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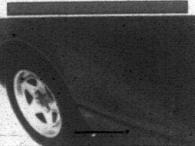
Promotions announced by Observer

Troy Gibson has been named circulation manager of the Observer Newspapers. Formerly the area manager for the Canton Observer, Gibson succeeds Larry Geiger of Livonia, who has been named manager of consumer sales and marketing for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Gibson's new position was announced recently by Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer Newspapers.

"Troy's knowledge of the Observer circulation area along with his emphasis on customer service and his ability

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Building permits still bo



Canton is still the new housing champion of Wayne County and the second-fastest growing community with a population of more than 50,000 in southeastern Michigan, according to figures compiled by SEMCOG.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homeo

For the third straight year, Canton appears to be the second fastest growing community in metropolitan Detroit. According to the Southeast Michigan

Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Canton trails only Macomb Township in the number of building permits issued in 1999. It doesn't come as a surprise to Supervisor Tom Yack.

"I think there's a certain excitement to live in a place seen as desirable," he

commented. People go where they see strong public safety, recreation and other services. I think we've stayed ahead of the power curve in those

SEMCOG recently released building permit figures for January through November. A final tally should come later this year.

The organization collects data on Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washte-naw, Livingston, Monroe and St. Clair

For the 11-month timeframe, a total of 1,066 permits were issued for single and multiple family units in Canton That trails only Macomb Township, which reported a whopping 1,933 permits issued for the same period.

The two municipalities have been tops in permits issued since 1997. Canton and Macomb appear to be anoma-lies in terms of development last year,

Each of SEMCOG's other top five

Please see PERMITS, A6

Village is likely theater site

BY SCOTT DANIEL

If a Partnership for the Arts facility is to become a reality, it will be in Cherry Hill Village.

Partnership's board made that decision a few weeks ago. Now it's waiting for the results of a business plan. which will determine if the project should move forward.

"We hope it will be completed by February," Partnership for the Arts Board of Directors Secretary Joan Noricks said of the plan. "Everything else hinges upon it.'

Talk of a performing arts center has been on-going in the township since. 1996. A steering committee was formed about two years ago and consisted of members of local arts agencies, such as Canton Project ARTS, the Plymouth Community Chorus and Ply mouth Theatre Guild.

The committee guided several feastbility studies. One revealed that proper funding for a 500-800-seat center. does exist. A Partnership for the Arts beard

formed last March. A nonprofit organization of the same name followed Connecticut-based AMS Planning and Research was subsequently hired

in July by Canton Township to devise the business plan. Before AMS could complete the plan,

Noricks said the board had to provide the parameters of location and size. Cherry Hill Village became the prime location after developers com-

mitted \$2 million to the project, she "The strongest reason was that a number of developers wanted it there,"

Cherry Hill Village developer and Troy-based Biltmore Properties will contribute \$1 million. Local developer Dick Lewiston will match that figure,

Canton Supervisor Tem Yack said. Originally, plans called for the center to be placed near the Plymouth Canton Community School District's new high school. But several factors

worked against that idea. First, plans for the school moved from Joy and Beck roads to a more

Please see THEATER, A6





Young artists: Katie Raymond of Canton (top photo), 10, listens intently to instructor Kristen Dillenbeck, a senior at Salem High School and daughter of owner Sharon Dillenbeck. Above, Leah Vuletich of Plymouth, 5, gets some help from Kristen Dillenbeck. At right, several of the kids work diligently on their projects during the drawing

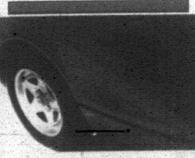


Studio time Art classes keep kids busy during break

All-Day Student Paint Workshops for children 6 and older during the December

Participants learned basics in

& M Studios in Canton held drawing, painting, sketching and cartooning. Classes were taught by owner Sharon Dillenbeck and a different guest instructor each



Thinking about a new car

School board votes 5-0 to approve Booher deal

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER thruscato@oe.homecomm.net

The Plymouth-Canton school board made it official Tuesday morning. Kathleen Booher is the district's next superintendent.

On a vote of 5-0, board members approved the 3-1/2-year contract at an annual salary of \$125,000 for Booher, currently the Berkley Schools superintendent. Board President Susan Davis and Trustee Roland Thomas were absent.

I can't tell you how excited I am to begin the new millennium and ... have you aboard," Trustee Mark Slavens told Booher, who attended the 7 a.m.

"I think the whole process has been very educating," added board member

Steve Guile. "I feel we got to know her (Booher) very well."

Booher, wearing a pin on her red blazer that read "Children First," said Friday will be her last day in Berkley.

"I'll be taking a couple of weeks break in between and finish out some things in Berkley and get organized to come here," said Booher. "I want to spend time here getting better acquainted with some of the people I'll work closely with, having a few meetings where they can update me further, rather than leaving that for the first day I walk in the door."

Booher said her first official day on the job in Plymouth-Canton will be Jan. 31. She comes amid high expectations from the board and community.

"I'm very excited to come here and Please see SUPERINTENDENT, A14

Y2K no problem here, Canton officials report

Like most everywhere else on the planet, Y2K proved to be a non-event in Canton.

Computers worked, traffic lights continued to flash and blink and police were no more busy than any other Friday night in December.

In other words - ho-hum. We saw really no Y2K problems at all," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "Zero. All systems worked

More than 80 township employees worked New Year's Eve.

Canton prepared for three scenarios: A "normal" response to New Year's Eve activities where no or

minimal disruptions occur, a loss of essential services for three to seven days and finally a major loss of essential services lasting up to 14

Yack and other top township officials were at the Emergency Command Center at Fire Station No. 1 well before midnight. He said it became clear earlier in the day, how ever, that nothing would happen when the calendar flipped to Jan. 1

"It was a non-event," Yack said, which was great."

Brad Thompson, who oversees Canton's Management Information Systems department, said 18 months were spent preparing for Y2K.

Please see Y2K, A2

Hearing set Friday in murder case

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

A trial for three Detroit men charged with murdering Canton resident Gary Urban could be months away.

Lance Ray Rodgers, 20, James Erick Lee, 21, and Vernard Meadows, 20, are currently being held without bond "I've heard that Sullivan has in the Wayne County jail.

Each faces first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed rob-bery charges. Rodgers also has one count of felony firearm against him.

A "conference" hearing for the Detroit men will be held tomorrow in front of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong.

"It will give us a calendar of when motions will be filed and a final conference held," said Charles Marr, a Farmington Hills attorney representing

Y2K from page A1

That included upgrading soft-

ware in more than 200 township

computers and servers. Many

computers were also replaced.

problems related to Y2K." he

"We've not experienced any

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JANUARY 13, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following

1. Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, MI 48375 (248-

473-3980) representing Bland & Patricia Miles, 3735 Parklawn Dr., Canton, MI 48188 (734-495-3076) for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance, Article 26 Schedule of regulations for rear yard setbacks, (Tabled from December 9, 1999)

2. Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, MI 48375 (248-

473-3980) representing Otha & Josephine Harris 43111 Lombardy Dr., Canton, MI 48187 (734-455-1009) for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26 Schedule of

Wallace R. Haley Law Office of Wallace R. Haley, 7960 Grand River. Suite 270, Brighton, MI 48114 representing Sprint PCS, 9701 Higgins, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60018 for property of Detroit Edison at Cherry Hill

and Haggerty are requesting a variance of Article 4.00 Section 4.01 Paragraph D Item Number 5; requirements for off-street parking, access

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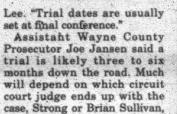
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a clearer docket," Jansen said. The assistant prosecutor. believes he has a strong case against the Detroit men. But that doesn't necessarily mean it will go to trial.

"A lot depends on what happens in motions," Jansen said. "and what happens between now and a trial date, really." Meadows, Rodgers and Lee

face up to life in prison if convicted of the felony charges. Each was bound over for trial in November by 20th District Court Judge Mark Plawecki. Al three have since been



arraigned in the circuit court. Gary Urban closed the Dearborn Heights Ponderosa Restaurant where he worked as a manager at about 10:25 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Before he could get into his car, police believe a man robbed him and shot him seven times in the back with a .25

caliber handgun.
Somehow, Urban was able to go back inside the restaurant and call 911. A police detective arrived moments later. Urban told him what happened but

couldn't describe the killer. He died at about 10:45 p.m. at Garden City Hospital of multiple wounds. Meadows worked at the Pon-

derosa as a dishwasher. Police said he had knowledge of when Urban made bank drops. He was carrying \$1,307 in cash as well as gift certificates

pefore being robbed. Urban had worked for Ponerosa for more than a decade and managed the Telegraph Road and Warren store for

Meadows, who had been mployed by the restaurant for several months, has a 1998 armed robbery conviction.

New Year's Eve. "We were here at about 11 p.m. and left at 12:30 because problem.' nothing happened," he said.

Thompson thinks the town-

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puter specialists were on duty

Thompson and two other com- funds spent on Y2K were wisely anticipation of any problems.

"If we hadn't done that," he added, "there would've been a

As for public safety, Canton officers were stationed at major ship was well prepared and that intersections before midnight in

No power outages or problem occurred, police said. All traffic signals functioned normally.

mal levels, according to police.



Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.





WHAT DO DO ABOUT A FAT CAT Does Fluffy seem a little too fluffy these days? Is Snowball looking too much, well, like a ball? It could be time to look at your cat's diet. Just as it can for people, being overweight can have all sorts of bad health consequences for your pet. However, crash diets aren't any better for cate than they are for their owners. Never cut your pet's normal ration of food in an attempt at weight reduction. Doing so could result in vitamin, mineral, or protein deficiencies - as well as a hungry, unhappy cat. Rather, talk to your animal care professional about switching to a specially formulated low-catorie, high-fiber, low-fat dietary pet food. Your cat's hunger, and your peace of mind, wall be satisfied.

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Man arrested in New Year's Eve fracas

A 19-year-old Westland man was arrested early New Year's Day following an altercation with his girlfriend in Canton.

According to township police reports, a 20-year-old Canton woman and the Westland man were attending a New Year's Eve party in the 41000 block of Old Michigan. Reports said the man got into several fights at the party and was "highly intoxi-

The couple left the party shortly before 1 a.m. and got into a fight. Reports said the man punched and kicked the Canton woman in the face.

Police were then called to the scene. Reports said the man fled to a nearby home and locked himself in. While inside that home, he assaulted a 16-year-old girl, reports said.

He was finally taken into custody by Canton Police minutes later. A third charge of malicious destruction of property resulted against him after he allegedly damaged a 50-year-old Canton woman's vehicle, reports said.

Hit-and-run

A 40-year-old Westland man was the victim of a hit-and-run accident Dec. 31. Reports said the man, who

was driving a 1997 Chevy S10 truck, was stopped for a red light at the intersection of Warren and Lilley roads at about 6:30 p.m. A woman driving what

on the first floor of the township public

appeared to be a white Ford Expedition sports utility rearended him, reports said.

COP CALLS

The man pulled into a nearby gas station, but the woman drove off. Reports gave no estimate of damage to the Westland

A 39-year-old Canton man was the victim of a robbery Dec. 31. A cell phone valued at \$400 and garage door opener were stolen from his car, reports said. The vehicle was parked at his home in the 6000 block of Weathersfield Way.

A 51-year-old Canton man reported his checkbook stolen

The Lynwood Street resident told police that he had purchased gift certificates from the Outback Steakhouse on Ford Road Dec. 24. He went to a second store later that day to purchase other items, but found his checkbook missing, according to

A pair of checks for \$100 and another for \$200 were cashed between Dec. 24-31 by an unknown person(s), reports said. Police are investigating the inci-

Township board meets Tuesdays

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Karen Harbron's children Kelly (from left), Ryan and Lindsay get to know one of the dogs at the Michigan Humane Society. They liked him, but the people who dropped the dog off said it didn't like cats and the Harbron's have a cat. The family eventually chose another puppy, which may be theirs to adopt if it passes the physical and distemper test.

Humane options

Organization seeks good homes for pets, volunteers for its shelter

euthanized by the Michigan Humane Society and officials are calling for more people to sterilize their pets and turn in stray cats and dogs, who if left to roam. would continue to breed.

"Think about what the problem would be throughout the country, said Nancy Gunnigle, Michigan Humane Society community relations manger. "We're talking about millions of animals. If someone sees a stray cat on the street, it should be brought to a shelter so it can't breed and multiply. You might think it's cruel to pick up a stray dog, but it might be returned to its owner or prevented from dying from a series of diseases."

Sterilization also prevents some reproductive cancers and helps calm behavioral proble

If you're a sucker for cute puppy log eyes or the allure of cats, visi the Michigan Humane Society in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit. Last week, Richard and Peggy Morawa of Westland adopted a 3-month-old domestic cat they named Yanni, after the musician And now they can't imagine life

"He's kind of just moved right in," Richard Morawa said. "It's at home and it was already litter box trained. It's taken over."

Morawa said he recommends the Michigan Humane Society. "They treat you real well there," he The cost to adopt a dog is \$95.

Puppies, 4 months and younger and toy breeds are \$120. Kittens are \$80 and cats are \$60. The fee includes sterilization, physical evaluation; age-appropriate vaccinations; a fecal exam; initial worming; nail trimming and a 10-day health guarantee against infec

tious diseases. If you're not in the market for

another pet, but you love to be

er the 30-some volunteer positions that range from public speaking, to greeting visitors and cleaning cages and walking dogs. One of the most important volun teer jobs is foster care where the

person takes the animal home temorarily before it is put up for Alice Humphries of Dearborn volunteers a minimum of 20 hours a week. When she had to limit her visits because of family commit

ments, Humphries said: "I dearly "I love animals," said Humphries, who has been volun-teering with the Humane Society

She goes to the Westland shelter every morning to help clean the cages and other various jobs. She also provides foster care for the

"I have a dog here now that was burnt by battery acid," she said. "I know a lot of people who say: 'How do you get rid of them?' When you know this animal is going to a good home it's worth it."

The Humane Society isn't only for cats and dogs. They also take in rabbits and sometimes unusual pets like, lizards, snakes, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, parrots, cockateels, iguanas and an occasional exotic cat, like a cougar. In fact, in early December, the West-

Belle Isle Zoo.

Last year, the Michigan Humane Society took in 49,965 animals and of that number 10,395 were adopted. About 2,000 animals that went to the Humane Society were returned to their owners.

"That gives you an idea of the severity of the pet overpopulation problem," Gunnigle said.

Forty to 50 percent of the animals that come to the Humane Michigan Humane Society, call Society are strays and the remainder are surrendered by their own-

around animals, you might considers for a number of reasons, most to a no-pet living arrangement pets just aren't wanted anymore.
The Michigan Humane Society

also investigates some 5,000 cruelty cases annually Those are just the ones that we get calls on," Gunnigle said. "You can imagine how many we don't

The Michigan Humane Society is private and nonprofit. It doesn't receive any federal or state funds and runs on the money garnered from adoption fees, donations and fund-raisers. The largest fund-raiser is the Pet Telethon on UPN 50, which raised \$380,000 last year.

This year, it will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 5. The Michigan Humane Society also offers educational videos about ning your pet, as well as train ing classes and services provided by a behaviorist consultant who meets with owners. The intent is to help people keep their pets. Call (248) 650-1059 for more informa-

tion about these services.

Strays are kept four to seven days before they're tested for health and temperament problem

"If there's enough cages in the kennel, they're put up for adoption, but if the cages are full that dog or another dog has to be put down land location received a lion cub unless there is a foster home that that had been a found stray at the will take it in," Gunnigle said, adding the animals remain up for adoption as long as space allows. Euthanasia involves two injec-

tions; one puts the animal to sleep and the second provides an overdose of anesthesia "It's not painful to the animal,

but it's always sad," she said. "If someone turns in a dog and says, 'I don't want it anymore,' we hold onto it for a day in case the owner calls back and changes their mind." For more information about the

migle at (734) 721-2109.

Red Cross still seeking donors

BY DARRELL CLEM

The American Red Cross collected 48 pints of blood last week during a drive sponsored by the

Westland public library. Joe Burchill, assistant to the library director, said organizers hoped to collect 60 to 90 pints. but even 48 pints can potentially help nearly 200 people.

The library had timed the event to coincide with a holiday period when many people are off by donating blood. Each needle work, amid hopes of drawing used in the procedure is sterile centers. Many people donate at donors who had free time.

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Q: How and why are hurricanes named? A: The use of short, distinctive

names greatly reduces confusion

when two or more storms occur at the same time. The practice of naming hurricanes began hundreds of years ago, but in 1953 they began to be named solely for women. In 1978 men's names were also introduced into the storm lists. Because hurricanes and prepare for the following affect other nations and are tracked by their weather ser-■ There are an estimated vices, the lists have an international flavor. Names are agreed upon during international meetings of the World Meteorological Here are some books on audio Organization by the nations involved, and can be retired and replaced with new names in the event of particularly severe Drums of Autumn by

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Here are some top fiction picks by librarians: "Tara Road" by Maeve

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Hot topic of the week

Carnival Season! It's a secular festival preceding Lent, a time of merrymaking and feasting before the austere days of Lenten fasting and penitence Depending on local custom, the carnival season may start any time between Nov. 11 and Fat Tuesday. Celebrations vary considerably, but the festival often includes many theatrical aspects (masks, costumes and songs) and has given its name to traveling isement shows that may be seen throughout the year.

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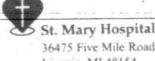
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Mrs. Goshorn taught for 31

years in public and private schools in Garden City, Dearborn, and Plymouth. She was especially recognized as a teach er in programs for gifted and tal-

ented students.

She was born Dec. 22, 1942, in Belleville. She graduated from Dearborn High School in 1961

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and subsequently received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Goshorn is survived by her husband, William R. Goshorn; two daughters, Sara E. Goshorn of Northville and Jennifer M. Goshorn of Birming-

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Dorothy Swan. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Arbor Hospice.

MAGDALENE POWELL Services for Magdalene Powell 77, of Hendersonville, N.C (formerly of Plymouth) were Dec. 30 in the Chapel of Hendersonville First Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Scoggins officiating. Burial was in WNC Veterans Cemetery, Black Mountain, N.C.

ham; three sisters, Mrs. Donna

Bozyk (Michael), and Mrs. Mary

She was preceded in death by

Home Pitner Swan; and a sister,

her parents, Ruth Carlson and

Namath (Allen); and one broth-

er, Homer James Swan (Sally)

Aveck (James), Mrs. Peggy

She was born in Buchanan, Tenn. She died Dec. 27 in Park Ridge Hospital. She was a prior resident of Detroit and Plymouth. She lived in Henderson County, N.C. since 1986. She was a member of Hendersonville First Baptist Church where she was active in her Sunday School class. She was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth for 28 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Thomas Powell, in 1995. Survivors iclude her three daughters Carolyn Faye Powell of Plymouth, Sandra Kay (Chip Churchill of Charlotte, N.C., Gloria Powell of Charlottesville, N.C.; one brother, Henry Wright of Sterling Heights; seven grandchildren, Justin T. Churchill of Charlotte, N.C., Kyle J. Stewart of Charlottesville, Va., Christine C. Magas of Charlotte, N.C., Melissa J. Churchill of

Columbia, S.C., Karen G. Churchill and Laura A. Churchill of Charlotte, N.C., and Shannon Stewart of Rapid City, S.D.; and one great granddaughter, Delaney Olsen of Bismark, Memorials may be made to the

Hendersonville First Baptist Church Building Fund, 312 Fifth Ave., West Hendersonville, N.C. Local arrangements were

nade by Shuler & Luck Funeral CAROL MAE SCIBA Services for Carol Mae Sciba,

Survivors include her two ons, Darryl J. (Sharon), Dewayne J. (Bonnie); one daugh ter, Diane (Craig) Sciba Price; one sister, Marlene Schuelke;

and five grandchildren, Joshua, Sean, Amber, Ashley and Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the American

Heart Association. LORRAINE F. LESPERANCE Services for Lorraine F. Lesperance, 70, of Plymouth were Dec. 29 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth with the Rev. J.J. Mech

She died Dec. 25 in Plymouth She especially loved gardening, having planted dozens and dozens of trees on the family homestead on Powell Road in Plymouth Township.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas "Jim," four daugh-ters, Linda (Michael) Smith, Christine (Timothy) Doyle, Roseann (Kevin) Roose, Mary Ruth (Paul) Berry; two sons, Patrick (Debi) Lesperance, James (Judy) Lesperance; one brother, Donald (Pat) Burkel; two sisters, Marion (Harry) Toal Carol (Ken) David; sister-in-law Ann Burkel; brother-in-law, Mal Monnier; and 15 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to

Angela Hospice. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

HAROLD L. CAMPBELL, SR. Services for Harold L. Campbell, Sr., 69, of South Lyon (formerly of Plymouth) were Jan. 3 in the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville with the Rev. Dan VanderVelde of the Northville Christian Assembly officiating. Burial was in Oak-land Hills, Novi. He was born Sept. 19, 1930 in

Plymouth. He died Dec. 31 in the University Hospital in Ann He was a quality control supervisor with Ford Motor Company and retired in 1995 after 40 years of service. He also served with the United States Army in Korea. He was a previ

two sons, Harold (Dawn) Campbell of Northville, William (Kathryn) Campbell of Detroit; four brothers, Herbert Campbel of Plymouth, Gene Campbell of Plymouth, Floyd Campbell of Arkansas, Dale Campbell of Southfield, 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

AMERICO S. CAPALDI Services for Americo S. Capaldi, 82, of Canton were Dec. 29 at St. John Neumann Church with Father George Charnley officiat ing. Burial was in Resurrection

He was born Sept. 6, 1917 in Detroit. He died Dec. 25. He was an owner of a bowling alley Survivors include his wife, Antoinette R.; two daughters, Barbara L. Mohawk, Constance J. (Ronald) Mercier; one son, Americo S. (Pamela): five sisters three brothers; 10 grandchil dren; and eight great-grandchil-

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton

Township; one son, William

(Janet) Simmen of Vanderbilt

WILLIAM HENRY SIMMEN, JR. Services for William Henry Simmen, Jr., 80, of Pittsburgh. Pa. will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Braddock Hills

Senior Center, Pa. He was born Oct. 4, 1919 in Whitaker, Pa. He died Dec. 29 in Ann Arbor. He was a tool maker for Westinghouse in Tur tle Creek, Pa. for over 30 years. He retired in 1983. He came to the Plymouth Township commu nity in 1999 from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a member of the Westinghouse Retired Employees and the Westinghouse Veteran Employees Association of East Pittsburgh, Pa. He served as a Seaman 1st Class in the U.S.

Navy during World War II. He loved to travel, take cruises. "I do not believe the commissquare dance and garden and enjoyed walking. Survivors include his wife, Mary; one daughter, Kathleen (Richard) Schettler of Plymouth

> McNamara said the fund balance should not be used for ongoing budget problems, and using it would increase debt service costs on new bond projects, and delay or eliminate capital pro-

"For obvious reasons, reoccurpermanent answers, not tempo-

mean layoffs for any county employees, but it does mean public safety agencies will not be able to fill vacancies.

there is a \$10 million deficit."

general fund appropriation was

O'Hair said McNamara's budget cuts were "unsound" and that the budget process "lacked integrity" when department heads lobby the commission for appropriations only to have them cut by the administration.

budget, then these funds are taken out of the budget," O'Hair said. "Integrity is lacking. Departments should have a finalized budget that they can

Naughton said McNamara fund balance was "irresponsible." Naughton expects the commission will have further discus-

*Every department for the most part has a lot of latitude in how to provide for the cuts," Naughton said. "If they have natives that work, that can be another option."

Naughton said county budget officials wanted to fund the child care program in an earlier proposed budget. At that time, Wayne County was negotiating with the state for a juvenile justice block grant and had not received contracts from service agencies to become care management organizations (CMOs) for the county

McNamara vetoes use of fund balance for juvenile justice.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has vetoed the county commission's use of \$5.8 million from the county's \$20 million fund balance to pay for part of the county's portion of \$68 million for juvenile justice

With the veto on Dec. 23, McNamara's proposed budget cuts of \$10.2 million automatically became effective Tuesday, the first day of county business after the holiday break.

In December McNamara requested that county commissioners apprové those cuts, but most commissioners agreed to trimming only \$4.6 million. choosing instead to use \$5.7 milion from the county's fund balance to cover the shortfall.

On Dec. 20 commissioners had voted 9-5, with support coming from Chair Ricardo Solomon, D Detroit: Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioners Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell, Edna Bell, Christopher Cavanagh, George Cushingber-

ry, Ilona Varga and Jewel Ware. Commissioners opposing the general fund expenditure were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia; John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, and Edward Boike, D-Taylor; Joseph Palamara. D-Allen Park, and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn. abstained.

In his veto letter, McNamara called the commission decision to use \$5.7 million of the fund balance "expedient but imprudent."

sion action to use fund balance is financially prudent and therefore I have no choice but to veto your action," McNamara said inhis veto letter.

ring financial problems require rary raids on limited fund balance reserves," McNamara said. "Escalating child care costs are not a new problem in our coun-

The cuts do not necessarily

Sheriff Robert Ficano's department faces \$2.1 million in cuts from nearly \$70 million in general fund appropriations covering costs of jail operations and park patrol budgets. "At this point, 80 percent of these cuts are coming from law enforcement," Ficano said. "We've gone through the budget process, and suddenly, County Prosecutor John

cut \$750,000. O'Hair believes public safety should be the "No. 1 concern" of county officials.

"The ink isn't even dry on this

Chief Financial Officer Tom Naughton said he wished he didn't have to adjust the budget. "It's an unfortunate fact of life that these budget adjustments are required," Naughton said.

vefoed the action because the commission's plan to use the sions later about the budget once the next quarterly financial report is released later this

'For obvious reasons, reoccurring financial problems require permanent answers, not tempo-

rary raids on limited fund balance reserves." Edward McNamara

The veto allows the county's

general fund balance to remain

at \$20 million. Another \$26 mil-

But commissioners were sur-

prised at the news of the \$10

million budget shortfall.

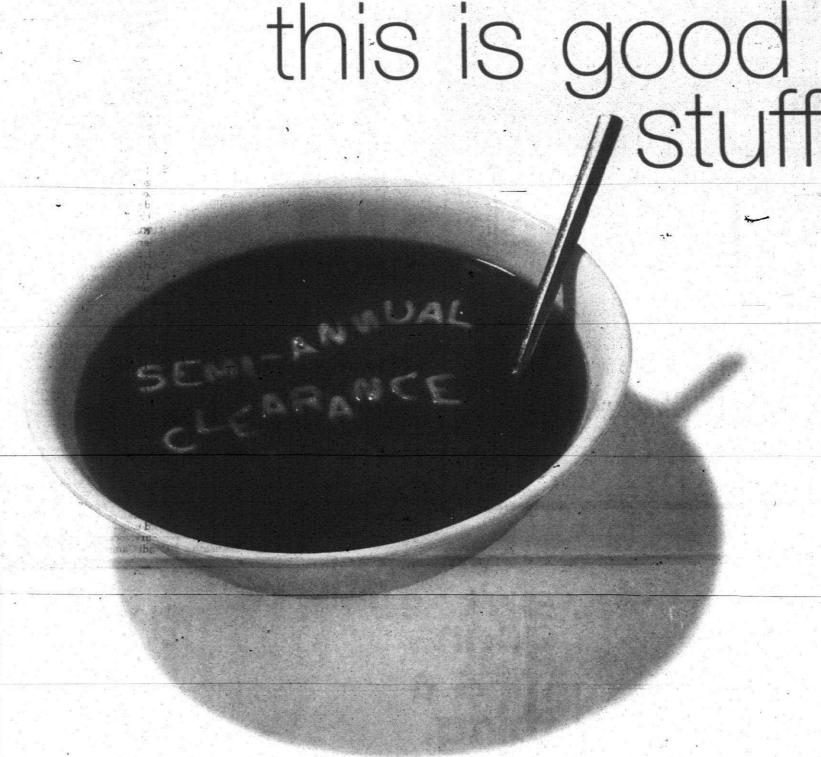
lion is in a separate rainy-day adults and whether or not they

Naughton believes the new slower growth in costs of juvenile performance reviews where we levels," but the financial are efficient and those that are

inefficient," Naughton said. For the short-term, the CMOs will need to be monitored. County officials won't know the longterm effects, those are only known when juveniles grow into nent solution."

by the State Tax Commission McNamara also stated in his child care program will bring veto letter that the new plan of also will cost Wayne County service for juvenile delinquents more than \$8 million and a revijustice. "The contracts require would be successful "on many sion of sentencing guidelines will result in the loss of another \$1 will be able to monitor those that turnaround in this program million would not be realized for many. years. "The child care funding shortfall is not a one-time, oneyear non-reoccurring problem.

"These and other budgetary concerns require that we act responsibly today to reduce expenditures," McNamara said. McNamara said. "This bud-"We cannot wait or these prob-



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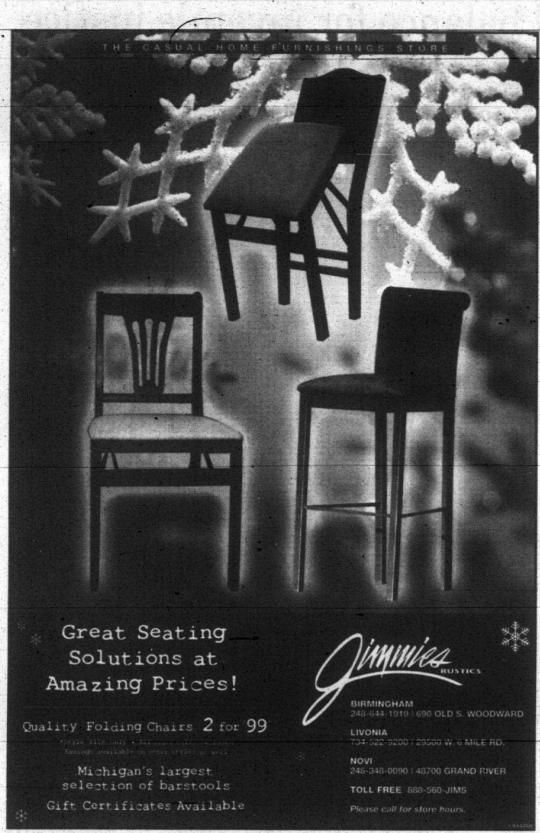
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Permits from page A1

communities in 1998 dropped **E SEMCOG estimated** significantly in permits issued last year - even considering incomplete totals.

No. 3 Chesterfield Township, for example, granted 602 up 30.8 percent since 1990. through November. That compares to 865 issued in 1998. Sterling Heights, which was No. 4 in 1998, dropped to 551

from 822. The fifth fastest growing community, Shelby Township, went from 740 to 555, according to SEMCOG. 'Overall, Oakland and Washte-

naw counties experienced the on the way. Builders, he added, biggest decline from 1998 levels. A total of 6,251 permits were issued in Oakland through November, a drop of about 1,400. Washtenaw dropped nearly 900

The slow down should come as permits will be issued this year. SEMCOG reported that building hit a 25-year high in 1998.

While the millennium bug no longer poses a threat to anyone, Yack doesn't see any factors slowing growth in Canton. He

most areas as well.

dominiums," Yack said. About 400 units are planned Yack said several other factors for three developments. Usually, have slowed development in single family developments far

"We're going to see a lot of con-

were also scared off by Y2K.

Canton's population at

74,624 through Novem-

ber of last year. That's

outnumber multiple units such

as apartments. "I think we'll see 400-500 single family units," said Yack,

The township has been able to keep pace with services despite the quick growth. Larger, more expensive homes provide a greater tax base, said Yack.

"We're getting the type of homes that contribute a lot The supervisor cited three toward public services," he raises in interest rates. Yack

SEMCOG estimated Canton's said another jump may soon be population at 74,624 through November of last year. That's up 30.8 percent since 1990.

accident, according to Yack. He thinks more than 1,000 building said Canton is the type of community and has the kind of housing stock that a wide variety of people find appealing.

"I think people vote with their pocketbooks," Yack said.

Theater from page A1

easterly site adjacent to the dis- # 'Arts organizations trict's two existing high schools. Yack said the new location didn't appeal to Arts' board members and others.

"Arts organizations were not in favor of locating it on the high school site," he added.

The Partnership for the Arts center would be located near Cherry Hill Village's center. The village green would be adjacent as would shopping and restau-

Yack said the center would have more "ambiance" in the village than near a high school. As for the size of the facility Noricks said 750 seats are planned. A main floor would con-

tain 500 seats and a balcony 250.

were not in favor of locating it on the high

-Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor

The Plymouth Theater would likely use just the main floor for its performances while the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra would include the balcony. Noricks said the two groups are currently seen as the center's If the project goes forward,

Yack hopes the center will be used educationally.

the community for a first rate educational facility," he said.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theater and Eastern Michigan University have all expressed interest in that regard, said Yack.

The facility would cost \$7-\$8 nillion to build. Besides \$2 million from developers, Canton Township has committed \$2.5

If Partnership for the Arts' Board approves a business plan next month, Noricks estimated that it would take about a year to raise funds for the other half of construction costs.

"I think it would be a year before we were ready to break

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Macomb Township grew the most in the 1990s, beginning the decade with a population of This new estimate represents 22,714 and ending it with an 4.6 percent increase since the estimated population of 50,398, 1990 census. The region's an increase of 121.9 percent. fastest-growing county in the Other fast-growing communities counted in the 1990 census. The 1990s is Livingston County. in Southeast Michigan include region closes the decade with an Iosco Township and Oceola estimated 1,850,715 housepercent, from a population of Township (both in Livingston holds. 115,645 in 1990 to a current County), Washington Township Popu

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Sen. McCotter takes on rat bounties, other outdated state laws

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.homeco

If you turn in an empty beer bottle in Michigan you get 10 cents. Of course you know that. But did you know a severed rat's head is also worth a 10-cent bounty?

That's right. Act 50 of 1915 states: "Any person who kills a black, brown, gray, or Norway rat shall be entitled to receive ten cents for each head of a rat that is presented to the city, township, or village clerk."

State Sen. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, chairman of the recently formed Senate Law Revision Task Force, wants to ensure that no rat heads slide across the desk of any city official, election year or not. He's sure his mother, Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, appreciates his efforts.

"My mother has decidedly expressed her disinterest in accepting or disposing of dead rats' heads. I assured her a repeal would be my first bill of the new millennium."

Task force members are on a search and destroy mission, scouring the list of state statutes to determine how many archaic ■ 'My mother has decidedly expressed her disinterest in accepting or disposing of dead rats' heads. I assured her a repeal would be my first bill of the new millennium.'

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter
R-Livonia

laws still exist. McCotter plans to begin repealing the archaic laws identified in the task force's report when the Senate returns in January.

"Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow has assured me that he is committed to acting upon our recommendations early next year," he said:

Here's a partial list of other old laws about to get the ax:

■ Immoral advertising. Act.

328 or 1931 forbids ads offering cures or treatments for venereal diseases, the restoration of "lost manhood," and products producing abortions or miscarriages. If enforced, the law would subject Viagra spokesman and former presidential candidate Bob Dole to a misdemeanor charge. So what would it be, Bob, a year in

jail or a \$500 fine?

Images of dead expresidents. Act. 328 of 1931 makes it a misdemeanor to use or reference a deceased expresident of the United States in the advertising of liquor or spirits.

■ Sleigh bells. Act. 328 of 1931 applies to the use of sleigh bells in the Upper Peninsula. At least one animal pulling a cutter or sleigh that is moving faster than a walk must wear sleigh bells.

Dueling. Act 328 of 1931 states that a person who engages in or challenges another to a duel is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for 10 years or fined \$5,000. A person who accepts a challenge or promotes a duel is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for one year and fined \$500. Both par-

ties are barred from being elected or appointed to any public

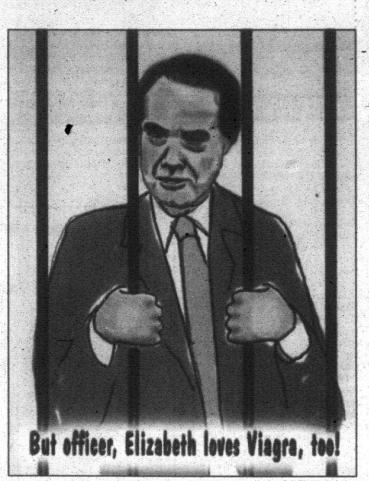
■ Horseshoer's lien. Act 160 of 1897 provides for the placement of a lien on a horse or mule by a blacksmith to cover unpaid shoeing bills.

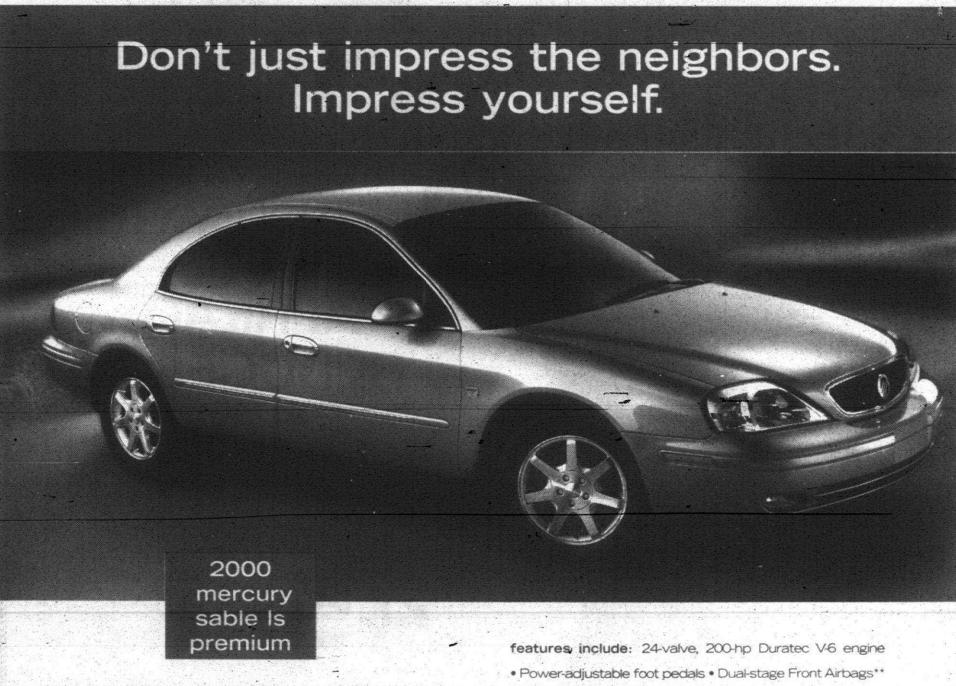
Official cream tester. This statute defines the duties of a county's official cream tester. It allows the county to spend up to \$150 to provide the official cream tester with the necessary equipment to carry out his or her duties.

McCotter expressed hope that the report will "remind Michigan legislatures that, especially in the era of term limits, not all laws, however popular for a time, stand the test of time."

Jan VanRaemdonck, a secretary in the Livonia City Clerk's office, knew nothing about any of the archaic laws. Nobody has ever turned in a rat's head or applied for a job as an official cream tester.

That doesn't mean it hasn't happened, she said. "I'm new here."





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Kurt Heise will chair Rouge River advisory council

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.home

In 1992, Kurt Heise wanted to become more active in his community, so he served on the board of directors of Friends of the Rouge, a volunteer group that promoted annual cleanups of the Rouge River and educational programs in schools.

In 1994, he was appointed assistant corporation counsel for the city of Dearborn Heights, representing the community in federal court to discuss water quality issues concerning the

Now, in 2000, Heise will chair the Rouge River Advisory Council, an advisory group to the state Department of Environmental Quality. RRAC is comprised of community leaders and county officials, business and industry representatives, citizens and environmentalists from the Rouge River watershed's 48 communities in Wayne, Oakland



and Washtenaw counties. Bill Craig, a Livonia resident who helped establish the Holliday Nature Preserve and organizes cleanups there of the

Rouge, was selected as RRAC's

Heise, 33, of Dearborn Heights, who is also executive assistant to Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, believes the council's most important task this year will be the update of the remedial action plan to

clean the Rouge. "That will be the blueprint for the Rouge for the next 15 years," Heise said.
"It's a massive undertaking and a huge responsibility." The council will update the

RAP, a plan first completed in 1989 in response to the Rouge being named one of 42 "areas of concern" in the Great Lakes basin and a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Protection Agency against Rouge River communities. That plan was needed to restore water quality consistent with the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality agree-

Since then, many Rouge communities have completed sewer separation projects or constructflow of raw sewage into the Rouge. DEQ, EPA and environmental officials from Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties also periodically discuss the river's progress with U.S. District Judge John Feikens-

This year, Heise expects RRAC not only will discuss the plan's update, but also inform DEQ officials on the issues of the financial impact of the cleanup to communities and what local residents would like to see in improving the Rouge.

I think RRAC needs to confront that we all want clean water, but we have to realize it will not happen overnight and it will be at a tremendous cost to the public," Heise said.

Heise points to a recent state Court of Appeals ruling that found communities liable for basement flooding. With awards paid to residents by communities, "We're not going to have money to pay for water quality,"

Sanitary sewer overflows from improper and illegal drain connections create another problem "If you plug that up, where will it go?" Heise asked. "Probably in someone's basement. We would rather have it go into the river before basements.

RRAC and communities also face the possibility of changing EPA standards for pollutant levels in rivers, Heise said.

But Heise added that the federal court has moved away from litigation and toward cooperation between local communities and county, state and federal environmental agencies.

"Most communities were opposed to creating a new layer of government," Heise said, referring to Feikens' urging that an authority should oversee activities of communities and counties. Communities responded by voluntarily applying for stormwater permits with hopes of meeting EPA standards.

know we have to do this, like it or not,' " Heise said.

Citizen input also will be important to RRAC, Heise said. Public education programs in communities also serve important roles in cleaning up the

Rouge, Heise said. Heise helped encourage citizen awareness of the Rouge while on the Friends of the Rouge board of directors. He participated and organized annual Rouge Rescue events and created a "Best Friends of the Rouge" awards. program.

Heise graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science in 1988. He also has a juris doctorate and a specialized law degree in labor and employment law from Wayne State University Law School.

Heise is married to Catherine West Heise. The couple has two daughters.

Madonna professor invited to Japan as 'opinion maker'

Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University in Livonia, recently visited Japan as a guest of the

Japanese government.
"I was invited as an 'opinion maker' to absorb the culture and then return to Michigan to share my cultural experiences with others." Swift said.

During his travel, Swift visited two universities to establish new agreements, as well as strengthen existing ties, between Madonna University and the institutions. Madonna currently has a study abroad agreement with Nagoya Gakuin University, located in Nagoya, Japan.

Nagoya toured Swift Gakuin's campus and spoke with administrators about instituting a summer study program for students and fac-

"It would be a reciprocated program. Madonna students and faculty would focus on Japanese and Asian studies over one month in the summer at Nagoya Gakuin and their students would come to our campus for up to one year,'

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among the students from 40 different countries who pursue studies on the Livonia campus.

At Kansai Gaidai University near Osaka, Japan, Swift discussed instituting an agreement to facilitate student and faculty exchange. Kansai Gaidai is a well-known language school in Japan and enroll 250 students.

Madonna University offers a major and minor in Japanese that includes study of Japanese language, history and culture

During his visit, Swift learned about two study abroad programs in Japan which are available to American students. The Michigan Program offers students an opportunity to work for one year on a paddle steamer, called The Michigan, thereby gaining Japanese language and

The Jet Program, available to students with a bachelor's degree, provides opportunities to work in various fields in Japan for an academic year.

Students interested in the Michigan Program, Jet Program or other overseas study opportunities at Madonna University may contact Dr. Swift at the Center for International Studies by calling (734)432-

Prisoners lose protections under new law

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Prisoners in Michigan correctional facilities no longer enjoy the protection of the state's primary civil rights acts, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act.

According to Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, they never should have.

Gov. John Engler has signed into law two bills aimed at clarifying whether prisoners enjoy the protections of those civil rights acts by stating that they do not apply to persons incarcerated in state, county or federal correctional facilities.

Further, the new laws say that prisons can't be considered as "public services" when it comes to lawsuits over alleged rights violations.

Initially drafted by Bishop, the bills were "intended to clarify. the construction of the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act" and to express the original intent of the legislature. The changes are "curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent."

According to Bishop, it was never the intent of the legislature that the state's two civil rights bills should apply to prisoners. There is simply no evidence that such an application

was envisioned, he said. But in recent decisions, the Michigan Court of Appeals has said the laws do apply. In Neal vs. Department of Correction, female prisoners were allowed to bring a class action suit alleging a pattern of sexual harassment against inmates by male guards. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination under Elliott-

Larsen. In Doe vs. Department of Corrections, the court allowed prisoners to bring a class action suit on behalf of inmates denied placement in community residential programs because they were HIV positive, a form of dis-

At first the courts were reluctant to agree with prisoners. In the Neal case, the appeals court said: "The narrow issue before us is whether the MDOC correctional facilities are places of 'public service' in which discrimination against inmates, based on sex, is

prohibited." Judges at first concluded that prisons were "not established to provide 'service to the public' in the same sense as hospitals, courts, or the Secretary of State's office do."

Eventually, Michigan courts reversed themselves based on federal rulings that prisons are public services. And since state laws did not preclude prisons or prisoners, they agreed to let the cases stand.

Bishop's bills were intended to correct that problem.

The law won the support of Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who said that prisoner rights are already protected in federal law; and making the change here would protect taxpayers from spending money on frivolous lawsuits.

But other Democrats opposed the change.

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, said that making the change in law retroactive would make it unconstitutional.

We eliminate a right of individuals that, I believe, the Legislature in 1976 fully intended. What we are essentially saying with this law is that people in prisons are not persons under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. That language is not specifically in the bill, but the intent, the result, is," she argued.

"Do (prisoners) have other recourse? Oh, yes," Smith said. "If you can find a number of attorneys who are willing to take these lawsuits without compensation, pursue the hundreds of hours it takes to do the depositions, to do the extra labor that is involved in building cases where you have an entity, the Department of Corrections, that offers no help, no assistance and limited access to the clients. I don't think we have real access to the courts. We don't have real access to jurisprudence.'

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, opposed the new law. "These bills will take away the rights of a certain class of innocent persons under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act - those persons who are falsely convicted of a crime but who are later found to be innocent and who have their sentences overturned in court," he

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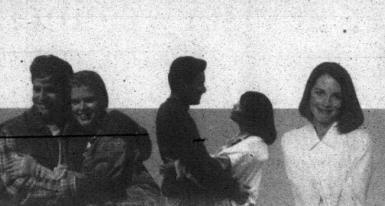
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LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your

opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide à

It's a sad situation

school district issue.

read with incredible disappointment the

Dec. 16 Canton Observer article, "Grant

puts full-time cops at high schools." As a soci-

ety I can only feel dismayed that we have let.

ourselves reach a point where police officers

troubled that we have let the federal govern-

It is time to start addressing some very fun-

ceived solution. Why do our high schools need

a security force of 20 officers and two armed

policemen to offer a safe environment for our

children? When I went to high school in Livo-

nia in the late '60s I had a graduating class of

similar proportions to P-CEP. I don't recall

having security officers. I don't ever recall

feeling unsafe one day I was a student. This

we trying to put a Band-Aid on a more serious

problem? The cost of operating a security

force of this magnitude for salaries, benefits,

year. I would suggest that the problems with-

in and outside the schools, requiring a securi-

vehicles, etc., must be close to \$1 million a

ty force, are at issue here. What have we

ence with my oldest son at Salem, my

youngest son now attends a private high

1.100 students. How are they doing? There

room disruptions. There is a dress code, but it

does not mandate uniforms. I pay \$5,000 a

year, which by the way is less than the over

\$6,000 the state provides the Plymouth-Can-

ton Community Schools. This investment in

my son's safety and overall education is worth

every penny. Most of his friends attend at P-

in other communities? It is a flawed concept

that simply has not worked. Unfortunately,

are no fights, no gangs, and minimal class-

allowed our high schools to become? Who is

running the schools, students or the adminis-

Having gone through an unpleasant experi-

damental issues that has led us to this per-

are needed at our high schools. I am also

ment be the source of funding for a local

contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed

Y2yawn

Preparation wasn't for naught

hen the clock struck midnight on Jan. 31, nothing much happened in Canton, just like it didn't happen in the remainder of the country and world. For the doomsayers, Y2K was a bust. The

lights worked, the toilets flushed, and the power stayed on. That things worked well is a testimony to the hard work of the utilities, banks and gov-

computers kept clicking away, the traffic

ernment workers around the world. In Canton, the township government was vigilant. More than 80 township employees worked on New Year's Eve. That included extra police officers on patrol and key township officials at the Emergency Command Center set up at Fire Station No. 1. The township tested its computer system ahead of time, and there were no apparent problems. Some 18 months were spent upgrading software for 200 computers and replacing others, changes that will presumably mean better long-term service for residents and local businesses.

"It was a non-event, which was great," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said of the Y2K hype and hysteria.

Canton Township and its employees should be recognized for their contributions toward making Y2K problem-free.

Roads, education head our list

As the new year begins, we wondered what our communities might ask for if they were to compile a wish list of their wants and needs from Gov. John Engler and the Michigan House and Senate

It seems to us such a list would surely include:

A new road funding formula.

Public Act 51- the state law that determines how state gas tax money as well as other transportation revenues are to be divided between the state government, counties and municipalities - is set to expire in the fall of 2000. Lawmakers put that sunset on the formula specifically to force a review and revision of the distribution. And, of course, a ninemember study committee has already been working on a rewrite.

But as things stand, the process appears heavily weighted in favor of the Michigan Department of Transportation. If the MDOT, as a road agency, benefits from the revision, it will come at the expense of county road commissions, cities and townships.

Controversy over the way Act 51 distributes the money has been one of the major obstacles to Michigan's road improvement and upkeep. Out of anger that the formula unfairly redistributes road funding to outstate communities and turns the vast majority over to the MDOT, suburban municipalities have blocked attempts at increased gas taxes. As a state we've been unable to get to the issue of whether road funding is adequate, whether taxes to support roads are set at appropriate levels, because it makes little sense for suburbs to support any increase. Even at an increased level, Act 51 would send the money elsewhere.

No one argues that MDOT should get a lion's share of the money, because it is responsible for maintaining some of the state's most heavily traveled roads, expressways included. But when county road commissions are chronically underfunded and municipalities repeatedly have to take over upkeep of their own county and state roads, it is clear the formula is lopsided.

One idea proposed in Lansing would clearly help - splitting the MDOT. A state road agency responsible for its own projects and maintenance programs should not be responsible for distributing the cash to municipalities and reviewing road funding requests. Obviously, when there is a conflict, MDOT will favor its own projects. Separate the "pass through" function of the MDOT from the road improvement and maintenance function. Then let the MDOT compete on an equal footing

with counties and municipalities when it seeks additional road bucks. Then it would be clear that distribution of road funding would be based on the merits of the projects.

A coherent policy on education.

have been working on education over the past year. Unfortunately, many of the policies enacted run counter to the state Constitution That document clearly gives the authority for K-12 education in Michigan to the State Board of Education, but Engler and the GOP have moved as much responsibility away from the board as they can.

Republicans have also pushed for new schools known as "charter schools," or "public school academies." Although the claim is that they are simply independent public schools, schools do, with little reporting about their finances and little accountability.

If the Republicans intend to revamp Michigan's education system, a constitutional amendment is in order, outlining what that new system should be. Then voters can make the determination.

question on the ballot, it should allow the State Board to do its job and demand that "public school academies" operate in the same manner as other public school districts, with open financial records, open meetings. cial education needs.

devise ways to address the issue of urban sprawl, using incentives rather than mandates to gain cooperation from local units of

It's a tall order. But if indeed the budget can be arranged to make it worthwhile for both inner city areas and fringe suburbs to work hand in hand to avoid further sprawl, it makes sense to do so. If the state can set up its policies to support Main Street redevelopment while avoiding further expansions of the

With Michigan's economy booming and the state expecting a significant increase in population in the next 10 years, addressing the sprawl issue should be considered a top priority for state government.

Gov. Engler and the Michigan Republicans

they've been allowed to operate just as private

Unless the GOP is willing to put such a parental input and requirements to meet spe-

A new urban sprawl policy.

State lawmakers have been working to

The idea, lawmakers say, is to coordinate the state budget to support development that is directed back toward central cities and preserves greenfields in the outlying areas.

urban ring, it should be done.

CEP, but he thanks me from time to time for not sending him to Salem. I recall reading recently in the Observer a parent who challenged the concept of a multicampus environment. If the concept of a multi-campus environment like P-CEP is such a good thing, why do you not see this concept

to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-4224 or e-mailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net no one has the courage to stop it. Not all children ages 16, 17, and 18 are ready for a college setting that has been created at P-CEP. We have unfortunately bought into this notion of 'children's rights.'

We have also assumed that children of a high school age in this environment will all be responsible, and that they will make the right choices. Although for many this is true, many others see the opportunities to control this liberal atmosphere and their disruptions often control the classroom and the campus to campus environment. It is however time to rethink the multi-campus environment. Individual schools, with closed environments during school hours would be a far better alterna

We have allowed our high schools, which have such great potential, to now provide a poor environment for learning. I feel sorry for the fine teachers at these high schools. They community is a safe community to live in. Are and the community deserve better

> **Bob Gassel** Canton

Panama overblown

he Panama situation is completely The Panama situation is completely overblown. It would appear that the mass media and too many power brokers around the country actually believe this. There has been little realization of the fact that we have now given away a strategic military choke point not too far from our shores. For those of us school in Redford. I am not aware of one secuwho experienced pre-Pearl Harbor it is more rity officer at this school with an enrollment of like deia-vu.

There seems to be a feeling that the Chinese communist danger at the Panama Canal is not only overblown but that the Canal is no longer a crucial waterway to us.

The idea is presented that we no longer need to run our battleships and merchant vessels through its ports. This is beside the point. It is now a strategically located geographic area and a plum position for a future adversary. Thanks to the fact that the liberals sold our secrets to the Chinese they now have the missile technology to be dire threat at our

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POINTS OF VIEW

Bartlett Hess, Ward pastor, was a man for the ages

y now, you're probably fed up with stories and TV programs packed with millennium musings. Totally subjective "lists" of the top this or that.

Compile those very lists in another 10 years, and chances are they will read dramatically different. Except, of course, for Michael Jordan's placement as ESPN's top athlete of the just-concluded century.

But why do so many care about such capsules of easy-to-swallow information in the first place? It seems as though Americans are way too obsessed with pop culture, either being part of the coffeehouse cutting edge or the mainstream.

Not too many seem to be rushing to their church, temple or synagogue, however, as we begin the 21st century. At the risk of sounding preachy, maybe more should consider going to

because this society is getting increasingly warped, all at the expense of nmon human decency.

Consider that the National Football League and National Basketball Association scheduled games on Christmas Day. Sadly, it's all about big bucks, even on the holiest of days. And that's only a sliver of the holiday's crass commercialization.

Moreover - and I'm as guilty of this as you - the fact that people are wearing out a path to their movie multiplex, sporting event or shopping mall, but not to places where "The Word" is preached must have troubled Dr. Bartlett L. Hess during the last part of his life

Pastor Hess, a little man with a owering presence, who founded Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia (since relocated to Northville Township), passed away on Dec. 21



just six days short of his 89th birth-

Under his leadership, which concluded with his 1992 retirement, Ward's membership grew to more than 5,000 strong; in 1981, he cofounded the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a denomination now with over 190 churches and 60,000 mem

bers around the world. There's no denying that Ward today is in good shape, probably better off than many churches, temples and synagogues. Current pastor Dr. James McGuire is continuing Hess' legacy, and Ward prides itself on offering a large number of youth ministries - geared at helping raise tomorrow's spiritual leaders and con-

The bedrock foundation was largely out there by the work of Pastor Hess, emembered as "a lovely and loving man" who didn't worry if he sometimes displayed human tendencies such as stubbornness, anger and a penchant for buying collectibles.

"He'd occasionally lose his temper, those who were the recipients of such won't forget it," said Dr. L. Edward Davis during funeral services held at Ward on Hess' birthday.

"But given a good night's rest and maybe a chat with (Hess' wife) Margaret, well, he mastered the art of the apology. ... He could be grumpy, but he'd get over it.".

Hess also was described as a young-minded "progressive" even as he approached age 90. He cared to not live in the past, always with an eye toward the future

That future now carries on without him and his leadership.

Time will tell whether our society will ever rise out of the immoral muck it seems to be mired in. But one thing is for sure: It's too bad Bart Hess didn't live to see the 21st century. We sure could have used him.

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Metro Airport director's promises: They're not a snow job

of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan

t's nearly a year since the snow fell and fell and fell ... when hundreds of Northwest Airlines passengers stranded on snowy runways waited and waited and waited ... when Detroit Metro Airport was chastised and ridiculed and embarrassed for its apparent inability to respond.

So I must say I was a bit surprised when airport director Dave Katz told me last week: "I'm praying for 15 inches of snow."

Katz is one competitive guy. "We need a big storm to show the world that we can keep this airport going," he said. At the same time, he acknowledges: "Those three days were the worst experience of my life."

He is quick to defend the people behind the snowplows. He showed me the snow scraper souvenirs he gave each of them, inscribed with "The

Blizzard of '99." Right now he said: "They're pumped. They're begging for 16 inches - one more than fell a year

Katz is one funny guy, He happily plays himself in the recent tongue-incheek airport advertising campaign. Actors take the parts of his mother (Mary Ann, who lives in the U.P.), Aunt Marge (his wife's aunt who owns Marge's Bar on the east side), and his brother-in-law, Mel (sales rep Mel Lenhart who flies in and out of Metro several times a week). In one segment, his mother is heard complaining about having to drive around the parking deck for so long to find a space that Aunt Marge falls asleep -"and she's driving."

That gives Katz the opportunity to unfurl the new hotline, (800) 642-1978, that you can call to find out the parking situation at Metro. A new airport entrance sign also announces which lots are open.

Katz is one believable guy. More

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than a year ago, he talked to me about computerizing the parking system. That also was when we discussed the impropriety of charging people deplaning from international flights for luggage carts. Most land sleepdeprived; many have language and currency difficulties. It took him more than a year, but

he finally got those free carts. When the luggage cart supplier wouldn't give up the fee, Katz rebid the entire franchise. The new company began

Other of his visions have become ealities. Metro now has a full-fledged information center manned by greenvested customer service agents, who also are deployed throughout the air-

Two-thirds of Metro's 65 restrooms have been renovated and family restrooms have been installed If you've flown Spirit Airlines you

know that flights are often delayed, both in taking off and landing. The airline has been dependent on the loan of a gate by another airline. But recently, Metro added a new, rather plush, six-gate Mecca at the end of Concourse A. It allows airlines such as Spirit and Southwest to have homes of their own.

Katz is one annoyed guy, saying that there hasn't been much press on

restaurants.

He also promised to improve the quality, variety and prices of airport

Katz is one realistic guy. He knows that proving the airport is moving in the right direction depends on each of our experiences. So, routinely, he and his 20 Disney-trained managers converge on defined airport areas to analyze their safety, friendliness, cleanliness and convenience.

It's working in front of the Smith Terminal. Just last week, a security guard named Hudson kindly allowed me to sit in my car at the arrivals curb, while I waited for my son who was coming in on the red-eye from

It's hard to change an image. But, little by little, Metro Airport is getting better. Katz is one determined guy, certain that the cold facts will emerge out of the next big snowstorm.

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Work force, urban sprawl, roads are the new millennium bugs

hew. That was close. Mankind barely escaped oblivion on New Year's Day, but we made it. Now we find we have a whole new list of chal-

lenges to face. Fortunately, they are more mundane. They do not include bowing down to Lucifer, nor do we have to sweep up heaps of fallen airplane parts. And no, we do not have to conduct an

emergency mass distribution of abacuses. Now we can deal with more rational prognostications - those that did not stand a chance of being heard above the din of the doomsayers for the coming years.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has taken a moment to issue its view of where we are headed and the problems it believes we will likely confront in the next few decades. Perhaps before we decide where to spend the next spare trillion dollars out of the

U.S. economy, we would be wise to listen. -According to SEMCOG, the biggest challenge we face in southeast Michigan is finding the people we need to keep our local economy run-

"Maintaining an adequate workforce will be a continuing challenge. Unemployment in the region is now the lowest in a generation, at 3.5 percent. Additionally, the region will lose 166,000 workers when baby boomers reach retirement age, between 2010 and 2025. Finding 166,000 replacement workers is the single biggest threat to the economy's continued vitality," SEMCOG stated in a report issued just before the new year.

Folks who lived through the Great Depression of the '30s or even the Great Recession of the '70s know this is a good problem to have. But the effects are real. Every time you go to a store or restaurant and get slow or poor service, you are seeing the impact. Businesses everywhere in this region are having a hard time filling positions. You see in it businesses closing early from time to time for lack of workers. Firms are beginning to find it hard to branch out and take advantage of new opportunities for lack of people to do the work.

To meet that need, the region is expected to add 570,000 new residents in the next 25 years Again, those who remember the days when Michigan was losing population and experienc-ing "brain drain" will understand that this is a

MIKE MALOTT

traveled per year in this region will increase from 42 billion to 48 billion by the year 2025. And many of Michigan's roads and bridges are already past their expected life spans.

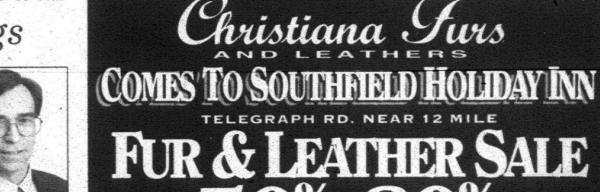
Keeping all those people on the road will cost oig bucks. SEMCOG puts the price at \$26 billion by 2020. And we only know where we will get about half of it.

All those new people have to have places to live too. SEMCOG figures some 390,000 new homes will have to be built in the region to give them all a place to lay their heads at the end of

We are already complaining about urban sprawl, Suburbanites are beginning to think we have declared war on vacant fields ... and overall the region's population has experienced only a bit of growth in the past few years. In the past several decades in this region, we've burned up 50 percent more land with only a 4 percent gain in population.

SEMCOG's report had yet another prediction: "Increasingly mobile lifestyles that find people living, working and shopping in different communities means that citizen concerns will expand beyond their local unit of government and become more regional. Likewise, local governments are discovering that many issues they address must cross jurisdictional boundaries. Continuing to work together will be key to meeting these challenges." Maybe if we put as much thought, energy and money into dealing with these challenges as we just did chasing ifcome computer bugs and stockpiling survival supplies, they would seem a little less daunting

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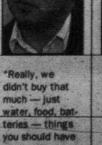
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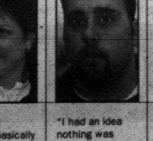
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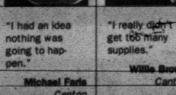


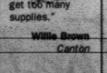


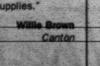


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organize and motivate employees and our youth and adult carrier forces makes him an excellent choice for the position," said Rosiek.

Gibson has worked at the Observer for the last six years as an area manager in Canton, Plymouth and Farmington/Farmington Hills. Before joining the Observer, he worked as the circulation manager at the Associated Newspapers in Wayne and at the Dearborn Press & Guide Newspapers in Dearborn.

As circulation manager, Gibson oversees a workforce of 11 full-time and part-time employees, more than 1,400 youth carriers and 75 adult drivers and adult newspaper carriers.

A graduate of Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, Gibson holds a certificate in business management from Walsh College. He lives in Dearborn with his son, Troy Jr., a senior at Fordson High School

"My focus is service - working with area managers to satisfy all customers and to make sure they receive a complete newspaper on time on Thursdays and Sundays," Gibson said.



"I plan to be active in the community, recruiting youth carriers and demonstrating that having an Observer Newspaper route is a learning experience in business and in life," he added.

Gibson can be reached at (734) 953-2118.

Geiger has worked at the Observer Newspapers for 23 years. A Livonia resident, he has been an assistant home delivery manager and from 1978 until 1993 he ran circulation operations in Farmington, North Livo-



nia, Plymouth and Canton.

Geiger's new position will involve consumer sales and marketing of the HomeTown Savings Card, a discount card for area businesses which is available free to paid subscribers. He will also be involved in establishing a Newspaper in Education Program for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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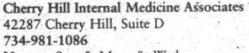
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proud to represent the school district and its communities, added Booher. "I would only want them to feel equally excited about that relationship.

Booher becomes Plymouth-Canton's first female superintendent, putting her in a category of just 10 percent of superintendents nationwide.

"I'm pleased that I'm one of the women in this profession who are able to cross over and be very competent and demonstrate we can do the job," she said. "But on the other hand, I don't spend a lot of time thinking er, Walcott said he expects the

Booher admits that being known as a role model is somewhat uncomfortable for her.

However, I certainly enjoy mentoring other people, men as well as women," said Booher.
"As far as children, I think it's very important that our students see men and women in a variety of roles, not just traditional ones. And I'm happy to be able to do

The six-month contract for interim superintendent Ken Walcott expires Jan. 11. Howev-

board to extend the contract through Jan. 28 at next week's regular board meeting.

"I appreciate my opportunity here," said Walcott. "This district has a lot of potential. It's a quality place to be. "If I was 10 years younger,

would have wanted to take this on full-time," he added.

Walcott said he'll go back to educational consulting, working about 25 hours a week, and spending more time with his family in western Michigan.

Foster parent orientation is Jan. 13 in Redford

Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary,

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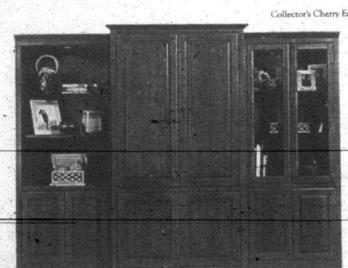


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Thursday, January 6, 2000

JACK GLADDEN

Let's deal with a real problem

e made it. Airplanes didn't fall out of the sky. The toilets still flush. The world economy is as intact as it usually is. And those computers that were expected to be confused about the date displayed "January 1, 2000" just as normally as they displayed "December 31,1999."

Now that we've survived the hype and hysteria of the "Y2K bug," we can get back to dealing with a real problem: disintegrating dip tubes.

When Observer & Eccentric columnist Joe Gagnon – better known to his fans as "The Appliance Doctor" – first wrote about the problem of dip tubes disintegrating inside hot water tanks manufactured between July 1993 and December 1996, most people shrugged. Just another one of Joe's crusades, they probably thought.

The day he walked into the newsroom carrying a long, white plastic dip tube to demonstrate what he was talking about, some people snickered quietly. Don Quixote Joe with a dip tube sword.

But those of us who were having problems with the flow of hot water in the shower, who were digging white plastic particles out of the aerator in the kitchen sink – we knew he was on to something.

Meanwhile, other people started listening. The Michigan Attorney General listened and started an investigation into "the dip tube problem." Class action lawsuits were filed across the country. Water tank makers acknowledged the problem on a case-by-case basis and agreed to pay for replacement of the defective parts.

Call the plumber

So we called the plumber, described the problem, he called the people who made the water heater and got authorization to replace the dip tube at their expense. Problem solved. Or so we thought. But a large piece of the old tube was still floating around inside the heater.

A few months passed and the issue faded from the news, as the potential Y2K bug grabbed bigger and bigger headlines. Were our computers going to work on Jan. 1? Would there be a run on the banks? Would we have water for a shower when we woke up on New Year's Day?

The answer to the latter question was "Yes, but not much." Oh, it wasn't a Y2K problem. The water department was OK, but that disintegrating dip tube was still spewing pieces of plastic into the faucets and the shower heads. The hot water in the shower was ebbing rather than flowing and the plugged-up aerator in the kitchen sink was spewing water all over the countertop.

We called the plumber again. There was good news and bad news. The good news was that one of those class action suits had been settled and a half-dozen hot water heater manufacturers had agreed to reimburse consumers for expenses incurred in replacing the dip tubes or, in some cases, the heaters themselves.

Bad news

The bad news was that since the suit had been settled, the manufacturers were no longer dealing directly with plumbers or consumers. The matter was in the hands of the court and our only option now was to spend the money to have the tank completely taken apart, drained and flushed, then file a claim with the court and hope we could get reimbursed.

Or we could replace the water heater and file a claim for that. But, since the manufacturer had already paid to have the dip tube replaced, our claim might not be honored. Never mind that replacing the dip tube didn't solve the problem.

Meanwhile, we're on our third aerator in the kitchen sink, the shower head is clogged up and who knows what is building up inside the dishwasher and washing machine?

We survived the Y2K bug just fine. But our hot water heaters are going down the (dip) tubes.

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Breaking the circle of violence

Oakwood and partners keep women 'posted'

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

A thousand restrooms in the Oakwood Healthcare System have more than the standard selection of personal hygiene products and paper towel dispensers.

Oakwood, in partnership with First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, has put 1,000 posters in its restrooms to help its employees and visitors "break the cycle of violence."

"The posters are designed to have an effect on people, so that they think, if Oakwood cares enough to put this here, this must be a problem in the community," said Lisa Rutledge, system facilitator for Outreach Initiatives at Oakwood. "More than half of women's visits to the emergency room are related to domestic violence. Oakwood recognizes that this is an issue, and the posters are the very beginning of where we want to go with it."

Three different posters have been created for the campaign. Each depicts some aspect of domestic violence – the most dramatic, an X-ray of a fractured skull – and contain "take-with" cards with the telephone number for First Step's 24-hour Help Line and those for the Michigan Family Violence Helpline, Sexual Assault Hotline, Adult and Child Protective Services and Oakwood Employee Assistance.

Employees have recruited to make sure the posters are stocked with cards, and a list has been made of the poster's locations to track where cards have been taken.

"We can track it on the phone line," said Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director. "We don't expect everyone who takes a card to call; some may take a card for a friend. People who need to do something about the violence need to know they can call First Step."

Beyond the system

In all, 3,000 posters have been printed, and plans are "to take them beyond the Oakwood system" to area police departments and the like.

"We want to recruit volunteers to take them out into the community to put them where women would gather," she said. "I'd like to see them everywhere people look, so they know about domestic violence."

"We've offered them our volunteers to take to their faith communities," added Ellis. "We have high school students sending out postcards and filling orders. My staff and I could fill the orders, but this way it makes First Step, Oakwood and the community work together on ending the violence."

First Step and Oakwood also are working with ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services) to translate one of the posters and the information card into Arabic. They also have information about what the Bible and the Koran say about domestic violence.

The posters are being paid for by the Oakwood Foundation and represent an expansion of a relationship between First Step and the health care provider



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Informing women: Sandy Quaine, a member of the First Step Board of Directors, hangs a poster depicting an X-ray of a fractured skull in a public restroom. The poster is one of three designed to inform women of some aspect of domestic violence.

Taking the First Step

First Step offers community-based, non-residential and shelter-based services to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in 34 western. Wayne and Downriver communities, as well as training and development for volunteers and professionals who work with the victims.

It has offices at 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth; 26650 Eureka Road, Taylor, and in the convent of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford, and also has community-based sites at the Dearborn, Romulus, Westland, Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park police departments, 33rd District Court in Woodhaven and in Dearborn Heights.

In addition to its shelter, First Step also maintains 24-hour on-call teams to meet with the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and a 24-hour Help Line – (888) 453-5900.

For more information about First Step, call the Plymouth office at (734) 416-

that began with the former's 24-hour emergency room response team some 10 years ago.

Two years ago, the informal partnership was formalized when Oakwood set up a small clinic at First Step's shelter. Money raised by employees at Oakwood's Annapolis Center in Wayne helped purchase medical supplies and Rutledge combed the Oakwood system to find furniture for the two-room clin-

"It came about in examining the needs of the families at the shelter," said Rutledge. "We recognized that because these families are in crisis for

so long, they need medical attention."
The first year, 113 clients visited the

clinic; as of June 1999, it was 126.

Doctors staff the clinic three half days a week as part of their rotation for family medicine and internal medicine residencies. The goal is to teach the doctors about domestic violence and what questions to ask, Rutledge said.

And money raised by the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center Guild and through the Women's Healthcare Classic golf outing helps provide prescription coverage for the clinic's patients.

"The women at the shelter are so good; they show the doctors what they missed and what questions they were asked," Rutledge said. "The docs call it Third World medicine. They work with

almost nothing to deal with some com-

Working together

plex problems."

Working together, First Step and Oakwood also have landed a grant from the Department of Community Health to replicate First Step's highly successful peer counseling program at Churchill High School in Livonia at teen clinics in Inkster, Romulus and Taylor.

"The attitude of the teens who went through the program significantly improved," said Ellis "Their attitudes and beliefs changed and they were more alert to date rape and sexual assault. "Peer education has proven to work well with teens."

While Oakwood has chosen to make a "big financial commitment" to First Step, Ellis is hoping that other corporations and the retail community do likewise, thereby adding to and enhancing the partnership.

One thing Ellis would like to do is take the message about domestic violence to roadsides, using billboards for "social marketing."

"The violence won't stop unless we're all involved," said Ellis. "Violence is so pervasive that people are desensifized. We have to sensitize them.

"We're trying to tailor the message as best we can to get the message out consistently."

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Ya-Ya Sisterhood's cyber friends plan to meet in 2000

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

Women from all over the world, who have talked to each other in cyberspace in some cases for years, will recognize each other by their boas and tiaras when they meet for the first time in February.

Outrageous and extravagant, sure. That's what the Ya-Ya Sisterhood is about.

The women's support group based on Rebecca Wells' book, "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," published by Harper Collins, shows how four women embraced taking everything to the extreme—even when it hurts.

The story follows the lives of three generations of women, their struggles and triumphs. One of the Ya-Ya's, for instance, was fond of saying: "It's life, you climb on the beast and ride."

Women all over the world, who may have always felt ostracized because of their over-the edge lifestyles, are coming together on a Web site called "On the Front Porch," at www.ya-ya.com.

A meeting is planned during President's Day weekend in February to see

■ 'Everyone is welcome with open arms — just post and introduce yourself and the welcoming is unbelievable.'

Maria Lampinen Ya Ya Sisterhood

cyberspace friends with whom they've shared intimate thoughts and silly

"It's the most incredible support system for women that I've ever been involved with and very, very nonjudgmental," according to Maria Lampinen, a Waterford resident formerly of West Bloomfield:

In fact, Lampinen hopes to find other people from Michigan, especially the metro-Detroit area, who are drawn to the Ya-Ya Sisterhood. However, a request on the Web site didn't attract much attention. She did learn about a fellow Ya-Ya in Kalamazoo.

"It allows you to have faults and failures just like real people and not always trying to be what society expects us to be instead of who we are," said Lampinen, who describes her fel-

low Ya-Ya's as "outrageous, vivacious,

extravagant, loud and fun."

In the book, four eccentric bayou debutantes struggle through life and always rely on the comfort of having each other. And that's the essence of what attracts women from all over the

world to the Ya-Ya Sisterhood Web

The cyberspace subjects are as varied as the members ranging in age from 13 to 80. Members of the younger crowdare called Petite Ya-Ya's.

One woman recently posted a note about difficulties with her mother inlaw during the holidays. She received more than 27 replies supporting her and offering ideas.

"Sometimes we talk about which characters we identify with and why," said Lampinen, a 40-year-old Realtor. "Everyone is welcome with open arms — just post and introduce yourself and the welcoming is unbelievable," she said: "It's for women who are fun, crazy and very much into red fingernail polish — "rich girl red," she adds citing the book. "The people who are attracted to this are high spirited and high eyed."

They have to be at least a little spunky to don their on-line names, like Lampinen's "Queen Bette." In fact, every Ya-Ya's name is queen something or princess something, and this follows suit with a chapter in the book detailing a tribal ritual among the main characters in the forest. For Lampinen, "Bette" comes from Lampinen's circle of best girlfriends who call each other Bette. Apparently, she had early signs of becoming a Ya-

Ya.

In fact, it was one of her Bette friends who told her about the book. "I immediately ran out and got it."

Lampinen said. "I've always been real

interested in women's issues."

Lampinen has been posting mes-

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Figures of speech have roots in beliefs, superstitions

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Ya bulletin board, inviting about which character members to "dig deep, laugh nard and share secrets" for six we identify with and months, checking the com- why. It's a place to nents twice daily.

which character we identify with and why," she added "It's a place to share with other Ya-Ya's around the globe — to augh and cry."

The group isn't all off the vall comments and excesses. There's a real sensitive, caring and loving angle, too.

"One of the women is suffering from cancer and we're all involved in her progress and treatment," Lampinen said. She's 19 and the love and support she receives from the Web site is incredible. She can have her laptop on her bed while she's getting treatments. other Ya-Ya was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and received cards from a ton of

There's even a Ya-Ya calen-

"It's real women, real life," said Lampinen adding that Ya-Ya's are trying to get a spot on the "Rosie O'Donnell Show" and "Oprah." "It's about the most heart-warming, honest,

ges with the new Gumbo Ya- III 'Sometimes we talk share with other Ya-Sometimes we talk about Ya's around the globe - to laugh and cry.'

> Maria Lampinen Ya -ya sister

loving and encouraging place

During a recent ornament exchange, Lampinen received a package of generous gifts, including an angel in a Hawaiian dress, and plain and chocolate macadamia nuts, from a woman, in Honolulu Lampinen's secret pal received among other items, a leopard skin finger nail file, which is oh, too Ya-Ya. "I've heard people say: 'My

grandmother was a Ya-Ya, but she didn't know it," Lampinen

Anyone interested in reaching Lampinen should send an message Maria1207@aol.com.

One company is cleaning up

the reputation of cable tv.

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entertainment like Toon Disney and Disney Showcase.

The Women's Resource Center The group provides a forum for discussion and of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets Tuesdays in Room 225 of the McDowell Center.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor. The speaker sessions take place the fourth Tuesday and address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the

On Jan. 25, participants will Ellen Slutzky, a clinical psychologist will focus her March 28 learn about the legal aspects of divorce - the process of filing presentation on helping divorc-

culty adjusting to, divorce.

WRC sponsors divorce support group

and what to expect, etc. - from attorney Theodore Johnson. Certified financial planner Elizabeth Allen will provide a guide to handling finances and planning a future following divorce or separation on Feb. 22.

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tration isn't required

The Women's Resource Center also is sponsoring "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. A lawyer from the firm of Woll and Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law. ing individuals develop more self

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at Attorneys Barbara Watry and (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft Col-Mary Ann Mercieca will provide lege is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, cess. Participants will learn about such things as property

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(810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286 DETROIT FINNEY Classes of 1970-72

A reunion is planned for April

DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY Classes of 1953-55 A reunion is tentatively planned for May. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-

4875 after 6 p.m. **DETROIT MACKENZIE** Class of 1949-51 July 29 at the Hellenic Cultur al Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

DETROIT PERSHING Class of 1960 A reunion is planned for Sept.

der htm

Class of 1966

Is planning a reunion.

(313) 835-9642, (810) 773-3952, (248) 547-0664 or (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/in

DETROIT REDFORD Class of 1965 A reunion is planned for July

(313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-**DETROIT WESTERN**

(248) 280-0053 or (517) 546-FARMINGTON Class of 1950 Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16.

(248) 474-7822 FERNDALE Classes of 1929-1958 Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Fern-

(248) 589-2609 or (248) 541 Class of 1950

Is planning a reun

HIGHLAND PARK January-June classes of 1950-

June 4 at the San Marino

(313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-

A reunion is planned for

(734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-

Send name, address, telephone

number and e-mail address to

Is planning a reunion for June.

June 24 at the Holiday Inn

Aug. 12 at the Double Tree

Guest Suites in Southfield

e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy

(248) 366-9493, press #6 or by

January and June classes of

Sept. 8-9 at the Holiday Inn in

A reunion is tentatively sched-

Sept. 20 at the Grecian Center

(248) 360-7004, press #2 or by

e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy

Sept. 9 at the Grecian Cente

(248) 366-9493, press #3

July 8 at the Holiday Inn

(248) 634-0773, (248) 391-3703

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Aug. 19 at the Double Tree

Guest Suites in Southfield.

Aug. 18-20 for alumni who

attended WBHS in the build

ing at Orchard Lake and Com

(248) 706-9369 or on the Inter-

www.zyworld.com/WBHS Reu

(248) 360-7004, press #1 or by

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or (248) 969-2755

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nion/Home.htm

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(734) 675-8244 or (313) 295-

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LINCOLN PARK

June Class of 1965

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Is planning a reunion.

48170 or by e-mail to

hallen72@hotmail.com

Class of 1990

Class of 1950

(248) 851-7620

Class of 1980

West-Livonia

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Auburn Hills.

ST. HEDWIG

Class of 1955

(248) 682-3719

uled for Sept. 16.

Class of 1965

(810) 254-3498

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in Southgate.

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Class of 1990

in Southgate.

Class of 1975

Class of 1950

PONTIAC

Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881 January Class of 1950 .

STAFF WRITER

Want to know how many chil-

dren you'll have? Then the bride

should count the seeds in an

Want curly hair? Then eat

some carrots, which, according to

folklore, are good for the eyes,

Those are just a couple of the

professor emeritus at the Uni-

nia Town Hall lecture recently.

Callow is a contributor to a

University of California-Los

Angeles-produced encyclopedia

of popular beliefs and supersti-

tions and has developed a com-

orange on her wedding day.

Callow, a Clawson resident, (248) 618-9865 also taught folklore at UD

> so commonplace that people don't even think about their underlying meanings anymore, Callow said. People who tell grouchy people they woke up on the wrong side of the bed are one example. "(That expression) is based on

the belief that everyone has two angels," Callow said. People who wake up on the wrong side of the

puter database to make researching folklore tidbits easi-

Figures of speech have become

The popular hangover expresexamples of folklore Jim Callow, sion, "hair of the dog," has its roots in Ireland. The belief is versity of Detroit Mercy, providthat those who put hair from the ed to guests at the second Livodog that bit them on their wound

> However, the expression's modern day meaning dictates that people with hangevers should take a swig of the very thing that gave them the hang-

"They believed they shouldn't

Some beliefs are aimed at changing people's behaviors, particularly children's, Callow said. One belief claims children shouldn't raise their hands or talk back to adults, lest their hand wither or come out of the ground after death and be

stepped on. Another belief claims children who play with matches will wet the bed, and another claims that those who turn around in church will have their names taken by

countries, also stems from an walking within three days. Other beliefs seemingly seem

go out at noon because they to promote good table manners. night see the gods in dalliance, Callow said. The sight of the "Singing at the dinner table causes deafness," Callow said, gods would be too overwhelming referring to folklore. "If a girl or mortals and should therefore sings (at the table), she will be avoided, people thought. marry a crazy man."

> standing up will get fat knees, he added Some of the beliefs passed

won't get an infection. down over time actually make some sense, like putting mud on a bee sting. If wet mud isn't available, someone is supposed to urinate on the dirt to moisten it, Callow said. When he was stung by a bee,

he purchased a "mud pack" at a pharmacy, and learned that the concoction contained urea, an ingredient in urine. He used the product anyway. "I put that on and my pain was gone in no time," Callow said.

Other tidbits from Callow are: A citrus fruit seed, if swallowed, will grow in your stom-

To calm nerves, mix two jiggers of brandy per half gallon of ■ Three bay leaves under your

Parents with children who are pillow on Valentine's Day will way" at the next Livonia Town slow to walk are supposed to make you dream of your future Hall, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday,

The siesta, a traditional activithe house and sweep at their feet. As for legends, weather beliefs,

ty in Spain and Latin American with a broom. A Southern taboos and the occult: woman who told Callow of this In the 17th century, French tradition said her child was explorer LaSalle saw how the red berry bushes caused a red or . rouge glow in the river and he

named it River Rouge. Hawaii has so many thorn bushes because missionaries planted them to prick the natives into wearing clothes.

It will be a long, hard win-Likewise, people who eat ter, if acorns are abundant, sycamores shed their bark in the summer or onion skins are

> It will rain when maple leaves turn over or when you kick a toadstool.

Never cut or dig up a thorn bush. They are a favorite of the evils (devils). You would die a tragic death. "Plant" a piece of umbilical

cord around the house, so the On New Year's Eve hang an

olive or laurel branch on your door for a year's good luck. If an expectant mother

craves strawberries and doesn't

get them, the child will be born

with strawberry marks. A person wearing a four-leaf clover can understand barking

The Michigan Opera Theatre will present "The Best of Broad



So superstitious: Jim Callow, professor emeritus at the University of Detroit Mercy, spoke of folklore at the Livonia Town Hall lecture recently.

Center, 18100 Merriman Road, drak performing a variety of

The cabaret-style revue will feature sopranos Maria Cimarelli and Betsy Bronson, tenor Karl Schmidt and baritone Mark Von-

Broadway tunes. Tickets are \$20 each and can be ordered by calling Emily Stankus at (734) 420-

E-mail doesn't have the permanence — or magic — of letters



shelf for a quick lenges

drawn back into Elinor Pruitt Stewart's incred-

Elinor, a young widow, set off with her daughter for the wilds of Wyoming in 1909, hoping for a better life. She chronicled her progress through correspondence with her former employer, Mrs. Coney. At one point, Elinor admitted with some embarrassmentioning a hasty marriage to

While Clyde Stewart, a rancher, proved to be a loving husband, his bride was determined to have an unexpected snowstorm.

her own land. She bought the

take. I wanted to aid of government publications check an histori- and supplies of free seed, set about running her quarter-secpulled a book I tion spread. Elinor made it clear had read years to Clyde that she would accept ago, "Letters of a his advice, but she wanted the Woman Home- "fun and the experience" of solvsteader," off the ing her own land-related chal-

look. Before I One fascinating aspect of the knew it, I was account, as Elinor penned it, is that she had no formal schooling. Yet, she left an eloquent, often poetic depiction of her world. Elinor described the beauties of nature in abundant detail and colored her stories with adept mimicry of her husband's Scot-

tish burr and neighbors' dialects. In four years' worth of letters she vividly portrayed a life filled with an array of adventure, foibles, and high drama worthy of ment that she had concealed a compelling novel. She camped out with her two-and-a-half-yearold daughter, Jerrine, in the mountains, relying on fish, game, and her own quick wits to survive

She wrote with delightful

I made a mis- adjoining property, and, with the **III am captivated by reading old letters like** these, whether collections published in books, or - if I am really lucky - originals awash with faded ink or pencil.

> humor about twins named her, she burst into tears. Sedalia and Regalia. When pretentious, spiteful Sedalia lost a suitor to her sweet-tempered tions published in books, or - if I younger sister, the ensuing mar- am really lucky - originals riage tickled Elinor's sense of justice and fair play. On the other hand, she wrote poignantly about how, with bro-

ken hearts, she and Clyde gently laid to rest Jamie, their first baby. Elinor also tugs at your heart with the story of twelveyear-old Cora Belle, who ran a nearby ranch and cared for her rheumatic grandparents.

Taking pity on the poverty stricken family, neighbors gathered at the Stewarts' for a sewing bee. They spread new, dainty dresses and undergarments out on a bed. When poor, barefoot

I am captivated by reading old

letters like these, whether collecawash with faded ink or pencil. I had the pleasure holding a letter from 1833, in which Joseph and Sarah Suggit encouraged their relatives, the Padgetts, to settle in Michigan. The letter is important because, at that time, the territory was considered an

unhealthy swamp:

"...butter is now worth 18 cents per lb but the Bares as this spring been verey troublesom to about all the animals that trouble us but wee have missgitles ... if you comes here you must expect a little of the fever & ague I and Cora Belle realized they were for Sarah have both had it but since Don when he was in Viet Nam. She lives in Canton Township.

ever we had in our lives the land days. Pity even more our forein most parts is low and a rich bearers, who depended upon soil that occasions the ague but I ships for haphazard delivery. consider Michigan a heathful Some letters brought news that was months or years old; many Country. My mind jumped - as it is

others were lost forever on ves often wont to do - from one, sels that went down at sea. . . thing to another. I recalled a bundle of letters my grandparents had written to me in the 1960s, which I recently discovered typically, after reading our e mails - even those that capture tucked away in a desk. It warmed my heart to see their distinctive the nuances and drama of daily life - we delete them. Alas, our penmanship and to hold pages their hands had rested on as they descendants may miss out on a

After all, we all would be the poorer if Mrs. Coney and the Padtime to e-mail. Although the getts could have hit a delete key medium is criticized for stunting skills required for polished letter after reading their mail. writing, most of us depend upon

And I'd have lost my grand e-mail. The technology offers mother's cheerful words penned faster communication for busi-35 years ago - just 10 days before she died - if she could ness and keeps us more easily in have fired them off by e-mail. touch with friends and relatives through notes hurriedly jotted

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation

Book looks at wedding's complex issues in real world

son Evan. These are a few of the couples Knot's Complete Guide to Weddings In the Real World" (Broadway Books, \$18), published in

Roney, the book highlights these divorced parents to how to weddings to show that not every include children from previous the traditional matrimonial

"Real weddings involve much resources out there to help cou-

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stepfamilies or blending reli gious faiths and cultural backgrounds," Roney said.

Roney and the editors at The Knot, the online wedding profiled in a new book, "The resource and gift registry at www.theknot.com; aol keyword: knot, have created a comprehensive wedding planning guide that offers practical advice on there before. According to author Carley everything from where to seat

and there are few existing writes in a chapter called "Combining Cultures." "It's important ples deal with more complex that you come up with good include in your wedding day

Filled with calendars, checklists and worksheets, the book is

a hold-in-your-hand, take-anywhere version of The Knot's Web To help address these issues, site. Addressing all the traditional aspects of wedding planning, the book's chapters also are supplemented with stories of real-world couples (and Knot Web site users) who have been "Ask Carley" boxes appear

with some of The Knot's most frequently asked questions and Roney's helpful, insightful Additional sidebars offer

invaluable nuggets of informaranges for flowers, meaningful issues, such as second marriages problem-solving solutions now - makeup bag and leads on some

aways. comprehensive portfolio of essenvices and a thriving online com- wide range of free, useful tools. munity for today's to-be-weds.

Features include a full-service

down, as if in conversation.

I remember, for example, the

difficulty of corresponding with

Ben is Jewish and Lyn is Epis- where children are involved, both for your wedding and for of the hottest honeymoon get- planning, trends and budgeting, ding Gift Registry - Diamonds The Knot boasts more than and Engagement Channel, Ask On the Web, The Knot offers a 5,000 original articles, 32 ongo- Carley: Daily Etiquette Q & A, ing editorial features, hosted an 8000-image bridal gown tial information, innovative ser- chats and message boards and a database, free personal wedding Web pages, Wedding Photographer's Network and more. The Covering all facets of wedding online registry - The Knot Wed- Knot is based in New York City.



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copalian. Sallie is Korean and integrating divorced parents and your life after the party." Matthew signed a prenuptial agreement. Shirley wed both husband Matthew and new step-

January.

boy-marries-girl story today fits marriages in the wedding vows. "For everyone marriage should mean reveling in your differences, not letting them create more than beautiful decorations, conflict between you," Roney tion, such as suggested price

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE FIREFIGHTER TESTING PROGRAM SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NOTICE

2000 Test Dates

Successful completion of this test certifies a candidate's ability to perform tasks required Written test January 15 (R) Registration forms are available at municipal February 5 (R) August 5 (L) March 18 (R) September 9 (R personnel offices, the Fire Training Institute at October 7 (R) April 9 (R)

obtained by calling the Schoolcraft College Written tests take place at either location: Uvania campus (L): 18600 Hoggerty Road. is the policy of Schoolcraft College College that no

> Raddiff campus (R): 1751 Roddi Street, Garden City, MI

Saturdays between 10:00 RM and 4:30 PM. Physical Agility test July 22 August 19

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All physical agility tests take place at Schoolcraft College-Rodcliff center.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND

AROUND TOWN

IOCKEY GAME All elementary and middle school students get free dmission to the 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Canton vs. Walled Lake Central game and/or the 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Salem vs. nson game, both held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. To receive free sion, pick up a flier rem your school and preent it at the gate. Fliers will be available the week

INNER SOCIAL The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host its next dinner social at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Pick-A-Bone taurant, 30325 Plynouth Road in Livonia. People age 45 and over wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities may write to: Dearbornivonia Singletons, P.O. There will be a Natural

lox 2175, Fort Dearborn

Station, Dearborn, MI 48123 AUDITIONS

Whistle Stop Players hold auditions for people ige 5 and up for the spring ical, "The Adventures Reatrix Potter and her Friends," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunlay, Jan. 9, or Monday, Jan. 10, at The Plymouth Community Arts Council aanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Participation fee due upon casting is \$100 for memers (student membership \$25 for a year). Scholarhips are available. Fee ncludes costumes, scripts, cast party, etc. Rehearsals re Sundays and/or Thurslays for most cast members. Performances are

the PCAC and local chools, Call (734) 416-**COOSTER CLUB MEETING** The next meeting of the Plymouth Canton-Ply nouth Salem hockey looster Club begins 7 p.m. Mesday, Jan. 11, in the vmouth Cultural Center arents of current and

ncoming players are invited to attend **GUEST NIGHT** rus, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony ershop style, is looking At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, he County Connection Chorus will host a guest night for ladies in the com munity who are interested n singing and having fun.

at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road. Bring a friend. For more informa tion on the guest night, call (734) 480-8843. To learn more about the chorus or weet Adelines, visit www.sweetadelines.org. RACQUETRALL LEAGUE Canton Parks and Recreation sponsors a men's win-

er racquetball league at

Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability. Court times are 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning ductory class for people age

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Jan. 12. Cost is \$100 per person. No residency rements. Call (734) 397-5110.

BRIDAL SHOW

■ There will be a "Bridal Show," from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Fox Hills, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, call (734) 453-7272. **VARIETY SHOW**

■ The Plymouth Canton High School Chiefettes Pom-Pon Squad presents its annual Variety Show entitled "Kickin' Into the Millenium." The show will be held at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased from any Chiefette squad member or at the door before the performance. HISTORY PROGRAM

History Program at Proud Lake Recreation Area at 2 o.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at 3500 Wixom Road, Commerce Township. Learn about hibernating wildlife in Michigan on this 1 1/2 hour walk. Meet at Annex parking lot. A Michigan State Park Motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Proud Lake Recreation Area is three miles southeast of Milford. From I-96 take the Wixom Road exit and go north six miles to the park entrance opposite Garden Road.

COLLECTOR SHOWS Plymouth's "Toy Show" and "Collectibles Show" will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan 15 and Sunday, Jan. 16 at the Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street. The Toy April 30 through May 19 at Show features new, used antique and collectible toys of all kinds. The Collectibles Show features Beanie's Pokémon Furby.

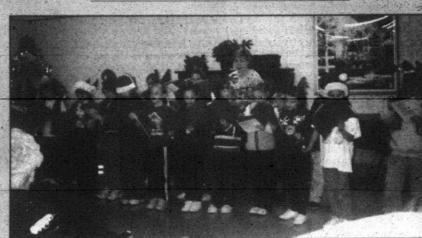
Barbie, action figures, etc. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 vears old are \$2. For more nformation, call (734) 455-FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEK

Evola Music hosts "Friends and Family Week," Monday, Jan. 17 through Saturday; Jan. 22 at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Visit a group class for free during the Open House Week. For more information, call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times. Now taking registrations for group classes in Kindermusi piano, violin, and organ. Winter/Spring session

begins Jan. 30. tehearsals are in Ypsilanti ART CENTER The Ann Arbor Art Center offers new creative courses for its winter session, which begins Jan. 19. Courses include Abstract Painting, Portfolio Preparation and Beginning Blacksmithing. Registra-

tion runs through Jan. 10 Call (734) 994-8004, Ext.

■ New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introBrownies provide holiday cheer



Christmas gift: Brownie Girl Scout Troop 429 from Tonda Elementary took a trip to Hope Nursing Center in Westland to bring Christmas cheer to its residents. The girls put on holiday hats and sang Christmas carols in the center's activity room. They then handed out the candy favors that they had made for the residents. The girls finished up the afternoon by caroling through the halls, for those who could not attend the performance. The troop also brought doorway decorations signed by all of the girls and delivered recycled magazines for the residents to read.

2-4 and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins Jan. 17. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft

■ The Princeton Review holds free practice fulllength DAT, GMAT, GRE. LSAT, and MCAT tests 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Princetor Review, 1220 South University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor. Call 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL Canton Project Arts will be holding its second annual family storytelling festival, entitled "Storytelling Through the Ages," from 1 2:30 p.m. and a family concert from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Summit on the Park. This event will provide hands-on workshops and concerts for both children and adults throughout the day and evening. Mother Goose

Goose and her props.

Magician and folklorist

will delight young children with a visit to see, talk to. and experience Mother

Marc LeJarett will dazzle both children and adults with magic tricks woven into his tales of old. Storybook character "Madeline" will also be present. Award winning storyteller Debra Christian will conduct a workshop for children on Creating Creepy Tales. Adult workshops will also be held to enhance the use of story to preserve family history and build character. Individual tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5 or \$15

the Park.

■ Vermeulen Funeral Home offers a free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting begins 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Each meeting is led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling. All meetings are held at the Plymouth location on West Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 459-2250.

of the Plymouth Communi- Financial consultant ty Family YMCA begins 1 Paul Leduc presents a free

a membership basis to a ·

SEMINARS for a family of three or more. For advanced tickets reservations or more information, call (734) 397-6450. Tickets may also be purchased at Summit on

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING EXHIBIT

■ The 38th annual meeting | workshops

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, to elect officers and to conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to amend Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from

directorship basis. ■ Plymouth Independence Village hosts a free seminar beginning 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Hoppy Hanson and Alan D. Marx of All America Financial will discuss long-term care

insurance and senior estate planning. Call Bryan Neal at (734) 453-2600. The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth." the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday

> by appointment, Call (734) 207-3918.

and Friday and weekends

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Location:

Use additional sheet if necessary

The U.S. Census Bureau s hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumera tors spend most of their time locating addresses

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for young children. Call

up to age 7. Call Norma

SUPPORT

GROUPS

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Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

Starting Over is a group

Meetings are held the first

month at Plymouth Church

for widowed men and

women younger than 45.

and third Tuesday of the

of Christ. Call (734) 662-

Arbor Hospice sponsors

sign up, call (734) 662-

grief support programs. To

Community Hospice and

Home Care Services has a

drop-in grief-support group

that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the

month. Call Becky Rouse

third Wednesday of the

Counterpoint Shelter

and Crisis Center offers

free counseling and respite

services for people age 10-

17 and their families. Call

■ Angela Hospice offers

free monthly grief support

groups for people who have

experienced the loss of a

loved one. All groups meet

at the Angela Hospice Care

Center in Livonia. For

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activities, to assist children

during recess, participate

d assist during meal

ing or afternoon free Mon-

Angel Care, a volunteer

organization, is looking for

volunteers to sew, crochet,

knit, etc., blankets and

burial gowns to donate to

local hospitals for infants

Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534

Hospices of Henry Ford

Health System needs vol-

unteers in Canton and Ply

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at their home or a nursing

home, to offer emotional

support, companionship

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MOPS MEETING ■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth

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KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB ■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are wel come. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

DINNER/AUCTION ■ The Plymouth Communi ty Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets

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Garfield Co-op has openings in programs for children 18 months to 5 years. The school is located in Livonia at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, South of Six Mile and West of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

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musik has openings for its

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relations. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Can-

Debra A. Swatosh of Plymouth received a BA degree in international business at Adrian College. Swatosh, a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, is the daughter of Douglas Swatosh of Commerce Township and Diana Swatosh of Ply-

Steven M. Kovacheff of Plymouth received his

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Henry Ruff Elementary School

Leroy and Judy Dewstow of

Plymouth and Randall Birk of

The bride-to-be is a 1992 grad-

tate of Livonia Churchill High

School and is a senior, majoring

Michigan-Dearborn. She is

employed as a student worker in

sales representative at Milliken

Millwork in Sterling Heights.

Mann-Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs Gary Nordmark of Lake Worth, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Michelle Mann, to William Keith Hamilton, the son of Keith Hamilton of Romeo and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Filauro of Canton.

The bride-to-be is pursing a degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. Her fiance served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. He also is a student at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by the Coca-Cola Corp. A February wedding is

Craven-Parks

Bileen Meredith Parks and ■ Village Music is register-Adam James Craven were maring students for Kinderried Dec. 31 at Messiah Church musik classes beginning in Detroit by the Rev. Edward the week of Jan. 24. Kin-McRary dermusik is music educa-The bride is the daughter of tion and joyful learning for the whole family, not just

John and Janet Parks of Livonia. The groom is the son of Tino and Deborah Barrera of Westland. The bride attended Livonia Churchill High School and graduated from Croswell-Lexington High School. She is employed as a nanny.

The groom is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by Plymouth Mit-The bride asked Erin Parks,

Valerie Clark, Shannon Misiak and Nimoza Favazza to serve as attendants with Lauren Favazza as flower girl. The groom asked John Craven, Todd Clark, Scott Whitish and

Records at the university. ring bearer. Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate

home in Northville. Doug Isaacs to serve as his



planned in Palm Beach, Fla.



the CASL Office of Advising and attendants with Tyler Craven as

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor before of Berkley High School and is leaving on a honeymoon trip to attending Oakland Community Florida. They are making their College. He is employed as a



Her fiancé is a graduate of Company's Powertrain Opera-Lincoln Park High School and tions in Dearborn. Wayne State University with a

Church in Livonia.

Ric Tittle of Detroit and

Nancy Peek of Westland

announce the birth of Jordan

Eric Tittle Sept. 17 at the

Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John

Darrell and Cheryl Ruth of West

A June wedding is planned at St. Damian's Catholic Church in Westland.



a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed as an electrical engineer with Entek IRD of









William Dunn of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and De Paul University with a master of business administration degree in international finance. She is employed as a management conultant in the Chicago area. Her fiancé is a graduate of

A June wedding is planned at Wayne State University with a Newburg United Methodist pachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is



A July wedding is planned at: St. Colette Catholic Church in

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Browne of Sao Paulo, Brazil, formerly of Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to James Patrick Dunn, the son of Mr. and Mrs.



A May wedding is planned at, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit:

NEW VOICES

Matthew and Theresa Pyle of Livonia announce the birth of Jacob Clark April 25 at Huron -Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. Grandparents are Jay and Emily Hallums of Livonia, Patricia Pyle of Livonia and Fred Pyle of Las Vegas. Great-grandmother is Lorainne Pyle of Water-

Paul and Karen Cutsy of Westland announce the birth of Adam Michael June 12 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He has a sister, Angela, 18, and a brother Alex. 3: Grandparents are Donald and Suzanne Smith of Westland and Ann Cutsy of Livonia. Greatgrandmother is Margaret Heller of

Frederick and Lee Clifford f Wixom announce the birth of

She has a sister, Jennifer, 15. Grandparents are Fred and Doreen Clifford of Garden City and Joyce Angell of Wixorn.

Alan (Pete) and Andrea St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Polka of Westland announce the birth of Joshua Andrew Aug., 30 at the Birthing Center of Providence Hospital in Southfield Frandparents are Eleanor and Andrew Polka of Romulus and Jerry and JoAnne Mercier of Westland. Great-grand parents are Tom and Florence Carravallah of Garden City.

Cacie Rae Aug. 6 at Oakwood parents are Rose Guerriero of Farmington Hills and James V. Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Professional Men & Women Wanted! Dating for today's busy professionals!

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Doreen Clifford of Garden City

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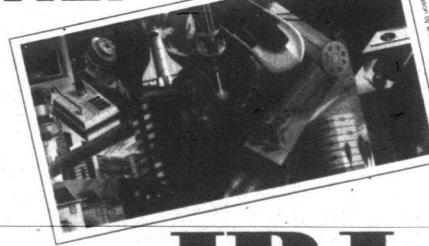
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uth, Mich. 48170. Jayson Macyda of Canton has enrolled in the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and LL.M. in environmental Macyda has an undergraduate degree in environ- to Springfield Nov. 13, where she was presented

ed high school at Detroit Catholic Central. He is | dential Scholar at Lee University for the 1999the son of Michael and Victoria Macyda.

Hrycyk of Canton is the recipient of the Student Laureate Award of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. She was one of over 50 students from each of the four-year, degree-granting colleges and universimental studies from the University of Michigan- with a Lincoln Academy medallion, a certificate of Dearborn, where he is also president of the Stu- honor and a check for \$150.

Nicole Hrycyk, daughter of Nicholas and Andrea

2000 school year. Presidential scholarships are awarded to any first-time freshman who has graduated from an approved high school and who scored 27-30 on the ACT or 1150-1340 on the SAT. This scholarship is equal to standard full tuition for the freshman year. Delezenne is the son of Dennis and Linda Delezenne. He is majoring in Bible and theology.

Molly Noonan of Canton has been named to the

dean's list at Western Michigan University for the | master of business administration degree from the Fall '99 semester. Noonan, who earned a 4.0 grade | Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management at point average, is a sophomore majoring in public Northwood University.

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NEW BEGINNINGS The topic for the Thursday, Jan. 6, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Moving On." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-

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God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God-Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

HEALING SERVICE

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City Christian Center in Canton is offering a new class designed to help students learn how to give and receive approval. The Blessing meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays Jan. 9-March 30. Preregistration is required. The class costs \$25, but scholarships are available. Call (734) 326-

ANDY GRIFFITH NIGHT Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will screen favorite _ episodes of the "Andy Griffith Show" Sunday, Jan. 16. Brush up on your Andy trivia to win a prize. Refreshments will be

Catholics can come together to celebrate the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart on Jan 7 at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor. Mass begins at 7 a.m. and is followed by breakfast at 7:40 a.m. Ralph Martin, a leader in the Catholic Renewal Movement, will speak on the subject of the Great Jubilee at 8:10 a.m. The event is open to the public and breakfast costs \$3, Call (734) 930-3492.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

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AVE MARIA BREAKFAST

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. On Jan. 14, Pastor Paul Clough will be the speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served; Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted, Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317/C319. at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light

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Thomson honored as Woman of Year

Plymouth resident Susan Thomson will be among women honored at a Council of Lutheran Women luncheon at Burton Manor in Livonia in

being selected Woman of the Year by the Board of Women's Ministry of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia

Tuesday, Jan. 18, will honor women of the year from Lutheran Detroit-area women's groups

Thomson and her husband Bill, have two daughters.

Daughter Heather graduated from Concordia University in River Forest, Ill., where she majored in education. She is a teacher at Trinity Church and School in Jackson. Daughter Susanne is a student at Western Michigan University where she is majoring in occupational therapy.

Thomson is a charter mem ber of Christ Our Savior Church which began in 1977. She coordinated the mid-week education program from 1978-1979 and served the church on the Board of Education from 1980-1988 and as its chairwoman from 1982-1986. She also served on a variety of church committees, includ-

ing preschool, kindergarten,

high school scholarship and school. She also coordinated vacation Bible school from 1978-1992. Thomson also served as president and vicepresident of Women's Fellow-



Plymouth resident Susan Thomson

an in 1978, a position she still When she isn't volunteering holds, setting up and cataloguher time and talent at church, ing all the books in the church library. She also volunteers in the

monthly meal program of Lutheran Social Services in Study every Tuesday morning.

at Detroit Public Library for Susan's ministry."

Thomson enjoys antiquing, quilting, gardening and going to garage sales. Suann Dibble, director of Women's Ministry at the

Wayne County, is a member of church, describes Thor the Funeral Meal Committee a "humble servant in God's and teaches a Women's Bible kingdom who wants God to receive the glory for her work Thorson received her bache- rather than herself. lor of science degree from "Any task that Susan takes

Wayne State University and on is carried out with great her master of library science attention to detail," Dibble degree from the University of added. "Christ Our Savior Michigan. She was a librarian Church is truly blessed by

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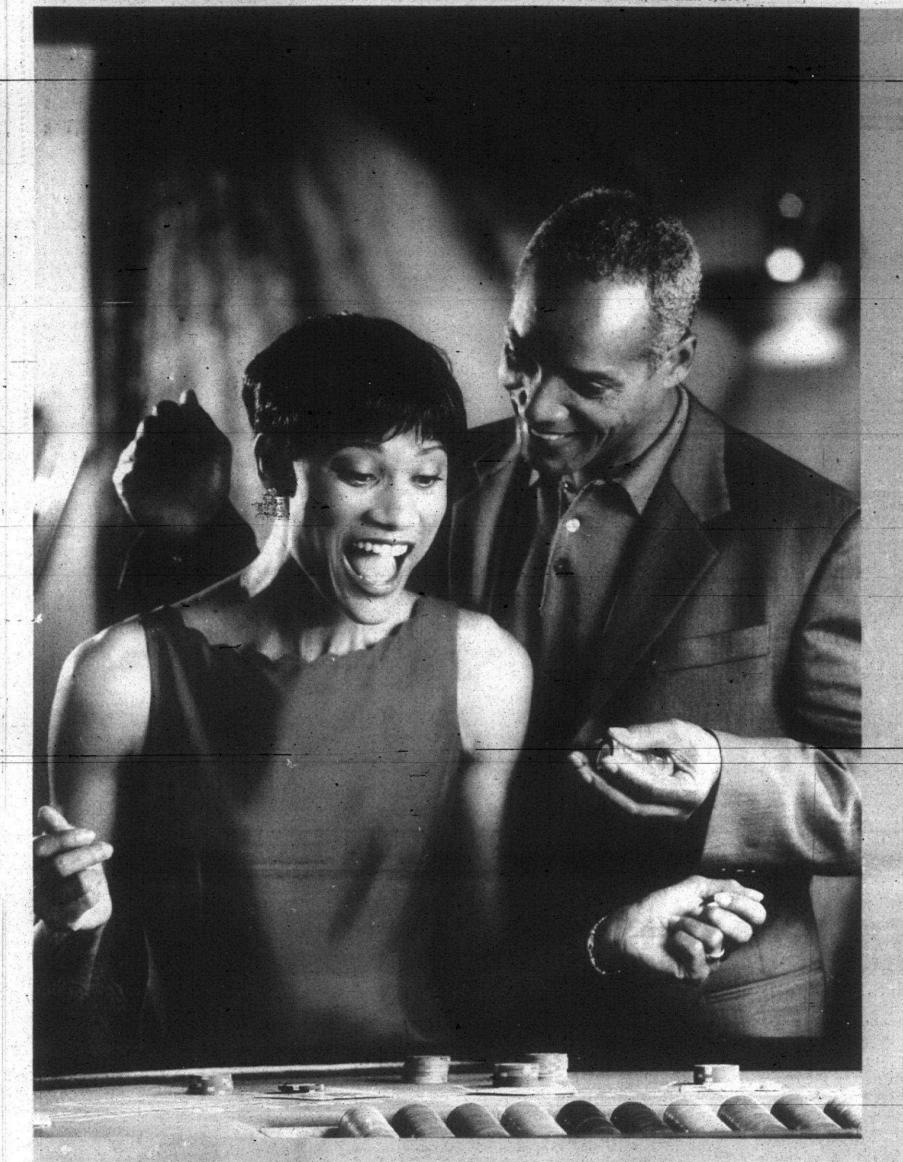
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Crush claim crown

The Canton Crush Squirt AA hockev team had to battle back after losing once in the Great Lakes Sports City Christmas Tournament to reach the title game, then had to overcome a two-goal deficit after one period.

But the Crush pulled it off, beating the previously unbeaten Great Lakes Panthers 4-2 in the final, played Dec. 26-29 at the Great Lakes Sports Complex in Fraser.

The other four teams participating in the tournament were from Allen Park, Fraser, Lansing and Canada.

After spotting the Panthers a 2-0 lead after one period in the title match, the Crush stormed back. Playing with renewed spirit, the Crush scored three goals in the last 7:30 of the second period. Derek Hill got the first goal for the Crush; Grant Blakey knotted it at 2-2, on assists from Evan Anton and Jesse Anderson, with 4:11 left.

With 1:43 to play in the second period, Philip Siedlik pounced on a loose puck just before going to the bench at the end of his shift and blasted a shot into the net to give the Crush the lead for good. Anton added an insurance goal midway through the third period.

Siedlik and goalie Nick Kinney shared the tournament Most Valuable Player award.

Other team members are Jeff' Anderson, Luke O'Brien, Jesse Pletsch, Donnie Tappan, Cody Coleman and Alex Richman. The team is coached by Wally Hill, Jeff Anderson and Phil Siedlik.

Hoop shoot

The Plymouth Elks Club is sponsoring its own local version of the National Elks Hoop Shoot from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Gallimore Elementary School gymnasium, located

on Sheldon south of Joy.

The contest is open to boys and girls, eight to 13 years old. There is no cost to compete, and there are no residency requirements.

The contest is a best-of-10 freethrow shooting competition. There will be three age divisions for both male and female: 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds and 12-13 year olds. Division winners will advance to the regional round of the Elks Hoop Shoot.

Those wishing to participate are asked to register with the Elks by calling them at (734) 453-1780. Again, the competition is free; also, cost for transportation for the winners to participate in further rounds is covered by the Elks.

Call (734) 453-1780 for more infor-

Madonna lands Thomas

Lisa Thomas, a member of Livonia Stevenson's 1990 state championship girls soccer team and All-Stater in 1991, will try and prove you're never too old.

Thomas, who originally signed but never played for the University of Wisconsin, will play soccer next fall for Madonna University.

She will complete her Secondary Education degree requirements.

Thomas was a member of the Olympic Development Program state team for eight years and was a sixyear Regional ODP player.

She also played for the U.S. Junior National team in (1990-91) which toured Europe and defeated national teams from France, Denmark and Holland.

Thomas later spent two years at Western Michigan University before leaving school for a teaching opportunity at a Montessori school.

While working at the school, Thomas played for Kalamazoo, a new semi-pro franchise of the W-League for two seasons (1998-99) where she served as sweeper and captain.

Skate with Warriors

Wayne State University's first-year men's hockey program is giving the public a chance to skate with the players after the Warriors' game against SUNY-Brockport, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the State Fairgrounds.

All skaters need is to bring their own skates. In addition to skating with the players, 1,000 free team pho tographs will be given to the first 1,000 children (17 and under) attend-

ing the game. For ticket information, call (877) WSU GOAL.

At least now the preliminaries are over. For Plymouth Canton, it's been a trying trek through the first six games of the non-league season. The Chiefs have lost five times, and Tuesday's loss was the third close one.

BY ED WRIGHT

At some point this season, the basketball gods will look down on Plymouth Canton's players and coaches, nod their heads, and say, "We owe

After what's transpired over the past couple of weeks, they may owe them more than one.

On Tuesday night, Canton lost its third nail-biter of the season, 49-47, to Ann Arbor Huron when the River Rats' Imani Wilson grabbed an offensive rebound and swished a five-footer over the outstretched arms of Kenny Nether with 1.3 seconds left on the clock

Late basket dooms Canton -

The loss not only dropped the toughluck Chiefs to 1-5, it also concluded a torturous non-conference schedule. Huron improved its record to 2-3.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win, and that's all I can ask," said Canton coach Dan Young, who a week earlier watched his team lose a last-second heart-breaker to state-ranked Saginaw Arthur Hill in the Traverse City Holiday Fournament.

We took care of the ball tonight (only 13 turnovers against a relentless, full-court press), and we shot better than we've shot all season (44 percent). We just have to learn how to play better down the stretch in close games. Once the kids trust in themselves that they can do it, they will do it.

"We played a very challenging nonconference schedule against some very

good basketball teams. We've been tested a lot of different ways. In the long run, we'll be a better team because of these tough games."

Huron coach Cameron Smiley was pleasantly surprised by his team's performance following a long vacation away from the court.

"Considering this was our first game in almost three weeks, I was very pleased with the way we played," Smiley said. "We showed some rust early on, but I thought our execution got better as the game went on."

Wilson, the River Rats' last-second hero, didn't improve as the game

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Not much to brag about

Observerland teams struggle at Salem Invitational

derived from last Thursday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, but for the half-dozen teams from Observerland it certainly wasn't much.

The results were less than impressive for an area that prides itself in its overall wrestling prowess. The best team finish (there was a total of 18 teams) among the six came from Livonia Stevenson, and that was a ninth.

Novi took the title, scoring. 238.5 points. Greenville was second (169.5) and Belleville took third (154.5). See statistical results.

Other Observerland teams competing were Salem, which took 10th; Garden City, 11th; Livonia Churchill, 12th; Farmington, 13th; and Westland John Glenn, 15th.

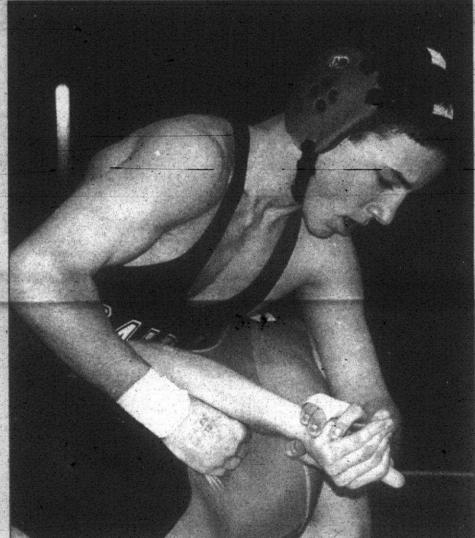
captured by an Observer-area wrestler: Churchill's Mike Carter bested Stevenson's Mike Falzon for the title at 152 pounds by a 7-2 margin. John Glenn's Chris Wolfgang was also seventh in that division.

Three other Observerland matmen reached the championship finals but lost. Salem's Ronnie Thompson lost to Novi's Dan Jilg in the 119 title match; Garden City's Josh Fee was beaten by Brighton's Leif Olson in the final at 140; and Stevenson's Imad Kharbush fell to Travis Doolittle of Greenville in the final at 160.

John Glenn's Jeff Albrecht lost just once during the tournament, and that was to the eventual champion at 130 - Ryan Churella of Novi. Albrecht went on to win his next two matches, defeating Saman Marzban of Ann Arbor Huron to place third.

Kyle Malo of Churchill suffered a similar fate at 103, losing to Josh Churella of Novi in the semifinals - his only loss of the tournament. He beat Garden City's Scott Massey to finish third. Mike Goethe of Salem was sixth at 103.

Brian Brinsden of Farmington placed third at heavyweight, losing only to eventual champ Jason Moore of Novi in the semifinals. Brinsden beat Caleb Hatfied of Belleville, to finish third; Salem's Ricardo Smith was sixth and Mark



Opening wins: Salem's Ronnie Thompson (left) and Lucas Stump (below) both won their opening matches at the Salem Invitational, Thompson won on a technical fall against Trenton's Tim Raferty; he eventually advanced to the final at 119 before losing to Dan Jilg of Novi. Stump's run in the 130 class was shorter: After beating Garden City's Brian Reed, he was pinned by Gabe Brimmer of Greenville, then had to take an injury default against Portage Northern's Charlie McDonald.

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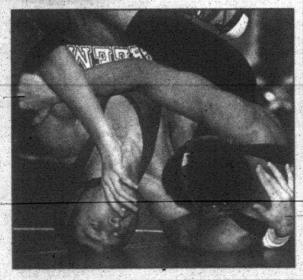
Costella of Stevenson placed seventh in the division.

At 125, Salem's Rob Ash won his first two matches on falls but had to withdraw after that due to a minor concussion. Ash finished sixth; he is 14-0 in matches he's wrestled.

Other Observerland wrestlers who placed in the top eight: Craig Medos of Garden City, sixth and Dustin Gress of Farmington, seventh at 171; Eric Puninske of Stevenson, sixth and Leo Alvarez of Garden City, eighth at 189; Steve Lenhardt of ivonia Churchill, eighth at 112; Brandon Templeton of Garden City, sixth, Steve Den-drindos of Salem, seventh and Alan Waddell of John Glenn, eighth at 135; Chris Cooprider of Stevenson, eighth at 145; Tom Mahon of Farmington, fifth at 140; Billy Bullock of Stevenson, seventh at 119; and Blake Belsky of Farmington,

eighth at 215. Salem opens its Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet season at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Walled Lake Central. The Rocks travel to the Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational Saturday, competition begins at 10 a.m.

Canton, idle since Dec. 18, opens its WLAA slate by host ing Walled Lake Western at 6:30 p.m. tonight. On Saturday, the Chiefs travel to the Royal Oak Invitational.



Whalers stretch win streak to 4



Now: If only the new year can start the way the last century ended, at least for the Plymouth Whalers

A four-game winning streak . . eight wins in the last 10 games . and a total of 44 points, which made their third-place standing in the Ontario

Hockey League's West Division more palatable.

The Whalers' 6-4 victory over the Kitchener Rangers Thursday at Compuware Arena pushed their re-20-14-3; their 44 points was sixth-best in the 20-team OHL, entering this week's play. Through last weekend, Kitchener was 12-19-4 (31 points).

Damian Surma collected two goals, giving him 17 for the season, and two assists, Justin Williams had two goals and an assist, and Randy Fitzgerald had a goal and three assists to lead Plymouth offensively.

Kitchener started quickly, getting a goal from Alan Rourke - the first of two for him in the game, giving him 20 for the season - with the game just 23 seconds old. John Dunphy, who also had two goals for the Rangers, made it 2-0 with his first goal at the 5:16 mark of the first period.

But the Whalers were pressuring, evidenced by their 25-4 shot advantage in the opening period alone. Surma's first goal, at the 9:55 mark, trimmed Kitchener's lead to 2-1; Williams' first goal knotted it at 2-2 with 39 seconds left in the opening period.

Surma and Tomas Kurka gave Plymouth a 4-2 lead after 14:02 of the second period; but Kitchener re-tied it on scores by Rourke and Dunphy, the latter coming with 1:25 left in the period.

Williams got what proved to be the game-winner, his 16th goal of the season, with 1,51 elapsed in the third period. Fitzgerald's ninth goal, with 6:38 remaining in the game, iced the win for the Whalers.

Rob Zepp stopped 19 of 23 shots on goal for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier faced 50 shots in net for Kitchener, turning away 44.

The Whalers travel to London to play the Knights at 7:30 p.m. Friday. They return home Saturday for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Belleville Bulls.

Ambassadors stall

The final North American Hockey League game of 1999 wasn't exactly a memorable one for the Compuware Ambassadors. A goal and two assists from Nick Prush and three assists by Jon Jepson boosted the Grand Rapids BearCats to a 6-2 triumph in Grand Rapids last Thursday.

Compuware still leads the NAHL's East Division

with a 21-9-1 record (43 points). The Ambassadors play back-to-back games, on Friday and Saturday, at the Chicago Freeze this week-

McChristion hit his free throws.

cored 12 apiece.

added 14 points.

throws. RU was 22-for-37.

Metro Conference win.

the first quarter.

the third quarter.

tans while Bob Zapalski and Chris Seversor

Dave Brown scored 18 points and had 1

rebounds for the Panthers. Mike Hayes

ter and was up, 18-13, at halftime. The Spar-

tans won despite making just 5-of-14 free

Cranbrook lead and take a 23-16 lead after

points, nine in the first half, and junior

The Cranes got 15 points from junior

The Warriors maintained a 6-8 point mar-

Riverview 57. Wayne 44: A slow start in

Riverview, coached by Westland John

Glenn product Steve Hawley, outscored

and 14-7 in the third to win its fourth game

The Zebras got nine points apiece from

Kyle Stiff paced Riverview with 23 point

UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.n.

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Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Milford vs. Stevenso

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

guards Shane Nowak and Gary Johnson.

guard Luke Kasten contributed 13.

each half hurt the Zebras

in six tries this season.

and Casey Watson scored 11.

Wayne is now 2-3.

PREP BASKETBALL

lead Garden City to a non-league boys bas-

Garden City has won all five games it has

played this season while Churchill is now 3-

It was a great night for Justin," coacl

Greg Williamson said. "He played inspired

Ockerman was accurate, making 12 out of

GC also got 11 points from junior forward

Colin Sizemore plus 10 each from forward

Jess Webb and sophomore guard Brandon

It was a game of triples as Churchill sank

The Chargers got three each from forward

Josh Odom contributed 10 for the Charg-

ers. Brandon Dziklinski also hit a pair of

"Churchill played hard," Williamson said.

"They've got a good team. They'll win their

Churchill and maintained the point margin

Sarden City jumped out to a 24-15 lead on

The Cougars took the third quarter, 16-13

Churchill made 21-of-31 free throws while

Stevenson 62, Redford Union 60: A pair of

Keshay McChristion free throws with seven

seconds to play Tuesday night capped a 35-

point fourth quarter that brought visiting

Redford Union (0-4) had used a 25-9 third

quarter to take a 38-27 lead into the final

period but Stevenson (2-3) started hitting

Harland Beverly made four of the Spar-

but the Chargers outscored them in the final

John Bennett, who totaled 20 points, and

guard Randall Boboige, who scored 14.

share of games this season."

Garden City sank only 11-of-26.

Livonia Stevenson the victory.

through halftime.

eight minutes, 30-21.

asketball and he played a lot of minutes."

ketball victory.

the 14 field goals.

going. The Braves were double

and triple-teaming the Westland

center or dropping a man off in

zone coverage, but Moton still

had a distinct height advantage

John Glenn had trouble on the

boards, too. It didn't get its first

offensive rebound until Moton

grabbed one and put it back up

for a basket that made it 29-8

Ypsilanti appeared to have

used its holiday practice time

well in adapting to its new

"I respect that (John Glenn)

team," coach Matt Seidl of Ypsi-

lanti said. "Any team that can

beat Adrian has got to be good. I

realize that this was not their

Seidl shunted players in and

out of the game like it was a

relay race in the outdoor track

the Braves with 16 points and

forward Darrell Smith added 12

Jacob Stewart, a junior forward,

"They're quick," Schuette said.

Junior guard Jason Bird led

that wasn't exploited.

with 5:16 left in the half.

best game.

Ocelots put it together in win

plaints, but defensively the SC BASKETBALL Schoolcraft College men's bas ketball-team drew rave reviews.

The Ocelots opened Eastern Conference play in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 108-41 victory Monday at Macomb CC.

"It's the best defense we've played all year intensity-wise." said SC coach Carlos Briggs, whose team is 8-4 overall. "If we can play defense like that all year, we'll have some success."

Ironically, the Ocelots did not use full-court pressure. Briggs had SC in a straight man-toman, switching to a half-court

"We played hard the entire 40. minutes and got contributions from all five spots," Briggs said.

SC led 60-19 at intermission. Robert Brown led the way for the Ocelots with 24 points. The Central Michigan University added 11. transfer also had 18 rebounds.

SC outrebounded Macomb 53-

27 and shot 73 percent from the field (49 of 67) including seven of 10 from three-point range. Lamar Bigby and Quentin Mitchell each added 17 points,

lev had 14 and 11, respectively. The 6-foot-7 Evola also had eight. Point guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) came up with

his best all-around outing of the season with eight points, 10 rebounds and only two turnovers. The Ocelots had just 13 turnovers for the game to

SC made 17 of 23 free throws (73 percent), while Macomb was

Joe Kohl led Macomb (3-6, 0-1) with 12 points. Reno Thompson

Macomb hit just 18 of 59 shots (30 percent) from the field,



Strong all-around: Schoolcraft point guard Brian Williams had one of his better all-around games with eight points, 10 rebounds and just two turnovers.

Madonna loses 2 at tourney

With a host like this, what team wouldn't want to play in their tournament?

Madonna University's women's basketball team proved very gracious at its own Madonna Hoops Classic last week. Twice the Lady Crusaders found themselves embroiled in tight. down-to-the-wire games, both times, they came out on the los-

Thursday's 80-76 loss to Walsh University in the consolation final dropped Madonna to 6-6 overall. Walsh improved to 5-4-

In the tournament final, Kalamazoo College - which defeated Madonna 68-63 in the tourna-

EWOMEN'S HOOP

Indiana-South Bend 66-58 to improve to 8-2. The Hornets are ceached by Plymouth Canton graduate Michelle Fortier.

Kristi Fiorenzi, another Canton HS grad, was named to the six-member all-tournament team; the junior forward led Madonna in rebounding, reaching double-figures in both games (21 total) while scoring 37

In Thursday's consolation game against Walsh, the Cru-

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Dietrich also had six rebounds and two steals. Jennifer Jacek totaled 17 points, 10 boards and two steals.

Scheetz's 25 points paced the

Kathy Panganis, Lori Enfield, hanie Uballe), wore down in the second half.

After converting just 13-of-33 first-half shots (39.4 percent). the Cavaliers hit 17-of-34 in the second half (50 percent), including 5-of-14 three-pointers (35.7 percent). Walsh was 1-of-9 from

Madonna, led by Chris Dietrich's 23 points (including 5-of-7 on three-pointers), took a 76-75 lead with 1:23 left after Dietrich's fifth triple of the game.

But a basket by Theresa Pride more with 48 seconds to play regained the lead for Walsh, and two free throws by Melanie Scheetz and another by Tiffany Arendas down the stretch

added 22 points, and Fiorenzi the half. Janelle Olson added 19 points,

Cavaliers; she also had four points, nine rebounds and four steals for SC. steals, and Pridemore had 12

Scheetz was also named to the ney Most Valuable Player was Pitruzello. Farmington Hills Mercy gradu- County CC Saturday.

with three of their best inside ate MaryJane Valade led the players sidelined with injuries - Hornets in the final with 18

> Lady Ocelots romp One streak ended, another was

Schoolcraft College's women's pasketball team lost six-straight to finish 1999, but the Lady Ocelots started 2000 out wel three-point range in the first enough, beating Macomb CC 75 59 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference opener for

> both schools Monday at SC. The win makes SC 2-6 overall The Lady Ocelots' winning streak in conference play is now at 17; they were unbeaten in the league last season.

> > Three players combined to wreak havoc upon the Lady Monarchs Monday. Carla Saxton totaled 21 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the Ocelots, who were up 41-26 at

seven assists and seven steals and Angelica Blakely had 15 points, eight boards, four assists. assists. Arendas collected 13 three blocked shots and three Macomb, which slipped to 1-

overall, got 17 points from Breean England, 11 from Shanall-tournament team. The tour- non Barnes and 10 from Mary

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Heavyweight: 1-2. Jason Moore (N) def. Paul Albrechtsen (G), 7-2; 3-4 Brian Brinsden (F) def. Caleb Hatfied (Bel.), 4:55 (tech. fall); 5-6. Eusebio Martinez (Y) def. Ricardo Smith (PS), 3:38; 7-8. Mark Costello (LS) def. Gabe Garcia (A), :56.

Huron, 27.5.

103: 1-2. Corey Nowitzke (Mel.) def Josh Churella (N): 3-4. Kyle Malo (LC) def. Scott Massey (GC), :33; 5-6. Andy O'Green (G) def. Mike Goethe (PS), 8-5; 7-8. Matt Brown (Br.) def. Dan Visel (AAH), 8-4.

112: 1-2. Cory Nobach (N) def. B.J. Wilson (Bel.), 7-0: 3-4, Dave Rinck (A) def Pat Roberts (T) 6-2: 5-6 Jared James (PN) def. Adam Kelsev (AAP). 1:32: 7-8. Sean Phelan (Mel.) def. Steve Lenhardt (LC), 7-2.

119: 1-2. Dan Jilg (N) def. Ronnie ompson (PS), 8-3; 3-4. Ryan Huntly (Bel.) def. Jon Simmons (F), 10-2; 5-6. Dan Duncan (A) def. Chris Mahat (G) injury default; 7-8. Billy Bullock (LS) def Dave Toeppe (Mon.), 3:35.

125: 1-2. Ryan Nowitzke (Mon.) def. Mike Sherman (Bel.), 8-5; 3-4, Brian Dodds (N) def. Leon Wooten (AAP) 2:29; 5-6. Karl Heineman (T) def. Rob Ash (PS), inj. def.; 7-8. Josh Roberson G) def. Joe Haywood (Mel.), 11-8. 130: 1-2. Ryan Churella (N) def. Car-

son Poupard (Mon.), 5:56 (tech. fall); 3-4. Jeff Albrecht (JG) def. Saman Marzban (AAH), 8-2; 5-6. Dave Ward (T)

def. Gabe Brimmer (G), 7-0; 7-8. Brian Reed (GC) def. Charlie McDonald (PN),

135: 1-2. Kyle Leask (Mon.) def. Brent Frey (N), 3:01; 3-4. James Bippus (PN) def. Tommy Martin (G), 1:53; 5-6. Eric Parsley (T) def. Brandon Templeton (GC), 12-4; 7-8. Steve Dendrinos (PS) def. Alan Waddell (JG), 11-1.

140: 1.2. Leif Olson (Br.) def. Josh The Cubs outscored the Shamrocks 24-9 the third quarter to take the lead for good, 52-46, and improved the lead by five in the 17. Melvindale, 30.5; 18. Ann Arbor Desse Meston (Bel.) def. John Karakula final eight minutes. Three CC players fouled out and the

> 145: 1-2. Adam Hopkins (G) def. Will Orr (T), 7-3; 3-4. Shawn Simota (Bel.) def. Rob Kast (A), 9-5; 5-6. Don Ranbarger (Br.) def. Wallid Munassar (Mel.), default; 7-8. Ryan Richards (PN) def. Chris Cooprider (LS), 6-3. 152: 1-2, Mike Carter (LC) def. Mike

Falzon (LS), 7-2; 3-4, Jeff Nandi (Br.) def. Vince Slovan (N), 3:58; 5-6. Adam-Jarosewitz (T) def. Josh Doolittle (G) 1:56; 7-8. Chris Wolfgang (JG) def. Lucas Vanetten (A), 4-2. 160: 1-2. Travis Doolittle (G) def.

Imad Kharbush (LS), 8-6; 3-4. Dave Ceville (PN) def. Scott Frazier (T), 9.7 (OT); 5-6. Craig Kern (Br.) def. Adam Pete (Mon.): 15-9; 7-8. Derek Righter (A) def. Jack Garrison (Y), 2:40.

171: 1-2. Jason Johnson (Bel.) def Marcel Robinson (Y), 8-7; 3-4. Scott Kortlandt (N) def. Colin Krone (AAP), inj. def.; 5-6. David Herman (A) def. Craig Medos (GC), 2:57; 7-8. Dustin Gress (F) def. Jacob Rans (Br.), 8-3.

189: 1-2. Matt Caudill (Bel.) del Adam Borashko (N), 1:15; 3-4. Sam Bond (Mon.) def. Geoff Lockhart (T) 1:28; 5-6. Nate Woodring (A) def. Eric Puninske (LS), 3:54: 7-8: Brendan Muscato (Y) def. Leo Alvarez (GC), inj. def. 215: 1-2. Rick Huntington (PN) de

Nick Slovan (N), 1:43; 3-4. Robbie Christensen (G) def. Seth Caldwell (Bel.), inj. def.; 5-6. Nick Vanover (A) def. Ed Sawicke (T); 3:22; 7-8. Matt McCartney (Br.) def. Blake Belsky (F),

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(GC): 5. Chad Bennett (Livonia 112: 1. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill); 3. Brian Clement Churchill); 4. Chris Smith (Westland

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth (Wayne) lem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Jesse Pur-Farmington); 5. Doy Demsick (Canton). 125; 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 3. Jon

Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 5. Chris Hosey (Can-130: 1. leff Albrecht (John Glenn): 2. Jesse Stevens (RU): 3, Brian Marsh (Canton). (Wayne); 4. Greg Musser (Canton); 5.

Brian Reed (GC). 135: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Brandon Templeton (GC); 3. Allen Wad- (Lutheran Westland); 4. Derek McWatt dell (John Glenn); 4. Jeff Murphy (Luth. (Canton); 5. Ollie Muscarella (RU).

140; 1. Josh Fee (Garden City); 2. rankings are compiled by a panel of four Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 3. Jon. coaches including Bob Moreau (Stevenson) Pocock (Canton); 4. Steve Dendrinos Marty Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (RU) Salem); 5. Ernie Guerra (John Glenn). and Dave Chiola (GC). 145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston);

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152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 4. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 5. Sean Bell (Redford CC). 160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC) !. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Eric

171: 1. Craig Medos (GC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Jason Hillik. John Glenn); 5. John Easterday (Farm- er (Redford CC); 4. James Molnar (Lutheran Westland); 5. Matt Vesanto

189: 1. Kalen McPherson don (John Glenn); 4. Jon Simmons (Clarenceville); 2. Eric Puninske (Stevenson): 3. Phil Rothwell (Canton): 4. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 5. Matt Conlan (Redford CC). 215: 1. Nick Smith (Wayne): 2. Steve

> Domagalski (Farmington); 4. Tom Vandenbosche (Churchill); 5. Ozzi Wagner Heavyweight: 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington): 2. Josh Rose

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Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Clarenceville at Liggett, 7:30 p.m.

nine-point halftime lead on Tuesday and lost

its Catholic League Central Division boys

basketball opener to host U-D Jesuit, 72-61.

The Shamrocks led 37-28 at halftime but

U-D, aided by foul trouble to several CC

players, made a rousing third-quarter come

Shamrocks also had to play the game with-

out a starter, out indefinitely with mononu

Junior guard Anthony Coratti had a team-

high 15 points, including three three-point

baskets for CC. Sophomore Tom Jakacki had

a career-high 12 points off the bench before

fouling out and senior guard Rod Hunt, who

Three U-D players scored in double fig-

"We played a great first half, then ran out

of gas," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Antho-

ny had a hell of a game and Jakacki played a

great second quarter. We just missed some

shots that we should have made and had a

The Shamrocks finished play at the

Roundball Classic, hosted by U-D Jesuit, on

a winning note Thursday with a 79-45 win

over Detroit Frederick Douglas. It was the

third game in three days for CC, which lost

Junior guard Ryan Celeskey had 15 points,

Garden City 76, Livonia Churchill 71: Justin

Ockerman is a handful for anybody. And

some nights the 6-foot-9 Garden City center

Ockerman was more than Livonia

down 16 rebounds and blocked three shots to

the junior center scored 30 points, hauled pull the game out.

followed by senior forward Matt Loridas and

Coratti with 12 each, and Jakacki with 11.

The Shamrocks are 2-4 overall.

also fouled out, added 11 points.

terrible third quarter."

the first two afternoons.

is two handfuls

game, netting 16 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

"Kenny is improving every day," Young said. "He's a hard

long-term playing status is made it 35-35 at the end of three committed 13 turnovers.

like Mike, it's a big loss."

This game was tight the entire way, with neither team enjoying more than a five-point lead. Huron's biggest advantage came at the 3:50 mark of the first quarter when a short jumper by Rodney Williams III put the visitors up 11-6.

The first quarter ended with the River Rats in front, 13-10. Thanks to nine second-quarter points from Waidmann, Canton came back to knot the score at Waidmann accounted for 17 of

the Chiefs' first-half points Mike Major, the Chiefs' top of the game with 2:20 remaining net and deflated the Chiefs.

"We're definitely going to miss A Waidmann layup with 2:35 Lakes Activities Association Mike," Young said. "Whenever left in the game gave Canton a schedule by playing at Plymouth you lose your second-leading semi-comfortable 47-43 lead. Salem Friday night.

throws and a driving layup from Huron's Joey Sims evened things

up again with 44 seconds left. Waidmann was fouled with 36 conds to go, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one freethrow opportunity. Canton's Dan McLean grabbed the rebound, but his putback barely missed the mark and Huron's Wilson

Rats milked the clock down to six seconds, when Sims fired up omed off the rim and into the hands of Wilson, who, with the

Canton opens its Western

CC starts well, ends poorly proves slow in loss to Ypsi BY RICHARD L. SHOOK BASKETBALL Beverly scored 16 points to lead the Spar-

Rockets' return to action

Westland John Glenn needs to and a different date to play Ypsilanti if it wants to avoid bliz-

A year ago the Rockets got John Glenn (2-2) was buried

by an early avalanche of baskets Tuesday night and Ypsilanti Lutheran Westland 68. Cranbrook 52 ode the storm to a 59-36 victory. Guard Charlie Hoeft scored 22 points Tues-The Rockets have scheduled day night to lead the host Warriors to the the Braves for their post-holiday ener two years in a row now Hoeft had five of his points in the first and haven't had much luck quarter to help Lutheran High Westland

vercome an early 10-4 Bloomfield Hills Last year a post-New Year's Day snowstorm wiped out the slate of games on the first Tues-

It was 37-30 at halftime and the Warriors day of 1999. (3-1) tacked five points onto the margin in The first game of 2000 was ver about three minutes after it Junior forward Nate Meckes added 14

started The Braves (3-2) scored eightstraight points in the first quarter to take an 11-2 lead with 4:41guard Chris Taylor, 13 from guard Vince left and rolled out to a 16-6 mar-

Fulton and 11 from forward Anthony gin after one period. "I didn't prepare the team well enough over the holidays," a gin until pulling away in the final four min-

grim coach Mike Schuette said afterward. "Looking back, based on my experience, I should have done things differently. "We had a lot of practices,

Wayne Memorial, 14-9, in the first quarter Friday night." John Glenn hosts Northville in the start of its Western Lakes Activities Association season Fri-

Moton led John Glenn with 19 ust didn't push them hard points while junior Brent Bogle nough. We'll be ready to play scored eight. Ypsilanti held a 37-15 halftime

lead but any dreams Westland had of catching up went to the hench when Motor drew his fourth foul with 6:32 to play in The Rockets had trouble getthe third period. The Braves ting the ball into 6-foot-8 Yaku wound up outscoring the Rock-Moton in the post in the early ets. 22-21, in the second half.

scored nine points

"And they can shoot."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 6

Huron Valley at Michigan-Deaf, 6 p.m.

PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 6:15 p.m. Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 6:30 p.m. h. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m Benedictine at Borgess, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7

Ply. Christian tourney, TBA. Dakland Christian tourney TR at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m. W.L. Central vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p. Stevenson vs. Salen

at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m 'Aquinas (Ontario) vs. Redford Co at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Farmington vs. W.L. Central it Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

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Saturday, Jan. 8

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Canton basketball from page C1

Churchill could handle Tuesday night when three-pointers in the final four minutes to

unfolded - he started out hot and never cooled down. The 6foot-3 senior forward scored Huron's first six points and finished with a game-high 22. No

PREP BASKETBAL

Huron Valley at Mich. Deaf, 6:30 p.m.

Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sld; 7 p.n

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

other River Rat scored in double-Canton senior forward Jason Waidmann put up his usual big numbers: 19 points, seven rebounds and three assists. The Chiefs' Nether had a break-out

worker and a good listener. He's getting better and better every

grabbed the rebound. Following a timeout, the River 23-23 at halftime. Nether and a 15-foot jump shot. The ball car-Canton forged its biggest lead flick of his right wrist, filled the

the game due to a wrist injury he Nether hit a soft jumper to put River Rats (30-28) and outshot suffered in the Traverse City the Chiefs up 33-28. However, a them at the free-throw line, hittournament. Young said Major's three-point bomb by Wilson ting seven-of-nine. Both teams

way of aquatics, youth aports leagues and recreational activities.

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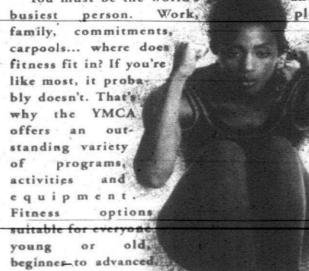
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Internal clocks pace animals ball in Times Square mals time their activities based on the was the same as if they were on the their wild relatives. This occurs twice fall second by second lunar cycle, the rotation of the earth

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Animals, including people, have a tion will all end up at the same place. Lunar cycles are most influential along the ocean shore. Since ocean daily rhythm based on a 24-hour cycle. tides are regulated by the moon, animals living on the shoreline are sub-

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Migratory birds exhibit an annual clock based on a 365-day cycle. Birds ular place at the stroke of midnight, placed in constant conditions of a labo- but animals that hesitate too long, ratory will molt feathers and exhibit

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Because their internal clock was We often notice our cycle when soci- activated at the same time, they will ety changes from standard time to also arrive at the same time. This is necessary if all the birds are to mate and raise their young before the change of weather in fall

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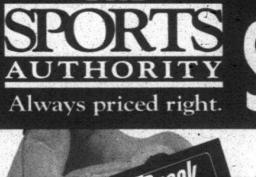
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Shamrocks seem healthy, anxious for ski season

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Instead of Y2K, all Tom Gable could think, looking at the sky for snow in recent weeks, was "Why not today?"

The start of the high school ski season may be delayed at least a week, thanks to the lack of snow on the slopes. Gable, the coach at both Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy, has to think of other ways to keep his skiers busy.

If it was cold enough, snow could be manufactured by local slopes. But the threat of rain earlier this week kept the hills green and both teams idle.

"If I couldn't adapt, this would be the most miserable thing in the world," Gable said. "I just keep the boys in the weight room and the girls go on dry land, working on polymetrics or aero-

Once the season gets underway, Gable expects CC to challenge for a state meet berth and Mercy to show improvement in what could be a rebuilding phase

The teams' first meet Tuesday was canceled and they're hoping to start today at Mt. Brighton or next Tuesday, also at Mt.

Redford CC

The Shamrocks finished second in the Mt. Brighton Division of the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association and fourth in the regional, just missing a state berth last year.

The Shamrocks' top skier the last two seasons, junior Matt Gable, returns at 100 percent.

He won the slalom at the league championship and was the giant slalom champion at the regional despite wearing a cast over a broken hand all of last year.

He hit a gate and was disqualified in the giant slalom at the state meet. That's the same reason he was disqualified in the slalom at the regional.

His father and coach expects Gable to attain a state berth in each event. The extra year of experience could make him a state title contender in either race, the elder Gable predicted.

Not only is he one of the state's top high school skiers, he is ranked 24th for age 16 nationally. He is an automatic qualifier for the Mid-American Series, held in conjunction with the high school season throughout the midwest on weekends

"I think he'll be right there knocking at the door," coach Gable said. "I think the Traverse City and Marquette guys who beat him last year graduated. He's squatting 410 pounds this year, compared to the middle 300s last year. He's a lot stronger and skiing very well.

"There's no way his cast didn't restrict his movement last year and there's no question he's skiing better without it. His goal is eep the GS and the regional and as every year goes by his confidence grows stronger.

The Shamrocks also return senior Scott Zaleski, a consistent top five finisher in both the slalom and giant slalom in the division races.

The Shamrocks lost three to graduation: Geo Madias, Matt Demmer and Miguel Martinez.

"Talent wise, this team looks as strong or stronger than the one we had three years ago that qualified for the state meet and took second at regional," Gable

Among his finishes were two second-places in the slalom and one in giant slalom.

He placed third in the SEMSL championships in the slalom and will be a regular on the United ates Skiing Association tour

winter, too. stion Scott will ski top It's his senior year.

Junior Eric Sullivan, a top 10 placer in the varsity division a year ago, may be the Shamrocks' third-highest scorer. Because they're both juniors, Matt Gable and Sullivan have a bond that makes them a good combination, Tom Gable said.

They push each other," he said. "Sullivan's going to ski well

Also expected to fill a spot in the lineup is senior Mark Gursky, a captain who was the top junior varsity racer last year, Gursky was the CC football

team's punter. "He's real strong and talented," Tom Gable said. "That's the key to skiing, leg strength, not so much upper body.

The remaining starting spots on the varsity may be contested by senior Aaron McCabe and juniors John Goebel, Joe Murray and Ryan Boudreau.

Goebel's older brother, Brian, was on the 1997 team.

"It's nice to have that many good skiers competing for two spots at the back end," Tom Gable said. "I think this team has experience and no question has the leadership between Zaleski and Matt."

Mercy

The last remaining members of the Mercy teams which won regional titles in 1998 and '97 have graduated: Renee Burek and Krysten Salla.

The pair led the Marlins to a second-place finish in the division, a third at the league meet and a fourth in the regional; where they were one point from qualifying for the state meet.

Burek and Salla qualified for the state meet in the slalom with Salla taking 26th at the state.

Gable is left with a young, but enthusiastic team.

"We're definitely in the middle of a rebuilding program here, Gable said. "It gives us a chance to surprise everybody."

The Marlins return a senior letterwinner, Amy McDuffee, who has given up figure skating competitively to concentrate on

She consistently finished among the top 15 in the Mt. Brighton standings and Gable predicts she'll improve dramatically. Her figure skating took her from some of the ski meets, including the regional.

The next top returnee is junior Nikki Anderson, who as a sophomore placed among the top 15 in the division five times.

Burek's younger sister, Laura, returns for her junior year-after

lettering on the varsity last year Like McDuffee, Burek has decided to concentrate on skiing, giving up competitive swimming. "She's a good, strong skier," Gable said. "Proving she can ski

motivator for her.

Junior Marcy Godlew returns after making six varsity starts last year, earning a mid-season promotion from the junior varsi-

"She learned the ropes, gained experience," Gable said.

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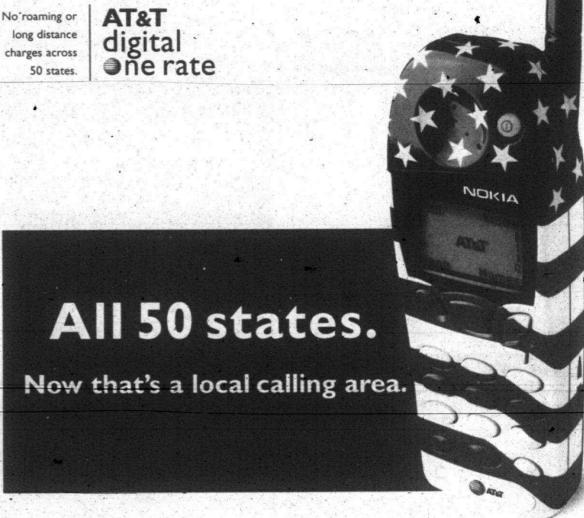
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Entertainment

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Thursday, January 6, 2000

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Columbia Pictures' "The End of The Affair," Oscar winner Neil Jordan's story of love betrayal and jealousy, opens today exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main St., Royal Oak. The film stars Julianne Moore and Ralph Fiennes.

SATURDAY



The Antifreeze Blues Festival, 8-p.m. at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale features Pinetop Perkins, (pictured), Robert Noll's Mission, Madcat and Kane, and The Hastings Street Grease Revue with Harmonica Shah. Tickets \$20, call (248) 544-3030.

SUNDAY



Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Prisoner of Second Avenue" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$16-\$21, call (248) 788-2900.



American baritone David Pittman-Jennings performs Gustav Mahler's version of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$19.\$66, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-

on the web; http://observer-eccentric.com

Testing her 'metal'

LOCAL CARVER CONQUERS
THE ICE AND THE MEN



Gold medal winner: Tajana Raukar took first place in the college individual category at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in 1999.

Plymouth STA lche international ice Sculpture Spectacular

Spectacular
What: The 18th
annual winter
festival features
ice carving
competitions for
professionals,
amateurs, and
high school and
college
students, an
"icy Toyland"
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which includes
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other cartoon
characters, and
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Warming center
in the Flagstar
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skating party
5:30-7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 16,
at Compuware
Arena, 14900
Beck, Plymouth.
Tickets \$5 at
the door,
reservations not
necessary.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

ajana Raukar looks nothing like a typical ice carver. At 5-foot, 2-inches tall, she more than likely will be dwarfed by the rest of the competitors at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

But don't underestimate this 'Plymouth woman. Underneath all that heavy clothing beats the heart of a carver that can wield a chainsaw with the best of them.

In the two years she's been carving ice, Raukar's taken gold nine times and recently placed third in the National Ice Carvers Association national competition in Pennsylvania.

"All those guys tell me it's unusual to compete against a woman carver because I'm so small and all those guys are so big," said Raukar. "It is physically exhausting. I have to think about that when I'm drawing. I have to make smaller pieces and fuse more because the ice is so heavy."

Raukar plans to enter not only the individual category but also the 20-hour team competition beginning 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 in Kellogg Park. She and her husband Paul will work together during the grueling event in which carvers create large scale sculptures from 10 blocks of ice that weigh 300 pounds each.

Not just a competition

"It's not just to compete or winning the prize," said Raukar. "It's do you like your sculpture? I like that the sculpture expresses certain feelings so they're not just blocks of ice but come alive. Ice sculpture is here and then it's gone but that's the beauty to catch that moment. If you miss it, you miss it."

Even though Raukar received

her culinary training in Croatis, it wasn't until after moving to America four years ago that she began carving. As a food artist for the

Ritz-Carlton in

Dearborn,
Raukar displayed a natural talent for carving vegetables. Her
supervisor encouraged Raukar's
sculpting abilities by giving her
a set of Japanese carving tools.

At the Ritz-Carlton, Raukar uses the mediums of butter, chocolate, taro root, napa cabbage and other vegetables to create colorful

displays for tables. A visit to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Festival two years ago triggered her interest in ice. To learn she took classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia with Chef Dan Hugelier. After carving hundreds of ice sculptures, from a 14-foot Eiffel

Tower to horses and corporate logos for Jaguar and Audi, she opened a commercial carving business, Ice Dreams, in

Plymouth.

"Practicing makes you do better," said Raukar.

This is the first time, Raukar

will compete with professionals at the Plymouth competition.
Last year, she won two gold medals as part of the Schoolcraft College team. Students spend four hours carving while professionals must endure 20-hours of cold to complete their creations

in the team event. Raukar and Paul, who've been working side-byside in the culinary industry for 10 years, will dress warmly in ski suits and several layers of clothing. In years chills have sent temper atures dipping to 20 degrees below zero In that cold, exposed skin can freeze in

a matter of

Raukar isn't

minutes.

worried

though. Carving will keep her warm.

"Carving is non-stop exercising," said Raukar. "You're doing many push-ups placing the ice and moving it into position. How you hold the chain saw is imporfant to get your cuts, so you have to dance around it."

Outdoor museum

Watching the carvers create their sculptures is part of the fun of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Sandra Watts, who organizes the festival with her husband Mike, said that "it's like an outdoor museum experience" because visitors can walk around and see all of the sculptures. More than 100 of them will be displayed in front of businesses and throughout the downtown area.

A skating party with the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, celebrity charity carving competition, a "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, and an appearance by artist William Moss at Creative Framing & Gallery on Ann Arbor Trail adds to the festivities.

From 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16, hammer dulcimer music by Betsy Beckerman, and free hot cider at the Saint Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey provide a respite fro. 1 the cold. There will also be a warming center in the Flagstar Bank at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Winter event

"It's America's No. 1 free family winter event which speaks

Please see CARVING, E2

THEATER

What: "Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thrille When: Through Sunday, Jan. 30 Where: Meadow Brook Theatre,

Oakland University campus, Rochester

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Per formance times
vary, this week,
previews 8 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, Jan
6 7; opening night 6
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Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6-7; opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 Tickets: \$19.50 \$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Edgy mystery_opens Meadow Brook's 2000 season

Talk about a Y2K bug that won't go away.

In "Dangerous Obsession," the psychological thriller at Meadow Brook Theatre, audiences will find a winding trail of clues leading to the answer of why a mere acquaintance is terrorizing a happily married couple living in Grosse Pointe Park.

Smooth sailing into the millennium horizon? Not exactly. This bug provides plenty of jitters.

The yuppie couple is unexpectedly tossed into a stormy sea of uncertainty when a man whom they met months earlier during their vacation shows up unannounced at their door.

The uninvited guest is partly a

stalker who envies the couple, and

partly in shock since his wife was

killed in a car accident. How are his obsessions with the Grosse Pointers and the circumstances of his wife's death related?

Well, therein lies the mystery.
Written by novelist N.J. Crisp,
"Dangerous Obsession" was initially
performed in England in 1987. And
the play was last performed at the
American Hartland Theatre in

Kansas City in 1999

The three-character play is directed by Debra Wicks, interim artistic director, who directed last fall's "Tintypes," an American musical set in the 1890s. She also directed last season's award-winning, "Gift of Glory," a story about the relationship

Please see MYSTERY, E2



MEADOW BROOK TREATER

Thriller: Robert Morgan (left), John Biedenbach and Tracey Copeland in a scene from Meadow Brook Theatre's presentation of "Dangerous Obsession."

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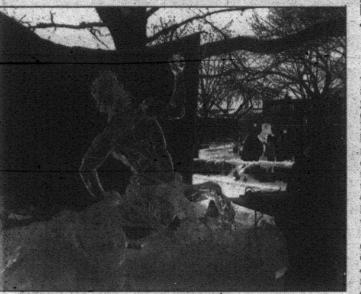
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Award winners: Ted Wakar, a Canton resident, and J.R. Lorentz of Garden City won second place in the 1999 Professional Team Competition.

chefs began creating bowls and sculptures to keep foods cold 200 years ago, ice carving has grown in popularity

risitors this year so they're hoping the weather cooperates. Last year's 23-inch snow storm clogged streets and Kellogg Park. The icy, white stuff had to be cleared from the areas surrounding the fountain before carvers could begin stacking their ice. Between the park, Central Parking Structure and The Gathering, where an "Icy Toyland" will be on exhibit, carvers will use 400,000 pounds of ice.

Prizes totalling \$10,000 will draw the best of professional carvers from the U.S. and Japan. Judges for the American Culinary Federation sanctioned event are Noble Mast, Bill and Milos Cihelka, a Bloomfield Franklin, Chris Northmore (aformer Farmington resident, now a chef at the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.)

Chef of the Year) will lead the keep foods cold 200 years ago, ice City will visit Plymouth during based on artistic achievement and strength of design, craftsmanship, degree of difficulty, and

"We consider ice carving an art

form," said Mike Watts.

Hills chef. Dean Carlson (ACF creating bowls and sculptures to Committee for 2002 in Salt Lake For the last two years it has

committee in awarding points carving has grown in popularity. the festival to gather informabeen included in the Olympics as "We're real excited about it

Ever since French chefs began tive of the Winter Olympics

a spectator sport and looks like and hope to tie the Plymouth it might finally become part of event in as a qualifier," said

The cast includes John Biedenbach, who last performed on the Meadow Brook stage in "Three

and Beth Henley's "Crimes of the

- Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

Dan Hugeli

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We all resolve to ... as the new year begins

the year 2000 is that you have

your new milennium resolutions. But why procrastinate? The producers of Detroit Public TV's BACK-STAGE PASS up with some

WE WILL GET ORGANIZED. year 2000, we sent Madonna University music guru and classical music host Dave Wagner on the road for a celebration of theater organs. First he visited the Senate Theatre at Michigan Avenue and Livernois in Detroit. There he works his magic with a contemporary electronic organ that can deftly accommodate the compositions of everyone from

Gershwin to Bach. Then, Dave makes a trip to St. as they have for centuries. The

my Awards ceremony that some of the best films years to honor are not major theatrical releases. By now, we've all had an opportunity to be deeply moved and charmed by "Life is Beautiful."

> mances by some bands that you on the Jan. 9 edition of BACKmay have heard about, but have STAGE PASS, and offers a prenever seen. The first is Outra- view of the DFT's winter season geous Cherry, a Detroit band "All About My Mother" opens the that is getting raves for its season with showings Friday fourth album, "Out There in the

> Led by songwriter/vocalist Matthew Smith, Outrageous Cherry has perfected a unique tinue to make the Detroit area a sound that modernizes some of the irresistible musical styles of Welcome, Liz. . . from the show

charmed by "Life is Beautiful." Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the

Sunday Jan 14 - 16

WE WILL LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE. The bell tolls for the people who will conbetter place to live. An inspiring look at the Millennium Bell cre-Turner and Matt Blaze rounds out the Jan. 9 edition of BACK.

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AT THE GALLERIES

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JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY Opens Thursday, Jan. 6 - Richard

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bition, 28 5400 Gullen Mall,

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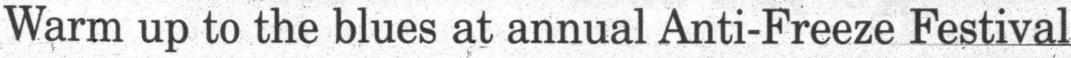
Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes, 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700. Graduate Works in Progress exhi-

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN

Through Jan. 27 - The Mountain

of the Lord: Scale Models of

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 558 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.





the weather best blues bands in the area." Anti-Freeze and soul. Blues Festival. "I play a lot of New Orleans- ing blues music in the city and

year, the Magic Bag and DBS blues is simply what he does. have turned up the heat.

Haberman, DBS chairman R.J. Spangler and Howling Diablos'

Singing the blues

"It's probably the single biggest fund-raising event for the Detroit Blues Society," said shows will feature something for a band that played jump-swing blues 20 years before the trend took hold - and Pinetop Perkins a legendary blues pianist who

His own Ann Arbor-based represent a more contemporary

the freeze on the band, Al Hill and the Love But- style. And Hill, according to Detroit Blues lers, is just one of the groups Spangler, is a heck of a blues Society's annual sure to stir up the Ferndale club singer and a great guy. fund-raiser, the with a mixture of blues, boogie. The Detroit Blues Society is

On the second style in that genre," added Hill. surrounding area. It was origiand final day of The Love Butlers have been nally established as the Detroit the festival, 14 together for six years. Hill, who Country and Classic Blues Sociinches of snow sites Ray Charles among his ety in March 1985. The society caused a cancellation. So this musical influences, said the uses money raised at these

"It's what I've always done." Al What was once referred to as Hill and the Love Butlers will Club. The shows remain free to the Deep Freeze Blues Festival make their first appearance at the public. brings together the best of the festival. Spangler asked Hill national and local blues enter- to join. The two are bandmates keeping blues alive and keeping tainers. The Magic Bag's Jeremy with Johnnie Bassett and the people aware of it," said Hill Blues Insurgents.

Johnnie Bassett, who will also time for blues in the Metro area. Jeff Grant worked as co-artistic take the stage at the Magic Bag, "I think there's a lot of variety in directors in organizing this is a 64-year-old bluesman who the Metro Detroit area. There's moved from Florida to Detroit in always been an element of the his youth. By age 18 he was Detroit sound."
playing with John Lee Hooker He describe and can be heard playing on sound" as having an intensity, some of the first Motown recordings. Along with his band, Bas- good way) and having a heavy Spangler, who promised the sett has performed for audiences guitar-oriented sound. "I suppose in 40 states, nine provinces and you would say it's very guitareveryone. Headlining this year's 15 European countries. "I'm very oriented. People in this area, festival are Roomful of Blues - proud of work my with Johnnie,"

Yesterday and today

Bassett, along with Joe Weaver Antifreeze." helped establish Chess Records and Alberta Adams (another foras "The Blues Label" in the mer Chess Recording artist) bring a bit of Detroit Blues histo- blues lovers." Not convinced? Just ask local ry to the mix this year, while The Sixth Annual Anti-Freeze bluesman Al Hill, he'll tell you other performers like Robert Blues Festival features Roomful

Spangler said: "It's a worthy

that grinding guitar."

cause. We need your support,

"It's the promotion of blues.

who considers now to be a good

He describes that "Detroit

being a bit over-the-top (in a

working class people, like to hear

Hill made a personal invita-

tion: "Come on out for

Last January, the festival includes "some of the Noll's Blues Mission and Nikki James and The Flamethrowers non-profit organization supportevents to fund a series of blues performances at Detroit's Scarab

Jumpin' blues: Headlining the first night of the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival is Roomful of Blues, (left to right front) Chris Vachon and Steve Kostakes, (left to right rear) John Wolf, Bob Enos, Rich Lataille, Mac Odom, Mike Warner and Greg Silva.

of Blues, Johnnie Bassett with and The Hastings Street Grease ' Stephanie Angelyn Casola Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams, Revue with Harmonica Shah. 8 writes about popular music for Al Hill and The Love Butlers, p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, all at the the Observer & Eccentric Newsand Nikki James and The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward papers. She can be reached at Flamethrowers 8 p.m. Friday, Avenue, Ferndale. \$20 a night or (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at sca-Jan. 7, followed by performances \$35 for a 2-day pass. Call (248) sola@ oe.homecomm.net To send from Pinetop Perkins, Robert 544-3030.

Get surfing: Where to look for local and national music on the Web

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Haven't you heard? There's a-

The Internet is stepping into the big shoes once filled by record company executives, and it's making some people very nervous. Anyone now can mass market new music with a computer and a dream - all right, you have to have a few connections and a good dose of know-

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radio station raised \$51 000 in

raise money. And they thought

has done it again. The local exchange for donations.

Here are a few sites for music maker and music lovers to check

Detroitmusic.com Detroit area artists are either

listed on this site or don't know about it yet. More than 500 local bands and performers can be found at detroitmusic. com, but that's not all. Visit the musicboard to share thoughts on the current music scene in the metro area or get in touch with other musicians. Membership is

Hey, listen up. Planet 96.3 I do mean anything - in Aren't Alright." And their not

donations Dec. 23 to benefit rhyme or reason to the radio "Pretty Fly (For a White

the Rainbow Connection, a madness, but it worked. Even Guy)," and "Why Don't You non-profit organization that Detroit's Kid Rock called in to. Get a Job" the band has

grants wishes to children with donate money, and challenge received the honor of being

the Morning" show got that kind, he vowed to match board Music Awards. Their

of a clever way to do it. From 6 their wishes granted — thanks national success. These kids

a.m. to midnight, the crew in part to our Kid - The Off- sure sound like their doing all

One Weekend - Two Shows

played requested songs - and spring still claims "The Kids right.

be listed and can submit MP3s of their work. There is a media list, which gives musicians a way to reach local journalists and let them know what's going on with

this and more at www. detroit-

the music, when they are per

forming and how the public can

With 16 music and spokenword categories, MP3 offers a peek into the newest music, local and live events and Web casts. The site gives recommendations Musicians will find it useful to

and a personalized site my. mp3. com. It was the most highly publicized place for artists to showcase their music this year. Local bands like the Howling Diablos released entire albums on MP3

too concerned about it. Thanks

multi-platinum album "Amer-

There was no format, no to that hit, and songs like

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site that caters to independent and promotion worldwide. For East Lansing's power pop musicians, filmmakers and more information, check the site get in on the scene. Look for all celebrities Fat Amy know the artists who seek greater expo- at www.atom-bomb.com.

ble" from the album "Ice Cream mise their work. By downloading Other music sites that each Headache" was chosen to be the its submission form, the site appeared in 1999 include Riffage. com, Cosmic Music Network, Jimmy and Doug's Farm photographs, biographies, and Club, Lycos' Listening Room proeven offer a live Web cast of a gram, RioPort and RollingStone performance on the site, which ...com. Plug in your head phones



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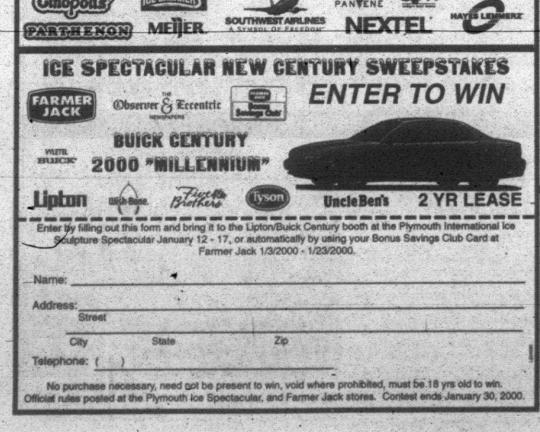
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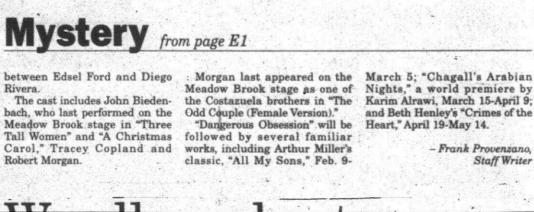
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Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms to play an organ that has keys and peddles that function Sunday, Jan. 9, will give you a good idea as to why the organ is such a timeless music maker.

WE WILL MAKE NEW By now, we've all had an oppor FRIENDS. Some of local radio's tunity to be deeply moved and most innovative music programming in the 1990s came from Liz The picture,, expected to capture artistic Copeland's overnight show on the Oscar for best foreign film approaches for WDET-FM. Her fans (and those this year, is Pedro Almodovar's who aren't awake when her pro- "All About My Mother." gram is broadcast) will be happy to know that Liz has joined Detroit Film Theatre at the ment host for in-studio perfor- sents some scenes from the film

Dark."

that never sleeps. WE WILL TRY NEW THINGS. STAGE PASS. segment, which airs at 7:30 p.m., We were reminded again at last year's Academy Awards ceremony that some of the best films are not major theatrical releases.

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"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, atthe theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24,50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800 JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue show dates Jan. 6-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday. 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake West Bloomfield, \$15-\$25, (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE Dangerous Osession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24\$35. (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday Jan 5-7) (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY No performances through Jan. 9 "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, and "Our Town" through Saturday Jan. 29, at the theater 4743 Cass. Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313 577-2972

> COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a muscial review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 1.27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, \$15. student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday perfo mances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, Jan. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811 CONLEN PRODUCTIONS

Amahl and the Night Visitors, p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 near Beech Daly and Five Mile, Redford. Admission is free but donations will be accepted after the performance, (248) 478-8932

DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE "Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday

Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Adray Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford-Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS Present two comedies "Lone Star" and "Private Wars," Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 6-16, show time is 8 p.m. except for p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 perfor-

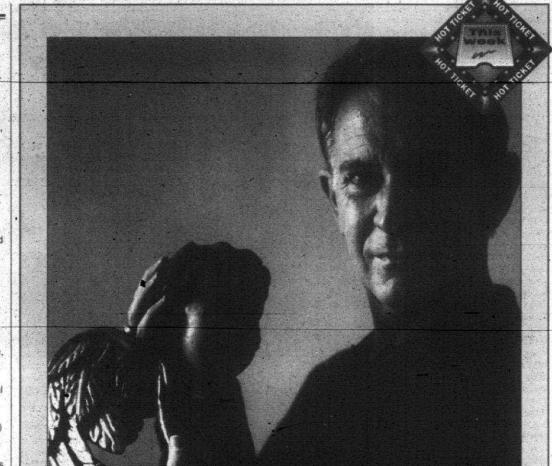
mance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti.

erans, (313) 581-7544 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS "Deathtrap," Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Trov. \$11, \$10

\$12, \$10 students/seniors/vet

seniors/students. (248) 988-TAGECRAFTERS

"Cinderella," Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Roya Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430



Featured soloist: American baritone David Pittman-Jennings performs Gustav Mahler's version of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Neeme Järvi, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The "Ode to Joy 2000" concert also features the University Michigan Society Choral Union; soprano, Camellia Johnson; alto, Eleni Matos; and tenor Frank Poretta III. Tickets \$19-\$66, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-5111. Visit the DSO online at www.detroitsymphony.com

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike. Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

> YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.

Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 16, 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962 CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," a mus cial puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston, \$5. (248) 625-8811 MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville, \$7. (248) 349-8110 PUPPETART

"Close the Window ... or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 12, 22 and 29; at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children: (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

DAVID COPPERFIELD "Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical per formances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666 KEN MEDEMA

The Christian recording artist is part of the Spirit Arising Celebration of Faith at the Dawn of a New Millennium, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 7-9, Medema per forms 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 (\$5) at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, Birmingham.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS Mini performance of "Sleeping Beauty," Saturday, Jan. 8, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt. Livonia. (734) 522-4100

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17, the 18th annual winter festival features ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, an "lcy Toyland" which includes Pokemon and other cartoon characters, and a celebrity charity carving competition, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth, (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice. Plymouth Whalers ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck,

Plymouth, \$5 at the door.

BENEFITS **FARMINGTON PLAYERS** Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, \$50, includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE A salute to the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Birmingham Community House. 380 S. Bates. Free. (248) 335-

BRUNCH WITH BACH Planist Anna Sorokhtei performs the music of Mozart, Debussy and Schumann 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, seating begins 20 minutes before concert, in Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, \$22, \$11 children under age 12, \$5 concert only

(stairwell seating). Museum

admission is included. (313) 833 4005 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" with the University Musical Society Choral Union, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Orchestra Hall. 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$14

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BLUE LAKE BALLET

Auditions for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's dance program in sum mer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

AUDITIONS

Saturdays through November, at

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS Auditions for "A Case of Libel" b Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment. tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at " first United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY Rehearsald begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4 by G. F. Handel. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsal. No auditions are required, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 . Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, COMMUNITY CHOIR (248) 351-2925

Auditions for all voice parts, in THE BROTHERS GROOVE room 530 of the Forum Building, at the college, 18600 Haggerty 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at between Six and Seven Mile, Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) ivonia. (313) 937-0975 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ 645-2150

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SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high THE CASSIDYS school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Barefoot in the Park," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 (registration begins 6:30 p.m.), in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafavette, Royal Oak, For performances March 24-26 and 29-31, and April 1-2 and 6-9. (248) 541-4832 **SWEET ADELINES**

Guest night for women interested in singing, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. (734) 480-8843 or www.sweetade lines.org

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JAZZ

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEORGE BENSON QUARTET 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$25. \$15, \$10, (734) 769-2999 or e mail to kch@ic.net

TODD CURTIS Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce treet, Birmingham. (248) 647

DEUTSCH/FLOOD AND SIEGEL 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or

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> With Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, \$7, (734) 662-8310 TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord. across from Oakland Mall. Madison Hts. \$4 cover. (248) 588-4450

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3466; "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30; *Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901 formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortuge" style land acquisition interactive three new video screen interac tives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, 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 INSTITUTE OF ARTS** First Friday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, features salsa music of Orquesta Fuego, tapestry weaving workshop, drawing in the galleries with Valerie Parks (adults) and Hector Perez (youth) observe artists creating tradition al paintings using rice paste, at the museum, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Free with recommended museum donation of \$4, \$1 children. (313)-833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondayo Fridays, and "Everest" and 'Whales' multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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 addition-

al \$4. (313) 577-8400 **DETROIT ZOO** Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife . Interpretive Gallery Theater: the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo. 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

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HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE , at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, memiers and children under 5 free.

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM "Cetebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, \$2, \$.50 kids. \$5 family (734) 455-8940 ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit

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7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues). FAN MAIL TOUR With TLC, Christina Aguilera, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-

FINVARRAS WREN Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941. HE FLATLANDERS Pinetop Perkins, Al Hill and the

Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (248) 645-FREED 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griff's

Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292. FUNKTELLIGENCE With Paradigm and Muzzle Inc., 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance. (313) 961-MELT. ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

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BROTHERS GROOVE With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and Plymouth. (734) 455-8450. \$25.50. (248) 645-6666 BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE JAH RULE AND THE MURDERERS With Teenage Frames, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, St. Gutterpunx, The Outsiders, 7:30 Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress.

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Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29. Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street Pontiac (248) 334-7900. COMPANY OF STRANGERS 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Jan 14-15, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington (248) 474-5941 COWBOY JUNKIES

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan 31. (248) 645-6666 THE CRO-MAGS With All Out War and Shutdown 6 p.m. Friday, Peb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313)

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10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lilis 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555.

Hills, 1122 S. Rochester Road. Free. (248) 652-0558; See them every other Wednesday at With Clampdown and Abdulah Saturday, Jan. 8, Griff's Grill, Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Pontiac. (248) 334-9292. Sixth Street, Royal Oak, Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details LORDS OF ACID

With Genocide 2, 9 p.m. Friday Feb. 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac \$17 advance, \$19 day of show. All ages. (248) 645-6666. Jitterbug finals and shotdown,

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5: (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com. MACAOIBH 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 21-22, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington

(248) 474-5941 STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over

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www.ticketmaster.com.

MOLOKO PLUS With Gutter Punx, Capture the Flag, Clone Defects, Telegraph, Whoremoans, Broadzilla, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666. MOXY FRUVOUS

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$19, \$24. (248) 645-ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION

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7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 PRIME NUMBERS With Danali, 9:30 p.m. Friday

Jan. 7, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5, (734) 996 8555, www.blindpigmusic.com. THE PROMISE RING With Camden, 9:30 p.m Wednesday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig

Ann Arbor, \$8 advance, 21 and over. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com. THE REEFERMEN 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Karl's Cabin, 9779 G

Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 SIMPLE NEPTLINE 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Griff's

Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292. SIX CLIPS With Papa Vegas and Driver's Side, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 996-8555 www.blindpigmusic.com.

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Flag, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street Ann Arbor, \$4, (734) 996 855 www.blindpigmusic.com. **SMOKESTACK** With Chowder, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, Blind Pig, 208

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With Muzzle, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, SOLID FROG Jan. 20, Blind Pig. 208 S. First With I Hate Mars, 9:30 p.m. Street, Ann Arbor, \$4, (734) 996 Saturday, Jan. 8, Blind Pig. 208 8555: www.blindpigmusic.com. S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpig STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-BRITNEY SPEARS

> (248) 645-6666 or www.ticket master.com. STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 9:30 p.m. Thurs, Jan. 6, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road.

With UFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, The Palace

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Plymouth. (734) 455-8450. THE STILL With 3 Speed, 9:30 p.m. Friday: Jan. 21, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5, (734) 996 8555, www.blindpigmusic.com; 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 10, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SOUL 360 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292. DEREK TRUCKS BAND 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, \$10 advance, (248)

544-3030. THE TURNAROUNDS Friday, Jan. 14, The Taproom, Yosilanti: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22. The Alibi, Farmington: CD Release Party for "Are You Ready" 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Lowertown Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213. TWISTIN' TARANTULAS 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Jan. 13, Karl's

Plymouth. (734) 455-8450. U-ZIQ Luke Vibert, also known as DJ Wagon Christ, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb 4. Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. 18 and older. (248)

Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road,

645-6666. ALERIE With Blue Nectar, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, \$5 cover. 21 and over. (248)334-

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'Snow Falling on Cedars' a disappointment

The 1995 novel by David Guterson, "Snow Falling on Cedars," proved an immediate hit with readers and critics. It was an engaging story of young lovers one white, the other Japanese-American - on a fishing and farming island in Puget Sound.

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The film version of "Snow The photography lapses into shifting time frames. The most intensified Falling on Cedars" held great _moody sepia as though the North- moving aspect of the story con- Hatsue's romance with Ishmael promise. Australian Scott Hicks, west was totally lacking in color. cerns the relationship of the two is discovered, and she must yow the standouts: Max Von Sydow, the who directed Geoffrey Rush to an The portentous musical score res- young lovers: Hatsue, daughter of never to see or write him again. Academy Award in "Shine," was onates with pounding drums, a Japanese strawberry farmer, and She marries another childhood chosen to direct his first American swirling strings, smashing Ishmael, the son of a local white friend, also an internee. film, He shares the writing credit. crescendos and a chorus reminis- newspaper editor. They must play with Ron Bass, an Oscar winner cent of the Mormon Tabernacle and love in secret because of the

machine, dead fish, etc.

of Guterson's novel. The narrative a boat at sea, a faintly visible flow has been chopped up, the time scene emerges. It is a fishing boat element leaping from one decade to in a dense fog. Something violent

Thereafter the plot is told in

pressures of society.

The most tragic sequence comes when the Japanese are sent to the the war and editor of the newspa-Manzanar internment center in per since his father's death, is still California after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The underlying ten- (Youki Kudoh). He struggles over the island population become accused man, who is Hatsue's hus-

The casting is faultless. Among gentle defense attorney; James The murder trial replete with pect; Ethan Hawke and Youki flashbacks, provides the climax of Kudoh, the thwarted lovers; Sam

Shepard, the fair-minded newspa-"Snow Falling on Cedars." Ishmael (Ethan Hawke), badly wounded in per editor. "Snow Falling on Cedars" is a haunted by his love for Hatsue duced by Harry J. Ufland, Ron Bass, Kathleen Kennedy and sions between the two elements of whether he should help save the Frank Marshall. Running time:



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Galaxy Quest' out of this world

If you put Tim Allen and acy Weaver in the same ovic and set it in outer t" meet "Aliens?" Yes, in a nd it's a lot of wacky fun.

dlen leads not a family this ne, but a troupe of unhappy tors well past their glory ys. Nearly 20 years before, ney'd starred on TV as the w they are reduced to makearances at conven-

ew - just the folks they need recreated the show's spaceip as a real one. And now they fetch Commander Tag-

Nesmith (played by Allen) lub, and his offhand perfornance saves the day. Only later does he realize it's the real thing. And when the friendly aliens need his help gain, he gets the rest of his ci-fi crew to go along.

Of course, they face more tlandish danger as the space onsters return. But the chalenges make them grow as iduals and pull together as a group, just as one might expect with Tim the Toolman's

As Gwen DeMarco, who aved the "babe" role on the old TV show, Weaver doesn't get to recreate her epic one-onone combat with monsters from "Aliens." But she does a

nake them grow as ether as a group lust as one mig expect with Tim the lman's family.

splendid job in this comedy role, blonde wig and all. The movie also features an outstanding performance by Enrico Colantoni, from the TV show "Just Shoot Me." As the alien Mathesar, who takes on a nan form to seek Nesmith's help, Colantoni does a great job of portraying a creature that hasn't quite mastered

being a person.

The movie is rated PG, and cids should enjoy it if they're old enough to sympathize with actors playing characters, rather than just the character themselves. Some might fine the movie a little slow off the aunch pad in the early scenes from the backstage world of

kids, one of the best parts is the spoofing of action-movie cliches. One crew member is resigned to being killed use he sees himself as the bit player who gets bumped off early. But a fellow crew member holds out some hope "Maybe you're the plucky

The good news is that he s Earthbound folk, is that "Galaxy Quest" is a hoot. "Galaxy Quest," from

DreamWorks Pictures, was directed by Dean Parisot and produced by Mark Johnson and Charles Newirth

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SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS Based on David Guterson's best-selling novel, and directed by Scott Hicks "Shine"), this is the haunting tale of love, truth, justice and the vagarities of the heart. Stars Ethan Hawke and James Cromwell.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14 EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

In this psychological thriller, a high-tech operative nicknamed "The Eye" tracks the life of a beautiful woman. After he follows her to the scene of a murder, his role becomes something of a guardian angel. Stars Ewan McGregor and Ashley

A young woman is rescued from an Indian Guru by her concerned family, only to turn her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all out battle of the sexes. Stars Harvey Keitel and Pam

The story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, middleweight boxing champion who is accused of a crime he didn't commit. After 20 years in jail, he is released. TUMBLEWEEDS

Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery. Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brow Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 21

DOWN TO YOU A romantic comedy set among college students in New York City. Directed to Kris Isaacson, Stars Freddie Prinze Jr. Selma Blair and Henry Winkler.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 4

Kevin Allen directs a comedy film about the world of celebrity hairdressing. When a gay, Scottish hairdresser travels styling competition, he finds that luck, charm, guts and a really good hairdryer are the keys to success. Stars Craig Ferguson, Frances Fisher and David

The final chapter of the "Scream" trilogy brings back the original cast of charac ters from the films that changed the way viewers thought about modern ho ror flicks. Stars Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Jenny McCarthy and Parker Posey. Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice der tist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosan-

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 18

A retired prize fighter embarks on a jour ney with his son and grandson to search

Drama: Bartender Brad (Craig Kvinsland), Donnie Smith (William H. Macy), and Thurston Howell (Henry Gibson) star in "Magnolia." .

for 13 long-lost diamonds. Stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and Dan Ack-

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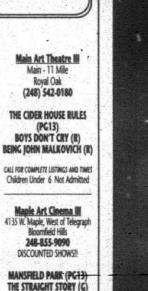
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Abruzzi is the mountainous province in east-central Italy. Both the Italian Apennine mountains and Adriatic Sea are major food influences for the

These and the cuisine of San Marino create the culinary twist at Giovanni's, a landmark Detroit family restaurant since

Proprietor Frances (Fran) Cannarsa Truant and her son Randy cherish their family restaurant traditions begun by Fran's brothers Vince and Tony. They opened the location, 50 yards from the family's home, as Giovanni's Pizza Parlor (a name honoring their father) in a former Detroit Italian neighborhood. Their mother Rosa Cannarsa, who died in 1995 at age 87, remained active at Giovanni's until she was 83 years old.

In 1978, Fran teamed up with Paulina Tarducci, a chef from San Marino, Italy, and changed the name to Giovanni's Ristorante. It was Tarducci's creative cooking that brought metro-Detroit attention to Giovanni's. In December 1996, a fire destroyed the original Giovanni's, but not Fran's spirit. She rebuilt the restaurant with its private home dining ambiance and reopened in July 1997. "Detroit is my city," she said. "This is why I stayed here."

On most days Fran greets her loyal clientele at lunch and dinner and introduces newcomers to the fabulous flavors of Giovanni's dishes.

Tarducci's recipes are re-created at lunch by Chef Joe Bushnell, who has worked at Giovanni's since 1984. At dinner, Schoolcraft College culinary grad Tony Polito heads the kitchen. He has worked at Giovanni's since 1990.

Their pasta dishes are enhanced by 74-year-old Irma

Giovanni's Ristorante

Where: 330 S. Oakwood Blvd., Detroit (313) 841-0122

Open: Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; until 10 p.m. on Friday: Saturday 4-10 p.m.

Menu: Classic dishes of central Italy. Cost: Pastas and main dishes \$16-24.

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Giovanni's Uncorked

Proprietor Randy Truant knows his Italian wines. He rec-

Olindo's Special (named after Randy's late father) with 1995 Ceretto Chardonnay "La Bernardina.

■ Manzo Braciola with 1994 Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico Riserva

■ Veal Giovanni with 1994 Poggio Scalette "Il Carbonaione" (100 percent sangiovese)

Morri, who each morning, makes all the fresh pasta for that day as she has for the past 20 years. Several waitstaff, including Tracie Alpert, Noleen Baker, and Shirley Magryta, have served diners for a collective 57 years. This has to be a record!

Randy Truant earned a mechanical engineering degree from Lawrence Technological University in 1992. He never worked using this education.

"I'm cut out for pasta not corporate America," he said. What Randy has brought to Giovanni's is a passion for Italian wine. His all-Italian list recently won a coveted "Wine Spectator" magazine Award of Excellence.

Among antipasti, several are favorites. Bistecca Calamari Frita, fried calamari strips with the best caper, tomato and red onions in buerre blanc sauce, this side of San Marino. Then there's the central Italy tradition Pizza Bianco, thin white pizza with fresh sliced tomatoes. olive oil, oregano and four

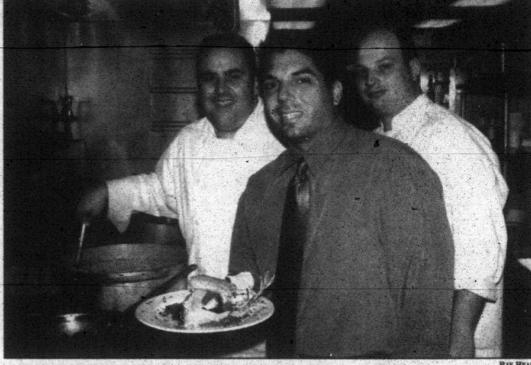
cheeses. Raviolo di Abruzzi are dual-colored raviolis filled with four cheeses and topped with lobster, red and yellow sun-dried tomatoes in a white wine cream sauce. It's a knockout.

While the Minestrone is excellent, for something different in an Italian soup, order Pasta Fazole.

Choices of pastas are angel hair, linguine, tagliatelle or fettuccine with four typical sauces. Where the pasta bar gets raised is the house specialty pasta dishes, all served with garlic bread, pepperonata and soup or

Cappeletti Verde Pesto is meat and cheese filled round spinach ravioli topped with pesto sauce. Gnocchi di Patate Verde is nomemade spinach potato, dumplings topped with creamy Alfredo sauce.

My favorite is Manicotti Verde Pomodoro, thin sheets of spinach pasta filled with ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheese, topped with pomodoro.



Appetizing: Dinner Chef Tony Polito (left), proprietor Randy Truant and Lunch Chef Joe Bushnell prepare Polenta Napoleon, a Giovanni's appetizer special.

Simple, delicate, al dente pasta and the great flavors of cheese and tomato make this dish elegant.

Piati della Casa are served with garlic bread, pepperonata, soup or salad and a side of linguine. Favorites are Manzo Braciole, thinly sliced beef tenderloin rolled around prosciutto, garlic and parsley, braised in a tomato mushroom sauce; Veal alla Giovanni, medallions of veal sauteed with artichokes and white wine and Pollo alla Francesca, boneless breast of chicken sauteed in a mild lemon

My favorite over the years is Saltimbocca Romano, medallionof veal topped with a thin slice of imported prosciutto, sage and

caper sauce.

fontina cheese sauteed in a white wine sauce. This slightly salty dish, a specialty of Rome, is simply delicious.

If you leave room, dessert selections change daily. If available, order Tiramisu, made with Kahlua and brandy or the house-made cannolis.

There are a lot of Italian restaurants in greater Detroit,

but none matching culinary wizardry, atmosphere, service, cordiality, and heritage as well.

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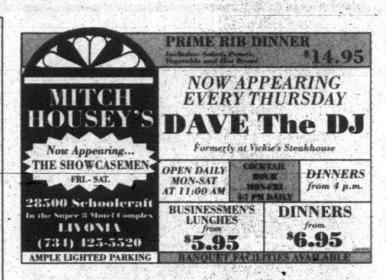
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