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Immediate help is goal of new 'Club'

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A group of Canton residents and business people is in the midst of putting together a Canton Century Club to assist residents who need immediate financial assistance.

The Century Club will be restricted to 100 members who donate \$100 annually to the fund. There are no fund-raising drives or overhead expenses. The donation is also tax-deductible.

"It's a quick fix for someone who needs help today," said Jack Demmer, owner of Jack Demmer Ford and a member of the Century Club board of directors.

Demmer has been a member of the Centurions in Dearborn and helped form the 100 Club in Wayne. In Dearborn, there is a waiting list for people wanting to join and contribute.

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Cliques on PCEP campus

Students: You aren't what you wear

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Six Salem seniors dressed in black, all humanities students, sat on the floor talking in front of the Michelangelo display they had just set up. They wore black to identify with the artist and advertise the display, not to affiliate themselves with any clique, they said.

At the Park, dress often defines clique members. Black leather, for instance, may mean you're a Marilyn Manson Kid. Part choice and part stereotyping, cliques are part of adolescence.

A student perspective

"My friends and I are the 'hard asses,' and we hang out in the Pit," said Kelli Zink, 18, of Plymouth Township, one of the humanities students. "This is how we're perceived, the 90210's, like ditz."

Zink, a cheerleader, admits her group likes to dress preppie - skirts, dresses and jeans and sweaters - but she says she's more than what she wears. "I'm a nice person. People generalize about us, but we're individuals. Some girls may be snotty and mean, but we're all individuals, nice, intelligent."

Nicole Nauman, 18, of Canton has played lots of basketball and volleyball at Salem. Her friends are into sports. "We have our own little lunch



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNIGIE

Identification: Adam Cruz (left) says he's stereotyped because he wears lots of black, while friend Marcie Gottschalk says her clothes mean "comfortable."

table. We like to show off our letter jackets."

Canton seniors Brandon and Trevor Anulewicz, both 18, of Plymouth Township, like being involved with school and getting good grades. Brandon painted a scene from Michelangelo's "The Creation" on the white

sheet that makes up the display's ceiling.

Brandon likes to do "something crazy and wild" but "that doesn't mean drugs." His friends are into skiing, mountain climbing and lifting

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Murder attempt will go to trial

Two Eastern Michigan University students are facing attempted murder charges for the Dec. 7 shooting of a Livonia man in Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park. Attorneys for the defendants say there are extenuating circumstances.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Two Eastern Michigan University students will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for a drive-by shooting Dec. 7 in Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park in Canton Township.

Testimony at a preliminary exam Monday in 35th District Court claimed Timothy Scott, 26, of Westland and Edward Bolden, 19, of Detroit ambushed a Ford F150 truck, seriously injuring its passenger.

Scott is charged with assault with intent to commit murder and Bolden is charged with assault with intent to murder and felony firearm use. Scott was allegedly driving the car while Bolden allegedly opened fire with a 12-gauge shotgun.

Scott's attorney, Wright Blake, said the victims "taunted racial epithets

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Area woman claims racial bias at U-M

ADMISSIONS CONTROVERSY

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A white Plymouth Township woman who claims racial discrimination against the University of Michigan won't likely get her day in court until 1999.

But that's not unusual for such a court case, said Terry Pell of the Center for Individual Rights in Washington, D.C.

He's representing Barbara Grutter in her suit against U-M.

Grutter maintains the university violated her constitutional rights by accepting minority students for admission to U-M's Law School based on race, while denying her admission even though her test scores were higher.

Pell said Grutter thought about filing suit after she read an article about four state legislators and their opposition to U-M's admission practices.

She called Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, one of the legislators, and eventually contacted the Center for Individual Rights, Pell said.

"I believe myself to be a highly qualified candidate by all admission criteria so naturally I was disappointed," Grut-

ter said. "It was particularly disturbing because the evidence suggests that I did not receive equal treatment in the admission process and that I wasn't accepted because I am of a non-preferred race."

The suit was filed in federal court Dec. 3.

"The university has 28 days to answer. We'll probably spend roughly a year in discovery," Pell said.

Grutter's suit follows one filed Oct. 14 by the Center for Individual Rights on behalf of two white suburban Detroit students. They maintain they were unconstitutionally denied admission to the university because less-qualified minorities were admitted instead, based on race.

"We're not bringing this on behalf of whites, some of our clients are in fact minorities," Pell said.

"According to the Constitution, government can not make distinctions on the basis of race. If that does not hold true for some, then it does not hold true for all," he said.

In recent years, the Center for Individual Rights won the Hopwood case

Please see U-M LAWSUIT, A6

Runaways found at Westland apartment complex

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer McCraw was reunited with her aunt and uncle Sunday evening, two weeks after she apparently ran away from their Canton home with a friend from Central Middle School in Plymouth.

The friend, a 13-year-old Plymouth girl, was turned over to police and released to her mother Sunday night. She will move out of state to live with another relative, according to Plymouth Township police.

"We couldn't be more pleased they're safe," Rob Surretts, McCraw's uncle, said Monday. "We have no idea (what prompted her disappearance) but we're working to get a handle on it."

McCraw, 13, was taken temporarily to an area shelter for runaways while the family works with counselors, Surretts said. He expects her to return to school when the holiday recess ends Jan. 5.

The two girls were discovered by the resident manager of Forest Lane Apartments on Wayne Road, south of Warren, in Westland. The Plymouth girl used to live at the complex with her mother, said manager Dale Kendall.

Kendall believes the girls were staying in vacant houses under construction, just east of the complex, and also spending time at an apartment where a teen-aged boy lives. "I went back there (the houses) and saw footprints and other indications that someone

was there," he said.

Kendall first spotted the girls Thursday in the parking lot. He recognized the Plymouth girl, he said, but didn't realize they were runaways.

On Friday, he saw a poster with McCraw's picture at an area convenience store.

He saw the girls again about 5:30 p.m. Sunday, he said, and took them to the office, where he called police and the Surretts.

Patricia Surretts, Jennifer's aunt and legal guardian, first reported her missing to Canton police on Dec. 8.

The two girls were seen walking along Plymouth Road near the Unisys plant by a Central teacher that afternoon. They were supposed to be in detention for cutting a class but never

showed up at the school, according to school officials and Patricia Surretts.

The Surretts said Friday that McCraw hadn't contacted them at all since Dec. 8. The Plymouth girl's mother said she received a brief phone call from her daughter on Dec. 11. She declined to reveal the nature of the conversation.

Classmates and school staff were concerned about the girls' absence and the Surretts hired a private investigator, Jerry Borycz of Statewide Investigation Service.

Borycz said the family was concerned because there was no real indication of any problems with McCraw. The girls didn't take clothes or money and may have decided to leave on the spur of the moment, he said.

The giving season



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEERLE

Christmas mission: Eriksson Elementary School students Jenelle Wade and Kevin McAlpine carry a box of toys to be presented to First Step before classes let out for the holidays last week. Students from Eriksson and Field Schools in Canton took part in various activities to help others enjoy the season. For more photos, please turn to page A4 in today's Observer.

Contempo Chicks to Quiz Bowl Jocks

BY HENRI SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Cliques, love them or leave them ... but try to ignore them? You can't. They're a permanent, and sometimes colorful, part of the high school scene.

Here's The PCEP Perspective student reporter Ashley Bowman's take on a few of the most common cliques found at PCEP:

■ Marilyn Manson Kids:

Chains, black leather, and eyeliner. Scowling faces. Their music makes them brood. Smirks make them mad. Seriously sensitive.

■ Jocks, Cheerleaders, School-Spirit Kind of People:

Either pro-Canton or pro-Salem, these kids stay at school long after the last bell. Into sports, sweaty practices, student council and school clubs. Concerned about what looks good on their college application.

■ Band Groups:

Laid back, not showy, totally dedicated to band. Practically live in the band room. Don't mind being at school on Saturdays.

■ Contempo Chicks and Polo Boys:

The girls read YM, while the boys golf. Well-groomed "mall rats." Live in the pit. Like to be or hang out with School-Spirit

Kind of People

■ Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad "Jocks":

Earn varsity letters pretending to play Jeopardy. Hard workers who mesh well with Band Groups. They live in the library and do homework in classrooms between passing time. Kind, gentle and sometimes shy. Great earning potential.

■ Skaters:

Baggy jeans and bleached hair. Skate in the alleyways of Plymouth. Tend to be slacker. They're nice and look cute with beads around their necks.

■ Loners:

Who knows what they're thinking. Eccentric. The Salem humanities students offered insight into a few more groups:

■ Wiggers:

A racially derogatory term. "White suburbanites who try to be in a gang." A fondness for Bass jeans and Tommy Hilfiker clothes.

■ White Supremacists or Skinheads:

Black boots with white laces. Nazi paraphernalia. "They push the line and get the message across." Not many of these guys around.



Belonging: Kira Asher (left) says she has friends in lots of groups, while Alma Seaton says cliques are more of a social pressure than a problem at the high schools.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARVAGE

PCEP cliques from page A1

weights. "I don't know what we're called," he said.

The group says there are definitely cliques at the Park. They're quick to offer personal observations on a few, like the "Tree People," the smokers who hang out by a large tree on campus. "They're very inconsiderate," said Trevor Anulewicz. "They spit in the halls. It's an example of their inconsideration."

Canton senior Megan Maczek, 17, of Plymouth Township adds some leverage to the conversation about Tree People. "It's not by any means the entire group. If you talk to these groups, they'll say some negative things about us."

The group concludes that "everyone needs a spot to fit in." Trevor Anulewicz adds that cliques have a positive value if students can transcend the stereotype images. "If you can go past that face value it can teach you to be more accepting of others. It can teach you about yourself. Very few kids make that effort."

Telling it like it is

The PCEP Perspective, the high schools' student newspaper, ran an article on Nov. 14 titled "Clique" into place at PCEP. The reporter, Ashley Bowman, wrote that cliques result from "human nature," the tendency to seek like-minded people. She provided a synopsis on the dress code and attitudes of some of the most common cliques at PCEP. The article was not written as a serious social commentary.

Editor in chief Erica D'Angelo received many letters, both positive and negative, about Bowman's article. She replied in the Perspective's Dec. 5 issue stating she thought Bowman's article to be "accurate" and "funny." She wrote:

"I walk through the halls and look around at the groups of people. I'm pretty sure the jocks are with the jocks and the Contempo girls are with the Contempo girls. So what are you complaining about?"

"Do you really deny the fact that you hang out in cliques? Perhaps Ashley is right: Look around you. You must be in

your own little world if you feel that you are not part of a clique. At least 85 percent of you are."

A drop-in visit

Kira Asher, 16, of Canton, must be in the 15 percent of students not in a clique. "I have friends in a bunch of groups," she said. "I have my own set of friends, just my friends who I go out with on weekends."

Alma Seaton, 17, of Canton said cliques at the high schools represent more of a social pressure than a problem. "It's more like your clothing. You can identify the clique by how they dress."

Judging someone by a dress code isn't always accurate, said Adam Cruz, 17, who was talking with some friends outside the cafeteria. They were waiting for the class bell to ring. Cruz wore black, lots of it, along with long pendulum necklaces. His hair is dark and long. He said his choice of clothes has something to do with self-confidence.

However, Cruz said he is perceived as a "druggie" and a "slacker." Not true. "I hang out with mainly normal kids, but I'm

stereotyped." When asked who he is, he replied, "I don't know."

Marcie Gottschalk, 16, of Canton described her clothes as meaning nothing more than "comfortable." She said she has a variety of friends. About Cruz, she added: "Oh, he's a nice guy, a real sweetheart."

Dress code

"Most of our students just dress comfortably," said Lynn Longiro, an assistant principal at Canton. "Some students use their clothes as a means of self-expression."

However, not all self-expression is acceptable. Longiro said the school's dress code allows no clothing that promotes drugs or alcohol or that may cause a "disturbance," such as bare midriffs. She also said that more overt paraphernalia - anything promoting a racist point of view - is forbidden. In such cases, parents are notified.

For the most part, students' choice of clothing hasn't been a problem at PCEP, according to Longiro. "Clothing styles change. It's their search for identity. Kids are kids."

Canton Township sets Christmas holiday hours

Canton Township offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Offices in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will reopen

at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26. Administrative offices at Summit on the Park will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 as well. The community center will be open to the public for swimming and other

activities 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 24.

The Canton Public Library will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25. The library will re-open at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26. Regular weekend hours of 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. will be in effect Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. and Sunday. Regular garbage pickups will

be made on Christmas Eve day. Pickups normally scheduled for Thursday will be made Friday, Dec. 26.

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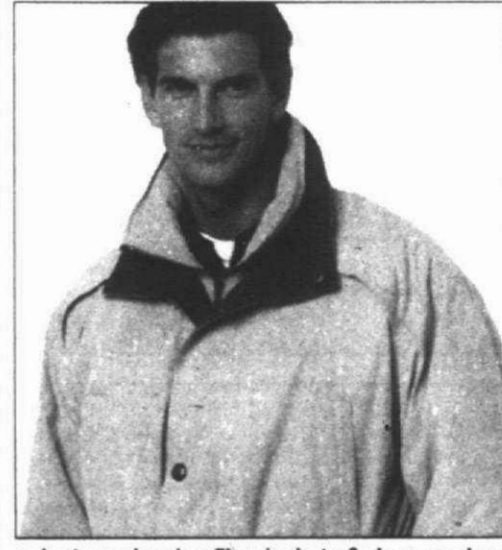
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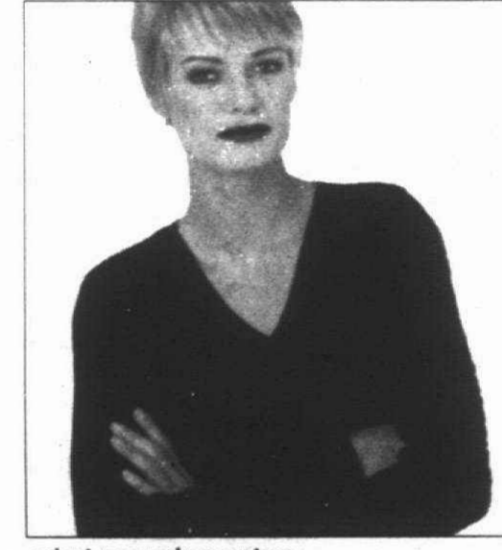


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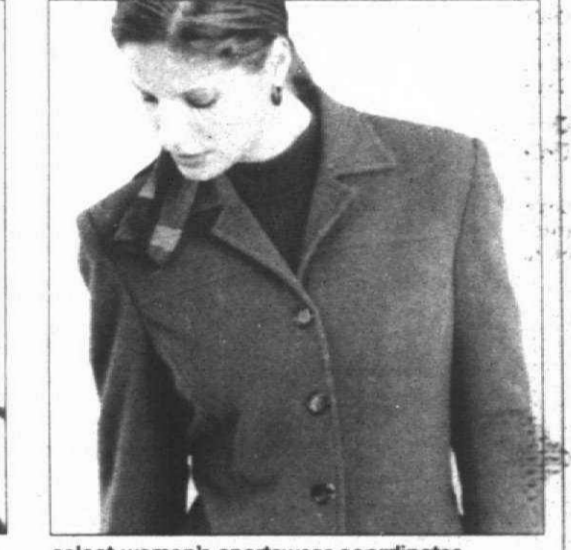


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Canton to receive \$1.2 million grant

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township received word that it will receive a \$1.2 million state grant to purchase 218 acres for active recreational uses on property on the east of Napier Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, said Mike Gouin, director of recreation. The property is owned by the Beatrice L. Coleman Trust, also namesake of Coleman's Farm Market on Michigan Avenue and Gables.

Canton would pick up 60 percent, or \$1.9 million of the acquisition costs, under the terms of the grant. The total cost is estimated at \$3 million.

Official notice on the grant approval requires a resolution approved by the state Legislature.

Gouin said it would take approximately one year before the land purchase is finalized and several more years before it is developed.

Some possibilities for developing the land include baseball and football fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, picnic and playscape areas, nature trails, jog/walk paths, an in-line skate rink and outdoor ice rink. Developing raw land into park facilities is an expensive proposition.

Bill addresses exemption

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, introduced legislation on Dec. 10, raising the personal exemption to equal what it would have been had it been indexed to the rate of inflation for the past 30 years.

"When the personal exemption was set in 1967, it was not indexed to the rate of inflation," Bennett explained in a prepared statement. "Had it been, the exemption would be approximately \$5,700 for the 1998 tax year. That's a big difference from the \$2,800 exemption we will actually receive in 1998."

Bennett's bill would increase the exemption by \$200 annually over approximately the next 15 years. The \$200 is in addition to annual inflation-based exemption increases.

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It also is dependent on water availability in that area of the township.

For example, Sheldon/Palmer Park is expected to cost \$381,430 to develop its 20 acres for in-line skating area, basketball court, picnic shelter, kids' play area, horseshoe pits, and sand volleyball court.

The township Board of Trustees committed to a 60 percent match for the acquisition of the Napier Road property months ago when it agreed to submit a grant application to the Department of Environmental Quality. The money will come from the township's community improvement fund.

The Recreation Master Plan shows a deficit of 297.5 acres of community park land for the year 2000 based on a population estimate of 69,000. The proposed park on Napier is four properties representing two large blocks of land. It is broken only by the east-west Detroit Edison corridor.

There is a seven-acre strand of trees on the northernmost parcel, although most of the property is flat cornfields.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Class effort: Field student council representatives show off some of the gifts classmates rounded up. At left, Field staffer Suzanne Pettovello pushes a cart loaded with gifts for the families. Below, the annual Christmas concert at Erikson School.

Sharing Holiday projects to help others

Students and staff throughout the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools had a busy holiday season. They collected food, toys, clothing and names of needy community families to be sure that no one will be without a Christmas.

Before the holiday recess began Friday, students at Erikson School had collected toys for First Step; took up a collection for area veterans; and, in a separate project, collected canned goods for six Erikson families.

At Field School, projects included helping 16 needy Field families by holding a food drive in participation with the PTO, local churches and others; and referring other families to Goodfellow and Salvation Army.



Knollenberg rips global warming agreement

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

In a word - yes or no - should the U.S. Senate ratify the global warming agreement?

"I need two words: hell no," replied U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, who spent a week in Kyoto, Japan, observing the negotiations.

The third-term congressman from the 11th District which includes Redford and part of Livonia gave the usual reasons of harm to American industry, but he had some close-up comments about the United Nations-sponsored conference itself.

"I have never been in the gunships of so many countries. The deck was stacked against us. And it was a long time ago."

"The Green Movement (anti-industry environmentalists) was in charge. The U.S. was dead before we got to Kyoto."

"We heard, 'The U.S. has an obligation' (from the Danes and Dutch) and 'America has a burden to pick up and carry the rest of the world.'"

"It exempts 80 percent of the world's (developing) nations"

like China, India and Mexico. 'It gives them a license to pollute at will. Multi-national corporations would go there - and also get cheaper labor.'

But it was the European Union, rather than Asia, that was trying hardest to stick the U.S. with the job of scaling back emissions to 1990 levels, Knollenberg said in an interview this week in his Farmington Hills district office.

He said Time magazine was correct in reporting that the EU will have the easiest time meeting emissions targets. Reason: "The collapse of East Germany in 1990 forced many inefficient, pollution-belching factories and power plants out of business, cutting Europe's emissions as a side benefit."

Great Britain's job is easier because Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher broke the coal miners' union in 1985, and the nation switched to natural gas.

France will have little trouble because it's reliant on nuclear energy - and Knollenberg thinks that's the way to go, even though nuclear power plants and research have been halted here.



"If you believe in global warming, this treaty won't get you there. It won't clean the environment, and it will be devastating to the American worker because the cost of energy will rise."

Joe Knollenberg - congressman

"The president won't send it (the treaty) to the Senate," Knollenberg predicted. "He'll use the regulatory process, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)."

What about Vice President Al Gore's speech in Kyoto favoring of a global warming treaty?

"Gore made a speech, got back on Air Force 2 and left. He would say he jump-started the reaction. There was actually a mixed reaction to Gore."

"There was heavy, heavy

AFL-CIO is connected to my view."

He cited University of Michigan research - still incomplete - on pumping carbon dioxide, the chief emission, into a tented area. "We know carbon dioxide helps trees. There are more trees in the country than at the time of the Pilgrims."

"Some scientists are saying, 'Let's study this before we jump off the cliff.'"

"If you believe in global warming, this treaty won't get you there," Knollenberg went on. "It won't clean the environment, and it will be devastating to the American worker because the cost of energy will rise."

Knollenberg and 13 other U.S. representatives were appointed by Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Knollenberg is a ranking member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on energy and water.

That panel oversees the Department of Energy, nuclear weapons and reactors, nuclear wastes, the Army Corps of Engineers, energy research and development, the Tennessee Valley Authority (then zeroed out of

the budget), and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The feeling is bipartisan. "John Dingell (D-Trenton, and dean of the Michigan congressional delegation) and I see eye to eye. Dingell was there," Knollenberg said.

Next-door congressman Sander Levin, a Democrat, already is battling EPA air quality standards, saying, "In my view, EPA's new standards would have a negative impact on the nation's economy and the economic well-being of southeastern Michigan."

The Kyoto Protocol, as it's known:

■ Was agreed to by 150 nations Dec. 11.

■ Requires the U.S. to cut emission of greenhouse gases to 7 percent below 1990 levels; the EU must cut emissions by 8 percent and Japan by 6 percent; 35 other countries also have quotas.

■ Allows industrialized nations to trade "emissions quotas" among themselves.

■ Asks but doesn't require developing nations to cut emissions.

County lease car proposal on hold for now

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners will not lease or purchase county vehicles, at least not for the time being.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, had introduced an ordinance that would delete a section in an ordinance that prohibits county elected officials from purchasing, leasing or operating a county vehicle to complete his or her duties.

Commissioners referred the item Thursday to the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, which is expected to study the proposal in January.

Parker's resolution would change an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and approved by commissioners in October 1993 that prohibited the use of county-owned vehicles by elected officials. The ordinance itself regulated the purchase, lease and operation of county vehicles.

Parker believes his ordinance will save the county money through car leases.

"Right now the commissioners obtain up to \$350 per month for 'mileage,'" Parker said last week. "I think it would be cheaper for us to lease the vehicles at \$300 a month."

McCotter expects costs to lease vehicles may fall between \$300 and \$350 a month per commissioner. While the money may be already budgeted for commissioners, it is general fund money and taxpayers' money, McCotter said.

"It's greed and it's wrong," McCotter said.

Patterson said he would even ask County Executive Ed McNamara to veto it, if the item was ever approved by the commission. Even though Patterson has the largest district in square miles of any commissioner, he said he would not use a lease vehicle funded by taxpayers.

Patterson said he only requests and receives reimbursement for miles in his district that he drives to Sumpter or Huron townships, and not for driving within Canton or to commission meetings.

Patterson believes the commissioners who earlier expressed interest in changing the ordinance, now are backpedaling.

"You can see them trying to get it back in committee," Patterson said. "You heard (Commissioner Robert) Blackwell say that he didn't introduce it," that he didn't introduce it earlier that day to a published report incorrectly indicating he introduced the ordinance."

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she isn't opposed to some county employees using cars if their duties require them to have transportation, but she doesn't believe the county commissioners should use them.

"I don't think the commissioners need county cars."

Commissioner Edward Plawewski Sr., D-Dearborn Heights, also is opposed to any lease cars for commissioners. "I can always make a claim for my mileage," Plawewski said.

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CANTON CONNECTION

Foundation ball
The fourth annual Canton Winter Ball is set for Friday Jan. 9 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Community Foundation. The money raised will help fund scholarships to local students and provide grants to local organizations. Some of this year's awards include: 12 student scholarships, grants to Community Youth Initiative, Community Literacy Council, and Canton Project Arts.

The evening includes an elegant gourmet meal, open premium bar and music provided by "The Teen Angels." The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 9 p.m. Dancing begins at 9 p.m. and continues until 1 a.m.

Attire is semi-formal. The ticket price is \$60 for an individual; tables of ten are available for \$600. Corporate sponsorships are also available. This is an opportunity to spend a gala evening with over 1,000 other guests. It's a great networking opportunity and a lot of fun, according to the foundation.

Call Ellen Tucker at the Canton Community Foundation at (313) 398-5000 to make reservations.

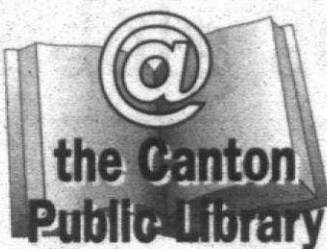
Grand prize winner
Canton resident Clare Barwick and her family are on their way to Hollywood, thanks to the Farmer Jack supermarket on Joy Road at Morton Taylor.

Barwick is the grand-prize winner from the Canton store of a family trip for four as part of the store's Chocolate Milk Sweepstakes. The competition was sponsored by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

The Barwick family will receive air fair and lodging for four, a rental car, admission to Disneyland and Universal Studios, a camcorder, TV with VCR and other items as part of their prize package. Store winners were selected in a random drawing last October.

Top draws
Four Canton residents were selected as winners in their age categories in the drawing contest sponsored by Detroit Edison to mark the 50th anniversary of the utility's participation in United Way campaigns.

Lauren Thompson, Steven Koch and Rachel Jucio were all winners in the age 6-8 category. All attend Hoban School.



Did you know:
■ Yahtzee was invented in 1956 by a Canadian couple aboard their yacht?
■ The circumference of a Major League baseball is 9 1/4 inches?
■ Candy Land was invented by Eleanor Abbott of San Diego while recuperating from polio in the 1940s?
■ Multi-media for kids: Here are some new youth CD-ROMs coming soon to the library:
■ "The Jolly Post Office"
■ "Mr. Wonder's Greatest Toy"

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■ "Jump Start Fifth Grade"
■ "Magic School Bus Explores the Rainforest"
■ "The Amazing Writing Machine"
■ "School House Rock: Exploration Station"

Q & A
Q: Which golfer has won more prize money than anyone else?
A: Tom Kite has won more than \$9 million.
The source for this information is "The 1997 Sports Almanac."

Web Watch
Check out these new Web sites:
■ <http://www.spiceguide.com>
■ <http://www.lowestfare.com>
■ <http://www.lucent.com/live-you>
■ <http://www.arabview.net>
■ <http://www.consumerreports.org>

Fiction finds
Here is some holiday-related reading available from the library:
■ "Old Christmas" by Washington Irving
■ "This Year It Will Be Different and Other Stories" by Maeve Binchy
■ "Christmas Out West" by Bill Prozini and Martin Greenburg
■ "A Christmas Sampler: Classic Stories of the Season from Twain to Cheever" by E.A. Crawford and Theresa Kenney
■ "May Your Days be Merry and Bright and Other Christmas Stories by Women" by Susan Koppelman

Hot topic of the week
■ The Canton Public Library will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. Happy holidays! The library looks forward to serving you in 1998.
■ The Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is located at 1200 S. Liberty Center Road. For more information about library programs and services call 397-0999.

Century Club from page A1

"There are needs that go unmet because the foundation can't help or there are no public funds available. Of course, there are churches that step in," said Joan Noricks executive director of the Canton Community Foundation and secretary to the Century Club.

Last year, the foundation had a request for financial assistance from a person who needed a hearing device. However, the foundation couldn't help out according to its bylaws, she said. "This will be for short-term crisis. Perhaps, they've had family sickness, a shut-off notice for their electricity or heat or maybe they received an eviction notice for some extenuating circumstances," Noricks said.

Referrals will come from the schools, police, or churches. A typical grant would be \$200 to \$300.

"You see how gratified they are in getting that help," said Demmer.

The Century Club is separate from Canton Community Foundation and applied for its own tax-exempt status.

For more information call Bryan Amann at 844-1400 or Joan Noricks at 398-5000.

U-M lawsuit from page A1

which challenged the University of Texas' use of different admission standards for various racial groups.

In response to Grutter's lawsuit, the University of Michigan said it confirms its commitment to maintaining a racially diverse student body.

"The university "uses race as a factor in admissions, as part of a broad array of qualifications and characteristics of which racial or ethnic origin is but a single though important element," according to a U-M statement.

Jeffrey Lehman, dean of U-M's Law School, said, "We are confident that our admissions policy is constitutional." He cited the 1978 Bakke case in which the U.S. Supreme Court backed similar admission policies.

"We believe that the Supreme

Court should not, and will not, use this lawsuit to change the law and prohibit what is now permitted," Lehman said.

"We as many others do teach our children that discrimination is wrong, that all Americans have the right to equal treatment, and that hard work pays off," Grutter said.

Madonna offers summer program for '98 grads

Beginning in June, 15 to 20 high school graduates, who received their diploma during the 1997-98 school year and are eligible for financial aid at the college level, will have an early opportunity to complete six college credit hours at Madonna University in Livonia.

Tuition and registration fees for these courses will be provided through privately funded grants for those in need of financial assistance.

"The 1997-98 high school graduates must be student applicants interested in attending Madonna University in the 1998 fall term and demonstrate an economic need. All participants must be admitted to Madonna University prior to acceptance to the Summer Start Program.

"We are proud to offer economically disadvantaged students a jump start on their education. This is Madonna University's second year providing this program," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, Madonna University vice president for student life.

"It is a great opportunity for these students as they will participate in learning seminars as well as develop a learning community with other first-year college students."

Classes will be held three days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will attend two classes, English 101 and Computer Science 208. The courses will incorporate writing and math/computer skills to assist future academic success.

Students can get a "head start" on what college professors expect and can meet other first-year students.

Lunch will be included with the program and one lunch period each week will be designated "Lunch and Learn Session" which will cover such topics as time management, self integrity and study skills. Lunch costs are being funded through contributions, as well.

"The purpose of this program is to help students feel comfortable in a college setting and to acclimate them to the campus scene during the summer months," said Sr. Nancy Jamroz.

For more information, students may contact their high school counseling office, or call Madonna University's Office of Multicultural Affairs at (734) 432-5541 or Admissions Office (734) 432-5339.

Madonna University awards associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.

Air bag thefts on the rise: state police

For 10 minutes of work, \$150 is good money.

That's what Lt. Bill Darnell of the Michigan State Police western Wayne County Auto Theft Unit, referring to air bag theft—a crime law enforcement and insurance industry officials say is becoming one of the most costly and widespread trends in auto-related crime.

Darnell, who was part of the investigative team that confiscated over 1,000 suspected stolen air bags estimated at a street value of more than \$1 million from a Detroit area used auto parts dealer, attributing the increase to convenience and a ready market.

"They only weigh about three pounds," said Darnell. "Street thieves can quickly steal an air bag, easily conceal it and turn it into instant cash as long as there are people out there willing to pay and not ask questions."

And, according to Darnell, that's what's happening.

"They act as a kind of pawn shop, purchasing air bags from anyone off the street for \$150 to \$200 and then reselling them for \$400 to \$500 to distributors, who then resell them to auto body and automotive repair shops for \$600 to \$700," Darnell said.

William Liddane, director of Help Eliminate Auto Theft, said this activity makes virtually every car a potential target. HEAT is a statewide auto theft prevention program that operates a confidential toll-free tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT) for reporting auto theft related crimes.

"Citizens need to be vigilant—even when they think their cars are not the type thieves are interested in, because behind every steering wheel with an air bag is a \$100 to \$200 enticement for some thief."

Jerry Hinton, manager of claims investigation for AAA of Michigan agrees. "So-called reputable auto and auto body repair shops are buying used air bags which in many cases are stolen and then billing insurance companies for new replacements."

Motorists not only face higher insurance premiums, but the question of whether the used air bags will be safe. "Are these used air bags the correct replacement per manufacturers' specifications and will they perform properly once installed?" Hinton asked.

Citizens must practice basic anti-theft precautions. Liddane recommends, "Always remove keys and lock doors. Park in well-lighted areas. Avoid parking near Dumpsters or large vans or trucks and other obstacles that decrease visibility and provide cover for thieves."

The HEAT tip line is a powerful tool to help law enforcement. HEAT rewards tip line callers up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected car thief; up to \$10,000 if the tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring members and/or chop shop operators. HEAT also rewards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

Since its inception in 1985, HEAT has recovered 2,390 vehicles valued at \$27 million. During that period, the HEAT tip line has received 5,263 calls leading to the arrest of 1,978 suspects. HEAT has awarded \$1.7 million to tip callers since 1985.

Patterson seeks check on commission travel

Thursday to the General Government and Ways and Means committees. It is expected to be discussed in January.

Patterson also introduced a resolution calling for the committee to oppose the Kyoto Protocol because adoption of it would be what Patterson called "catastrophic" to Wayne County and the state of Michigan due to emission standards that would increase regulatory and operational costs of manufacturing plants and industry.

That resolution was referred to the commission's Committee on Environment, Sewers and Drains for study.

"There seems to be an attitude among some commissioners that once they get an office allocation, it's their money and not the taxpayers'," Patterson said.

Patterson wants an audit completed of travel accounts, expenditures and documentation to be reviewed by the commission's Ways and Means Committee.

The resolution was referred

Madonna sets March 2 deadline for scholarships

Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications through Monday, March 2, from admitted students for the 1998-99 academic year.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (313) 432-5663.

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

Madonna University scholarships available for the 1998-99 year include: Detroit Edison Foundation Endowed Scholarship, awarded to minority students pursuing science, especially prospective teachers in elementary schools; Kristen H. Hallerman Scholarship awarded to a beginning nursing student from either Plymouth-Canton High School, Plymouth Salem High School, or Garden City High School; William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, awarded to students in service-oriented degree programs; Charles and Patricia Derry Video Communications Scholarship awarded to a video communications major; Bishop Moses B. Anderson/ Frank Hayden Scholarship, awarded to African students of American students of African heritage; Lions/Lioness Club Scholarship, awarded to hearing impaired students; Livia Jaycees Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior students; and the Joyce and Don Massey Scholarship.

OBITUARIES

DIANE C. BUTTON
Services were held for Diane C. Button, 48, of Westland Dec. 22 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton, with the Rev. Daniel Zaleski from St. Theodore Church officiating.

She was born April 6, 1949, in Monroe, Mich. She died Dec. 17 in Royal Oak. She worked as a medical office manager. She is survived by her husband, William F.; two daughters, Barbara Brown and Brinda Matykowski; a son, Brian F.; her parents, Jack and Audrey Reeves; two brothers; eight sisters; and five grandchildren.

EILEEN P. WILLIAMS
A funeral Mass was held for Eileen P. Williams, 81, of Plymouth on Dec. 22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. The burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 4, 1916, in Rosebush, Mich. She died Dec. 19 in Ann Arbor. She came to the Plymouth community in 1925 and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1935. She retired from McLaren Oil Company in 1975 after 40 years of service. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Plymouth, as well as the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary Post No. 6955 for 40 years. Her work for the VFW included taking food to the VA Hospital and helping with summer picnics; she was also a member of their State Champion Drill Team.

Her survivors include her daughter, Linda J. McNutt of Plymouth; a son, Bruce R. of Canadian Lakes, Mich.; three grandchildren, Maria Powers of Milford, Michael Williams of Westland and Renee Rock of Toledo, Ohio; eight great-grandchildren, Erikah, Easton and Savannah Powers, Krystal, Jessikah and Jenna Williams, Brandon and Blake Rock; and three brothers, Joseph Archer of Ann Arbor, Ernie Archer of Plymouth and Jim Archer of Carleton, Mich.

Memorials may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Named to posts

The Canton Board of Trustees recently made the following appointments: Thomas Borg was reappointed to a three-year term on the Recreation Advisory Committee expiring Dec. 31, 2000. Members Christine Mroczka will be resigning when her term expires Dec. 31. A search is under way for her replacement.

Planning commission reappointments included Catherine Johnson and Ron Lieberman to three-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2000. Johnson was also appointed as planning commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term also expiring Dec. 31, 2000.

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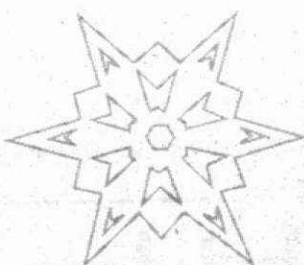
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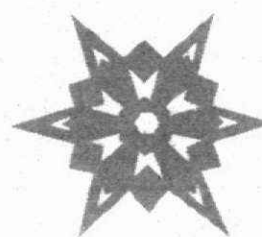


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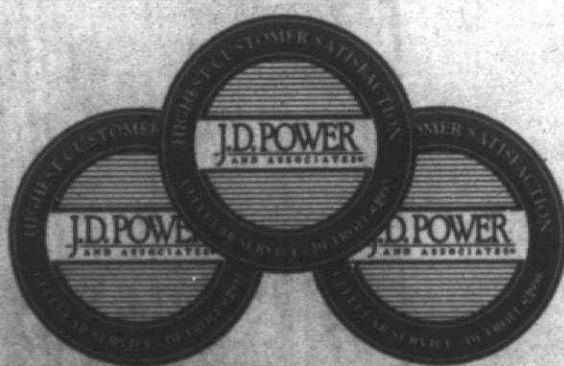


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Area light shows sure to brighten holiday weeks

Looking for a little inexpensive holiday family fun?

Check out the holiday light displays along Hines Drive, at the Detroit Zoo and at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor while there's still time.

Billed as the country's largest drive-through light show, Wayne County's LightFest runs through Thursday, Jan. 1, along Hines Drive, between Merriman and Warren roads.

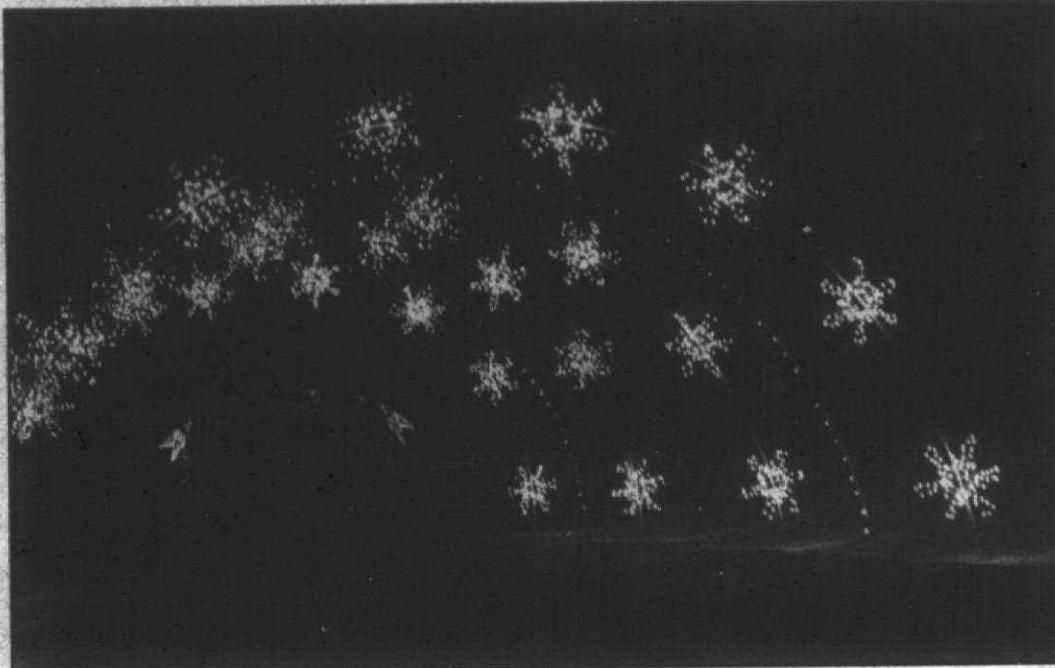
The display features overhead bridge displays, deer "leaping" over cars on Hines Drive, and a four-story poinsettia wreath with candles, said Kathy Lewand, administrative assistant for Wayne County parks.

For \$5 per car, motorists can enjoy a mix of new and old displays, featuring more than 800,000 lights on more than 35 displays. About 7,000 vehicles visited the LightFest this past weekend, Lewand said. She didn't have a total number for the entire event.

"Attendance is good," Lewand said. "It started out slow and we were concerned. But it has picked up considerably and we're pleased with the turnout. It's something people enjoy."

This year Wayne County has two new wetlands-themed exhibits, in conjunction with the newly opened Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township, including a giant heron and animated frogs leaping from lily pad to lily pad.

Much of the money for new displays was donated by Friends of Wayne County Parks, with others sponsored by companies like Blue Care Network, NBD Bank and AAA Michigan.



Holiday glow: Domino's Farms has over one million lights this year and added six new displays, some with animation and more than 30 light displays



At the zoo: Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo illuminates through Sunday, Jan. 4, except on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

This is the fifth year of the event, which started with roughly 25 light displays. The number has grown by approximately two a year, and includes displays depicting the Nativity, Hanukkah, and Kwanza.

For additional information, call (313) 261-1990.

Zoo lights

Heading east on I-696, you can still stop and take a walk on the wild side, by enjoying the fourth

annual Wild Lights celebration at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, featuring more than 50 animated animal displays with 350,000 lights.

Be sure to dress warmly as the half-mile walk usually takes about 45 minutes.

Wild Lights visitors will also be able to visit the new Edward Mardigan Sr. River Otter exhibit and the reptile house.

There will also be singing groups and costume characters

to entertain each night, as well as a hospitality tent with refreshments.

Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo illuminates through Sunday, Jan. 4, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Day. The lights will be on Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, the display will be on until 9 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free.

Proceeds from Wild Lights goes to the Detroit Zoological Society to help fund educational programs and for exhibit renovations.

In 1994, Wild Lights attracted 25,000 people. This year, zoo officials are expecting nearly 60,000 people through the turnstiles.

For more information on Wild Lights, call (248) 541-5835.

Domino's Farms

The Christmas Light Display at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor has attracted more than a million people and raised nearly \$500,000 for charity over the past five years.

Last year 70 charities shared more than \$70,000, said Ashley Moran, director of the non-profit group Spirit of Christmas, which sponsors the event.

Domino's Farms has over one million lights this year and added six new displays, some with animation and more than 30 light displays, said Moran.

The holiday event costs \$5 per car Monday through Thursday, and \$7 on the weekend. Buses are asked to pay \$50. All the proceeds will benefit children and charities around metro Detroit.

Last year the event had 42,000 cars drive through, with 80,000 people visiting the indoor display. This year it is expected to draw 50,000 cars and 100,000 people.

The route was expanded to

include a drive around the petting farm, added Moran. Visitors will drive through most of the light display before entering the building for indoor attractions.

Moran says inside visitors will see 20, 14-foot designer-decorated trees, a "Christmas Around the World" creche exhibit, a miniature electric train, ornament-making for children, and a gingerbread house gift shop.

The focus of our exhibit is children, because Christmas is for kids, said Moran. Organizers are looking to broaden the event's appeal to make it an area event, not just an Ann Arbor experience.

The Christmas Light Display at Domino's Farms runs through Wednesday, Dec. 31, with the displays aglow from 6-10 p.m.

Take U.S. 23 to Exit 41, then a half-mile east. Follow the signs to Domino's Farms on Earhart Road, north of Plymouth Road.

Rivers to host legislative forum

Can a federal court nullify an Act of Congress by finding it to be unconstitutional even though it was passed overwhelmingly?

Can the President send troops overseas without the permission of Congress?

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Rivers has invited Roderick Hill, a professor at the University of Michigan Law School, former Congressman William Brodhead and Robert Sedler, profes-

sor at the Wayne State University Law School to discuss the issue. After the panel discussion, the audience can participate in the discussion with questions and comments.

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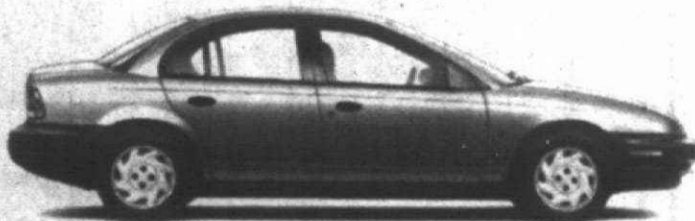
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and were drunk." "To say they played a passive role in this is untrue. They came at him at a high rate of speed... (Scott) didn't try to kill anyone and didn't intend to hurt anyone," he said.

Bolden's attorney, Cyril Pessina, said the evidence is circumstantial. "He may have been passenger at the time of the traffic stop, but there is no evidence to show he was the passenger at the time of the shooting."

Tom Esch, 30, of Livonia remains in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor after being shot in the lower back with a 12-gauge shotgun. The bullet pierced the rear passenger compartment of the truck and went through the front passenger seat, where he was seated.

The 1995 graduate of Franklin High School is expected to fully recover, according to Patrick McVeigh, the driver of the F150. However, Esch is in severe pain due to the bullet searing his liver, he said.

McVeigh, 20, and Esch were going to the home of a girl, whom another friend, Robert Brent, met through an America Online chat room. The suspects are friends of the girl who lived in the trailer park.

McVeigh testified that he and Esch went to the trailer park after speaking to the girl and her

"I heard a gun shot and the truck shook. Tom said he was hit, but at first I didn't believe him because he was so calm about it."

*Patrick McVeigh
-In court testimony Monday*

friend several times that day by telephone. They were invited over for a party, he said.

The first time they and two other friends went to the trailer park the girls were not home. The girls later called McVeigh on his cellular phone to tell them they had returned from an EMU party. Only McVeigh and Esch returned to the trailer park.

McVeigh testified that he saw a suspicious black Thunderbird following them inside the complex and they decided to leave, rather than go to the girls' trailer.

"I heard a gun shot and the truck shook," McVeigh testified.

"Tom said he was hit, but at first I didn't believe him because he was so calm about it."

Under cross examination by Blake, McVeigh denied making any contact with the two suspects, nor yelling racial slurs.

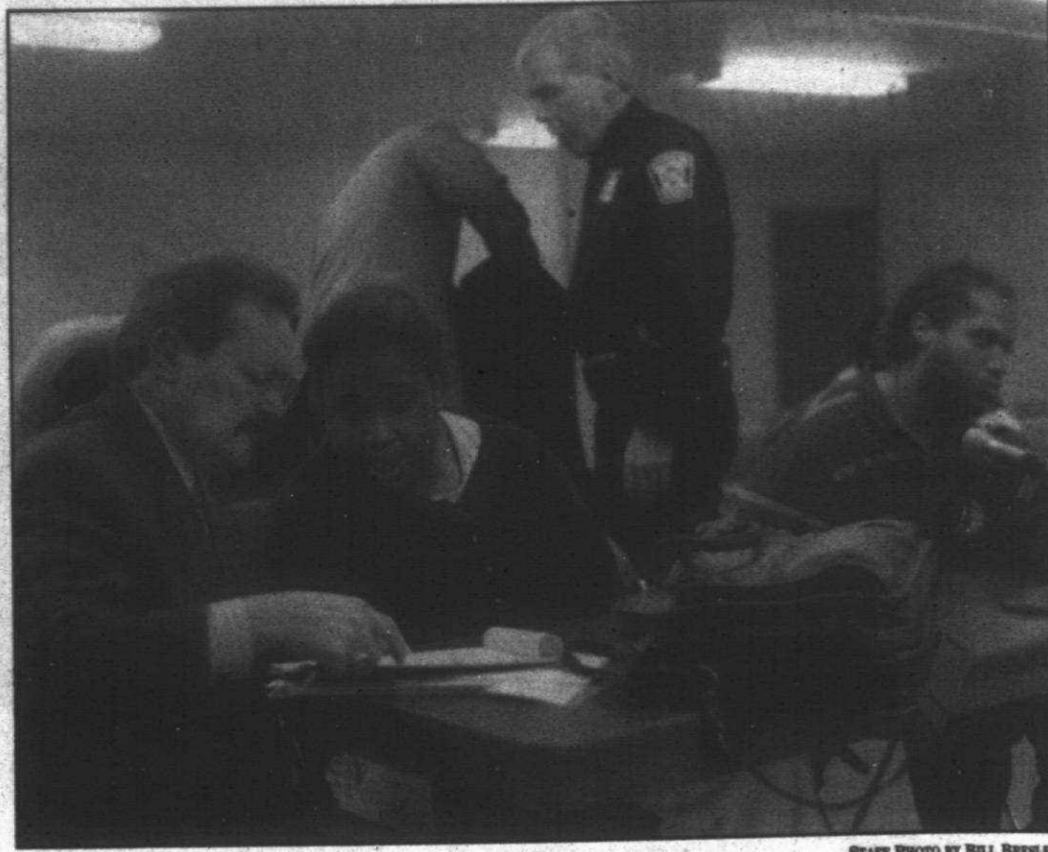
Rob Brent testified that someone made a comment on the tele-

phone earlier in the day to the girls questioning "why they were hanging out with black people." He didn't know who made the statement since there were seven or eight people at a house where the calls were made.

Canton Officer Scott Hilden said he spotted the fleeing Thunderbird as they headed westbound on Michigan Avenue, near Lilley. The suspect's car was heading eastbound. The men were apprehended at the I-275 entrance ramp. Hilden said three slugs from a 12-gauge shotgun were found inside the car.

Officer Chad Baugh found the shotgun in two pieces on Michigan Avenue, west of Haggerty.

"It looked like it had been thrown from a vehicle. It was on the south side of the road and the barrel was five to seven yards ahead of the stock of the shotgun," he testified.



Preparation: Attorney Cyril Pessina (left) confers with defendant Edward Bolden before Monday's preliminary examination in 35th District Court. Defendant Tim Scott is at right.

Appeals court on FOIA

Judicial panel says revealing gun ownership doesn't invade privacy

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The state Court of Appeals has ordered Michigan State Police to lift the veil of secrecy from pistol records for Redford resident Fred Mager.

The court scoffed at the State Police's claim that opening records under the Freedom of Information Act would be an "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

"We conclude that the ownership of a gun does not reveal intimate or embarrassing details of an individual's private life," the panel said in a 3-0 decision Dec. 15.

"Defendants (State Police and FOIA officer John McCarthy) do not point to - and we are unaware of - any customs, mores, or ordinary views of the community that would lead to the conclusion that gun ownership is an intimate or embarrassing detail of an individual's private life."

It concluded: "We reverse the trial court's grant of summary disposition in favor of defendants and remand for the trial court (Ingham Circuit Judge Peter Houk) to enter summary disposition in favor of plaintiff (Mager) with respect to the information sought."

It was signed by Judges Michael J. Kelly, Maureen Pulte Reilly and Kathleen Jansen.

pistol. A copy is sent to State Police headquarters for a central file.

Prior to Nov. 1, 1995, the forms were kept on index cards. Since then, they have been stored in a computer. Mager insisted it is a simple matter to run a copy of the computer tape.

Mager supports a bill by Rep. Alan Cropsy, R-DeWitt, to eliminate the 83 county gun boards' discretion in issuing permits to carry concealed weapons (CCWs).

"I want to expose the records of the representatives and senators that don't support the Cropsy bill," Mager said.

He said gun owners can take some credit for the 1996 defeats of Reps. Jim Ryan, R-Redford, and Eric Bush, R-Battle Creek - defeats that helped Democrats regain control of the Michigan House.

Also on his bad list is Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, who has announced he's seeking the GOP nomination for attorney general.

obtained some of the records by filing FOIA requests with county clerks. "About one-third complied," he said.

Complying were Macomb, Kent and Washtenaw counties. He said Livingston, Isabella and Midland counties refused.

Wayne and Oakland counties sent him lists of names (11,000 from Oakland alone) but blacked out the addresses, making the records useless for his purpose.

records, motor vehicle ownership, driver's licenses, private security guards, civil service supervisory and managerial personnel, registered voters, dog owners and campaign contributions.

Courts have even held that the city of Pontiac had to reveal the identity of Silverdome stadium boxholders, Bamberg noted.

School precedent

One reason Michigan State Police cited in refusing his FOIA request was that the list would contain three million names. Mager said that in Florida, a larger state, the total list was 259,000 names.

He said he sent the Indiana State Police a check and got the same kind of list promptly in the mail.

Mager started his suit early in 1996. But his case got a major boost last July when the Michigan Supreme Court defined privacy under FOIA. The high court said, "Information is of a personal nature if it reveals intimate or embarrassing details of an individual's private life."

The Supreme Court decision - cited in Monday's Court of Appeals decision - came in the cases of Bradley vs. Saranac Board of Education and Lansing Area School Administrators vs. Lansing School District.

In those combined cases, teacher Christine Bradley and the Lansing principals sought to block release to parents of their personnel records, especially disciplinary records. The high court ruled the records were public property and couldn't be exempted from a FOIA request.

Mager's attorney is Daniel G. Bamberg of DeWitt. Fighting the "privacy" argument, Bamberg's brief said the state routinely issues the same kind of information Mager was seeking on hunting licenses, fishing licenses, marriage licenses, divorce

For 'criminal mind'

Defending MSP, assistant attorney general Thomas Quasaran said records of law enforcement personnel's names and addresses are exempt under FOIA, that many police officers obtain CCW permits; but that the records don't segregate names of police from others.

Quasaran said uncovering the identities of permit holders would reveal "the places and locations of firearms," handguns owned and possessed by private homeowners, gun collectors, antique gun collectors, private detectives and security guards, jewelry dealers and businesspersons generally, gun dealer inventories, gun and hunting club members, prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement officers who register their pistols as a safeguard in the event of theft, and others."

Opening the records, he said, would open "a Pandora's box by creating a virtual shopping list for anyone bent on the theft of firearms... and whatever else the criminal mind might evoke."

In contrast, he said, revealing holders of hunting and fishing licenses "does not open the doors of one's home to the public at large."

The Court of Appeals disagreed, noting that case law allows a union to obtain names and addresses of security guards, and a newspaper to obtain "wing" shots of defendants awaiting trial from the Oakland Sheriff's Department.

'Politics involved'

"I'm not a hunter," Mager said. "I carried a rifle in 1967 in the boones (Vietnam). I'm a certified instructor and a political action force."

For eight years Mager has delivered for Bob's Pizza in Detroit, a job that "pays well" but exposes him to some danger. He wounded one man who tried a court appearance the following Monday morning on armed robbery charges.

Mager is a member of Brass Roots, Michigan Gun Owners and the Council of Responsible Gun Owners. "I undertook this on my own," he said, without help or approval from the groups.

"There's politics involved. That's the main reason they (State Police) don't want this out of the bag," he said.

Mager said he already has

Will state appeal?

The state has 21 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. The odds are against the state, however, because: 1) The Court of Appeals opinion was unanimous; 2) the Supreme Court already has ruled on what constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and 3) the high court must grant leave to appeal.

Mager sought a record known as "MSP Form RI-11. Safety Inspection Certificate." It is issued when local police departments perform safety checks of a

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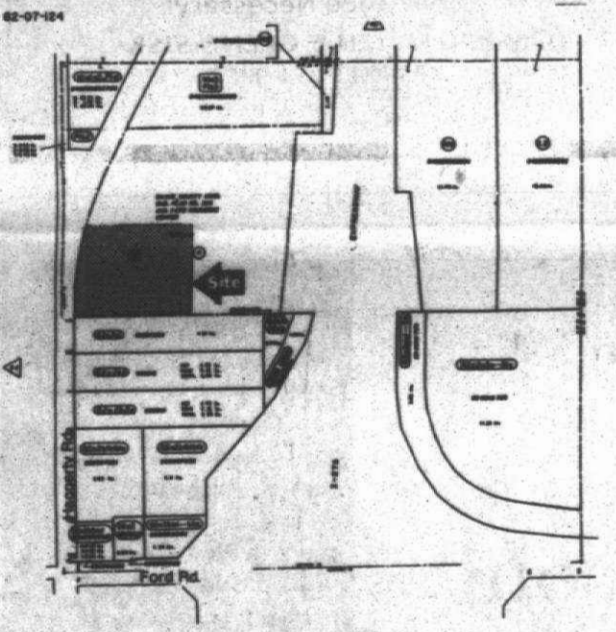
ENLISTMENTS
Connie L. Prince, daughter of Alan L. Prince of Plymouth and Judith M. Prince of Westland, has enlisted in the U.S. Army. During the eight weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., Prince will study drill and ceremony instruction, weapons, map reading, first aid and many other military lessons. She is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

DEPLOYMENT
Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth, recently participated in Exercise Bright Star '97 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The unit was in a multinational exercise which involved naval and tactical air, amphibious assault, undersea, special forces and ground combat training. Smith joined the Marine Corps in 1988.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 5, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MEDICAL OFFICE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 047 01 0005 000. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Ford and Warren Roads within the I-275 Commerce Center.



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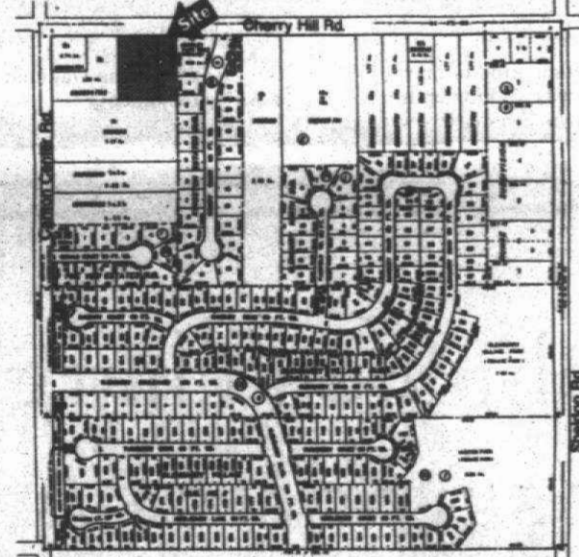
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YANOFZOSTER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 088 99 0005 000 AND 088 99 0006 000 FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center Road.



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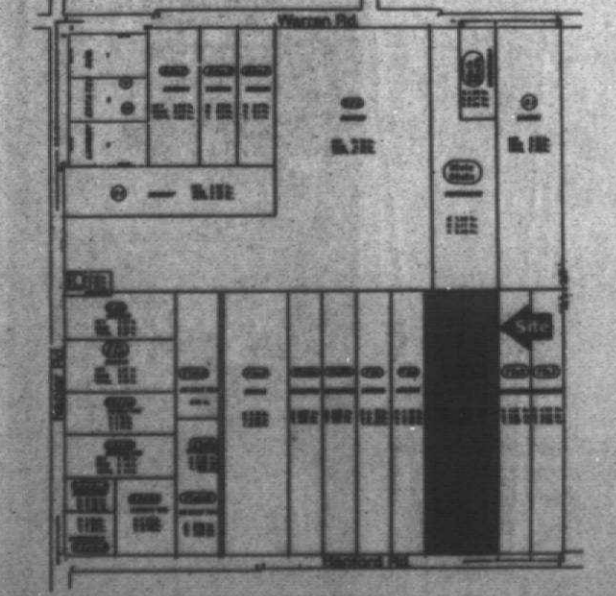
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PETERSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 028 99 0020 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO RR, RURAL ESTATE. Property is located on the north side of Hanford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads.



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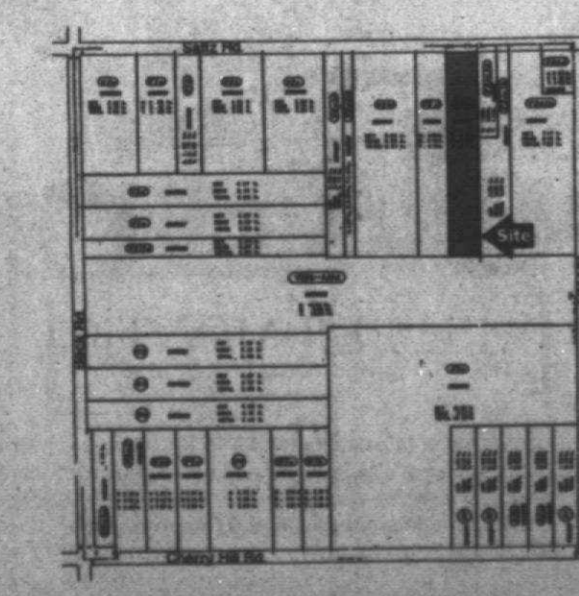
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ALIBONICZAK REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 063 99 0015 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Saltz Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads.



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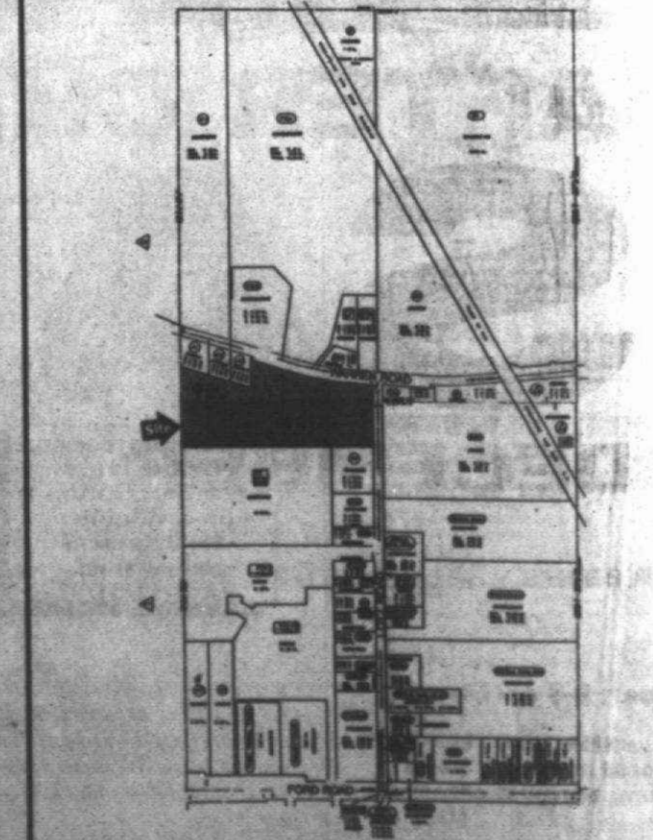
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A, T & T WIRELESS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21.02B.3 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 045 99 0014 701. Property is located on the south side of Warren Road between I-275 and Lots Road.



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Commission OKs auditor general budget

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy received an early Christmas gift Thursday from the Wayne County Commission.

The auditor general - along with the commission counsel - received \$240,559 after commissioners voted 14-0 to amend the county commission's budget.

The transfer of 0.2 percent from various county departments means Dunleavy can add six more employees to the auditor general's office to provide staffing levels needed to audit each county department every two years as the revised county charter mandates.

Voters approved charter changes in November 1996 to strengthen the offices of the auditor general and commission counsel.

Dunleavy's budget was the center of much discussion during budget approval in October. He received a separate budget at that time, but also pushed for appropriations through budget transfers to add staff.

Dunleavy believes he can have a greater ability to perform oversight of major construction projects, including the expansion of Detroit Metro Airport and county parks construction projects.

The Commission counsel department will add two

more attorneys to bring that department total to five.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, requested Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, suspend the rules and the commission take immediate action.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said outcounty residents perceived commission budget as "perks," and the separate line item would help define that.

"It is a clear delineation of who is spending what," McCotter said. "Right now we don't spend the attorney general money on ourselves," McCotter said. "This will clearly show that."

After commissioners denied a motion to send the amendment to committee, they approved the line item amendment, 8-6. Beard, McCotter, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Edward Plawewski Sr., D-Deerborn Heights, approved those items.

Commissioners then amended the budget, 14-0. Beard was pleased that the amendment was approved.

"One year ago, voters amended the charter to strengthen the auditor general and commission counsel," Beard said. "Commissioners pushed to get this done to allow an increase in staffing."

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The Empire State Building, one of the most recognizable icons of American culture, is traditionally bathed in colored lights to celebrate various holidays and events. During the Christmas season, the lights are red and green.

A couple of years ago, on a December night, a 7-year-old Jewish girl noticed that the lights on the building were blue. She wondered if the lights were in honor of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Well, no, she learned upon inquiring, the blue lights were displayed on Dec. 12 of that year to recognize the birthday of Frank Sinatra, "old blue eyes."

That was OK, but the girl, Mallory Blair Greitzer, thought that Hanukkah deserved to be honored on America's most famous (if no longer tallest) edifice. She began a campaign to try to make it so.

It took two years (and a letter to Leona Helmsley, whose management company operates the building), but this year on Dec. 23, the first night of Hanukkah, the lights on the Empire State Building were blue and white, honoring the Jewish Festival of Lights for the first time in history. Tonight, Christmas Eve, they revert to the red and green Christmas colors. A menorah will be displayed in the lobby of the building during Hanukkah and a crescent and star will be on display for USA Muslim Day.

There is no great moral to this story, but this is the time of year that is often referred to in the American Jewish community as "The December Dilemma" - a time when Christmas symbols are omnipresent while other religious beliefs and observances seem to be given short shrift. It is also a time when the message of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men" is occasionally interrupted with protests about religious symbols on public property or in the classroom.

None of this is particularly surprising, given the diversity of American culture and the freedom we enjoy to protest that which goes against our personal convictions.

Still, there is a message in Mallory Blair Greitzer's successful campaign to balance the red and green Christmas lights on the Empire State Building with the blue and white lights of Hanukkah. She didn't ask that the Christmas lights be turned OFF, but that the Hanukkah lights also be turned ON. Good for her, and good for Leona Helmsley for listening, even if the symbolic gesture is only for one night.

A country as rich in cultures and traditions as the United States should focus on celebrating and learning from each and every one of them, not pitting one culture against another or trying to stifle those traditions that do not have equal significance for every single individual. What better time of year to recognize this than in December.

This year isn't unique, but it is unusual, in that three celebrations - Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa - overlap almost exactly. Hanukkah, the eight-day Festival of Lights that begins on the 25th day of the lunar month of Kislev, began this year at sundown on Dec. 23; the traditional "12 days of Christmas" last from Christmas Eve on Dec. 24 through Jan. 6; and the African-American Kwanzaa begins on Dec. 26 and continues through Jan. 1.

The histories are different, the symbols are different, the customs are different. But all these holidays share one common element: They are joyous occasions celebrating various religious and cultural traditions. They are, indeed, "happy holidays." That is their message, and that is our message to all of you. Happy Holidays!

Editorial's message timeless

(Editor's note: Exactly 100 years ago this year, what may well be the most famous editorial in history first appeared in the New York Sun. Written by Francis Pharellus Church, the editorial was a response to a letter from an 8-year-old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon. It is as meaningful today as it was then.)

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the Sun it's so."

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He

exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Reprinted from the *New York Sun*, Sept. 21, 1897

Santa writes to youngsters

Dear Kids,

I just finished reading all those thousands of letters you send me every year. I can't respond in person to every one of them, but the nice folks at the Observer said they'd publish my letter to all of you, so here it is.

I can't promise that every single one of you will get every present you asked for, but I'll do the best I can. If you get to bed early and get a good night's sleep, I'll try to be quiet and not wake you up.

Meanwhile, you could do a few things for me, if you would. If you have a fire in the fireplace tonight, please ask your mom or dad to put it out before he or she goes to bed. I come down that chimney pretty fast, and it gets mighty hot in there.

If you have any extra pet food around, the reindeer would appreciate a dish of food and maybe a bowl of water. Any kind of dog food or cat food is fine. They don't like fish food very much.

Spending of food, I really like those snacks you leave for me. But Mrs. Claus told me to ask if you'd leave skim milk or maybe a carton

of yogurt instead of eggnog and cookies. She thinks I need to lose weight!

Just one more thing. Ask your parents if they can make sure there's enough room in the driveway to park the sleigh. Last year, Vixen and Daaber got tangled up in some Christmas lights on one of those steep roofs, and they're a little bit spooked about landing on the rooftop now. They'll get over it, but this year I'm trying to keep the landing spots flat and low.

Take care now, and I'll see you tonight. You won't see me, but tomorrow morning you'll know I've been there.

Love,
Santa



Goodfellows help spread holiday spirit



Nice work: Goodfellow volunteer Audrey Moore helps prepare holiday gift baskets at the Canton Public Library last week. The Goodfellows' annual newspaper sale raised \$3,700 that helped pay for food and toys for 101 needy families.

LETTERS

Do it right

One of the toughest issues facing the Michigan Legislature is electric deregulation, an issue so steeped in technical jargon that most people prefer to ignore it.

But ignoring this vital issue would be a huge mistake. Michigan manufacturers - including my company, SMS Group - are high-energy users, heavily relying on power to run our businesses and make the products that we sell around the world. We not only need but demand a reliable energy source.

That's why I am personally concerned that deregulation be pursued in an orderly, fair and comprehensive manner, ensuring us the best, most reliable energy sources possible.

As a business person, I have monitored this issue closely, because the outcome will have a significant impact on my company's ability to compete, grow and create new jobs. I also sit on the board of the Michigan Manufacturers Association and have worked hard to bring all parties to the table to collectively seek a solution that ensures a reliable source of energy well into our future.

Make no mistake about it, restructuring is coming to Michigan one way or the other. Washington has put the industry next in line for restructuring, following the deregulation of the airlines, trucking, natural gas and telecommunications.

As a state, we can sit back, do nothing and let Washington set a "one size fits all" national policy that will probably fail to address Michigan's unique needs as a peninsula state. That could endanger our state's jobs, businesses, and fail to ensure that our future electricity needs are met.

Or our state lawmakers can tackle the issue by crafting a forward-thinking approach that provides a smooth transition to a more competitive marketplace while protecting jobs and businesses.

Handling restructuring at the state level offers another benefit. Our lawmakers can settle the matter before the end of this year and put Michigan's public policy on the cutting edge. That's where we need to be to help keep our economy healthy and strong.

That will also let business and electricity providers begin to plan for the future, rather than waiting to see what happens in Washington. The demand for electricity is rising in Michigan, yet no new generating plants are under construction.

Our legislators should make electricity restructuring one of their top priorities and

work to pass a restructuring plan.

This can't be delayed because too many jobs are at stake and too much of Michigan's future is at risk. We need action now to power Michigan's future.

Jeffrey Clevenger
president and CEO
SMS Group Inc.
Troy and Saginaw

Work together

Setting educational policy in Michigan is a huge responsibility that involves a large number of people - not just legislators like myself. One of the groups with the most knowledge and insight is teachers.

Recently, I conducted a special "listen-in" hearing in Brownstown with the chair of the Senate Education Committee, Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids. The purpose was to give teachers a chance to speak out on concerns they may have with the current school system, as well as to offer changes.

The teachers' responses were extremely helpful and positive.

The "listen-in" meeting originated from surveys sent out to educators across the district asking for input on ways to make life in the classroom more productive and effective for teachers and students.

For many teachers, it was the first time they had been asked to speak out publicly on education in Michigan. Through the surveys and the "listen-in" meeting, we received many thoughtful, intelligent responses from teachers.

Educators responded to a wide variety of subjects, including class size, parental involvement, technology upgrades, safer schools, inclusion of special needs students, attendance, testing and funding.

The comments made will serve as the basis for legislation to improve our educational system. Already, a series of bills have been worked on in the Michigan Senate which address the issue of safety and discipline in the classroom.

Whatever changes are needed will only be made after careful and deliberate consideration with all parties involved.

Working together, we can make education in Michigan - especially in Wayne County - better than ever.

Sen. Loren Bennett
R-Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Miracle of Hanukkah offers modern lessons

Two thousand years ago, the great religious leaders of the Jewish people described the miracle of Hanukkah in astoundingly concise terms: *During the occupation of the Holy Land by the Greeks the latter entered the inner sanctuary of the Jerusalem Holy Temple and defiled all the oils.* (Jewish law recognizes states of "spiritual impurity" and "spiritual defilement." The olive oil used for the daily lighting of the Temple candelabrum, or Menorah in Hebrew was required to be utterly pure.) *When the Hasmonians defeated them, one small jug of oil was found which evidently had not been touched by the Greeks.* (The touch of an idol-worshipping pagan would defile the oil and render it unfit for Temple use.) The little jug contained enough oil only for one day. The Menorah was rekindled and the oil miraculously lasted eight days, until new oil could be prepared.

From the text of the Talmud it is

clear that the defilement of the oil was not accidental, but intentional and systematic. A question begs to be asked. If the purpose of the Greeks was to extinguish the light of the Menorah and prevent its rekindling, why did they merely defile the oil; they could have poured it all out?

Choosing their words with exquisite care, the great Talmudic sages were clueing us in as to the true objectives of the Greeks, not to prevent the rekindling of the Menorah, but rather that it should be rekindled with defiled oil.

Like oil from an olive, we can extract from the above the essential meaning of Hanukkah, as follows:

One of the most common words in Jewish religious parlance is the "Torah." This Hebrew word, meaning literally "the Teaching," refers to the overall body of G-dly wisdom given to the Jews, beginning with the Bible.

The Greeks were willing to recognize the Torah, or even accept it as a



RABBI Y.M. KAGAN

perfect and beautiful literary creation, a work of poetry, wisdom, profound philosophy, etc. - provided it was considered as a human creation - like their own mythology (for sure a human invention - with the deities represented in human shapes and forms, with human characteristics and passions.) As such, the essential core principles of the Torah could be and ought to be changed and modified from time to time, so as to be politi-

cally correct, to harmonize with the character of the ruling class and the novel ideas of the period. Such an approach, as planned by the Greeks, would gradually do away with the permanence and immutability of such well-known Jewish religious practices as the Sabbath, circumcision, and other commandments.

In a word, the Greeks did not aim at the suppression of the Torah, but at its acceptance as the G-d given word, as G-d's Torah.

Similarly, the Greeks were not adverse to the moral and ethical values contained in Torah, but they prohibited the so-called "supera-rational" precepts - such as keeping kosher - which, more than any other, distinguish the Jewish way of life and make it specifically Jewish, holy and pure.

Hanukkah reminds us that the greatest danger to the Jewish way of life lies not in the threat of extinguishing its light completely, but rather in the tendency to defile it by

defiling contaminated "oil" to its "Menorah." This tendency expresses itself in many ways: in the worship of materialism and material success; in the presentation of one man-made ideology after the other as the panacea of all human ills; in the idolatry of science and technology; in the tendency to measure everything by the yardstick of human reason.

Such attitudes do not necessarily rule out "religious experience," but either confine it to a narrow domain or worse still, produce a sort of pseudo-religiosity, where consecration and commitment are sacrificed to convenience and compromise.

Hanukkah teaches Israel and us that the sanctity and purity of Jewish life must, can, and will be preserved at all costs.

Rabbi Y.M. Kagan is with the Lubavitch Foundation in Farmington Hills.

Messiah's magic found on the road with strangers

The bus pulled out of New York City's Port Authority 10 minutes late. It was a cold, wind-swept Christmas morning with no traces of snow to cover the litter-strewn city. The streets were virtually empty, a rare sight at any time of the year in New York.

The bus, too, was nearly empty. An elderly couple in the front who would later get off in Westchester County; a young man, military looking, who immediately fell asleep; a middle-aged woman and her young daughter, who did not seem to belong on a Greyhound bus at 8:10 a.m. on Christmas.

The driver made no acknowledgment of my entry. He, in fact, made no sound until another driver relieved him in Rochester. Even the little girl was remarkably quiet for the entire trip.

It was the first Christmas in what was then for me 24 Christmases in which I did not awake in my childhood home. I must confess a part of me felt free and very adult. Another part, however, felt very alone. Christmas dinner was a hamburger and some cardboard-like French fries in the bus station in Albany. The waitress was cheerful. She was in her late 40s or early 50s and widowed, she told me. Her only child was a son who could not get home for Christmas. That is why she decided to work. Everyone who comes in today will be my family, she said.

She gave me a big hug when I left and wished me a Merry Christmas. It was a genuine, motherly hug.

Between Albany and Rochester, I struck up a conversation with the middle-aged woman. She too was headed for Buffalo and her family



REV. RICHARD MARTZOLF

■ Rather than alone and forlorn, I began to feel peacefully present with Christ. It is a feeling I would later identify as Immanuel: God with us.

home. She had to work Christmas Eve and hated that her daughter would spend Christmas on a bus, but she had no other choice.

We spoke of past Christmases, our best and our worst. We weren't sure where this one would fall, but we knew it wouldn't be the best.

It was a 12-hour bus trip. Somewhere on the journey I realized I was both connected to and now disconnected from my family in a new way. I would, in fact, spend only one more Christmas Day in the home of my birth. While something new began to emerge. As I stared at the miles of frozen upstate New York farmland, I began to feel a unique sense of my own identity.

Rather than alone and forlorn, I

began to feel peacefully present with Christ. It is a feeling I would later identify as Immanuel: God with us.

What I will never forget about that trip is that for the first time I saw Christmas as being transcendent of time and place. Christmas was not only in family, trees and presents. It was also in strangers, aloneness and memory. While circumstances may vary and one may say this Christmas was better than that, the real power of Christmas is not in the circumstances. It is the inner experience of the God who is with us.

Peace to all, the angels proclaim. For unto you is born a Messiah. Peace to all.

The Rev. Richard Martzolf is the pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. He is a Livonia resident and a former newspaper reporter.

Traditions of yuletide endure

When I was growing up, way back in the pre-television days of the '40s and '50s, the favored entertainment for my parents and their circle of friends was to get together and sing Christmas carols.

Each Christmastime, they would gather at a different house, sing for an hour or so, have a drink, sing again and finally break for a buffet supper.

And everybody had favorites. My mother's was the dramatic tale told in "The Coventry Carol." Mine was and still is "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming," calling up such intense associations of the burning faith of the Middle Ages. Who could resist that soaring tenor line from "The First Noel"?

One family in the group was German in origin, so at the end of the evening we always sang a verse of "Silent Night" in German, "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" ringing in our ears as we walked through the snow to the car.

Everybody knew the words, most knew the parts.

Why? Because they were taught to every kid in elementary school. Back when I was in school, we always had Christmas trees and the Creche, complete with animals and Wise Men.

Nobody thought much about whether kids who were not Christian were made to feel uncomfortable by the practice. Most people back then simply assumed that Christian observances of Christmas were the appropriate expression of the dominant culture of America. And if Jewish kids who celebrated Hanukkah or black kids who followed Kwanzaa felt left out or put down, that was just too bad.

Of course, it was precisely that unthinking assumption of a dominant religious culture that led to the wholesale application of the First Amendment to state-supported schools and to the consequent elimination of religious practices such as Christmas carols from the school curriculum.

And although some may regret the way the First Amendment has now been interpreted so as to ban entirely all forms of religious practice from the schools, that may be a satisfactory tradeoff in a diverse America that seeks to respect all forms of religious commitment.

I found myself reflecting on this over the weekend because my wife, Kathy, and I have resurrected the old practice of my parents' generation and make our big annual holiday party a Christmas sing. We invite lots of friends, Christian and not, with the clear understanding that we will be singing carols from 5-6:30 p.m., when we stop and have cocktails and nibbles.



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I suppose all this is politically incorrect, but I don't much care. It's a lovely celebration of the season. It's consistent with my family's culture. And if some people don't want to sing Christmas carols, they can come after 6:30.

In fact, it turns out that a lot of the people most happily singing at our party this year were Jewish.

How did they learn the carols? Just the same way I did - in elementary school back in the '40s and '50s.

But that mechanism certainly isn't available to our kids.

Does that mean that Scott and Nathan, our children, will never enjoy Christmas carols in the way my parents did and I do? Or that the only way they will learn them is through the pre-masticated Christmas pop culture propagated by radio and TV?

No. It means that Kathy and I will have to teach them, include them in our caroling parties, talk with them about how much the carols and our tradition mean to us as a family. It means that we will urge our church to include carol singing as a regular part of Sunday school.

It means that the ways by which the particular culture of our family will be carried on from generation to generation will be up to us to build and develop as a family. We won't be able to rely on the all-too-easy assumption of my parents' day that the schools are going to do it for us.

It's harder. But it's better. Because it requires us to go to the conscious effort of identifying those parts of our family culture that we feel are of such value as to take the time and trouble to pass them on to our children.

Including singing "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" at the end of caroling parties.

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Canton Chiefettes shake their way to first place

BY RENEE SROGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Ready? One, two, three, kick ... one, two, three, kick ... one, two, three, kick, kick, KICK!

When it comes to soaring kicks and great dancing, the Canton Chiefettes and the Salem Rockettes have all the right muscles and moves. They're two of the best pompon squads in the state. At the Mid-American Pom Pon Dance Competition at Cobo Hall Dec. 7, the Chiefettes placed first not only for high kicks but first for best overall squad. The 33-member team scored 96.25 out of 100 points.

The Rockettes, who have 24 members, won first place for their dance choreography for the fourth year in a row. Both teams went up against 14 other squads from the large-school division.

Kelly Frader, 17, of Canton, one of three Chiefettes captains, recalled the moment: "They called second place and we started shaking. We worked so hard. It was nice to get the recognition."

Kristy Davis, 17, of Plymouth Township, another captain, said the activity is addictive. "It real-

ly is. We're all such good friends. It's like they're my family."

The Rockettes claimed their share of pulled muscles in preparation for the competition during their two-hour practice sessions before school. But it all came together during their dance routine to a song from "West Side Story," which captain Robyn Novak, 17, of Canton said was "more lyrical" than past performances.

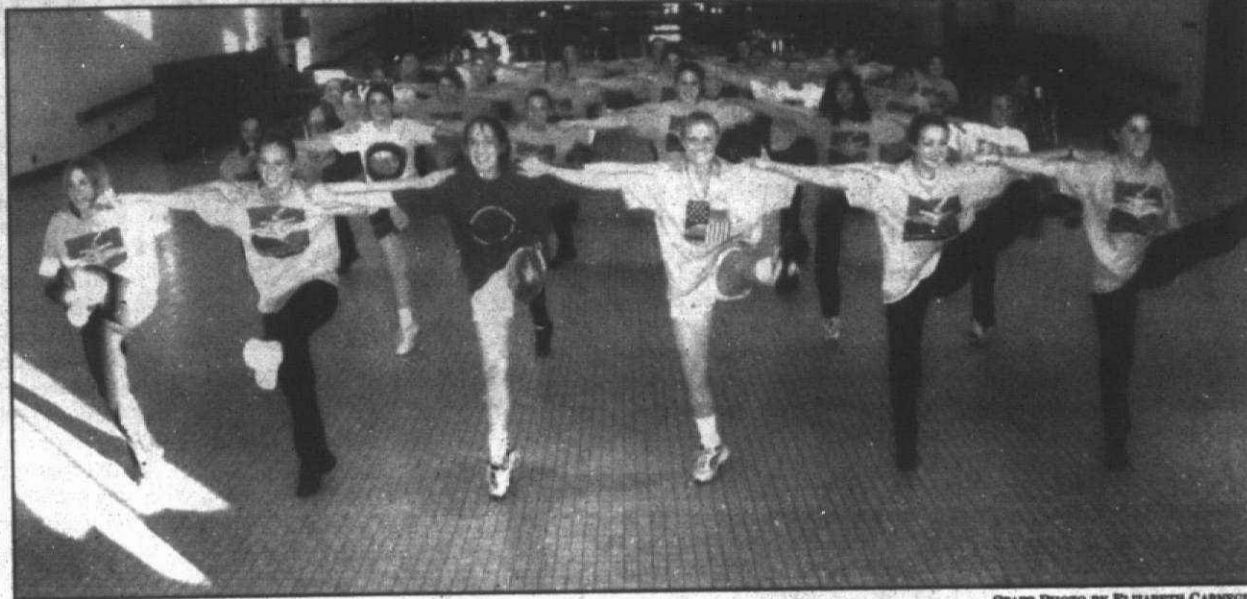
"I like performing, just knowing everybody is looking at you. We've been so successful these past four years. It makes you want to keep coming back," said Stacey Barbosa, 17, of Plymouth.

One, two, three, kick. Way to go, girls ... and, uh, guys.

"It was intense waiting to see if we won," said Canton senior Christopher Porman, 17, of Canton. Porman, like the rest of the males on the Chiefettes' team, can do some stupendous mid-air toe touches.

"That's athleticism personified," said Matt Marcos, 17, of Canton. When asked just what the guys on the team do, he replied: "We boogie down."

"We just go out and have a



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Winning routine: Members of the Canton Chiefettes demonstrate the form that won a recent competition at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit.

great time," said Rob Schmitt, 16, of Canton.

In the guy-girl part of the competition, the guy Chiefettes lost by a mere six-tenths of a point to their Rockettes counterpart. "It felt good knowing we lost to Salem," said Marcos. (What a

good sport.)

Marnie Holdefer's daughter, Katy Tolbert, has been a Canton Chiefette for three years. She said she is impressed by the girls' - and guys' - "precision, showmanship, smiles and all of their energy."

Holdefer, a Canton resident, admitted to being somewhat of a stage mother as she watched the competition. She held her breath as the judges announced the five place winners then started announcing fifth, fourth, third and second place. "At that point

I started crying because I knew they won," she said.

She shouldn't have worried. The Chiefettes and the Rockettes were destined for glory. Just ask guy-Rockette Schmitt. "We rocked Cobo," he said.

King Day festivities planned for Jan. 19

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

LIVONIA

The annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in Livonia is gathering momentum as organizers make plans for next year's event scheduled for Monday, Jan. 19, 1998.

"It's growing - the people are becoming more comfortable with it," said Ronaele Bowman, a Livonia resident and member of PLAID, People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity, the group co-sponsoring the event along with the Livonia Human Relations Commission.

The event is in its third year, and Bowman said she believes it helps to build community pride. "I think it makes Livonia look good, progressive," she said. "I think it's an enticement for people to move to our community - a community which welcomes diversity."

The Third Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Observance returns to the Livonia library and city hall this year. Ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. with assembly at the Civic Center Library at Five Mile and Farmington Road, with a flashlight procession to Livonia City Hall commencing at 6:30 p.m. A special program is planned from 7-8:30 p.m. in city hall auditorium, with refreshments being served immediately following.

Bowman said she expects several hundred people to attend. Between 300-400 people have attended each of the celebrations in years past. Last year's celebration was held at the Bentley Center; the first event premiered at city hall.

This year's program will feature Gary Gibbs, a New York-based program director and social worker who was featured two years ago when he did a reading of King's "I Have a Dream" speech. This year, he will do excerpts from other famous King speeches.

Also featured this year will be the Churchill High School Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) group doing a skit and Grant Elementary School's 35-member choral group singing plus 12 other fifth-graders other students writing and performing a skit. Vocal music groups from Churchill, Franklin and Clarenceville high schools will also participate. Franklin's Youth for Unity group will have

a tabletop display.

Organizers are seeking additional sponsors for the event this year; those interested should call Bowman at (313) 467-7904 by Dec. 20. Sponsors are listed in promotional materials and, although there is no cost, any donations will help defray costs for printing, refreshments and mailings, Bowman said.

In addition to Livonia, several other area communities have observances each year including Farmington Hills, Birmingham and Bloomfield, Northville and for the first time this year, Westland.

The Martin Luther King Jr. observance in Livonia grew from the formation of the PLAID group, formed more than five years ago to educate people about issues of diversity. "It just kind of grew from there," Bowman said of the event.

PLAID has worked on other special functions over the past several years, including a seminar featuring Jane Elliott's "Blue-eyed" film on diversity and a seminar on Arab-American issues.

Bowman, whose family is multi-cultural, said she is especially pleased to see younger people becoming involved with the Martin Luther King Jr. observance and other PLAID issues. "If we aren't preparing our children for the future, then we are going them a great injustice," she said. "I think the kids are the key. If we can get them to understand what happened in the past, it can affect the future."

"We need to remind them that things weren't always the way they are now, or as good as they could be." Bowman said organizers of the January event have had much support from the city, the Livonia Public Schools and many businesses in the area.

PLAID meets from 7-9 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Madonna's Office of Multicultural Affairs (however, in January, the group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6.) The public is welcome to attend all meetings. Membership is \$12 per year. For more information, call Ronaele Bowman at (313) 467-7904.

Printers' dinner Jan. 20

The Michigan Print Week Association will honor the patron saint of the printing industry, Ben Franklin, at a dinner and awards banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by keynote speaker Mort Crim. Two Individual and One Corporate Ben Franklin Awards will also be presented. The individual Awards will be presented to John Wickett Jr. of Seaman-Patrick Paper Company and

John A. (Jack) Briegel of McNaughton & Gunn Inc. The Corporate Award to Westcott Paper Products.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased through one of the following organizations: Advertising Production Club of Detroit, Ann Arbor Litho Club, Detroit Club of Printing House Craftsmen Inc., and the Graphic Arts Guild. Anyone not associated with one of the above organizations can purchase tickets by calling Harry Brookes at (313) 871-3357.

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Teen moms benefit from giving time

Samuel is just 1 year old. His little eyes show unconditional love for his mommy as she holds him tightly. But when he's placed into the arms of the child care worker, his dancing eyes stop dancing as he realizes that he's being transferred from loving arms to a stranger.

His mom has just turned 15, is not married, and has a quasi-boyfriend in the wings. Her tempestuous relationship with her mom and a non-relationship with her stepdad make life miserable, but she knows that finding a place of her own is out of the question.

Samuel's family worries that she's going to ask for child support; she worries that he's going to disappear. Finishing high school seems "iffy" at this point ... her future looks dim.

Samuel and all of the babies like him belong to the adolescent mothers and fathers who participate in our program known as Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP). Our most recent Y-MAP function involved our prevention team putting on our annual holiday monthly support group and party for the teen parents and their babies. This particular night's presentation was on alcohol, advertising and how large companies lure teens into drinking.

Our speaker masterfully captured the 85 teens' attention as he enthusiastically conveyed the point that every teen is being sucked in by the alcohol industry to buy alcoholic beverages.

We are very proud of our Y-MAP program because it services a population of unmarried teens who don't get a lot of support. Unmarried teen moms aren't a crowd who have made smart choices. They know it, their parents know it and their babies are a product of those choices.

Our job is to advocate for the babies. This includes helping the parent by steering him or her toward resources he or she is in need of (food, housing, baby formula, diapers). It includes teaching them parenting skills, about the hazards of substance abuse and abuse and advocating for them to finish school.

All of this is done to ensure that they will be the best parents they can be. It's to the taxpayer's advantage, too, because we hope to keep these single parents clear of substance abuse, off the welfare rolls and give their children a jump-start to begin preschool and kindergarten with the same skills as their peers.

A time to give thanks

We are particularly grateful this holiday season to all the unsung heroes who contributed gifts to the young mothers.

The Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia donated their church for our support group meeting. Their members (from children to adults) participated in a drive to give sleepers and books to the "newborn babe" which were ultimately given to the teens and babies.

We also appreciate all of the Hegira staff who contributed gifts (Livonia Counseling, Northville Counseling, Romulus Help Center, Westland Counseling, Next Step, Oakdale Treatment Facility, Hegira House, Psychiatric Intervention Center and Hegira's fiscal and administration).

We thank the Canton Target Store for the donated Christmas tree, Sears Portrait Studio for the coupons for photographs, a Euchre Club and a group of Moms of Toddlers donations, Schellhase, Rekiel and Mitcham of Livonia for their sleepers and books and an individual donation of toys and personal hygiene products.

But mostly, as a prevention director, I am most proud of the prevention team. The dedication of these young ladies is extraordinary. Every member of the team participates to make the support group evenings fun. Each

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ENTHUSIASTS DISCOVER

Magic

IN THE CARDS



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Interested in visiting dark magical lands? One way is through Magic: The Gathering, a trading card game that has cornered 70 percent of the games market since coming out in 1992.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

As a wizard, Shelby Lincoln has no mercy. She is grinning, having just drained the life from her friend and fellow wizard Garrett Brink.

"I always beat him," Lincoln said enthusiastically with the emphasis on "always."

Lincoln and Brink, both Canton Township residents, are visiting dark, magical lands where wizards roam, fight off each other's spells and hope to end their rivals' lives.

Their fascination is with Magic: The Gathering, a trading card game so hot that kids - and adults - will pay upward of \$160 for a card that's out of print. The alternative rock festival Lollapalooza even had a booth devoted to Magic at its stop at Pine Knob last summer. There's a \$1 million pro tour, and the finals were televised on ESPN 2 this fall.

Since Bo Milbank of Westland picked up Magic three to four years ago, the game has "continued burning its way through the current games. It's kind of taking over the market."

"It's put a lot of companies out of business; 70 percent of the market for games was being eaten by Wizards of the Coast (the makers of Magic)," said Milbank, who runs a Friday night gaming league at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. "Companies like TSR have actually filed for bankruptcy. Since 1992, over one billion cards have been sold. These guys are rich beyond their wildest dreams at this point."

Jason Freese of Rider's Hobby Shop

Variety:
Mike Wroblewski, owner of Merri-Seven Coins in Livonia, shows off the Black Lotus card as well as the decks, priced at \$8.95, and some of the 2,731 individual cards players can buy for Magic: The Gathering.



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Dueling wizards: Female players like Shelby Lincoln, who challenges fellow Canton resident Garrett Brink to a game of Magic: The Gathering, are few and far between, according to league organizers. For players like the Canton Township youths, the Black Lotus card (top photo, center), is a very rare card that makes it possible for a player to win in the opening hand.

in Canton Township said that marketing has upped the status of Magic.

"It's picked up considerably especially after the commercials started airing," said Freese, standing in front of a wall of shelves holding different boxes of Magic cards.

Freese himself is an avid player having been introduced to it two years ago.

"I enjoy the challenge and all the different cards," the 21-year-old music student from Belleville said. "There's tons of different expansion sets, and there's thousands and thousands of

cards. The game's never the same."

Game of strategy

The object of Magic is to reduce your opponent's score from 20 to 0 by strategically playing cards that among other things cast spells and attack.

Cards are sold in decks, which cost about \$8.95. Players build their decks by purchasing multiple decks or any of the 2,731 individual cards from dealers. They must have a minimum of 40 cards to play Magic, although Freese and Milbank suggest 60.

Players begin by shuffling their decks and drawing seven cards. They alternate taking turns. Each turn is made up of a series of actions, such as playing cards and attacking their opponent.

The cards are of five different backgrounds - white, blue, black, red or green - each of which is a spell. The remaining colorless cards are either artifacts (another type of spell) or lands.

Mike Wroblewski of Merri-Seven Coins in Livonia, explained that there are also five different branches or lands of Magic - forest, island, mountain, plains and swamps. Lands create the energy (mana) needed to play spells.

The basic strategy of Magic lies in choosing when to play your cards and when to use your creatures to attack your opponent or protect yourself. More complex strategies involve combining your cards to make them more

powerful and choosing which cards to use in your deck to make it most effective.

"We like to say that Magic is a combination of the strategy of chess, the bluffing ability of poker and just the luck of the draw," Wroblewski said.

A child's version of the game called Portal spells out the game using a paper game board.

"They have portals for little kids and ignorant people," said Lincoln, as she pulls it out to teach the basics of the game.

While Shelby and Garrett played a game, Lincoln's mother, Pam, explained why her daughter enjoys Magic.

"Shelby likes imagination and fantasy things. She reads a lot of fantasy books," said Pam Lincoln of her daughter, a student at Plymouth's East Middle School. Garrett attends Lowell Middle School.

According to Milbank, Shelby Lincoln is in the minority.

"We see usually male (players)," Milbank said. "We do have a couple of girls who show up; a lot of teen-agers. It's hard to have an average player. We have a lot of high school kids, college kids, adults in their 40s. It runs the full spectrum."

"My wife calls it the 'Geek Fest' and I'm the 'Lord of the Geeks.' Truthfully, there are some geeks there, but for the most part it's non-geeks who have

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Guide has the answers to parental questions

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Most parents would love to have thousands of pediatricians at their fingertips, available to answer questions about their child's growth problems, allergic reactions, coordination deficiencies and countless other concerns.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics Guide to Your Child's Symptoms" offers caregivers insights into the 100 most common childhood symptoms. Topics include fears, frequently ill children, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, irritability, posture defects and temper tantrums as well as learning, speech and vision problems.

"I think it will be a very good book for working parents when their child wakes up and they don't know whether to go to work or to the doctor's office," said Dr. George L. Blum, a pediatrician who shares his Southfield practice with his son, Robert, Dr. Celeste Lopez and Dr. Penny Coin. "They will get very good advice from this book."

Released last month, the book is a quick reference guide, allowing the reader to flip to specific areas according to symptoms.

"It covers a lot of health issues that parents worry about," said Blum, who is immediate past president of the Michigan chapter of the AAP.

Blum also works on its national committees and is newsletter editor of the "Michigan Pediatric Update" and a clinical associate professor at Wayne State University's School of Medicine.

The AAP is an organization of more than 53,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children and young adults.

The book is designed to give parents reassurance about common health problems and

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American Academy of Pediatrics



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GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S SYMPTOMS

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DOUGLAS SCHEFF, M.D., F.A.A.P., AND STEVEN J. GOSSEL, M.D., M.S., F.A.A.P., EDITORS

Volunteerism nets nonprofits grants from Ameritech

Eight nonprofits are on the receiving end of contributions from the Ameritech Foundation, recognizing their employees' volunteerism.

The foundation has contributed a total of \$189,000 in grants to 131 eligible nonprofit organizations in Michigan through an employee program designed to increase support for volunteerism and community service.

The Ameritech Pioneer Program for Employee Volunteerism and Community Service, now in its third year, provides contributions of up to \$1,000 to organizations for which Ameritech employees have volunteered eight hours a month for at least six months in 1997. There were 201 employees in the state who participated in the program this year.

"The program's goals are threefold - to recognize Ameritech employees who volunteer their time to community service, to provide an incentive for other Ameritech employees to donate their time, and to link the Ameritech Foundation's grant making with employee involvement," said Lisa Hamway, director of corporate contributions for Ameritech in Michigan.

Kathleen Tell of Livonia landed a grant for the Girl Scouts for her volunteerism. Tell, who works in product management at Ameritech, has been a troop leader for 11 years for senior scout troops at Novi, Livonia

Stevenson and Redford Thurston High schools.

Ameritech engineer Robert Desoff of Plymouth was recognized for his efforts with the MacTechnics Ann Arbor Computers Users Group Inc., where he serves as the newsletter editor and on the community service project team in addition to being an all-around volunteer.

Benefiting from Thomas Napolitano's volunteerism was the Southeast Michigan Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Inc. A Livonia resident and Ameritech software engineer, Napolitano currently is its treasurer. The group works with other organizations on such things as World Medical Relief, Motor City Blight Busters and

Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. is the beneficiary of Elaine Stewart of Westland's volunteerism and a recipient of a foundation grant. Waite is a human resource specialist at Ameritech and volunteers in patient care at the Angela Hospice Home. She also helps train volunteers for the agency's bereavement team and coordinates the Angela Hospice Choir.

And Joseph Duziewski of Livonia has been giving his time to the Metro West District of the Boy Scouts. A customer service specialist, he has served as an assistant pack leader and in organizing trips for the Boy Scouts.

Ameritech has a tradition of giving back to the communities

it serves. Last year, the company contributed more than \$25 million to 2,000 nonprofit organizations and Ameritech Pioneers - 25,000 employees and retirees throughout the Midwest - volunteered 332,500 hours of community service.

"The heart of any corporation can be measured by how enthusiastically its people give back to their communities," Hamway said. "Day in and day out, the men and women of Ameritech increase the size of Ameritech's heart through cheerful giving."

"They have a long-standing desire to strengthen their communities and empower their neighbors, and they willingly offer their time and talent to make a difference."

taking care of the big guy."

"The big guy," Wrobleksi, pulled out a Eureka card which allowed the player to play all the permanent cards in his or her hand.

"Because of the way the kid was playing, instead of having seven cards in my hand, I had 20-21 cards in my hand," he said. "I attacked him with just enough stuff, so he couldn't defend himself. No matter how he did it, he was going to lose. He looked down there and it looked like he had a tear in his eye."

"He picked up his cards and walked out. His little entourage had their heads down following him. As he was walking out the door, I asked him, 'You want to play my good deck next? I didn't see him for about a month.'"

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other interests outside Magic."

Taking it seriously

Merri-Seven is one of eight or 10 "arena stores" in the area which hold monthly tournaments under the auspices of Wizards of the Coast. Wrobleksi and his store's assistant manager, Ramon Moore, serve as judges.

The new season begins in early January when Merri-Seven will move to Merriman and Five Mile roads. It costs \$3-\$5 for the season.

"If you join the arena here you can go to any other arena in the country," Wrobleksi said. "It's being played all over the world."

Occasionally, Milbank will hold a "tournament illegal," where the rules are "considerably different" than arena play, at the Bailey Center.

"They can build a deck anyway

they want; all the standard rules for Magic are dissolved for that night," he said. "You're not allowed to have more than four of any particular card, but on our night, if you want to run 25 lightning bolts, you can do it."

On Friday, Dec. 19, Milbank hosted a tournament where players had to use "Christmas decks." All the decks had to include red and green cards or any other artifact with a Christmas motif to it.

Besides selling the cards, which Wrobleksi and Moore have done since 1993, and judging tournaments, the duo teaches adults and children how to play.

"There's a lot of parents who come in here with their children who want to get involved," Wrobleksi said. "They like to know that when their kids get into it, there's someone to answer ques-

tions. The game is not totally self-evident. Parents like that option because they don't want to learn the game."

Wrobleksi and Moore said they get a lot of "gun slingers" who come in to the store, thinking they can beat them at Magic. One high school student strutted into Merri-Seven with an entourage and said he wanted to play Ramon. He wasn't available, so Wrobleksi offered to play.

"I had one absolutely silly deck, but it was for jokes and one that was a tournament level deck," he said. "I asked him which deck he wanted to play. He picks the silly deck. To make a long story short, he got me down to seven or eight points. He thought he was doing really good and stuff. His buddies were all slapping him on the back for

Leagues cater to fans

Magic: The Gathering leagues are held in at least two locations in this area:

- Bo Milbank hosts The Battlefield, a gaming night for Magic: The Gathering, Warhammer 40K, Warhammer Fantasy and Necromunda, 6-10 p.m. Fridays at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road (half mile west of Wayne Road, behind City Hall), Westland.
- The cost is \$3 per night. Those ages 12 and older are admitted. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.
- Merri-Seven Coins hosts a Magic league, held under the auspices of Wizards of the Coast, the makers of Magic. The next season begins in January when Merri-Seven Coins will move from 19169 Merriman Road to its new location at Merriman and Five Mile roads.
- The \$3-5 cost allows players to participate in tournaments in any arena store in the United States. For more information, call (248) 474-5373.

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possibly calm them down, if they're overreacting to something that really isn't serious.

"Or, it could alert them to something that they hadn't thought about," Blum said referring to warnings listed on each page, highlighting symptoms

that should be taken seriously and warrant calling a doctor for more information.

The second part of the book is an illustrated first aid manual, which covers lifesaving techniques and how to treat less serious situations such as bites,

stings, cuts and scrapes. Safety issues concerning playpens, bathtubs and what to do in poisoning situations also are addressed.

"Most all of the publications of the American Academy of Pediatrics are well-written and well-received," Blum said. "They're a good source of information and quite accurate."

Previous AAP books include "Caring for Your Baby and Young Child" and "Caring for Your School Age Child," which combined have more than 1 million copies in print. Both books were selected by Child magazine

as one of the best parenting books of the year.

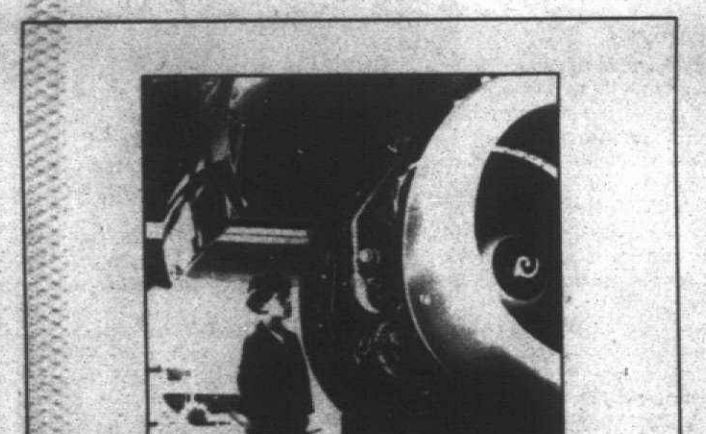
"The American Academy of Pediatrics Guide to Your Child's Symptoms" is available at Borders Book Stores and other major outlets for \$25.

"It's a comprehensive book and, if someone is buying one book for the care of their child, this certainly would be the book to get," Blum said. "I think it's a very good book for parents of children of different age groups."

The AAP was founded in 1930 by 35 pediatricians who met in Detroit in response to the need

for an independent pediatric forum to address children's needs. The group tackles drug, tobacco and alcohol problems, learning and behavioral disorders, issues concerning disabled children, sports medicine, nutrition, child-health financing, public education, professional education and advocacy for pediatricians.

"These are all things that we learn from our academy and our readings," Blum said. "Doctors are always studying. We're always trying to get better at what we do and we try to keep



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Think Trim founder has tips for the holidays

The holidays have arrived... so has the parties, gifts of food and even more parties.

If you're like most Americans, you will gain between 7 and 10 pounds this holiday season. So should you succumb to the temptations of the season and vow to diet in the New Year?

"No," says Lorraine Stefano, founder and director of Think Trim. You can enjoy the holidays without gaining weight and she has a few healthy holiday tips to help you out.

- Go through the buffet line twice. Yes, twice. Start by going through the line without your plate. Look over the entire buffet and make some choices. Then go through with your plate, remembering you can have some but not all.
- Stuff your turkey, not yourself. Stuffing is truly only for turkeys. Sample some of the holiday food but remember moderation is the key. Try to leave the party feeling satisfied, not stuffed.
- Don't be fooled by the gift wrap. Many holiday foods are around all year long. The red and green foil-wrapped chocolate Santa tastes the same as the chocolate pumpkin you ate a few months ago. The reindeer Christmas cookie is only a sugar cookie in disguise.
- Choose healthy alternatives. This is the perfect time of year to redo that old family recipe by making some healthy substitutions. Instead of whole eggs, use egg substitutes. Instead of regular cheese or sour

cream, use the nonfat variety.

- Stay active. With the holidays, schedules become busier, but plan time to exercise. Remember any exercise is better than no exercise and you can even make exercise a part of your holiday celebration with family and friends. Take a long walk in the neighborhood to see

all the holiday decorations, build a snowman, go ice skating, dance to all your favorite Christmas carols.

- Start now. Think of how much further along you'll be in Jan. 1.

For more information about the Think Trim program, call (248) 589-3283.

They, too, are holiday heroes.


If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hagra Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 19, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS INCLUSIVE OF SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 067 99 0011 000 AND 072 99 0022 000. Properties are located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Beck Roads. Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published December 24 and January 6, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, Michigan 48188, until 10:00 a.m., January 14, 1998 for the following:

HISTORIC TRAVIS HOUSE - DRYWALL WORK

All bidders are required to attend a bid meeting at the Travis House site, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton, Michigan on Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. for a project walk through and receive detailed bid information regarding this project. Questions about the project may be directed to the Resources Development Division, 734-397-5389.

Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT
 Clerk

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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon 14 days written notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley
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 Charter Township of Canton
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 Canton, MI 48188
 (313) 397-5435

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 1998, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

TOWING SERVICE FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, Michigan 48188, until 10:00 a.m., January 15, 1998 for the following:

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Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Shepherd-Gaudreau



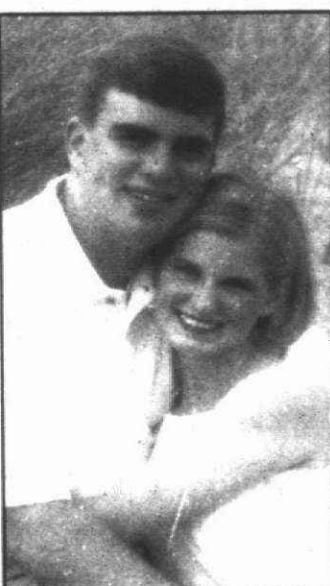
Fred Shepherd of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Alison Kathleen, to Jon Paul Gaudreau, the son of Ray and Barb Gaudreau of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Kathleen Shepherd, is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering at Michigan State University. She will graduate in May 1998.

Her fiancé also is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of the Center for Creative Studies. He is employed as a designer for Chrysler Corp. in Auburn Hills.

A May 1998 wedding is planned in St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Carlisle-Harrison



Jim and Cyndi Carlisle of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karin Anne, to Stephen Russell Harrison, the son of Greg and Judy Harrison of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She expects to graduate from Grand Valley State University in April with a major in psychology/special education and a minor in elementary education.

Her fiancé also is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in biomedical sciences. He is interviewing for acceptance to medical school.

A July wedding is planned at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

VideoMagic holds seminar

Merchants specializing in weddings can get help educating brides about shopping for a particular service through a seminar being organized by Mark Salloum of VideoMagic Productions in Livonia.

Salloum is organizing "How to Shop for Your Wedding Day, two two-hour seminars on Feb. 8 at the Dearborn Inn. It is designed to educate couples about what they should look for in a good DJ, photographer, Baker, bridal dress and the like.

In addition, couples will have an opportunity to speak with participating businesses one-on-one to answer questions or book services.

Each seminar will have seating for 40 couples. There will be short lectures of about 10 minutes by individual businesses, followed by the "open house."

Businesses interested in participating in the seminar can secure an exclusive place in the seminar with a \$50 deposit, payable to VideoMagic Productions, is due by Dec. 31. For more information, call Salloum at (734) 591-1652.

CRAFTS

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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Applications are being accepted for the spring craft show March 7 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The fee is \$90 for a 12-by-12-foot space, \$55 for a 10-by-10-foot space and \$40 for a 8-by-9-foot space or an 8-by-4-foot hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by Jan. 9 to be eligible for the first jury round. To receive an application, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table is \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount in their forms are received by Feb. 1. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5993.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mokanyk-Jensen



William Theodore Mokanyk of Greensburg, Ind., and Julie Elizabeth Jensen of Plymouth were married July 4 at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ann Arbor by the Rev. Terrence Dumas.

The bride is the daughter of John and Arlene Jensen of Plymouth. The groom is the son of John and JoAnn Mokanyk of Greensburg, Ind.

The bride received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a secondary teaching certification from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently teaching at Northville High School.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University. He is employed by National Specialty Services.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Grand Cayman.

Darren Mokanyk served as the best man with Erik Jensen, Chris Chapman, Ryan Schutte, Travis Snyder, Kevin Foster and Mike Griewe as groomsmen.

Fournier-Stark



George and Nita Fournier of South Deerfield, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Karen, to Douglas Thompson Stark, the son of Tony and Loretta Stark of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology. She is employed by Diagnostic Ultrasound Corp. as a territory manager.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in building construction management. He is employed by the City of Royal Oak as a firefighter and as a real estate appraiser by Heritage Appraisal Services in Livonia.

A November wedding is being planned.

Miller-Whitmore



Michael William Miller of Livonia and Rachel Suzanne Whitmore of Plymouth were married Oct. 25 at Our Lady of Orchard Lake Church by the Rev. John Sullivan.

The bride is the daughter of David and Irene Whitmore of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Regis and Kathy Miller of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Michigan State University and Madonna University. She is currently employed with a Detroit law firm.

The groom is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Michigan State University. He is currently employed with Isuzu Motors of America.

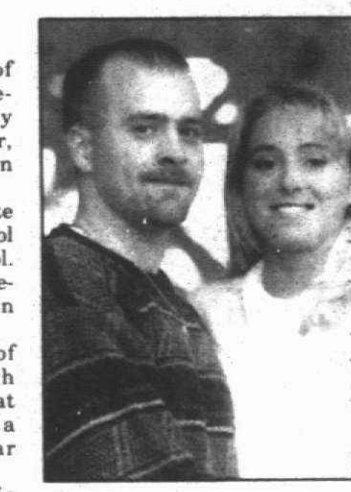
The bride asked Jan Hartford to serve as her matron of honor, with Jennifer Grakewicz, Jennifer Mankariou, Marcie Bilesimo, Lea Anna Brunsum and Elizabeth Kuehnel as bridesmaids. Toni Bilesimo was the flower girl.

Glenn Moore served as best man, with Mark Miller, Dave

Darrow, Scot Steiber, Jerry Smart, Terry Desselles, Bob Grakewicz and Dave Bilesimo as groomsmen. Michael Bilesimo was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at the Forest Lake Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to California and Maui. They are making their home in Livonia.

Beardsley-Porter



Ken and Mary Beardsley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Threse, to John Randal Porter, the son of Frank and JoAnn Porter, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Sally Esser Beauty School. She currently works as a cosmetologist at Shear Madness in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He currently works at Elite Communications as a supervisor of the Prime Star Division.

A February wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.

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Woodcarvers' talents brighten up child care center

BY SUB MASON
STAFF WRITER

It sure does look like Christmas in the lobby of the St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center, and the elves doing the work are the Livonia Woodcarvers.

A Christmas in the center's lobby is filled with the carvers' handiwork, close to 200 handmade and handpainted wooden ornaments members have been making for two years.

"I knew it would be a two-year project," said Tony Pietrzak, toy chairman for the 200-member club. "When the center opened a year ago, we wanted to do something nice and we came up with the idea of the handmade ornaments."

"We're extremely grateful," said center director Sister Joyce Marie Van de Vyver. "We've been able to have someone to go to for help. They're a real resource."

The club members provided about 65 ornaments last year, and Pietrzak expects at least that many more to add to the tree this year.

Club members begin working on the ornaments in October. Pietrzak buys the lumber, which is trimmed down and patterns applied by members with craft saws. The blocks of wood are then given to members to be carved and painted.

Additions to the tree this year

include 6-inch-tall wooden soldiers and the head of Santa surrounded by a Christmas tree, the winner of an ornament contest the group holds, according to Pietrzak.

"We use the whole club for this," he said. "And the ornament doesn't have to be just Christmas stuff. We have one guy who's going carve some little cars for the tree."

The ornaments are only small part of what the group has done for the center. The front of the reception counter in the lobby showcases their talents. Sister Van de Vyver came up with the idea to make the center appealing to both adults and children.

The interlocking blocks are done in different colors of stain as are the numbers which are also puzzles. The number one is in one color, two is in two pieces and two colors and three in three pieces and three colors.

"It took a lot of interaction with Sister Joyce to get something appropriate for the lobby," Pietrzak said. "Any ideas she comes up with, I help. If I can't do it, I find someone who can."

"We wanted it to be child-like but something adults could relate to," Sister Van de Vyver added. "We wanted it to be tasteful and appealing to adults and children alike."

The shake-style awnings over windows facing off the indoor play area, the sky room, also

were Sister Van de Vyver's idea, executed by Pietrzak.

She wanted the room to resemble a neighborhood. The windows, painted in different pastel colors, flank doors leading to the different child care rooms that surround the play area on three sides.

Pietrzak made the shakes and took about two weeks to make the awnings that were installed just before the center's grand opening in July 1996.

"They really help make it nice, not institutional," said Sister Van de Vyver.

The center is one of several organizations that benefits from the woodcarvers' talents. Members have been making wooden toys to give to children placed with Spectrum Human Services and for young patients at Children's Hospital of Southeast Michigan for about 10 years.

At the hospital, the toys are given to children or placed in waiting rooms to be played with while children wait for treatments. In addition to wooden cars and trucks, the woodcarvers have come up with a brightly painted children's rocker made to look like an airplane.

And like Santa Claus, Pietrzak has made a list of things to make for the center. The future projects includes cradles, a rocking horse, small bus-trolley signs for the door and more ornaments, if necessary.



Holiday cheer: Thanks to Livonia Woodcarvers like Tony Pietrzak (from left) the Christmas tree in the lobby of the St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center is filled with handmade wooden ornaments, eye-catching for 19-month-old Sarah Bates of Livonia and center director Sister Joyce Van de Vyver.

"I had cancer three times and I beat it three times," he said. "This is my chance to give someone things back, my chance to return something."

"The guild members do a lot of nice things for people. They enjoy doing it, especially this."

"This is a big help to the center, especially the specialty items we wouldn't be able to purchase or obtain in any other way," added Sister Van de Vyver.

Museum celebrates Kwanzaa



And then there were ... Five generations: Marie Flowers of Allen Park decided to sit down with a few of her relatives this past summer, all five generations. Joining the great-great-grandmother (from left) was great-grandfather Brian Mastaw of Northville, grandmother Janet Mastaw of Redford, mother Michelle Frush of Redford and her infant son, William.

The Museum of African American History will observe Kwanzaa daily Friday, Dec. 26, through Thursday, Jan. 1.

An African American holiday, Kwanzaa is celebrated to reaffirm the commitment to family, community and the black struggle.

The Kwanzaa celebration will start at noon each day with a Kwanzaa ritual, followed by a dance performance. From 1-3 p.m., visitors will be treated to a range of Kwanzaa performances, activities and workshops offered throughout the building.

The tradition of Kwanzaa was created out of the philosophy of Kawaiba by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a black studies professor and black activist. It was first celebrated by his family and friends on Dec. 26, 1966.

Derived from Kwanzaa, a Swahili word meaning "first fruits of the harvest," Kwanzaa celebrates the minimum set of principles by which African Americans should live - Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa, (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Inani (faith). Each day, one of the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) is featured to clarify its significance.

At the museum, the Kwanzaa daily ritual will consist of the lighting of the candles, clarification of the day's principle and the pouring of libations. Representatives and families from the community, such as Gregory Guice of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Robert Bland of Lewis College of Business, Nkenge Abi of the Shrine of the Black Madonna and Baba Ademiwole, will lead the ceremony.

The ritual will take place in the Dr. Charles H. Wright Theater. Seating will be available on a first come-first served basis.

The workshops, activities and performances throughout the day will correlate with the day's featured principle.

For children, there will be workshops where they will make a collage in celebration of Detroit, create self-portraits and design spirit bottles and African masks with Detroit artists Adrienne Edmondson, and Donald Calloway. The workshops will emphasize creativity, purpose and self-determination.

The museum will be open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., including Monday, Dec. 29. Kwanzaa activities are free of charge with museum admission - \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

The Museum of African American History is at the corner of Warren and Brush streets in Detroit. For more information, call the museum at (313) 833-9800.

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

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have its family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, and at 7 p.m. at the Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road. The 11 p.m. candlelight service will also be at the Livonia campus. Worshipers will be given a votive candle to raise during the singing of "Silent Night." The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ, handbell and instrumental music will begin at 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will begin at 10 a.m. at the Livonia campus. It will feature uplifting music with the choir and instrumentalist.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830. **St. John's Lutheran Church** of Redford will have Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of I-96. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2600.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will have a service with the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 591-0211.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events and sports. The books cost \$40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5950 or (248) 474-1396.

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

SUNDAY LESSONS

"Lessons Learned" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m.

Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. 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, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive 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 (313) 421-0472.

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 (313) 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.

WATCH NIGHT

A Watch Night Holy Communion service will be held at 7

p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-5550.

ROSE BOWL PARTY

Merriman Road Baptist Church's Men Who Make a Difference will host a Rose Bowl Party on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The party starts 30 minutes before the kickoff. Participants will enjoy the entire Rose Bowl game on a big screen television while munching a variety of snacks. The party is open to all. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

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 pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

GUEST SPEAKER

Journalist Jack Lessenberry will speak on the issues of race in America at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Lessenberry is a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University and Madonna University. He also is a consultant, editorial adviser and freelance writer for many national and regional publications, including Vanity Fair, Esquire, George, New York Times and Boston Globe. He received an Emmy Award for a "Frontline" documentary on Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Locally, he is a contributing editor and columnist for The Metro Times, Oakland Press and Toledo Blade.

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan will offer beginning and continuing Tai Chi classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 5, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tai Chi is a series of gentle turn-

ing and stretching exercises that have been practiced by the Chinese since the 11th century. For more information, call (248) 332-1281.

BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, will host a morning Bible study 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 6, at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Women of the Word, which will meet in the lower level, will use the "Joy of Living" interdenominational series with lessons on the books of I-II Corinthians. The teachers will be Nona Kelly of West Bloomfield and Debbie Stottele of Novi. The semester registration fee will be \$12 which covers necessary materials. Child care will be provided. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

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

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For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

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The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Open Door Church, 33105 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (248) 471-5282.

FROM THE HEART

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers From the Heart Cancer Support Group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Rooms B2 and 4 at the church, 17000 Farmington

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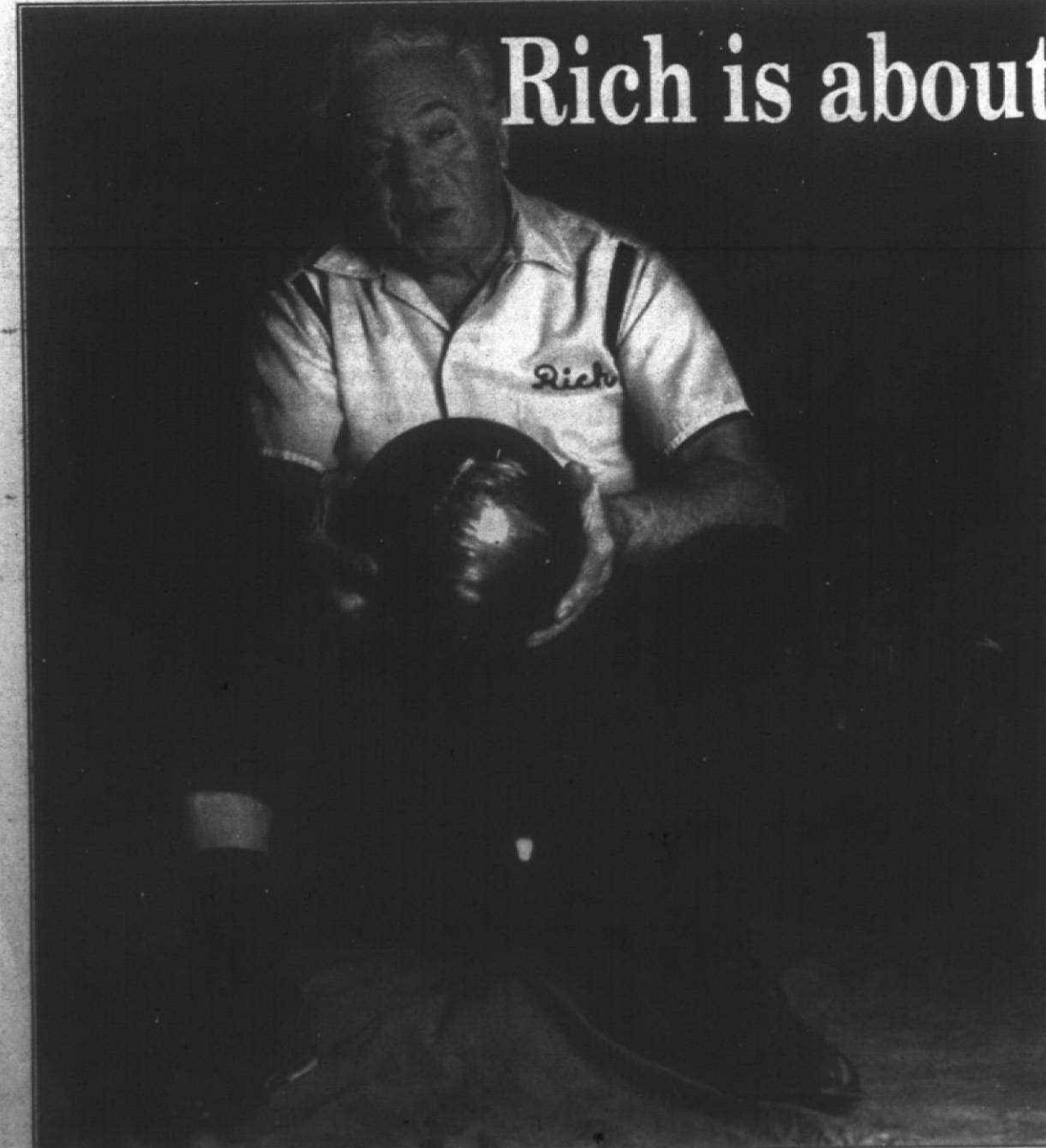
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Canton struggles

It's hard to go into battle without all of your troops.

But that's what Plymouth Canton was forced to do Saturday in its home wrestling tournament. So it should come as no surprise that the Chiefs finished eighth out of nine schools.

John-Peter Demick, Brent Buttermore and Brian Musser all missed the Plymouth Canton Invitational with various illnesses or injuries. The three seniors are the heart of the Chiefs' lineup.

Despite the absences, several Canton wrestlers did do well.

John Pocock, a 130-pounder, placed third overall. Not bad for a guy wrestling his first varsity matches.

"He really stepped up to the plate," assistant coach John Demick said. "We're very proud of him."

Jim Shelton took fifth place at 145 pounds. Anthony Busch managed a fifth, too, at 160 pounds. It was his first time at the varsity level.

Belleville won the tournament while Ann Arbor Huron was second.

Lightning strikes

The Plymouth Lightning '81, a girls under-17 premier soccer team, completed an undefeated season at the WideWorld Sports Center in Ann Arbor.

The Lightning '81 went 8-0, outscoring their competition 43-4.

Team members are Kelly Connell, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Kopenski, Alison Morency, Emily Neienham, Vicki Palis, Brooke Schupra, Kristina Senich, and Sarah Ware of Canton; Sarah Debien, Danelle Filipis, Theresa Radtke, Cheron Rice, Katie Thomas, and Andrea Weinman of Plymouth; Kristyn Hoag and Kristin Shea of Novi; and Jessica Roberts of Trenton. The team is coached by John Debien and Glenn Kaatz.

Bike Trekkers

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The Southfield Ice Company is looking for skaters to perform in its 1998 production.

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The auditions are open for skaters ages 5 years and over. Following is the audition schedule: Saturday, Nov. 8 from noon to 2 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 10 from 4:15-5:50 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 17 (for soloists only) from 4:15-5:50 p.m.

Skaters of all skill levels are invited to take part in the auditions.

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Rays reduce rate

The Farmington YMCA-Stingrays swim team is offering a reduced monthly swim rate for high school swimmers.

The YMCA-Stingrays have a dual affiliation with United States Swimming. The team offers a 12-month competitive swim program for any swimmer age 6 to 18 years.

Any swimmer interested in more information should call Cindi Steff at (248) 478-4484.

Ocelots are the real deal



BRAD EMONS

As much as I love holiday shopping at the last minute, I certainly had my fill late Saturday afternoon at crowded Twelve Oaks Mall.

Venturing south on I-275, I decided to pull off the Seven Mile exit ramp and catch the second-half of the Schoolcraft-Kellogg Community College men's basketball game.

Turned out to be the best bargain of the day and a great stocking stuffer.

I was more than curious to get my first look at the Ocelots, who have been turning a few heads under first-year coach Carlos Briggs, a former Schoolcraft All-American player.

And after what I witnessed Saturday night, I'll be back for more.

Schoolcraft pulled out a mind-boggling 75-74 victory on Kevin Melson's basket at the buzzer.

Briggs, who led SC to its best season ever in 1984 (since then there have been 13 straight losing sea-

sons), called timeout with just .45 seconds remaining (after the ball had been knocked out of bounds) to set up a desperation play.

The 6-foot-6 Melson, who has got to be one of the midwest's top JUCO players, showed his Scottie Pippen-like qualities by scoring the game-winner on a layup off an inbounds pass from Jimar Eddins at the buzzer.

Needless to say, Schoolcraft men's basketball, off to its best start in school history (10-2), could be Observerland's best kept secret.

But it's not the way the Ocelots won it, but the way they played which impressed me more than anything else.

Briggs, who led the nation in scoring during his days at SC, averaging 30 points-plus before going on to star at Baylor, has the Ocelots playing unselfish hoops, for sure.

He runs a disciplined offense and his players seem to have a commitment toward defense.

Please see EMONS, C2

Melson's basket saves Schoolcraft

With a flare for the dramatic, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team pulled out a miracle 75-74 victory over Kellogg Community College Saturday night at home.

Kevin Melson's basket with no time remaining gave the Ocelots, now 10-2 overall, the win.

The 6-foot-6 forward from Detroit Communication & Media Arts, led Schoolcraft and all scorers with a game-high 32 points.

Melson, who ranks third in the country in scoring at 28 points per game, was 14 of 18 from the floor and six of eight from the free throw line. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Schoolcraft trailed 40-34 at halftime and by as many as 11 against the hot-shooting Bruins in the second half before staging a furious comeback.

Please see OCELOTS, C2

No luck, again

Salem takes 2nd, Canton 3rd at WLAA Relays

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Some things don't change.
Some things do.

In reference to the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays swim meet, hosted by Plymouth Salem last Saturday, what didn't change was that Salem — winner of the last five WLAA league titles — could not find a way to win the Relays championship. It marked the third-straight year the Rocks have failed to claim the crown, in large part due to their own mistakes.

What did change? Well, there's a new power in town: Livonia Stevenson.

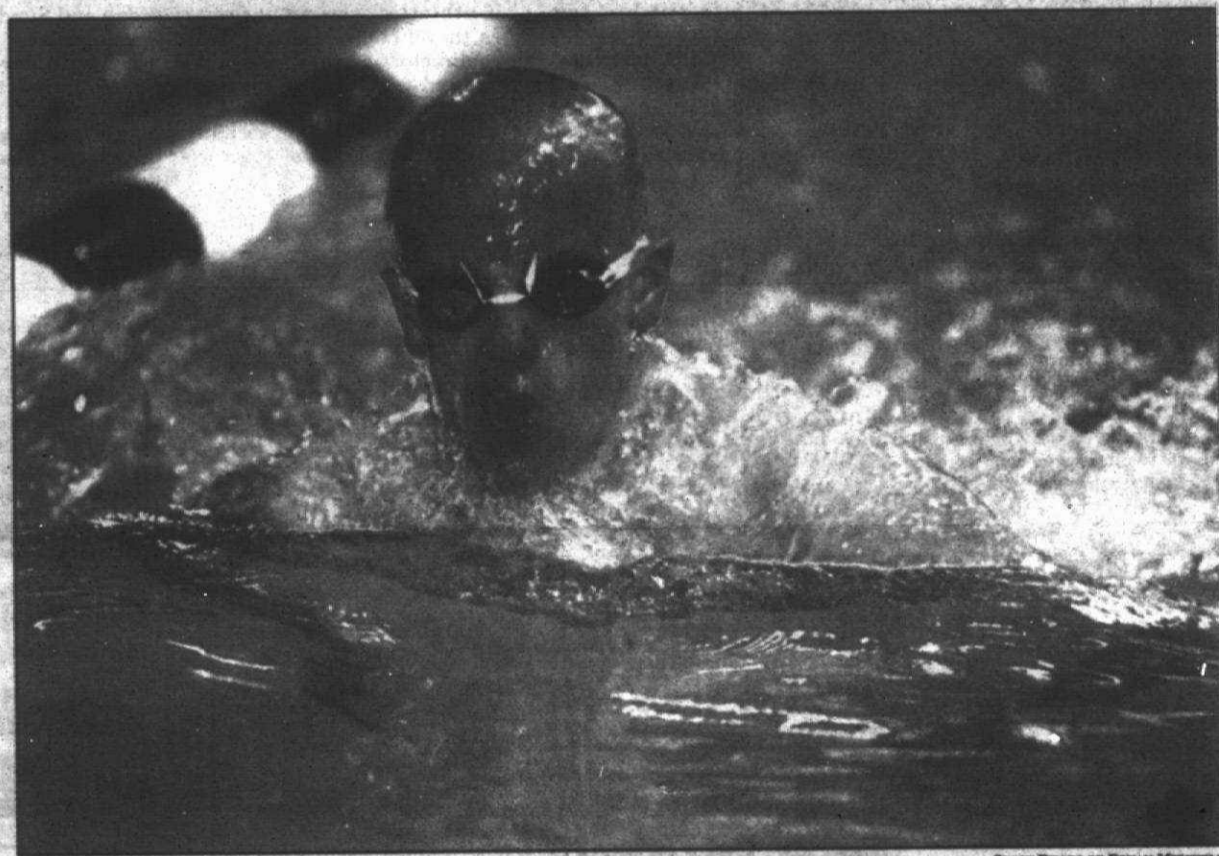
It isn't a major surprise that the Spartans emerged as the Relays champion. Once Salem put itself into a hole by getting disqualified in the first relay, the 400-yard medley — an event the Rocks had finished first in, but were DQ'ed for a jump start — the impetus shifted to Stevenson.

From then on, it was the Spartans' meet to lose. And they didn't.

Stevenson finished with 242 points, with Salem second (224) and two-time defending Relays champ Plymouth Canton third (212). Northville was fourth (184).

"It was a fun meet," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler, admitting that finishing first added to the enjoyment. "It's been awhile since we won it."

Please see WLAA RELAYS, C3



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Solid start: Canton could not recapture the WLAA Relays title, which it had won the past two years, but the Chiefs turned in a solid showing. Matt Heiss (above) swam the breaststroke on both Canton's 400 medley relay, which was second, and its 200 breast relay, which was fourth.

Canton coach bolsters staff with addition

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton is adding an impressive new assistant coach to Bob Khoenle's football staff.

Tim Baechler, with five seasons of head coaching experience at Hudson and one at Dexter behind him, will join Khoenle's staff in an undetermined position for the 1998 season.

"I'm sure he's going to help us," Khoenle said. "But as to how and what, I don't know for sure yet."

FOOTBALL

"He's a good man, knowledgeable and responsible. He's probably going to be defensive coordinator but as of right now I'm not sure."

"We're going to have staff meetings after the first of the year."

Baechler, an English teacher at Lowell Middle School, resigned after one season at Dexter to end a frequent

commute to the other side of Ann Arbor.

Tim and Julie Baechler became parents to son Brocton last May. Suddenly an hour-long commute for Julie to work with her family in Plymouth became a little more complex.

"We needed to find a place closer to her work," Tim said. "So I had to try to find another job."

He quit working at Hudson, where the teams he coached were 32-13 in five seasons, and landed a coaching job

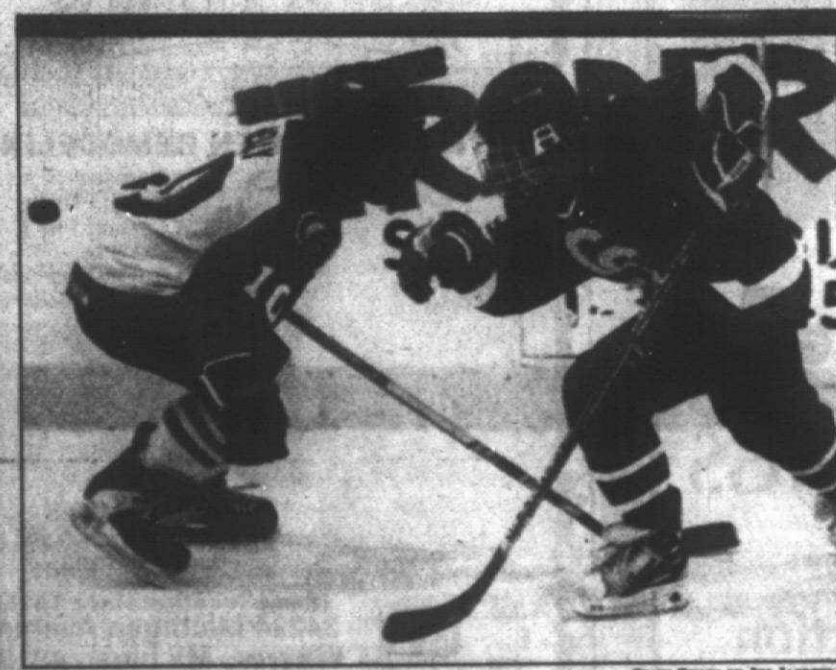
at Dexter.

The pay for high school coaches works out to about 50 cents per hour, though, so subsisting on those wages was out.

"So even though there was no guaranteed teaching job, we decided to go for it."

"I was going to be a substitute teacher the first semester, then if things worked out in football, I was sure I would get a teaching job (at Dexter)"

Please see BAECHLER, C3



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGGFIELD

Sidestepping: CC's Dave Turner tips the puck past Rice's Mike Healy, avoiding Healy's check and still managing to keep control of the puck.

Shamrocks squander lead, end up tying Brother Rice

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team is idle until Jan. 10 and you can't fault coach Gordie St. John for thinking the Shamrocks started their holiday break after the first period of Saturday's game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks jumped to a 3-0 lead after one period only to allow Rice to score three unanswered goals in the third and earn a 4-4 tie before a small afternoon crowd at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

"It was a holiday type crowd," St. John said. "Everyone was out shopping."

If that's the case, someone should have purchased a hat for Rice's Joe Kustra, whose hat trick sparked the rally.

CC's Tony Keshishian was equally impressive, scoring two goals with an assist.

"It was a night for the K men," St.

John said. "It was Tony's best game by far and that Rice kid is a good player."

The tie left the Shamrocks at 3-0-2 overall. The defending Class A state champions haven't lost since a mid-season game last year against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

"After a good first period we kind of fell apart," St. John said. "Rice played much better hockey. We didn't carry out our assignments and took stupid penalties. It showed us what we have to do to be good."

Nathan Lewarne and Ian Devlin had the other CC goals. David Moss, Greg Berger and Jim Melton picked up one assist each.

Rice freshman defenseman Andy Mechigan assisted on three of the Rice goals. Kevin LeFere, who missed some games early with a shoulder injury, scored one goal. Chris Cassidy assisted

Please see HOCKEY, C2

Whalers slip by North Bay

The Plymouth Whalers moved to within two points of first place in its division Saturday with a 2-1 home victory over North Bay.

Kevin Holdridge and Harold Druken scored for the Whalers and Julian Smith added a pair of assists. Plymouth improved to 43 points, just two behind London in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Holdridge opened scoring in the first period as Troy and Julian Smith assisted. Druken's game-winner came at the 7:05 mark of the second period on a power play.

North Bay's lone goal was also via the power play, at 8:17 of the second period.

The Whalers (20-9-3) play Saturday at Windsor and Monday, Dec. 29, at home against Erie.

Whalers transaction

The Whalers made a major trade Dec. 19 that involved four teams and 12 players.

Plymouth acquired defenseman Paul Mara from Sudbury and left wing Rick Smith from Windsor. In exchange, defenseman Luc Rioux and Mark Ridout, right wing Andy Burnham and 1998 second-round draft choice were dealt.

In Mara, the Whalers acquire a former

OHL all-star defenseman. A 6-foot 4-inch native of Massachusetts, he recorded nine goals and 34 assists for Sudbury in his rookie year. Mara has eight goals and 18 assists this year for the Wolves.

Left wing Smith is a 19-year-old Brighton native. He had eight goals and five assists for Windsor this year.

"Mara is one of, if not, the best defencemen in the Canadian Hockey League," Whalers Associate Coach Greg Stefan said. "There's no doubt in my mind he will add to our already strong defensive unit. With the addition of Mara and Smith, we believe we have an opportunity for a successful playoff bid."

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Melson, who does it inside and outside, is certainly a diamond in the rough after sitting out his first year at SC with an injury.

The word is leaking out. Division I coaches are migrating to Six Mile and Haggerty in droves to see this kid.

Briggs, a fourth-round pick of the San Antonio Spurs who later played professionally in the Philippines, came to SC's battered program in August with virtually no players (with the exception of holdovers Melson, Garden City's Pete Males and Jose Bru) just two weeks prior to the start of the first semester.

Montgomery.

Throw in Westland John Glenn's athletic David Jarrett late into the mix (he signed just a week prior to classes) and you have a remarkable transformation of a perennially pitiful junior college basketball program.

And he has quickly transformed the Ocelots into an Eastern Conference contender — unheard of in these parts.

Ironically, Western Conference teams in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association put SC on the schedule for a sure win.

But after beating Kellogg, Grand Rapids (twice) and Lansing, SC is becoming a team to be reckoned with.

And if SC had not lost two close games in a New Jersey tournament, they'd be mind-boggling 12-0 at this point.

Briggs has a plan and is just getting started. He keeps close tabs on his players academically,

and does his homework recruiting and scouting despite having only one paid assistant coach, (Andy Coleman).

Of course, keeping his players eligible is the true test, especially at SC, which annually promotes its Student Athletic Support System program, but in reality is no more than a public relations sham.

And it's a shame the men's basketball program faces so many obstacles, especially from an administration that cares little about athletics in general.

Believe me, athletics at Schoolcraft College is a necessary evil.

The coaches win in spite of the school's indifference.

If athletics were important, then they'd have a full-time athletic director in place and not a registered nurse with a masters degree overseeing the program.

It's too bad President Richard W. McDowell, Dean of Instruc-

Cushman, Dietrich carry Crusaders past Kalamazoo

Katie Cushman scored 20 points and Chris Dietrich added 13 as Madonna University rolled to a 91-61 home victory over Kalamazoo.

The Crusaders jumped to a 51-30 halftime lead and were never challenged in the second half. Madonna improved to 8-4 while the Hornets dropped to 2-7.

Cushman nailed four three-pointers on her way to scoring 20. She added five assists and a pair of steals.

Dietrich had six assists to go with her 13 points. Dawn Pelc had six rebounds to lead the Crusaders.

WOMEN'S HOOP

SC also had more turnovers (28 to Edison's 24) and was outrebounded (35-31).

Theresa Cooper's 19 points and 10 rebounds topped the Ocelots. Amber Tackett added 14 points, six steals and five boards; Crissy Kelly added 12 points and four assists; and Jenny Talbot got 10 points.

Best for Edison was Rachel Brugger, who nailed 15-of-19 floor shots en route to scoring 38 points. Angie Benham scored 12, with Jamie Bridge and Shivonne Garland each contributing 11 points. Bridge also had 11 rebounds and seven steals; Garland dished out five assists.

The loss to Kellogg was SC's worst offensive performance of the season. The Ocelots trailed 29-14 at the half and never did recover. They connected on just 12-of-42 shots from the field (28.6 percent), while Kellogg made 26-of-64 (40.6 percent).

SC's woes at the free-throw line also continued; the Ocelots made just 6-of-15 (40 percent); Kellogg wasn't much better (15-of-32, 46.9 percent).

In addition, SC was outrebounded by a wide margin (40-30) and committed a whopping 30 turnovers (Kellogg had 15).

Talbot was the only Ocelot to reach double-figures in scoring; she had 11 points and seven rebounds. Kellogg was led by Carl Pacey's 17 points, Kendra Yee's 13 and Niki Sullivan scored 11 and grabbed 10 boards.

Ocelots from page C1

Cat-quick point-guard Mario Montgomery (Detroit) came off the bench to spark the defense.

He also hit a key three-pointer during the surge.

SC took a five-point lead with just over two minutes remaining, but Kellogg rallied back to gain a two-point advantage, 74-72, on a

basket by point-guard Antonio Jones (23 points) with just under 30 seconds to go.

Melson then split a pair of free throws with nine seconds to play, pulling SC to within one, 74-73.

SC, however, had two fouls to give in order to put Kellogg in

the bonus situation. The Ocelots fouled quickly at seven and five seconds.

With just five seconds remaining, Jones missed the front end of a one-and-one.

SC's Jimar Eddins grabbed the rebound, but a sideline pass was batted out of bounds in the

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WLAA Relays from page C1

"We went into the meet with the attitude that we can't win it, so let's just have fun and do what we can."

There were a couple of reasons Buckner doubted his team could emerge on top. First and foremost, there was Salem, which was expected to be even better this year than last.

Also, the Spartans were a tired team, swimming their third meet of the week. "I haven't had three meets in one week in my life," said Buckner.

It apparently didn't harm them much. They won four of the 10 relays; for that matter, so did Salem. The only events to evade capture by the league's two heavyweights were the 200-yard breaststroke relay (won by Livonia Franklin's Chris Supplee, Erik Koppin, Dave Bosman and Jody Gomez) and the 400-yard individual medley relay (won by Cantan's Aaron Reeder, Kurtis Hornick, John Cook and Mike Dempsey).

"We did our one other significant occurrence that impacted on the meet and its final results: North Farmington. The Raiders — one of the league's top teams — were no-shows, for reasons as yet undetermined.

"This is the first time it's ever happened, so I don't know what the consequences will be," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "That's up to the administrators."

The Spartans' other relay wins

came in the 200 butterfly (Steve Domin, Brad Feathers, Sgricia and Keith Falk); the 500 crescendo freestyle (George Earhart, Jacob Varty, Malik and Falk); and the 200 medley (Bublit, VanTiem, Domin and Brad Buckler).

Salem won the 400 free (Dan Kelly, Dan Jones, Mike Kilgore and Brian Mertens); 200 back (Aaron Shelton, Brent Mellis, Matt Casillas and Nick Corden); diving (Chris Cameron and Mike Belvich); and 200 free (Corden, Tim Buchanan, Jones, Locke).

The Rocks set the only new meet record in the 200 free relay, winning in 1:29.70 (former record, 1:31.81, by Northville in 1991).

RELAYS RESULTS

WLAA SWIM RELAYS
Dec. 20 at Plymouth Salem

Team finishes: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 24:2; 2. Plymouth Salem, 22:4; 3. Plymouth Canton, 21:2; 4. Northville, 18:4; 5. Walled Lake, 15:8; 6. Farmington Harrison, 13:0; 7. Livonia Franklin, 12:7; 8. Livonia Churchill, 11:4; 9. Farmington, 10:5; 10. Westland John Glenn, 10:0; 11. North Farmington (did not show).

Event results:

400-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Joe Bublit, Kevin VanTiem, Mark Sgricia, Mike Malik), 3:52.28; 2. Canton, 3:59.34; 3. Northville, 4:11.49; 4. Farmington, 4:17.42; 5. Churchill, 4:19.34; 6. Walled Lake, 4:30.13; 7. Franklin, 5:06.02.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Dan Kelly, Dan Jones, Mike Kilgore, Brian Mertens), 3:34.45; 2. Walled Lake, 3:35.88; 3. Canton, 3:36.90; 4. John Glenn, 3:39.07; 5. Stevenson, 3:43.56; 6. Harrison, 3:53.93; 7. Northville, 3:54.58; 8. Churchill, 4:47.35; 9. Franklin, 5:23.71.

200-yard breaststroke relay: 1. Franklin (Chris Supplee, Erik Koppin, Dave Bosman, Jody Gomez), 2:06.55; 2. Farmington, 2:08.79; 3. Northville, 2:10.28; 4. Canton, 2:11.80; 5. Stevenson, 2:13.13; 6. Salem, 2:15.40; 7. Walled Lake, 2:15.90; 8. Harrison, 2:24.93; 9. Churchill, 2:44.69.

200-yard backstroke relay: 1. Salem (Aaron Reeder, Kurtis Hornick, John Cook, Mike Dempsey), 4:10.55; 2. Harrison, 4:11.27; 3. Salem, 4:13.09; 4. Franklin, 4:18.60; 5. Stevenson, 4:24.79; 6. John Glenn, 4:48.48; 7. Northville, 4:51.32; 8. Walled Lake, 5:07.34; 9. Churchill, 5:11.24.

500-yard crescendo freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (George Earhart, Jacob Varty, Mike Malik, Keith Falk), 4:29.44; 2. Northville, 4:39.33; 3. Walled Lake, 4:39.78; 4. John Glenn, 4:44.77; 5. Salem, 4:44.81; 6. Canton, 4:51.82; 7. Churchill, 4:56.80; 8. Harrison, 5:43.43; 9. Farmington, 5:50.98; 10. Franklin, 6:33.41.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Joe Bublit, Kevin VanTiem, Steve Domin, Brad Buckler), 1:46.87; 2. Harrison, 1:48.36; 3. Salem, 1:51.19; 4. Farmington, 1:55.06; 5. Canton, 1:56.63; 6. Northville, 1:57.69; 7. Walled Lake, 1:59.63; 8. John Glenn, 2:18.22; 9. Churchill, 2:23.43; 10. Franklin, 2:47.00.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Nick Corden, Tim Buchanan, Dan Jones, Andrew Locke), 1:29.70 (new relay record; old record 1:31.81, Northville, 1991); 2. Harrison, 1:43.00; 3. Stevenson, 1:44.08; 4. Canton, 1:46.70; 5. Walled Lake, 1:48.25; 6. Northville, 1:51.42; 7. Farmington, 1:57.31; 8. Churchill, 2:02.06; 9. John Glenn, 2:03.88; 10. Franklin, 2:23.47.

Baechler from page C1

next year."

But right after the first week of school, Baechler learned of an opening in the Plymouth-Canton school district at Lowell Middle School. He interviewed and got the job.

"I kind of liked this district," he said. "And I live in Canton. I thought it would be nice to live and work in the same town. So I resigned at Dexter to teach and coach here."

The Class B Dreadnaughts were 3-6 with several close losses and an explosive offense.

"Going from head coach to assistant won't be a problem, he feels.

"I was an assistant coach for three years before I became a head coach," he said. "Bob Khoenle is 62 years old. He played at Massillon (O.). He played at Purdue. I'm sure there are plenty of things I can learn from him."

"I'm going into it with the attitude of wanting to learn about the league. They play some of the best competition in the state. I'm excited to be a part of that."

He's joining a program, however, which is hamstrung by not having middle school football. And whose facilities are not on a level with premier Class A programs.

Canton has openings on its staff because at least three assistants are leaving — Troy McCall is moving to Atlanta while Wayne Robinson and Chris Roberts are returning to college full-time to finish work on their degrees.

Baechler "is going to fit in good because of that," Khoenle said. "The timing's real good. I'm glad to have him. He's a good man."

Khoenle "just sounds like a real good guy to work for," Baechler said. "He talks about wanting input from his assistants. It sounds like he's going to give me a great deal of responsibility."

"I don't think egos will get in the way. This is a great area, a great school system."

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

SINGLES DANCE

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

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

West Side Singles presents a Christmas Dance Friday, Dec. 26, at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and over. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

A New Year's Eve Dance will also be hosted by the West Side Singles on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event is from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., with a cash bar. A DJ will play Top 40 Music, and there will be party favors, balloon drop and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

AROUND TOWN

UNIQUE GIFTS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offers gift ideas for year-round. Gift certificates for over 40 Plymouth area retail shops and eateries as well as Plymouth sweat-shirts. Call 453-1540.

BUILD BOOK COLLECTION
Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate to the adult or youth collection with \$25. The staff will help select a title and a bookplate will identify your donation to honor a friend or family member. Call 453-0750, Ext. 213.

SET CHAVERIN
The Hannukkah party planned for Dec. 28 has been canceled. Call 480-8880 for the CBC hotline.

BRIDAL SHOW
Fox Hills will be hosting "Your Golden Moment" on Jan. 14 with vendors from every aspect of a wedding: photographers, florists, DJs, bands and much more. There will be a fashion show, live music, and snacks. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call (313) 453-7272 for information.

ADULT EDUCATION
The Plymouth-Canton Community School's Adult Education will begin registration for second semester on Jan. 5 for new credit students. New paid students can register Jan. 12. The semester begins Jan. 26. Registration takes

place at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth.

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT
Madonna University will be holding an origami art exhibit beginning Jan. 8 with an open reception at 4:30 at the University library. This reception will include a presentation and free lessons. There is no charge. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 30, during regular library hours. Call (734) 432-5711 for information.

SAXOPHONE QUARTET
The Lowell St. Saxophone Quartet, comprised of EMU students will be performing at the Alexander Recital Hall on the campus of EMU, on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
The Water Club Grill will be hosting this event serving Prime Rib and seafood buffet, and dessert table. There will be two seatings, the first at 6 p.m. at \$29.95 per person, including the buffet only. The second seating will be at 9 p.m. and will include live music, dancing, party favors, and a midnight toast at \$35.95 per person. For reservations call (313) 454-0666.

TAI CHI
Botsford Center for Health Improvement is offering an introductory course in Tai Chi beginning Jan. 7. This class meets every Wed. through Feb. 24, from 7-8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. Call (248) 473-5600 for information.

WINTER BALL
Canton Community Foundation is hosting its fourth annual Canton Winter Ball on Jan. 9 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening includes a gourmet dinner, open bar, and live music. Reception begins at 6:30, dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Attire is semi-formal, tickets are \$60 for individual, corporate sponsorships are available. This is the largest fund-raiser for the Foundation. Call (313) 398-5000 for reservations.

ART CLASSES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is now accepting registrations for Winter 1998 art classes and workshops for all ages. Classes start Jan. 12. Choose from photography, batik, printmaking, music, pottery, basketry and children's theater. Call (313) 416-4ART.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
Fox Hills Golf Club will be hosting this event 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$79 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, free drinks, live music, desserts and noisemakers. Call 453-7272 for required reservations.

LIBRARY EVENTS
The Plymouth District Library is hosting many exciting events this month: a holiday card display, Internet youth classes and book discussions. Call 453-0750.

ART WORKSHOPS
D & M Studio's Once Upon an Esasel in Canton is offering a variety of holiday art workshops for adults and youths. Call Sharon, 453-3710.

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

ADULT CPR
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Basic Life Support Adult Heart-Saver Course 1-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B, near Levan Rd. The cost is \$20 per person. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University's open registration for winter term continues through Friday, Jan. 2, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with some exceptions. All offices will be closed for Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

YOUTH SOCCER
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration during the month of January, at the Recreation office, 525 Farmer St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A birth certificate is required, \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. Call 455-6620.

FUNNIEST VIDEOS
Enter "Michigan's Funniest Videos" at East Lansing's first annual Film Festival on March 29. Tapes should be acceptable for family viewing and no longer than 10 minutes. Deadline is Feb. 10. Send them to: Michigan's Funniest Videos, P.O. Box 025035, Lansing, Mich. 48909-5035. Call (517) 336-5802.

SALVATION ARMY
Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon, Monday,

Weathering for the top



Medal winner: Barbara Theaker of Canton shows off her bronze medal-winning wreath from the recent competition at the Festival of Trees. Theaker used a grapevine base and added green fir, pink seasonal flowers, gold beading and metallic gold ribbon for her creation. The festival, held at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit, was a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

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

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

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

HOST FAMILIES
Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American holiday during Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in learn-

ing more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SINGLE FELLOWSHIPERS
The Single Adult Fellowship-ers of Newburg UMC in Livonia will be having their January 1998 Dinner Meeting on Jan. 10 at the Old Country Buffet on Wayne Rd. at Hunter in Westland. The dinner starts at 4:30 p.m., all are welcome and bring a friend.

SOUNDINGS
Soundings is a Center for Women and offer a variety of career programs, professional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center is in Ann Arbor on 4090 Packard Road. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (313) 973-7723 for further information.

DIABETES
St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group will be having a meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the hospital auditorium. There is no charge or registration required. Call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

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

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

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

EMPOWER

One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situations, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment 981-3039.

CELIAC SPRUE
For persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings, next one 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 West 13 Mile in Southfield. Call (248) 968-6996.

NEW/ADD TESTING
The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) offers free walk-in testing at a variety of locations throughout Washtenaw, Livingston and other counties. Call (313) 572-9355.

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

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

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

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GOODFELLOWS
The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the City Hall on Main Street. Call 455-8611 or 451-3554.

BNI
Business Network International will not be holding the regular Chapter meeting Jan. 1.

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

VOLUNTEER WORK

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

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

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

CAREER WOMEN
The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth; from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call Judie, (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

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CAMPUS NOTES

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

EMPLOYEES HONORED
Lawrence Technological University honored employees for their dedication during a special luncheon, with service pins and honors. Plymouth is the home to six of those who were recognized for their service. Glenn Greenfield and Betty-Lou Stover for 10 years; Douglass Koch for 15 years; Louise Garrett and Richard Srodawa for five years; and Richard Hall for 20 years.

GRADUATED
Madonna University recently graduated over 700 students. There were nine bachelor's degrees given to Canton residents: George G. Daraban, Erin T. Ford, Angela N. Klenn, Robert A. Kowalski, Lori A. Kusche, Meghan L. O'Keefe, Kimberley A. O'Malley, Margaret M. Shields and Jennifer M. Weiss. They awarded to associates degrees to Jill M. Balush and Diane E. Brooks, both from Canton.

Tracy Q. Masael, of Plymouth received a Masters degree in Administration-Education Leadership. Three Plymouth residents received bachelor's degrees: Kelly M. Geiger, Elizabeth A. Miller and

Marilyn M. Peterson. Jennifer J. Szary of Plymouth received an associate's degree.

AMBASSADORS
Sara Madsen and Tracy Huth, both of Canton, were selected to serve as Central Michigan University's homecoming ambassadors. They were selected for their leadership skills, campus involvement and service activities. Madsen is a senior in health fitness and therapeutic recreation. She is involved with the Mortar Board senior honor society, Order of Omega and the Golden Key Honor Society. She is the daughter of James and Patricia Madsen.

Huth is a senior in psychology, with a minor in interpersonal and public communication. She is a member of the Panhellenic Council executive board, Order of Omega and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Richard and Carole Huth.

PRESENTED PROJECT
Timothy S. Vliadu, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, presented an Enhanced Brake Light System project at the Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University.

Former CC lineman reverses fortunes

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The 1996 football season for Boston College offensive lineman Doug Brzezinski was nothing short of a disaster.

It was more like a scene from the movie "Titanic." He was treading water.

But the 6-foot-4, 305-pound left tackle from Redford Catholic Central survived the year of turmoil to earn All-Big East honors in 1997.

Although BC finished 4-7 for the second straight year, Brzezinski was one of four Eagles named to the All-Big East's first team.

"It was a relief more than a surprise," said Brzezinski, a senior from Livonia with one year of eligibility remaining. "Last year was a horrible year for me. I got benched in the Pitt game. There were a lot of problems within the team."

PROFILE

These were just not small problems, but BIG problems for BC, which was rocked by a gambling scandal where three Eagle players bet against their own team.

"It was kind of blown out of proportion by the media," Brzezinski said. "College athletes all over bet, but this whole thing was idiotic. These guys were calling their bookies from the hotel."

The national media scrutiny which followed turned out to be a huge distraction and the school's football program had been sullied.

Dan Henning, former San Diego Chargers head coach and Detroit Lions offensive coordinator, stepped down following the probe after three seasons as BC's head coach. (Henning is now the offensive coordinator for the Buffalo Bills.)

"Things just got out of control," Brzezinski said. "He was a good coach, but he trusted the players too much. With Henning, the players always pushed the envelope."

"Guys were just dogging it and going through the motions the weight room, and some weren't even showing up. A lot of guys, who were used to being coddled in high school, claimed they were hurt and were getting out of practice and not playing when they could have."

"There was a lot of stress and it was a bad situation. Things were tough all the way around. And it was no person in particular."

After a 4-7 season in '96, BC went with Tom O'Brien, the offensive coordinator at Virginia as its new head coach. His offensive coordinator and offensive line coach was Jeff Jagedzinski from East Carolina.

The two new coaches ditched Henning's one-back set. The blocking schemes stressed fundamentals and the approach was much the same when



Doug Brzezinski
All-Big East lineman

Brzezinski played for Tom Mach at CC. (Brzezinski was a junior starter on CC's 1992 state championship team.)

"I liked our offense a lot more because it was simplified," said Brzezinski, a former soccer player who didn't play football until the ninth grade. "Under Henning, we had five different ways of blocking. Things got confusing. We went back to a more basic set. It was a lot more physical. It was a lot better, more fun. It just made more sense."

And the discipline was also Mach's style.

"He addressed the problems right away, he stressed team unity right away," Brzezinski said. "Nobody was putting up with any guff. He threw two or three guys off the team right away. It was all business. There was no gray area."

This fall, the Eagles lost several close Big East games, including a double overtime loss to Miami. They beat West Virginia, a top 25 team, which turned out to be Brzezinski's top game.

"Coach O'Brien had been in the Marines, and he said don't look for any sympathy," Brzezinski said. "He knows what it takes. I like it a whole lot better. Things are getting better now."

This year the Eagles racked up nearly 5,000 yards in total offense with an even balance of rushing and passing.

A three-year starter, Brzezinski, a Sociology major, is looking forward to his final season in a BC uniform.

But there was a time when he felt bewildered.

The BC coach that recruited him out of high school, Tom

Coughlin, left shortly after Brzezinski signed his NCAA National Letter-of-Intent to take the head coaching position with the NFL expansion Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I was still committed to the school and I said to myself that I had to stick it out," he said. "But it (1996) was like a nightmare. It reminded of a book I read, 'Heart of Darkness.' I thought about transferring."

He is now home for the holidays with his family, including brother Nick, a junior tight end who caught touchdown pass in CC's 23-6 state Class AA championship win over Ann Arbor Huron.

But he would rather be away at a bowl game.

"I get nervous sitting around at home, I always have to be doing something," said Brzezinski, who works out regularly at Gold's Gym on Eight Mile Road.

A big year could put Brzezinski high in the NFL draft, but he isn't thinking about the pros just yet.

He's just trying to keep the Boston College ship from sinking and steering it toward the right course.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 26
(River Rouge Tournament)
Redford CC vs. DePorrer, 6 p.m.
River Rouge vs. Ecorse, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 27
Rouge Tournament, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Wayne at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Detroit Finney at Ferndale High School, 7:30 p.m.
(Grosse Ile Tournament)
Salem vs. A.P. Cabrini, 6 p.m.
Riv. Richard vs. Grosse Ile, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 29
Grosse Ile Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Dec. 27
Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 6 & 8 p.m.
(Schoolcraft Holiday Classic)
Owens Tech vs. Durham (Ont.), 5 p.m.
S'craft vs. George Brown, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28
Schoolcraft Holiday Classic, 3 & 7 p.m.
Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 1 & 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Dec. 27
(Schoolcraft Holiday Classic)
Lakeland CC vs. Windsor, 1 p.m.
S'craft vs. George Brown, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28
S'craft Holiday Classic, 1 & 5 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Saturday, Dec. 27
RU at U-D Jesuit Tourney, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28
U-D Jesuit Tourney, TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Saturday, Dec. 27
Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 2 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 27
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



19 Wheels performs at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$6. (248) 335-8100.

SUNDAY



Meadow Brook Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$23, (248) 377-3300.



Hot Tix: Toy & Hobby Expo '97, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi features art work by Paul Adams, the world's largest mobile train display, new and used model railroad and toy trains, antique toys, collectible dolls and more, call (248) 348-5600.



PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Go cat go: When not touring the United States, the local rockabilly band Twistin' Tarantulas packs them in on Sundays at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak. The band is, from left, drummer Alex "The Thrilla From Manila" Trajano, bassist/singer "Pistol" Pete Midtgard, and guitarist "Gorgeous" George Friend.

Twistin' Tarantulas:



BY CRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Feeling jovial, a teenage Pete Midtgard popped Humble Pie's "30 Days in the Hole" into his eight-track player. "I had this speaker on the floor in my room that really was a cardboard box with just a round speaker tied into it (sitting) on a hardwood floor," Midtgard recalled. "I cranked it up really loud and when the bass came in, the speaker started skating around on the floor like one of those little football guys. That's when I said, 'Man, I want to be that guy. I want to be the guy who makes the speaker rattle across the floor and shake the glass.' I wanted to be the bass player." Midtgard's bass playing abilities have undoubtedly improved since then as he's now known as "Pistol Pete," the lead singer and upright bass player for the rockabilly band Twistin' Tarantulas. Bass gripped tightly and sweaty hair flapping with the beat, Midtgard and his band attract dancers like flies to fly paper.

O&E Band of the Year

An amalgamation of rockabilly, swing, blues, R&B and rock 'n' roll, the Twistin' Tarantulas play constantly and still the clubs are invariably standing room only. The Twistin' Tarantulas were on the cusp of the rockabilly/swing revival long before others jumped on the now trendy bandwagon. Like rockabilly or hate it, the Twistin' Tarantulas rock. The Twistin' Tarantulas are The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1997 Band of the Year. **Side project** Midtgard grew up in Pontiac attending Pontiac Central High School. He graduated, what he calls, "Phi Beta Drop Out." "I was in a hurry to go to a new school - school of hard rocks. I got a PhD from the hard knock school of adolescent rage. I can't push the first button on a computer, but I still remember binary codes." While he was in school, he played multiple instruments including the tuba and trombone. It was at age 16 or 17 that he plopped in the aforementioned Humble Pie tape.

Who: Twistin' Tarantulas, Mudpuppy and Nobody's Business
What: Performs
When: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31
Where: Upstairs at Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak.
Why: It's New Year's Eve
How: Tickets are \$35 which includes a complimentary glass of champagne, or \$60 per couple which includes a complimentary bottle of champagne. Both ticket prices include a light buffet and party favors. Only those 21 and older will be admitted. For more information, call (248) 542-9922

Other shows:

Twistin' Tarantulas perform at 10 p.m. Sundays throughout December and January at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak. They also perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. For more information, call (810) 731-1750. Twistin' Tarantulas play Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. for the 19 and older show. For more information, call (734) 996-8555. To sign up for the Twistin' Tarantulas' mailing list, write "Pistol" Pete Midtgard at 2748 Vermont, Detroit, Mich., 48216

"I was into Humble Pie, Kiss, Led Zepelin, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, all the big arena bands. Back then I had a lot of the cultural habits that were real common in the '70s." Harkening back to his high school days, Midtgard and the Twistin' Tarantulas cover Misfits songs and Motorhead's "Ace of Spades." "What else? It's one of the greatest songs ever written as far as I'm concerned. I've done that song in every band I've been in. When I started playing the upright I wasn't about to change." Midtgard honed his skills in a variety of acts including the Frantic Flattops and Flying Saucers. In December 1993, the Twistin' Tarantulas were created as a side project

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

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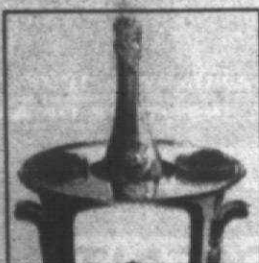
What's On TV

New Year's Eve College Football Bowls
 ■ Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas - 2 p.m. CBS (WWJ), Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4)
 ■ Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn. - 3:30 p.m. ESPN, Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Miss. (8-3)
 ■ Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz. - 7 p.m. CBS (WWJ), Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3)
Countdown to 1998
 ■ Tonight Show, broadcast live - 11:35 p.m. NBC (WDIV)
 ■ Dick Clark's Rockin' Eve - 11:30 p.m. ABC (WXVZ) after the local news
 ■ When New Year's Attacks - 11 p.m. Fox (WJBK) - live from Reno, 90 minute show counts down to new year, features top musical performances, comedians, fireworks, Top 10 Scariest Moments of 1997, and a midnight stunt to bring in the New Year.

Sip champagne

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

You did it! You copped out and didn't get reservations for New Year's Eve! Don't fret, you have a week and can either plan to max out at the peak of hedonism or cheap out. Champagne and hedonism pair nicely. In the category of magnificent, indulgent, unforgettable, extravagant maxing out for around \$145 a bottle, you can get the world's best, 1989 Champagne Krug or the 1985, to usher in the new year. You have the champagne idea; now for the caviar. If you've not purchased caviar before, here are the basics. Russian caviars are identified by the species of



Please see **SIP, E2**

View a video

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Rest assured there are other ways to ring in a New Year than simply watching Dick Clark drop that silly ball in Times Square. Your local video store is more than happy to meet your needs, whether you're spending the holiday with friends, a lover, or just by yourself. **Throw Your Own Premier** - it's easy to have your own premier with major movies that for some reason never made it to area screens. One that's getting decent notices is "Traveler," starring "Titanic's" Bill Paxton and "Boogie Nights" Mark Wahlberg as gypsies who traverse the rural South, bilking people out of their money.



Please see **VIDEO, E2**

Play a game

JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

For awhile there it seemed like parlor and board games were all just derivations of Monopoly and Charades. That's not true anymore as stores have whole aisles of clever ways to liven up New Year's Eve parties. Here's just a sample:
 ■ Outburst - In a game that promises "common knowledge and uncommon hilarity!" you are given a topic like "Canine Commands" and must come up with all 10 desired responses in only 60 seconds. Other categories: "Dances of the Sixties" and "Parts of the Body that Come in Pairs."
 ■ Planet Hollywood - Is the official game of the Tinsel-



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STREET SCENE

The waiting is over for Irish rockers The Devlins



CHRISTINA FUOCO

It seems appropriate that Peter Devlin is waiting...

Dave Wagner accepts end of good run



ANN DELISI

Tis the season for giving, acceptance, peace on earth and good-will toward men...

That's a heck of a good run. Not too many people in the radio business get to do the same show on the same station for such a long time...

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Robert Schefman received his BFA from Michigan State University and his MA from University of Iowa. He has participated in a wide variety of group shows including Interventions at the Detroit Institute of Arts in 1995.

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for Midgard - who was playing with the Garfield Blues Band and Johnny "Yardog" Jones - and "Gorgeous" George Friend, then of the R&B group the Sun Messengers.

"I was doing pick-up blues gigs all around town playing the upright until the Tarantulas finally got to a point where we knew we were see-worthy. We've been full time almost two years," Midgard said.

Five drummers later, Alex "The Thrilla From Manila" Trajano, formerly of the avant jazz troupe Blue Dog, is on skins.

"Musicians do come and go. That's the nature of musicians. They do a certain bag, long enough then they get tired of it. Me, I have my own thing that I do. There will always be a Twistin' Tarantulas, but I think

"I was thinking about people who love to sit back and criticize the people that are in the arena doing the battle. They're not trying anything."

The chorus, he said, encourages people to make the most of their lives.

"There might not be a tomorrow," Midgard sang. "There's not much left of today. So live your life in the arena and love, don't sit in the stands and fade away."

Prior to Spencer's death, Midgard struggled with the song's verses. Afterward, the words flowed.

"It was real simple then. It was the last time he taught me a lesson - that you should live and love and love to live because you never know your fate."

Also included on the CD will be "Lighthouses."

that have odd twists to them like "Snake in the Grass." I'm sitting there telling this girl she's got to get away from this guy because he's treating her (badly) and by the way, I'm available. That was the only song I was lyrically proud of on that record."

A shuffle, a stroll and Latin and bossa nova beats have become standard fare for the Twistin' Tarantulas shows.

"We're a fun band to watch," Midgard said confidently while crossing his arms. "It's not because we put on some big dog and pony show. We enjoy what we do. That comes across. I love the music that I play. It comes from the bottom of my heart. I try to look nice, keep my hair combed."

"We try to mix it up. It's all in a very similar vein. We play American roots music. We don't do one bag. We have a nice full do one bag. We can do swing. We can do blues swing. We can do straight-ahead rock 'n' roll. We can do rockabilly. It all has a common denominator to it. It's always the three of us playing."

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town-themed restaurants, players are given categories like "Reasons to press STOP on your VCR," "Famous Blond Actors," or "Movies with One Name."

Monopoly Special Editions - You've probably lost the shoe and the few \$500 bills that remain are looking pretty dogeared.

Act One - Another game where knowledge of Hollywood helps, this time with 1,400 lines or other clues from the most memorable moments in TV and movie history.

Channel Surfing - The favorite pastime of couch potatoes worldwide is now a popular (and socially acceptable) parlor game.

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Champagne - "Live and Let Die," "Moonraker," "Octopussy," "A View to a Kill," "The Living Daylights," "License to Kill," "GoldenEye" and "Tomorrow Never Dies."

Bollinger Special Cuvée runs about \$30 if the Grande Année seems a tad pricey. No kidding, it's really good with fresh popcorn!

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Offbeat Romance - Before you rent "Sleepless in Seattle" again, try a charming little romance called "Before Sunrise," from Richard Linklater, the director of "Dazed and Confused" and "Slacker." Here Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy play young Bohemians who meet on the train in Europe and decide, on the spot, to spend one memorable night together in Vienna.

Better - The holidays are almost over, but there's still time to catch "Shop Around the Corner" (1940) a Jimmy Stewart movie directed by Ernst Lubitsch that gives "It's a Wonderful Life" a run for its money. Here the stammering one plays head clerk at a Budapest gift shop who doesn't realize that the co-worker he constantly argues with (Margaret Sullivan) is the same woman he has been wooing through a personals ad.

Hong Kong Action - With the Hong Kong influence making itself more and more known through the American success of Jackie Chan, John Woo and hopefully soon Chow Yun Fat (his new movie opens in February), it's time to catch up with the Asian invasion on video. Now that you've seen Woo's "Face/Off," check out his "Hard Boiled," whose high-octane shootout in a big city hospital includes some of the most heart-pounding action ever put on film.

New York, New York - If you can't be in New York this holiday, you can see it in its glory in "On the Town" (1949), for my money the most exuberant MGM musical ever made. Here sailor boys Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin spend such a memorable 24 hours in Manhattan (it was filmed on location) that you'll be planning your next trip.

Pre-"Scream" Screams - Now that you know both "Scream" practically by heart, check out the offbeat movies Wes Craven made before he became a household name, though preferably those without II or III after the titles. "Last House on the Left," "The Hills Have Eyes," and "Deadly Friend" won't disappoint.

Advertisement for Ancient Egypt exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts, featuring "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" through January 4, 1998.

Advertisement for Gun and Knife Show, Michigan's Finest, featuring trade-in deals on ammo, handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Dates: Dec. 26-27-28.

Advertisement for Woodlands of Van Buren, featuring New Year's Eve Celebration with cocktails, appetizers, buffet dinner, and dancing.

Advertisement for Experiment Gallery, featuring hands-on physics, mechanics, and electricity with 26 interactive stations.

Advertisement for Sun Institute of Science, featuring Happy Holidays! Special Daily Planetarium Shows.

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FISHER THEATRE

"Les Miserables," through Sunday, Jan. 4, Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and special holiday performance 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. No performance Thursday, Jan. 1. \$15-\$58. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 meadow brook theatre "A Christmas Carol," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the theater, Wilson Hall at Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, Student, senior and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

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"Amigos and the Night Visitors," a post-Christmas musical drama for the entire family, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road, Livonia; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton; 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at Church of Divine Savior, 39375 Joyce Road, Westland. Free. (734) 459-2332

POPS / SWING

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"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 27-28, and Jan. 3, and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26; 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

WILD SWAN THEATRE COMPANY

"The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse," Saturday, Dec. 27; Sunday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 4, Henry Ford Museum's Anderson Center Theater, 20000 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

SPECIAL EVENTS

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES SHOW

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3-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Roseville Towne Center, 12 Mile and Grandt, Roseville. Free. (248) 557-1529

TRADITIONAL POLISH CHRISTMAS TREE

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FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT ZOO'S "WILD LIGHTS"

Light show featuring more than 50 animated animal displays along a half-mile trail, 5:30-8 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas and Christmas Eve), at the zoo, 1699 N. Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. \$9 adults, \$2 children 2-12, free for children younger than 2. DZS membership admission, \$2 adults, \$1.50 children 2-12. (248) 541-5835/(248) 541-5717

YPSILANTI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Featuring miniature train rides and horse-drawn wagon rides, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25, and 6 p.m.-midnight Wednesday, Dec. 31, Riverside Park along the Huron River, Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town. Donations accepted. (734) 483-4444 or http://www.ypsil.org

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KOG'S KATS

7-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

KATHY KOSINS

With her vocal, piano and bass trio, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

THE IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 19 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555

TRADITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon. Rehearsals for annual Spring Concert begin Jan. 13. (313) 455-4080

CHORAL

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

The Jewish Community Center choir performs Russian and Hebrew ethnic and holiday music 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit's Cultural Center. \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18. Ann Arbor, Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (734) 534-4185

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY (M.A.S.)

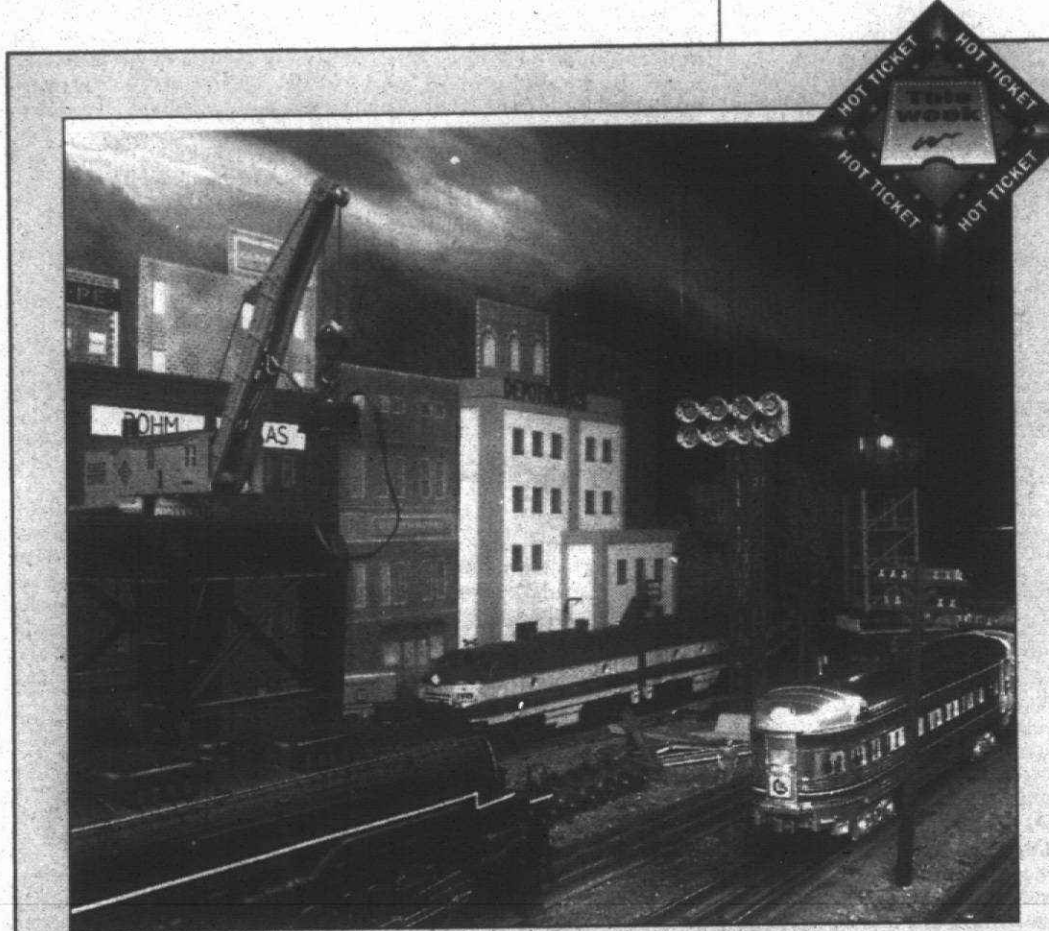
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-99), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (top 40/contemporary jazz) (248) 852-0550

SHARIDA NURALLAH AND FRIENDS

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$40. \$15 per couple. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JOHNNY O'NEAL

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26



Trains: Toy & Hobby Expo 97 Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi, features new and used toy and model trains, antique toys and models, collectible dolls, bears, doll house miniatures, and the World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad - The Wonderful World of Toy Trains display. Artist Paul Adams will be exhibiting his Railroad and Auto Art, which has several metro Detroit themes. Adams applies railroad and other transportation scenes into realistic watercolor paintings. He plans to start work on prints of Briggs Stadium and Olympia Stadium as they were in the 1940s and '50s. He will be working on one of these prints while exhibiting at the show. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28. Admission is \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 4-12; parking \$4. Call (248) 348-5600 for information.

WORLD MUSIC

GRÖVE COLLECTIVE

With JWQ, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (313) 833-9700

MIKE KARUBIS'S CELLO JAZZ

10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville. Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 (7:50), and Wednesday, Dec. 31 (cover charge), Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. 21 and older. (313) 963-8424

LISA HUNTER

9-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

IAN KRIST

10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 963-8424

BENNY CRUZ

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit's Cultural Center. \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18. (Latin American) (313) 833-1805

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road (between Woodward Avenue and Southfield Road), Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic Irish) (248) 642-1135

ANGELO PRIMO

10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

JOHN L. SULLIVAN BAND

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, and Wednesday, Dec. 31, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road (between Woodward Avenue and Southfield Road), Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 642-1135

FOLK

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Sunrise Sunset Saloon, 15222 Charlevue, Grosse Pointe Park. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 822-6080

RON CODDEN

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

CAROL DUNNE

Saturday, Dec. 27, singer, song-

Saturday, Dec. 27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, Peabody's, 154 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-5242

STEPHEN GRANT WOOD

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

CHARLES GREENE

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 (6); Christopher Titus, Billy Ray Bauer, and MC Steven Bills, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$45 per couple for show only), and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$60 per couple, includes party favors and a split of champagne), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

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DANCE

OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY

Karen Missavage calls to music by Cheryl and Steve Whalen, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, First Baptist Church, 210 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$7. \$6 members and students. (248) 968-3565/(248) 642-3306

DEIN PERRY'S TAP DOGS

Friday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$26 and \$36), 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), 7 p.m. Sundays (\$32.50 and \$22.50), 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 (\$26 and \$36). All ages. (313) 872-1000

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, and 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-8666

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Italian American Cultural Center, 28113 Imperial St., Warren. \$20. (810) 772-4765/573-4993, (313) 526-9432

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

Comedian/hypnotist Jim Hoke and Steve Sabo, Friday, Dec. 26-

Saturday, Dec. 27, Bill Hildebrand and J.R. Remick, Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$65 includes tax and gratuity, four-course meal, comedy, dancing), Bill Thomas, Friday, Dec. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-8500

HOLLY HOTEL

Norm Stutz, Seth Buchwald and Chrissy Burns, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$15 in advance only), and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$20 in advance only), and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. (248) 634-0000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Joe Deilon and Joey Bielska, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27; Steve McGrew, Hector Rezzano and Joey Bielska, 6:15 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Dinner/show packages available; Hector Rezzano, Mike Malak and Joey Bielska, Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays unless otherwise noted. Cover charge changes according to act. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Bill Hildebrand, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner/show package); Mike Green, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$15 includes 5:30 p.m. appetizers), and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$55 includes buffet served from 8:30 p.m.), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

BERNIE MAC

7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 (\$12); Jackie Flynn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$22.50), and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$27.50 includes party favors and a split of champagne), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups of 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

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Featuring rooms decorated for the holidays by area florists, open for public tours, 10 a.m.-11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays in December, hourly from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays in December, and every half hour from 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. \$7. \$5 for groups of 20 or more by reservation; Candlelight tours, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27; \$7, all at the estate, 4901 Evergreen Road, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"1850s Holiday Evenings at Eagle Tavern," featuring a holiday dinner with a 19th Century twist. Friday, Dec. 26-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 3-Sunday, Jan. 4; "Traditions of the Season," featuring holiday trees and decorations from various eras, through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors/ages 62 and older, \$6.25 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

"Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. "Sacred Arts" features a wide spectrum of art objects including

DINING

Convenient, light and right dining between the holidays

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

There's an old saying that, "you can please some of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." Experienced restaurateurs and parents of three kids, ages 2, 7 and 9, Paula and Chuck Darany of Birmingham, took on the challenge of proving the old adage dead wrong!

Tired of squabbles resulting from attempts to please the family five, they opened Pasta Pickup six months ago as a unique carryout. With a variety of noodles and an array of sauces, you can please an entire family or crowd of friends. Everyone can have dinner exactly the way they like it!

Pasta Pickup is convenient. Dinners are uniquely packaged in individual eat-in containers and come with plastic utensils within a big brown bag to keep them hot. When you're finished eating, there are no dishes to wash.

For \$5 you pick your pasta (spaghetti, fettuccine or ziti-mostaccioli) then sauce (meat, marinara, pesto, Alfredo or olive

The Pasta Pickup
Where: 33488 Woodward, Birmingham (248) 64-PASTA.
Hours: Daily lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner: 5-9 p.m.
Menu: A variety of noodles and sauces create different combinations pleasing pasta lovers of all ages.

Inn Season Cafe
Where: 500 East Fourth Street, Royal Oak (248) 547-7916.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; until 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Saturday opening is noon.
Menu: Meatless preparations in a variety of ethnic diversities. Selected items prepared without dairy products. Carryout menu.

Harvest Moon
Where: 545 Forest, Plymouth (313) 454-7593.
Hours: Monday-Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays until 8 p.m.
Menu: Housemade soups and sandwiches with many specials appealing to vegans. Carryout available.
Credit Cards: Cash and checks; credit cards are not accepted.

Seva
Where: 314 East Liberty, Ann Arbor (313) 662-1111.
Hours: Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday; brunch served 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: In addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner items cater to vegetarians and vegans. Dine in or carryout.

oil and vegetables) and get it with salad, bread or bread sticks. For kids 10 and under, a half portion is half price. If you can't decide, the most popular is fet-

tuccine with marinara sauce.

Paula Darany was characterized by her husband Chuck as "a great home cook and pasta fanatic." She adapted recipes from friends to come up with the popular selections.

For \$1 extra you can personalize your pasta with one of the following: mushroom, artichoke hearts, olives or roasted peppers. For \$1.50 more, you can choose sauteed vegetables, meatballs, chicken, shrimp, Italian sausage, melted mozzarella or sundried tomatoes.

Vegetable lasagna or ravioli with cheese filling are \$6. Chicken Parmigiana or Eggplant Parmigiana are \$7. All four come with salad and bread sticks. Dessert Italian ice or chocolate chip cookies are \$1.50.

The following three eateries appeal to vegetarians and vegans. Even if you don't regularly subscribe to this preference,

after holiday excesses, it's a good time to discover a healthier way of eating that's quite tasty.

Inn Season Cafe
For more than 16 years, Inn Season Cafe has been home to the best meatless preparations around. At lunch and dinner, chef/owner George Vutetakis pleases with grain or cultured soy burgers served on an organic whole wheat bun with all the trimmings \$6 and goes on to offer vegetarian, organic, healthy creations in a number of ethnic diversities from Chinese to Middle Eastern.

Several selected dishes appeal to vegans. Filling this bill are such starters as Bruschetta \$5, toasted whole grain bread with marinara sauce, calamata olives and soy cheese or Black Bean Avocado Quesadilla \$6, whole wheat tortilla filled with refried black beans and soy cheese, pan braised and served with mild ancho salsa. Both can also be ordered with dairy-fresh cheese.

If you like wraps in place of a standard sandwich, the California Wrap \$6.50, whole wheat lavash rolled with roasted tomato, cucumber, baby lettuces, avocado, sprouts and cheese with choice of dressing is delicious. A different and equally wonderful, more Middle-Eastern version, of the same is House Wrap \$6 with sweet red pepper, hummus and marinated onion.

You won't miss the beef, chicken or pork in a Mexican Burrito, \$7 (lunch) or \$8.50 (dinner) because the vegetable, bean and rice filling is so wonderfully flavorful. It's the same with Classic, Szechuan, Tofu Arame or Cashew Ginger stir-fries.

Pizzas with a number of toppings, available only at dinner, have a Tuscan crust made with roasted garlic, fennel, organic whole corn meal and organic wheat flour.

Market price fresh fish of the day from northern Canadian



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Dinner on the double: Paula and Chuck Darany offer a variety of noodles, and an array of sauces to please an entire family or crowd of friends at Pasta Pickup.

lakes or the deep sea are served with salad and potatoes.

A standard is Whitefish Luncheon \$8, a four-ounce fillet baked with sesame-Dijon sauce and served with brown rice and choice of vegetable of the day.

Daily dessert selections round out this creative vegetarian menu. Specialty beverages include sparkling sangria or cider, fresh juices and hot cider.

Harvest Moon

Owner Pat Cahill's specialties are housemade soups; at least three are on the menu daily, and more than a dozen vegetarian

sandwiches. Many daily specials are vegan oriented. Baked goods are also dairy free.

Harvest Moon's 28-seat eatery is also home to the only all-organic juice bar in Michigan.

Seva

Whether the preference is small courses, salads, sandwiches, chargrill, pasta or pizza, Seva obliges.

Mexican favorites, Greek and Middle-Eastern specialties along with stir fries are chock full of healthy vegetables. Vegan versions of most dishes are available.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Golden Mushroom - 18100 W. 10 Mile Road Southfield (just west of Southfield) (248) 559-4230. Old-time favorites and new culinary creations. Dinner seatings begin 5 p.m. the last is 10:45 p.m.

Water Club Grill - 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (313) 454-0666. New Year's Eve Gala features prime rib and seafood buffet including snow crab legs, white clam linguini, herb baked chicken, peel & eat shrimp, dessert table and more. Two seatings available in the lower level, the first includes the buffet only at \$25.95 per person, and is at 6 p.m. The second seating will be at 9 p.m. and includes buffet,

live music by Meridan, dancing until 1 a.m., party favors and champagne toast at midnight. Cost \$38.95 per person. Cash bar, tax and tip not included in prices listed. Dinner will be served in the main dining rooms from 4 p.m. to midnight, regular dinner menu.

Cafe Cortina - 30175 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. 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 Buffet, 5-9 p.m., adults \$7.75, seniors, \$7.50; children under 10, \$4.75.

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