-worded resolution to stop that attempt.

"The two-party system has served the nation well for more than 200 years," Cushingberry said. "I'm not going to stand for a change in a tried and true method of fair representation."

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Park barn will get facelift

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Wayne County will be getting \$124,000 in federal funds to renovate the Nankin Mills barn into a Way Station, as part of the Hines Park bike path project.

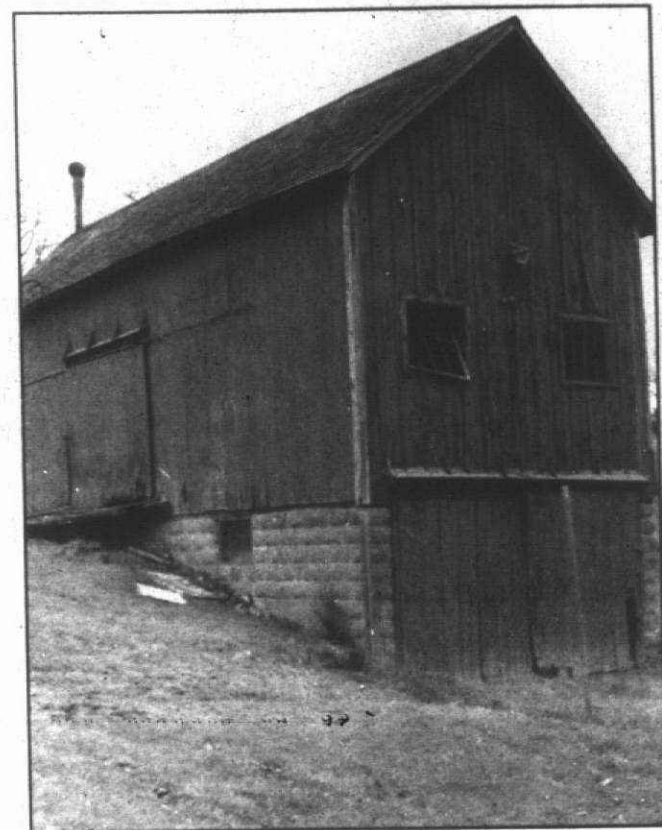
"This federal program is designed to expand upon non-motorized transportation," said Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks. "Previously, we used federal money to build bike paths for the entire 17-miles of Hines Drive. This additional grant will allow us to establish a location in the center of that to be used as a bicycle livery, a way station, so people who are riding bikes have a place to stop for refreshments."

Wayne County must pay its portion of \$31,000 for the project. The Nankin Mills barn is a historic barn, dating back to the age of the renovated mill, constructed in the 1830s.

"Nankin Mills is one of the more critical areas in the Wayne County Parks system, with all the different activities there," noted Coleman. "With the nature center, the picnic area, and the tenant house which we have some future plans for, Nankin Mills will be a key recreational complex for Wayne County."

Coleman says the county hopes to contract services at the renovated barn.

"The interior of the barn will be renovated to have refreshments, plus rent bicycles and



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE JACOBFIELD

Renovation: This Nankin Mills historic barn, dating back to the age of the renovated mill, will be renovated with a federal grant. The Way Station will provide refreshments, and bicycle and in-line skate rentals.

in-line skates," Coleman said. "We hope to contract the services to a private vendor."

University registers for winter term

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. 18 and 22 when the office will close at 2 p.m.

All offices will be closed for Christmas (Dec. 24 - Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. Fax-in registration for all students is available and will be accepted until Dec. 22, prior to the start of classes.

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Christmas goes high-tech

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Christmas is the time for family, good food, and...computers? Well, maybe not for everyone, but some people are using the latest technology to make Dec. 25 a computer Christmas. The computer has become their mode of communication, their gift maker or their gift itself.

"If someone has a computer with an e-mail address, I'll never send them a letter through the post office again," said Bill Schofield. The Livonia resident will use his home personal computer to send holiday greetings to friends in Japan, Seattle, San Diego, Phoenix, Minneapolis and South Carolina.

"I have a lot of friends from school who have moved on and people I met when living overseas," he explained. "It'll take five to six minutes to send one general message to all of them."

"I don't have to go to the post office, buy stamps, or fight crowds... I hate crowds," Schofield is not alone in opting

for e-mail to United States mail. In fact, Tony Hardin of Canton Township takes it one step further. He makes greeting cards with the help of different Internet sites and sends them to friends and family.

"The benefits are many," he said. "Other than the cost of the card and making the trip to the store, I save time."

He created a card, sent the card and received confirmation that the card was delivered all within six minutes.

"That compares to buying the card, writing your message, going to the post office and waiting three days for it to get there — unless it's Christmas, then it takes a week," he said. "Even then, you don't know if the person received it unless they tell you."

Hardin uses Regards.Com, but there are others out there. And many of them are free.

"One thing I like about Regards.Com is that it will let you send a greeting card with any of your images, or any image from the World Wide Web. There's bil-

ions of images to choose from." Some of the sites will also allow greeting card creators to attach music or animated images to the card. However, sometimes there is a fee.

Hardin, a consultant for a firm which sets up Microsoft Works for businesses, said that you don't have to be a computer whiz to build these cards.

"You just have to fill in the blanks they put in front of your face. The computer will tell you if you've missed something."

Using the computer to make Christmas gifts is just as easy if you have the right equipment.

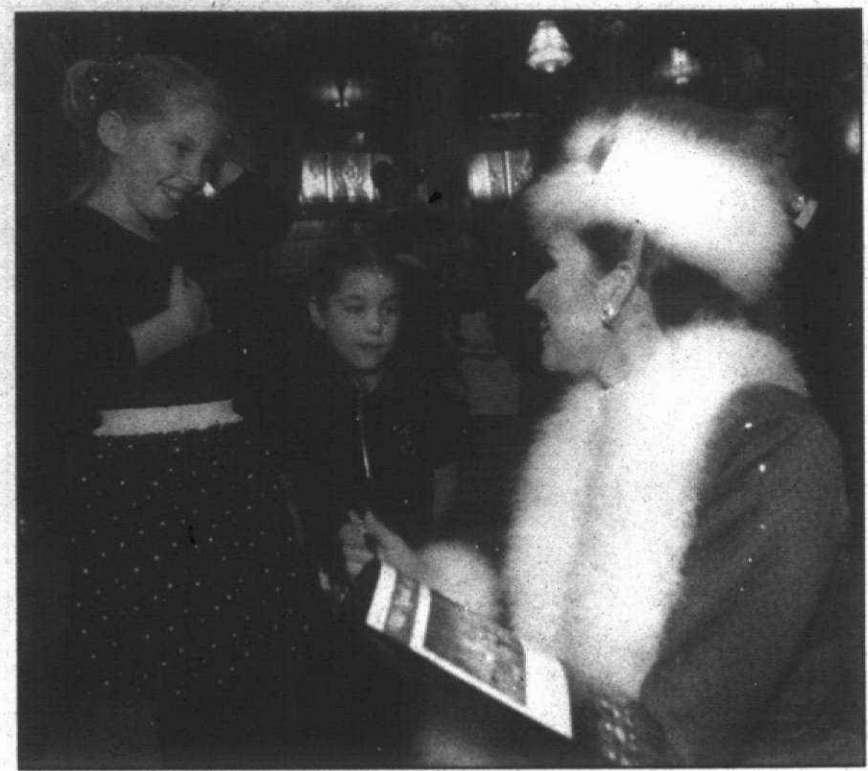
"The software is the key," to giving personalized T-shirts, ties, sweatshirts etc., said George Craven Jr., sales manager at Best Buy.

Software will allow the computer to use a digital photo to create a transparency which can be ironed onto cotton clothing. (See related story.)

Cosmopolitan's Make Up Kit, another type of software, will give recipients the gift of foresight.

"You need to take a picture of the gift recipient and scan it into the computer," said Ramon Bass, electronics associate at Office Max. "Then you can see how different hairstyles and colors would look on that person." (Office Max can put the photo on a disc for those who don't have scanning capabilities.)

You can also experiment with makeup, and for guys... you can see different beards.



Signing: Olivia Wofford (left) and cousin Amy Neville have their programs autographed by Rockette Eileen Grace.

Rockettes from page A1

Channel 2.

"It was like a fairy kind of thing. It had pink sparkles and a skirt with it and a cool headband and that's it," she said.

Olivia, a fourth-grade student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, really aspires to be a science teacher but says dancing is fun, especially "the moves." She patiently explained her favorite move, which she said requires just the right amount of force.

"You take your foot and put it beside you. It doesn't touch the ground. Then you put the foot you didn't use behind you. And

then you do it with the other foot. And then you do it with the other foot and the other foot."

Olivia, who's kind of quiet, didn't say if her favorite move came in handy during her lesson with the Rockettes. She simply enjoyed the entire experience. After all, how many 9-year-olds get to high-kick with the best?

Christine Wofford, who said she's always been fascinated by live performance, admitted to being a bit stage-struck during the lessons and the show. "It was almost like first-row seats to the Miss America Pageant," she said.

David Coogan, 12, delivers the Canton Observer in the Glenary subdivision. He has been delivering the paper since August 1995.

The East Middle School seventh-grader enjoys math and history. His hobbies include football, basketball, baseball and playing on the computer.

David hopes to graduate from college and become a design engineer. He likes his route because it gives him responsibility and teaches him how to communicate with people. It also gives him the opportunity to earn money.

David is the son of Dan and Yvonne Coogan. He has two brothers, Jeff, 10 and Andrew, 8.



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Rouge honors Ford plant, conservation group

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Two Rouge River improvement projects are the first to be placed on the new Habitat Protection and Enhancement Honor Roll.

Ford Motor Co. and the Western Wayne County Conservation Association have been recognized for their efforts in restoring the Rouge River.

The Honor Roll was established by the habitat subcommittee of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan (RRAC) Advisory Council. The council was formed to assist the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in implementing the state's plan for reviving the Rouge River.

A partnership consisting of Ford, the United Auto Workers and the Wildlife Habitat Council created a wildlife sanctuary occupying 13 acres at the Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township.



Award winners: Chester Wright, Western Wayne Conservation Association president, (left) listens as Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, presents the club's award to Bob Laich, conservation chairman of the association.



Honored: Friends of the Rouge Executive Director Jim Graham (left) presents an award to Sheldon Road Plant Manager Paula Winkler-Doman and David Klotz, a member of the plant's wildlife committee.

Since its inception in 1993, the natural wildlife area has been certified three times by the Wildlife Habitat Council as an innovative model for wildlife habitat development. The sanctuary includes a meadow of wildflowers and natural grasses, a 600-tree nursery, bird nesting boxes and a butterfly garden.

The site also contains a red fox den and several deer.

"We wanted to take property that was being unused around the plant and make something of it," said Dave Klotz, a member of the plant's wildlife committee. "We've had a heck of a response from the community, and they've enjoyed it. In the future, we want to take the walking path that's in existence and turn it into a wildlife study area for the benefit of employees, the community and Plymouth-Canton schools."

Andy Aho, director of Ford's environmental and safety engineering, told the gathering Ford is dedicated to protecting the environment.

"We have an obligation to future generations, our children's children, to take care of the environment," said. "All of us should be keepers of the environment, not just users of it."

Sheldon Road Plant Manager Paula Winkler-Doman accepted the award.

"We have a small, but dedicated group of people who helped

make it possible," said Winkler-Doman. "Our goal is continued involvement in environmental programs."

The RRAC honored the Ford project because it enhances natural habitat in the Rouge River watershed; was established

through a strong partnership; links the economy and society with the environment; and is maintained and sustained by plant employees.

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association was honored for its work with the

fisheries division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to establish brown trout habitat in Johnson Creek. The group helped clear debris and stabilize the banks of the creek, and planted fish in the stream from 1993 to 1995.

"These two are excellent examples at how people can make a big change in the Rouge," said Rich Badica, RRAC chairman. "What we have to do is focus on the little things that everybody does to make a big impact on water quality."

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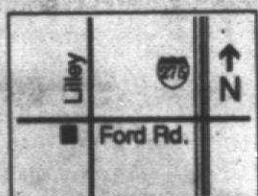
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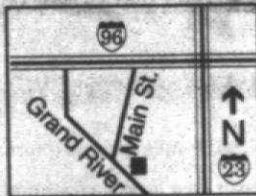
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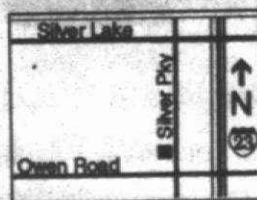
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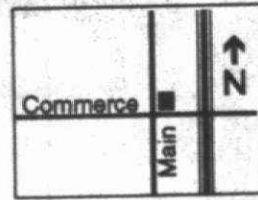
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Holiday adventure

Cruise ships, exotic spots lure many this season

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"I'll be home for Christmas." On second thought — maybe not.

The traditional family gathering time, the holidays — Christmas and Hanukkah — are occasions for developing new traditions in some families or just a change of pace for one year. Instead of lighting the menorah and decking the halls, these families have chosen the deck on a cruise ship and the lights of some exotic port-of-call.

"It was a fantastic trip," said Linda Douglass of a Caribbean cruise she and her family took over Christmas two years ago. "It was a trip of a lifetime to be nice and warm at Christmas time and have the sun shining."

Douglass, her husband, Jeff, and their three children, Leslie, 16, Kenneth, 15, and Jeffrey Peter Jr., 9, Westland residents, received the weeklong cruise to six ports-of-call including St. Thomas, Aruba and Venezuela, as a gift from Linda's parents, Helen and Ray Wendland of Livonia.

The Wendlands traveled with their children so they could all be together but definitely not home for the holiday. According to Helen Wendland, they chose Christmas to travel in 1995 "because we wanted to go away and this was the only time that we could get away when the little ones weren't in school."

It had to be either Easter, Christmas or summer. "And I

don't like going on a cruise to the Caribbean in the summer time," she said.

Travel common

Glenna Drennan, a travel agent for Great Travel Service on Ann Arbor Road in Livonia where the Wendlands booked their trip, noted, "We are finding families are taking extended vacations and taking the children too." She said double-income couples with no children are more likely to take the holiday vacations as well.

"I've seen more people traveling, in general, in the last year than I have in the last four or five," she said. "In the last year the holidays are getting booked up sooner than in the past."

Kaye Britton of Kaye Britton Travel on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills said that she has had a number of people who like to take cruises at Christmas and Hanukkah and many of them with their entire family. "We find that happens more and more each year," she said.

The agency also books trips to such places as London and Austria for the holidays. "They do all kinds of lovely things in Austria," she said. Britton knows one couple, longtime customers, who have not spent the holidays at home since 1983. The childless couple has traveled to such exotic places as Africa, India, Nepal, Thailand and Singapore as part of their holiday gift to one another.

According to both Drennan and Britton, the key is to book early. "People start six to eight months ahead booking for the warm climates," said Britton. "If the people are going to St. Louis, for example over Christmas, there usually isn't much problem at all, it's just the warm areas." Drennan has noticed more people were calling at the last minute this year to find nothing available. "They tell us, I booked the same thing just one year ago and you had seats." Other people are beating them to their seats.

Book early

Booking early has other advantages as well — like saving \$700-\$800 on just the hotel alone. "If you wait until the last minute what's going to happen is the less expensive hotels are going to be sold out," said Drennan. "So yes, there might be space available ... but it can be that much difference in hotels for the same set of dates for the same destination."

Airfares can also soar pretty high as the holidays draw closer. "There is a date in August that Christmas goes on sale," Drennan said of the Christmas flight prices. "When that company puts the Christmas week on sale, they are generally sold out within two hours of when they started."

The Wendland and the Douglass families believe the experience is worth every penny.

Douglass said, "It was a unique experience for my kids because they had never done that before." The family woke up in Guadeloupe on Christmas morning and had taken a little Christmas tree and other decorations for their cabin.

"At first my youngest was concerned because he didn't think Santa would be able to find him but Santa found him OK," she said. "We got up and had Christmas and then ate breakfast and went on our tours. The kids didn't miss Christmas whatsoever."

Douglass said the ship was decorated with trees and lights for the holiday and so was the island, but the best decorations were the exotic flower gardens and breathtaking waterfalls.

"It was quite different because we didn't have a big Christmas dinner with family over ... but it was enjoyable," said Douglass. "The kids saw, in other parts of the world, they don't celebrate Christmas the way we do."

Douglass said when the family was in Grenada, they asked some children on the beach about their Christmas. "They told us that it was a big deal if they got one or two presents from Santa."

The Douglass family and Linda's parents enjoyed the last trip so much they have decided to do it again this year. They are doing a three-island cruise this holiday season.



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Holiday adventure: Members of the Douglass family — Linda and Jeff (right) and their three children Leslie, 16, Kenneth, 15, and Jeffrey Peter Jr., 9, of Westland along with Linda's parents, Helen and Ray Wendland of Livonia (left) — are getting ready for a three-island cruise this holiday season.

Tips to keep house safe

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

For those traveling away from home for the holidays a few simple things that can be done so that it doesn't appear that your home is all alone.

"We always tell people that before you leave, make sure that your home looks lived-in," said Kirk Kasperowicz, police officer in the Crime Prevention Bureau of the Redford Police Department. Kasperowicz and Nancy Wilson, main dispatcher, communications, for the Garden City Police Department, suggested steps to prevent break-ins, burglaries and vandalism.

Put lights on timers in various parts of the house. Random on/off times are best. For outside lights, Kasperowicz recommends motion detectors. He said he has them on his house and they are about the same expense as other outside lights and are relatively easy to install. Otherwise, ask a neighbor to turn outside lights on and off.

■ Leave a radio on or put it on a timer.

■ Lock all windows and doors. Lock basement windows too.

■ Make sure a neighbor or relative has access to the house and can be contacted in case of an emergency. Leave numbers with that person where you can be reached during your vacation. Be sure they also know how to shut off any alarms in the house.

■ Have someone pick up mail and other deliveries or fill out a form at the post office to have mail held.

■ Garbage cans should be put in the garage or behind the house. "People look for that," said Kasperowicz. "They look to see if garbage is being put out."

■ Valuables should be locked in a safe deposit box or strong-box inside the home. "When people break in, they look for money, currency, change and jewelry," Kasperowicz said.

■ Call your local police department to check if they have a Vacation Watch program. Both the Garden City and Redford Police Departments have a program to check on homes while the owners are on vacation.

According to Wilson, the police will check the home each day at random times. "They go to the home, get out and check the exterior of the home," she said.

Vacationers need only contact the police department one or two days ahead of time with all pertinent information.

"These are just simple things and it can make or break your vacation," said Kasperowicz.

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Making a difference
Students in Jodi Ring's classes are keeping the 1997-98 West spirit alive. "Making a Difference." With a twist to the routine, they are collecting food items for the Salvation Army during the holiday season. Instead of just placing the collection into boxes, they will demonstrate "fine architecture" and build with the items. Each class will construct an object such as a building, bridge or whatever the groups determine with the food and cleaning products gathered. Members of the Salvation Army board will serve as judges on the constructions, which will be judged on height, variety, stability, creativity and color. Students will construct their objects Dec. 15 and Salvation Army board members will judge them at 3 p.m.

Nominated
Julie Price, a Canton High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program (PLA), sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The Principal's Leadership Award Program is funded by Herff Jones, Inc. Patricia Patton, Canton High School principal announced the nomination, which places Price in the national competition. "Julie leads by modeling her caring and concern for others." One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

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Principals in high schools throughout the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Winners were selected based on their participation in service organizations, clubs, and athletics; achievements in the arts and science; employment experience; and academic record. They were also required to write an essay. Price has been co-president of Student Senate and Students Against Drunk Driving, member of National Honor Society, Student Council Representative,

Delegate of Civitan Youth Seminar, D.A.R.E. Role Model, member of C.O.R.E. Committee, member of Technology Guidelines Committee, member of Student Television Show Production, and member of swimming, volleyball and softball teams.

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Extra Milers
Two key participants in the Lowell Middle School hiring process as well as numerous other school programs have been honored by the Plymouth-Canton board of education. Volunteers Linda Schneek and Janie Tucci, who have served on the school hiring committee that brought in almost 15 members of the Lowell staff - including the principal and assistant principal - received the district's Volunteer in Public Schools Extra Miler Award at the Nov. 25 school board meeting. The duo has also been involved in the hiring of both counselors and several teaching-staff members. Schneek and Tucci were called "consistent supporters and advocates for Lowell Middle School" at the presentation. In addition to their work on the committee, both women volunteer in many classrooms, chaperone school trips, volunteer on school photo-day, represent parents in the Parent Association of Lowell Middle School (PALMS) and also assist with school fund-raisers, searching for and implementing incentives and motivational ideas. While Schneek was noted for her work with open houses and conferences in recruiting new parent-volunteers, Tucci was recognized for her role as founder/leader of PALMS.

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library staff, who this week offers a special holiday column. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about library programs and services call 397-0999.

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OBITUARIES

Additional obituaries, A19

SHIRLEY ANN BUCK
A funeral Mass was held for Shirley Ann Buck, 50, of Plymouth on Dec. 17 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with the Rev. George Charney officiating. The burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home. She was born July 9, 1947, in Detroit. She died Dec. 13 in Plymouth. She worked as a clerk for Ameritech and was a member of the St. John Neumann Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband, William of Plymouth; her mother, Agnes Rewekant of Dearborn Heights; a daughter, Amy M. of Dearborn; a son, Andrew of Plymouth; two sisters, Jane Buchanan of Florida and Reggie Sivick of Madison Heights; and two brothers, Larry Martin Rewekant of Florida and Richard Rewekant of Livonia. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, Mich. 48076 or to the Capuchins at 1740 Mt. Elliot Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48207.

STEPHANIE A. WEIDENMEYER
A funeral service was held for Stephanie A. Weidenmeyer, 74, of Plymouth, on Dec. 17 at the John N. Santeufel & Son Funeral Home in Garden City, with the Rev. Arthur Fauser officiating. The burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. She was born Dec. 19, 1922, in Detroit. She died Dec. 14 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She is survived by three sons, Tom, John and Joe; one daughter, Margaret Skinner of Canton Township; one grandson, Ethan; and two brothers, Frank and Joe Mady. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

ALBERT A. WOHLART
A memorial service will be held today for Albert A. Wohlart, 83, of Farmington Hills, at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home at 4 p.m., with the Rev. Victor F. Halboth from Grace Lutheran Church officiating. A visitation

will begin at 3 p.m. The funeral home is at 33603 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. He was born Sept. 27, 1914, in Detroit. He died Dec. 15 at his home. He had lived in Southfield from 1953-1993. He graduated from Redford High School. He was the owner and president of HTC Corporation, a tool and die shop, which he retired from in 1989. He was a member of the Farmington Elks. He was a licensed pilot and an avid hunter. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Joan; one son, Albert of Farmington Hills; three daughters, Marilyn Olree of Florida, Ariene Fosmoen of Farmington Hills and Donna Kenney of Plymouth; one brother, Harold of Farmington Hills; one sister, Dorothy Mullin of Redford; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R., Detroit, Mich. 48201.

Township intern wins scholarship

Melissa Smokovits, an intern in Canton's Finance and Budget Department, was awarded \$1,000 scholarship from Prentice Hall Business Publishing for her essay on explaining why accounting is useful for both managers and investors. The scholarship is one of five issued nationally. Smokovits is a student at Eastern Michigan University and lives in Plymouth. EMU Professor George Clark encouraged her to write the essay and submit it to Prentice Hall.

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ROSSIGNOL SALOMON Rossignol 45J 120-170 cm \$139.00
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Marker M-51 Graphite \$275.00
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Salomon 500 Alum \$275.00
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Metro on track for record use in '97

Wayne County officials expect to have another record year for passengers at Metro Airport in Romulus.

For the year-to-date, Metro Airport has seen 26.2-million passengers through the gates. By the end of the year, airport officials expect to surpass the 30.6-million passengers of 1996.

"The only exceptions were in 1988 when we missed by a couple of thousand, and in 1991 when we were down about 2-percent."

In the latest statistics, Conway said October, 1997 showed a 6.2-percent rise in passengers, when compared to October, 1996.

airport is the rise in the number of flights abroad.

In particular, Conway credits international flights to China as a significant reason for increased numbers.

"Metro Airport is the only U.S. airport to have a non-stop flight to mainland China," said Conway. "That's important because there are 74 companies based in Michigan with a physical presence in China. There is a lot of international business and interest in Michigan."

While some believe Metro Airport has become overcrowded, Conway says \$60-million in interior improvements made by Northwest Airlines during the current construction and renovation program has eased congestion and helped provide faster service.

Some of the noticeable improvements include six new

gates in concourse C, new check-in facilities for domestic and international flights, Northwest's expansion of baggage handling, plus new moving walkways between concourses C and D.

Metro Airport is currently in the midst of a \$1.6-billion improvement project, which is expected to be completed in the year 2000. The number of total gates will increase to 99, a jump of 25. The international terminal will also expand, from six to 10 gates.

At last count, Metro Airport is listed as the ninth busiest airport in North America—14th in the world.

"If you consider total operations—takeoffs and landings—Metro Airport is ranked fifth," responded Conway.

New date set for High School Proficiency Test

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Eleventh-graders will take the state High School Proficiency Tests in the last 30 days before the end of the school year under bills passed by the Michigan Legislature.

They will get their results at the beginning of the next school year. Test time will be cut from 11 hours to no more than eight. Written portions will be graded by Michigan teachers.

Results will be printed on students' transcripts, not diplomas. The hated "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" tags will be gone.

Students seeking dual enrollment in college may take the tests in communications skills, math and science in 10th grade.

"We have made every effort to keep the spirit of this reform bipartisan," said Rep. Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, as the House on Dec. 10 overwhelmingly concurred in minor Senate amendments.

With the bills on their way to Gov. John Engler for signing, lawmakers ended their 1997 session and a long battle over state government's role in setting high school graduation standards.

Gire's House Education Committee wrote the bills after lengthy public hearings.

The most controversial measure was House Bill 5229, which the Senate amended to

require testing at the end of 11th grade. The House version had scheduled them for the beginning of 12th grade.

The vote was 79-26. Here is how area representatives voted:

Yes - Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

No - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. Absent - Bob Brown, D-DeARBorn Heights.

HSPTs were born during a budget battle several years ago. Purpose is to enforce the state's recommended academic curriculum.

Among other changes in the new bills: Students will have more opportunities for dual enrollment in college. They may take college courses in areas where they have achieved a state endorsement on the HSPT by taking the test in 10th grade.

Students, parents and schools will get timely feedback on how well students did.

HSPTs will be used as indicators of school improvement and student achievement under the state school accreditation program.

Schools will be encouraged to use the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests, given in lower grades, to spot areas for needed improvement, for both the school and individual students.

Suburbs urged to join metro marketing effort

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

If "It's a great time in Detroit," it should be "a great time in Southfield, Novi and Livonia," too.

Suburban communities in western Wayne and Oakland Counties should use the same "brand" in marketing themselves as the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau does, says Rick Binford.

"We need to build some type of recognition to the outside world," Binford told delegates to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments on Dec. 13.

The chief executive of the Metro Detroit bureau, Binford unveiled the brand name marketing strategy for Detroit, though to less than rave reviews, in October. In the same way the world became familiar with "I Love N.Y.," it will learn about metro Detroit—defined as Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Suburbs can cooperate by using the same kind of graceful type and the slogan "It's a great time in ... part of a greater Detroit," he said.

In marketing jargon, it's known as "branding."

SEMCOG delegates routinely approved a resolution saying the executive committee supports the convention bureau's brand strategy marketing campaign, though some St. Clair and Monroe counties' members were a trifle unhappy that the promotion is confined to three counties.

Reversing Detroit's bad national image will take many years. "It's a marathon, not a

Vote-by-mail bill heads to state Senate

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Democrats used their majority muscle when the state House of Representatives pushed through a bill to allow experimental vote-by-mail elections between 1999 and 2003.

In 2004, local governments will be able to hold local mail-in elections, and the Secretary of State may hold statewide mail-in elections.

The House vote was 74-33 with all nay votes being cast by Republicans. The bill faces an uncertain future in the Republican-controlled Senate.

"I am voting no," said Rep. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, "because it will put a large number of official ballots in the hands of people not interested in voting, and this could lead to new, widespread voter fraud problems."

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe, objected that the pilot program should be proven successful before the bill is applied to the entire state. "I offered an amendment that

would have addressed this issue by allowing the Secretary of State to terminate elections by mail upon a finding of substantial fraud in the pilot program."

Records will be processed only if they come back in the return identification envelope which has been signed by the voter and the signature verified against the signature on the voter's registration card.

There are penalties for those who use force to influence a voter or attempt to keep a voter from voting by mail.

Here is how area representatives voted:

Yes - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown, D-DeARBorn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-West-

land, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. No - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Democrats have made voting by mail a front-burner issue. Republicans have been split. They have resisted mail-in voting bills until the Secretary of State installs a computer system that cancels out one's old registra-

tion automatically when the person re-registers in a new area.

Elections experts from both parties say Michigan's registration rolls are swollen (20-30 percent) with people who are dead or who have moved but whose registrations never have been canceled.

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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, December 9, 1997 at 11:50 South Canton Center Road.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomaro, Voyles

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
General Calendar, Item 4, Approval of revised purchasing policy, to be effective January 1, 1998, was deleted from the agenda. A closed session to discuss sale of property was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 2, 1997
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 25, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 1997 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
Regular meeting of December 2, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

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

EXPENDITURE REPORT
General Fund 101 \$233,807.54
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Police Fund 207 47,307.24
Community Center Fund 208 22,281.64
Golf Course Fund 211 1,036.64

Cable TV Fund 236 243,360.64
Community Imp. Fund 246 233,052.84
E-911 Emergency Fund 261 1,217.72

Federal Grants Funds 274 1,191.00
State Projects Fund 278 7,248.72
Water & Sewer Fund 419 6,749.72

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ITEM 1 - PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR NORVEST L.L.C.

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:26 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to close the public hearing at 7:26 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the application of Norvest, L.L.C. for an industrial facilities exemption certificate for real and personal property, when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of four (4) years.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF NORVEST L.L.C. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.361, et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1993 the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, Norvest L.L.C. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the real and personal property located and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on December 8, 1997 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at which time the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not commenced earlier than six months before November 17, 1997, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate be likely to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 250 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of increasing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township;

2. The application of Norvest, L.L.C. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:

A parcel of land situated within the Northwest 1/4 Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: a point distant North 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 1689.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1; and South 90 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West 400.05 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 5789.58 feet, central angle 90 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds an arc distance of 99.95 feet chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 36 minutes 10 seconds West 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 162.25 feet to the point of beginning; 17.08 acres. Tax I.D. No. 002-89-0001-702.

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 4 years.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to reappoint Thomas Borg to serve a 3-year term on the Recreation Advisory Committee beginning January 1, 1998 and expiring December 31, 2000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to cancel the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees scheduled for December 16 and December 23, 1997. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to remove from the table and to adopt the amendments to Ordinance No. 132(A), Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charter Township of Canton and providing for other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197, Michigan Public Acts of 1976 ("Act 197") and Ordinance No. 115, of the Charter Township of Canton, as amended, the Charter Township of Canton has established the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority prepared and the Township Board approved a Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan (the "Original Plan") and a Development Plan (the "Development Plan") as described in the Original Plan; and

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

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 23, 1985, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 132, amending the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Development Area 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 Act 197, Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, after consideration for the Plan, the Township Board has determined to approve the Amended Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:
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, 1993, amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.902 Section 2. PUBLIC PURPOSE.
The Township Board hereby determines that the Amended Plan constitute a public purpose. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1993, amend. eff. December 18, 1997)

104.903 Section 3. BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC.
The Township Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the public to proceed with the Amended Plan in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of deterioration in property value, to carry out the purposes of the Downtown District. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1993, amend. eff. December 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, 1993, amend. eff. December 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, 1993)

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, 1993)

104.907 Section 7. 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 out of its general fund an amount equal to the sum of the amount of the obligations (but only after the set aside for debt service for any fiscal year has been met). (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1993)

104.908 Section 8. ANNUAL REPORT.
Within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall submit to the Township Board, with copies to 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 on any outstanding indebtedness, the amount in any bond reserve account, the initial assessed value of each portion of the Amended Development Area, the captured assessed value of the Development Area and the amount of captured assessed value retained by the Authority, the tax increment received by the Authority, and any other information requested by the Township Board or deemed appropriate by the Authority. The secretary of the Authority shall cause a copy of the report to be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1993)

104.909 Section 9. REFUND OF SURPLUS TAX INCREMENTS.
Any surplus moneys in the Project Fund at the end of a year not held for payments required to be made on outstanding obligations of the authority or the Township or otherwise held as required pursuant to this ordinance, shall be 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 related by that to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction pro rata. (Ord. No. 132, eff. June 3, 1993)

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 amends 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 shall be null and void to the extent of such conflict 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 to affect the validity of any other portion 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)

ADOPTED: May 23, 1993
Published/Effective: June 3, 1993
Adopted: October 9, 1997
Published/Effective: December 18, 1997

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 9th day of December 1997, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to remove from the table and to adopt the amendments to Ordinance 116(B), Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charter Township of Canton and providing for other matters related thereto.

104.901 Section 1. DEFINITIONS.
The terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

"Act 197" means the Downtown Development Authority Act, Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

"Captured Assessed Value" means the amount in any year by which the current assessed value of real property in the Development Area exceeds the Initial Assessed Value, as more fully described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

"Development Area" shall mean the area within the boundaries of the Canton Downtown Development Authority, as established in Exhibit A of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, 1984/2000, as amended, and as illustrated in the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, 1984/2000. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984, amend. eff. Dec. 18, 1997)

"Development Plan" means the Development Plan for the Downtown Development Authority, as amended, as described in Exhibit A of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing 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 on real and personal property in the Downtown Development Authority District on the Captured Assessed Value, as more fully described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing 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, as established by Ordinance No. 115(A) of the Charter Township of Canton, as 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 and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as transmitted to the Canton Township Board of Trustees by the 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, 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 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;

d) 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;

e) That the proposed method of financing the development activities described in the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan is in reasonable accord with the approved Master Plan of the Charter Township of Canton;

f) That public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities are, or will be, adequate to service the Downtown Development Authority District; and

g) That such changes in zoning, street levels, intersections and utilities as are contemplated by the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan are reasonably necessary for the Project and for the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the foregoing considerations, the Downtown Development Authority 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 shall be subject 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.
(a) Within 60 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 this ordinance and the amount of tax revenue derived by the Township Assessor. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

(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 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 contained in 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 Ordinance. (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 Downtown Development Authority at the earliest practicable date. All Tax Increments received by the Township Treasurer shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan and the requirements of the Downtown Development Authority. For the purposes 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 Township Treasurer or the County Treasurer, as the case may be, and related by that to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction pro rata. (Ord. No. 116, eff. Dec. 22, 1984)

104.807 Section 7. DURATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN.
The Tax Increment Financing 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 public 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/Effective/Publishing: December 19, 1996
Amended/Effective: December 18, 1997

Adopted: May 23, 1993
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Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to increase the funding for payment of special assessments on Township owned properties:

INCREASE REVENUES: Fund Balance Appropriation \$101-000-699-0000 \$16,032
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS: S&D Payments-Township Property \$101-200-960-0000 \$13,124.507

The budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$790,252 to \$806,284, and the General Fund budget from \$13,124,505 to \$13,140,537.

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the receipt of insurance reimbursement for laptop computers and the subsequent purchase of replacement laptop computers.

INCREASE REVENUES: Sales of Fixed Assets \$101-000-673-0000 \$7,700
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS: Capital Outlay-Equipment (MIS) \$101-258-977-0000 \$7,700

This budget amendment increases the Management Information System Department budget from \$643,092 to \$650,792 and the General Fund budget from \$13,097,529 to \$13,105,229.

Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Construction Fund to increase the budget for the Fire Headquarters building construction:

INCREASE REVENUES: Fund Balance Appropriation \$469-000-699-0000 \$100,700
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS: Building Construction - Fire Headquarters \$469-900-0000 \$100,700

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$3,288,403 to \$3,389,103.
Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to increase the budget for Contracted Services - Rubbish Collection:

George Kolb, owned area car dealership

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

His employees state it simply: If you want to know the kind of man George Kolb III was, just check his many decades they worked for him.

"He's the only person in my life I still called Mr.," said Rhonda Maurer, general sales manager at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury on Ann Arbor Road at I-75.

Mr. Kolb, who founded the dealership on Wing and Forest streets in downtown Plymouth in 1970, died Dec. 12 at his Canton home after a lengthy fight with cancer.

His funeral service at Vermulen Trust 100 Fernald Home was Tuesday morning. He was buried in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

In a fitting tribute following the funeral service, his 130 employees gathered in front of the Ann Arbor Road dealership to carry his body passed. The flag over the dealership has flown at half-mast since his death.

"If George lived in England, they would have made him a knight," said Tim Worthington, parts and service director who worked for Kolb for 25 years.

Mr. Kolb's son, Michael, runs the Ann Arbor Road dealership, and son David the Milford dealership. "He was so very proud of his sons," Maurer said. "They followed in his father's footsteps, especially with their focus on employees and customers."

In 1973, Mr. Kolb moved his dealership to its present location on Ann Arbor Road. Mr. Kolb was the great-grandson of the late George Kolb, the founder of the once-flourishing Kolb Brewing Co. in Bay City.

"It's been a sad few days around here," said Maurer, who worked for Mr. Kolb since 1971 when she was hired as a CO-OP student.

In 1975, Mr. Kolb promoted Maurer to saleswoman. "He really

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Mr. Kolb was a member of the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville and was an avid boater who enjoyed his annual runs to and from his winter home in Stuart, Fla. Mr. Kolb also loved Big Band music.

Mr. Kolb is survived by his wife, Dixie, of 44 years; sons, Michael (Christina) Kolb, and David (FaithAnn) Kolb, both of Plymouth; brother, Ford Kolb of Grosse Pointe; and six grandchildren. Mr. Kolb was also preceded in death by his brother, Charles, and two sisters, Ella Louise Miller and Barbara Donahue.

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Cablecasts

Board room changes welcome

Canton will spend more than \$113,000 next year to upgrade cablecasting of township board and planning commission meetings. That's a lot of money, especially when traditionally anemic viewership numbers for municipal meetings - in Canton and most other communities - is taken into account.

But the Observer believes the expense is still justified.

For one thing, the current set-up in the meeting room at the administration building uses horribly outdated technology; cablecasts are done using a single, manually operated camera and a 20-year-old audio system. Viewers at home struggle to comprehend what is happening at a meeting, often seeing the back of a petitioner with no clear view of drawings or plans and hearing a jumble of off-camera voices in the background.

The changes call for four, robotic ceiling-mounted cameras and a state-of-the-art sound system. Once completed, township meeting coverage will more closely mirror what viewers in surrounding communities see.

Ken Voyles, Canton communications director, says the upgrade should help boost viewership numbers and keep viewers tuned in longer. An informal survey conducted in December at Summit on the Park revealed only a handful of residents as meeting viewers. So there's plenty of room for improvement.

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sider full and competent cablecasting of local government meetings essential to the spirit of the state Open Meetings Act. Viewership of government meetings will never amount to more than a blip on the Nielsen ratings. But the advent of cable television - and the local programming that is a part of the franchise agreement in most communities - has resulted in the capability of bringing government into our living rooms, improving access for disabled viewers or anyone else who wants it.

Which brings us to another point - live cablecasts. Because the television studio is located across the way at the Summit, Canton is unable to offer live cablecasts of government meetings. Instead, the meetings are shown unedited on a tape-delayed basis. Live coverage would require laying fiber-optic cable between the buildings, which is an expensive proposition.

The Observer hopes Canton considers ways to make the switch to live cablecasts in coming years. That too is the standard among southeastern Michigan communities.

Have a safe holiday season

The holiday season is upon us and we remind homeowners to exercise caution and common sense in decorating, cooking and traveling to and from holiday celebrations.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 600 fires per year have been started by the ignition of Christmas trees, causing an average of 33 deaths, 117 injuries and \$23 million in property damage.

Be especially careful when decorating. Purchase laboratory-tested Christmas lights, unplug tree lights when leaving home or going to bed and use common sense when decorating with candles.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross offers the following 12 tips to help Wayne and Oakland county residents prevent injuries or even fatalities this holiday season.

Beware of holiday candles: Be sure candles are kept away from decorations or other combustible materials. Don't leave children in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children. Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree. Never display lit candles in window or near exits.

Test tree trimmings: When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those approved by a testing laboratory. For outside decorations, use only those lights approved for outdoor uses. Don't overload electrical outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Keep Christmas trees fresh: Choose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits and water it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.

Inspect fireplaces: Have your chimney inspected by a professional and cleaned if nec-

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essary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a fire if not properly cleaned. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

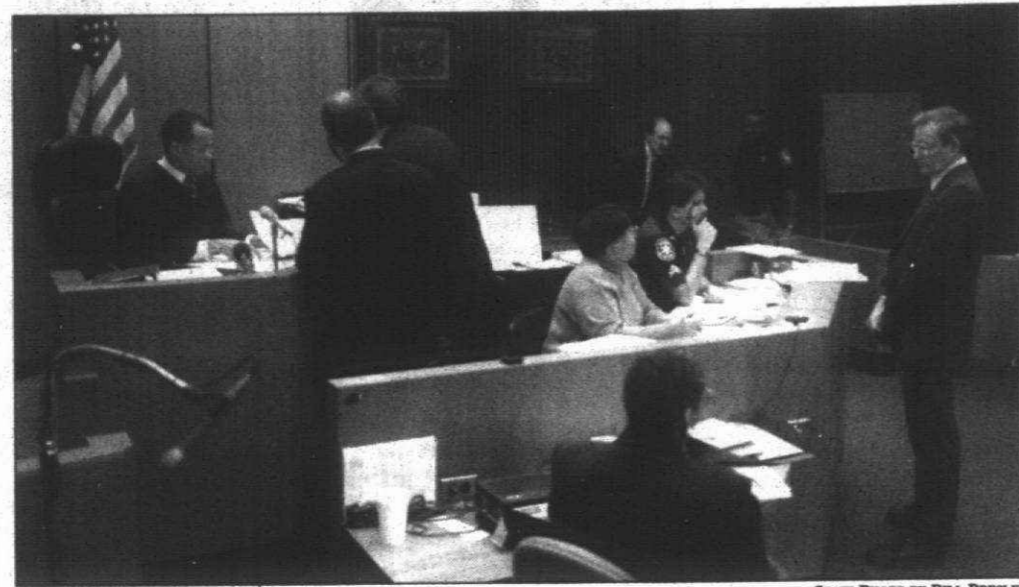
Buckle up: During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wear a seat belt and make sure all passengers buck up. Remember to seat children 12 and younger in the back seat of the car. Children under 40 pounds must ride in approved safety seats in the back seat.

Cook with care: When cooking, always turn pot handles in. Don't store items on the stove top, they could catch fire. Don't overload electrical outlets and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires. Turn off kitchen appliances after use.

Be cautious with portable and space heaters: Place space heater at least three feet away from anything combustible, including clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed.

Prepare a winter storm plan: Have extra blankets on hand and ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat and water-resistant boots. It's also important to have your car winterized.

End of an ordeal



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRADLEY

At sentencing: Charles Fisher (right) stands before Wayne County Circuit Judge Jeffrey Collins last week before being sentenced to 12 years, eight months, in prison for the 1984 murder of his wife, Ella Maria, at the couple's Canton home. Fisher avoided a fifth trial in the killing by pleading no contest in an agreement with the Wayne County prosecutor. He will serve the remainder of his sentence, about five years. Two earlier convictions were overturned and two other trials ended with hung juries in one of the longest-running murder cases in Michigan history.

LETTERS

Thanks on sock drive

During the month of October, and in conjunction with "Make a Difference Day," I coordinated a drive for brand-new socks to be distributed to the needy.

Through the great cooperation of the senior center at the Summit, the library, our local Target store, and the Hoben Elementary School, over 500 pairs of new socks were collected.

The socks were delivered to the Canton Goodfellows, Salvation Army, and the Clothing Bank for distribution to those in need before the holidays. Thank you to those who contributed.

Anne Evans
Canton

An easier way

I do not have a cure for cancer, but what I do have is information. Could we remind the public that it would practically make snow shoveling back injuries a thing of the past, as well as dramatically reduce the risk of heart attacks and even deaths from shoveling?

Some years back during the first major snowstorm, not being able to locate my snow shovel, I was forced to use a modified rake to move a 3-by-20-foot snowdrift from in front of my garage door. Lo and behold, what I thought would take at least a half hour, took me three minutes. No bending, no lifting. Almost impossible to injure your back. Much less strain on the heart.

After getting over the shock, I was reminded of a very basic law of physics that states that it requires far less energy to slide a mass than it does to bend and then lift it.

Since that time I have done and continue to do everything I can to make the public aware that shoveling snow is not smart. In fact, we do not want to lift snow, all we really want to do is move it. I have approached people making snow shovels, trying to get them to produce a modified rake. Since this simple concept practically makes the conventional snow shovel obsolete, they of course refused. In desperation, I took it upon myself to produce a simple kit that attaches to the common garden rake that I have used in moving up to 12 inches of snow, with no bending, no lifting. The nice thing about this is that almost anyone can with a little effort modify their own rake at no cost and benefit from this simple approach. Here again the retail community on the most part will not help make this simple kit available to the public evidently for the same reason.

Another thing that I am confronted with, is that I have been unsuccessful in soliciting support from organizations that proclaim to promote the public's good health to offer this simple concept as an alternative, claiming nothing more than that this is an alternative that could minimize the risk of shoveling injuries.





In desperation, I sort of feel like Columbus must have felt when he was trying to convince the world that it was round. So, like Columbus, I will continue to sail on, until my message is heard.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Take control: Holiday shouldn't break the bank

The holidays aren't happy or wonderful for everyone. The couple was stressed. She was crying and he was visibly frustrated.

"Our family's tradition is to buy holiday gifts for everyone. 'Tis the season to be jolly' and we want to give, but our giving is causing financial problems. We give to relatives, neighbors, pastor, mailman, and all the teachers, including our children's Sunday school and catechism teachers. But, every year we feel pressure to buy more gifts. Last year it took until July just to pay of all of our Christmas debt. We couldn't even afford a summer vacation."

Holidays need not be stressful. Giving nicer and more expensive gifts is fine, if you can afford them. However, the average American workers' real income is actually being reduced. You must make a decision: be solvent or insolvent. The first gives you control and choices; the second gives you no

control, no choices, and heaps of heartache.

It may not be evident, but there is no requirement for Americans to be in debt and stressed. It's all up to you. Decide now to get control and reduce your financial stress by climbing out of the "tradition rut." Financial freedom is exhilarating and fun! Get the "jolly" back into your holiday finances:

- Give yourself permission to downsize your gift list. Talk privately to relatives who are on fixed incomes and share with them your need for a change. Brainstorm together for a solution. Solution: Adult relatives purchase only one adult gift, limited to \$20. Create a gift picking game. The first adult takes a gift from under the tree and holds it wrapped. The next adult may go to the tree for a new gift, or take the chosen gift from the first relative, and so on.
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of paper into half repeatedly until you have one section for each person you are buying gifts. Write one name on each section, along with the limit you can afford to spend on that person. As you shop, record the gifts purchased and deduct the amounts spent from each person's limit on their section of the paper. Once you reach a limit, stop buying.

■ Short of money? Give "Acts of Kindness" certificates. For busy parents, watch their children for a week-end. They'll certainly appreciate a getaway. If you have children with similar ages as theirs, have their kids sleep over your house for a slumber party! A single person might enjoy a weekend at your cottage or a day just to be with you. Grandparents would always cherish a love letter from their grandchildren.

■ Senior citizens in retirement homes don't need more "stuff." Give them perishables: magazine or home-town newspaper subscriptions, monthly fruit or flowers, favorite restaurant coupons, taxi service to their doctor, a day at the mall. One of the least expensive, yet nicest gifts you can give an older person is your time and attention.

■ Be a role model to adult children or parents who have everything. Give a donation to their favorite charities

in their names. Request they save all their December donation requests, bringing them to the family holiday get together. After the family dinner, place all the requests on the table. Declare to the family the total amount you are willing to donate to their favorite causes. However, they are required to agree 100 percent on the amounts to be gifted to each charity. Write the checks to the charities as soon as the decisions are final, right then and there in front of the family. The children can mail them immediately.

This experience is very revealing. It's a good beginning in training you in the true joy of unconditional giving and at the same time eliminate holiday financial stress.

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Our public education in better shape than parenting

The politicians who want tax money for parochial schools won't use the word "parochial."

They use the code word "parents" or "parents' choice," whether they are trashing the Michigan Constitution or pushing private school tax credits, the latest snake oil of the Mackinac Center. They worship at the idol of "competition," as if there really were a knowledgeable consuming public shopping for schooling.

The hard truth is that parenting is deteriorating, and parents are becoming less knowledgeable, even as public schools continue their upturn in test scores. The Michigan Association of School Boards has compiled, for everyone's convenience, the track record of parents in the fall MASA Journal.

Major culprit: the "parent time deficit." Kids lose 10-12 hours of parenting time per week in the past few decades. Family vacation time shrank 14 percent. Family dinner time decreased 10 percent in the last

decade.

Top reasons:
■ Parents working longer - six hours more per week between 1973 and 1989.
■ Moms in the workforce. "Nearly 70 percent of mothers work today, but this large child care vacuum has not been filled ..."

■ "Divorce takes its toll." Moms do double duty - working and caring for the household - alone. "Divorcing parents is also a primary factor in the teenage suicide rate," which tripled in the past 25 years.

■ "Teen parents," a euphemism for out-of-wedlock births. From 4 percent in 1950, births to unwed mothers leaped to 25 percent by 1988. Michigan's rate is one of the highest in the industrialized world. "Children of teen parents are more likely to: perform less well in school; score lower than children of other parents on standardized tests; exhibit more behavior problems and emotional disorders ... Teen pregnancy is also a



TIM RICHARD

foolproof prescription for poverty for both mother and child."

■ Father abandonment - "Male desertion generally catches up with girls between ages 12-15 and boys ages 16-18 ..." Kids have lower SAT scores. "Growing up without a father in the family reduces math and verbal skills in both males and females ... Fatherless families also struggle more with drug abuse."

Public schools people feel they are wrongly blamed for the ills of kids that are really

the fault of parents who say: "Educate them in the basics, teach them the social graces, teach them to drive a car and to cook and sew, and give them some understanding of ethics ... We don't have time."

There's a delicious quote from Andy Rooney, TV commentator: "We don't need better schools; we don't need better teachers. We need better parents." End of MASA Journal report.

Rooney echoed the remark of (now U.S. Sen.) Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who, in the days when he worked for Richard Nixon, said: "Schools don't count. Families do."

In past columns, I have reported how Betsy DeVos, the unsuccessful Republican state chair, has intoned about "parents' rights"; how Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus refuses to address the failings of charter schools by saying "parents" want them; how Clark Durant, once active on the State Board of Education, uses "parents" as a code word to ram home

his view of religion.

On one point they are right. Parents are extremely important in children's academic success and mental health. But the ideology peddlers are 180 degrees off course in peddling "parental choice" as the cure for education, with vouchers, parochial, charter schools and tax preferences being the tools.

Of the two institutions - public schools and parenting - the schools are in better shape.

Footnote from the governor's office: By Christmas, John Engler will sign 10 child protection laws. One will require termination of parental rights in abuse and neglect cases. Another will "strengthen the role of the child's attorney." A third will create local teams "to review child fatalities."

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Legislators wisely improved High School Proficiency Test

It's easy to take a poke at the Michigan Legislature. "There are two things you don't want to watch being made too closely: sausage and legislation," goes the old saying.

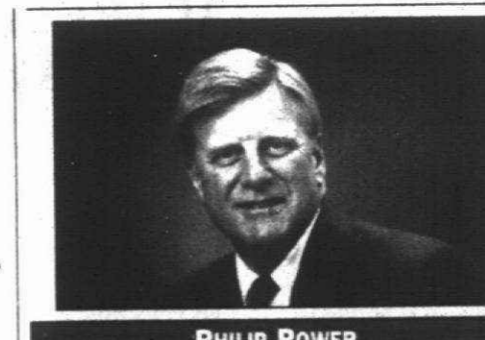
Legislators respond to an enormous number of influences: lobbyists, interest groups, constituencies, donors, friends, even voters. And when the Legislature is divided - one house controlled by Republicans, one by Democrats - partisan considerations come automatically into play.

So it's easy for columnists, me included, to make the Legislature as a whole look bad. Fairness (amly mixed with the holiday spirit), however, does require when the Legislature does something sensible, even wise, that it be duly noted and praised.

Such is the case with modifications to the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT), which passed the Legislature last week with solid, bipartisan majorities in both houses. The HSPT has been the center of controversy ever since a bunch of parents, mainly in Birmingham and Troy, kept their kids from taking the test. Some argued that the nomenclature - for the endorsements on graduation diplomas - was "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" - was demeaning. Others found it implausible that children with stellar grade point averages might score badly in the test and so jeopardize college admission chances. Still others objected to the length - 11 hours - of time taken up by the test.

Lurking behind all the objections was a streak of right-wing paranoia thinking that holds that any assessment of educational performance is an assault on parents' rights and the first step in a government-imposed curriculum. Some activists figured that complaints about the HSPT might be a maneuver to get rid of any kind of state standard in education. Operating in the best legislative tradition of fact-finding, the House Education Committee, chaired by Sharon Gire of Macomb County, held extensive public hearings to listen to parents, students, educators and the general public.

"There was a negative connotation to the labels," said Sen. Joanne Emmons, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee. "Another complaint was that the tests were scored in another state (North Carolina). We want Michigan teachers to score the test."



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Corrective bills were introduced in both the Senate and House. "The HSPT has had a lot of criticism, but it's bringing higher standards," said Emmons. "We have made every effort to keep the spirit of this reform bipartisan," said Gire, as the House agreed to adopt final legislation incorporating the Senate's version.

Changes were sensible:
■ The HSPT will be given at the end of the 11th grade instead of 12th, and it will take only eight hours, instead of 11.
■ Results will be expressed numerically, not in the hated labels, and will be printed on students' transcripts, not their diplomas.

■ Scoring will be done by Michigan teachers. ■ Students, parents and teachers will get prompt feedback on results, which will be used as indicators of school improvement and student achievement under the state school accreditation program.

In the end, the legislative process worked precisely as the civics textbooks say it should. Those advocating radical change were resisted; timely corrective legislation was passed.

The Legislature, especially committee chairs Gire and Emmons, deserves a round of congratulations. Students, parents, teachers and employers will all benefit from a corrected and improved HSPT.

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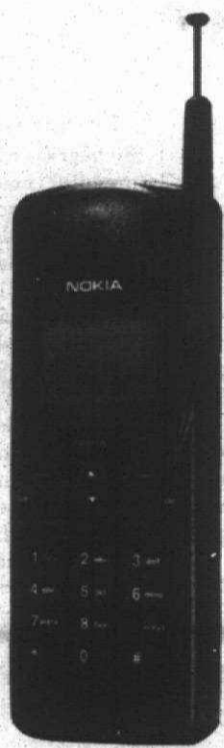
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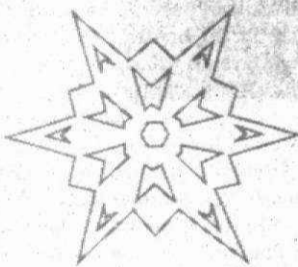
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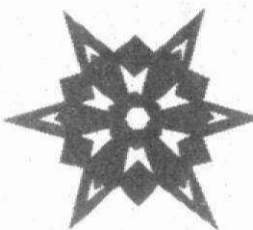
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Christmas still works its magic

She was 7 years old at the time, old enough to have heard the skepticism from her friends about Santa, but young enough to believe — because she still wanted to believe.

Her brother, on the other hand, was 17 and quietly rebellious. It had been a long time since he had participated in family activities. No more trips to Greenfield Village or the Renaissance Festival, no more family vacations, certainly no nights out at the movies with parents and little sister. He had his own friends and his own car and his own life now and home was a place to sleep and occasionally have a quick meal — in his room, of course.

Even holidays — especially holidays, it seemed — were times to be someplace else, anyplace else. Traditions were to be flouted. Thanksgiving was a time for a burger and fries at McDonald's, and Christmas Eve, this Christmas Eve anyway, a time to go an offbeat workshop in Ann Arbor and work on building chain mail armor with his equally rebellious buddy. A "new tradition," I suppose.

He said he'd be home sometime after midnight.

It wasn't a particularly memorable Christmas. The Feminist's relatives

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She puts her students on the road

■ Fran Bernard learned a lot about the big rigs and integrity from her father, so much so that she is following in his footsteps by opening trucking driving schools in Michigan and Oklahoma.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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The hallway leading to Fran Bernard's office at International Trucking School Inc. in Ypsilanti is filled with history.

Just inside the doorway, a plaque holds a yellowed poem singing the praises of female truckers. They work as hard as men, they use sweet, feminine CB handles, and one day, they yearn to be homemakers and stay home to take care of their families, it reads.

Photos of her late father's trucks are plentiful. Richard Crane was the first person to have a classroom on wheels.

Most important to Bernard, a Canton resident and ITS's owner and president, is the framed statement about integrity.

"Wait, I want to show you something," Bernard said. "This is what I learned from my father — integrity."

She isn't alone in the respect she holds for her father. A truck show has been held in St. Ignace in his honor.

"They have big car shows at the end of June, and my father was really involved in that," she said. "He would bring his truck up there and eventually they (truckers) needed their own show."

Thanks to her father, Bernard literally grew up with the truck driving industry. A former truck driver, Crane started American Truck Driving Schools.

Born in Detroit, Bernard began working for her father in 1973 shortly after graduating from high school. She married John Bernard in 1976



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Big responsibility: International Trucking School president Fran Bernard is dwarfed by one of the tractor-trailers her school uses to teach students the finer points of driving the big rigs.

and moved to Southfield.

The couple moved to Kansas City, Mo., and Traverse City where she worked for American Truck Driving School while her husband was employed as a police officer and a reserve officer in the sheriff's department, respectively.

"My dad had schools all over," Bernard said. "The main schools were in Michigan, Oklahoma and Texas, but they had satellite offices in other cities."

Just like Dad

In March 1990, Bernard opened

International Trucking School Inc. Her husband came on board shortly after his wife's parents died. Bernard's brother also owns a truck driving school in Coldwater.

"My father was very open with me and he wanted me to become whatever I wanted," she said. "I admired everything he did. I wanted to do everything he did and more."

The school does testing for general driver's license for cars and motorcycles, and it is a third-party tester for commercial driver's licenses for the State of Michigan.

ITS offers several different pro-

grams. The most popular, Bernard said, is the 206-hour, five-week program that costs \$3,695. In-house financing and scholarships are available.

"If they really want it, we try to make it possible," she said.

Some of the classes are taught in conjunction with Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw community colleges and Schoolcraft College. ITS also works with numerous area agencies including JTPA and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. And Bernard is work-

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ing on putting together an associate's degree in transportation with an area school.

At Schoolcraft, students register with the college and go to class at the school for the first week. After that, the students move on to ITS, located in the main terminal building at Willow Run Airport.

"We offer hands-on training," she said. "You can't learn to drive unless you're in the truck." Instructors teach students to back up on the pad, go on ramps, drive on the highways and city streets, which can be the most challenging. Future truckers are taught defensive driving techniques.

"Drivers don't look at trucks like trucks do," she said. "They can get behind them and think they can stop like they can. They can't."

The training range is five acres under concrete with an additional three acres for its CDL testing site. The student/instructor ratio does not exceed 8-to-1 during range operation, 40-to-1 in classroom theory or lab work, and 3- or 4-to-1 during road driving.

Prospective students must be age 21 or older, have an acceptable driving and work record, the ability to write, speak and read English, pass a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical and obtain a valid license for driving a tractor/trailer unit.

Some carriers, Bernard explained, will not hire drivers who have had previous convictions for alcohol-related offenses. Job placement is practically guaranteed.

"If we can't place them with a job, we don't take them," she said.

ITS is the only privately

owned truck driving school accredited in Michigan. It's the first school in the state to be certified by the Michigan Truck Safety Commission.

"It's not for everybody and I tell them that when they come in," Bernard said.

Bernard explained that some schools graduate their students in the shortest amount of time possible. She said she feels those students are not trained as well as hers.

"I don't know about you, but I don't want somebody driving behind me with only 40 hours of training," Bernard said, adding that she couldn't teach accelerated classes like that. The shortest course ITS offers is 120 hours.

"I wouldn't do it; my dad didn't do it," she said. "It all comes down to integrity."

Ironically, Bernard herself doesn't know how to drive a

truck.

"I have my chauffeur's license; one day, I may learn to drive a truck too," said Bernard, who is taking business classes at Schoolcraft College.

Bernard is on the verge of truly becoming international. She is working on collaborating with a company in Canada. Kuwait University has also shown interest.

Devoted to her family, Bernard has decorated her office with photos of her three children - Angela, 17, the varsity captain of the pom-pom squad at Plymouth Canton High School, Michelle, 15, a member of the squad, and Rick, 11, a student at West Middle School.

Non-traditional role

Bernard is one of the few female owners of trucking schools. The Canton resident admitted that it's been a rough road. Longtime workers in the male-dominated industry have had a hard time accepting women in the workforce.

"Being a woman, it's been an upward battle even though I've been cloaked by my father," she said. "If you want to do it, you have to do it 10 times better to be recognized."

"There's also great guys out there who are so supportive and helpful."

Bernard said the industry has come a long way. During the last 5-10 years more and more women have been getting involved in trucking.

"It used to be that no women went out on the trucks unless they were going for a little ride," she said. "Now we have husband/wife teams. Boyfriends and girlfriends are driving together. Some women are co-drivers, and

they make the same amount of money."

Bernard, who also owns Ardmore Truck Driving School in Gene Autry, Okla., has also had to combat the stereotype of truck drivers. Society views truckers differently in Oklahoma and Michigan.

"It's such a different attitude down there; I don't know how or why that happens," she said. "It's a career. It's like being a doctor. If I could bring that attitude up here, it would be wonderful."

The style and comfort of the trucks probably even surpass most people's expectations. Cabs of the trucks look like mini-homes similar to larger boats or campers. They have beds, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, satellite dishes and computers.

"It's like a house on wheels," Bernard said.

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may have been over for Christmas Eve dinner. I don't recall. I know we stayed home, listened to carols and maybe watched a Christmas movie or two. The Christmas tree lights were on

and a fire was going in the fireplace.

Before she went to bed, the 7-year-old left a snack for Santa on the mantel, cookies and milk that were hung for her and her brother. She insisted that both their stockings be hung on the mantel, never mind that he was 17, because that wouldn't matter to Santa.

After she went to bed, The Feminist and I stayed up and attended to last-minute chores. There were toys to be assembled - there was always something to be assembled - and somebody had to make sure those stockings were filled. Then there was the milk and cookies. There had to be an empty glass and crumbs on the plate on Christmas morning.

I went to bed first - I usually do - but we were both up early, if not bright to make the coffee and turn on the tree lights before the 7-year-old charged downstairs to check out the gifts from Santa (unwrapped, of course).

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After a quick examination of the big presents, she emptied her stocking. It contained the usual variety of "stuffers." The plate and glass were empty, as they should have been. But there was something else.

"What's this?" she asked.

"What's what?"

"This note."

There, underneath the plate on the mantel, was a piece of paper.

"I don't know," I said. "What does it say?"

She read it.

"Dear Leigh,

"Thanks for the cookies and milk. But next year, tell your dad to put out the fire in the fireplace before he goes to bed."

eyebrows.

"Yeah, right. I didn't write any note. You wrote it."

"I did NOT," I said. "I didn't write any note."

"Well neither did I!"

We looked at each other for a few seconds, then at the note, then at each other.

"Well," I said quietly, "if you didn't write it and I didn't write it, then who..."

"Geoffrey!" We both said it at the same time. His car was in the drive. He had come home some time after we were in bed.

"I guess he finally got in the spirit of things," I said.

When he surfaced a couple of hours later, I called him aside and echoed The Feminist's comment to him.

"Nice touch," I said. "The note was a nice touch."

"Note?" he said. "What note?" But he was smiling.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Stott-Lillenthal

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stott of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Marie, to Thomas David Lillenthal, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lillenthal, also of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works for Vista Maria.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Madonna University. He is employed by the Dearborn Police Department and Meijer's.

A December wedding is planned at Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village, Dearborn.



Etnyre-Metriyakool

Somrak Metriyakool and Aaron Etnyre were married Oct. 4 in Ann Arbor.

The bride is the daughter of Somrak and Krisanna Metriyakool of Bloomfield Hills. The groom is the son of Terry and Ingrid Etnyre of Springfield, Va.

The bride is a graduate of Cranbrook Kingwood School and the University of Michigan. She is a civil engineer with Orchard, Hiltz & McClimment in Livonia.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is an environmental engineer with Montgomery Watson in Novi.

The couple received guests at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Livonia.



Andrikides-Cadaret

Dimitrios and Carol Andrikides of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lynn, to Douglas L.N. Cadaret, the son of Bernard and Nancy Cadaret of Northville, formerly of Livonia.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School and a December graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in public relations. He is employed by Concord Financial in West Bloomfield.

A spring wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Church in Livonia.



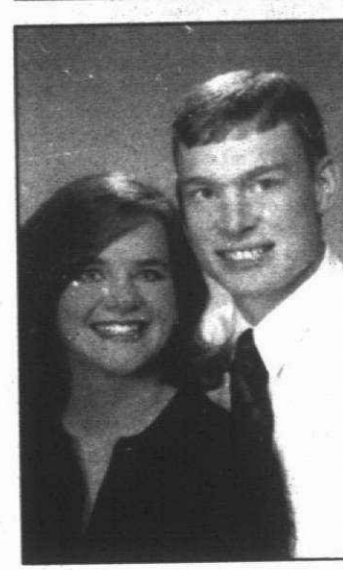
Cook-Schmitzer

Roger and Susan Cook of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Susan, to Andrew Schmitzer, the son of Robert and Kathy Schollmeyer of Frankenmuth, and the late Thomas Schmitzer.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. She is employed by Somat Engineering in Taylor.

Her fiancé is a student of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. He expects to graduate in April 1999.

An August wedding is planned at the Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge in Frankenmuth.



Petersen-Pogarch

Lori Ann Pogarch of Detroit and James Michael Petersen of Livonia were married Sept. 13 at St. Paul Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Eggebeen.

The bride is the daughter of Ken Pogarch of Detroit and the late Susan Pogarch. The groom is the son of Daniel and Paula Petersen of Livonia.

The bride received her bachelor's degree from University of Michigan-Dearborn and her master's degree from Wayne State University. She is employed by Sears Roebuck.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a subcontractor with General Motors.

The bride asked Lisa Pogarch to serve as maid of honor with Kim Stone, Michelle Newton and Renee Postler as bridesmaids.

John Petersen served as best man with Jim Stone, Rob Lambert and Keith Postler as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Hawthorn Valley Country Club in Westland. They are planning a July honeymoon at Walt Disney World in Florida. They are making their home in Detroit.



Feierfeil-Cermak

David Feierfeil and Julie Annette Cermak were married Sept. 6 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth by Dr. Dean Klump and the Rev. Gerald Feierfeil.

The bride is the daughter of William and Susan Cermak of Canton. The groom is the son of Gregory and Pamela Feierfeil of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is currently employed with the Michigan Peer Review Organization of Plymouth.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business. He is currently employed by Pro-Trans International.

The bride asked Kristen Blazek to serve as her matron of honor with Ruth Summerman, Tina Lucas, Shannon Fairchild and Jennifer Guiles as bridesmaids. Deanna Lucas was the



Werblin-Donaldson

Jeff and Carol Werblin of Syosset, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Leilani, to Douglas Michael Donaldson, the son of Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton.

The bride-to-be graduated from Syosset High School in 1988, Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1992, and Fugate School of Business at Duke University in Durham, N.C., in 1997. She is employed by APM Management Consultants in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé graduated from Plymouth-Salem High School in 1988, the University of Michigan in 1992, Fugate School of Business at Duke University in 1997. He is employed by Arthur Andersen Business Consulting in Chicago, Ill.

No wedding date has been set.

John Cole served as best man with Jeff Feierfeil, Andy Feierfeil, Michael Cermak and Norman Alexander as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at St. Aidan's Hall in Livonia. After a honeymoon in Florida, they are making their home in Redford.

NEW VOICES

Teresa Marie Baldwin of Westland announces the birth of **Edward Michael Doll III** Oct. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Nicole, 2, and Michael David Baldwin, 5. Grandparents are Susan Talaga and Gene Talaga.

Martin and Pamela Rhodes of Canton announce the birth of **Rachel Mae** Oct. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two brothers, Tony, 4, and Brandon, 2. Grandparents are Phil and Sharon Longley of Canton, and Joe and Karen Rhodes of Marquette.

Stephen and Cherie McKenzie of Westland announce the birth of **Lucas Anthony** Oct. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Andrew Stephen, 2.

Kevin and Traci (Breniser) Hawkins of Canton announce the birth of **Brooklyn Kelsey** Aug. 19 at University of Michigan Hospital. Grandparents are Ronald and Nancy Hawkins of Canton, and Harry and Patricia Breniser of Saline, formerly of Plymouth.

Jon and Stephanie Daniels of Redford Township announce the birth of **Raechel Chesney Daniels** Oct. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Anthony and Elizabeth Apone, and James and Constance Hejka, all of Westland.

Chris Freyman and Amanda McEuen of Westland announce the birth of **Bailey Jean Freyman** Oct. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Bailey joins a brother, Derrian Tylor Freyman, 2 1/2. Grandmother is Linda Freyman of Garden City.

Keith and Beth Wilson of Westland announce the birth of **Veronica Lorraine** Nov. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two brothers, Sean Keith Wilson, and Daniel Anthony Schmidtke. Grandparents are Sheila Pellar of Redford, and Mary Wilson of Peoria, Ariz.

Kelly James LeBlanc and **Brenda M. Hill** of Westland announce the birth of **Austin Francis LeBlanc** Oct. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Joan P. Seta of Holly, and Franklin D. Hill of Howell.

Clara and Jennifer Raddatz announce the birth of **John Cole** served as best man with Jeff Feierfeil, Andy Feierfeil, Michael Cermak and Norman Alexander as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at St. Aidan's Hall in Livonia. After a honeymoon in Florida, they are making their home in Redford.

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Gifts make holidays bright at Youth Living Centers



Ho-ho-ho: Youth Living Centers director Cathy Anderson (from left), Licensing Placement Supervisor Noreen Green and Director of Community Recreation Jose Mangone of the agency's Foster Care and Adoption program stand among some of the many toys that were collected for its clients this Christmas.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The generosity of strangers is making sure Christmas will be merry for the children and youths who are cared for through programs offered by Youth Living Centers.

Businesses, churches and senior housing complexes have come up with an estimated 600 gifts that are being delivered to children in YLC's foster care and independent living programs as well as families and children who have utilized YLC's Counterpoint Shelter and Safe Stay house, live in public housing or are on public assistance.

"We have people calling every day and say, 'How can we help?' which is really neat," said Melinda Klines, YLC director of communications and marketing. "We've been doing this since the foster care program started in the early '80s."

The gifts began arriving at YLC's offices in Inkster on Dec. 15 and were distributed to the different programs on Dec. 17. By week's end, the gifts were on their way to their recipients living throughout the area.

In addition to the gifts, the staff also puts together more than 100 food baskets for families who request them.

"The gifts are generally for children birth through age 20, while the families usually are looking for food and gifts for their children," Klines said. "The staff does a nice job of making people feel it is OK to ask for help around the holidays and that's a real compliment to the staff."

The donors range from individual families "and a lot of people who care," Girl Scout and Brownie troops, senior citizens, churches, the YLC staff to several area businesses, according to Klines.

This is the second year YLC has distributed such a large number of gifts and food baskets and it reflects the growth in the number of programs it offers.

Founded in 1975 as a nonprofit human service agency, YLC specializes in serving at-risk children and youth and families in need. It provides residential and community-based programs for children from birth through age 21 as well as support, education and crisis programs for parents and other community members.

The agency's Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Center has provided 24-hour residential crisis and respite care for children and home-based services for almost 400 families.

It also has some 70 children in its specialized foster care program and another 100 youths ages 16-20 making the transition from residential care to independent living program.

"We'll give out 500-600 gifts this year and gave out that much last year," said Klines. "The agency has grown so that we serve a larger community. We had five programs where we now have 20."

People interested in helping YLC make Christmas brighter for its clients can call the agency at (734) 728-3400.

Paralegal spins her tale in 'The Spider Trampoline'

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

Laurie Palazzolo - master's degree candidate, General Motors paralegal - didn't plan to write and illustrate a children's book. It just sort of happened.

The Farmington resident has always displayed a creative side. She won Madonna University's distinguished writing award for her poetry in 1994 and has exhibited her paintings in several local juried shows.

Her new book, "The Spider Trampoline" (Proctor Publications, Ann Arbor, \$14.95 hardcover), features 16 pages of text and an equal number of color illustrations.

It was inspired by a towering oak tree she encountered on a visit to Baraboo, Wis., a few years ago with her husband, Wally. The couple visited an oak savanna in Wisconsin's hilly wine country and learned its history. Fire had swept through the area a century earlier destroying everything in its path except the mighty bur oak trees, which survived because of their thick bark.

Before she knew it, Palazzolo was spinning a tale about a mighty oak tree and a lively colony of dancing spiders in her mind.

"I carried the poem in my head for six weeks; the illustrations came later," said Palazzolo, who saw her story come to life page

by page, watercolor by watercolor, spread across her dining room table.

The book tells a whimsical tale in rhyme about the dancing spiders playing in a huge web spun atop a giant oak tree. Illustrations show cane-carrying spiders in straw hats, in ballerina dresses, in top hat and tates, in all kinds of fantastic. She suspects the book will appeal primarily to children ages 3 to 7 years old.

Palazzolo took a couple of art classes while she was a student at Thurston High School in Redford Township (where her parents, Ted and Ruth, Gomulka still live), but moved in a different career direction in college.

She is currently working on a master's degree in English/business-technical writing from Wayne State University. She earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna in 1994.

"I would have loved going into art, but somehow I ended up in the legal profession. I always knew I'd go back to art," she said. "It's like a calling."

Her story in a nutshell: "The spider chooses the bur oak tree as the site for her trampoline. Nighttime is the cue for all the spiders in the forest to migrate to the top of the tree, where they hold hands, sing and dance until dawn."

Palazzolo says the underlying message of "The Spider Trampoline" is that if we listen to the small voice of faith within us in

times of darkness, the dark times won't last.

"If we support each other in troubled times, a new day will dawn," she said.

She credits her husband, a nature photographer, as another source of inspiration.

"He taught me to observe the tiny ecosystems that thrive on the forest floor," she said.

It's not surprising then that the book is dedicated to him - "the joy and the promise."

Palazzolo has two grown stepdaughters and several nieces and nephews.

"I see what they enjoy reading," she said. "I've also been a friend of the Farmington Library for 15 years."

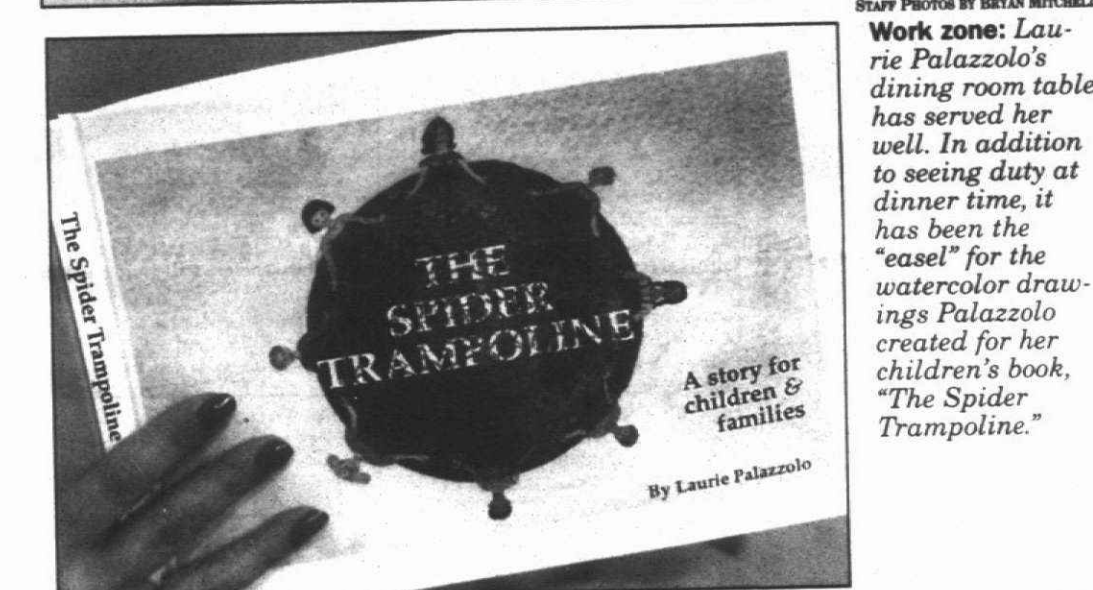
When it was time to shop for a publisher, Palazzolo tried a few

of the large New York companies before thumbing through the Yellow Pages for local possibilities. Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor bit after reading her text and seeing just a few illustrations. She finished painting the pictures during a two-week vacation last summer.

The first printing is 5,000 copies.

"I have another book written on bullfrogs, and another one in the works," she said. "I've already told my family and friends to expect books for Christmas."

Laurie Palazzolo will do a book signing at Books Abound at Border's Books and Music on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Work zone: Laurie Palazzolo's dining room table has served her well. In addition to seeing duty at dinner time, it has been the "easel" for the watercolor drawings Palazzolo created for her children's book, "The Spider Trampoline."

Resource Center offers divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College a Divorce Support Group twice a month in Room 225 of the McDowell Center.

The group meets 7-9 p.m. with the second Tuesday of the month facilitated by Kathy Koppin, a professional counselor.

The fourth Tuesday of the month is the speaker's session that address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

Topics to be covered include "The Divorce Process" with attorney Theodore Johnson on Jan. 27 and "Meeting the Financial Challenges of Your New Lifestyle" with certified financial planner Elizabeth Allen on Feb. 24.

On March 24, attorney Christa Coxon also will discuss the divorce process, followed by information on LEAP (Lawyers for Equal Access Project Inc.)

which provides clients of moderate means with legal assistance, counseling and equal access to the courts.

Bert Kelly, licensed psychologist with Family and Marriage Therapy, will speak on "We Are Where We Came From" on April 28. The session will help participants understand that how they interact in relationships as adults is directly related to their experiences in their families of origin and how to "do" relationships.

There is no fee to attend the group and registration isn't required.

The WRC also sponsors "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. An attorney with the firm of Woll & Woll is available to discuss divorce and family law. Clients are served on a first come-first served basis. No appointment is necessary and it is free of charge.

For more information, call divorce support coordinator Anita Lumpkin at (248) 349-2476 or the Women's Resource Center at (313) 462-4443. Schoolcraft College is 18600 Hagerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

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Dinner to honor achievements of St. Mary's CEO

While Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar will leave her post at St. Mary Hospital on Jan. 1, she won't be closing out her 39-year career with the medical facility. St. Mary's president and chief executive officer for 15 years, she will take on a new role as senior vice-president in charge of special projects, a position she sees as offering new opportunities.

"Becoming senior vice-president will afford me a number of challenging opportunities," said Sister Modesta who has been a Felician Sister for 54 years. "I hope to encourage interaction with patients, family members and hospital staff on supportive care for terminally ill and dying patient."

"And I plan to offer support to the administrative executive team in any way possible." Filling the hospital's top spot will be Sister Mary Renetta Rump, the current executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

Sister Modesta will be the guest of honor at a reception and dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Wednesday, Jan. 7. The reception will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., David Brandon, chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees and president of Valassis Communications, will emcee a special program that will honor Sister Modesta's life and achievements.

Tickets cost \$50 and proceeds will benefit the St. Mary Hospital Institute for Supportive Care. The institute provides for the appropriate management and integration of care to meet the physical, emotional, psychosocial and spiritual needs of patients with chronic, life-threatening

and terminally ill conditions. Among the things the institute will fund are focus groups, speakers and education. It also will help create programs that teach supportive care skills and provide training for staff and volunteers in the various aspects of supportive care.

The deadline for ordering tickets is Friday, Dec. 26. To order or for more information, call the community relations department at (734) 655-1590.

Sister Modesta has been a part of St. Mary Hospital since its opening in 1959. She served as its chief medical technologist, helping to organize and direct the hospital laboratory, until her appointment as vice-president responsible for diagnostic services in 1977.

As the administrative medical technologist, Sister Modesta was involved in the planning of the original laboratory and its expansion in 1972.

"With the teamwork of the laboratory staff, we implemented new procedures and automated technology in all areas of the laboratory, increasing the number of laboratory tests from 81,000 in 1960 to 1.5 million in 1977," she recalled.

During her tenure as vice president of diagnostic services, she expanded management opportunities to seven diagnostic service departments and three other patient-related areas and organized the first Quality Assurance Program in 1980.

She stepped up to the position of president and CEO in 1982. Under her leadership as president and CEO, the hospital affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital in a partnership of shared programs and resources



Changing times: Sister Mary Modesta (left) will step down as president and chief executive officer of St. Mary Hospital in Jan. 1, turning the helm of the city's fourth largest employer over to Sister Mary Renetta, the current executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Sister Modesta is a graduate of Madonna University, Wayne State University and Notre Dame University and holds master degrees in medical technology and hospital administration. In addition to her responsibilities at the hospital, she also has served on the boards of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Hearts of Livonia, Southeast Michigan Hospital Council, Michigan on affordable care to our customers whether they are patients, family members, physicians, staff, vendors, third-party payors or anyone using the services of St. Mary Hospital," Sister Modesta said. "Through the ongoing implementation of our mission, I believe St. Mary Hospital will continue to meet and even exceed the needs and expectations of those who depend on us for their health care."

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of Katja Barrett the birth of Curtis O'Connell Oct. 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Dwight and Gabriele Raddatz of Ridgeway, Colo., and Thomas and Susan Mammel of Bolingbrook, Ill.

Brett Fee of Garden City and Angela McNeil of Wayne announce the birth of Kaitlyn Elizabeth McNeil Fee Oct. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Millard and Kathryn Fee of Garden City, and Joe and Deborah McNeil of Wayne.

Bill and Kim Downer of Garden City announce the birth of Paige Karlynn June 15 at the Birthing Center of St. Mary Hospital. Grandparents are Barbara Jones of Garden City, Keith Jones of Florida, and June and Jerry Downer of Garden City. Great-grandmother is Edith Jones of Westland.

Curtis and Crystal Thompson of Garden City announce the birth of Hunter Curtis Oct. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Bryan, 19 months. Grandparents are Mike and Sharon Wallen of Westland, and Frank and Michele Diepenbrock of Armada.

Stuart and Lori Palm of Westland announce the birth of a baby boy Oct. 31 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins three brothers, Bradley, Stuart and Garrett. Grandparents are Bonnie Preston of Redford, and Patricia Palm of Westland.

William and Debra Wilson of Westland announce the birth of Christian William Oct. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Joshua, 8, and Gregory, 5, and a sister, Tammy, 2. Grandmothers are Connie Shonberger of Rochester Hills and Barbara Wilson of Dearborn Heights.

James and Helene Rucker of Westland announce the birth of Tyler James Nov. 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Donna Nicole. Grandparents are Bud

and Virg Rucker of Algonac, and Walter and Victoria Gorney of Warren.

Charles B. Bourbeau and Louise B. Atchley of Livonia announce the birth of Catherine Beatrice Bourbeau Oct. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Michael Atchley, 2. Grandparents are Robert and Beatrix Roderick of Livonia.

Steven and Tiffany Harvey of Westland announce the birth of Brendan Eric Nov. 2 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Wayne and Cheryl Peeler, Ray Harvey and Laraine Harvey, and Gail Skrandis, all of Westland.

Richard C. and Kimberly S. Brumm announce the birth of Kyrndra Lee Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Kyrndra joins a sister, Megan Tyler, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stehney of Redford, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidke of Garden City.

James A. and MaryAnne Schira of Garden City announce the birth of Bethany Anne Oct. 31 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, David Derkach, and a sister, Jessica Schira. Grandparents are John and Sally Schira of Westland, and Pete and Terry Derkach of Garden City.

Rob and Carrie McGaffey of Westland announce the birth of Jamie Lynn Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Jamie joins a sister, Dana, 4. Grandparents are Sharon Geyer, and Robert Sr. and Debbie McGaffey of Dearborn Heights.

Ronald and Annette King of Okemos announce the birth of Samuel Aaron Nov. 7 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. He has two brothers - Ben, 7, and Mitchell, 3 - and two sisters - Carly, 5, and Alexandra, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Robert and Marilyn Bryce of Plymouth and Lester and Barbara King, also of Plymouth. Great-grandmother is Grace Gibb of Dearborn.

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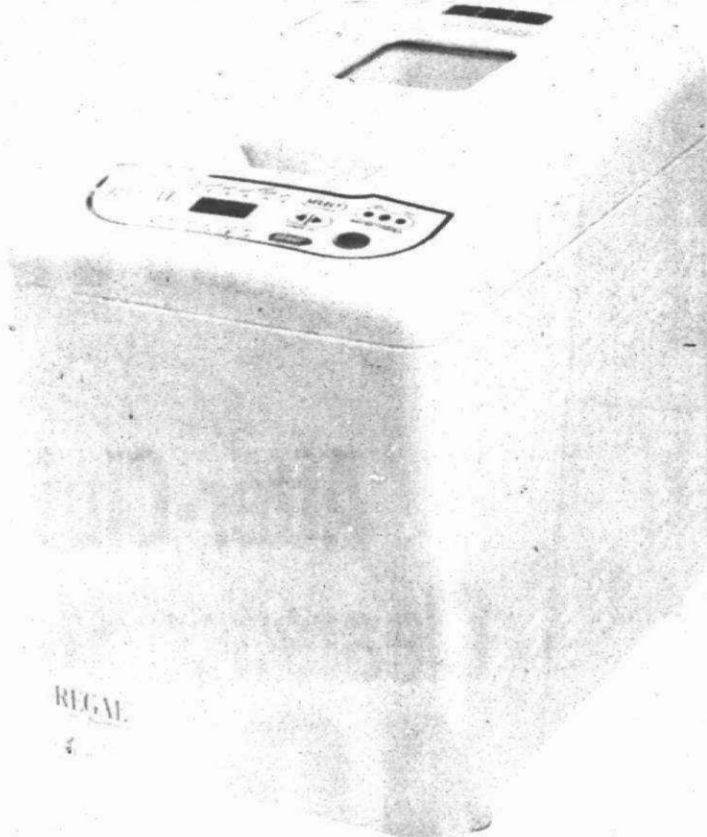
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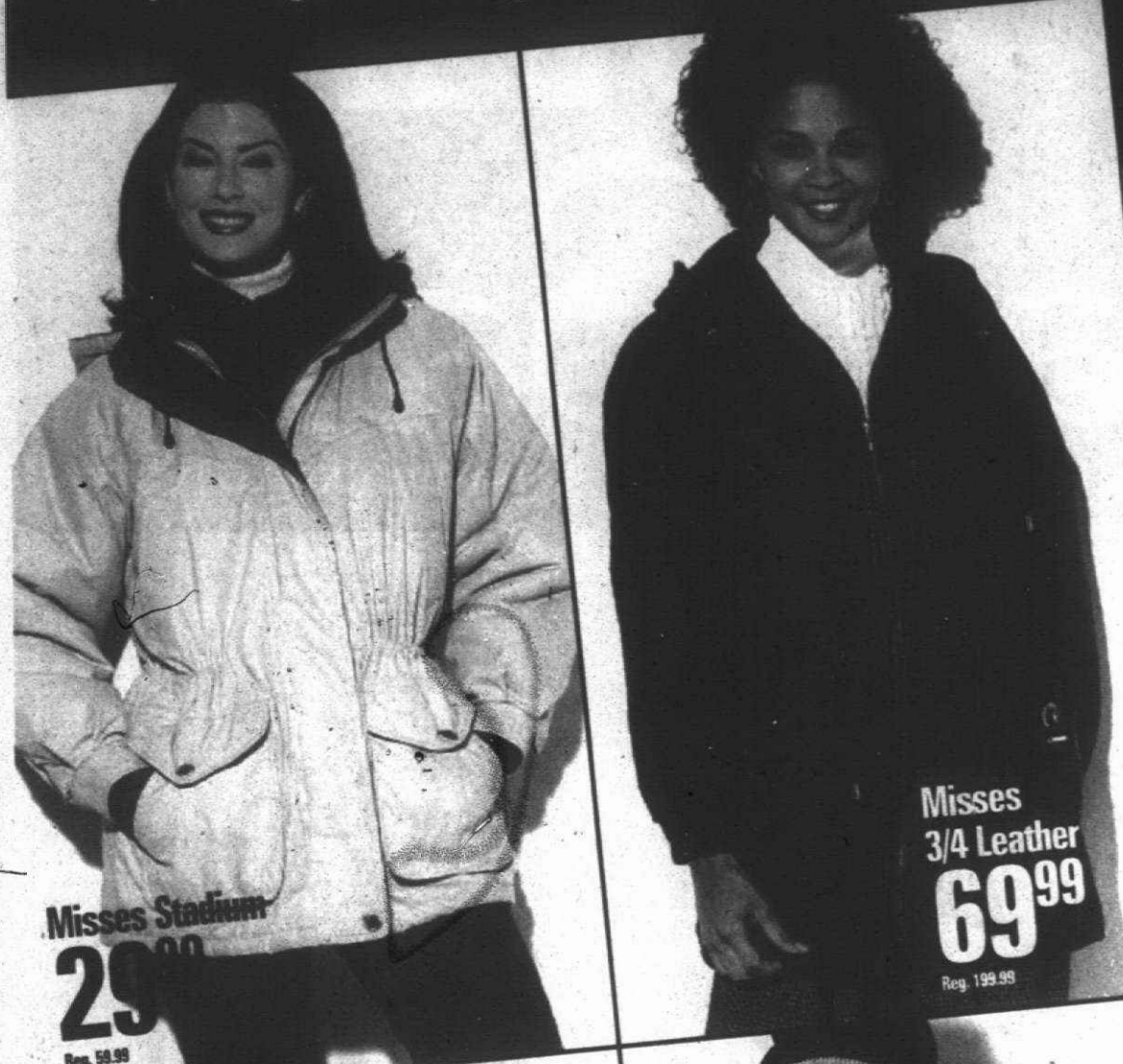
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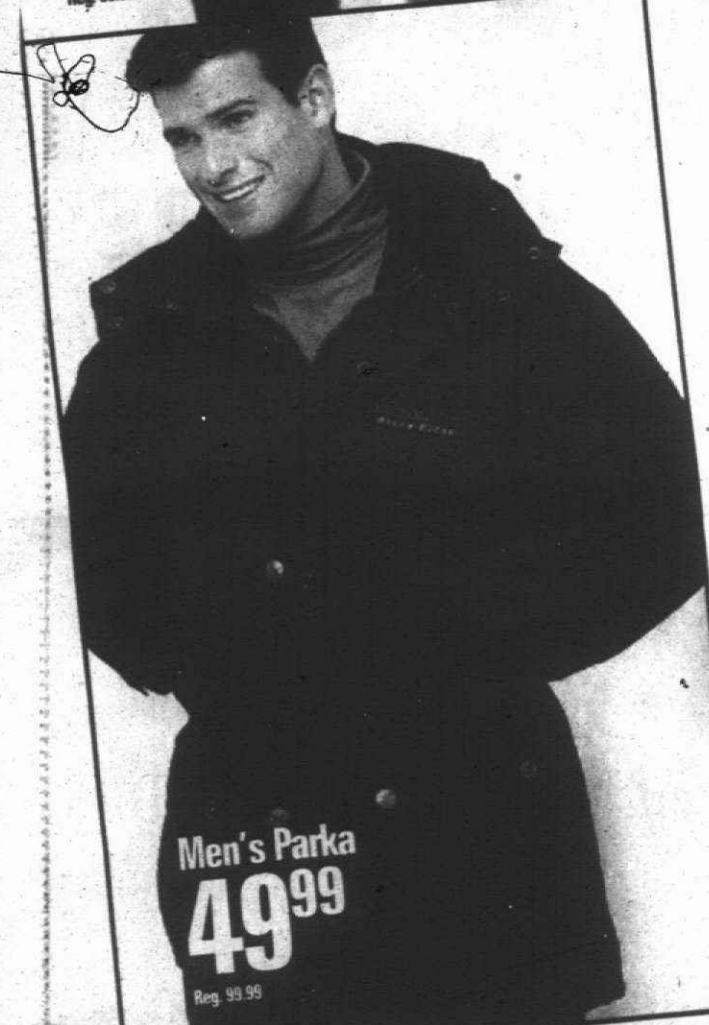
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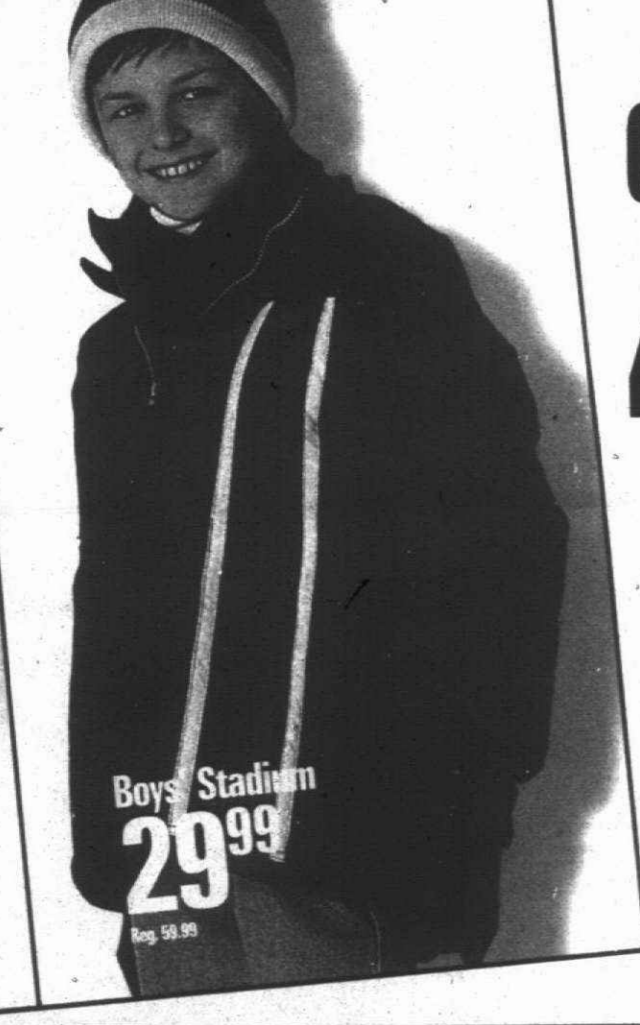


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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

'LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE'
For the 17th year, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is presenting "The Living Christmas Tree: Music of the True Meaning of Christmas" directed by Dan Whitney, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, three miles west of I-275, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1525.

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, Dec. 18-20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 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 (734) 464-6302.

ADVENT CLASS
Kindergartners, first and second graders are invited to an Advent class 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 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 (734) 422-0149.

YOGA CLASSES
The Unity of Livonia Church, located at 28960 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout November and December. The class, taught by Linda Haught, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC
The children of Alpha Baptist Church will present a Christmas musical program, "Three Wise Men and a Baby," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-6300.
Temple Baptist Church is presenting its annual musical production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are priced \$6 to \$10 and can be purchased at the church's ticket

office, or Visa/MasterCard by calling the ticket hotline at (734) 414-3980. No children younger than age 4 will be admitted to the performances.
The Chancel Choir of St. James Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas cantata, "Rejoice in his Coming," at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 21. The church is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

For the 17th year, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is presenting "The Living Christmas Tree: Music of the True Meaning of Christmas," directed by Dan Whitney, 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 19-21, at the church, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275, Plymouth. The choir will step into the branches of a 30-foot high tree to sing the songs that articulate the reason for the birth of Christ. No tickets are necessary and seating will be on a first come-first served basis. Nursery will be provided for children under age 3. For more information, call (734) 453-1525.

The Student and Adult choirs of Merriman Road Baptist Church will perform a musical drama, "Room in the Inn," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. "Room in the Inn" is great family entertainment that presents the age-old Christmas message in a contemporary urban setting.

The presentation is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will present a choir Christmas cantata at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, east of Inkster Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

The Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Noah Duncan IV, will present its second annual festival of Christmas Music concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Advance tickets are \$5 and \$10 at the door.

The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament is at 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For further information, call (313) 865-6300 during the day.

PRAYER GROUP
The Madonna University prayer group will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center, 14221 Levan, north of Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call John at (734) 422-5611 or Cecile at (734) 591-3247.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will present its annual children's Christmas program during the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 21. The church is at 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and

south of Schoolcraft Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 638-1248.2

FAMILY SERVICE
The Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will have a Family Christmas service at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. 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. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene is at 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

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 (734) 425-5950 or (248) 474-1396.

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 (734) 522-4856.

SUNDAY LESSONS
"Love" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook between

Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The lesson for Sunday, Dec. 28, will be "Lessons Learned."

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 or at its Web site, <http://www.cotw.com>.

DIVORCECARE
DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:35-9:15 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 (734) 469-3333 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 "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.

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Through the award-winning animated television special, "Red Boots for Christmas" released in 1995, Lutheran Hour Ministries hopes to reach millions around the globe with the "true" message of Christmas.

The colorful 30-minute family special is set to broadcast locally on WADL-38 at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Following the broadcast, viewers will be given the opportunity to call a toll-free number to receive a free children's storybook version of "Red Boots."

"Red Boots for Christmas" is based on a German folk tale named Hans who, with the help of his pet crow Aldo and a visit from an angel learns to embrace the true meaning of Christmas and receive the ultimate gift from God, the Savior. For more information about "Red Boots for Christmas," call the

toll-free "Red Boots" hotline at (800) 442-0324. Internet users can visit "Wired With the Word" at <http://www.lhm.org>.

Lutheran Hour Ministries also will fill the airwaves with a host of colorful personalities on its nationally-syndicated radio talk show, "Woman to Woman."

The weekly half-hour program is heard locally at 5:30 p.m. Sundays on WAAM (1600) on the AM dial. The talk show is hosted by Phyllis Wallace.

The "Woman to Woman" Christmas special on Sunday, Dec. 21, is "Mysteries Revealed." The guest list includes children's author Dandi Daley Mackall,

author of the new Lutheran Hour Ministries children's book series featuring The Puzzle Club. The program also includes interviews with cartoonist Charles Schulz, known for his lovable Peanuts characters, and Dr. Raymond Damadian, the inventor of the magnetic resonance imaging scanner (MRI). Lutheran Hour Ministries is a service of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, a volunteer organization of 150,000 members. The league is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church-Canada.

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Tri-County Orthopedic Group, P.C. is pleased to announce the addition of Germaine R. Fritz, D.O. Dr. Fritz completed her internship and orthopedic surgery residency at Botsford General Hospital and a hand and microvascular surgery fellowship at Riverside Methodist-Ohio State University Hospitals. Dr. Fritz's subspecialty is the treatment of acute and chronic conditions of the upper extremity including microvascular surgery.

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learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE
Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Sunday School children's service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The service will be based on the theme of "A Christmas Surprise" and will highlight many of the Sunday School children and staff. For

more information, call (734) 422-5550.

LATKE PARTY
Congregation Beit Kodesh will have its annual Hanukkah Latke Party at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. There will be entertainment and a 50/50 raffle. The cost to attend is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child ages 3-12. Children under age three will be free of charge. For more information, call Anita Cottrell at (734) 453-7141.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man,"

meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Ward Presbyterian Church will celebrate New Year's Eve with an evening of fellowship, beginning at 9 p.m. with a sacred Christian concert, featuring Dale Hicks, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. A buffet is available at 10 p.m. by advance reservation only.

The evening will conclude with

a Watch Night service at 11 p.m. Chimes will ring in the New Year and close the service just after midnight. For more information, call (734) 422-1826.

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, 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 (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903,

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15 and March 20-22, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a

dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The cost is \$8 and includes refreshments. For more information, call Roase at (734) 464-3325.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974; for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

CLASS REUNIONS

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.

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Sisung All-America

Madonna University junior outside hitter Karin Sisung (Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central) was named to the NAIA All-America Volleyball second team.

The Monroe native averaged 3.7 kills per game, 0.83 blocks per game and compiled a .884 passing percentage as the Lady Crusaders finished the year with a 34-15 overall record.

Madonna won both the Wolyerine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and playoff championship before reaching the regional semifinal.

Senior outside-hitter Erin Gregoire, a senior outside-hitter from Monroe CC, earned NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors for the second straight year. Gregoire compiled a 3.65 grade-point average.

Wildcat tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams will have a series of open tryouts next month for all those interested female players.

•16, 17 and 18 and under players: Tryouts for all three will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth;

•15-and-under: Tryouts will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•14-and-under Blue: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

•14-and-under Red: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•13-and-under: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth.

Tryouts for 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under teams will be announced later. For further information, call Fred Thomann at (313) 459-7315 or Bob Blohm at (313) 459-1763.

Soccer refs

New soccer referee training will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 at the Canton Township Hall. Those interested in becoming a soccer referee must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to: P.O. Box 700260, Plymouth, MI, 48170-0945.

For further information, call (313) 454-7335. Class size is limited.

Motor City Bowl

The Ford Motor City Bowl, featuring Marshall (10-2) - the Mid-American Conference champion - against Division I University of Mississippi (7-4), will be played at the Pontiac Silverdome beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26.

Tickets are \$27 and \$22. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. For every ticket the MHSFCA sells, it will receive \$10 in return for the High School Football Hall of Fame that will be built at the University of Michigan.

To order tickets, please send a check made out to the MHSFCA and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Donald G. Lessner, Executive Director, MHSFCA, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, MI, 48183.

Hockey contest

Red Wing fans, take notice. MediaOne and ESPN have joined forces to bring the Hockeymania contest to Michigan. The contest runs through March 27 and will include five raffles for hockey and Red Wings-related prizes.

There is no purchase necessary, but the contest is open to Michigan residents 18 and older. Complete contest details and entry forms are available at all Michigan MediaOne locations.

Prizes include a trip for two to Chicago for the Wings/Blackhawks game Dec. 11; a trip to Vancouver to see the 1998 NHL All-Star game; a bundle of prizes on Jan. 19, including three ESPN2 NHL jackets, 24 "Fire on Ice" T-shirts, and 24 ESPN2 hats; a trip for two to the ESPN world headquarters in Bristol, Conn. Feb. 19; and a trip for two to a 1998 Stanley Cup championship game April 1.

Rocks get on track with Belleville win

After all the hype, all the promise, Plymouth Salem's basketball team got what it needed most as it entered the second week of the season - a win.

The Rocks were expected to be the team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but they didn't look like it last week when they lost at Monroe and Ann Arbor Huron. The tailspin was halted Tuesday in their home-opener, when a strong second half propelled them to a 68-50 victory over Belleville.

The loss was the Tigers' first after two wins.

Getting that first "W" was a relief for Salem coach Bob Brodie. "It sure is," he said. "It would have been an awful Christmas otherwise."

The Rocks are idle until Dec. 27, when they play in the Grosse Ile Holiday Tournament.

"We've progressively gotten better," the Rocks' coach added. "And I guess that's what you want. Against Monroe, we were just awful. (Last Friday) Against Huron, we were better but we just didn't finish it off."

"We were better today, but we've still got some work to do."

The game was tight through three quarters. Salem took a 23-21 lead into

halftime, then stretched that to 43-34 after three periods.

Of course, it didn't require a long memory to recall that at Huron last Friday, Salem led by 11 going into the last quarter - and lost.

The difference against Belleville was free throws. Although the Rocks were up on Huron the entire game, they took just five free throws, one in the fourth quarter.

Against Belleville, Salem was 19-of-35 (54.3 percent) and attempted 22 free throws in the last quarter. The Tigers were 3-of-6 (50 percent).

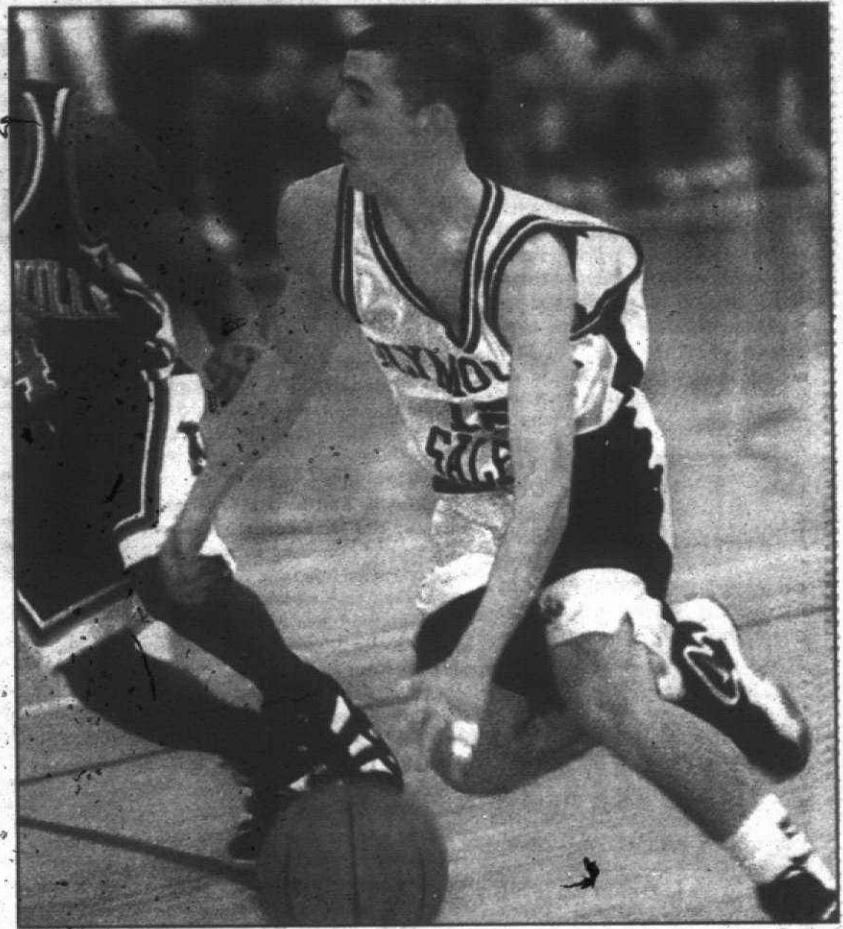
"We took the ball to them and drew some fouls," said Brodie. "They were aggressive, playing in-your-face pressure defense. And we took it inside better than we have."

Bhavin Patel and Tony Jancevski topped the Rocks with 15 points apiece. Patel also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds; Jancevski had seven.

Matt Mair added 10 points, Andy Power scored nine and dished out four assists, and Jeff McKian totaled eight assists and five boards.

The Tigers were paced by John Edwards with 12 points and C.J.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Turning it on: Andy Power helped Salem win its first game this season Tuesday, scoring nine points and dishing out four assists.

Salem edges Holt for tourney title

WRESTLING

One of the smallest guys on Plymouth Salem's wrestling team proved to be one of the toughest at Saturday's Salem 8 Invitational.

John Mervyn pinned all four of his opponents in the 103-pound weight division to finish first and lead the Rocks to a team title.

Salem scored 251 points to narrowly edge two-time defending Class A state champion Holt, which scored 247. A week earlier at the Holt Invitational, the Rams beat Salem by 11 points.

Wyandotte Roosevelt placed third with 179 points, followed by Saline (173.5), Redford Catholic Central (158),

Adrian (157), Brighton (124) and Ann

Arbor Huron (91).

It took Mervyn a total of 2:16 to win his three pool matches, against Brighton's Nick Brown (:33), CC's Chris O'Hara (:41) and Saline's Chris Kilbane (1:02). In the championship match, Mervyn pinned Holt's Jack Scott in 1:10.

His was one of three weight-division championships for Salem. The Rocks also had four seconds and two thirds.

Dan Morgan, wrestling at 119, won all three of his pool matches on pins,

over CC's Klai Shirlin(1:02), Adrian's James Cousino (1:49) and Saline's Kory Kramer (1:40). In the final, Morgan bested Holt's Manuel Garcia 9-1.

The Rocks third title went to Teono Wilson at 189. In pool matches, Wilson got one win on a void, then pinned both Holt's Tom Shaver (1:04) and Adrian's Nick Vanover (1:28). In the final, Wilson outscored CC's John Abshire 15-6.

Heavyweight Charlie Hamblin went 3-0 in his pool, edging Holt's Cedric Ford 2-1 in overtime, then pinning Saline's Ben Ewoldt (:27) and Brighton's Chris Childs (:22), before

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Mat death gives a cause to pause

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

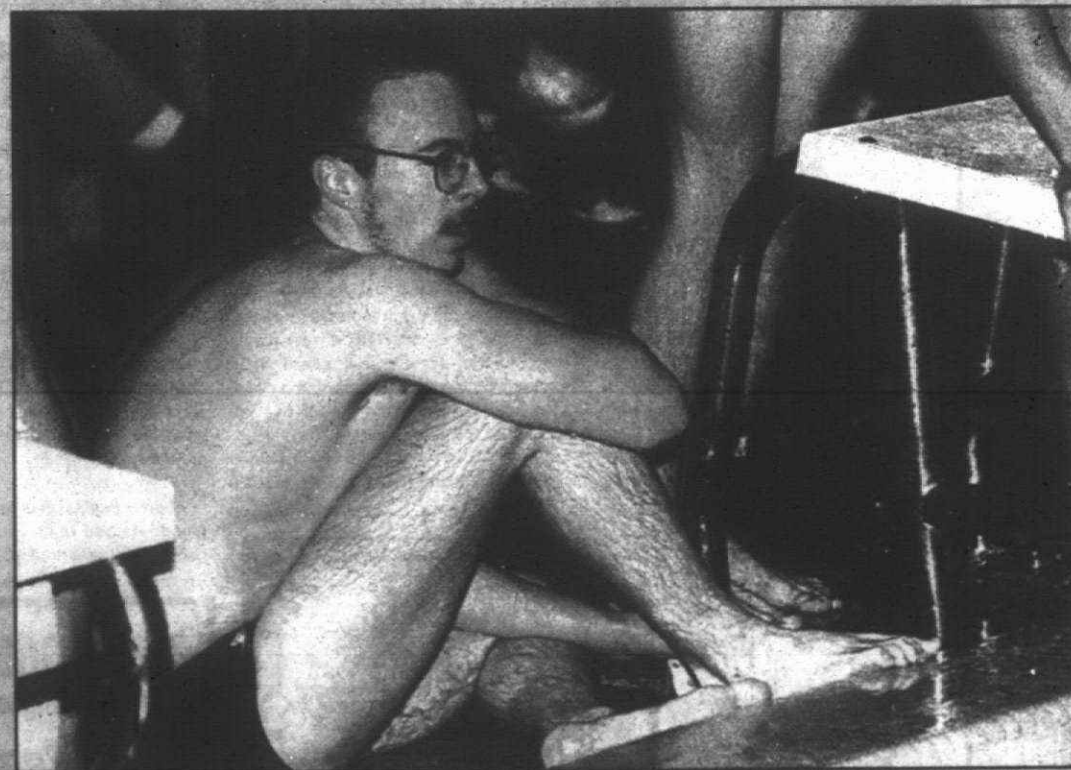
The tragic death of University of Michigan wrestler Jeff Reese last week has forced everyone involved in the sport to take a closer look at how things are done.

But at the high school level, it serves more as a vindication of what is termed the Alpha weigh-in process.

Reese died Dec. 9 from heart and

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Rocks gunning to make it 6 straight



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Eyeing something big: Salem's Tim Buchanan returns for his senior year after placing seventh at state meet last season in the 200-yard freestyle. Hopes are high for both Buchanan and the Rocks, who took 10th at state.

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

There are some notable losses among the 13 seniors who swam on Plymouth Salem's boys team last season, including Kyle Petrosky (who's now at West Point), Mark Dettling, Otto Geiseman and Luke Woodcock.

They played a major role in Salem's claiming a fifth-straight Western Lakes Activities Association championship last winter. And although the losses are great, the good news is there's plenty more where they came from.

"We lost 13 seniors but we still have 48 (swimmers) on the team, with 16 freshmen," said coach Chuck Olson. "With the number of freshmen we have, we should be in for another exciting year."

The Rocks finished 10th in the state at last year's Class A meet, and came away with the feeling they could have done better. That could be a motivational factor this season - starting Saturday at the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays Meet, the traditional season-opening event hosted by Salem.

As strong as the Rocks have been year-in and year-out, they have not fared well recently at the Relays meet. Plymouth Canton has won the past two. Salem is planning to end that run.

The 10-relay meet starts at noon Saturday.

"We're looking forward to the relay meet," said Olson. "We're looking forward to meeting the challenge."

The Rocks were in position to win each of the past two meets, but both times a mistake that led to their backstroke relays disqualification cost them.

"We had (the championship) in our grasp the last

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Problems can't keep Canton down

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Last season was so close to perfect for Plymouth Canton's swim team, in terms of expectations compared to results, that matching it would have indeed been a challenge.

It now appears the Chiefs won't even get much of a chance, at least as far as results are concerned.

The pre-season has been costly for Canton. The Chiefs lost nine seniors, among them Pat Krause, B.J. Page, Adam Allen, Ryan Dahiman, Dave

Schacht and Robert Brooks.

Bad enough, right? Well, it got worse.

Canton also lost its best swimmer, Alex Rottgers, who finished seventh at the Class A state finals in the 100-yard breaststroke last season. Rottgers' family moved to Alabama.

In addition, Don LeClair and Steve Blossom - both scorers at last season's Western Lakes Activities Association championships - are injured and feared to be out for the season. And David Le, another scorer at the WLAA meet, has left the team to con-

centrate on academics.

"We've run into a lot of mishaps," said Canton coach Kyle Lott. "And we didn't gain a lot of (immediate) help in our freshmen. It's a good group, but I'm not sure they'll be ready to contribute at the conference level this year."

Which means a repeat of last season's performance - Canton was impressive in placing second to Plymouth Salem at the WLAA meet - seems unlikely, particularly in view of Livonia Stevenson's emergence. The Spartans could battle Salem for the

league crown.

And Canton? Well, enough doom and gloom. All is not lost for the Chiefs.

"I'm having a lot of fun with these kids," said Lott, who refuses to term the year as "rebuilding."

He knows, had everything gone right, he could have had a team that also might have challenged Salem for the WLAA crown.

"I think we could have done it," he said. "As good as Salem is, I thought

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ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Goin' to the hoop

Observer's teams rank with the state's best

BY C.J. RISKIN

STAFF WRITER

Selecting the best girls basketball team in Observerland wouldn't be any real problem: Redford Bishop Borgess lost once all season, rolling through the Class C state tournament with relative ease en route to its third state championship in five years.

Which is why the Spartans' Aiysha Smith was selected as Miss Basketball, with some controversy. Choosing the rest of the team wasn't so easy, simply because there was a lot to choose from.

The teams that fared the best didn't do so on the shoulders of any single player. Depth of talent was the key element in successful seasons at Borgess, Plymouth and Farmington.

Selecting an Observerland coach of the year was also a difficult task. It might seem Borgess' Dave Mann is being penalized because he had a team so loaded with talent and wasn't our choice.

Instead, the honor goes to Canton's Bob Blohm. It shouldn't be any real surprise, considering what Blohm's Chiefs accomplished this season.

They won the Western Lakes Activities Association championship with an 11-0 record and

defeated a very tough Salem squad en route to a district title. Canton was 19-5 for the year and came within an eyelash of upsetting Birmingham Marian in the state regional final.

What makes all this more remarkable is that the Chiefs' biggest starter was 6-foot-8 1/2 Nkechi Okumabua. Canton lacked size and was not a great offensive team, but Blohm's motion offense — which stressed patience — wore opponents down and put Canton in control.

Which is why he was chosen. Now the rest of the team. **FIRST TEAM** • Aiysha Smith, 6-1 Sr., Bishop Borgess: The Miss Basketball winner did a little of everything for the Class C state champion Spartans. She averaged 10.8 points, 11.8 rebounds, 4.5 blocks, 4.1 steals and 3.5 assists per game while shooting 52 percent from the floor and 62 percent at the free throw line.

"I think she is the best defensive player, most versatile — and best player in the state," Mann said. "I had the opportunity to compete her first-hand to (Fint Northern's) Tawana McDonald and (Detroit Dominican's) Raina Goodwin." Borgess, which finished 27-1 overall, beat Northern in the regular season and Dominican in the regionals.

"Amanda Abraham, 6-1 Sr., Plymouth Salem: Asking what Abraham did for Plymouth Salem was a difficult question. Better to ask what she didn't do. That's because there wasn't much. A four-year starter for the Rocks, Abraham has been their point-forward the past two years, shouldering the responsibility of handling the ball the most.

That, however, did not harm the rest of her game. Abraham led Salem in just about everything this year: scoring (12.4 points), rebounding (6.7), steals (2.6) and assists (4.0). Indeed, she was a double-figure scorer throughout her four-year varsity career.

"She's a player who's got a complete game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She can handle the ball, she's a great finisher, she's an excellent defender, she's got great quickness, she runs the floor and she handles the ball."

"She's just an excellent high school player." Abraham has been recruited to play college basketball by several NCAA Division I schools. Her list has been pared down to Central Michigan, Bowling Green, Ohio University and Holy Cross.

"Koren Merchant, 6-foot Sr., Bishop Borgess: Merchant dropped the tag of enigma and became a star most of the year. An All-WLAA player for the second straight season, she led Harrison in scoring with a 14.6 average while shooting 43 percent from the floor. Robble also averaged better than five rebounds — not bad for a shooting guard.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, School, Position. Lists players for First Team, Second Team, Third Team, Fourth Team, and Coach of the Year.

HONORABLE MENTION: Redford Bishop Borgess: Sherman Drake; Plymouth Canton: Kristin Mayer, Janell Twilmeyer, Plymouth Salem: Christine Phillips, Broe Pastarovic; Farmington Hills: Ari Ault, Amy Jenkins, Kristin Knutson; North Farmington: Melissa Gratz, Katie Vitello; Livonia Ladywood: Erin Hayden, Jenny Lachapelle, Kelly Jeffrey, Cheryl Wroblecki; Farmington Hills: Mavey Suzie Robie, Ashley Schumacher, Kelly Moug, Katie Van Loowen; Livonia Stevenson: Carolyn Courtright, Stephanie Dutz, Lindsay Gausick; Livonia Chaswell: Terri Owens, Stacey Spanich; Wayne Memorial: Erica Davis, Natalie Gerson, Beth Mallory; Dearfield: Lori Jindrich, Julie Warner; Westland John Glenn: Rola Ahmad, Layola Chandler, Samantha Crews; Farmington: Beth Jager, Jamie Jakacki; Garden City: Sarah Talbot, Missy Bakos, Shannon Faber; Redford Union: Katie Thomson, Laura Hillson; Redford Throatless: Kelly Grenan, Christie Kooster; Redford St. Agatha: Katie Miller, Chris Woods; Lathrup Westland: Anna Schwewe, Sarah Hoffmeyer, Kierra Decker; Livonia Clarenceville: Danielle Slez, Michelle Berry; Westland John Glenn: Sarah Taylor, Liz Pugno, Jenny Sutherland; Canton Agape Christian: Kim Ther, Margie Henry.

school's career leader in that category. Robble is also the career leader in three-pointers with 85. "She's very versatile," Mantyla said. "She could shoot from the perimeter, take it to the basket and post up."

"Melissa Marzoff, 6-7 Sr., Plymouth Canton: Another four-year starter, Marzoff was part of a Canton team that needed everybody to do a bit of everything if it were to succeed.

The Chiefs did, coming within a possession or two of reaching the state quarterfinals. And Marzoff was a major reason why. The team's second-leading scorer (10.5 points per game), Marzoff led Canton in assists (4.3 per game) and steals (2.7), and averaged five rebounds as well.

"Through the middle of the season, we spent time with her playing face the basket," said Thomann. "So her perimeter game improved, and that made her a more complete player."

"She's already got a really nice inside game, and her facing-the-basket game is really getting better." Thomann also called Pruet, who was second on the team in scoring (11.2 points) and rebounding (6.6), "a great defender and a good rebounder. I thought, by the end of the year, she was the kind of player who wanted the ball."

Marzoff has already signed to play at NCAA Division II Northwood University. **SECOND TEAM** • Christina Anderson, 5-6 Sr., Bishop Borgess: A three-year starter, Anderson averaged 9.8 points, 6.0 assists, 4.2 steals and 4.2 rebounds per game. She made 43 percent of her field goal attempts, 61 percent at the free throw line.



Amanda Abraham Plymouth Salem



Melissa Marzoff Plymouth Canton



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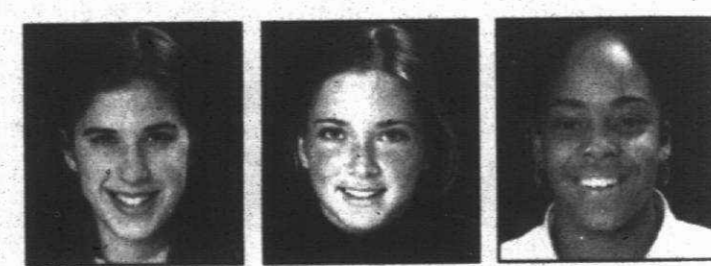
Koren Merchant Redford Bishop Borgess



Nkechi Okumabua Plymouth Canton



Andrea Pruet Plymouth Salem



Sarah Pogits Livonia Ladywood



Kellee Fournier North Farmington



Christina Anderson Redford Bishop Borgess

What Pruet accomplished as a junior was, simply put, paved the road for what figures to be a very impressive senior season. A threat in the low-post as a sophomore, Pruet showed improvement there, and also took her game outside more. The Catholic League All-Central Division pick finished her year averaging 12.5 points, seven rebounds, and 2.5 blocks-per game. Pogits shot 49 percent from the field and 72 percent from the free throw line.

In five state tournament games, Pogits stepped up her game by averaging 17 points, seven rebounds, while shooting 56 percent from the field and 87 percent from the line. Her best outing was against Livonia Stevenson with 22 points (on 11 of 15 shooting), eight rebounds, five blocks, five assists and two steals.

"Sarah was a lot more aggressive offensively this year," Livonia coach Andrea Gorski said. "She was always a good shooter. When she got the ball inside she was committed to scoring." Pogits, who committed to Loyola Chicago to play volleyball, carries a 3.9 grade-point average.

"Kellee Fournier, 5-6 Sr., North Farmington: The Raiders were one of the area's most improved teams this year. Fournier was one of the reasons why. "Her senior leadership on the floor was tremendous," North Farmington coach Linda Perkins said. "She was always in the right place on offense and defense."

Fournier was a variety player for four years for the Raiders. At shooting guard this season, she averaged in double figures while connecting on 34 percent of her three-point attempts. Fournier also averaged better than two steals per game and nearly four rebounds.

"I think she played the best she has ever played this season," Perkins said. "She's been a tremendous player to coach. "Every year she developed more court sense. She had a great senior season."

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two years and let it get away," Olson said. That alone should help Salem sharpen its focus Saturday. Returnees who will help guide the Rocks include senior co-captains Nick Corden, Brent Mellis and Tim Buchanan. All three are returning state meet qualifiers.

Buchanan, however, was the only one to score in an individual event at last year's state final — he finished seventh in the 200 free. "We weren't quite ready to do what we hoped to at state (last year)," said Olson.

Senior co-captains and the rest of their teammates plan to change that this season. Indeed, Olson believes Corden, Mellis and Buchanan all believe this team is one of the best in the state.

There is plenty of depth and senior leadership, in fact: Chris Cameron (diving), Dan Kelly (freestyle), Scott Brown (breast-stroke), Brian Satwicz (breast), Brad Schopieray (free, butterfly), Jim McLennan (breast, individual medley), Dustin Winter (all strokes), Brian McKay (free), Matt Bright (fly) and Adam Borchardt (free).

"They've all been on the team four years," said Olson. "They're all hung in there. It's a pretty solid group in there." Leading the junior class are Matt Casillas (backstroke, all

senior Brent Buttermore at 135 and senior John Peter Demick at 171. Buttermore pinned Southfield's Isaiah Smith (249) and defeated Lake Orion's Mike Lamine 18-2 before losing to Dearborn Edsel Ford's Chris Luther. In his match for third, Buttermore pinned Harper Woods Notre Dame's Mark Gleski (237).

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Another Demick, Robert, placed fourth at 160. Robert pinned Southfield Lathrup's Mark Hanna (32) and outscored L'Anse Creuse's Tony Tocco 11-6 before losing to Port Huron Northern's Nate Hurst, the division's top seed. After beating Novi's Jeff O'Sullivan on an injury default, Robert lost in the third-place match to Berkley's Reuben Goodman 10-8.

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losing to Casey Rogowski of CC on a fall in the final. Anwar Crutchfield also took a second at 160, beating Saline's Tom DeGrand (2-1). Holt's Lyle Smith (2:7) and Adrian's Nate Woodring (1:19) in his pool. In the final, Wyandotte's Aaron Greene edged Crutchfield, 5-2.

Josh Henderson breezed through his pool at 125, pinning Holt's Jon Zolnai (1:38). CC's Matt Goward (3:06) and Saline's Chris Harrison (4:00). In the final, Henderson was pinned by Brighton's Adam Kushner (3:12). The Rocks got another second from Rob Ash at 112. Ash defeated CC's Chris Pedersen (3:37) and Wyandotte's Greg Thiesen (1:39) and got one void. In the final, Adrian's Eric Jones beat Ash 10-4.

Third-place medals went to Dan Hamblin at 140, who pinned Adrian's Buster Adams (2:02) in the consolation final, and James Greene, who pinned Saline's Scott Schuyler (1:10) in the consolation final at 152. The Rocks Sam Boyd, wrestling at 145, lost to Saline's

kidney failure, brought on by dehydration after two hours of excessive exercise in an overheated room as he tried to cut weight for a dual meet the next day. "It's a tragic setback for the school and for us personally," said Canton assistant wrestling coach John Demick, a U-M graduate who knew Reese.

According to reports, Reese was trying to cut 17 pounds. "He was trying to cut weight too fast," said Demick. "The time frame was utterly ridiculous." The implementation of the Alpha process should make a repeat of this tragedy impossible at the high school level, Demick said.

The Alpha process is a test of a wrestler's body fat, which helps determine which weight classes he can compete in. The wrestler must be hydrated; tests will reveal if he is not. In high school, wrestling has stricter weight-in regulations, so this really couldn't happen," said Demick, who wrestled at U-M.

The Alpha process has been criticized by high school coaches, but according to Demick, "I think it's well worth the pain adjusting to it. I've heard a lot of coaches complaining about it, and it is a lot of paperwork. "But nonetheless, it is to help make it fair and make it safe."

Stephan Lawson and Eric Jones each added nine points for the victorious Rockets, 1-2 overall. Glenn led 27-21 at intermission and extended its lead to 46-34 after three quarters as Jason Crofton hit a pair of three-pointers to spark a 19-13 third-quarter surge.

Sophomore Matt Kohn led Adrian (1-2 overall) and all scorers with 19 points, 16 coming in the second half. He hit three triples. Chris Howard added 19 points for the Maples, who trailed by as many as 14 during the final quarter before making an ill-fated late run.

Luth, Westland 65, Harper Woods 46: Junior forward Thomas Habitz and senior guard Scott Randall each tallied 14 points Tuesday, leading Lutheran's first win of the season against the host Pioneers (0-4, 0-1) in a Metro Conference encounter. The Warriors opened up a 30-21 halftime lead with a 19-9 second-quarter run.

"We got a few transition basketball and we switched defenses and I don't think they (Harper Woods) got as many good looks at the basket," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramon said. Habitz and Brad Woehle also pulled down nine rebounds apiece. The Warriors were 10 of 19 from the line, while Harper Woods was 11 of 14. Senior guard Dino Sipas led Harper Woods with 13 points.

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thinking. "It's early, but I can see where we'd be pretty hard to match up against," the Salem coach admitted. "Breaststroke is the only stroke where we're not real solid. "But I think everyone has some holes. We just have fewer holes and more people to plug them."

Canton, which finished second in the WLAA to Salem last season, looks strong again, and Livonia Stevenson appears to be very tough. North Farmington, too, has a lot of good swimmers returning. "I don't think there are any really weak teams," Olson added.

That could be true. Then again, none appear to be in Salem's class, either. Dempsy (backstroke, 200 individual medley) and John Cook (all seniors), Kurtis Hornick (all free distances), Justin Allen (back) and Bill Stewart (distance free), all juniors; and Ryan McMann (distance free) and Aaron Reeder (back, IM), both sophomores.

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Mat tragedy from page C1. Demick said that Reese's death should bring about revisions, both at the collegiate level and in the thinking of prep wrestlers. "It's created a sort of pause point for high school wrestlers," he noted. "That's a big-time college wrestler could push himself so far. "I believe the NCAA is going to come around and do something about it. I know U-M is going to."

Basketball from page C1. PCA trailed 19-13 after one quarter. "We went to a press late in the second quarter and stayed in it, early in the third," said Taylor. And that changed the momentum. Inensee's 18 points paced PCA. Roose contributed 14. Franklin Road, which fell to 2-1, got 13 points from both Josh Odum and Jon Semizian and 12 more from David Damesworth.

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Rocks tumble in semifinals at Madonna

For a team with promise, a team with high expectations, last Saturday's season-opener wasn't all it was hoped to be. Plymouth Salem's volleyball team has put itself high up on the ladder; anything less than a league championship and/or a long run in the state tournament

VOLLEYBALL
will make this season a disappointment. With that in mind, making the semifinals of last Saturday's Madonna University Invitational, and then losing to finish 3-2

for the tournament, wasn't good enough. "It wasn't really what we set as our goal," said Salem co-coach Allie Saffety. "But you take the good with the bad. It's still early in the season, we just have to assess our situation and go on from here."

The 10-team tournament started well enough for the Rocks. They handed Center Line St. Clemens 15-1, 15-12 and Kalamazoo Central 15-4, 15-7, in their first two matches. But then they came up flat against a good Pincorning team. The result was predictable: a 15-8, 15-10 loss.

"They're a good team, but we didn't play our best," said Saffety. "We made a lot of errors in serve receive and blocking."

Salem did recover from the disappointment quick enough to dispose of Dearborn Divine Child in its final pool-play match, 15-9, 15-4. That made the Rocks second in their pool and sent them to the semifinals.

Their opponent: state-ranked Temperance Bedford. Salem played some good, some not so good against the Mules and ended up with a 9-15, 15-9, 15-9 defeat.

The Rocks trailed 8-4 in the first game before rallying to outscore Bedford 11-1 for the victory. In the third game, however, the tables were reversed — Salem led 7-2, then surrendered 12-straight points. The Rocks missed six serves in the game.

For the tournament, Jenny Trott led Salem with 27 kills and 51 digs. Amanda Abraham contributed 23 kills, 14 solo blocks and 14 block assists, and Angie Sillimon collected 23 kills, 16 solo blocks and 11 block assists. Andrea Prusti finished with 16 kills.

The Rocks are now idle until Jan. 3, when they travel to the Kalamazoo Sportswear Invitational, hosted by Portage Northern.

Agape wins
Canton Agape Christian improved its volleyball record to 2-0 with a 15-4, 15-11 victory over Saline Christian Tuesday at Agape.

Caley Mullen led the Wolverines with five service aces. Kim Ther added three kills.

Whalers blast Toronto

Harold Druken got a goal in each period Sunday, helping the Plymouth Whalers romp past the Toronto St. Michaels Majors 8-4 in an Ontario Hockey League match. Druken's three goals gave him 13 for the season. David Legwand, the Whalers' rookie sensation, pushed his point total to 59

—one behind OHL leader Peter Sarno of Windsor. Legwand had two goals against Toronto, including the game-winner, giving him an OHL-best 36 for the season. Julian Smith added a goal and an assist, Jamie Lalonde scored a goal, and Andrew Taylor and Shaun Fisher each picked up two assists. Robert Esche was in goal for

Plymouth, making 19 saves to improve his record to 16-5-1; he has a 3.06 goals-against average with an 88.9 save percentage.

The win pushed the Whalers' record to 18-9-3; their 39 points puts them second in the OHL's West Division to the London Knights (20-10-1, 41 points), who have played two more games. Last Friday, Plymouth lost at Sudbury.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 18 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. Yale Lincoln at Farmington, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m. Harrison at Riv. Richard, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 West Wayne at Agape, 6:45 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. N. West, 7 p.m. Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m. Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Lincoln Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m. Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m. Redford CC at O.L. St. Mary, 7:30 p.m. Innatech at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. St. Alphonsus at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	Saturday, Dec. 20 Madonna at Northwood, 1 p.m. Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Dec. 19 Tiffin (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m. S'craft at Macomb Tourney, TBA. Saturday, Dec. 20 Tiffin (Ohio) vs. Kalamazoo at Madonna Tourney, 3 p.m. S'craft at Macomb Tourney, TBA. Sunday, Dec. 21 Kalamazoo at Madonna, 2 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Dec. 18 Redford Union vs. U-D Jesuit at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 Franklin vs. Stevenson	at Edger Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Compuware Arena, 3:45 p.m. Churchill at Dearborn, 8 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Dec. 18 Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 Ply. Whalers vs. North Bay at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Friday, Dec. 19 West Wayne at Agape, 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 Taylor Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Delta CC Invitational, 9 a.m. USA Tourney at Grand Rapids, TBA. TBA — time to be announced.
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CC defeats Wyandotte, 3-1

Redford Catholic Central improved to 3-0-1 overall with a 3-1 victory Saturday night over Wyandotte Roosevelt in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game played at Redford Ice Arena.

HOCKEY

the post three times and the nob of the goalie's stick on another," Livonia Stevenson coach Mike Harris said after his Livonia Stevenson squad was bounced Saturday by host Royal Oak. Stevenson is now 6-3 overall.

Royal Oak led 6-1 after two periods. John May and Jeff Lang (power-play) tallied goals for Stevenson.

The Spartans' Chris McComb worked in goal the first two periods before giving way to Matt McLeod.

Royal Oak 6, Stevenson 2: "It was one of those nights, we hit

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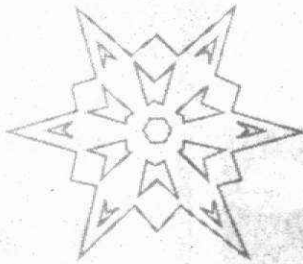


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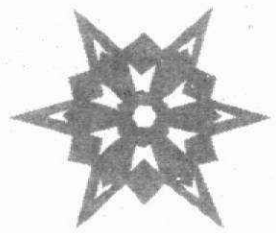
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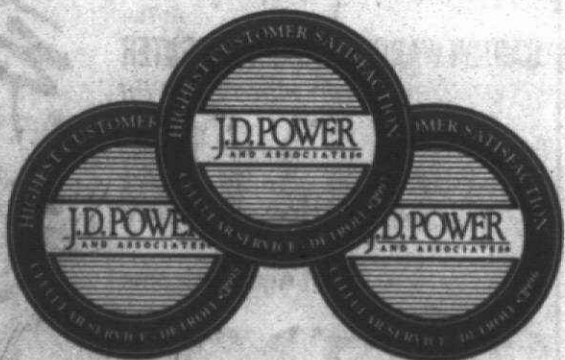
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THE WEEKEND

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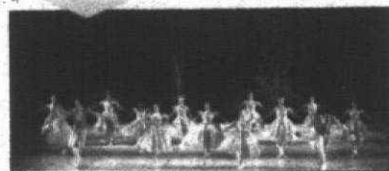
Amy Grant Christmas 7:30 p.m. at The Palace, 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, with guests Michael W. Smith and CeCe Winans and the Nashville Symphony. Tickets \$34.50, \$27.50 and \$24.50, (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



Blessid Union of Souls and InDrama perform at The Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. (810) 778-6404.

SUNDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra with guest artists and members of Dance Detroit perform "The Nutcracker" ballet, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$14-\$53 adults, \$10-\$24 children and seniors, (313) 833-3700.



Hot tip: Holiday Doll Show 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., features new, used, antique and collectible dolls, Teddy Bears, stuffed animals, dollhouse supplies and miniatures, (313) 455-2110.

Otter-knapping: Detroit Zoo staff spent nearly 20 minutes looking for Mack, a five-year-old river otter in the new exhibit. Mack eventually was found fast asleep. Here, he pauses between laps in the pool.



SEASON'S A TIME FOR SHARING WITH

'Otters'

LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

After the last prettily wrapped package is opened and the excitement of celebrating the holidays diminishes, one very special gift remains - time to spend with family, friends and other loved ones.

From visiting the new otter exhibit at the Detroit Zoo to learning about motors or viewing the first American race car to win an international competition, enjoy an educational adventure together.

Here's a few suggestions as to the learning experiences you can share:

Detroit Zoo

Otters, otters everywhere but not an otter in sight. That was the case last week at the new river otter exhibit as the Detroit Zoo staff searched in vain for the silky-coated creatures.

Finally Mack was spotted sleeping in a cozy spot behind a fallen tree. But Chirp, the female otter was nowhere to be found. It seems she and Mack need some time to get used to one another so only one of them at a time are allowed in the new exhibit. Eventually the two, 5-year-old mammals will share the \$700,000 home designed to mimic their natural environment.

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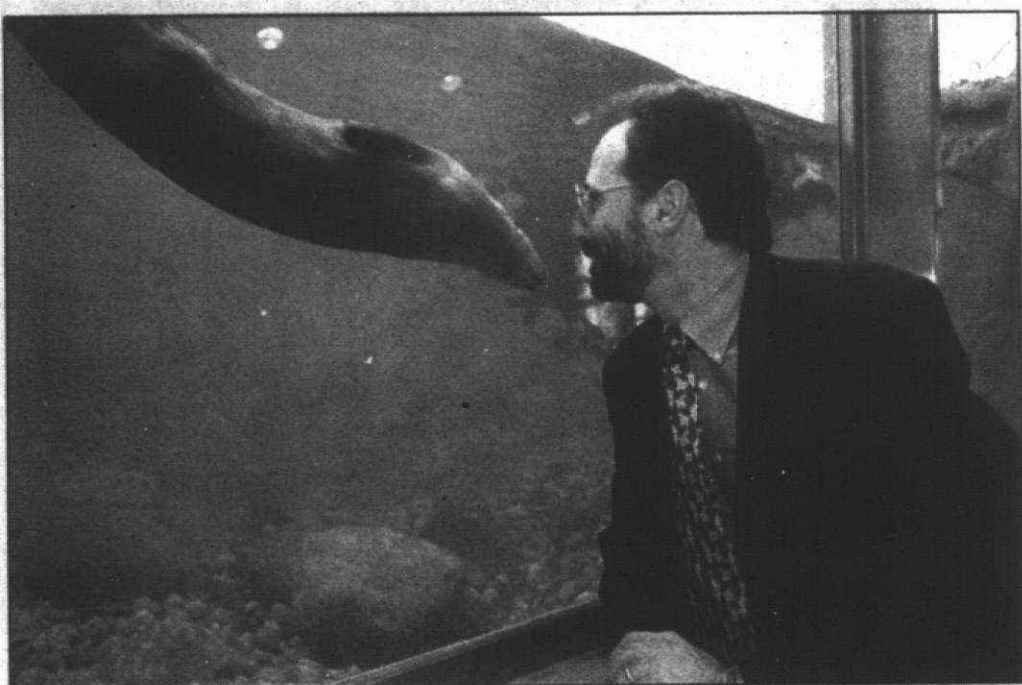
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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

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DANCE

'Tap Dogs' back with in-your-face dancing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Dance has been having a renaissance the last two years, especially tap dance.

"Tap Dogs" proved so popular last February that it is back again at the Detroit Opera House, Dec. 26 to Jan. 4, with a different touring company. The two "Dogs" companies are dubbed Spot and Rover.

This time the Australian show will have an American flavor as four of the six dancers are from the United States.

Anthony LoCascio, 25, was teaching dance in the Howard Beach section of Queens, New York, when he found out about "Tap Dogs" on the Internet.

"I went down for an audition. Actually, my audition lasted four or five days, but I got the part," he said in his distinctive New York accent. "I made the group in April of this year, rehearsed for two weeks and did my first show May 1, off Broadway at the Union Square Theatre."

Since then, LoCascio's troupe has been crisscrossing North America - New York, Los Angeles, Hawaii, St. Louis, Milwaukee to Montreal, where he was reached by phone.

"Tap Dogs" is the brainchild of Australian choreographer Dein Perry. The show was an immediate hit when it premiered in Sydney in 1995, then

played to raves in Edinburgh and London. Following a March opening at the Union Square (where a company continues to perform), Perry won a Drama Desk nomination for choreography and the show won a 1997 Obie Award (given to off-Broadway productions). Perry's brother, Sheldon Perry, is the lead dancer in the touring company coming to the Opera House.

LoCascio said the interest in dance has been coming for a long time and "long overdue."

He said three hit shows define different approaches - from Savion Glover's tribute to old style tap in "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk" to the Irish traditional step dancing of "Riverdance" to the hard edge of "Tap Dogs."

"Bring in 'da Noise" is like the history of tap, a

Tap Dogs

What: Heavy duty tap dancing to a rock beat.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

When: Dec. 26 to Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 7 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets: range from \$22.50 to \$36. Available at Fisher Theatre Box Office, Ticketmaster. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 872-1000.

little more subtle with a message behind the story that you have to listen for," LoCascio said. "We're more in your face, more like a rock concert. We're going to give you everything we've got for 70 minutes. We're going to work and sweat and in time with each other. Audiences are definitely entertained and want us to keep going after we're done."

Sweat and hard work are the theme of this masculine dance show. The setting is a construction site.

"We get to build the set we dance on. It's a construction site. By the time we're done, we've built the set," LoCascio said.

In a solo number, LoCascio said he taps on a metal surface which creates an unusual rhythm, lighter than when dancing on a wood floor. In another number, the dancers tap up a metal ladder and come down on a metal plate. In another number, a dancer dances upside down.

The audiences have been enthusiastic.

"Sometimes they're kicking, screaming and hollering through the whole thing and other times they're very quiet because they've never seen anything like this, and when it's over they give us big standing ovation," LoCascio said.

Please see TAP DOGS, E2



Heavy metal tap: The dancing in "Tap Dogs" has been called "testosterone tap" with its emphasis on masculine moves and heavy sweating.

Marquis Theatre 's 'Aladdin' a pleasure to treasure

"Aladdin" is now playing at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, downtown Northville. Show times 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until Jan. 25. Weekly performances 2:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 29-31; and Fridays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Tickets, \$6.50, call (248) 349-8140.

BY LIBBY PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

Take a well-known fairy tale, add talented actors, a beautiful set, great costumes, slapstick humor and joyous melodies to produce an enjoyable performance by the Marquis Theatre.

"Aladdin" is a pleasure for young and old to treasure. The actors are of varying ages, and have experience on stage. Donald Donnelley, 19 of Livonia, who plays the title role of Aladdin, shows excitement and energy from beginning to end.

Talent must be contagious because another actor, Ghanghus D. Goins, 28 of Westland, who plays the "generous genie," does a splendid job. His exaggerated gestures and silly humor brings

the musical to life. Goins interacts well with the children and other characters on stage. He is an excellent addition to the cast.

Other adult actors that give to the performance are Steve Tadevic of Livonia, Magician Jackie Abercrombie, Aladdin's mother; Robert "Bobo" Lozelle, Sultan; Kathleen - Coleman-Lozelle, Princess Jasmine.

Not only does this production have talented adult actors, but talented young thespians also highlight this fine performance. Sarah Kipperman of Farmington who plays Tareye, does a fantastic job on the stage. Kipperman, a fifth grader, shows a natural ability and is of good quality.

For such a wide variety of ages and talent, "Aladdin" by the Marquis Theatre should be on the top of everyone's list. It is fun and low-priced entertainment for all to enjoy.

Libby Prysby, a junior at Groves High School in Birmingham, has been involved in children's and community theater for over 10 years.



Children's presentation: Sultan (Robert "Bobo" Lozelle, top left to right), Genie (Ghanghus D. Goins), Princess Jasmine (Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle left to right) and Aladdin (Donald Donnelley) star in the Marquis Theatre production of "Aladdin."

Student artists give holidays a different spin

ON THE COMPUTER SCREEN OF your mind, what icons appear when you think of the holidays?



ANN DELISI

But on tonight's Backstage Pass at 9:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television, we'll see how a group of artists tackled the perceptions of holiday season.

A well-known annual event, donations and purchases from the Detroit Artists Market's (DAM) Holiday Exhibition help support the gallery's exhibition and educational programs, as well as generate revenue for participating artists.

generation of children not just raised with television, but raised by television. And while the same may be true of children who followed, the impact of mushrooming media options - zillion-channel cable servers, satellite TV, video games (other than Pong), the Internet, etc. - attenuated any sense of shared seasonal experience with the medium: Kids today can pop in a VHS copy of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" any time they want, so it's no longer an anticipated annual event that generates excited playground discussion.

"From these installations it's clear that these students' impression of the holiday pretty much exclusively has come through the media images they've seen growing up," Lex says. "So you have multimedia displays of Christmas themes, including a Santa Claus taking a nap over four monitors, tape loops of choice moments from classic Christmas shows we grew up with, and remarkable murals, including one of Santa with DJ headphones and a gold tooth."

Speaking of traditions, our Backstage Pass film correspondent, Elliot Wilhelm of the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will give us the scoop on his venue's latest offering, Spike & Mike's Festival of Animation. Says Elliot, "Spike & Mike's began in 1977, so this is its 20th anniversary, with 15 short films of animation this year. Some are Oscar winners and nominees, and most have appeared at festivals all over the world. Spike & Mike's is the foremost touring package of short animated films. The program is extremely popular here, as it is everywhere."

But why a festival of animated shorts? "You have to put anima-

tion into context: There used to be an expectation associated with arthouse or experimental exhibition. When I was running the Wayne State Cinema Guild in 1966, audiences expected some shorts - experimental animated films from the world over - and we always ran two or three of them prior to the feature. That's changed. In fact, audiences have become quite resistant. It's just the way exhibition has gone. But there's still an enormous audience for animation. What's become increasingly popular lately is to put short animation from around the world together for a festival. In that context, these short films are more popular than ever.

"It's a fabulously expressive medium. The great thing about animation is that you can show almost anything that you can imagine. Now that's a part of fea-

Special features Chenilles

WDIV-TV is celebrating the spirit of the holidays with a special Walk on the Wild Side program featuring the Chenille Sisters and local actors. "The Chenille Sisters and the Secret of the Box" airs 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22 and at noon on Thursday, Dec. 25.

The story transports the Chenille sisters and a cast of local actors including Jackie Marns of Canton as Uncle Avarice, Marlee Green, 9 of Birmingham and Nathan Keen, 9 of Beverly Hills, all over the world in search of the true meaning of the holiday season.

From the Detroit Zoo to an African jungle where the story characters meet elephants, zebras and lions; to the frozen Arctic for an encounter with a polar bear.

"The Secret of the Box" features eight favorite Chenille songs including "Out of Africa" and "Polar Bear Stomp." A ninth song was composed for the special. Portions of the special were taped at the Detroit Zoo and on a specially-created set at WDIV.

Walk on the Wild Side is WDIV's year-long project with the Detroit Zoo. The project has included a series of prime time specials, Detroit stories and vignettes which have encouraged the public to explore and enjoy the natural resources around us.

The story was conceived and written by Rose Morand, in collaboration with the Chenille Sisters - Cheryl Dawdy, Connie Huber and Grace Morand.

Children's show has a few lively moments

Wild Swan Theater Company is presenting "The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse" - 2:30 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 20 and Dec. 27, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 21, and 28, and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Sunday, Jan. 4 at Henry Ford Museum's Anderson Center Theater, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Tickets \$6, (313) 271-1620.

The annual holiday children's play at Henry Ford Museum, a favorite tradition with area families, took a disappointing turn this year.

The Wild Swan Theater's rendition of "The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse," is poorly sung, moves slowly, and fails to hold the interest of either children or adults.

Last year's Wild Swan Theater presentation of "Charlotte's Web" was delightful and professionally done. This year, however, the group has slipped. Even the enthusiasm and energy of the cast was not enough to bring an incredibly dull script and slow paced story to life.

The museum should send this swan south for the winter. The show got off to a rocky start when it became evident that the Country Mouse, despite her upbeat facade, was in eminent danger of losing her voice.



On the road: Sandy Ryder (left to right), Dan McDougall, and Michelle Trame Lanzi in a scene from the Wild Swan Theater presentation of "The Town Mouse & The Country Mouse."

erally threw himself into the role as he prouetted across the stage with unfettered enthusiasm. It's a shame there weren't more opportunities for the cast to liven up the show.

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The lights are fun, and especially with the snow, it's beautiful," said Kagan.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Experience the thrill of racing while learning about the first American race car to win the 1908 Vanderbilt cup in a display created by Exhibit Works of Livonia. Old 16, designed by Andrew Riker for the Locomobile Co., cost \$20,000 and still has

the original paint. "It was a milestone that an American automobile won an international competition against the Europeans," said Jim Notarianni, project manager at Exhibit Works. "The exhibit is an introspective look at the excitement of racing at a time when two people were needed to run the car. There were no seat belts or a windshield so they wore masks because the car was capable of going over 100 miles an hour."

Exhibit Works designed the track underneath the car and the background, a 25-foot mural painted after a vintage photograph of the Long Island Race Track. Academy Award-winning producer Sue Marx created a film about the legendary race car that's part of the display.

"This was a time when only 200,000 cars were on the road, the average house cost \$2,500 and a Ford Model T was \$900," said Notarianni.

Created by the Science Museum of Minnesota as a fun and informal way to introduce the physical sciences, the Experiment Gallery appeals to people of all ages.

Discover how motors, lamps and resistors work at the electricity bench. Change the seasons by using a computer model to alter how the earth and sun interact. Generate, observe and filter sound waves with the assistance of musical synthesizers or the human voice. Make telescopes and microscopes using lenses and light.

Before leaving Cranbrook, be sure to stop by "Microscapes: the Hidden Art of High Technology to see how everyday objects take on unrecognizable and artistic appearances when magnified. This series of photographs, taken through high-powered microscopes, reveals the beauty and mystery of the world of science.

Tap Dogs from page E1

Critics have called the show "sexy and sweaty" but LoCascio says no one has compared it yet to the hit "dance" movie "The Full Monty."

"We don't do a 'full monty' (frontal nudity), though a couple guys do take their shirts off. We work hard and it's hot up there and guys will take their shirts off. After all, we are on a construction site, but we wear tap shoes," LoCascio said with a laugh.

For LoCascio, dancing has been a lifelong pursuit.

and he can return to his first love.

"I'd like to go back to New York and teach, open a dance studio somewhere in New York or New Jersey," LoCascio said. "I enjoy performing a lot, but overall I want to teach. I like teaching kids, they're a lot of fun."

And the more kids LoCascio teaches, the longer the tap revival will continue.

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MOVIES

Director Cameron steers 'Titanic' clear of disaster

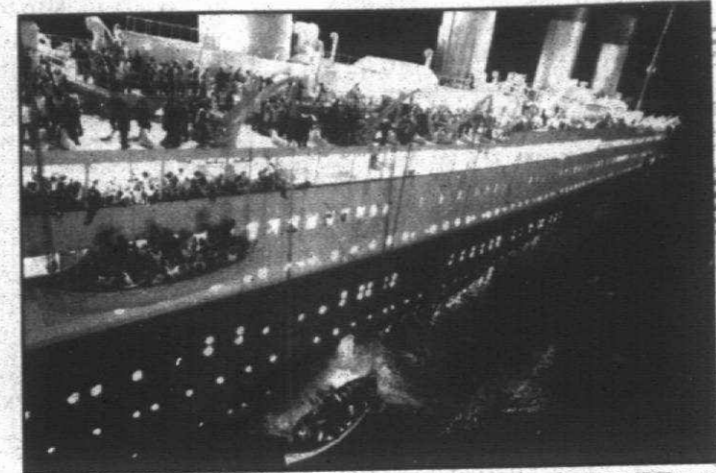


JOHN MONAGHAN

Let's call it the "wall of flame" shot, the 1990s action movie staple in which a corridor of fire threatens our sprinting hero and heroine, always in slow motion. In "Titanic," James Cameron's epic take on the 1912 ocean disaster, a literal wall of water will swamp a pair of young lovers unless they can stay a few steps ahead. And damned if it doesn't work. Despite the corny romantic dialogue, despite the cheap framing devices, despite the one-dimensional villains, "Titanic" is everything it promises and more: a true epic spectacle with jaw-dropping special effects and genuine tragedy; in short the mother of all disaster movies.

I've been fascinated by the Titanic story ever since discovering that one of the survivors (a child at the time of the sinking) lived down the street I grew up on. In 1985, when the world's most famous shipwreck was finally discovered at the bottom of icy Atlantic waters, I was riveted by the haunting pictures sent back. It's the same sense of wonder that launches the film, as robot submarines explore the Titanic's deepest crevices. Bill Paxton plays a modern-day treasure hunter on the trail of a priceless diamond, "The Heart of the Ocean," that supposedly went down with the ship. Enter Rose Dewitt Bukater (Gloria Stuart), who, at 101, may be the ship's last living survivor. She not only knows where that diamond is, but has a romantic yarn to tell that keeps the high-tech treasure hunters glued. Her flashback comprises most of the film.

Newly played by DiCaprio and Winslet, "Titanic" keeps you hooked throughout its over three-hour running time. With his most ambitious project yet, director Cameron has been compared to the late David Lean. But where the English director of "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago" would camp out a week to shoot his perfect sunset, director James Cameron has only to tweak with his computer to achieve the look he wants. And that's not a criticism. Equally obsessive about his epic visions and possessing Lean's hit-and-miss track record ("The Abyss" and "True Lies," which both failed for me overall, still have their share of memorable moments), Cameron has set himself up as one of the modern screen's true visionaries, an artist whose palette just happens to be big-budget Hollywood blockbusters.



Sinking ship: Lifeboats are lowered from the ship in 'Titanic,' an epic, action-packed romance set against the ill-fated voyage of the R.M.S. Titanic.

And as anyone who follows Hollywood knows, "Titanic" was produced for a whopping \$200 million, making it the most expensive in movie history. Many thought that the same hubris that launched the "unsinkable" Titanic had infected the director, who has been tweaking with the movie ever since it was held back from summer release. Not surprisingly, "Titanic" is a visual tour de force. Cameron and Company have painstakingly recreated the look and feel of the ship itself, from the cramped quarters of the third class to the polished banisters in the elegant ballroom. You need the movie's hefty running time to take it all in. Cameron almost undermines his own efforts early in the film, where a technician, employing a computer-generated replica on a TV monitor, illustrates just how the ship sank. You're forced to recall these video game-quality images as Cameron uses the same computer technology to create the ship on screen. I thought the "Titanic" had

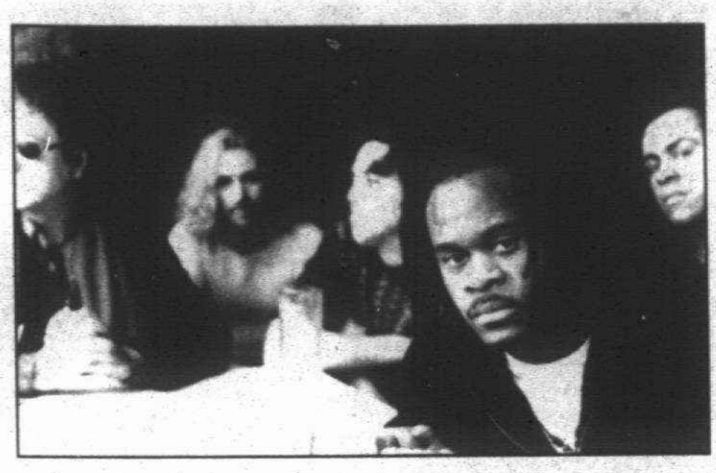
warm performances by DiCaprio and Winslet, "Titanic" keeps you hooked throughout its over three-hour running time. With his most ambitious project yet, director Cameron has been compared to the late David Lean. But where the English director of "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago" would camp out a week to shoot his perfect sunset, director James Cameron has only to tweak with his computer to achieve the look he wants. And that's not a criticism. Equally obsessive about his epic visions and possessing Lean's hit-and-miss track record ("The Abyss" and "True Lies," which both failed for me overall, still have their share of memorable moments), Cameron has set himself up as one of the modern screen's true visionaries, an artist whose palette just happens to be big-budget Hollywood blockbusters.

Blessid Union of Souls not afraid to put God first



CHRISTINA FUOCO

"God" is one of those words that some musicians are too scared to use in songs. But with Christian groups like the punk band MXPX and the pop act Jars of Clay popping into the mainstream, it soon may become the norm. Speaking from his Cincinnati-area home, Blessid Union of Souls singer Eliot Sloan explained his band doesn't care what people think. God is the focus in his life and its music. Following that belief, Blessid Union of Souls, Sloan said, tries to inject positivity into all its songs while subtly mentioning God.



Coming to town: The Cincinnati pop band Blessid Union of Souls (above) and the local rock band InDrama perform Saturday, Dec. 20, at The Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville.

"Not every song has a happy ending but there's always optimism in our songs. We speak about God and everybody thinks that God is all about happy endings. We don't care about what people think about mentioning God," Sloan said. Artists who shy away from their religion, he added, are "afraid. Ultimately people are afraid that it's going to hinder them from making money. Money is the No. 1 focus in society today. (They think) ultimately people will not buy the record if you speak too much about God. They don't want it to affect their dollar which is hilarious to me. It's not like you can take it with you."

The follow-up to its successful debut "Home" (EMI), "Blessid Union of Souls" (Capitol), the band's sophomore effort, expands on its theme - "The way a love relationship ignites and evolves is just as unpredictable, just as wonderful." Songs such as the harmonica-laced "I Wanna Be There" (And

If I had my way I'd hold you in my arms/And leave this madness all behind"), the psychedelic "It's Your Day" ("Gotta learn to keep those ghosts away/ Buy 'em all a one-way ticket on a flight to Neverland"), the effervescent "Scenes From a Coffee House" ("We got to show each other/That we were fine just being friends"), and the graceful "Hold Her Closer" ("There's no reason to be scared/to open up/Cause love may be blind/But all of us don't see it") backed by strings, all carry that mood.

The next single, "Light In Your Eyes," was co-written with Tommy Sims, who wrote "Change the World," the Grammy Award winner for 1996's Song of the Year, for Eric Clapton. Because of Blessid Union of Souls' positivity, Sloan sees a lot of families at his shows. "It's pretty much a wide age range. We see a lot of kids at our shows. We see a lot of teen-agers with their parents. It's just that we sing about life and everybody can relate to it. That's just the main emotion we tap into." Blessid Union of Souls and InDrama perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at The Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville.

At its show Monday, Nov. 24, the '80s super group Duran Duran expressed its sorrow over the hanging death of INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence. Singer Simon LeBon dedicated the song "Save a Prayer" to Hutchence whom he called a dear friend. According to the Internet, Duran Duran had performed the songs "So Long Suicide" and "Michael You've Got a Lot to Answer For," both from its latest album "Medazzaland," at previous shows, but both were left out of its set list in Detroit.

If you have a question or comment may leave a message for her at (313) 963-2047, ext. 2130, or by writing to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Eclectic Road, Livonia, MI 48150, or via e-mail at CFuoco@aol.com. Listen to Christina Fuoco's rock music report every Friday at 5 p.m. with Millen during the "K-Rock Report" on WKKK-FM (97.1).

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Advertisement for the movie 'Flubber' featuring Robin Williams. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

Advertisement for the movie 'Tomorrow Never Dies' featuring Pierce Brosnan and Michelle Yeoh. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

Advertisement for the movie 'Titanic' featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table listing movie titles, showtimes, and theater names across various locations like General Cinemas, MORTAL KOMBAT, FLUBBER, etc.

No. VI in Novi raises hotel dining to new heights

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Opened late last month, the sleek and stylish transformation of the former Trattoria Bruschetta to No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar is bound to be a hit, both with The Hotel Baronette guests and others seeking a fine dining steakhouse atmosphere.

Designed by Ron Rea to give the impression of a 1920s Havana Hotel, No. VI is inviting and instantly sets an upscale comfort level. Styled in warm dark woods, terra cotta tile floors, black and copper-toned fabrics set off white tablecloths, shimmering table settings, bamboo window coverings and accent chairs. The bamboo room, raised several feet above the main dining level, offers a power dining spot.

It is just this breakup of the floor plan plus others created by distinctive wood and glass cabinets that form private, cozy dining areas, tempering the overall noise level of a busy chophouse.

No. VI is one of 13 dining venues in the portfolio of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, masterfully orchestrated by 39-year-old restaurateur Matt Prentice and his partners. At this Novi location, Keith Schofield is

managing partner who after 22 years in the restaurant business, 13 with URC, is still in love with it. "I truly enjoy dealing with guests," he said. "The variety of people add energy, and unlike a corporate desk job, it is different every day."

The menu at No. VI bears the artful signature of URC's Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. "It's a steakhouse menu, but with greater variety," Barnett noted. "We believe that lobster is more popular than oysters, so we've focused on it as the seafood specialty. We've also trained wait-staff to prepare dishes tableside. By reservation, diners can have Steak au Poivre prepared tableside for two."

Executive Chef John "Chili" Rees likes the "fast pace and kicking out pristine product" at No. VI. Rees, who has worked in URC restaurant kitchens for nearly five years, learned the tools of the trade in the Oakland Community College culinary program. He cites Chef Kevin Enright for teaching him integrity and the fact that there are no short cuts in the preparation of great food. General Manager David Munro adds to this by saying "It's easy to satisfy diners with a great product."

No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar
Where: Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 305-5210.
Hours: Dinner only. Monday-Thursday 5:00-10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:00-11:00 p.m. Sunday 4:00-9:00 p.m.
Menu: Upscale steakhouse with lobster as principal seafood focus set in atmosphere reminiscent of a 1920s Havana hotel.
Cost: Starters and lobster bar specialties \$7-17; prime rib, chops and steaks \$20-30; seafood and surf/turf combos \$20-33; desserts average \$5.
Reservations: Recommended.
Credit cards: all majors accepted.

And the great product is emphasized on the menu: "It is our goal to be Michigan's Finest Steakhouse. We are the only Steakhouse in the Detroit Metropolitan Area to serve exclusively PRIME meat. Less than 2 percent of all beef meets the grade of Prime which makes

it not only the best, but also the most expensive. Prime may be costly, but we believe that you'll notice the difference."

Steak au Poivre adds a note of variety, Barnett spoke about. This house specialty, 14-ounce New York strip is rubbed with cracked Telicherry black pepper and pan roasted with Martell Cognac and porcini mushrooms. At \$32.95, it is an ideal size for two people. For an additional \$1.95 per person, No. VI Steak Soup (prime steak morsels, garden veggies and Yukon Gold potatoes), The Wedge (iceberg lettuce, egg, tomatoes, croutons with choice of dressing) or house salad (assorted greens, tomatoes, chick peas, cucumber, Bermuda onions, ricotta cheese and choice of dressing) can be added.

Billed as Perfect Prime Rib, rubbed with garlic, herbs, cracked black pepper and salt, then slow-roasted at low temperature for five hours, served with housemade onion rings, horseradish sour cream and natural pan au jus, is well sized. Ten ounce \$20, 14-ounce \$24 and 18-ounce \$28. In the chop department, two hand-cut Colorado Lamb T-Bones with Paloise Sauce \$27 top the list, but the number one seller on the



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

At your service: Executive Chef John "Chili" Rees (left) and General Manager David Munro at No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar.

former Trattoria menu, Veal Scallopini Marsala \$22, remains. If you like veal, don't play monopoly, head straight for Veal Chop Milanese \$25.

Steamed or broiled live Maine lobsters sized from 1-1/2 to 5 pounds are \$19.97 per pound.

Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon has created a stellar wine list including a broad selec-

tion of champagnes and chardonnays. A cigar-friendly full bar, completely separated from the main non-smoking dining areas, has a handsome selection of fine cigars including the excellent Robusto and Corona Hamilton Reserve. There's dining for 12 in the bar. Hey, why not, the ambiance is Havana!

Local restaurants offer special New Year's Eve menus

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

If you're planning to usher in the New Year with a celebratory dinner, most area restaurants are open New Year's Eve. The following have special menus, seatings and/or entertainment.

■ **Big Rock Chop & Brew House** - 245 S. Eton, Birmingham (248) 647-7774. Specials and favorite items from the regular menu plus crab legs and prime rib. A \$50 per person deposit is required. Got Rocks is limited to the first 50 guests and features a prix fixe, \$250 per person, menu including champagne and caviar.

■ **Clawson Steak House** - 56 S. Rochester Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Clawson, (248) 588-5788. Three seatings at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. will feature the same appetizers (\$7) and entree selections (\$16-35). Price ranges will be bumped somewhat higher at the last seating that includes party favors and live music.

■ **Excalibur** - 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), (248) 358-3355. Reserve a table early and receive service from the winter menu and daily special selections or start the evening at 9:30 p.m. for a four-course meal with five different entree selections. The \$75 (excluding beverage, tax and gratuity) per person dinner package also includes live entertainment with the Billy Rose Quartet, dancing and party favors. Advanced reservations required. If you'd like to extend festive moments to the first day of the new year, you can pick up a complete New Year's Day Dinner to Go. For \$110 the package feeds 6-8 and includes your choice of turkey, spiral-sliced honey-glazed ham or a standing bone-in prime rib roast and all the trimmings for a complete meal.

■ **Fox & Hounds** - 1560 North Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800 will continue its tradition of offering a number of choices for your New Year's Eve celebration. In the main dining room and Pub, you can enjoy favorite dishes from the traditional dinner menu from 5 p.m. to midnight. In the Pub, it will be a party atmosphere with Randy Volin and The Sonic Blues playing their own style of classic and original blues beginning at 9 p.m. For a quieter venue, in the newly-renovated and refurbished banquet rooms, an intimate dinner for two or a party of 20 can enjoy the smooth swing, jazz and ballads performed by the Del Kauffman Trio from 9-11 p.m. while feasting on New Year's Eve Prime Rib and Shrimp Extravaganza \$34 per person.

■ **The Lark** - 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466. Seatings are 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. All offerings are four-course prix-fixe ranging \$55 to \$62.50, dessert, tax and gratuity not included.

■ **Morton's of Chicago** - One Town Square, Southfield (248) 354-6006. Seatings at 5:30, 7:30 and 10 p.m. The regular menu includes every-known cut of steak as well as chops and lobster. A \$25 per person deposit required.

■ **Oakland Grill** - 32832 Woodward Avenue (just south of 14

Mile Road), Royal Oak (248) 549-7700. Count on chef/owner Louai Sharkas for a special dinner menu at seatings from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Seating for a six-course degustation menu at \$125

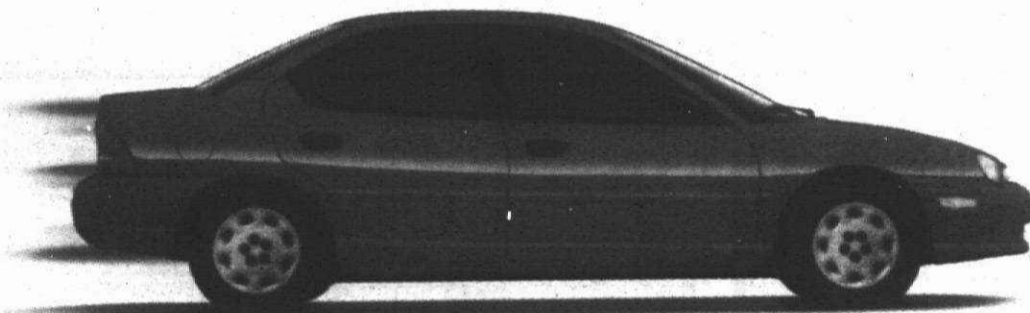
per person is 9:30 p.m. You can choose from among six appetizers and eight entrees. From 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., vocalist Kathy Kosins accompanied by string bass and piano, will perform.

■ **Cafe Cortina** - 30175 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Christmas Eve enchanted evening of music and warmth with a special menu, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24;

\$58 per person; New Year's Eve - special menu, party favors, dancing, \$95 per person.

■ **Corsi's** - 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (313) 531-4960, New Year's Eve Family

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