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Rec survey to query residents



A telephone survey about opinions on a proposed recreation center will include at least 400 Westland residents and will be conducted by an outside firm that expects to produce results by mid-February.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland residents will soon play a crucial role in determining whether city officials march ahead with plans for a new, multimillion recreation center.

A formal telephone survey of at least 400 residents will be conducted during

the next few weeks by an outside firm that expects to produce results by mid-February.

First, however, the survey will be revised following concerns raised Monday during a Westland City Council study session attended by about 30 people.

Some council members pointed to what they considered a serious flaw in the proposed survey. It didn't even

directly ask residents if they want a new recreation center.

"I believe that question should be on this survey," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli agreed, calling it "the whole purpose of the survey."

Representatives from Sverdrup Facilities Inc. and Ballard King - two firms overseeing the project - agreed to add that question and revise others that council members flagged as troubling.

And despite numerous references to Canton Township's upscale Summit on the Park recreation facility, Cicirelli

cautioned that Westland shouldn't be swayed by what other communities have built.

"We're not Canton Township," she said. "We don't want to get into a contest where we've got to build something bigger and better."

Survey says

The survey will randomly poll Westland residents to gauge their opinions on how recreation services can be improved. It also will ask respondents whether they would pay monthly fees to use a new center.

Councilman Glenn Anderson warned

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Toddler tales



Clipping: Sherri Morton and her daughter Taylor, 2½ of Canton take part in the storytime at the Westland library last week as part of National Children's Book Week.



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Storytime: Above, Hailey Dottor, 2½, of Westland hugs Madeline a storybook character who visited the Westland Library for toddler tales as part of National Children's Book Week. At left is character Sister Claville. In photo at left, story book character Sister Claville (left), played by Elizabeth Wingert of Waterford, reads the story "Madeline." At right is Madeline played by Nancy Penvose of Clarkston. Sponsoring the toddler tales was the library and Westland's Hudson's.



A stretch: Toddlers and preschools take part in the stretching at the library program.

Man charged in robbery, carjacking of 81-year-old

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A Livonia man is accused of robbing an 81-year-old woman and seizing her car outside of Meijer in Westland, a police sergeant said.

Thomas Lee Samborski II, 23, faces a Dec. 3 preliminary hearing in West-

land District Court on charges of carjacking and unarmed robbery.

He was arraigned Friday in front of Judge C. Charles Bokos and jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond, court administrator David Wiacek said.

The carjacking occurred at 6:10 p.m. Nov. 18, and a suspect escaped only to be arrested about 15 minutes later dur-

ing a traffic stop by Livonia police on eastbound I-96, Westland Sgt. Jon Handzlik said.

The incident began when a man posing as a store security guard approached the victim while she was walking from the store to her 1992 Mercury Topaz, Handzlik said.

"He followed her out and identified

himself as a Meijer security guard and accused her of having stolen merchandise," Handzlik said.

"He took her bag, threw it on the ground, grabbed her purse and car keys, and she started screaming for help as he got in her car," the sergeant

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John Glenn senior wins Junior Miss 1999 title

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
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Kristen Fidh, a senior at Westland John Glenn High School, has been chosen as Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1999.

Fidh, who won \$2,200 in scholarship money, was selected at the annual Junior Miss scholarship program Saturday at Stockmeyer Auditorium in Wayne.

"I thought they made a mistake," Fidh said of her reaction when she was announced the winner.

She is secretary of the National Honor Society, has performed in two school plays, is a member of the Theatians, is a member of the Spanish Club and does volunteer work at a local nursing home.

Her career plans are to study rehabilitation and sports medicine at either the University of Michigan or Central Michigan University.

Twenty-four high school seniors from John Glenn

and Wayne Memorial competed for the title. Pat and Dennis Hermatz serve as co-chairpersons for the event.

Courtney Cagnon of Wayne Memorial was chosen as first runner-up and also won the physical fitness award. She won scholarships totaling \$1,700.

Samantha Snabes of Wayne Memorial was chosen as second runner-up and winner of the bowllathon and scholastic awards. She won scholarships totaling \$2,200.

Bethany Haver of John Glenn was named third runner-up and won an \$800 scholarship.

Adrienne Carnell of Wayne Memorial was named first finalist and won a \$600 scholarship.

Katie Hoyer of John Glenn was named second finalist and won a \$600 scholarship.

The talent award, which carries an \$800 scholarship, went to Kristi Mendenhall of John Glenn.

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNIGIE

Winner: Kristen Fidh is surprised to be announced the winner at the Junior Miss program Saturday.



Musical number: Above, Junior Miss participants perform "It's a Hard Knock Life," from Annie as part of the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss program Saturday at Stockmeyer Auditorium in Wayne. In photo at lower right, Kristen Fidh takes her turn during the presence and composure part of the program.

A duet: Stephanie Mead, 1998 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, dances with Dean Sceremet, Mr. Starpower of America.

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Chandra Underwood won the spirit award, which is voted on by all the contestants. She won a \$400 scholarship. Nicolette Jarrett of John Glenn won the presence and composure award and a \$500 scholarship. Jessica Beach of John Glenn won the audience participation award and a \$300 scholarship.

Contestants were judged on scholastic achievement, a judge's evaluation, creative and performing arts, fitness and presence and composure. Fidh will go on to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss program in Alpena in March. If she wins there, she will go on to the national competition, America's Junior Miss, in Mobile, Ala., in June.

Other contestants at this year's program included: Angela Moran of Wayne Memorial, Jennie Rauch of John Glenn, Kristin Anne May of Wayne Memorial, Raeschelle Lynn Wood of John Glenn, Kelly Ann Walker of John Glenn, Kendra Rene Froehly of John Glenn, Christina Marie Sieczkowski of John Glenn, Leilani Lawrence of John Glenn, Shreya Master of John Glenn, Amanda Jayska of Wayne Memorial, Angela Louise Charboneau of John Glenn, Nicole Renee Stano of Wayne Memorial, Jillian Calka of John Glenn and Angel Rose Clements of John Glenn.



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 A memorial service for Henrietta George, 74, of Westland was Nov. 23 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Jerome K. Smith of First United Methodist Church of Garden City. Mrs. George, who died Nov. 18 in Garden City, was born in Grayville, Ill.

LAWRENCE H. McDONALD
 Funeral services for Lawrence McDonald, 85, of Plymouth were Nov. 21 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jay Cubbison of Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland. Mr. McDonald, who died Nov. 18 in Livonia, was born in Cambria County, Pa. He moved to Plymouth in 1945. He was maintenance supervisor for the Plymouth Schools, retiring in 1977 after 20 years of service. He worked at Smith Elementary and Plymouth Salem High School. Surviving are: daughters, Grace (Fred) Krause of Westland and Berniece (Charles) Merryfield of Roscommon; sisters, Sally Fulton of Florida and Naomi Miller of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

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BARBARA R. FERREIRA
 Funeral services for Barbara Ferreira, 66, of Westland were Nov. 24 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton. Mrs. Ferreira, who died Nov. 21 in Westland, was born in St. Joseph, Mo. She was a machine operator. Surviving are: daughters, Nancy Walton of Romulus and Brenda (Lance) Ertman of Livonia; brothers, Roy Lockhart of Statesville, N.C. and Pat Lockhart of Dearborn; sister, Velma Johnson of Portage, Ind.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Start of season



Seeing Santa: Ashley Hines, 6, chats with Santa inside Westland Shopping Center. Santa will be seeing visitors 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays at the center, Wayne and Warren roads, in Westland.



Awaiting arrival: A crowd waits outside the mall for Santa's arrival on Saturday.



A wave: Santa waves to kids of all ages as he arrives at the Westland Shopping Center on Saturday.

Local police target drivers who ignore child restraint laws

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland police Monday launched a crackdown on drivers who fail to buckle up children in seat belts.

"We will be looking for any violations of the child restraint law," police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

He issued the warning on the same day that Westland police joined 5,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide in an effort to save young lives.

It's all part of Operation ABC. Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children.

Westland officers kicked off the program along with Michigan State Police, Wayne County sheriff's deputies and many local agencies during a Monday morning press conference at Detroit's 12th Precinct station.

"The state police made the point that 100 children are killed a year in car accidents in the state of Michigan, and about 30 percent could be saved if they had been wearing seat belts," Brokas said. "Those children would still be alive."

He warned drivers that they can be stopped by police solely for failing to properly restrain children; no other violation is necessary.

That differs from laws requiring officers to have other reasons for stopping adults not wearing their seat belts, Brokas said.

Officers nationwide launched the weeklong Operation ABC effort prior to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, when traffic increases with motorists travel-

ing to and from family get-togethers.

The unified message: Offenders will be ticketed. No exceptions. No excuses.

Police officials hope the program will build on gains made nationwide last May, when law enforcement officials estimate that Operation ABC prompted 6 million more Americans to buckle up during Memorial Day weekend.

"Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death to American children of all races," an Operation ABC press release said.

"Each year, six out of 10 fatally injured children are unbelted," it said, adding that three of those killed "would be alive if they had been properly restrained."

Said Brokas: "We're doing this for one week to draw attention to the program, and we will be doing it periodically through the upcoming year."

Following are some guidelines provided by the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau:

- Children age 1 or younger must be restrained in a child safety seat facing backward, regardless of where they are riding.
- Children 1 to 4 have to be in a child safety seat if they are riding in the front seat. If riding in a back seat, they must either ride in a safety seat or wear a seat belt.
- Children 4 to 16 have to wear a seat belt regardless of where they are riding.
- Anyone 16 or older must wear a seat belt if riding in the front.

Tree lighting is Dec. 7

The city of Westland will be holding its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on the front steps of City Hall.

The event will feature Santa Claus, the singing of Christmas

carols and the lighting of trees.

After Santa arrives and the mayor gives him the key to the city, he will be at the main fire station, located just east of City Hall for hot chocolate and cookies.

Organ donation saves life

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Two former longtime Redford Township residents - a mother and her daughter - say more people should consider donating their organs for transplanting.

The two women, Chris Sprague, 52, and Sandy Stone, 32, speak from experience: Chris gave Sandy one of her two kidneys last summer.

"One person can save six to eight lives with just their solid organs, not counting the skin and bone marrow," Chris says.

"If there (were) more people who would donate cadaver parts," she adds, "it would put less stress on living donors."

As for her decision to donate her kidney, "Not every mother is fortunate enough to give life to a daughter twice," Chris says.

Jo Capra of Westland, the understandably proud and also quite relieved mother of Chris and grandmother of Sandy, reports that both women are doing very well.

The problems leading to Sandy's critical situation began last year, three years after the emergency medical technician and 28-year Redford resident married veterinarian Ira Stone and moved to where his practice is: Woodbury, Conn.

Although she had had kidney disease for 12 years, she had still given birth to their daughter Sydney, now 3, and was working in Ira's clinic.

But then the disease flared up and both of her kidneys failed. Doctors told her if she didn't get a transplant, she would have to begin kidney dialysis.

A lifelong necessity for those with kidney failure, dialysis is a procedure in which a machine does the kidneys' job of removing waste from the body. It's done two to three times a week, in specially equipped hospitals or clinics, and takes two to three hours each time.

Sandy decided to put her name on the list for a kidney donation - and found herself among 60,000 people nationwide awaiting some kind of organ transplant.



Happy days: Sandy Stone, left, and mother Chris Sprague, right, now share kidneys. Stone's daughter, Sydney, is at center.

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She also learned that, due to the shortage of organ donors, a person could spend years on a waiting list - and that each day nine people die while waiting.

Friends and family members, wanting to help, began undergoing tests for donor-patient compatibility.

Meanwhile, Sandy's mother, Chris, was making trips from Laingsburg, northeast of Lansing - where she and Sandy's dad had moved three years ago from Redford - to help Sandy with Sydney in Woodbury.

When she learned the donor search wasn't doing too well, Chris asked the doctors, "Why don't you try me?"

A battery of tests showed her to be the best match.

Last July, Chris went to Connecticut again - this time to Yale-New Haven Hospital as an organ-donor for Sandy.

The July 16 surgery went off without a hitch. Chris left the hospital after five days, Sandy after seven.

Only a few years ago, says Sandy today, a transplant would have meant several weeks in the

hospital. But new surgical techniques have improved the procedure and shortened the recuperation. And the incisions themselves are smaller: Chris Sprague's eight-inch scar would have been much larger in the past.

Anti-rejection drugs, which Sandy must take religiously the rest of her life, also have been improved.

Doctors told her they "expect me to heal well," she says. "The first six months is the time rejection will most likely."

Besides the care and affection Sandy gets from Ira and Sydney, papa John Michael "Mick" Sprague also has come to Connecticut to help and so has Sandy's sister Jill Massengill and daughters Danielle and Jonna of Seattle, Wash.

Sandy says becoming a donor requires more than just checking the appropriate box on a driver's license application: The decision should also be discussed with family members.

"Often times, a family will prevent a hospital from taking a loved one's organs because they do not know (the donor's) wishes," she says.

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Westland man hurt in police car crash

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A 77-year-old Westland man is in serious condition as the result of a crash with a Canton Police patrol car Saturday.

Harvey Belden was upgraded from critical to serious condition Sunday at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. His wife, Dorothy, a passenger in their 1994 four-door Buick, was treated and released Sunday from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Canton Officer Robert Holewinski, 34, was also taken to St. Joseph Mercy. He suffered a sore neck and arm but was released Sunday, said Officer Leonard Schemanske.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Palmer and Haggerty in Canton at 5:30 p.m.

Belden was heading east on

Palmer, while Holewinski was headed south on Haggerty in a fully marked patrol car, police said. Witnesses to the accident said Belden ran a red light, Schemanske said.

Holewinski hit the driver's side door head on. Schemanske said both cars were totaled.

The extent of Belden's injuries was unclear, however, "serious" condition means a patient is acutely ill, has a questionable prognosis but a chance for recovery, according to a U-M Hospital spokeswoman. The hospital uses the terms good, fair, serious and critical to describe patients' status.

It was uncertain whether charges would be filed against Belden. Michigan State Police responded to the scene and filed an accident report. Any charges would come from the state police, Canton police said.

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that fees — potentially as high as \$55 a month per family based on one survey question — should be affordable to avoid excluding residents.

The scientific survey will have a small margin of error and should accurately reflect city-wide views, Ken Ballard of Ballard King said.

"When it's all done, it should be very representative of your community," he said.

Even so, council members called for other measures to gauge public opinion — such as allowing any resident to pick up a survey at City Hall and fill it out. Those responses would be tabulated separately from the scientific survey.

LeBlanc and Anderson questioned whether residents will be willing to spend an estimated 20 minutes on the telephone to discuss recreation needs.

"When you're calling a citizen in the middle of a holiday (season), I don't know how that's going to work," Anderson said.

LeBlanc said he fears that some recreation center opponents may be less likely than supporters to spend time sharing their views, possibly skewing survey results.

Officials conducting the survey said town hall meetings will likely be planned in coming weeks to

provide another forum for public input.

Opinions voiced Monday by residents, business people and recreation leaders indicated sharp divisions on the need for a new facility, which some city officials have said should be built near the city library on Central City Parkway.

They want more

Leaders of the Westland Figure Skating Club, Westland Hockey Association and Westland Youth Athletics Association said current services offered at the city's ice arena and the Bailey Recreation Center, built in 1978, are sorely lacking.

Some said a second ice surface is needed, regardless of whether it is built inside a new recreation center or added to the existing ice arena. Paul Bajis, hockey association president, predicted his group could double its membership if it had more space.

But critics said the city appears intent on building a new recreation center that might be a financial risk.

"We might be building white elephants that we can't afford," respondent John McGuire said, adding later, "I'm afraid the taxpayers are going to have this thing rammed down their

throat." Recreation center opponent David Johnson criticized city officials for not letting voters decide the issue, saying "it should be determined by a vote." Mayor Robert Thomas called the survey "somewhat of a referendum."

Banquet facility representatives from Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford Township joined forces to lobby heavily against any new center that would create competition for them.

City officials promised they wouldn't include banquet facilities in a recreation center, although they did indicate support for smaller meeting rooms.

Rhonda Knight, representing the Westland All-Stars drama troupe, suggested incorporating a 500-seat theater in a new recreation center, saying her group now has to rent space at Westland Shopping Center to hold classes.

Money questions

Questions loomed Monday about whether a new recreation center would be self-supporting or whether residents might eventually be asked to support a tax increase.

"It is highly probable that you

will be able to craft a program that is self-sustaining," Brad Simmons, Sverdrup Facilities Inc. vice president, said, but added later that there is "no guarantee."

Meanwhile, the city could try to form partnerships with school districts, the Wayne-Westland YMCA, private health clubs and hospitals for the costs of building and operating an indoor recreation center, one survey question suggested.

Sharon Scott, a YMCA board member, said such a partnership might help to revitalize the YMCA rather than hurt it.

However, Ballard conceded that the question about partnerships was drafted even though there are no commitments from private health clubs and the school districts of Wayne-Westland and Livonia.

"It's a little bit presumptuous," he said of the question.

LeBlanc, meanwhile, said Monday he believes that a revised survey can prove valuable as the city council decides the fate of a possible recreation center.

"I think we're going to get some clear direction on what people want," he said.

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road November 2, 1998

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of November 2, 1998; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

Vice President Morgan convened the meeting at 7:07 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: Dianne Nays.

Teachers of the Year: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions for the 1998-99 Teachers of the Year. Sandy Atebury, Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Susan Godfrey, Secondary Teacher of the Year. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Representatives Gerald Law and Lyn Bankes presented the Teachers of the Year with a formal resolution from the Governor and other elected officials. Karen Zyczynski, LEA president, read a poem regarding teachers and the impact they play on students.

Recess: Vice President Morgan recessed the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Audience Communications: Kristen Galka, 16563 Ronnie, addressed the Board regarding the overcrowding of the fourth grade at Hoover in their science and math classes. Ms. Galka asked the Board to take another look at the overcrowding in these classes. Carl Galka, 16563 Ronnie, addressed the Board on how an average class size affects the 4th grade at Hoover Elementary School.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IV. Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 1998. VLA. Move that general fund check nos. 305874 through 306588 in the amount of \$3,541,002.17 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,612,897.32 be approved. VLB. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize R. McCracken to correct drainage problems at Emerson Middle School for the low bid amount of \$33,083.50. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift - Tyler PTA: Motion by Nalley and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gift of eight additional Lifeline Amplification Systems for installation in upper grade classrooms with a total value of approximately \$6,000 from the Tyler PTA. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teacher Tenure: Motion by Lessard and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers effective on the respective dates: Rebecca Bornefeld, effective 1/30/99; Anthony DeMarco, effective 1/30/99; Christy Deskovits, effective 1/4/99; William Green, effective 1/4/99; Patricia Jennings, effective 1/30/99; and Laura White, effective 10/14/99. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions of appreciation for services rendered by: Steve Naumcheff and Rosalie Rottman. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Sympathy Resolution: The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously adopted a sympathy resolution for the family of June Houser.

Mr. Kevin Whitehead, Garfield PTA president, addressed the Board to express on behalf of the students and staff the sorrow they felt due to Ms. Houser's passing. Ms. Cindy Scott, principal of Cass, also expressed her sorrow.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson congratulated Steve Naumcheff on his retirement; attended all-day sessions at Riley and Stevenson with their leadership staff regarding instructional issues; congratulated the 1998-99 Teachers of the Year introduced a video highlighting the Franklin NJROTC review, the Noodle Towers and the Mousetrap Cars at Churchill's MSC program; and thanked Mary Pat Bennett for the evening videotaping that takes her away from her family.

Second Reading of Policy - BBEE: Motion by Nalley and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt revised Board policy language for the following Board policy: BBEE-BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: Watters.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board congratulated the Teachers of the Year; attended a football game at FHS; attended the PTA Presidents' Forum; sent sympathies for the family of June Houser; and reminded everyone to vote on November 3.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Nalley that the Regular meeting of November 2, 1998 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Vice President Morgan adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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PLACES AND FACES

Benefit concert

A benefit concert is planned for an 11-month-old girl.

Brittany Long was diagnosed at 4 months of age with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

She is currently undergoing chemotherapy and will continue therapy for the next two to three years.

A search for a compatible bone marrow donor is underway.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Fri-

day, Dec. 4, at Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The concert will feature The Incurables, a modern rock/alternative band and the 1959 Buddy Holly Tribute band.

The event will include free pizza and pop, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

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Military graduation

Army Reserve Pvt. Jason W. Goulet has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Goulet is the son of Linda L. Goulet of 7330 Kingston, Westland.

Recognized

Ten United Way Torchlighters, tri-county residents who represent the 1.5 million people who benefit from United Way-supported agencies, were recognized for assisting in this year's 50th Torch/Drive Campaign.

They include Melissa Hoppe, age 6, of Westland.

Carjacking from page A1

The victim leaned inside the car and started blowing the horn, attracting the attention of a nearby male shopper who tried to help her avert the carjacking, Handzlik said.

"The other shopper tried pulling the guy out of the car, but he couldn't," the sergeant said.

The man then drove away in the car, briefly pulling the woman and her helper before managing to escape, Handzlik said.

"The woman fell to the ground" but wasn't seriously injured, he said. "It's amazing she wasn't hurt more than she was."

The suspect is accused of fleeing until he was stopped and arrested about 15 minutes later by Livonia police officers posted on I-96, Handzlik said.

"They pulled him over and took him into custody," he said. "The purse was still in the car."

The victim's purse and car were returned to her.

Samborski is scheduled for a Dec. 3 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial for carjacking and unarmed robbery.

He could face any number of years up to life in prison if convicted of carjacking. He could face a maximum 15-year term if found guilty of unarmed robbery.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, December 1, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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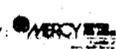
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Nancy Marie Smith of Westland was recently selected to participate in the 1998 Miss Junior Pre-Teen Grand Rapids pageant competition Dec. 13.



Smith

To be selected Smith submitted an application and took part in an interview session with Grand Rapids pageant coordinator Kate Pukstas.

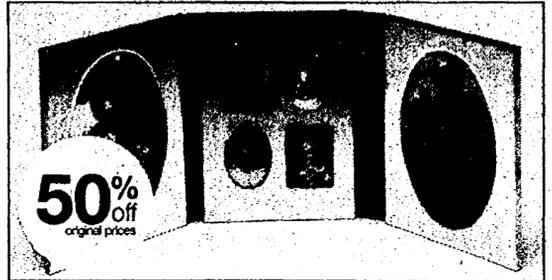
She will be competing for a share of more than \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing in the Miss Junior Pre-Teen division, one of five divisions between the ages of 7 and 23 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear.

Smith will also display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Grand Rapids judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition. If she wins, Smith would represent Grand Rapids and the surrounding communities within a 200 mile radius of Grand Rapids at the national competition in Orlando, Fla.

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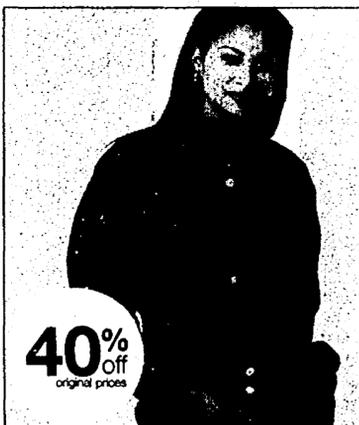


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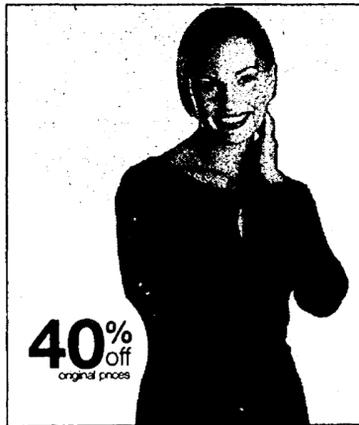
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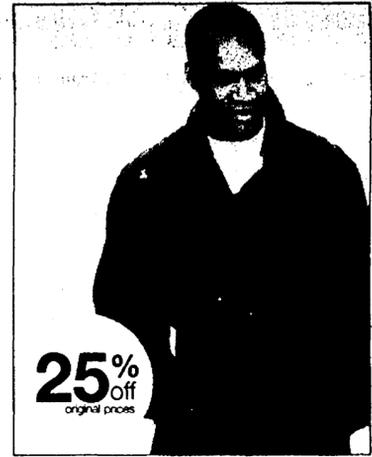
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New county juvenile facility set to open

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The new \$46 million Wayne County Juvenile Justice Facility is expected to be open in late December.

It's been a long time coming, too, as a tax to construct the facility was first approved by county voters in 1988 to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender facility. That tax was again approved in August for five years.

With the facility's opening, Wayne County officials hope to quell criticism over the time it took to build the facility and end the problems of county's operations of the facility. The old Wayne County Youth Home lost its license from the state in 1992, due to the poor conditions of the facility and overcrowding. In 1994, a U.S. Justice Department investigation found roaches, worms and rocks in food and inappropriate staff behavior at the facility.

The state license was restored

in 1997 after Wayne County corrected problems with staffing and training of staff, and facility overcrowding by improving screening programs of youths.

About 140 to be housed

The new two-floor building is located in Detroit Greektown on St. Antoine, facing the county jail. The facility will house teenagers aged 13-17 who have been arrested but not yet convicted of a crime or sentenced.

It will house 194 beds, but the average daily population will be no more than 140, said Jeriel Heard, director of the county's Community Justice Department.

"We are using alternatives much more effectively. More tethers and drug treatments now are available. Also, drug testing will be conducted right at the facility."

The most significant improvement is the integration of residential and educational programs, Heard said. "The teaching and residential staff will be working more closely."

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Heard said those staffs did not always share information at the old facility, but that should change.

"The kids will actually never leave the building," between classes and residing there, Heard said. "Instead of walking along halls, they are right there."

Juveniles will watch videotapes on drug abuse while they are housed there. They will learn about technology. They will learn about health and what constitutes risky behavior to health, such as drug and alcohol abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

The facility also will house medical equipment. "Now we'll be able to have kids diagnosed with X-rays," Heard said.

Wayne County needed to

address overcrowding issues at the facility. The facility staff members worked with the court to address docket issues and the prosecutor's office to address where the juveniles actually should be housed, Jeriel said.

3,000 admitted annually

About 3,000 kids are admitted each year, and 60 percent leave the facility within 20 days, Heard said. Most are released on bond, released to the custody of a parent or guardian or are placed on a tether. "This a facility where two-thirds of them are ultimately returned to communities. Others are placed on probation or diversion programs."

If the youths are charged as adults, they are placed in the Wayne County jail. "I think we've learned to improve alter-

natives and have better relationships with prosecutors."

Wayne County also uses a tether program, which Heard said the court finds "remarkably successful" with an 85 percent placement level into programs. "We also get the kids off the street."

"So many kids fall out of the mainstream, they don't have anything to learn, when their parents are on drugs."

Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works of Plymouth, said the new facility will help Wayne County with juvenile justice programs, but added that the facility's opening was just "the tip of the iceberg" in addressing the problems of juvenile delinquency.

Growth Works provides juvenile diversion programs and drug treatment for 17 of the 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of western Wayne County communities, including the cities of Garden City, Liv-

onia, Plymouth and Westland and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Redford.

Yagiela said he hasn't seen the facility yet. "From what I've heard, it's a much better facility for the kids." Housing someone in jails or other facilities can cost \$75,000, Yagiela said, which makes early intervention crucial and less expensive than jails.

"The county's been working to break the cycle with early intervention," Yagiela said. "The county's been doing the best they can with what they've got."

Yagiela said Heard has worked to get block grant funds back to the county and working with county organizations and groups for earlier intervention. "He's also worked to get a charter school there," Yagiela said.

County officials are making final preparations to move staff and juveniles to the new building.

"We probably won't transfer the kids until after the first of the year," Heard said.

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Parole violations

Court denies O'Hair's role in revocation cases

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Yes, it would save Wayne County taxpayers some money. But no, Prosecutor John O'Hair can't have superintending control over the state Parole Board, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

The Court of Appeals, in a 3-0 decision, upheld Circuit Judge James Rashid when he denied the prosecutor a role in parole revocation cases.

O'Hair wanted to avoid having to re-try parolees who violate the terms of their probation by committing new crimes.

"That'll cost \$10 million a year in Wayne County alone," said an unhappy George Ward, Plymouth Township resident and assistant prosecutor who argued the case on appeal.

Ward cited the case of Robert Owens, who has 22 prior convictions for car theft, burglaries and the like and was arrested while on parole. "The guy's already convicted. He's got 20 years unused time on his sentence. The Parole Board has the punishment authority," said Ward.

It works this way: Suppose an inmate was given a four-10 year

sentence. He serves four years, is released on parole and then is charged with another offense.

"An arrest for a parole violation is a 'triggering' event," requiring a Parole Board hearing, said Ward. The defendant can be required to serve the remaining six years of his sentence.

But the Parole Board doesn't do it that way, Ward complained. He cited the case of Gregory Young, paroled in 1989 for armed robbery, his 14th conviction. Two years later, Young burglarized a Detroit store, his 15th crime. Instead of revoking parole, the Parole Board discharged Young, forcing the prosecutor to try him for No. 15.

Young could have been sent up for 47 more years. "By frittering it (unserved time) away, the Parole Board forced Wayne County taxpayers to foot the bill for a 15th prosecution," Ward wrote in a 1996 Michigan Bar Journal article.

Judge Rashid didn't agree. Neither did the Court of Appeals panel, consisting of Maura Corrigan (recently elected to the Supreme Court), Barbara MacKenzie and Robert P. Griffin, a retired Supreme Court justice sitting on the Court of

Appeals by assignment.

Excerpts from the appeals panel ruling:

"Absent an abuse of discretion, this court will not disturb the denial of a request for an order of superintending control ...

"The Parole Board is part of the Department of Corrections ... (T)he length of the parole period is generally discretionary with the Parole Board:

"A prisoner on parole is still in the 'legal custody and control' of the Department of Corrections ... A parolee is entitled to a preliminary probable cause hearing within 10 days after arrest for a parole violation" and may cross-examine witnesses. "A parole violation must be established by a preponderance of evidence."

"(P)reponderance of evidence" is a lower standard than "beyond a reasonable doubt," the standard in criminal cases.)

"After the hearing, the hearing officer prepares a report and rec-

ommendations as to disposition for the Parole Board. The board then enters an order either rescinding parole or reinstating it."

"Significantly, however, it (statute) does not provide for (prosecutor) participation at parole revocation proceedings. A court must not judicially legislate by adding into a statute provisions that the Legislature did not include ...

"The Parole Board had no clear legal duty to allow (the prosecutor) to intervene. Accordingly, we find no abuse of discretion in the circuit court's decision to deny plaintiffs (O'Hair's) request for an order of superintending control ...

"However, we can and do urge the Legislature to consider amending the parole revocation statutes to allow prosecutor participation ..."

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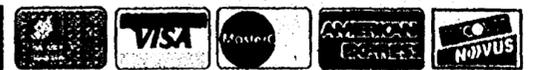


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Casinos, ballpark, retail lift area economy

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Southeastern Michigan will lead, rather than trail, the state's economic growth for the next two years, say University of Michigan forecasters.

"Sluggish growth" - but growth nevertheless - will mark 1999 and 2000, Dr. George A. Fulton told the Michigan Economic Outlook annual conference Nov. 20.

The jobless rate will rise from the current 3.7 percent to 4.2 percent by the end of 1999 and 4.6 percent by the end of 2000. Chief reasons: a tapering off of vehicle sales as the domestic market becomes saturated, the closing of two General Motors plants in Flint and one in Kalamazoo.

"The Detroit area is expected to experience a mini-boom in construction activity over the next few years," Fulton said. "Several major projects are planned over the forecast horizon," he said, citing:

■ **General Motors** - "A week ago, GM formally announced plans for a \$1.5 billion building and renovation project in the

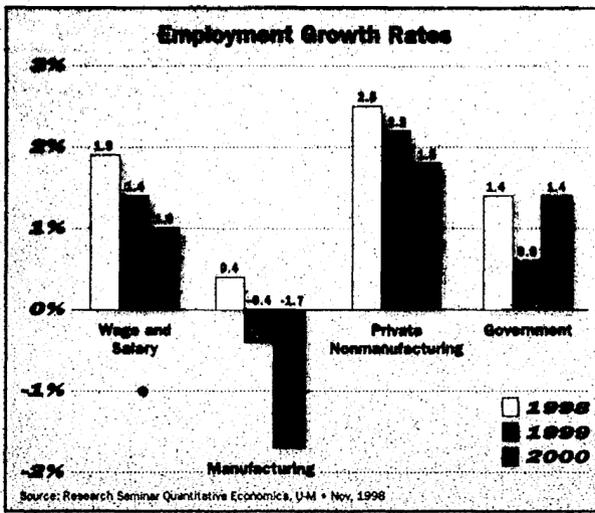
Detroit area over the next five years, to consolidate its engineering and research functions." It will bring some of the industry's best jobs to the region.

■ **Casinos** - "The state license applications for the three casino projects in Detroit are currently being reviewed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. We are assuming that these applications will be approved, and that construction activity on temporary facilities will occur during the spring and summer of 1999. Investments for three temporary casinos are assumed to total about \$300 million." Temporary casinos are expected to be operating by fall of 1999 and permanent casinos from 2000 to 2002. The investment: \$1.5 billion.

■ **Stadiums** - Tiger Stadium construction is in progress for opening day in April of 2000. The Lions football stadium will start going up in late 1999 with completion by 2002. Total investment: \$500 million.

■ **Retail** - The Great Lakes Crossing mega-mall on I-75 in Auburn Hills is stimulating job growth already.

The economists assumed



labor peace, though there will be sharp bargaining between GM and the United Auto Workers, and a slightly higher inflation rate of 2.3 percent.

Fulton, distinguished senior research economist, has been working on state and regional

forecasts in Ann Arbor since 1985. His colleague, Joan Cray, joined U-M in 1979 after a year on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

A year ago, they forecast a 1.2 percent rise in wage and salary employment. The actual num-

ber: 1.9 percent. In 1997, they forecast a 4.8 percent increase in state personal income, and it turned out to be 5.1 percent.

In the last 10 years, their annual errors have been 1.06 percent, "so apparently we do learn a bit as time passes," Fulton quipped.

Two more years of growth would give Michigan nine straight plus years in a row - "our longest run of job creation in the past 50 years," he said.

Some listeners misinterpreted the U-M's economic forecasts as negative. A Detroit paper headline used "downturn." Not so. Growth in both income and employment will continue, but not at the hot pace since 1992, they said.

In fact, there will be labor shortages in some areas, impeding economic growth. Asked where workers will come from, Fulton cited three sources: unemployed workers finding jobs, 30 percent; increases in labor force participation, 7 percent; immigration, 63 percent. He called Michigan's population growth "modest," at less than 1 percent.

Jobs in the manufacture of

durable goods will decline in 1999 and to a lesser extent in 2000 after an increase of 8,000 this year. New retail jobs will taper off but continue to grow. Government will add 5,000 jobs for the 2000 census.

The big growth will be in "service" jobs, which covers everything from lawyers and accountants to barbers and casino workers - 10,300 jobs per quarter.

People with some college education will have lower rates of unemployment and higher workforce participation than those with high school diplomas or none at all.

"There's really quite a payoff to an associate's degree," Fulton told a questioner.

He had fairly good news for Madhu Anderson, the former Farmington Hills resident and the new acting state treasurer since the resignation of Douglas Roberts. Revenues earmarked for the school aid fund rose by 5.3 percent in 1998 and will continue to go up by 2.9 percent next year and 3 percent in 2000 - a total of \$9.27 billion for education in 2000.

New generators to keep airport operating in case of power outage

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Wayne County will buy two diesel generators to provide emergency electrical service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in case the power goes out during a storm.

On Nov. 19, county commissioners approved the purchase of

a 1,500-kilowatt generator and a 500-kilowatt generator for \$252,000 from Standby Powers of Redford.

The generators will be used in the event of a power outage, but they do not generate enough power for the airport's entire operations, said airport spokesman Mike Conway.

"We already have an emergen-

cy generator that generates 4,800 kilowatts," Conway said. "These generators will supplement that power."

The generators were purchased after the airport lost about two-thirds of its power during a storm last summer. The airport was operational, for the most part, in terms of flight departures and arrivals, but escalators, moving sidewalks and air conditioning were not

working, which inconvenienced air travelers.

"It wouldn't have taken us as long to power these things up," Conway said. "We could operate sump pumps to keep the runways clear." During the power outage last summer, water flooded some runways.

The generators are portable, which will also help since most airport power outages are localized, Conway said.

The Federal Aviation Administration also has backup generators at the airport to power air traffic control operations, runway lights and other air transportation operations, Conway said.

Commissioners also approved a \$3.1 million contract between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation

for preliminary engineering for the construction of a six-lane concrete boulevard at the airport. The South Access Road will be completed from the north tunnel to Rogell Drive.

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Beard offers ordinance to help war veterans

County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, has introduced an ordinance to help indigent war veterans.

More than 50,000 of 212,000 veterans in Wayne County do not qualify for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, which provides relief for veterans who have served at least 180 days during an armed conflict, Beard said.

"We have so many more veterans who are indigent. Some are homeless, and some have mental health problems," Beard said. "There are fewer options available to them since the federal government has cut back."

"For the people who do not qualify, these are the ones we are trying to help."

Beard's ordinance calls for the Veterans Affairs Division to conduct a public information campaign to inform all veterans' organizations, social welfare agencies, emergency medical services, police departments, homeless shelters and food kitchens of the criteria and benefits available.

The division also will provide to the county executive and commissioners an annual report of its activities, accomplishments and costs. A public hearing on the ordinance may be scheduled the week after Thanksgiving, Beard said.

About \$500,000 could be earmarked for this program, Beard said.

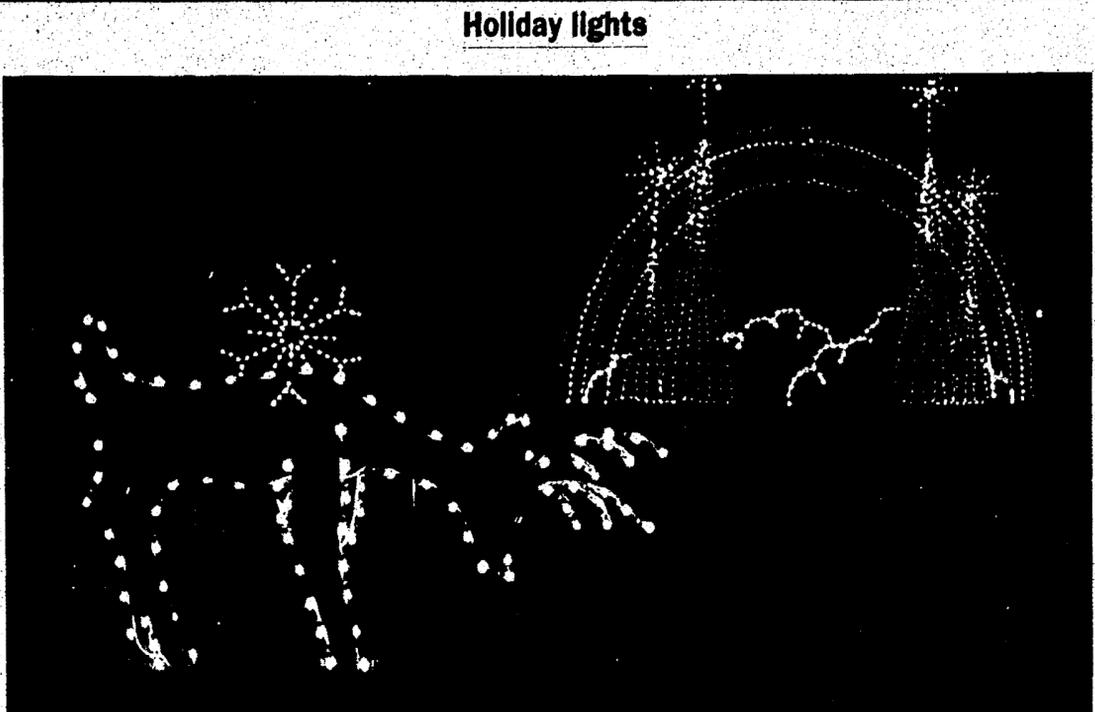
County wants DDA notification

Wayne County commissioners passed an ordinance requiring that cities, villages and townships notify the county commission of plans or intent to start a local development finance authority or a downtown development authority.

Commissioners also must be notified if municipalities wish to revise the authority district's boundaries. Commissioners must exempt the district area for the local municipality to "capture" county taxes to use for

infrastructure improvements.

The commission ordinance states that the request will be scheduled for a commission decision and final action by the commission "in sufficient time" to allow the county executive to veto the commission's action. The request also must provide time for the commission to override that veto, that is before the deadline is reached to file a copy of the resolution with the local municipality.



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Aglow: Wayne County LightFest is now open with what county officials call "the Midwest's largest holiday show," featuring 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights. Four new displays are featured along the 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day. A \$5 per car donation helps keep LightFest operating. Hines Drive will be closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly to ensure it is clear for motorists to see the LightFest. Traffic enters the LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriman. For more information on LightFest, call (734) 261-1990.

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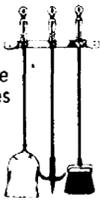
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1998

Thanksgiving Holiday had an idyllic start

Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after have a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

— From a letter by Edward Winslow, sent from Plymouth in New England to England on Dec. 11, 1621.

The picture of Pilgrims celebrating one of the first Thanksgivings in America painted by Edward Winslow in a letter home to England depicts a lovely relationship between native peoples, the environment and the new colonists.

There was food for all, people were treating each other with some dignity and there was a respect for the earth and waters that produced the grains, fish and wild game that made up the Thanksgiving meal.

In the years since that first Thanksgiving, the holiday has become more myth than reality. Instead of being a time when we give

thanks for a good harvest and good fortune, it has become the kickoff of the Christmas shopping season.

We've ended up with a watered-down commercial event. Even the turkey we eat is a far cry from the colorful wild turkeys that were the fare at the first holiday. Ours are now commercially raised and scientifically fattened assembly-line versions of a turkey.

The birds aren't the only species to be cleaned up for modern consumption. The Pilgrims were a colorful breed themselves. We now gaze on them as pious, upright Protestants dressed in starched white collars.

Not only didn't they wear such clothing, but some had criminal records for such offenses as dueling, fighting and being drunk and disorderly. One man was even accused of murder.

Such historical facts about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving actually help humanize and revitalize the holiday. That's important, because the Thanksgiving story is a beautiful one that plays itself out time and time again when new groups arrive and discover the bounty of America.

Things these days in America aren't as idyllic as they were when Winslow described the conditions at the Plymouth colony. The succeeding waves of colonists nearly destroyed the native peoples, imported slavery and went on to do severe damage to the environment, all in the name of greed.

But there was that first Thanksgiving when there was plenty of venison, wildfowl and corn for everyone and the Native Americans and the new immigrants got along.

That should be the Thanksgiving story that we tell to our children.

Take time for serious topics

The topics aren't light and frothy, but they're good ones for a family gathered for Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays. The topics are dying and organ donations.

■ **Last illness** — Medical people can't "pull the plug" when they believe there is no brain activity or any chance a patient will regain consciousness. Families have gone through much courtroom agony saying a patient would have wanted the plug pulled. But they can't prove it. Not unless you discuss it with your family and put it in writing on a form your family doctor can supply.

Does your family know your wishes about use of life-sustaining equipment if you become comatose? According to Dr. Anne Eschelman, senior health psychologist at Henry Ford Hospital, if the family is in conflict as to the patient's wishes, "any hospital would choose to keep the patient alive by whatever means and resolve the conflict" before making a life-altering decision.

Eschelman said physicians would prefer to honor the wishes of the patient and that's made easier if a discussion has taken place beforehand and everyone is aware of what their loved one would like to have happen in that situation.

"Unfortunately, people typically don't think about these issues until a person is terminally ill or an unexpected tragedy occurs," said Eschelman.

"I would encourage someone to designate a surrogate decision maker who not only knows the person well but knows what they want to have happen," said Eschelman. "The physician would then honor the wishes of the surrogate decision maker."

The Henry Ford psychologist said it's easier on everyone if the patient's wishes are clear and it's much better if their desires were put in writing through an advanced directive. Eschelman added that discussions of these nature should be done by families regardless of a person's age or health status.

■ **Accidental death** — Under new state laws, drivers renewing their licenses will be asked to include organ donation willingness. So will people applying for state identification card. Votes in both chambers were unanimous, although there was much behind-the-scenes wrangling about details.

Basically, you are asked if, after death, your heart, kidneys and corneas can be salvaged and transplanted to a patient in need.

■ **Last step** — Even if you have signed a license sticker, when you die, hospital officials may ask your next of kin if your organs may be donated. Your next of kin make the final decision. But you certainly will make their moral obligation easier if you discuss the matter with them first.

"We never talked about donation in our family because it just didn't seem important to us," said a Michigan cornea transplant recipient. "Not until my eye injury forced me into blindness. Now that I can see again, I make it a point to help others realize the importance of family discussion and the impact that a donated cornea has made in my life. I am thankful to my donor family every day of my life."

Now, there is one family that will have special reason to give thanks this holiday. Next year, you may be the recipient. Or the donor. Think about it. Talk about it over turkey.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Enjoyable evening

On Saturday, Nov. 7, my wife and I had the opportunity to attend the production of "Murder in the House of Horrors" presented at John Glenn High School.

We've attended productions in the past especially when our children were involved, and I can honestly say that we never expected a production like the one we saw that evening.

"Murder in the House of Horrors" was an interactive play that had something for everyone. Its unique style included a museum setting and tour, audience participation, improvisation and an exceptional cast that provided comedy and very convincing suspense and drama. The improvisation segment of the play which included questions from the audience was done so well that it was difficult to determine if it was live or Memorex.

The set layout and design which began in the halls of the school and continued into the theater and onto the stage was extraordinary. The wardrobe, makeup, lighting and sound were nothing short of excellent and rounded out a complete entertainment package.

Ms. Sherry Smith, who directed and produced the play, along with the cast and production staff and crew should be very proud of this suspenseful whodunit and the hard work everyone invested to make it all come together.

Congratulations and thank you all for a very enjoyable evening.

Marshall and Linda Wright
Westland

believe he forged it.

I remember my grandmother talking of a man on a bicycle with a little bell to someone on the phone (like kids have on their bicycles), and she said I was too young to understand ... Later, I recall a movie where I realized what this meant. My Uncle Ed told me all about how they built trenches and when he looked at the guy next to him, while in combat the man's face ... Well, you know the rest of the story ... My Uncle Stan had told me of a young man looking at tags on toes and the man had said something like — "now I know where you are" — It was his twin brother ... Some men I know (not to mention names) still shake and are a bit jumpy when doors slam or freeze when a car backfires ... My Uncle Al, who came to America, and brought his family here had them play "God Bless America" at the close of his funeral ... I had seen Versailles ... it was a quiet eerie kind of feeling ... the barges were still there; a living reminder ... No, I did not serve, such as my supervisor Rick did ... I do not know the story, why he limps ... I can only suspect ...

But, I honestly can say that when little Johnny, 4 years old, said "sit down on the grass, I have something for you" (he ran inside to get the paper) and smiled and said "save it" and then got on his bike and then rang the bell, it sure brought a tear to my eye. I thank you, all veterans, for our freedoms — so very many, and often so taken for granted ... I also thank you, Marian (auxiliary) and Dick (WWII veteran), for inviting me to such a lovely memorial service.

Janice M. Trybulec
Westland

Thank you, veterans

Why me? Why was my picture on the front page, quite big, and well, flattering? I did not sleep in mud, nor in strange lands. I did not sleep in icy cold. I did not (as some veterans still do) hear noises in the night. No, I did not serve in the Armed Forces. No, I did not have to say goodbye to my mother and father, family and friends, not knowing if I would ever come back ... I did not realize that war is/was something that the experience cannot be shared. War is something that cannot ever be forgotten throughout a lifetime ... My dad, a World War II vet, told me only days before of his reoccurring dream of signing up, how the dream is of come and join ... and the real story (as I have been told) of how when he went to join he needed his mother's signature, he went outside and had his mother sign it; I honestly

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How do you cook a Thanksgiving turkey?



"Trace a hand to make a turkey." (She didn't know how to cook one.)
Shelby Andreski



"Put into the oven, put it on hot and cook for two hours."
Elizabeth Alley



"Stuff it, cook it on high in the oven for 15 minutes."
Jacob Tykoski



"Hunt for the turkey, cut the feathers off, cook on the stove for 12 minutes."
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Thanksgiving has a special meaning in its own right

The turkey should be coming along nicely when my parents arrive for Thanksgiving dinner this Thursday.

My husband does most of the cooking in our house, but I'll try to do my share, helping with the potatoes, stuffing, rolls and variety of other dishes. I'll set the table with our everyday dishes, eager to welcome family for Thanksgiving. My mom will bring her green bean casserole.

Christmas, the flashy neighbor of Thanksgiving, tends to get the ink, but I've always liked Thanksgiving. I mean no disrespect to Christmas or to my fellow Christians, but something about Thanksgiving just makes me happy. Maybe it's not having to worry about breaking the everyday dishes.

It's probably not the football, although I've watched the Lions

stumble through many a turkey-day contest in my life. No, I think it's just the feeling of being together with family, celebrating all we have to be thankful for.

The obvious things that come to mind are good health, gainful employment and, last but certainly not least, the love of family, friends and neighbors. I wish for all to enjoy these good and wonderful things.

Christmas will be fun, too, but in a different way. My brother will fly in from Los Angeles, and it will be great to see him. Cards will arrive from distant friends, bringing us up to date on changes in their lives. The first to arrive is usually from friends' parents in England, Fred and Mary King of Luton.

There will be time to finish up our Christmas shopping in December.



JULIE BROWN

We're well along the way, but I still need to find something for my husband. I've asked him for gift suggestions but haven't had too much help, usually getting "You don't have to get me anything" as a response.

It'll be fun to go to Laurel Park Place and see the Angela Hospice Christmas tree, to which we have con-

tributed for the past several years. There'll be time to go to Plymouth Nursery for our tree, a Scotch pine, and plenty of time for decorating.

All of that is worth looking forward to, but still there's something about Thanksgiving. We'll wear casual clothes on Thursday, in contrast to the dressier red-and-green for Dec. 25, which falls on a Friday this year.

There's no gift buying, just some food shopping, to do for Thanksgiving. There's the Detroit parade, which I haven't seen in person in some years but which still brings a thrill.

Thanksgiving brings happy memories of earlier celebrations, spent with grandparents and other family members now gone. It's nice to remember them and to think they are celebrating a special Thanksgiving of their

own. Thanksgiving is social, too, but also solitary, a time to reflect on change and tradition. It's the traditional start to the Christmas season, although I've noticed that's been creeping back earlier and earlier, toward Halloween. A summer Christmas is fine at Bronner's in Frankenmuth, I think, but not really suitable elsewhere.

Whatever traditions your family enjoys at Thanksgiving, I hope this will be an enjoyable one for you. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

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Charter school test results tell story governor shouldn't like

Ooof! Ouch! Uncle! That's what Gov. John Engler should be saying as he views the dismal performance of his beloved charter schools across the state.

But he won't.

On his last visit, Engler was still touting charter schools, asking that the legislative cap of 150 be removed so that "even more of these innovative and creative new public schools will open their doors."

Not only that, but he wants to allow "city and county governments, foundations and other secular non-profit corporations," although they have no staffs to supervise schools.

On Nov. 10, the MEAP high school proficiency test scores came out. Students last spring were tested in math, reading, science and writing. The scores are lumped in four categories: levels 1-3 are passing; level 4 is flunking.

Rather than numb the reader with a zillion statistics, let's just study the math scores starting in Wayne Coun-

ty. At Heart Academy, zero reached level 1, exceeding state standards, and 66 percent flunked. At Michigan Automotive Academy, zero were at the top and 46.3 flunked. At Michigan Health Academy, the comparable scores were zero at the top and 34.6 flunking.

In contrast, Detroit Public Schools had 2.5 percent at level 1 and 61.5 percent flunked, which was better than Heart Academy. Garden City scored 14.2 at the top and 22.9 at the bottom; Livonia, 23.8 and 17.9; Northville, 38.2 and 1.3; and Plymouth-Canton, 33.4 and 9.2.

Few public school academies (their official name) operate at the high school level. There are many more at elementary grades, where costs are cheaper.

Now for Oakland County and science scores.

Academy of Detroit at Oak Park had zero in the level 1 category and 76 percent at the flunk level. New



TIM RICHARD

Directions Institute scored zero at level 1 science and 85.7 at the flunk level.

Oak Park public schools scored zero at level 1 and 43.7 at the flunk level. Oak Park public schools looked bad, but nowhere near as bad as the Academy of Detroit charter school.

Rochester schools reported 23.6 at level 1 and 7.3 percent flunking; South Lyon, 12.7 at level 1 and 7.3 percent flunking; Clarkston, 10.1 at level 1 and 9.8 percent flunking; Huron Valley, 9.9 and 13.3.

And so on, and so on. Charter school fans have a set of alibis. The first is that charter schools are new, though this is the third year. The next is that charter schools are skimming kids from the bottom of the academic barrel rather than the top.

That's an odd alibi. For years, enemies of public schools have been yelling about "low test scores." Now when their pet charter schools are doing badly, they claim the weakest academic kids are showing up there.

They make no sense. Charter schools are supposed to be free from the "bureaucratic red tape" of public schools. Charter schools are supposed to be "innovative." Charter schools are supposed to "free up teachers to teach." They should do better than true public schools.

They're doing worse. Take the Pansophia Academy in Branch County: 35 percent flunk math, 79 percent flunk reading, 50 percent flunk science, and 84 percent flunk writing. Or the controversial

Walter French Academy of Business and Technology in Lansing: fewer than 4 percent are at level 1, but nearly 36 percent flunk math and 47 percent flunk reading.

Politicians advocating more charter schools will tell you they're great because "parents like them." That's not how life works. Few graduates get jobs from their parents. If the parent is an ignorant, book-hating, redneck like Pap Finn type, then parental approval is hardly a rational criterion for judging schools. Test scores are.

Engler's troops should forget about issuing any more charters. They should shut down at least one-third of existing charter schools. And then they should employ researchers from the State Department of Education to figure out what the good schools are doing right.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Job advice for young centers on staying in school, avoiding UAW

Although it's kinda dry, the annual forecast "The Michigan Economic Outlook for 1999-2000" just issued by the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics is the best in the business.

As everybody knows, our economy flourished in the 1990s. If we have two more years of job growth, Michigan will have experienced the longest run of job creation in the past 50 years. The forecast suggests this might well be possible, although at a somewhat slower rate of growth than in the past.

The forecast assumes no big national strike by the UAW against General Motors. It takes into account the GM plant closings in Flint and Kalamazoo, offset against a boom in construction activity in the Detroit area stemming from new casinos and stadiums and the \$1.5 billion renovation of engineering and research facilities at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

The forecast foresees job growth over the next two years but slowing in the year 2000, with just moderate inflation. Conversely, unemployment is expected to rise a bit, to 4.2 percent in 1999 and 4.5 percent in 2000. If these rates are sustained, Michigan unemployment for the four years since 1997 would be the best since 1970.

What's the big worry? As anybody who reads the Help Wanted section in this newspaper knows full well, it's the labor shortage, especially intense in the higher-skills categories. "The risk posed by labor shortages is that they can impede job growth," the RSQE forecast dryly notes. Most employers would snort, "Impede, my foot!" What they're faced with is absolute labor shortages and increasing costs, especially for skilled workers.

Traditionally, economies get new workers from three sources: From the unemployed; from increases in participation in the labor force (for example, women deciding to go to work instead of staying home); and from increases in the working-age population. But in Michigan unemployment is at record low levels, and job growth over the past years has sucked about all the women who want to work into the job market.

So the pool of labor supply is drying up, especially at the higher-education end of the spectrum, where most of the higher-wage jobs are concentrated. The U-M data show that people who never got to an associate's degree from a community college are three times as likely to be unemployed as those who have an associate's degree and above. Unemployment for those with a college degree will be at just 1.1 percent; for



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those with a master's degree, 0.6 percent.

Readers with kids who are thinking of dropping out of high school or getting a job after getting their high school diploma would do well to urge them to think again!

This also goes for those who are thinking of getting UAW jobs in the auto industry. UAW membership peaked at 1.51 million members in 1979 and has declined steadily to the present level of 760,000.

How come? The UAW lost the auto supplier sector during the 1980s, when the percentage of unionized workers fell from 52 percent in 1979 to 21 percent today. Why? A 100-percent wage gap between for Big Three-UAW parts plants and independent nonunion parts plants.

This, in turn, forces attention on GM and the UAW. GM wants to spin off its Delphi parts operation because it faces far higher parts labor costs than Ford or DaimlerChrysler. The UAW faces the bind of either seeing parts plants spun off (and, potentially, decertified) or consenting to a reduction of wages.

The situation is even tougher when it comes to Big Three plants versus the Japanese transplanted plants. According to Sean McAlinden of U-M's Transportation Research Institute, the labor cost advantage for a Japanese transplant is \$1,670 per small car manufactured.

So, when your family gathers around the dinner table for Thanksgiving, urge them to stay in school, get good skills, stay away from UAW auto plants. Then give them a second helping of mashed potatoes!

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Keeping silent doesn't stand for character

As Jennifer went through the 17-week D.A.R.E. program, her enthusiasm to carry the message of "Say No To Drugs" increased with every passing week. At the D.A.R.E. graduation, her story was selected as the one that was read out loud. If you'd have asked her, she would have sworn that she would never smoke or drink.

Fast forward three years. Jennifer, now an eighth-grader, isn't recognizable. She now wears all black clothing, has a pierced nostril and accentuates her look with black lipstick and nails. You'll find her outside her school, mingling with other "punksters," all holding a cigarette.

Jennifer candidly admits to partying every weekend and often spending the night with her boyfriend. The group of friends close to Jennifer in fifth, sixth and seventh grades observed the changes in attitude, behaviors and looks, but when questioned about what they might have done on her behalf, they all said that what she did with her life was her business.

In the movie "L.A. Confidential," a story about the Los Angeles Police Department in the 1950s, one of the themes running through it was about

Please see SENSORS, B2

Up and away

Volunteer keeps balloons in line on Thanksgiving

For some people, Thanksgiving Day means a huge turkey dinner and Detroit Lions football. For others, like Mike McCarthy of Canton, it means balloons and a good parade, specifically Detroit's annual Thanksgiving Day parade.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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As a volunteer for The Parade Co., Mike McCarthy has been pummeled with rain, covered in snow and slapped by high winds. But much like a postman, America's Thanksgiving Parade must go on.

And when he sees the faces of children light up at the sight of stories-high balloons of Chilly Willy, toy soldiers, Barney and other characters floating down Woodward Avenue, it's all worthwhile.

"The greatest thing for me is the smiles on kids faces," said McCarthy, 30, of Canton. "You can see that they appreciate it."

McCarthy hopes to generate those feelings once again when he leads the giant balloons down the Thanksgiving Day parade route.

The 1986 Redford Thurston High School graduate began volunteering for The Parade Co. in Detroit in 1989 after the father of a friend introduced him to the non-profit organization.

"I thought I'd try doing some volunteer work, and I've been hooked ever since," he said.

McCarthy's experiences have included balloon handling, which, he said, "takes a couple of parades to get used to."

"You have to keep it straight down the line," he said. "The parade is a straight shot down Woodward. When we get toward Jefferson, that's where we go on TV. The balloons have to be

picture perfect.

"The wind is huge. Going over I-75 can be hectic. You get people who are inexperienced, a rookie. Once that wind starts to pick up, sometimes you have to grab the ropes and help them out."

Still, he tries his best to please the audience.

"When you get to a certain area, the crowd starts yelling 'Spin' or 'Turn it.' You have to keep everyone in sync. It could be a mess when people go the wrong way," he said with a laugh.

McCarthy has also experienced inflating and deflating of balloons. Prior to this year, balloons were stuffed with latex bladders, which were, in turn, filled with helium. Now the balloons are filled straight with helium.

"There's a lot less problems that way. A lot of it depends on the weather. When it's hot out, that expands the bladder and that expands the latex balloons. They can pop," he said.

In order to minimize potential problems on Thanksgiving Day, the balloons are washed and inspected throughout the year.

"After Thanksgiving, we wait a few days, and everybody starts working on next year's parade."

Nevertheless, McCarthy still has his share of challenges. The night before the parade the balloons and floats are lined up near the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit. One Thanksgiving morn-

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Guiding force: Once a "rookie" himself, Mike McCarthy of Canton pitches in to help when it comes to steering the huge Thanksgiving Day parade balloons through windy spots along the parade route.

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Sensors from page B1

a young rookie cop who bucked the status quo by turning in fellow-cops for bad behavior.

One night, while on duty, he witnessed his comrades pulverizing some prisoners. His attempts to stop them were not only futile, but he was locked in a nearby cell to keep him quiet. Later, when asked by his superiors why he was the ONLY ONE coming forward and talking about the beatings, he said, "Because they (the other cops) think silence and

integrity are the same thing."

As it would be, his name was mud throughout the precinct, and few peers would talk to him.

As this author has brought out before in this column, examples of kids protecting other kids is a theme that runs rampant among our young people today. The idea that keeping silent connotes character has transcended down through the generations.

A vast number of people in this country don't stand up to

others when they are doing something wrong by calling them on it. It is far and away easier to "go along with the crowd" than it is to stand out and stick up for what's right and what's wrong. The young lieutenant in the movie was the only one willing to call his colleagues on their crime.

"Lone Rangers" just as the title says, are all by themselves. They know they will be ostracized or humiliated because of

their stance, and yet, something inside of them tells them they need to stand firmly on their values. They know their enemies are nearby ready to pounce and make fun of them.

Perhaps you follow the controversial radio talk-show host, Dr. Laura. No matter what you think about her on-the-air confrontations, she is a classic example of a person who believes that silence is not synonymous with integrity. She is not only

standing up for what she believes to be right, but preaching and nagging us to do the same.

So if your child comes home and tells you that the kids in class took turns throwing stones at the smallest child in the class, are you certain your child was not an active participant? If you are, give them tons of kudos for not taking part. That took far more intelligence than what the pranksters did.

And if they didn't report it, share with them the value in protecting someone. After all, wouldn't they have wanted someone to tell the teacher, if they were the victim?

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Parade from page B1

Enjoy a holiday tradition

America's Thanksgiving Parade will be 9:15 a.m. to noon along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson in Detroit. The event is free and open to the public.

The parade also will be broadcast locally on WDIV-TV Channel 4, WJR-760 AM and WPLT-96.3 FM and nationally 10-10:40 a.m. on CBS TV.

The Parade Company also is hosting an indoor carnival with a full-scale midway, including games, rides and family entertainment. Santa will lead spectators to Cobo

Center's Oakland Hall immediately after the parade to kick off the carnival.

The hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Admission to the carnival is free. Attendees may pay as they go for rides and games, or buy a ride-all-day wristband for \$15.

ing he arrived to find the Chilly Willy balloon missing.

"When I got back there the next morning, I just saw strings broken off. Chilly Willy tore away and flew over the Detroit River and landed on a remote island in Canada. Now there's a Chilly Willy fan club," McCarthy said.

Another balloon partially deflated in the middle of the parade.

"We had a balloon whose leg had deflated. So it was going down the street with one flimsy leg and one stiff leg. So we had a leaf blower in the balloon to keep it inflated while it was going down the route."

McCarthy's experiences with parades extends past the Detroit area. He has visited Mexico City,

Boise, Idaho, Vermillion, S.D., and Atlanta, Ga. The day after Thanksgiving he will head down to Austin, Texas, to take part in its parade.

On Labor Day, McCarthy, a salesman at The Saw Mill furniture store in Northville, returned from Moscow where he took part in a parade honoring the city's 851st birthday. Most of the volunteers with whom he worked were from the Russian army. Interpreters, one per balloon, relayed directions for handling balloons.

Although the Russians were appreciative, they didn't respond as fervently as Americans.

"They were a lot more low key; they were really mellow, but you have to consider the times," said McCarthy, who is working

toward a bachelor of business administration degree at Central Michigan University. "The value of the ruble plunges every single day. Our American money is worth more every day."

"They were appreciative of the parade, but they weren't over enthusiastic. It's not like here where you can see people 10 rows deep."

It was McCarthy's first trip to Europe, and he had to admit he

experienced culture shock. "The driving over there is really different," he said. "There's no rules for pedestrians. Pedestrians are at their own risk crossing the street. It's like playing human Frogger."

As for this Thanksgiving, he's looking forward to that instant gratification of American crowds: "I take pictures of the audience. It's all worth it when I see their eyes light up."

Family Resource Center offers parenting classes

The Family Resource Center will present two programs for parents in December.

Parents can learn ways to live with teenagers in the eight-week-long "Does Life with a Teen Have To Be Crazy?," beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Presenter David Denhouter will use the "Using Active Parenting With Teens" video series for the class, which will meet 6:45-8 p.m. at the Family

Resource Center, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland.

The cost will be \$10. To register, call (734) 595-2279.

The second program will be a parenting workshop, "A plus Parenting," 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Hicks Elementary School, 100 Helen, south of Cherry Hill Road, Inkster. Free child care and snacks will be provided.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on Thursday, December 17, 1998 at 10:00 in the morning. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Official City Newspaper

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

Bid Item No: 299-121798
Publish: November 26, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:

#2001A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Convenience Store and Gas Service Station on Parcel #068-99-0011-000, Southeast Corner of Cherry Hill and Newburgh Roads, NW-20, Ronald M. Kachman (Gregory B. Gould).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 1998.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MEETING NO. 11 - NOVEMBER 16, 1998

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli

Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott

271: Approved; minutes of regular meeting held 11/2/98

-Approved traffic control sign No. 98-18; Install 1 "No Parking, Standing, Stopping between Drives" sign on E. side of Treadwell between north drive of Schweitzer School & 2569 Treadwell

-Approved placing 1998 Board Ups on 1998 winter tax bill

-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-8: CWW Youth Assistance Grant, amount \$9,609

-Approved Bid for 1999 City Calendar to University Lithographers, amount \$39,498

-Approved request to go into closed study session immediately following meeting discuss property acquisition

-Approved request from Administration to go into closed study session on 11/30/98 at 6:00 pm discuss tentative agreements for Westland Police Officers Association & Westland Firefighters Association

272: Closed public hearing on request from C. Hartley vacate the easement retained in vacated right-of-way of the N one-half westerly 196 ft. of Standish Rd., W. of Gilman Ave., abutting parcels No. 004-01-0176-00 & 0178-00, N. of Warren & W. of Inkster Rd.

273: Adopted Budget Amendment 99-5: Purchase of City Software, amount \$265,000

275: Confirmed reappointment of R. Eisiminger to Westland Board of Review for 3 year term, expires 12/1/2001

276: Granted request from E. Ferguson to split lot No. 830, Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 17, NE corner of Newburgh & Palmer Rds.

278: Granted special land use approval for proposed coin-operated car wash on lot No. 916, Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 19, NW corner of Newburgh & Palmer Rds.

279: Granted site plan approval for proposed coin-operated car wash on lot No. 916, Supervisor's Nankin Plan No. 19 NW corner of Newburgh & Palmer Rds.

280: Granted special land use approval for proposed coffee espresso house & gift store, 638 N. Wayne Rd.

281: Granted site plan approval for proposed Wonderground Coffee House & gift store, 638 N. Wayne Rd.

282: Approved Personnel Change in Building Dept. upgrading job classification for document imaging employee to C-2a

283: Approved Check List #958,850.83 & Prepaid - \$994,773.31

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
City Clerk

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER
The Christmas Arts and Crafts Show is returning to the Plymouth Cultural Center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. The center is at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

NEW REDFORD HALL
New Redford Hall's holiday bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at the hall, Plymouth Road at Inkster Road. Tables are available at \$15 each. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or (313) 692-8519.

SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House of Livonia will have its 10th annual holiday craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the retirement home, 11625 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information, call Madeline at (734) 425-3050.

LIVONIA CIVIC PARK
The Livonia Civic Park Senior Center is hosting a senior craft show from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 466-2555.

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE
Presbyterian Village of Redford will have a holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the R.C.D. Center, 17383 Garfield. Various crafts, Christmas gift sets and culinary delights will be for sale.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-7044.

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET
St. Thomas a' Becket Women's Club will have its ninth annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. There will be more than 75 crafters, hourly raffles, bake sale and lunch. Admission will be \$1, seniors 50 cents and children under 12 free. The building is wheelchair-accessible and strollers are welcome.

A little knowledge

Agency helps parents of disabled children

By SUE MASON
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Margaret Rozman is a firm believer in what can be accomplished with knowledge, so much so that eight years ago, she decided to do something for the parents of disabled children.

Armed with a grant and a legal pad, she walked into the Family and Neighborhood Services office in Inkster in June 1991, ready to help five families become more knowledgeable to get better services for their developmentally disabled children.

It was a small step for Rozman and a giant step for the Parent Support and Advocacy Program, now an incorporated agency that has served more than 15,000 families.

"It was more than a pebble thrown in a pond," said Rozman, PSAP executive director. "It started out as a pilot demonstration project to demonstrate the need. I was going to impact five families, and it developed itself and became what it was supposed to be by itself."

"It took on a life of its own." Sponsored by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board, the non-profit agency provides information, resources and parent-to-parent support to more than 15,000 families in Wayne County.

For the children

The Livonia-based PSAP serves children of all ages, from birth to life's end, and all disabilities. It maintains an extensive telephone network, calling families every month to see if they are getting the services they need and to assist with other agencies.

PSAP-trained volunteer parent-advocates serve in schools, clinics, hospitals and Head Start programs, giving parents the skills to better help themselves.

Its home-visiting service helps families identify sources of formal and informal support. Started in 1994, it was added to the PSAP lineup after the agency tracked families and saw many who were "stuck" at home because of no transportation.

Early on services for children up to age 3 supports the development of a family-centered care philosophy and empowers parents to better negotiate the complexities of service delivery on an equal footing with professionals.

"Everything we do is on behalf of the child," Rozman said. "But it's the parent, that's what makes this work. We're all parents. Yes, we need the professionals, but the nuts and bolts are the parents."



Power of knowledge: As the executive director of Parent Support and Advocacy Program Inc., Margaret Rozman uses every opportunity to educate parents so they can get the services they need for their developmentally disabled children.

"In my role, I come in as a professional, but when I speak, I speak as a parent. I always speak as a parent."

There's also a quarterly newsletter "produce for families by families." The newsletter features stories about families and professionals (which are given equal weight in the publication) and aims to reach an audience the agency can't reach in any other way, Rozman said.

"We look at the parents and their disabled children from the positive," she said. "Anybody can build on success, and you can find success if you look around. It's an affirmation of the individual child. Certainly, they are challenged and their problems can be debilitating, but we need to look in their eyes and let them lead us to help them reach their full potential."

The origins of PSAP are in Rozman's experiences with her son who was born with a collapsed lung and cerebral palsy and spent most of his life in a wheelchair. In their numerous trips to clinics, she saw many parents who were exhausted trying to get help for their children.

Her first day on the job, Rozman listed the agencies that had provided services to her son. She focused on Wayne County because she lived there and that was where her son received his services. Then she started calling the people she knew. She found that one person led to another her family may not have used but could be passed on to someone else.

"This program developed because of the people; what it is because of the families," Rozman said. "Because of what I saw and what I needed, I pressed the mental health system to give families what they needed. We linked families so they have become a voice in the system."

While the staff numbers 20, there actually is 77 parents who have gone through the 12-week training sessions and are able to provide services in the community. Scheduling depends on the needs of the agency. Rozman considers it a phenomenal feat, done by one staffer, because the agency doesn't miss anything.

Since they are all parents, everything is done during the day; nothing is planned for the weekend, and the minimal number of evening functions are usually planned for 5 p.m. and last about one hour.

In need of help

PSAP provides a reliable service, but having a single source of money has made it difficult. With its only additional money coming three years ago for the telephone service, PSAP has trimmed its services at the dental clinic at Children's Hospital and in Head Start.

A part-time staff person has been hired to work strictly on writing grants. The staff is putting the finishing touches on its first fund-raiser, a fashion show/luncheon/raffle noon-3

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the first-floor auditorium foyer of Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

The hospital donated the space for the benefit, and the Target store at Wonderland Mall and Meijer are providing the fashions. The models will be parents and their developmentally disabled children. The PSAP Board of Directors is helping with the luncheon, and the raffle will have a 19-inch color TV as one of the prizes.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available by calling PSAP at (248) 615-9207. The deadline for ordering is Friday, Nov. 27. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

"We've tried to structure it so we don't have any costs," Rozman said of the benefit. "We want to show how to focus on the child and celebrate, celebrate. We want to get the money and turn around and use it for the kids."

The Parent Support and Advocacy Program Inc., a service provider of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health, is in Suite 500 of the Corporate Tower, 29200 Vasel, east of Middlebelt and north of Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 615-9207, or contact the agency by e-mail at PMAR007@aol.com

Hospices sponsor remembrance trees

As the holidays approach, people tend to reflect on family, friends and loved ones. Community Hospice and Home Care Services and Angela Hospice Home Care are letting people do just that with special holiday trees.

CHHCS is inviting people to dedicate a golden angel ornament in honor or memory of a loved one to hang on its Tree of Memories, which will be on display at the Westland Public Library on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland, now through Thursday, Dec. 24.

"In past years, there have been such touching notes written on the backs of the angels," said Maureen Butrico, CHHCS executive director. "It makes people feel very good to reconnect with their loved ones in some meaningful way during the holiday season."

Several local credit unions are participating by displaying trees in their lobbies to encourage their members to participate in the program which raises money to directly benefit patients and families of CHHCS.

CHHCS has been serving the needs of the terminally ill in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties since 1981. For more

information about the Tree of Memories program or about CHHCS, call (734) 522-4244.

Angela Hospice's Tree of Life will be on display at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia, Saturday, Nov. 28, through Thursday, Dec. 31. A dedication ceremony will take place at noon Nov. 28.

For a tax-deductible donation, ornaments bearing the named of loved ones, living or deceased, will be hung on the tree.

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Angela Hospice cares for terminally ill patients and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties. Established in 1985, the nonprofit is owned and operated by the Felician Sisters of Livonia.

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Angels from Community Hospice Home-Care Services can be inscribed for a donation to be placed on a remembrance tree in the front lobby of the Westland Library through Thursday, Dec. 24. To obtain an angel or more information, call (734) 522-4244.

RAFT SHOW

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is having its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Y, 827 S. Wayne south of Cherry Hill, north of Palmer. Free admission, lunch, Princess Di Beanie Baby drawing. Hourly raffle. Tables available. Call (734) 721-7044.

TREE LIGHTING

The city of Westland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony is planned for 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on the front steps of City Hall. This year's event will include Santa Claus, singing of Christmas carols and lighting of trees. After Santa arrives and the mayor gives him the key to the city, he will be at the city's main fire station, just east of City Hall for hot chocolate and cookies.

MARATHON BINGO

A marathon bingo is planned noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, by the Harris-Kehrer 3323 Auxiliary at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road. Proceeds benefit cancer aid and research. Call (734) 326-3323.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS CLUB
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1011.

SCHOOLS

McKINLEY COOPERATIVE
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP
The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 661-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students; \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne,

Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call LeauRette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT
Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
A Harvest Time display and a collection of Biscuit Barrels are on exhibit through the end of November at the Westland Historical Museum. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

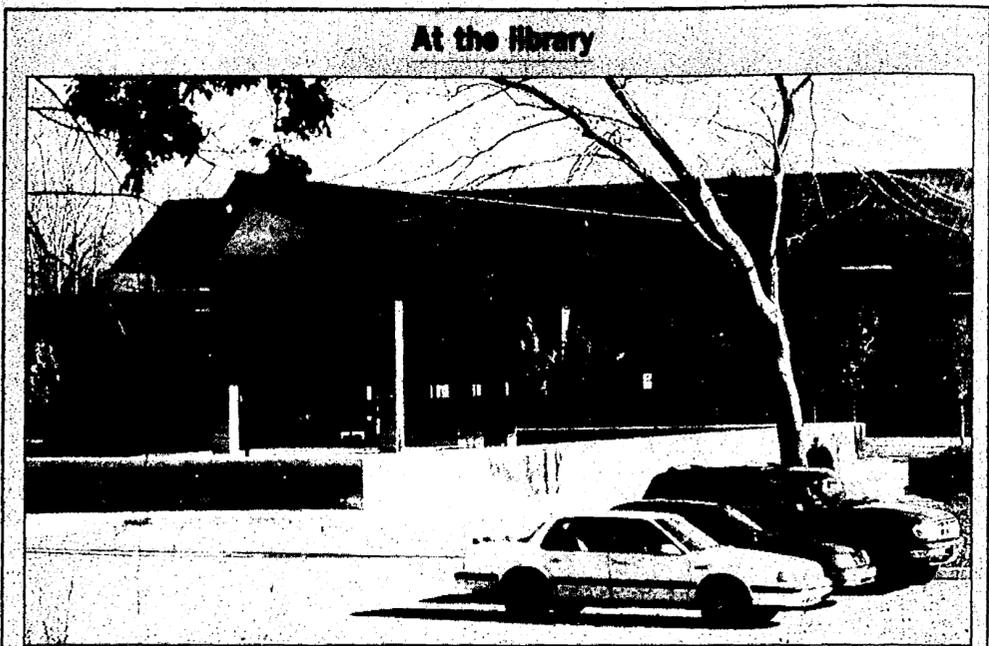
FOR SENIORS

SENIOR CHOIR
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

EXERCISE
Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult which improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 722-7632.



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CLUBS IN ACTION
CHADD
CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly. Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. For information, call Suzanne, (734) 728-8437.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

WORK REFERRAL

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30

p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are 8:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road in Garden City. For information, call Woody, (734) 776-3415.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 36412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call 421-1517.

MORE DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH
Bingo games are held at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games at 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

MORE BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call 422-6025 or 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO
There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets at

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

K OF C BINGO
Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. Call 425-2246.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

SCREENINGS
Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

AIM
Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

RATIONAL RECOVERY
Rational Recovery is a nonprofit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City. Call (248) 476-2657.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES
Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teenage women. For information on all programs, call 458-4330.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION
Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarian preparation also offered. Call 469-7477.

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Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
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Additional info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Donaldson-Werblin

Douglas Michael Donaldson and Wendy Leilani Werblin were married Sept. 6 at the Francis J. Dewes Mansion in Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Paul Koch and Rabbi Allen Secher performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Carol Werblin of Syoset, Long Island, N.Y. The groom is the son of Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Syoset High School, Cornell University and Duke University. She is employed as a health care consultant for CSC Healthcare in Chicago, Ill.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, the University of Michigan and Duke University. He is employed as a health care consultant for Arthur Andersen in Chicago, Ill.

The bride asked Jill Werblin to serve as maid of honor, with



Amy Donaldson, Krisanne Combs, Anne Hoff and Melisa Levitt as bridesmaids.

The groom asked David Donaldson to serve as best man, with Jay Laney, George Manolias, Rajeev Seth and Todd Zielinski as groomsmen.

The couple took a honeymoon in the Tahitian Islands of Bora Bora and Moorea.

Hill-Suchora

Shannon Susan Suchora and Deryck Kyle Hill were married Sept. 26 in the Chapel at Mill Race Historical Village in Northville. The Rev. Allen Woltenberg performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Ilene Suchora of Detroit. The groom is the son of Charlotte Hill of Morrisville, N.Y., and David Hill of Scottsdale, Ariz.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia and Ferris State University. A first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and a registered nurse, she is assigned to Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Ariz.

The groom is a graduate of Morrisville Central School and Albany College of Pharmacy in New York. A captain in the U.S. Air Force and a pharmacist, he is assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

The bride asked Nicole Todd-Thomas, Andrea Adzema, Joanne Bolda, Jill Buist and Allison Weinschreider to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Roman Danyew, Jeffrey Kupiec, Scott Burgess, Albert Melita and Nicholas Weinschreider to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Marriott Hotel



in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Montana.



Morrow-Trush

Bonita Lynn Morrow and Christopher Joseph Trush, both of Novi, are planning a January wedding at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David Krom of Novi and Raymond Mason of Westland and the late Carol Mason. Her fiancé is the son of Nicholas and Suzanne Trush of Lake Orion.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her master of business administration degree from Wayne State University. She is a media buyer at Valassis Communications in Livonia.

Her fiancé received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from GMI in Flint. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at General Motors.

George-Badrak

Jim and Mary Ellen George of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Suzanne, to Brian Badrak, the son of Donald and Jo Badrak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and a graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in elementary education. She is employed as a teacher in Farmington.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a graduate of Saginaw Valley University. He is employed by Sunshine Honda as business manager.

A December wedding is planned at Old St. Patrick's Church in Ann Arbor.

ANNIVERSARIES

Link

Alvin and Gladys Link of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family celebration at the Country Epicure in Novi.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 24, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Gladys Schiman.

They have two children, Robin Kristy of Livonia and Cynthia House of Plymouth, and six grandchildren - Kelly, Kimberly and Benjamin Kristy and Sarah, Daniel and Rachel House.

He retired 10 years ago as a home improvement contractor. She is a homemaker.

Members of Ward Evangelical



Presbyterian Church, the Links received a trip to Williamsburg, Va., as an anniversary gift from their children.

Hoffman

Richard and Mary Elizabeth Hoffman of Northville, formerly of Redford, gathered with family and friends at a luncheon at the Country Epicure in Novi on Oct. 24 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchange vows on Oct. 22, 1948, at St. Paul Methodist Church in Highland Park. She is the former Mary Elizabeth Garlick.

The Hoffmans have two married children - Elizabeth Anne Thomas and husband Charles of Greensboro, N.C., and Paul Richard Hoffman and wife Debra of Farmington Hills. They also have one grandchild.

Retired for 21 years, he worked for Jacobson's stores and Beaumont and Providence hospitals, retiring as the director of patient affairs at Providence.

She was a preschool teacher and retired as program director for the Rosedale Christian Child Care Center.



Ryzinski

Stanley and Helen Ryzinski Sr. of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a luncheon with family and friends.

Forty-three-year residents of

Vroman

Robert and Nellie Vroman of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with more than 100 family members and friends at a party at Roma's of Garden City on Sept. 4.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1948, at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Allen Park. She is the former Nellie Louise Petke.

They have five children - Cyndi Edwards, Robert and Daniel and wife Deborah, all of Garden City, Chris and wife Jeanne of Norco, Calif., and Victoria Fincher of Taylor. They also have eight grandchildren and are awaiting the birth of their first great-grandchild.

Retired in 1978, he worked at DeSoto, the Pilot Plant in Dearborn and at Ford Motor Co.'s Wixom Plant for 29 years. She is a homemaker.

Their hobbies include travel, fishing, card playing, hunting and visiting friends and relatives. She also enjoys crocheting, working in the yard and taking photographs and has amassed a collection of more than 100 photo albums from the time they first met.



They also bowl on a senior league at Super Bowl in Canton.



Livonia, they have four children - Carol, Stanley, GayAnn and Jeffrey - and three grandchildren.

He has been retired for 16 years. They are active in the VFW and enjoy reading and traveling.

Christmas Tree Guide

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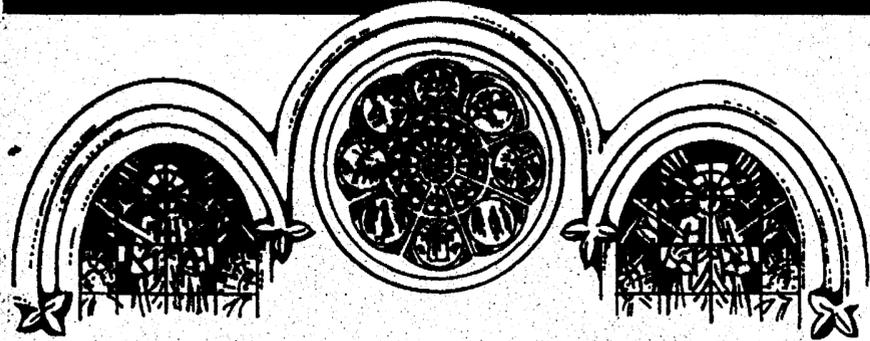
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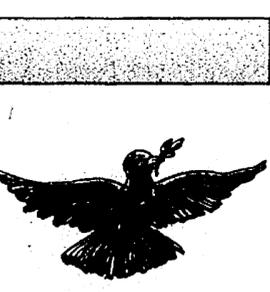
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Creches are focal point of exhibit

In a tradition that now spans 12 years, the Livonia Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints kicks off the holiday season with its annual creche exhibit.

More than 800 creches, many from countries throughout the world, will be displayed 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Saturday, Dec. 5, and Monday, Dec. 7, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church, 31450 Six Mile Road at Merriman Road, Livonia.

The exhibit also will feature a selection of quilts as well as musical performances at 7 p.m. each evening by community and church groups. Among those performing will be the Livonia Churchill High School Chorale, under the direction of Pat Hutchinson, on Dec. 7.

The creche refers to the animals' manger in which, according to Saint Luke, the Virgin placed Jesus when he was



In the beginning: Legend has it that that it was St. Francis of Assisi who celebrated midnight Mass in a stable where men and animals re-enacted the Nativity which led to the displaying of creches in churches and homes.

born. It later came to mean the place of the Nativity and then the Nativity.

The term creche from the German word krippe, appeared in the 12th century. Legend

connects it to Saint Francis of Assisi who was said to have celebrated Midnight Mass in 1223 with the approval of the Pope in Greccio, Italy, in a stable where men and beasts re-enact

ed the Nativity.

The first church creches appeared in the 16th century and the fashion for family creches expanded in the 18th century.

The custom of setting up a creche under the Christmas tree became widespread during the 1930s. Many families built their own small stables to shelter commercially-bought figures.

"There are very few places any more in this world where the nativity of Jesus Christ can be displayed," said Shirley Hutchinson who is chairing the creche exhibit. "This is a time for people to think about their families and the Savior of the world."

"We want to help give them an opportunity to view many nativity scenes and to enjoy a musical program from community and church groups."

For more information about the exhibit, call (734) 261-4734.

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COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council's 18th annual Advent Communion Breakfast will be 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill Road, at Telegraph Road, Dearborn. The speaker will be Youngil Cho, a resident of Raleigh, N.C., and an elder and member of the DuRaleigh Presbyterian Church. His topic, "The New Beginning," will focus on the present state of the denomination and what God is doing and wants to do to renew the spiritual vigor of the men's mission, ministry and witness.

Cho is a professor and associate dean at North Carolina Central University, past president of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, a member and past moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly Council. Tickets cost \$6 each and are available through the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (734) 425-3024.

COOKIE WALKS

St. Michael's Orthodox Church will sell cookies by the pound during its annual cookie walk, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Cookies will be sold by the pound, so come early for the best selection.

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church will have a special Christmas cookie walk beginning at 9 a.m. at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. There will be an assortment of Greek, Ukrainian, Russian, Italian and other ethnic cookies, homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage, sweet breads and nut apricot and poppy seed rolls for sale. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-3432.

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Garden City will have a cookie walk and mini bazaar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road. Cost will be \$3 for a large tin and \$6 for a medium tin. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A worship service of praise and thanksgiving will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-0675.

A special service of praise and thanksgiving, "Giving Thanks to Our Heavenly Father," will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia campus, 14176 Farmington Road, Westland. The service will feature uplifting music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, Cherub and Chorister choirs, Sunday School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubelation Handbell Choir. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold a Thanksgiving worship service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 service drive. People who attend should bring at least two non-perishable food items, personal care or cleaning products for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief food pantry.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a worship service of praise and thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Mary Baker Eddy in her book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," said that "Divine love always has met and always will meet every human need." Plymouth First Church of Christ, Scientist, will have its Thanksgiving Day church service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

SUCCESSFUL RALLY

Eighty-five people recently attended a youth rally held at

Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland. The evening included a service with special singing, and the Rev. Jimmy Lawson, pastor of Community Free Will, as the featured speaker. Following the rally, refreshments were served in the church gymnasium.

Lawson is a May graduate of the Southeast Free Will Baptist College in North Carolina. He accepted the position of pastor of the Westland church on July 12.

HELPING HONDURAS

Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist School is selling Florida fruit to raise money for victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. Oranges and grapefruit are available by the case or half case. Oranges are \$18 per case (4/5 bushel), and grapefruit are \$16 per case. December orders must be placed by Dec. 3 with pick-up scheduled for between 12:30-4 p.m. Dec. 13, at the school, 4295 Napier Road (between Ann Arbor and Warren

roads), Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-8222 or (248) 349-5688.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

A St. Andrew's Day service and dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 29, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The church service will be at 10 a.m., followed by dinner. The St. Andrew's Society Bagpipe Band will perform during the church service and at the dinner.

The price for dinner is \$8 for those 12 years and older, \$4 for children ages 4-11 and free for children 3 years and under. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have an Advent Bible study, "Meet the Son of God," 9-10 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20, in the library of the church, 8601 Hubbard, Livonia. The class will be led by the Rev.

Ruth Billington. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit - West is holding its Christmas Fellowship Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The Stevenson High School choir will perform. Members are asked to bring personal hygiene products or toothbrushes and toothpaste for First Step. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 30. Call Norma Roberts at (734) 591-2127.

'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program, "The Glory of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays Dec. 4, 11 and 18, and 6 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20. Interpretation for the deaf and hearing-impaired will

be provided on Dec. 4. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 for reserved seating. To order tickets, call (734) 414-3980. For reservations for the hearing-impaired performance, call TTY (734) 414-3992. The church is located at 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Garden City First United Methodist Church will hold its third annual auction Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the silent auction beginning at 6:45 p.m. A live auction as well as hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and entertainment will be a part of the evening's festivities. Tickets cost \$15 each or \$25 per couple and are available in advance by calling the church at (734) 421-8628. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Money raised at the auction will be used for the church programs,

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Zonta goes 'nuts' with sale

Looking for some tasty gift ideas for the holiday season? Need a special housewarming gift or a way of saying thank you?

The Zonta Club of the Northwest Wayne County Area is once again selling a selection of Koeze's nuts, just in time for the holidays.

Available this year are colossal cashews, mixed nuts and mixed nuts with macadamias in 12-ounce gift boxes, 16-ounce gold foil bags, and 20- and 30-ounce decanters.

For sweet tooths, there are 10-ounce boxes or 20-ounce decanters of milk chocolate or dark chocolate pecan puddles.

Prices range from \$10 for a 16-ounce bag of classic mixed nuts to \$25 for the 30-ounce decanter of cashews.

Orders are being taken through Saturday, Dec. 5, with Christmas orders due by Tuesday, Dec. 1. Orders can be picked up from or delivered by club

Museum hosts kids' workshop

The Detroit Historical Museum is providing children and their families an opportunity to learn more about native Americans with a program Thanksgiving weekend.

The museum will host a showing the Disney classic "Pocahontas," followed by a Native American workshop, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. The workshop will feature a speaker and an opportunity for children to make a dream catcher to take home.

The workshop is for children ages 5-10. There is no fee for the program, but advance registration is required, and regular admission fees apply: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children ages 12-18 and children under age 12 free.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Betty Wirtte at (313) 833-1262 or Amy Wys-VanHecke at (313) 833-120.

Exhibits at the museum include the popular "I Discover" in the Stark Hall, "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses" in the Kresge Gallery and "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" in the Booth-Wilkinson Gallery.

The museum's Children's Only Shop also will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6. Children can make their holiday selections, with the help of a volunteer, in the shop where all items are priced under \$10. Purchases will be gift wrapped and tagged.

The Detroit Historical Museum is at Woodward Avenue and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Workshop helps people in coping with holidays

Getting through the holidays can be difficult for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Angela Hospice Home Care's bereavement department is offering a workshop to help individuals and families cope with the holiday season.

The "Getting Through the Holidays" workshops will be offered at 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, and 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

The 90-minute program will be followed by a half hour of fellowship and refreshments.

"The difficulties in dealing with loss seem to be magnified during the holidays," said Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator. "Many people place too much pressure on themselves to sustain all their holiday traditions. Our program is designed to give people ideas to help make the holidays easier."

For more information, call Angela Hospice at (734) 464-7810 or (734) 653-6012.

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Locally, the sale has benefited Seedlings Braille Books for Children, Greenmead Historical Village and Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.



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Oh, nuts! Sale chair Candy Martin (left) of Northville and Mary Jo Plante of Livonia of Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area may have found the porch of the farmhouse at Greenmead Historical Village a nice place to sit a spell, but not without a few Koeze's nuts.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Polanski named Mr. Golf

Livonia Stevenson senior Steve Polanski, the Division I individual medalist and Michigan Amateur runner-up, was recently selected Mr. Golf by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association.

Polanski has signed a national letter-of-intent to play golf next year at Texas Christian University.

Chargers drop opener

Livonia Churchill's hockey team fell Saturday to host Port Huron Northern, a state semifinalist a year ago, in the 1998-99 season opener at McMorgan Arena, 6-1.

Steve Eveningred scored twice for Port Huron Northern. Brad Zielke, Chris Jones, Nick Prevost and Steve Van Sickle also scored for the winners.

It was 1-1 after one period as Dan Cook scored for Churchill with five seconds left on an assist from Chuck Leight.

Northern then scored four unanswered goals in the second period to take command.

"This game showed what caliber a team we need to be to play to go to Flint," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "It was a learning experience."

Franklin adds coaches

Livonia Franklin athletic director Dan Freeman recently announced the hiring of two varsity coaches for the winter sports season.

Jennifer Accra, an assistant coach last year at Taylor Kennedy, will take over the boys swim team. She replaces Jean Pritchard, who resigned during the middle of the girls swim season after a flap with Livonia Public Schools administrators over disciplinary matters involving three swimmers.

Accra is a graduate of Dearborn Edsel Ford and has club experience coaching with the Dearborn Dolphins. She works as a para professional in bilingual education for the Dearborn Public Schools. She will be assisted by Bruce Johnson, who is working as a substitute teacher at Frost Middle School.

The new Patriot wrestling coach is Ken Meinhardt, who takes over for Tim Templeton.

Meinhardt is an elementary physical education teacher at Northville Public Schools. Meinhardt played football at Port Huron Northern and attended Eastern Michigan University on a wrestling scholarship.

"We're excited about Ken getting the job because he has a solid background," Freeman said. "He'll do a nice job of bringing the program around."

Templeton, Franklin's varsity coach two years ago who was rehired by Freeman in the fall, resigned recently because of conflicts with his job at a stamping plant.

Youth Soccer champions

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club's under-13 Lightning, coached by Jill James and Kathy Kulick, recently finished undefeated in their Michigan division.

Team members include: Raina Baratonio, Danielle Budahn, Kim Cichon, Maria Gosur, Jenna Howe, Kelly Lane, Debbie Lasiewski, Nicole Link, Jackie Naperola, Kristen Peterson, Shannon Powers, Sarah Stachura, Lauren Stawara and Hayley Steinkopf.

Collegiate notes

Wayne State University senior forward Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) was recently named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball.

In three games, Goins scored 60 points with 19 rebounds, nine assists, five steals and three blocks.

Xavier (Ohio) University's rifle team recently defeated Jacksonville State as Shari Jeninak (Westland John Glenn) led the Musketeers in smallbore with a total of 1,162. Senior Karen Juziuk (Livonia Churchill) led the team in air rifle with a score of 390.

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Still King of the hill: Blazers fall

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Livonia Ladywood gave a better account of itself in its Class A regional meeting Monday night with girls basketball power Detroit Martin Luther King.

But the Blazers will have to wait again until next year as the Crusaders' front line, led by 6-foot-2 junior Ovlina Lewis, was just too strong.

Lewis had 24 points and 17 rebounds as King advanced to the finals of the Dearborn High regional with a 59-43 win over Ladywood.

King (23-2 overall) will face off for the fourth time this season against Public School League rival Detroit Western in Wednesday's championship game at Dearborn. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

Western defeated Detroit Cody in the first game of the double-header,

54-46. Ladywood, a 66-28 loser to King in last year's regional final at Southfield, bowed out at 13-11 overall.

But the Blazers played a scrappy game for four quarters and protected the basketball better (21 turnovers) than the 1997 game against King.

Offensive rebounds — 23 for King — and poor outside shooting by the Blazers — 16 of 58 from the floor (27.5 percent) — led to Ladywood's undoing.

"When we watched them against Bishop Foley they got 22 offensive rebounds," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "You can't give them two or three shots. A lot of times we had them boxed out, but they'd jump over us and tip it to somebody else."

"Their arms are so long."

The 6-2 Lewis had help from teammate Stephanie Solomon, a 6-2 junior who finished with 14 points, and 6-foot senior Nathania Howard, who scored eight.

King led 16-10 after one quarter and increased their margin to 36-16 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Lewis scored all 12 of King's points, including a bucket with 2:47 left in the period for the Crusaders' biggest lead of the night, 48-20.

Ladywood, however, refused to quit, scoring the next nine points capped by Elena Sventickas' two free throws to make it 48-29 after three quarters.

The Blazers outscored King 14-11 in the final quarter.

"In our half-court defense we forced them to take the shots we wanted and I felt our defense stayed with them, even when we had to go man-to-man in the second half," Gorski said. "And I thought we handled their pressure

fine and got the shots we wanted. "But mentally we were a little rushed and we couldn't knock our shots down. If we had hit the threes early it would have been closer."

Senior guard Erin Hayden, playing her final game as a Blazer, scored a team-high 14 points.

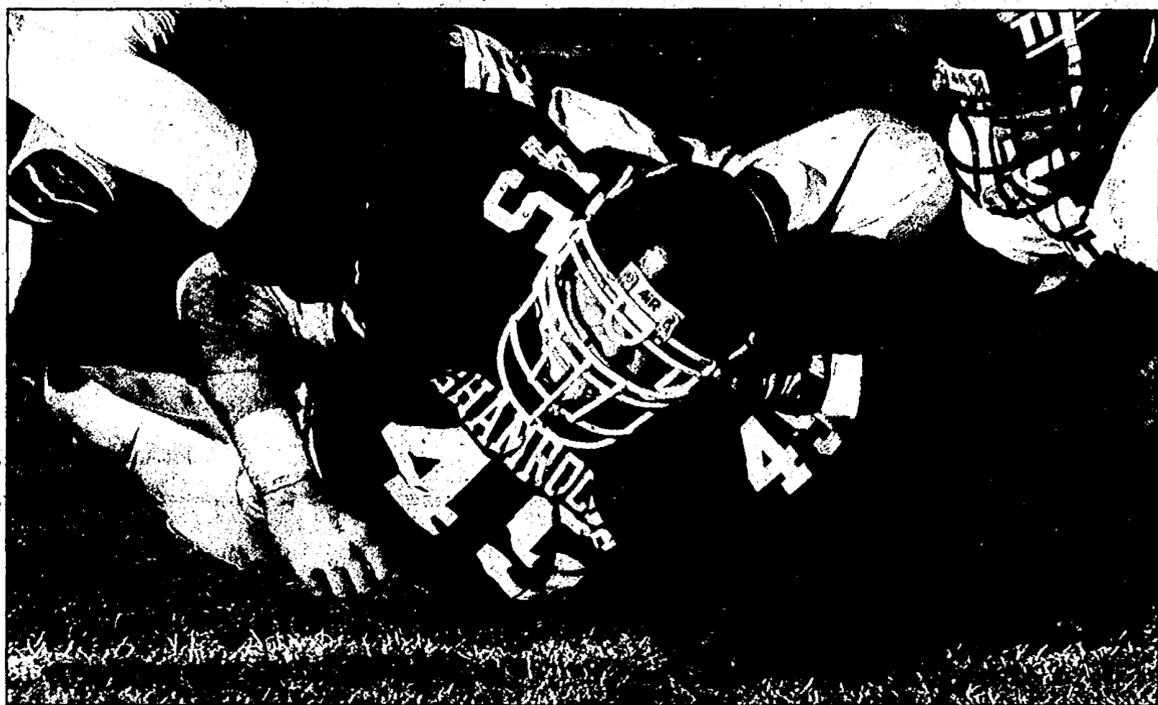
"Ladywood has a good squad and their point-guard (Hayden) is a good player," King coach William Winfield said. "We had to be aware of her at all times. That's why we played a box-and-one on her at times."

Sophomore Michellé Harakas was the only other Blazer in double figures with 10 points.

"We scouted them twice and basically they played man-to-man," Winfield said. "They came out in a zone and it took awhile for us to adjust. But once we got in a groove, we didn't have a problem with it."

Please see **BLAZERS FALL**, C3

Touchdown kid: Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski scores his fifth touchdown in Saturday's 35-21 state Class AA semifinal victory over Sterling Heights Stevenson in a game played at Port Huron. CC will be gunning for its second straight state title 1 p.m. this Saturday against Rockford at the Pontiac Silverdome.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Rogowski's 5 TDs lifts CC by Titans

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Redford Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach is pleased with where he's at, and absolutely thrilled about where he's going.

A 35-21 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson before 6,000 fans on Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium put Mach at 200 career wins and, more importantly, sends CC back to the Pontiac Silverdome to defend its Class AA state championship.

CC, with four state titles in the 1990s, will meet Rockford, a 48-7 winner over Lake Orion, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Mach, 200-42 in 23 seasons, became the 25th coach to reach 200 wins and he did it faster than any other coach.

Stevenson, which has lost to CC in three of the last four semifinals, took the first lead on a 41-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kurt Hunsanger to Jesse Lombardo with 8:48 left in the first quarter.

But the Shamrocks responded with 21 unanswered points and led 21-14 at

halftime.

The first CC scoring drive came after Stevenson jumped offside on fourth down during a Shamrocks' punt at midfield. The penalty gave the Shamrocks earned a first down and five plays later, senior fullback Casey Rogowski scored the first of his five touchdowns on a 30 yard run with 1:43 left in the first quarter.

"We work on that (drawing teams offside)," Mach said. "We learned that from (former Fordson coach) Charlie Justice, who did it to us in 1979 and have used it ever since."

Rogowski also scored on runs of 5, 2, 5 and 5 yards and finished with 115 yards in 24 carries. His backfield mate, junior John Kava, added 136 yards in 19 carries.

"The coaches gave me the opportunity and I felt I could do the job," Rogowski said. "This is very special (Mach's 200 victory). He deserves it. I think he's one of the best coaches in the state, or the country."

Stevenson's star back Michael Tennessee was held to 47 yards in 10 carries, 30 coming on one carry. Tennessee also caught three passes for 22

yards.

Hunsanger finished 19 for 36 through the air for 225 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown pass to Dave Dunlap with 12 seconds left to cut the final deficit to 14. Dunlap, who finished with six catches for 77 yards, also caught a 5-yard TD pass from Hunsanger near the end of the first half.

Stevenson coach Rick Bye has heard talk that this is Mach's best team ever — and he tends to believe it.

"When they walked on the field I got a real good picture of how big they are," Bye said. "They're tall but they're put together. They pride themselves on stopping the run and Michael is a great back but he's not Superman. His picture has been plastered all around in the media. You don't think it's hanging up in teams' locker rooms?"

With CC ahead 21-14 early in the third quarter, senior defensive back Justin Cessante made a key play, stripping the ball from a Stevenson receiver at the Shamrocks' 35 after a pass that gained 21 yards.

Cessante made the tackle, strip and recovery, ending a potential Stevenson scoring drive that began at the Titans'

30. The Shamrocks moved the ball into Stevenson territory but the drive ended at the 25 when Stevenson's Dan Manduzzi recovered a CC fumble.

CC quarterback Dave Lusky completed four of 13 passes, all to tight end Nick Brzezinski, for 81 yards and the last was the biggest.

With CC still ahead 21-14 and facing a third down and eight late in the third quarter, Lusky dropped back to pass. He was nearly sacked but on his way down heaved a strike to Brzezinski, who was tackled at Stevenson's 17. Four plays later, Rogowski scored on a five-yard run for a 28-14 lead with 10:50 remaining.

"It was just a tight end flag to Nick," said Lusky, who also scrambled for 37 yards in seven carries. "I was forced up the middle, split them (the rushers) and threw up top to Nick and it got there. All day long the line did a great job blocking."

CC took its biggest lead of the game, 35-14, after Rogowski scored on another five yard run with 1:26 left to cap an impressive 14-play, 58-yard drive.

PREP FOOTBALL

ROCKFORD (11-1)

Rockford 20, East Lansing 18
Rockford 38, Holland 12
Rockford 17, Grand Haven 0
Rockford 34, Grandville 6
Rockford 27, East Kentwood 26
Rockford 41, Mena Shores 27
Rockford 7, Jenison 6
Rockford 34, West Ottawa 21
Brother Rice 41, Rockford 14

Playoffs

Rockford 35, Jenison 14
Rockford 31, Midland 14
Rockford 48, Lake Orion 7

REDFORD CC (11-0)

CC 35, A.A. Pioneer 7
CC 35, Brother Rice 14
CC 40, DePorrer 14
CC 42, N.D. Prep 0
CC 41, DeLaSalle 13
CC 21, Divine Child 0
CC 41, U.D. Jesuit 0
CC 22, O.L. St. Mary's 15

Playoffs

CC 12, Fordson 7
CC 22, Troy 19
CC 35, S.H. Stevenson 21

Rockford big underdog vs. Shamrocks

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Within the Rockford Files is a game that certainly catches the attention of Redford Catholic Central football players, if not makes them overconfident, heading into the Class AA state championship game.

Rockford brings an 11-1 record into its first-ever state finals appearance, with the only loss to Birmingham Brother Rice, 41-14, in the regular-season finale.

A Rockford File that lacked suspense is a head scratcher because Rice is a team CC handled with ease, 35-14, in the third week of the season.

Comparative scores alone should make the Shamrocks prohibitive favorites but CC coach Tom Mach

prefers to focus on what Rockford has done lately, beating three playoff opponents by a combined score of 114-35.

The Rams reached the state final with a 48-7 semifinal win Saturday over Lake Orion.

CC, a five-time state champion trying to become the first Class AA team to win consecutive state titles, will battle Rockford at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"Any time you get to a semifinal game and beat someone 48-7, that's got to wake up a lot of people," said Mach, who's probably also reminded his players that Rice's preseason all-state quarterback candidate Tim Craddock played against Rockford but not against CC because of a knee injury. "I talked to (Birmingham Brother Rice coach) Al (Fraccassa) and he said they

just caught them at a time when they had just made the playoffs and Rice was still fighting to get in. Looking at them, it might have been a great thing for them because they're playing great right now. Losing sometimes motivates you better than a win.

"They look very good. They do a lot of different things, throw all over the field and put a lot of pressure on your defense. Their quarterback is very good, very mobile."

Rockford coach Ralph Munger was asked what he said to his players after the Rice loss.

"We've got another football game and it's back to work," he said. Rockford's defense has allowed nearly 300 yards per game, which sounds inviting if you're a CC offensive line.

Please see **CC-ROCKFORD**, C4

1998 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER TEAM



Aaron MacDonald Plymouth Salem Bill Fischer Livonia Franklin Nick Szczechowski Plymouth Salem Mike Randall Lutheran Westland Sergio Mainella Livonia Stevenson Mark Scilla Livonia Churchill Kevin Graff Redford CC Scott Wright Plymouth Canton Tom Eller Livonia Stevenson

Area powers dominate All-Observer squad

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

There were a lot of good soccer teams in Observerland in 1998 — no surprise there — but there wasn't an outstanding one.



Don Smith
Coach of Year

For the first time in more than a decade, and only the second time since the MHSAA started hosting state finals in boys soccer, a Western Lakes Activities Association team did not reach the championship game. The only other time there was such an occurrence was 1987.

And yet, while some may see this as a harbinger of what is in store as the rest of the state's soccer team catch up to the WLAA, it should be noted that this isn't just a four-team league any longer. Certainly Livonia's Stevenson and Churchill remain imposing, as do Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem, but Farmington made inroads by tying Canton and beating Churchill, while others provided far better competition for the front-runners.

In short, the WLAA's pre-eminence in soccer will continue statewide, but not by as big of margins.

It isn't just the talent that makes both the league and the area the best in soccer. Good coaches are imperative, and the Observerland has them.

The coach of the year is Canton's Don Smith, who guided the Chiefs to a 16-6-1 record and into the Division I state semifinals, gaining back-to-back wins over Salem and Stevenson en route. Canton also played the Spartans in the WLAA title game, having won the Western Division once again.

In his first season as the boys' coach in 1989 (he also coaches Canton's girls team), Smith guided the Chiefs to a 5-10-2 mark. It was their only losing season in his tenure; as Smith put it, "We've done pretty well since then."

Indeed, in his 10 years as Canton's boys coach, he has posted a 133-59-23 record, with one state title to his credit (1994).

FIRST TEAM

Aaron MacDonald, Sr. defender, Ply. Salem: As McCarthy noted, making an impression as a defender is never easy, and yet MacDonald managed it. An all-WLAA and all-state selection, MacDonald's ability as a marking back was so sound he was named his team's Most Valuable Player.

"He's an aggressive marking back," said McCarthy. "And he's good in the air. I'd rate him as the premier marking back in the state. He was by far the best player on our team."

"You won't win a state title if your marking backs aren't any good, because you're bound to see some of the state's best forwards during the tournament."

Nick Szczechowski, Sr. sweeper, Ply.

Szczechowski was in one of the most responsible positions on a team ranked No. 1 in the state for much of the season — and he handled it with relative ease.

"He is one of the most poised, calm players I've ever seen," said McCarthy of Szczechowski. "He's a great distributor, he has great vision, and he's strong in the air."

"Nick's a three-year starter at sweeper — and that doesn't happen at Salem too often."

Szczechowski was a third-team all-state selection and was named to the all-WLAA team.

Bill Fischer, Sr. defender, Liv. Franklin: The four-year starter never missed a game for the Patriots.

He was second on the team in goals, including three off set pieces, and led Franklin in assists. He made All-Region and was named honorable mention All-State.

Fischer is a two-time All-Western Lakes selection.

"Bill's obviously the best player I've had since I've been at Franklin," coach Dave Hebestreit said. "He's a great player and a great kid. We didn't have a good year, but the coaches in our league recognized what kind of player he was."

"He was the person who secured our defense and was a creator in the middle."

Fischer, who carries a 3.3 grade-point average, is considering Madonna, Eastern Michigan and Michigan State.

Mike Randall, Sr. defender, Luth. Westland: The three-year letter winner was named Metro Conference MVP, first-time All-District, All-Region and All-State (Division IV).

Randall, a senior, played stopper, leading a defense which allowed just eight goals all season.

"Mike often had the job of marking the opposition's biggest threat while still being responsible for supporting the attack," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Michael was given the nickname 'Animal' his freshman year by his teammates for his aggressive style of play."

"That aggressive play often resulted in many fouls, but this year he disciplined his game and greatly reduced his fouls while still playing with great intensity."

Kevin Graff, Sr., Redford CC: The three-year varsity starter used his 6-foot-3, 180-pound frame for more than just intimidation.

CC coach Dana Orsucci said the Shamrocks improved when Graff was moved from defender to midfield a month into the season. Graff, a tri-captain and third-team Class A all-state selection, finished with four goals and five assists.

"We moved him because we needed to control the midfield more," Orsucci said. "His size is such a great asset to him. He uses his body extremely well, tackles hard, and for a big man has great ball skill. You wouldn't think a big man could control the ball and have a great touch and passing skills like he does."

"He's extremely strong in the air as well. He kept a lot of teams on their toes; pushing up and dishing the ball out."

Sergio Mainella, Sr. midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: The senior co-captain had seven goals and 16 assists en route to All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and second-team All-State honors.

Mainella was a vital cog in the Spartans winning 17 of 19 games, including the Western Lakes championship.

"Sergio was our engine and a great leader by example," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "His energy, work

ethic and desire spread throughout the team."

Mark Scilla, Sr. midfielder, Liv. Churchill: A three-year starter, Scilla finished the season with 17 goals and 13 assists.

His varsity career totals are 26 goals and 25 assists.

He also served as team captain this season.

"Mark was a very physical player, it was hard to knock him off the ball," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "He had a cannon for a shot and he goes to the goal with speed and power."

Scott Wright, Sr. forward, Plymouth Canton: Rated the fourth-best player in the state, Wright was one of the most consistent scorers in the state. An offensive midfielder, he scored in 18 of the Chiefs' 23 games — a total of 27 goals with seven assists. He was named to the all-WLAA conference team and to the state's Dream Team.

"He was definitely a big-time goal scorer," said Smith. "The thing was, you never saw miss badly. If he missed, it was never by much."

"When he got the ball, he always did something good with it. He's deceptively fast, and he's got good ball control, too."

Tom Eller, Jr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: The junior is making his second straight appearance on the All-Observer squad.

This season he finished with 18 goals and 15 assists, earning All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and first-team All-State honors.

He had three goals and two assists in a 7-1 win over Beverly Hills-Country Day and a hat trick in the WLAA championship game over Plymouth Canton.

"From what I was able to see, Tommy was the most dynamic player in the state this year," Richters said. "When he gets the ball, you simply expect something special to happen."

George Kithas, Sr. forward, Liv. Churchill: The senior captain scored 27 goals and added eight assists in 20 games.

As a three-year starter, Kithas had 40 career goals and 19 assists.

"George was our go-to guy because of his great one-on-one skills," Campau said. "He was equally skilled facing the goal and with his back to the goal."

Kithas made All-Western Lakes.

Craig Hearn, senior, N. Farmington: Hearn earned first-team, all-state honors in Division II this year after scoring a school-record 49 goals, breaking the record of 26 he set last year, and recording 19 assists.

A sure-fire college prospect, Hearn finished a four-year varsity career with 91 goals and 33 assists.

"He's a great one-on-one player, one-on-two or one-on-three," North coach Ron Meyer said, adding Hearn's forte was beating the opponent off the dribble like a basketball player does.

"Sometimes play just stopped on the field while everyone watched to see what he was going to do. Sometimes the defenders and goalie did, too."

"When teams allowed him to turn with the ball and face up one-on-one with a defender, he was really at an advantage. He has a lot of moves and when he gets the quick step on you, he has the advantage. When he gets you rocking back on your heels, then he can use his speed."

"I've never had a player like him in all my years of coaching, and it's quite pos-

sible I'll never get anybody like him again."

Tim Rals, senior, Farmington: Rals was named to the Division II all-state second team after scoring 20 goals and assisting on 11 others for the district champion Falcons.

Rals, who will play at Madonna University next year, concluded a four-year varsity career with 74 goals and 35 assists. He had a career high of 26 goals last year and was Farmington's leading scorer each of the last four years.

"Tim is certainly one of the best forwards in our league and the state," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "Whenever we needed a goal, he was the one to get it for us. His forte was his speed, putting the ball by the defender and outrunning him to the net."

"Whenever the ball was crossed in the box, Tim was so quick he beat the other players to the ball and often ended up putting the ball in the net."

"He's one of the best players ever to play at Farmington."

Giuseppe Ianni, Sr. forward, Ply. Salem: There were plenty of reasons for Ianni to be an all-Observer selection, but perhaps the best was provided by his coach, Ed McCarthy. But it wasn't something McCarthy said of his second team all-state forward.

"There were a number of coaches who thought he was unbelievable," the Salem coach recalled, "who said he was our best player out there."

Ianni's tough inside play and his ability to put the ball in the net were his biggest assets. He scored 19 goals and assisted on nine others as the Rocks' leading point-procurer; last year, in Salem's run to the state final game, he had 20 goals.

"He has a quick release, and he comes back to the ball better than anyone around," said McCarthy. "When he gets the ball, he's hard to bring down, he's so big and strong. He'll be a tremendous college player."

Eastern Michigan University and University of Detroit Mercy are among those Ianni is considering.

Joe Suchara, Sr. goalkeeper, Liv. Stevenson: The co-captain won 15 of 17 games, allowing just nine goals with 10 shutouts.

The highlight of his season was a 19-save performance in a 2-1 victory over top-ranked Plymouth Salem.

Suchara made All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and second-team All-State.

"Joe is athletic, dependable and a competitive player," Richters said. "And he is certainly one of the very best goalkeepers in the state this year."

Doug Koontz, Sr. goalkeeper, Ply. Canton: Koontz made his first year as Canton's first-string keeper a solid one, making every key start for the Chiefs. In the 21 games he played in, he surrendered 30 goals (1.43 goals-against average) while posting six shutouts. He was chosen to the WLAA's all-Western Division team and was honorable mention all-state.

"He had some real good ball games for us," said Smith. "He had some good games against Stevenson, against Salem he came up big both times, and he had some big games against Churchill. He'll play some more (in college), there's no doubt about it."

Koontz is considering several schools, including Hope College, Adrian College and Madonna University.



George Kithas
Livonia Churchill



Craig Hearn
North Farmington



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Farmington



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Plymouth Salem



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Goalkeepers

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Bigby, Bauman lead SC to tourney title

COLLEGE HOOPS

Lamar Bigby and Matt Bauman had it going last weekend for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The two teamed up for 43 points as Ocelots ran their overall season record to 4-0 with a 96-75 victory over host Fanshawe University in finals Saturday of a four-team tournament in London, Ont.

Bauman, a 6-foot-8 center from Livonia Franklin and transfer from the University of Detroit Mercy, led the Ocelots with a game-high 27 points, going 10-for-10 from the field. For the weekend, Bauman was 14 of 15 from the floor.

"Matt made smart plays and he can score inside," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "He played well both offensively and defensively and he's shown a lot of leadership."

Bigby, the tournament MVP,

added 18 points. He was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week after racking up 37 points, while shooting 45 percent from three-point range, to go along with 14 rebounds and six assists in two games.

Dashawn Williams chipped in with 12 points and five rebounds, while point-guard Dave McGlown had 11 points.

Schoolcraft shooting guard Derek McKelvey, who recently signed with Tennessee-Martin, added eight points and was named all-tournament.

Fanshawe (9-6) had Schoolcraft deadlocked at 42-all at halftime and had a brief lead in the second half.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and moved some

guys around," Briggs said. "Our pressure defense eventually work them down."

"It was good for us to be tied at the half and it was the first time we trailed this season in the second half. It was interesting to see how we would respond and we did a good job."

Schoolcraft hit 36 of 60 shots from the floor (60 percent) and 19 of 28 free throws (67.8 percent).

Fanshawe was 29 of 61 (47.5 percent) and 11 of 18 from the line (61.1 percent).

Madonna salvages split

Madonna University salvaged a split in the Hampton Technologies Classic at Wilberforce (Ohio) with an 87-75 win over Ohio University Southern as Mike Massey and Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) each scored 18 points.

Naryin Russaw added 17 points and 10 rebounds, while point-guard Nick Hurley chipped in with 15 points and seven assists as the Fighting Crusaders improved to 2-4 overall.

Madonna made 30 of 60 shots from the floor, including 10 of 21 from three-point range.

Carlos Henderson and Andrew Stevens scored 33 and 23, respectively, for Ohio University Southern.

On Friday, host Wilberforce put five players in double figures as the Crusaders fell, 92-78.

Lamont Branch led the winners with 24 points, while Barry Martin chipped in with 21.

Massey (Walled Lake Western) had a team-high 22 for Madonna, while Mike Maryanski added 20 points and 13 rebounds, Jason Skoczylas added nine points.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL FINALS
AT PLYMOUTH BLISSFIELD
Friday, Nov. 27
(Class A Championship Final)
Harrison vs. Hubbard, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28
(Class AA Championship)
Redford CC vs. Redford, 1 p.m.
STATE REGIONAL
GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS
CLASS 9
at EVERETT GAMBLE, REDFORD
Wednesday, Nov. 25, Redford Bishop
Boggs vs. Riverview Central, 7 p.m.
(Winner advances to state quarterfinals, Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Troy Arena vs. Seneca regional champion.)
WYV'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Sierra Hts. JV at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 27
Oakland CC at St. Clair (Ont.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28
West. Tech at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Michigan at Western (Pa.), 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28
Michigan at Western (Pa.), 4 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Redford Union vs. Spencerson,
Franklin vs. Dexter
at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28
Redford CC vs. Divine Child
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
ONTARIO SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 27
Ply. Whalers vs. North Bay
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28
Ply. Whalers vs. Peterborough
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

RAPTORS SOAR IN USATF MEET

The two boys teams representing the Raptors Track Club both turned in sparkling performances at last Saturday's USATF Cross Country Regional Meet, held in Medina, Ohio.

In the Young Men's Division (17-18 year olds), Raptor runners captured the top five places in the team standings and five of the top nine in the overall standings. Leading the Raptors and finishing first in the team standings (fourth overall) was Dave Sage (from Clarkston) in 16:22.

He was followed by a pair of Plymouth Salem competitors: Nick Allen (second team, fifth overall) in 16:33 and Jon Little (third team, sixth overall) in 16:35. Next was Josh Burt of Livonia Franklin (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:40, followed by Dan Jess of Redford Catholic Central (fifth team, ninth overall) in 16:45; Bobby Cushman of Salem (ninth team, 15th overall) in 17:02; and Matt Haver of Clarkston (12th team, 23rd overall) in 17:09.

The Raptors' young men's team placed first in the three-team race, qualifying for the USATF National Cross Country Meet Dec. 12 in Lisle, Ill.

In the Intermediate Boys Division, the Raptors' team placed second in the seven-team race to the A Team, also from Michigan.

Best for the Raptors was John DiGiovanni of CC (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:38. He was followed by Brian Klotz of Franklin (ninth team, 13th overall) in 17:00; Matt Daly of CC (11th team, 19th overall) in 17:12; Donnie Warner of Salem (14th team, 25th overall) in 17:30; Craig Little of Salem (18th team, 29th overall) in 17:45; Al Gill of Salem (19th team, 31st overall) in 17:55; and Jeremy Auer of Walled Lake Central (24th team, 41st overall) in 18:20.

As one of the top three teams, the Raptors' intermediate boys squad will also compete in the USATF Nationals Dec. 12 in Lisle, Ill.

YOUTH SOCCER RUNNER-UP

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockers, an under-15 boys team coached by Laura McDougall and assisted by Luke Lucero, recently finished second during the outdoor season.

Members of the Rockers include: Nick Awhal, Erik Anderson, Aaron Anselment, Danny Armbruster, David Ayyash, Adam Bogenschutz, Stephen Franklin, Danny Garber, Ryan Graham, Brandon Grieve, Chris Lantto, Adrian Lucero, Eric Pacifici, Brad Schmitz and Andy Smith. The team managers are Don and Lesley McDougall.

Madonna captures Dominican Classic

Cushman earns WHAC honor

It was "Katie Bar the Door" last weekend for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

Senior guard Katie Cushman (Flint Powers) led the Lady Crusaders to the Dominican Classic title in River Forest, Ill.

Cushman, named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week, averaged 23 points in wins over host Dominican (82-70) on Friday and Illinois Tech (98-57) on Saturday.

She also averaged 9.5 assists and 3.5 rebounds as Madonna improved to 3-0 overall.

Cushman had 20 points and 10 assists in the championship game. Kathy Panganis chipped in with 18 points, while Mary Murray and Kristi Fiorenzi each added 14.

Beth Gawlinski was the only Illinois Tech player in double figures with 14 points.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Madonna shot 52 percent from the field (39 of 75).

Cushman hit nine of 18 from the floor, including five of eight from three-point range in the win over Dominican. She also dished out nine assists.

Lori Enfield added 15 points, while Chris Dietrich contributed 15.

Julie Heintz led Dominican with 18.

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Lewis, in particular, was hitting on all cylinders. "Seventeen rebounds is not too shabby," Winfield said. "She plays hard in practice all the time and hard all the time in the game. She's a good-natured kid who loves basketball. And when you have a kid like that, you know you have something special."

King did not exactly shoot the basketball accurately — 22 of 72 (30.5 percent) — but the Crusaders made only 11 turnovers.

"The good thing about this game is that everybody got to play," Winfield said. "I thought our starters played well, but our younger kids didn't play as well."

So what's the future for Ladywood?

"We have reason to feel optimistic that we'll improve even more next year," said Goraki, who just finished her third season. "We have Melissa and Michelle (Harakas) back and they can matchup up athletically with most teams. Liz O'Brecht (a freshman) is a big body who only going to get better. And Kristen Barnes is a good three-point shooter, even though she didn't show it in this game."

"I thought our juniors developed. We'll try to develop our guards to play a team as quick and skilled as King and not feel rushed."

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Taylor eliminates Crusaders (44-7) in NAIA Great Lakes Region semis

Through its first four matches at last weekend's NAIA Great Lakes Regional, hosted by University of Michigan-Dearborn, Madonna University's volleyball team dominated, losing a total of just two games. But in the regional semifinals, it was Taylor University that was the dominant force.

The Lady Crusaders were eliminated in three-straight games by Taylor, 15-9, 15-7, 15-7, to end an outstanding season. Madonna finished the year with its second-straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship while posting a 44-7 record.

The Crusaders never quite got their offense in gear against Taylor on Saturday, collecting just 28 kills in the three matches. Erin Cunningham paced Madonna with eight (and a .400 kill percentage); she also had five digs and two block assists.

Brandy Malewski (from Red-

VOLLEYBALL

ford Thurston), who together with teammate Rayna Vert was named to the all-region first team, added seven kills, six digs, one solo block and four block assists against Taylor. Stephanie Uballe had six kills, two solo blocks and three block assists; Vert got five kills, nine digs and two block assists; Jennifer Russell collected 10 digs; and Deanne Helsom, a second team all-region selection, finished with 24 assists to kills, six digs, one solo block and three block assists.

In the quarterfinals Friday, Madonna disposed of host UM-D with ease, winning 15-5, 15-3, 15-6. Cunningham had 13 a team-best kills (.360) with 17 digs, while both Vert (.435) and Malewski (.476) added 11 kills apiece. Malewski also had three solo blocks and eight block

assists, while Vert collected 15 digs and four block assists. Russell led Madonna with 26 digs, and Helsom totaled 44 assists to kills, two service aces and four block assists.

Earlier Friday in pool play, the Crusaders rolled through unscathed, beating Dominican University 15-6, 12-15, 15-3, 15-13; Indiana Wesleyan 10-15, 15-2, 15-3, 15-7; and Mount Vernon Nazarene 15-5, 15-6, 15-5.

Malewski led Madonna in the three wins with 43 kills, 37 digs, seven solo blocks and 28 block assists. Cunningham added 38 kills, 36 digs, two solo blocks and eight block assists; Uballe had 39 kills, one solo block and 20 block assists.

Vert finished with 19 kills, 44 digs, five solo blocks and 13 block assists; Russell had 27 digs and six aces; and Helsom totaled 153 assists to kills, 12 aces, 21 digs, one solo block and 13 block assists.

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man or running back, but the defense was Ram tough against an impressive Lake Orion offense.

The Rams led 34-0 at half-time and Lake Orion quarterback Darren Tooley, a Division I prospect, was sacked several times, completing only six of 24 passes with two interceptions.

That said, the Rams are playing the Shamrocks, who had a pair of runners, Casey Rogowski and John Kava, rush for more than 100 yards each against highly-regarded Sterling Heights Stevenson in a 35-21 semifinals victory.

The line, led by junior guards Mike Morris and Steve Dominguez, has seldom been better.

Munger lost to Grand Rapids Catholic Central in a Class B semifinal one year when he was coach at Frankenmuth, but knows this CC isn't an identical twin.

It's probably far more powerful. "CC is obviously a very good team, well coached, very fundamental, and makes very few mistakes," Munger said.

The Rams have made the

playoffs in five of Munger's seven years, including three straight trips to the semifinals.

The school has a new football stadium that is routinely filled with several thousand fans. A big following might be the best advantage Rockford has against CC.

"We've got a great following and we're very blessed that way," Munger said.

A lot of high school followers thought Rockford's team last year, led by all-state quarterback Mike Segard, would end up in the finals. Rockford was upset by Ann Arbor Huron, 17-14, in the semifinals.

"It was a powerful team, probably the best we had in quite a while," Munger said. "That was last year and now we're playing with a new group of guys."

Senior quarterback Dan Richard leads Rockford on offense, completing 76 of 135 passes for 969 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions. Four of his receivers have at least nine catches and Courtney Yon leads with 15 receptions for 148 yards.

The Rams run the ball by committee with Chris Maksim

leading the way with 418 yards in 61 carries (for a 6.9 yard average per carry), and five others gaining more than 200 yards.

The defense is led by senior Luke Botas (5-11, 225) and junior Mike Lundberg (6-foot, 190), both inside linebackers. Lundberg leads the team in tackles.

"The heart of any defense is the linebackers," Munger said.

Rogowski, out the first four weeks with a broken leg, has become the leader of the CC defense at inside linebacker. He had 16 tackles last week and is there if the Shamrocks' outstanding front three of Jeremiah Hicks, Lou Willoughby and John Abshire don't make the tackle.

Rogowski scored five touchdowns against Stevenson.

"I was real happy with Casey's running, the way he played both offense and defense," Mach said. "He's come a long way back."

"Those three guys (Abshire, Hicks and Willoughby) are as good as we've had as down three together. They're not as big as we've had but are very good in terms of mobility."

Stevenson's Kern places 4th in 500 freestyle; Mocerri garners 1st-ever points for Ladywood

Livonia Stevenson failed to crack the top ten in the state Class A girls swim meet Saturday at Jones Natatorium at Eastern Michigan University.

But the Spartans had some noteworthy individual performances led by Julie Kern's fourth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (5:00.82).

Kern, a senior, shaved nearly six seconds off her first-place time of 5:06.1 set in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet Nov. 7 at Plymouth Salem in 5:06.1.

Amy McCullough of Farmington Hills Mercy captured the state meet title in the 500 freestyle in 4:54.75.

Mercy also won the team championship, its first state crown since 1972, by scoring 142 points.

Runner-up Zeeland tallied 111, while Grosse Pointe North finished third with 109.

Stevenson, shut out of scoring on all three relay events, was 20th with 20 points.

Stevenson diver Katy Ballantine, a junior, added an eighth with 333.00 points. The event was won by East Kentwood's Sarah Lowe (394.60).

STATE GIRLS SWIM MEET

Other Stevenson finishers included junior Katie Clark in the 100 butterfly, 10th place in 1:00.12, and junior Meghan Mocerri in the 500 freestyle, 12th in 5:15.34.

Mocerri's cousin, Christina Mocerri, finished eighth in the 100 backstroke to score the first points ever in the state meet by a Livonia Ladywood swimmer. (Sara Johnson of Bloomfield Hills Lahser won the race in 56.22.)

Mocerri's time of 59.84 shaved nearly 2 1/2 seconds off her personal best and school record time of 1:02.4 set in the Catholic League championships Nov. 14 at Royal Oak Dondoro.

In the Catholic League meet, the sophomore finished second in the 100 backstroke and second in the 200 IM (2:18.9). She also dropped her time in the 200 IM at the state meet with a clocking of 2:16.9 (26th best in Class A).

Plymouth Whalers slip to 2nd place, Guelph goaltender Madden is sharp

How quickly things can change.

In a 24-hour span, the Plymouth Whalers' loss total doubled — and the Whalers dropped from a tie for No. 1 in the Ontario Hockey League to a tie for second place.

The trouble started Saturday, when Plymouth battled back from a three-goal deficit after two periods to tie Owen Sound 5-5. However, the comeback effort drained the Whalers; Chad Woollard scored his third goal of

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the game to give the host Platers a 6-5 triumph.

On Sunday at Guelph, Plymouth was frustrated once again by the team's personal nemesis — goalie Chris Madden, the same guy who led the Storm to a four-game sweep in the OHL semifinals last April. Madden stopped 32 of 33 shots in beating the Whalers, 3-1.

The two losses left Plymouth at 18-4-2 — none too shabby, by any standard. Ottawa now leads the OHL, however, with a 20-2-2 record; the Whalers and the Barrie Colts are next best. Ottawa is first in the East Division, Barrie is best in the Central and Plymouth remains atop the West.

Guelph improved to 17-7 with the victory, first in the Midwest Division. Owen Sound is 10-9-3 (through Sunday).

Against the Platers Saturday, the Whalers had only a goal from Harold Druken in the first two periods as Owen Sound built its 4-1 lead. But Plymouth rallied quickly in the third period, getting a pair of power-play goals in the first 3:34, one by Eric Gooldy (his fourth of the season) and another by David

Legwand (his 13th).

Woollard's second goal of the game pushed the Platers' lead back to 5-3 with just over 14 minutes remaining, but the Whalers got a third power-play goal, this one by Druken (his league-leading 29th), with 9:04 left to make it a one-goal game again. Paul Mara tied it for Plymouth 26 seconds later (his sixth), beckoning overtime.

Woollard's game-winner (his seventh goal of the season) came after 2:29 of OT.

Legwand and Adam Colagiaco each had two assists for the Whalers. Rob Zepp made 34 saves in goal for Plymouth; Curtis Sanford had the same number for Owen Sound.

Against Guelph, the Whalers found themselves battling from behind once again after the Storm followed a scoreless first period with two second-period goals. Mara's goal (his seventh) drew Plymouth to within a goal early in the third period, but the Whalers could get no closer — thanks to the combination of Darryl Knight's second goal of the game with 15 minutes left and Madden's goalkeeping.

Madden made 32 saves in gaining the win. Robert Holsinger had 30 stops for Plymouth.

Ambassadors storm into 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors moved into first place in the nine-team North American Hockey League with a 7-0 rout of the St. Louis Sting Sunday at Compuware Arena.

J.J. Swistak and Steve Jackson each scored two goals to spark the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski and Beau Fritz made 13 saves apiece in splitting the shutout in goal. The win, com-

bined with a split earlier in the weekend against Danville (the Ambassadors won 5-3 Friday, then lost 4-3 Saturday at Compuware), left Compuware with a 16-4-1 record — one point better than second-place Soo Kewadin (16-5).

D.J. Vogt scored twice and Kowalski made 35 saves in the Ambassadors' win Friday.

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Hudsonville tackles Harrison in state final

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As an eight-time state champion, Farmington Harrison has had many successes in the state football finals, but the Hawks might be thinking this week about one of the few that got away.

The Hawks hope to win their ninth title when they play first-time finalist Hudsonville for the Class A crown at 1 p.m. Friday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

But the last time Harrison faced a team from the Greater Grand Rapids area was in the 1996 state final, and Grandville punished the Hawks with a strong running game and won 24-17.

That was also the last time Harrison lost a game. The defending Class A champion Hawks are 12-0 this year and take a 24-game winning streak into the 1998 finale.

Hudsonville also boasts a strong rushing attack and relies almost solely on senior back Nate Luurtsema for its offensive production.

"They're a little bit like Midland Dow last year," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding Hudsonville runs the I-formation as opposed to Grandville's split wishbone. "They don't run as varied an attack as Grandville, but they run it effectively."

"They're something like (Westland John) Glenn in that they use two tight ends a lot and try to control the ball."

Herrington likens the 5-foot-10, 195-pound Luurtsema to Walled Lake Western's Dave Johnson except he runs from the tailback position instead of fullback.

"He has the same kind of speed in the open field and great balance," Herrington said. "You have to wrap him up and get a lot of people on the ball. It's very tough to take him down one on one."

"He's a big-play back. I've seen him break a lot of long runs. He had 300 yards against Portage Central and just ran over them."

Hudsonville coach Dave Duram says Luurtsema is the "biggest secret in Michigan." He played in only two games last year because of an injury, but he has rushed for 1,983 yards and 22 touchdowns this year while averaging 7.2 yards per carry. Luurtsema runs the 40 in 4.49 seconds, added Duram.

"Imagine what it was like knowing you had a back like that over on the sideline bandaged up?" Duram said. "People are just beginning to realize there's something there. He doesn't have any commitments (from colleges), but he's getting a lot of attention."

Fullback James Kuipers has rushed for 362 yards and three touchdowns and is one heckuva blocker, according to Duram.

"He made one all-area team based on his blocking, and he has a number of colleges looking at him," he said.

The Eagles (11-1) have played musical chairs at quarterback. Jordan Beel was the starter last year but missed the first seven games with an injury. His replacement, D.J. Van Slyke, was injured in the sixth game, and Kenny Reagann led Hudsonville to victory in Week 7.

"Luckily for us, by that point, Beel came back," Duram said. "This year luck was with us. As one good kid went down, we had someone come back."

"They prefer to run it, but they have a kid (Casey Glass) who is a good receiver, and the quarterback does throw the ball accurately," Herrington said.

"Our linebackers are going to have to be very active. We have to get people to Luurtsema, and we can't let the fullback run up the middle on us, either."

The Hawks will have to watch for the unexpected, too. The Eagles recovered an onside kick to start the game against Saginaw last week and scored as a result en route to a 32-6 victory.

"They took the momentum away from Saginaw early, and it didn't look like Saginaw ever got in sync," Herrington said.

"They'll put the slotback in the guard-tackle gap, which makes it an eight-man line, and you have to adjust to that."

Duram knows what kind of challenge the Eagles face in trying to plan a defense for Harrison, which is comfortable and capable of either passing or running.

"Most teams we prepare for you can say 'Gee, if we can hold

this kid back or this kid down, we feel we're in pretty good shape," he said. "If you can hold one (Harrison) individual down, they can hurt you in three or four other places. It makes it an extremely difficult challenge to prepare for a team like this."

"We've seen teams that are fast and spread us out and teams that are big and strong, but I don't think we've seen a team with a combination of the two like they have."

So Duram's game plan will be? "Ball control. Obviously, we can't let them have control of the ball," he said. "We have to keep it away from them."

The Hawks have always had a balanced attack, but their offense is even stronger with the emergence of junior running back Kevin Woods as a bonafide rushing threat.

Woods has gained 328 yards — more than a third of his 850 total yards — in just the last two

games, but he needed time to develop into a varsity runner early in the year, according to Herrington.

"(Senior Matt) Reed was returning and doing a very good job — and still is!" he said. "Kevin was feeling his way as a varsity player."

"We felt he wasn't running hard and was stopping to make his cuts. So we kept running him in our inside drill against the first-team defense, and he kept

getting better and better."

"We thought he really came alive when he played Reggie Spearmon the week of the Glenn game, although he always gained yards whenever he got in there."

After what Woods has done in the last two playoff games, does Herrington think he has become a varsity back now?

"Yes, I think so," he said.

Herrington plans to mix the pass and the run as circum-

stances dictate, but he said the Hawks aren't planning too many surprises.

"They play a lot of one-on-one coverage, and we'll try to get the ball to Ricky (Bryant), Andre (Davis), (Mike) Hoad and (Brian) Nelson," he said.

"They present us with some problems, but we present them with a lot of problems, too. The fact we've come on with a strong running game has added to the fact we're difficult to defense."



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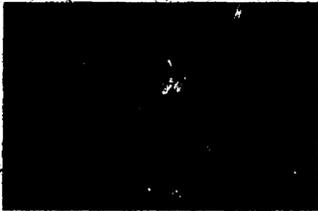
Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," makes a historic first appearance 8 p.m. with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$50, \$75, \$125 and \$150, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



New Millennium Youth Theatre Company performs "The Snow Queen," by Hans Christian Andersen, 2 p.m. at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets \$5, call (248) 552-1225.

SUNDAY



University Musical Society presents "The Harlem Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Detroit Opera House, 26 Broadway, Detroit (corner of Madison Ave.), Detroit. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (800) 221-1229, (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6656.

HOT



Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Museum, visitors will marvel at a 720-square foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults \$12.50, senior citizens 62 and over \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old \$7.50, children under five free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEADOW BROOK'S 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'



Piecing together: Scenery designer Peter Hicks, right, oversees the assembly of the intricate set for "A Christmas Carol."

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ARCHITECTURE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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It only seems appropriate that the story Charles Dickens claimed he laughed and cried over like no other would require the staging synchronization of a Swiss watch assembly line.

For Meadow Brook Theatre set designer Peter Hicks, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" translates into 17 pages of densely filled blueprints, a large-scale hydraulic-powered turntable that reveals a two-sided, unfolding set and enough ersatz fiberglass bricks to build a small mansion in the rolling hills of Rochester.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Meadow Brook Theatre initiated the holiday season with the opening performances of their 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Amazingly, the production hasn't grown tiresome over the years, largely due to Charles Nolte's lively adaptation, the intricately magical set designed by Hicks, and the

WHAT: "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte

WHEN: Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Performance times vary, call for information.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester.

TICKETS: \$25-\$30.50, call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316 for group tickets. Special discounts Thanksgiving weekend, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, adults paying full price may purchase half-price tickets for children age 12 and under.

1840s period costumes created by Barbara Jenks who counts more than 1,000 wardrobe pieces in "A Christmas Carol."

Before the curtain rises

Only the agonizingly agnostic and terminally crusty haven't read or watched a version of Scrooge's conversion from a greedy sinner to benevolent patriarch.

But long before the illusion of 19th-century London streets, the

sniveling Scrooge, and the suffering Cratchits make their way onto the Meadow Brook stage, the architecture of the play must be constructed.

"The physical plan of the set must serve the play and the director's interpretation," said Hicks. "And in our case, it must also fit the tight confines of a former recital hall."

Back in 1962 when "A Christmas Carol" was first performed, the guest designer hadn't planned on the set being used from year to year.

By the late 1980s, Hicks redesigned the set and the reconstructed carousel hasn't stopped turning. The play is unquestionably the most popular in Meadow Brook's history.

From year to year, "A Christmas Carol" attracts thousands of students and young families to the Wednesday-Sunday matinees over a six-week run.

"Before the curtain goes up, there's a few moments when the audience should be getting information from what's on the stage," said Hicks.

In those moments, audiences see a set seemingly pulled from a Currier and Ives painting, and hear costumed carolers in the hallways.

Time of joy

While most productions of "A Christmas Carol" borrow sappy Disney-like interpretations, Meadow Brook's holiday classic is perhaps more gritty, and closer to Dickens' bitter-sweet original tale.

And if anyone wants to see the closest dramatization of the real-

Please see CLASSIC, E2

Hung up: Barbara Jenks, costume coordinator at Meadow Brook Theatre, stands amid the hundreds of costumes prepared for "A Christmas Carol."



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Christmas comes early for local dancer - she's a Rockette



Holiday tradition: With military precision, the Rockettes perform their popular toy soldier dance.

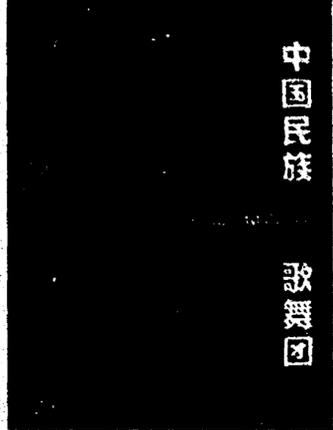
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It's safe to say that Tracy Rysdale is thrilled about being a Rockette in this year's "Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes."

"Living in Michigan, I grew up going to the Fox (Theatre) and seeing the ballet with my parents. This is not only a dream to be a Rockette but to be performing at the Fox Theatre. It's an absolutely beautiful theater. It's overwhelming but very exciting," Rysdale explained.

With non-stop enthusiasm, Rysdale tells of the thrill she gets performing as a Rockette. Since she was a child growing up in White Lake Township, she has dreamed about becoming a part of the team.

"I've wanted to be a Rockette since I was 7 years old. I didn't have a lot of flexibility when I was younger. Everyone else could do the higher kicks and



Song & dance troupe shares Chinese treasure

Birmingham Seaholm High School plays host to an appearance by the Chinese National Song & Dance Troupe 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The program "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" features Tibetan and Mongolian dancers.

Gang Chen of Rochester Hills, an engineer with Chrysler, is the chairman of the organizing committee for the program and general secretary of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit.

Chen said the company features 27 dancers who perform 17 dances in a two-hour program.

"We are extremely pleased to bring a true national Chinese treasure to the Metro Detroit area," said Chen. "We hope that the show will bring our audience a richer Thanksgiving holiday season."

The company is making stops in New York City, Columbus, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Honolulu.

"This December they have been invited to perform at the UN in New York on Dec. 25 and the company has arranged to appear in 20 cities in the U.S.," Chen said.

The dancers will be accompanied on traditional instruments.

"Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" will feature a mix of group and solo as well as modern and traditional folk dances. The Golden Drum and the Goddess, for example, describes how a Tibetan Buddhist uses a golden drum as a ritual object in temple ceremonies.

"The dances reflect the people's happiness, prosperity and feelings, dreams and desires," Chen said.

The Drum Dance features a group of male dancers wearing small bells on legs and waist who dance rhythmically to the beat of sheepskin drums.

Zhouma is the Tibetan word for fairy and is the central character in a dance featuring a female solo with a group of male dancers in which Lady Zhouma attracts the attention of the young herdsmen.

Odzer is Tibetan for "light" or "fire." In this female solo performance the dancer expresses the hope that "light may eternally shine on humankind."

In addition to Tibetan and Mongolian dances, the program features other folk dances as well.

The Rainbow Sleeves dance is a Tu nationality dance featuring all women and centers on the seven colors of the rainbow, a prominent feature of the

Please see TREASURE, E2

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes"

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: Range from \$10-\$52.50. For ticket information, call (248) 433-1515, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or any Ticketmaster outlet. Groups of 20 or more should call (313) 965-3099.

PERFORMANCES: Several performances are scheduled, call for more information. This week's shows are 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

the splits. I was the one that couldn't do it. But I said one of these days I'm going to be a Rockette," Rysdale said.

A 1991 Waterford Kettering High

Please see DANCER, E2

Center features festive holiday events

From youth theater, Judy Collins, to Gemini, there are lots of entertaining ways to celebrate the holidays in Southfield.

Youth Theater

The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company will perform Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fairy-tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J. L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for groups of 10 or more. Call (248) 552-1225.

Members of the New Millennium Youth Theatre Company, who come from all over metro Detroit, have been rehearsing since September. "They will put on a show your family will remember for years," said Chris Guyotte.

Judy Collins

Judy Collins will perform a holiday concert at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, and available by cash or check at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the main reception desk, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or at the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers, or call (248) 645-6666.

The Golden Mushroom is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the Judy Collins concert. The dinner is \$25 per person and begins with chilled chicken smoked chicken breast on mixed field greens, red wine vinaigrette, crumbled blue cheese and avocado.

Diners can choose between two main courses - smoke-roasted beef tenderloin with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, grilled vegetables and wild mushroom gateaux, or bronzed Atlantic salmon on lemon risotto with artichokes and tomatoes.

Dessert will be chocolate French flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream. Call the Golden Mushroom (248) 559-4230 for dinner reservations.

In this concert, Collins will share her joy of the holiday season. Her concerts are well-known for creating a warm, enjoyable evening filled with traditional and new songs for Hanukkah and Christmas. She will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin.

Her recordings of "Both Sides Now," "Amazing Grace," and

"Send in the Clowns," stand as classics for all time. Her 24 albums have sold millions of copies and have been certified gold and platinum.

Gemini

Internationally acclaimed children's folk singing duo, Gemini, will appear at the Millennium Centre in Southfield 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 for their annual Family Holiday Concert.

Winner of multiple Parent's Choice awards for their recordings, Gemini will perform songs from around the world and showcase the holidays of Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah as well as many cultures.

The Ann Arbor based twins have been performing and recording for more than 20 years.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for groups of 10 or more, call (248) 552-1225.



Holiday classic: Booth Colman performs as Ebenezer Scrooge and Stephanie Kasmicshi (left) and Joel Carpenter alternate the role of Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol."

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School graduate, Rysdale tried out three times in San Francisco and Las Vegas before being asked to join the troupe.

"The first time I auditioned I walked into the audition really, really wanting the job. I got psyched up too high. I wasn't prepared for the disappointment," she explained.

"But she did have enough confidence to give it another go.

"If you're ready to give up after one audition, you shouldn't be in this business. I knew it just by timing and just a matter of them seeing me and knowing that I wanted the job. I even heard of one of the line captains in the past who auditioned seven or eight times before getting hired."

The auditions, she said, were rigorous.

"They were very, very military. There were at least, I'd say, 150 girls there and they teach you a routine in two seconds and you have to pick it up as quick as possible," Rysdale explained.

"The dancers were judged on a variety of categories including accuracy, how fast they learn the routines, and the strength of their backgrounds.

"That's all in a matter of four

minutes. You have to look very confident, be confident in ballet, jazz and tap, and look like you are enjoying yourself. You're nervous and you're scared but they also have to see that you want to perform and that you want the job," she said.

The Las Vegas audition was the winner. For 3 1/2 years she had been a line captain for the American Superstars tribute to impersonators show at the Flamingo Hilton in Reno, Nev. When she got the call in June, she took a leave from that position and flew home to Michigan.

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes" runs from Friday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Last year Rysdale watched the show from the audience, now she's a part of it.

"It's just so breathtaking. I go to church and I'm very into God. It's such an inspiration. It's absolutely beautiful," she said of the show.

The "Christmas Spectacular" is a variety-type show that features The Rockettes, its cast and live animals staging the "Living

Nativity." Teddy bears dance in Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." There are a few new twists as well.

"We have new renditions of some of the numbers. We've switched some of the choreography. Overall, it's a Christmas spectacular."

The show involves a lot more than the trademark kicks, she added.

"The kicks are always the big thing for most people. But there is so much more to this show. You have to be disciplined to be able to mirror all 18 girls. You don't have your own style. The only style you have is your face," Rysdale explained.

"I hate to use the word 'military' but it is so military. There is no style. You can't just add a couple heads or a couple hips ... they're so particular. For this dance you have to have your thumb back, the next step you have to have it forward. They say if it's uncomfortable, you're doing it right."

One of the biggest challenges for Rysdale is working with props.

"You have to have a back-

ground in ballet, jazz and tap but you're also flipping wreaths and holding up canes, dancing on props, tapping with boxes and twirling sticks," she said.

"Never in my life have I ever worked with a prop. These things are 10 to 15 pounds each. I'm using muscles I never thought I had."

When she's not rehearsing for "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" starring The Rockettes," she teaches master classes at her former studio, The Dance Place in Waterford.

"I tell the girls, don't give up and don't think that you're not good enough. You are. One day it will be you. They're all going to auditions now so they know it's a hard business. But you have to be strong."

After the "Christmas Spectacular" ends its run, she will return to her position as line captain in Reno, Nev.

"I'll probably do that for another year. But I'll leave my schedule open for the next Christmas Spectacular."

"It's so much fun. I was telling my mom my feet are tired, everything aches. But I can't wait to do it again tomorrow."

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life Scrooge, there are no better performances year after year than Booth Colman's.

Often forgotten by audiences is Dickens' stinging indictment of the perverse consequences of "progress" at the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

"If we wanted to be more historically correct, there'd be more rags and less beauty," said Meadow Brook costume coordinator Jenks, who redesigned the wardrobe two years ago.

More jewel-tone colors have been added to the current production, said Jenks, whose design for Meadow Brook's opening play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," merits the highest recognition for the year's best costumes.

After all the actors have been fitted and the costumes were neatly pressed, Jenks handed over responsibility to two dressers. For now, she'll join Hicks to begin work on Meadow Brook's next play, "Scotland Road," scheduled to open in mid-January.

But neither will be far from the holiday celebration occurring on stage.

"This is a time of joy," said Jenks. "A lot of old friends come to the production, and a lot of people who might not be in any of this season's plays come back and do 'A Christmas Carol.'"

In theater, that's the closest thing to running like clockwork.

Treasure from page E1

sleeves of their ethnic costumes. Seven dancers personify a rainbow of colors, seen so often on the grassland of Qinghai plateau.

The dance Flowers and Youth in a Han Chinese dance "to express the true meaning of love

through a composition of gentle, graceful movements."

Tickets for "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" are \$20, \$30 and \$40. For more information, call (248) 852-1886 or (248) 649-9844. Seaholm is at 2436 West Lincoln Road.




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Second City marks 5th anniversary with new revue

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Irreverent as ever, The Second City-Detroit celebrates its fifth anniversary with "Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend," their 14th live-comedy revue.

In typical Second City fashion, the show, which opened Thursday, has nothing to do with Daimler or Chrysler. It's edgy in spots, the kind of comedy that makes you think, and disappointingly, a little offensive.

When will comedians get it — the f-word isn't funny, and because it's so over-used, doesn't even have much shock value. So why use it?

Opening day at the brand new Tiger Stadium, same old Tigers, score 0-14, could have been played a lot of different ways. Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key were funny as the sportscasters with their running commentary and commercials — "Down River Ale, if you're gonna go down, go down smooth." The scene where Eric Black slaps (hardly a tap) Mary Jane Pories, "you're so annoying I had to hit you," was upsetting. Pories in the skit is Kate, the friend of newcomer Nyima Anise Woods who divorced Black and finds herself sitting next to him at the Tiger's game. Upon discovering his ex-wife's newly acquired knowledge of baseball, Black is smitten, and wants to get back together. Kate and Margaret Exner are her girlfriends who run interference.

I suppose they were exaggerating to bring light to an issue, but you can take things a little too



Main Stage: The cast of Second City-Detroit, (back row, left to right) Margaret Exner, Eric Black, Larry Campbell, and Mary Jane Pories (front row, left to right), Keegan-Michael Key, and Nyima Anise Wood in "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend."

far. Maybe that was the intent. Seeing someone slap a woman on stage, no matter how lightly, is disturbing. It was just a little too real to be comedy.

That's not all. There's more sexual innuendo in this show than other shows, sometimes aimed at homosexuals. Like the

slap, they're cheap shots — not very creative when measured against previous revues.

Fans will enjoy repeat performances of popular skits from previous shows. The Lawn Guy (Key) returns to help poor Miss Angela (Woods) who's African American and lives in Birming-

ham, sort out racial issues. "I don't feel black enough," she says. "Eight Mile seems really wide." This is what Second City does best, take a charged issue like racism and diffuse it to make their audience think.

If you're stressed at work, you'll enjoy the skit where

"Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend"

What: The Second City-Detroit's 14th live comedy revue
When: 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational set, free of charge, after every performance. Wednesday through Sunday (after 10:30 p.m. Show Friday-Saturday).
Tickets: \$10 Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-2222, or (248) 645-6666.
Holiday Highlights
■ **Accidental Terrorist** — A multi-media master class production, directed by Larry Campbell — 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29; 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Tickets \$4, call (313) 965-2222.
■ **Homeless for the Holidays** — A dysfunctional seasonal revue (Second City Detroit Workshop Production) — 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and Monday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Tickets \$8, call (313) 965-2222.

Woods, Pories and Key, downsize everyone else out of a job — "although you will always be part of our family, you'll be part of our extended family. The only thing is, the staff doesn't get it. "If we're not working here, then where are we working? We need to know so we can be there in the morning."

There's a new spin, an Affirmative Action sequence where Black and Campbell lament, "No one's hiring white guys."

TV is cleverly pictured as "evil and sucking the life-blood out of us," and President Clinton (Campbell) and his wife Hillary (Exner) share a joint and conversation on the White House roof.

There's a lot of really creative animated humor such as the video game skit where Bill Clinton (acting like a video game character complete with robotic moves) goes to battle with Linda Tripp, Kenneth Starr, and

Hillary, who of course, wins. Open mike night at Auschwitz, featuring Key as the comedian, was funny, but not offensive. "What's the difference between Hitler and Himmler? It's the spelling." The situation was absurd.

Skits on men and women failing to communicate were a riot, and to hear "All the Crazy People are from Michigan," featured in a previous skit, was a treat.

Changes made by producer Rico Bruce Wade are apparent. The cast finishes the skits they start. There's more emphasis on relationships between men and women.

In a clever move, just before the ending, each cast member stops, and comments on unfinished business. They hurry up, go back into character to complete the scene.

Stagecrafters' 'The Heiress' awakens from sleepy 1st act

"The Heiress" continues through Sunday, Nov. 29 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, with additional performances 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Tickets \$10 and \$12, all seats reserved, call (248) 541-6430.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Catherine's life was doomed from birth, for she would always bear the burden of her mother's death in delivery. That burden includes an impossible task, as her stern and unloving father has been waiting for this plain young woman to "approach the perfection of your mother." How perfect was she? She even tuned her own piano!

Stagecrafters presents "The Heiress" as its season's prerequisite drama. Set near the turn of the century when New York's Washington Square was populated with the genteel upper crust in pillared brownstones, the play glides along, well, genteelly. The final scene, however, packs a wallop that could qualify Catherine for an appearance with Sally Jesse Raphael.

Who amongst us hasn't felt like the proverbial square peg in life's round hole? Painfully shy, Catherine (Robin Thomas) is without charm or poise. She crumbles like a cracker when company comes into the parlor. Why isn't she getting married like cousin Marian (Michelle



Main Stage production: Aunt Lavinia (Jeanine Matlow of Farmington Hills, left to right) chaperones the courtship of Catherine (Robin Johnson of Farmington Hills) and Morris (Tony Castellani) in a scene from "The Heiress."

Held)? "Someone must love me," she declares. "Someone must tell me he wants me."

Her new brother-in-law's cousin Morris (Tony Castellani) eagerly applies for the job. This oily cad, having gone through his own inheritance, sets his sights on Catherine's, and it seems there's not much he's unwilling to do to get it, short of

breaking into a chorus of "On the Street Where You Live."

To her father (Pat Reid), Morris' motives are "pitifully clear." Catherine, as expected, is dazzled by their first kiss, and succumbs to his quick proposal. Is Morris' love true? Will father cut her off if she marries him? How much of herself is Catherine willing to sacrifice to meet

the expectations of others — or can she summon the courage to tell the world where to go?

Robin Thomas is a woeful caterpillar and an even more glorious butterfly, her metamorphosis a superb accomplishment. Like her Venetian crystal so desired by Morris, Thomas' Catherine is delicate and easily shattered, yet durable and, yes,

beautiful in ways that her self-motivated relatives and suitor can't see.

Pat Reid's Dr. Sloper is the living embodiment of every Victorian-era portrait. Have you ever seen a smiling face in one? You won't on this man, either; his bitterness is so deep it stays with him right into the grave. Reid plays the doctor as your most intimidating college professor, only he happens to be your father, too: "There are some things one cannot give to others; one cannot give eyes or understanding if they have none." Yes, sir-may I go now?

Tony Castellani is a wolf in chamois gloves. His Morris skulks outside the hen house licking his chops, even winning over the doctor's two sisters: sympathetic, somewhat-vacant Aunt Lavinia (nicely played by Jeanine Matlow) and no-nonsense Mrs. Almond (Linda Ham-mell, a five-foot tornado who'd make Carrie Nation a wimp).

"The Heiress" suffers from a sleepy first act that doesn't awaken until the closing line, but it rolls to its "what's she gonna do?" conclusion with vigor and much audience interest.

The set is rich with velvet and French Provincial, but could have used a background flat to add to the authenticity, rather than go for the abstract. Costuming is a Stagecrafters' strength; lavish dresses and handsome waistcoats abound. Sound reinforcement was lacking in conversations between Catherine and Morris; at least one plea of "louder" came from the house on opening night.

"The Heiress" has much contemporary relevancy; it's intriguing to see a woman at the close of the last millennium demanding the same right of self-determination that women of today have yet to fully achieve.

Music Hall offers new Broadway series

(PRNewswire) — The concept of a Broadway series has been taken one step further. Olympia Entertainment and Jam Theatricals in association with The Music Hall Theatre announce Detroit's 1999 Just Off-Broadway Series at the Music Hall, bringing you the best in world-

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THEATER

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"Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepThe@aol.com

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

JET

"Resident Alien," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, Wednesday, Dec. 2-Sunday, Jan. 3, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A Christmas Carol," Saturday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

"NUTCRACKER ON ICE"

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors, \$28 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Boom! Town," Jeff Daniels' powerful drama set in a small midwestern town, through Sunday, Nov. 29, at the company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. "Boom! Town" is recommended for mature audiences only. \$15-\$30. (734) 475-7902

COLLEGE

UD MERCY THEATRE COMPANY

An evening of the compelling work of the masterful Russian playwright "Chekhov," through Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Earl D.A. Smith Studio Theatre on the McNichols Campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 students/seniors/UD Mercy employees, alumni. (313) 993-1130

UM THEATRE AND DRAMA

"Volpone," Ben Jonson's wickedly funny Jacobean comedy returns to UM stage after a hiatus of almost 40 years, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Scapin," Moliere's tale of intrigue and slapstick runs in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, at the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"A Tuna Christmas" comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT THEATRE

"American Standard," Chuck O'Connor's post-dramatic neo-comedy continues to Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Caniff Avenue, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetant.com

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Name" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 21730 Madison (near southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Dr.), Dearborn. \$14. (313) 561-TKTS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads (on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital), Northville. \$11 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-7110

STAGECRAFTERS THEATRE

"The Heiress," by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, runs on the Main Stage through Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. \$10, \$12 reserved. Senior/student discounts Thursday and Sunday. (248) 541-6430

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBACCHI ITALIAN CROPHOUSE



Holiday fun: Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Edison Homestead in the Village, visitors will learn more about festivities surrounding the holiday feast from food preparation to the setting and decorating of the table. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults \$12.50, people 62 and older \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old \$7.50, children under 5 free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, begins Thursday, Dec. 3, for an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8688/(248) 645-6666

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6, Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

AMERICAN FAMILY THEATRE
Broadway for Kids production of "Cinderella," a family musical favorite, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$6, reservations. (248) 424-9022

EMU THEATRE
"Ghost of the River House," an 11-year old and her grandfather search for adventure in this play by Max Bush of Michigan, for ages seven and up, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, at the Quirk Theatre, on the Eastern Michigan University campus in Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday matinees. (734) 487-1221

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Cinderella," through Jan. 3, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Jan. 2; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, and Jan. 3; and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE
Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12 and 19, at the Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, between Eight and Nine Mile, Southfield. (248) 552-7000/(248) 552-1225

NOVI THEATRES
"The Nutcracker," a play with dancing by June Walker Rogers, adapted by Mary Kay Davis, performed by Children's Annex Company, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays

through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. \$7.50, \$6.50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

PUPPETART
"Close the Window...or, a Cheim Story, a folk tale inspired by Isaac Bashevis Singer from old Russia, 2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 East Grand River, between Woodward and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

WILD SWAN THEATRE
In collaboration with Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village presents "The Cricket in Times Square," the first ever stage version of George Selden's book run Wednesday, Dec. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 2, at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

BIRMINGHAM'S FREE ANTIQUE SHOW
Featuring 20 antique dealers of 18th and 19th century furniture, American fine art, estate jewelry, art glass, toys, lighting, books, porcelain, and primitives, free appraisals during show, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 251 Merrill Street, second level, Birmingham. Free parking in all Birmingham parking structures for two hours. (248) 647-8833

"CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DINNER"
With Johnny Trudell Orchestra, 6-11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Italian American Club Banquet Center, 39200 Hik Road, Livonia. \$36, includes full course dinner, cappuccino and espresso, beer and wine, and music. (248) 349-8880

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SHOW
New and used computers, hardware, new to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

DIA WASSAL FEAST
Travel back 400 years to celebrate the holiday season in a re-creation of the legendary Winter Court of England's Queen Elizabeth I, vegetarian menu also available, 8:30-10 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Dec. 10-12 and 17-19, in the Kroeger Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200

Woodward Avenue. \$135 Thursdays, \$150 Fridays-Saturdays, proceeds to benefit the museum's general operating fund. (313) 833-4005

TOY TRAIN SHOW
Featuring more than 180 dealers, toy trains, videos of train trips, original train paintings by Paul Adams, and items for garden railroading, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, St. Albert the Great School gym, Annapolis and Parker streets, east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights. \$2, \$5 per family. Proceeds go to the St. Albert's Youth Sports Activities Program. (313) 277-2419

"WASSAL FEAST"
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$45. (248) 471-7786

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE
Pre-parade activities are 7:15-8 a.m., with the parade beginning at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson avenues, Detroit. Free. \$15 grandstand seating available at Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666

CHELSEA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Featuring Santa's workshop, kids' crafts, window displays, hayrides, cookie decorating, reenactments of German Christmas stories, festival of lessons and carols, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6, throughout downtown Chelsea, I-94 exit 159 (north-Chelsea/Manchester exit). Free. (800) 265-9045 or http://www.ypsilanti.org

COBO CARNIVAL
Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. Free admission but a charge for rides and games. \$15 ride-all-day wristband. (313) 877-8111

"FESTIVAL OF TREES"
Features 100 exquisitely designed trees, all for sale, opens 10 a.m. daily through Nov. 29, at Cobo Center, Detroit. \$7, \$5 seniors 60 and over, \$3 children ages 2-12. Call (313) 966-TREE or http://www.metroguide.com/fof

GEMINI
1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. Partial proceeds go to Holden Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

KWANZAA FEST
Featuring a black inventors museum, author's pavilion, Kumba family

center, keynote speakers, health, beauty and fitness pavilion, international soul food center, an African wedding center, a technological center and a Kwanzaa marketplace, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, Cobo Hall, Detroit. (248) 557-4713

ROYAL OAK KIWANIS CLUB
Holiday Magic show with magician Don Jones, Saturday, Nov. 28, the Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium. (248) 569-4670/(800) 348-0112

CLASSICAL

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Collegium Concert of choral and instrumental music of the 17th/18th centuries, under director Anthony Iannaccone, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 West Forest, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-0482/(734) 663-2534

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
"Joy," a Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$9 donation. (734) 455-4080

ORGAN

MIKE ECCARD
Presents a Lowrey Organ Concert, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Evola Music Store in the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Free, but donations of canned goods accepted for the Franciscan Poverty Program. Reservations, (248) 442-9682

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (big band)

"HOLIDAY SWING"
With Bud Forrest and the String of Pearls Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$25, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

PAUL KLINGER'S EASY STREET SWINGTET
5-8 p.m. Fridays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$2, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 213-6000; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing/rockabilly)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (western swing)

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for "The Sound of Music," children 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, adults 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-2, in the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, west of I-275, at 41001 West Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. For performances Feb. 19-20, 26-28 and March 5-6. (734) 427-1775/(248) 478-9932/(248) 349-7110 or www.causeway.com/ptg/

YOUTH THEATRE
Youtheatre needs eight volunteer ushers for children's programs at the Music Hall in Detroit. Call Larry Loyer (313) 962-4214 or http://www.youththeatre.org

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD QUARTET
CD Release Party-Concert, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Bakers Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, south of Eight Mile, Detroit. Free. (313) 345-6300

ALLEN BARNES TRIO
Featured during brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

GARY BLUMER TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

RON BROOKS TRIO
9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(vocals/piano/bass)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Aretha Franklin, performs works from Leonard Bernstein, William Grant Still, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 upper balcony, \$50 mid balcony, \$75 main floor B and the dress circle, \$125 main floor, \$150 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitssymphony.com

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAZZ JAM
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

KIMMIE HORNE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-0550; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 471-7667/(248) 471-7700

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 888-8101

HAROLD MCKINNEY
4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays-Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

MARION MEADOWS
With Norman Connors, Jean Carne, Angela Boffill, and local jazz saxophonist Darron McKinney, who was recently featured on BET's jazz discovery showcase, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-2368

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

DANILLO PEREZ TRIO
8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

ROBERT PIPHO DUO
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SACHAL VASANDANI
Vocalist, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (jazz standards/originals)

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

PAMELA WISE
The pianist performs 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 27-28, and Dec. 4-5, Bac1, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

CHRISTIAN MUSIC

"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"
Featuring concert of Christmas carols by Twila Paris, Crystal Lewis, Avalon, and Anointed & Nichole Norderman, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$28, \$25, \$22. (800) 685-3737/(810) 286-2222

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JIM BUCKINGHAM
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

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IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DAVID BARRETT AND DAVID MOSHER

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JOHN HARTFORD

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26 and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian/Spanish)

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

JIM BERTIN & GEORGE GARCIA

8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, open mic 8-8:30 p.m., In the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House at St. William Parish Hall, downtown Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 student. (248) 624-1421.

POETRY IN MOTION

Featuring urban poet and author Felix, author of "The Running Dream," 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

DANCE

"COUNTRY CLASS"

Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Plymouth Elks, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-2207

DETROIT FOLK DANCE CLUB

35th anniversary party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 27, live music by Balkan Quartet, international folk dancing for all levels, no partner required, all ages, at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, corner of Webster and Crooks. \$10. (248) 338-2339

FOURTH FRIDAY FLING

Advanced contra dance with callers Peter Baker and music by Debbie Jackson, 7:11-11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

"THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER"

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-Dec. 6, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$15-\$50 for Friday-Sunday performances, \$12-\$45 for Wednesday-Thursday performances. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY

Contra and square dances with Don Theyken and Don's Choice Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$7. No partner or experience is required. (248) 542-2093

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE

"Leaving Ground," a concert featuring works Oakland University students, faculty and guest artists, directed by Laurie Eisenhower, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Featuring the Rockettes, 70 performances from Friday, Nov. 27-Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Leo DuFour, Chris Zito from radio station WPLI (8 p.m. Saturday only), Tim Rolands and Rich Higginbottom, Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$12), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$12); Paul D'Angelo, Robert Mack and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5 (\$12), at the club above Kille's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8

p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Mike Green, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 (\$6); Randy Lubas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5 (\$10 and \$22.95), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Darwin Hines, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 26-29; Jack Mayberry and Jeff Margrett, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 2-6, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

JOHN VALBY

7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Showing of Disney film "Pocahontas" followed by a Native American Workshop 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM/BELLE ISLE AQUARIUM

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29 pay regular admission at either facility and the other will honor your entrance fee, see the "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes" exhibit on the history of competitive and recreational sailing and the "Yachts of the Auto Barons" exhibit at the museum, on Strand drive on Belle Isle. \$2 adults, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS

Featuring St. Peter-St. Paul Jesuit, Christ Episcopal, Second Baptist St., Dominican Roman and St. Paul Cathedral Episcopal churches, Monday, Dec. 7, leaves from the Detroit Historical Museum's parking lot at 10 a.m. \$11 Detroit Historical Society members, \$16 non-members, includes bus, tour and luncheon. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

MEADOW BROOK HALL

"1998 Holiday Walk - Picture Perfect Holidays," Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Dec. 6, at the mansion, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 370-3140

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 children ages 17 and

younger, free for members and children younger than 5. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ANTHRAX

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

BACK DOOR BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com> (blues)

JASON BONHAM BAND

Featuring "The Zep Set," 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

THE BOOQIEMEN

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

CALLIN' MARVIN

10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

CENTRIFUSE

With Superfiction, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

CHEAP TRICK

6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

JAMES CLOYD GROUP

Hosts electric blues jam, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or <http://www.siskos.com> (blues)

JOANNA CONNOR

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance; \$10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

THORNETTA DAVIS AND THE CHISEL BROS.

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues)

DEFONES

With Quicksand, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

DEMOLITION DOLLRODS

With The Light Strikes and The Go. 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-1991 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

RONNIE EARL AND THE BROADCASTERS

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$17 in advance (each night). 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550 (blues)

EDEN'S JOURNAL

With Pharmacy and Seven Down, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

88 FINGERS LOUIE

5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

ELIZA

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

Hosts acoustic blues jam, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or <http://www.siskos.com> (blues)

PETE "BIG DOO" FETTERS

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

FORCE OF HABIT

With Krank, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

FOUR GUYS DRINKING BEER

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (blues)

THE GHETTOBILLIES

With Quasar Wut-Wut and Gravity Well, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

STEVE GORNALL

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or <http://www.siskos.com> (blues)

"AMY GRANT CHRISTMAS"

With Grant, Michael W. Smith, CeCe Winans and the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$24.50, \$27.50, \$34.50, and \$39.50. All ages. Groups of 10 or more receive \$3 off the ticket price. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (Christian)

G.R.R.

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (rock)

HARBINGER'S MILE

With Give and Medicine Ball, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

AL HILL

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

LISA HUNTER

2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (pop)

J. TRAIN

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B)

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

MIKE KING

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (rock)

KNEE DEEP SHAG

With Nineteen Wheels and Dove-tail Joint, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funk/rock)

KOTTONMOUTH KINGS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL

10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUE

10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (R&B)

STONEY MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

PAT MCGEE BAND

9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

MR. B TRIO

Celebrates release of CD "Joy Box" with party and performance. 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (boogie-woogie)

MOD EV

With Taproot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

EDDIE MONEY

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$10. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

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icbag.com (funk/rock)

MERGE

With Bliss, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

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With

'Enemy of the State' is thrilling and scary

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

DeMille, Hitchcock, Capra. When you want to see a movie with one of their names above the title, you know what to expect. Several filmmakers today offer that consistency of style, including Woody Allen, Martin Scorsese and Jerry Bruckheimer and Tony Scott.

Who were those last two, you say? Think "Top Gun," "Crimson Tide," and "Beverly Hills Cop II." Bruckheimer co-produced and Scott directed them all. With their latest collaboration, "Enemy of the State," you know what to expect, and you get it. "Enemy" is not just the latest Will Smith vehicle; it's a two-hour chase scene. Take a very

deep breath when you sit down; you may not take another until you get up.

Smith — who continues to find new ways to lead the most-liked list of the movie-going public — plays Robert Clayton Dean, a Washington D.C. attorney on his way up, with a loving wife and son. During a chance meeting with an old college buddy, the man slips a Game Boy-type cartridge into his shopping bag. On it is incriminating evidence linking a corrupt National Security Agency official (Jon Voight) to the murder of a congressman (Jason Robards, in an uncredited appearance).

To get the tape, the NSA proceeds to unravel Dean's life. They use ultra-sophisticated

surveillance equipment from tiny "tracers" planted in his clothes to a spy satellite 165 miles overhead to find him, access his financial and phone records and leak misinformation that gets him fired and thrown out of his house. In order to extricate himself, he must find and team up with a mysterious operative named Brill (Gene Hackman), whom he has dealt with before to gather case evidence, but only through a go-between (Lisa Bonet, oldest daughter from "The Cosby Show").

"I want credibility. I want people to know he's lying before he says it," orders Voight to his willing crew of computer geeks and former Marine toughs. "I want,"

he says, "to get into his life." Now comes the part that makes "Enemy of the State" not only a tense thriller, but also one of the scariest movies in memory.

It has no monsters, no aliens, no wackos in goalie masks. The scary part is that all this is real. There really is an NSA, nicknamed "No Such Agency" because of its super-secret status. And these boys can do anything. They can break any lock, manipulate the media, hear your every conversation (no pun intended, but 1974's "The Conversation" with a similar theme, is still one of Hackman's best big-screen performances). With over 100 spy satellites they can even, as Hackman tells Smith, "read the time off your wrist-watch." And with every order that Voight gives his people, they reply "It's already done."

So Smith goes on the run. We know so because the geeks use high-tech phrases like "He's a rabbit." There are chases through hotels, tunnels, train yards and Baltimore's abandoned Dr. Pepper warehouse. Director Scott employs what could be an all-time record for "cuts" in a major motion picture to establish the tension and never let up. The shots come at you in MTV rapid-fire fashion, but here, at least, they do so with intelligence and pace.

Smith and Hackman (who doesn't appear until an hour into the film) click like they've been doing buddy flicks for years. We



Drama: A chase encounter with an old friend destroys attorney Robert Dean's (Will Smith, left) fast-track career when he is framed for murder. Dean's only hope to reclaim his life and prove his innocence is a mysterious underground information broker known only as Brill (Gene Hackman) in "Enemy of the State."

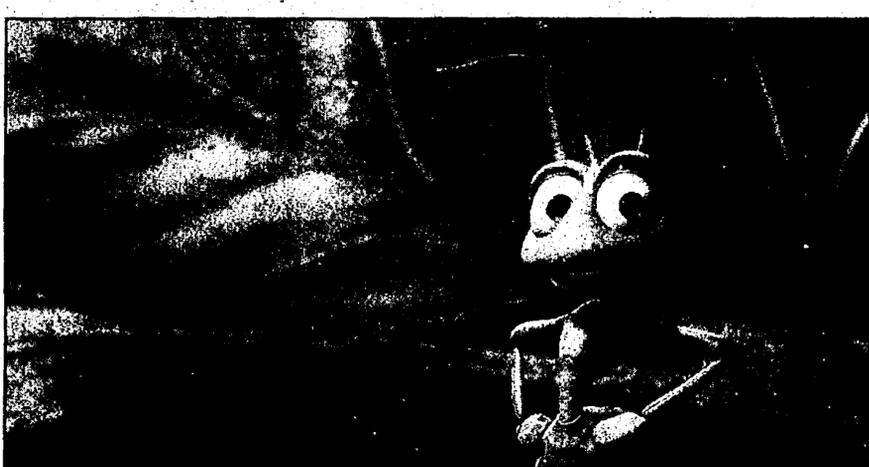
do have a problem with Smith discarding his Georgetown-graduate attorney characterization mid-way through and sliding into a more familiar wise guy mode from "Independence Day." We also wonder why he's been paying off the investigator out of his own bank account rather than from the law firm's, and why his liberal lawyer wife turns on him without much of a fair hearing.

"Enemy of the State" is about "the sanctity of my home," as Larry King puts it in a cameo role. "The more technology you use," explains Hackman, "the easier it is for them to keep tabs on you." Jon Voight calmly rationalizes his actions: "The only privacy left is the inside of your head. You think we're the end of democracy? I think we're democracy's last hope." As we say, a scary movie indeed.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Unlikely hero: Flik, an original thinker out of step with the rest of the more traditionally-minded bugs on Ant Island, unwittingly triggers a major confrontation with a gang of greedy grasshoppers led by the menacing Hopper in "A Bug's Life."

Just opened on Wednesday, Nov. 25

"HOME FRIES"
An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one wants to marry her, the other to kill her. The trio's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara.

"A BUG'S LIFE"
Computer-animated comedy centering around a misfit ant as he tries to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers.

"VERY BAD THINGS"
Savage comedy about five men who turn on each other after a bachelor party goes horribly wrong. Stars Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz.

"BABE: PIG IN THE CITY"
The sequel to the 1995 hit as Babe travels to an overseas state fair to demonstrate his sheepherding abilities.

"JERRY SPRINGMASTER: RINGMASTER"
Comedy about a woman who suspects foul play between her husband and daughter, and their venture onto a famous TV talk show. Stars Jerry Springer.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 4

"PSYCHO"
A scene-by-scene remake of the 1960 Alfred Hitchcock classic. Stars Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

"JACK FROST"
Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he ever imagined possible — below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.

"WAKING NED DEVINE"
A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish

town wins a lottery and the towns people want to share.

"HARD CORE LOGO"
Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. The story of four characters who struggle to reconcile their mythic punk rock past with the hangover realities of the present. A tale of lost dreams, the lure of the open road and memories of youth that fade in the rearview mirror.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18

"THE LAST EMPEROR"
Bernardo Bertolucci's director's cut of the Academy Award-winning drama based on the life of Pu Yi, the child who was the last emperor of China.

"YOU'VE GOT MAIL"
A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivals who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

'Fallen' becomes predictable

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Police Detective John Hobbes pays a visit to a death row convict he apprehended for a series of murders in the opening of "Fallen," 1998 supernatural thriller.

It's not the first time Hobbes, played by Denzel Washington, has witnessed an execution. This time is different — the killer sings the Rolling Stones' "Time Is On My Side" and speaks in an ancient language.

The killer also gives Hobbes a riddle that eventually leads the detective, who is investigating copycat murders, to the death 30 years earlier of a decorated police officer. The cases are further complicated as Hobbes figures out that the common denominator is a demon — a fallen angel without corporeal form

— that moved from the executed man through a variety of other people to commit new crimes.

An ethical man who supports his brother and young nephew, Hobbes apparently caught the demon's attention during the murder investigation. He wasn't susceptible to accepting the demon, usually by touch.

Directed by Gregory Hoblit, "Fallen" starts out as an interesting film, both in story and visual appearance. Washington gives a good performance as does the supporting cast which includes John Goodman, Donald Sutherland and Embeth Davidtz, as the theology professor daughter of the long dead police officer.

There are a couple of creepy scenes — one starting in the police station — where Hobbes gradually becomes aware of what is happening and how. In another

scene the demon tries to transfer itself into the theologian, where the evil spirit moves through a of people like a game of tag as she tries to flee.

About midway, the film starts to breakdown. The plot becomes predictable as Hobbes becomes a suspect in the homicides and the threats from the demon hit closer to home.

The only thing unexpected that happens in the rest of the film is how Hobbes decides to fight the demon. I won't reveal the ending but it's frankly one of the stupidest plans ever conceived and one that already had been tried unsuccessfully by someone else. I had already thought of a variation of the plan that actually would have had more potential for working and I'm sure most other viewers could do the same.

STREET CORNER

'Best of Bullfrog' CD celebrates Michigan musicians



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Jim Forner has two missions in life - to promote Detroit-area music and to raise awareness of the genetic disease hemochromatosis.

The people who have reviewed it so far say a lot of them have a potential for being a national act," Forner said.

hemochromatosis.org, the disease is the most common genetic disorder in which excess dietary iron is absorbed causing iron accumulation in, and damage to, vital organs and joints.

that made the cut. The European-style band Brilliant, based in Ferndale, saw it as a good opportunity to increase visibility.

"Since the beginning, everything has been renovated or changed in one way or another," Forner explained. The new year will bring a full menu and a new chef.

lations out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

This weekend he's folding both causes into one when his bar, the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford, celebrates the release of its compilation CD "The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1 Michigan Music."

A handful of those bands, including Bridge, Face and White Guys Dancing, will perform during the CD release party at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the bar, 15414 Telegraph Road in Redford. Cover charge for the party, open to those ages 21 and older, is \$6.

Symptoms include weakness/fatigue, arthritis, abdominal pain, diabetes, heart irregularities/failure, large liver/cirrhosis, decreased libido/impotence, and a tan not due to sun exposure.

"When we were approached, we were not planning to release a CD due to the cost at that point in time. So the Bullfrog CD seemed like a good opportunity to get our name out on a mass-produced CD," said Stephen Vilnius, who plays fretless bass for Brilliant. The band, who is unable to perform at the CD release party due to scheduling conflicts, contributed the song "Never" to the compilation.

For Thanksgiving weekend, however, Forner and Ormanian are concentrating on "The Best of the Bullfrog."

For more information about the CD or the release party, call (313) 533-4477 or visit <http://www.bullfrogbar.com>. To contact the Hemochromatosis Foundation, Inc., write to P.O. Box 8569, Albany, N.Y., 12208-0569, call (618) 489-0972, or visit <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>

"Me and Aaron Ormanian, my partner in the Bullfrog, we just saw so much talent in the Michigan area and bands that aren't really being noticed nationally. We didn't see any bars doing anything like this so we decided to do it," Forner said.

"Extreme Radio," radio station WKRK 97.1 FM, along with Labatts beer, is sponsoring the event. At the event, "The Best of the Bullfrog" will be available for \$10. Afterward, it will be found at Harmony House and various independent record stores throughout town. The price will vary according to store.

"I'm trying to spread the word about it because one in six Americans have it and people don't even know about it. That's the study that just came out," Forner explained.

Caos Music recording artists Robb Roy was one of the first groups that was approached, according to Susan Leigh of Select Management, which represents Robb Roy. The band contributed the songs "Dirt" and "Shine."

"We're real proud of the CD; the flow of it and the quality of the bands. There's a lot of compli-

ments out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

"We wanted to broaden the scene. We think more people should be able to hear these bands."

The CD release party has a sobering aspect to it, however. Proceeds from the event will go to the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc., in Albany, N.Y.

The good thing about it is it's treatable if you catch it in time and you're able to give blood."

In between the songs are clips from Capital Records comedian Roy D. Mercer. The release of the CD comes just before the Bullfrog celebrates its two-year anniversary.

One treatment, he said, is to give blood to rid the body of some of the excess iron. To help people like his father, Forner encourages people to sign the organ donor stickers that come with driver's licenses.

Forner and Ormanian waded through music by 126 local bands before deciding on the 11

"The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1. Michigan Music" features music from Bridge, Gods Made Love, Robb Roy, Government Honey, Without a Face, Brotherhood, Face, Daisychain, Brilliant, the now-defunct

Jim Forner's father, Richard died at age 48 in 1987 during liver transplant surgery after the effects of hemochromatosis destroyed the organ. According to the Hemochromatosis Foundation's Web site: <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>

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Ye lords and ladies, take heed! You are invited to gather of a winter night and laud the holidays with a lusty meal and a draught of fine wine. The king, his queen and court will assemble for Schoolcraft College's 22nd Annual Madrigal dinners, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12.

The pageantry begins 7:30 p.m. in the College's Waterman Center where royalty and guests dine on bounties prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department. You'll hear joyous sounds produced by members of the music department and visiting minstrels.

Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve SeGraves, enter the hall in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season. Dinners then partake of the prime rib menu's many choices, each presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony.

Throughout the evening, the dulcet tones of Good Neighbors All provide music on period instruments; the Madrigal Singers intone the songs of the season, and a court jester amuses guests with magic and juggling.

Celebration proceeds enhance the student scholarship fund. The cost is \$35 per person, call (734) 462-4417. Saturday, Dec. 12 is sold out; seats remain for the Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 dinners.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275).

Oakland Community College

The college's annual Wassail Feast will be presented 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The cost is \$45 per person, call (248) 471-7788 for details.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Tickets are still available for an Elizabethan England Wassail Feast, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12, and Dec. 17-19 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Ave.

The evening commences with an open bar reception in the museum's Kresge Court and continues to the majestic Great Hall, an opulent setting for the candle lit tables, mimes, acrobats, madrigals, dancers and strolling museums.

Trumpets herald the beginning of the feast, and revelers are seated for a sumptuous five-

course meal that was served to nobility of yesteryear.

Highlights include a golden-crusted pork and leek pie, prime rib with Yorkshire pudding, and a finale of bread pudding with brandy sauce.

A vegetarian menu is also available. Wassail punch, a mixture of ale and other libations, is served throughout.

The Wassail Feast runs each evening from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each for Fridays and Saturdays; \$135 each for Thursday, as well as for purchases of 20 or more tickets.

Tickets include valet parking and are tax deductible. All proceeds support the DIA's general operating fund. Call (313) 833-4005 to reserve.

Eagle Tavern at Greenfield Village

The holiday menu at Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village in Dearborn, offered on select nights through Jan. 2, reflects the seasonal availability in mid-19th century Michigan and is created from authentic recipes of the time.

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Seasonal celebration: Festivities commence at Schoolcraft College's annual Madrigal dinners as the Madrigal Singers enter the hall in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season.

field Village located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, and west of Michigan Ave., and drive directly to the Eagle Tavern parking lot.

Reserved seating at the Eagle Tavern is provided family style

at tables of eight, as was the custom in 1850.

The menu includes assorted cheese and crackers, corn chowder, Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Chicken Pie, Roasted Rib of Beef, roasted redskin potatoes, and hot vegetables.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. The evening begins with a cash bar at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 982-8001 for information and reservations.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

New at Troy's Somerset Collection - P.F. Chang's China Bistro, is scheduled to open Monday, Nov. 30 at the Somerset Collection (South) in Troy. Occupying the ground floor location of the former Sebastian's, the restaurant claims to offer a unique blend of traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality in an upscale, modern bistro atmosphere. Hours will be Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight. Phone (248) 352-7779.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro has locations across the U.S., but this is its first entry into the Metro-Detroit dining scene. Keeping reading DINING for a full feature on P.F. Chang's to learn how Asian, as in authentic Chinese, and bistro, a French notion, harmonize in this unique concept.

Van Gogh's Improv Grill, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road) offers an interactive dining theme. General Manager Stewart Sloan described the experience as one where "you will be able to choose everything you want to eat and watch it being prepared at the grill in the middle of the room. Something like The Mongolian Barbeque; only we won't be strictly Asian. We'll have a lot of choices."

Van Gogh proprietors are William Gitre and Duane Gmerik who also own Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill across the street from Van Gogh. They've named Patrick Houston, formerly with Larco's in Troy as executive chef. In the future, stay in touch with DINING for a review of the menu and an explanation of the Van Gogh name.

The Golden Mushroom, 18100 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, has reopened its popular Mushroom Cellar, closed temporarily for a facelift. New carpeting with an upbeat Art Deco pattern has been installed. Wood floors have been replaced

with tile. New art work has been added and the popular gathering spot has been generally spruced up!

The same quality food and service as main floor Golden Mushroom dining is offered in the lower-level, cigar-friendly Mushroom Cellar.

Flying Fish (17600 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham) has cast off to a receptive dining audience. Wednesday evening last week saw a full house of diners enjoying the brightly-colored and remodeled interior. They were taking advantage of the "Flight Arrivals" boards announcing best catches of the day.

Birmingham's Flying Fish is different from the one at Orchard Lake and Maple Road because it has retained two dining levels from its days as Tavern on 13. Downstairs can get a bit noisy around 7 p.m., but upper-level tables afford a quieter dining atmosphere.

Common at both Flying Fish locations is lots of good food at modest prices. Dinner for two with check below \$25.

Champagne Foast - Eat, drink and be merry as Matt

Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation toasts the holiday season with the Champagne Feast. The feast celebrates the rich history of Veuve Clicquot Champagne and the flavorful cuisine of URC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. The event will be held on two separate evenings, Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, and Thursday, Dec. 3 at Duet. Each feast begins at 6:30 p.m. Holiday revelers will savor an array of Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin selections from the rich and elegant La Grande Dame to the sweet and fresh Demi-Sec. Barnett has prepared a menu that partners the finest Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin varieties with delicate dishes. The evening features five Champagnes. The cost is \$125 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Morels is at 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, (248) 642-1094. Duet is at 3711 Woodward Ave., Orchestra Place Hall, (313) 831-8838. Call for reservations and information.

Krispy Kreme - The doughnuts Elvis Presley loved are now available in Michigan. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

recently opened in Dearborn Heights at 4345 S. Telegraph Road, (north of Van Born).

Farwell & Friends - is decorated for Christmas.

They'll offer a holiday sing-along every Sunday at 8 p.m. beginning Sunday, Nov. 29 with live music and song sheets for everyone.

Also, they are planning their 14th annual Kid's Sing-Along with Santa 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Kids eat for 99 cents.

Farwell & Friends is located at 8051 Middlebelt in Westland. They offer a variety of dishes including chicken, steak, pork chops, and seafood. Specialty menu items include Crab

Stuffed Mushrooms, Sauteed Perch, Crab Stuffed Shrimp, and Montreal Steak Bits.

Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, (lunch), 4-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, (dinner). Call (734) 421-6990 for reservations/information.

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