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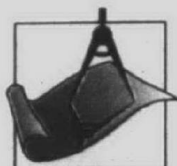
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Downtown attracts new eatery



While Plymouth says goodbye to Minerva's-Dunning's, plans are in the works to welcome a new restaurant, likely to be dubbed E. G. Nicks of Plymouth, in the Forest Avenue storefront.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A new restaurant is slated to open in the longtime Minerva's-Dunning's

storefront on Forest Avenue Feb. 1. Its likely name will be E.G. Nicks of Plymouth, said Tony Belli, of the firm owning the restaurant. In a Nov. 20 letter to the city Down-

town Development Authority, Belli - on behalf of T. Belli and Associates Inc. - also declared his intention to apply for a Class C liquor license.

"My family already has several restaurants including E.G. Nicks of Farmington, the Highland House located on M-59, E.G. Nicks of Brighton and Tomato Brothers of Howell, formerly known as Gus's, E.G. Nicks of Lapeer and several others," Belli wrote.

MINERVA'S-DUNNING'S

"We have been in the restaurant business for more than half a century. The business will be essentially a family restaurant."

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Happy Thanksgiving

American tradition served with ethnic flavor

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Teriyaki chicken, cake Azteca, bulgogi and chirashi sushi may not strike you as your typical American Thanksgiving fare.

But it is for students in the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education English as a second language class.

"It means it's cooked when it pops up. That's 20 minutes per pound," said teacher Dodie Beckman, as she carved the turkey she cooked American-style for the class' annual Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinner was more than an annual celebration of an American holiday at Starkweather Education Center. It was also designed to show the 60-70 foreign students American culture, history and cuisine.

The students are from all parts of the world, including the Middle East, Mexico, France, Bulgaria, Albania, Germany and Asia.

"Uhhmm. Very good," said an Asian student who was the first to taste the turkey.

Students were asked to bring in food to illustrate their backgrounds and cultures. That's where the sushi came from, as well as the dim sum and the potato buph.

"It is so different. In France, we eat a lot of vegetables, not a lot of fats or meats," said Florence Dupessey, who has lived in Canton for little more than a year. Dupessey and her family expect to stay in America for about three years.

Yoshie Yasumoto of Japan, who has lived in Plymouth for one year and three months, says the turkey is "so-so," but prefers chicken.

"Part of this class is culture," said teacher Linda Hart. "We had Halloween. We will do Christmas, Easter and St. Patrick's Day."

Hart teaches basic English and Beckman teaches intermediate and advanced English. Thanksgiving dinner was arranged by Hart's class. Beckman's class put on the Halloween celebration.

In fact, the students say their children really liked the Halloween celebration, especially trick or treating and the goodies they brought home.



Manon Pierre of Belgium, who has lived in Plymouth eight months, also is getting used to American food. "It is too sweet. The drinks are sweet. The bread is sweet."

Learning about Thanksgiving has been interesting to the students, as well. Pierre said without a doubt, Christmas is the big holiday in her country. "The whole family makes a dinner," she said.

And even though Shelly Tam, who has lived here seven years - and was just sworn in as a citizen - she still cooks in her homeland Chinese-style. Her daughters, both of whom were born here, prefer Chinese cooking to even McDonald's, Tam said.

What's amazing about the class is that Hart and Beckman do not speak foreign languages.

"They are here to learn English. We use dictionaries, we use sign language. We build a vocabulary. We will use pictures," Hart said.

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Dinner: Teacher Dodie Beckman (above) carves the Thanksgiving turkey as students (from left) Kaori Yasunaga, Ayumi Tsiji, Etsuko Sugiyama, Mikiko Kuroda and Yuko Shobuda watch and photograph the event. At left, student Shelly Tam, who is from China, tastes the turkey. Tam recently was sworn in as an American citizen.

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DiverseyLever tech center goes to Ohio

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The DiverseyLever corporate technology center on Beck Road in Plymouth Township is scheduled to close Jan. 31, and most of the 80 employees will be transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio.

The reason for the closing-transfer is the company is building a facility in Cincinnati, Ohio, that will bring together various research operations, said a company official in Plymouth Township who declined to be named.

DiverseyLever is to maintain a company group headquarters and administrative office on Sheldon Road, the official said. There are 95 employees at this site.

The Plymouth Township facility scheduled to close had served as a research and development facility for the company's foods division.

DiverseyLever makes chemicals and cleaning products for a variety of businesses and industries, ranging from dish and laundry cleaners to sanitizing

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Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Township supervisor

equipment.

The move, the company official said, is "a consolidation of research recourses in the greater Cincinnati area. We

plan to build a greater facility where all research and technical people will be under one roof."

DiverseyLever had been granted a 12-year 50 percent tax break on the Beck Road facility by the Plymouth Township board of trustees. The move is happening only four years into the 12-year abatement term, which bothers some trustees.

"I don't like it but I understand the competitive nature of their market,"

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Chief reorganizes department

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth will have a larger police presence on city streets by next spring or summer.

Police Chief Bob Scoggins' reorganization of the department, which bypassed a promotion to keep one more officer on patrol and which adds a new officer in January, will put 16 patrol officers on the force, one more than at present.

Once the new officer completes training at the Wayne County Regional

CITY POLICE

Police Academy, Plymouth will have three patrolmen on the streets full time per shift, as opposed to the current two plus an occasional third, Scoggins said.

Warmer weather may have kept the youthful traffic flow on Main Street in downtown Plymouth going longer than usual this year, but it hasn't had any noticeable affect on serious crime in the city.

In fact, Part One crimes - the more

serious variety, involving violence - are down nine percent from 1996 and "may be the lowest ever" in the last five years, says Scoggins.

Usually, he says, Main Street's rolling cavalcade of teenage drivers quiets down after the Fall Festival, with youngsters heading back to school. But things didn't really quiet down until about two weeks ago, the chief says.

On the other hand, serious crimes are noticeably down, although the

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'Tis the season

to reach out and help others in need. The Observer would like to acknowledge those who give to their community year around by volunteering for various charitable organizations or simply helping a neighbor in need.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their good deeds? We want to know about them too. Write us at 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170 or fax us at (313) 459-4224. Include their name, phone number and a few short paragraphs about them.



Suspended school employee resigns

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board and the attorney representing a former employee disagree on the exact nature of the employee's resignation.

While the attorney for William "Danny" Menghini says the board accepted his client's resignation to avoid a public hearing, the board says Menghini resigned before it could hold one.

The board at its Nov. 11 meeting unanimously accepted Menghini's resignation as director of maintenance and operations, effective Feb. 27.

Menghini's attorney, Anthony Guerriero of Allen Park, claimed Nov. 11 the board accepted the resignation with a finding of no wrongdoing by Menghini, who had been accused of using school district equipment and employees for his personal gain. "Neither side admits any wrongdoing," Guerriero told the Observer.

However, Judy Evola,

spokeswoman for the school district, said "the board of education never reached a conclusion as to the truthfulness of the allegations because he (Menghini) resigned before the board of education had a hearing."

She added that the board "did recognize that he denied all of the charges."

Guerriero claimed the written agreement between the district and Menghini, who had been with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools almost 19 years, was reached before a public hearing requested by Guerriero could be held.

"A hearing officer was selected and hearings were scheduled, but the matter was resolved prior to that."

"We commend the school district for resolving this matter amicably and avoiding a long and protracted litigation (like those) they are facing in other cases," Guerriero said.

Guerriero said Wednesday the agreement was worked out

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Anthony Guerriero

—Attorney

"because of impossible conditions Mr. Menghini was facing," but he declined to discuss details.

According to Guerriero's earlier statements, the allegations apparently involved two separate incidents, one in which Menghini took scrap carpet for his home or cottage, the other in which he borrowed district chairs and tables for a graduation party. It was also alleged he used district trucks both times to move the items.

Guerriero said then "it was all done with the permission of supervisors" and added he believed the allegations were retaliation by other employees, including one whom Menghini would not support for a job transfer or promotion.

Guerriero said an "amicable resolution" was reached which

provides "an adequate compromise that protects the rights of both parties."

"We're very happy with the results, which I think are in the best interests of the school district and the best interests of Mr. Menghini."

"And we are extremely happy his reputation is intact," the attorney added.

He said Menghini, who is about 50 years of age, has been on paid leave "and my understanding is, he will remain on that status" until the resignation date.

Evola said job opening created by Menghini's resignation will be posted. "We are in the process of looking at the process of filling it," she said.

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A nursing education specialist, Churley-Strom has been with ST. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor for 18 years.

Churley-Strom coordinates clinical placements for more than 600 nursing students and assists in planning 75 continuing education programs for the nursing staff each year. She is active in the community and has volunteered for Camp DeSales, St. Francis of Assisi School, Ann Arbor Junior League and the Holistic Health Center.

"Ruth displays a willingness to promote the success of others and seeks recognition for their work, accomplishments and contributions with the organization and externally," said Francie Wolgin, director of Nursing, Operations Support and Practice Development for St. Joe's. "We're pleased her expertise and commitment to nursing has been recognized."

Churley-Strom was among 15 people to be recognized as Michigan's top nurses in Metropolitan Woman's Fourth Annual Salute to Nursing, announced this month.

To speak

David Janda, MD, director of Ann Arbor's Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, will present at the Safe America: Fourth National Injury Control Conference in Washington, D.C. Nov. 21.

Janda, a Plymouth resident, will discuss the important role data play in injury prevention in sports and will cite the Institute's studies of Breakaway bases in preventing recreational injuries. The conference is sponsored by the American Trauma Society and will feature Vice President Al Gore as a keynote speaker.

"Injury is one of the most under-recognized major public health issues the world faces today said Janda, who practices orthopedics at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. "Injuries continue to drain our limited health care financial resources. It is imperative that comprehensive data systems be developed to identify risk factors, and track types of injuries, the effectiveness of preventive

intervention and costs to help us reduce the number of sports injuries."

The research Janda will present indicates that sliding injuries constitute 71 percent of the injuries that occur in recreational baseball and softball. The study used breakaway bases that dislodge on impact when players hit the mat too hard. Using the new bases, the institute found that 98 percent of sliding injuries could be prevented.

GOING PLACES

Susan Garvey of Plymouth, winner of the Alma College Young Alumni Award for 1997, has gone far on her international business degree from Alma.

A 1990 magna cum laude graduate with majors in accounting and Spanish, she interned at the multinational law firm of Gomez-Acebo & Pomo in Madrid, Spain, as a student.

From 1990-94, Garvey developed skills as an experienced senior auditor with Arthur Andersen, LLP, the international accounting firm. In 1992, she became a Certified Public Accountant. She worked extensively in Venezuela in 1993-94 on telecommunications privatization and also in Brazil on a preliminary electric privatization effort.

In May 1994, Garvey joined CMS Enterprises, a division of CMS Energy. She was the senior supervisor of international accounting for CMS Generation Co., the unit of CMS Energy which develops non-utility power supply projects.

She has since become a bilingual senior international accountant who handles accounts for natural gas pipelines, oil and gas exploration investments and independent power generation plants around the world.

Now pursuing an MBA degree with an emphasis in international finance at the University of Michigan, Garvey still finds time to be involved with community choral groups, Girl Scouts and Alma's new Metro Detroit Business Roundtable.

She received her award Oct. 18 at Alma's Homecoming Alumni Association dinner.

Ballroom dance club offers classes

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Learning: Isbister first-grade teacher Joanne Kokoszka watches Joey Eudy's reaction to wild rice during an early-American celebration of Thanksgiving. Kids got a taste of smoked fish, venison and pheasant.

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Students celebrate holiday in early American fashion

Some 100 first-graders got a sample of Thanksgiving, early-American style, at the third annual "Thanksgiving Feast" tasting party at Isbister School in Plymouth Township.

The students, parents and teachers sampled venison, turkey, pheasant, wild rice, smoked fish, popcorn, corn-

bread and pumpkin squares. Many of the meats were provided and prepared by parents while the children baked the cornbread and pumpkin dessert at school.

The youngsters, under direction of teachers Sarah Smith, Joann Kokoszka, Denise McLane and Aileen Wise, memorized and recited a poem

of thanks and used brown paper grocery bags to make their pilgrim and Native American costumes and cradleboards for their Indian "papooses."

It was the 20th such "Feast" for Smith, who brought the idea to Isbister three years ago from Smith Elementary.

College financial aid is event's topic

Parents of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park juniors and seniors wanting to begin planning early for financial aid to colleges and universities can get questions answered at a special program 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

The financial aid night, led by

Bernice Lindke, director of financial aid at Eastern Michigan University, will cover the "5 Ws of Financial Aid": what it is, why it exists, where it comes from, who's eligible and when and how to apply for it.

Lindke will explain various financial aid opportunities and will give information that will be

helpful when filling out the financial aid form that qualifies families for such forms of aid as grants, loans and work-study programs.

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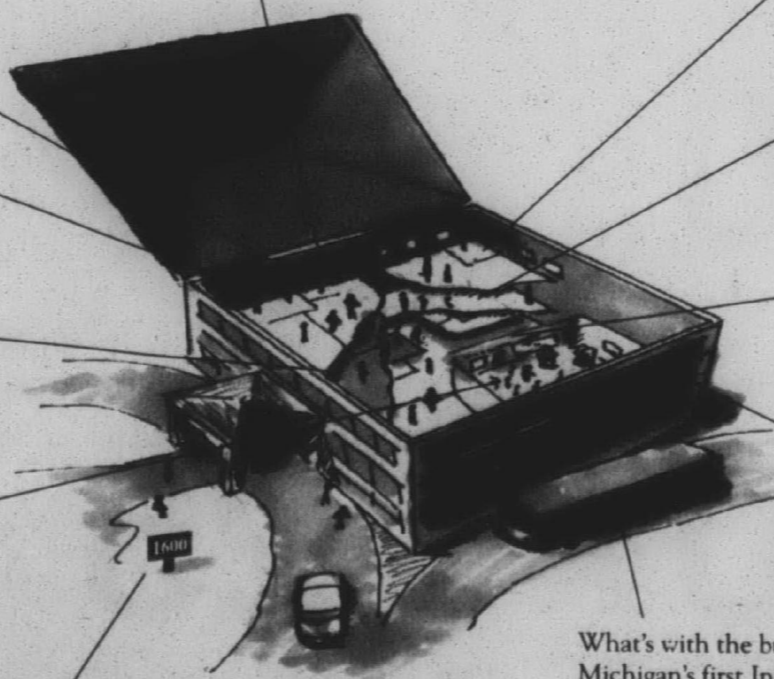
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Auditor general gets separate budget

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners took action Thursday to allow the auditor general to operate his own budget, separate from the county commission.

Commissioners amended the 1997-98 budget appropriations ordinance in a unanimous vote to allow Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy to operate under a separate internal service fund, which will allow him to charge county departments for reimbursement.

With the move Dunleavy can now allocate audit costs to departments. It also allows him to allocate costs through a special cost allocation fund, which the auditor general's office has not done since 1992.

The reimbursement will help Dunleavy increase his \$1.1 million budget and six auditors, bringing it more in line with the city of Detroit, which spends

\$2.4 million to staff 22 auditors.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, introduced the resolution on Thursday, which calls for either a direct charge system or an indirect cost allocation system. It calls for the chief financial officer of the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget to establish the office of the auditor general as an independent internal service fund.

County Executive Ed McNamara can veto the ordinance within 10 days, but it was not known Monday whether he would do so.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, wondered if this would be classified as a legislative expense and, therefore, not reimbursable with grants.

The commission's legal counsel, Ben Washburn, told Parker that the auditor general is not necessarily a legislative function. "Some of it is, some of it is not," Washburn said.

Dunleavy appreciated the commission's unanimous action

on his office after commissioners had an earlier split vote between Detroit and suburban commissioners over a budget appropriation for his department.

"I think Vice Chair Beard did an outstanding job," Dunleavy said. "(Beard) and chairman Solomon were able to unite the commission on this matter."

Dunleavy called it a first step in a process to strengthen the auditor general's office in obtaining additional revenue by charging Detroit Metro Airport, county roads and mental health departments for audits.

While Dunleavy was hired by the county commission earlier this year, in theory he is independent of that legislative body. Wayne County voters gave the auditor general more power in November 1996 through the approval of a charter amendment.

With those powers Dunleavy will be auditing county departments at least once every two years, including the county com-

mission.

Dunleavy hopes he can add auditors through department reimbursements and possibly a budget increase, which could be a second step.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, supported the independence of the internal service fund. "(The auditor general) is something that should be treated as such."

Beard said, "It was extremely important to have this resolution adopted today."

Beard said an auditing contract for \$88,500 with KPMG Peat Marwick to complete a cost allocation study now must include instructions to include Dunleavy's office. Commissioners were concerned on Tuesday over whether Dunleavy could be included.

As a result, commissioners expect to act on that contract at a later date, after commissioners "passed (the item) for the day" on Thursday.

Economists eye 3.8 percent increase for school state aid

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Public schools can look forward to 3.8 percent boosts in state revenues in each of the next two years, say University of Michigan economists.

"3.8? I'll accept that," said state treasurer Doug Roberts, who was in the audience Nov. 21 for the 45th annual Conference on the Economic Outlook on the Ann Arbor campus.

U-M economists Joan Crary and George Fulton included estimates of the school aid fund with their predictions for Michigan job, income and unemployment growth in the two years ahead.

School aid is now an important figure because, since the Proposal A reforms of 1994, the state is now the biggest provider of K-12 funds. In that package of constitutional amendments and bills, local property taxes were slashed and replaced by a two-cents hike in the sales tax.

They estimated \$8.35 billion in state aid for 1997 and projected \$8.67 billion in 1998 and just under \$9 billion in 1999.

"That's about what we expected," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

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SC students eligible for Hope Tax Credit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Students at Schoolcraft College may find hope in softening the blow of rising costs of college tuition in a new tax credit.

Schoolcraft officials are willing to defer payment for the winter 1998 semester only, so that students can take advantage of the Hope Tax Credit, which was approved by Congress in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

Students can be credited against federal income taxes of

up to \$1,500 for qualified tuition and fees paid on behalf of a student, which is available for the first two years of a student's post secondary education only.

Students can receive 100 percent credit on the first \$1,000 and 50 percent of the next \$1,000 or \$500, Butch Raby, vice president of business services at Schoolcraft, told trustees on Nov. 19.

Taxpayers who earn up to \$40,000 qualify or \$80,000 if married. The credit amount is

phased out between \$40,000 and \$50,000 if single, and \$80,000 to \$100,000 for married taxpayers.

"They have to be enrolled for at least six credit hours," Raby said.

Students also must not have been convicted of a state or federal drug offense before the end of the tax year.

Under the school's normal procedures, students who register now and pay now for winter classes would not qualify for the tax credit, Raby said.

"What we've done is students can delay payments until January 1998," Raby said. "That way, they will get the maximum tax credit. In future years, it shouldn't be a problem because (the credit) will roll over."

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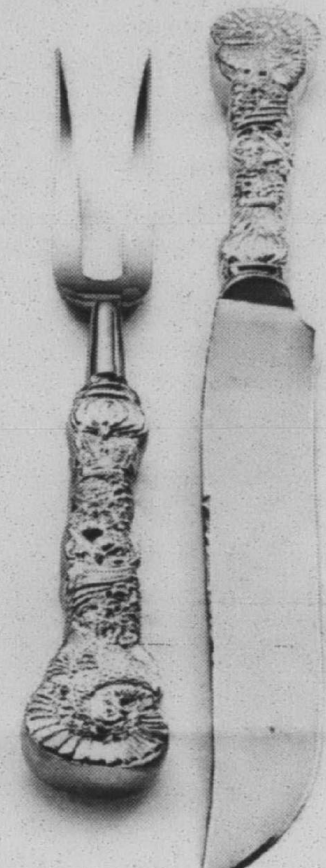
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said Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. She said that while the company didn't stay through the 12 years of its tax abatement contract, they did pay 50 percent of taxes for four years they were here.

there wouldn't have been any taxes paid for that parcel of land," she said.

"When you grant an abatement, they guarantee employment and that they're going to hire people - hopefully from your community," said Plymouth

Township Clerk Ron Edwards.

"Then four years later they say they're leaving. We gave you a break for four years but you didn't uphold your contract," he added.

Edwards suggested the company's announcement to close the facility follows the "corporate cut

and run" nature of business today.

He said that with some township firms expanding, including Tower Automotive and Key Plastics, the DiverseyLever move "may open up a facility for somebody who wants to come and stay."



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Opening: Tony Belli said E.G. Nicks of Plymouth would follow the style of his other restaurants.

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When they are done with the beginning English class, "students can speak survival English," Hart added.

ing ethnic cuisine. "We took them bowling to show them an American pastime," Hart said.

To bring in information about living in America and what America is all about, the class takes field trips and goes out to dinner together. To further show the students just how diverse America really is, the teachers take them to restaurants featur-

Beckman says she learns as much from her students as she hopes they learn from her. "I feel I travel all over the world," Beckman said. "A lot of the students need to learn enough English to get a job. Others are here to go to the university. And others are

■ 'A lot of the students need to learn enough English to get a job. Others are here to go to the university.'

Dodie Beckman
—Teacher

Other teachers also work with Beckman and Hart. The Literacy Council sends volunteers over to work with the students, who are asked to learn English for reading, spelling, pronunciation, conversation, grammar and listening.

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On Monday, he said plans for the restaurant were just being formulated.

"We like your town. We think you've got the dandiest town around," Belli said. "When we found the opportunity to open a restaurant in Plymouth we said, 'Let's do this.'"

Belli said E.G. Nicks of Plymouth would follow the style of his other restaurants.

"We have quite a diversified menu. To some degree, we're eclectic," he said.

One dish the restaurants are known for is broiled white fish served on oak plank with duchess potatoes and vegetables, Belli said.

"We have award-winning baby back ribs, we do a nice job with pastas, steaks and chops," he

added.

"I think it would be a great addition to the downtown business mix," said Steve Guile, DDA director.

"It's a full-service restaurant with mid-priced meals that caters to people of all ages. It's something that will add a lot of selection. It's another piece to the puzzle for the entertainment district we're trying to create," he said.

T. Belli and Associates is leasing the spot from downtown landlord John Thomas.

The restaurant's owners are among eight in downtown Plymouth who've applied for 50 free liquor licenses being offered by the state.

Those liquor licenses were created earlier this year for businesses in downtown development districts.

The eight downtown restaurants have expressed their desire to get a free liquor license, in letters to the Plymouth DDA.

Among those recently filing such letters of intent are The Cozy Cafe, 15 Forest Place.

Plymouth Symphony earns grant

The Livonia Target store on 20100 Haggerty Road awarded a grant of \$4,500 to the Plymouth Symphony on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Herb Vanderploeg store team leader, an enthusiastic supporter of the Plymouth Symphony, said, "Target likes to support the arts and social actions within the community, and the Plymouth Symphony is an art group that affects the community."

Target Store Executive Team Leaders John Baker and Toni Garrett were on hand to present the grant check to Bonnie Holyoak, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony.

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Airports win grants

Ten Michigan airports will receive \$41 million in state and federal grants to improve air travel, Gov. John Engler announced Nov. 12 as part of his statewide effort to rebuild the transportation infrastructure of the state.

"We are aggressively rebuilding all of Michigan's transportation systems," Engler said. "These grants will be used to improve air commerce at ten airports from Detroit Metro to Houghton Hancock."

Those airports authorized to receive federal and/or state funds for projects are:

- \$26 million to Detroit Metro Airport for noise mitigation and continuing funding for runway, taxiway and apron construction and land acquisition.

- \$7 million to Bishop International in Flint for runway improvements.

- \$4 million to Capital City Airport in Lansing.

- \$1.8 million to Clare Municipal Airport for a new runway and rotating beacon.

- \$1 million to Mackinac County Airport in St. Ignace to construct a parallel taxiway.

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission approved the grants at its regular monthly meeting in Lansing on Nov. 12. The commission action clears the way for issuance of the federal portion of the funds.

Federal and state dollars for airport development come from restricted, user-generated funds. The primary sources of revenue are aviation fuel, passenger taxes and aircraft registration fees.

Madonna award helps fund Internet course

Madonna University has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Ameritech Foundation to develop or expand its use of innovative technology.

The grant will help the school develop a World Wide Web course on palliative care for hospice care workers in the United States and Israel, preparing them to deliver effective care to incurably ill patients.

The program is a collaboration of Madonna, Hospice of Michigan, Hospice of Central Galilee/Ha'Emek Medical Center in Israel, and the Jewish Federation of Detroit. Madonna University is a leader in pioneering academic programs in hospice education.

The Ameritech Partnership Award was developed to encourage the innovative use of technology in higher education by private institutions in the company's five-state region.

More than \$200,000 was dedicated this year to this awards program by the Ameritech Foundation. All accredited, degree-granting institutions that are members of the Midwest Partnership of Independent Colleges were eligible to participate and invited to compete on a statewide basis for one of two cash awards.

Robert Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan, said the Ameritech Partnership Award Program underscores Ameritech's commitment to

higher education, particularly independent colleges and universities.

"Ameritech is proud to partner with these schools on their projects," Cooper said. "We're delighted to recognize well-deserving institutions that are making a positive impact on the value of higher education."

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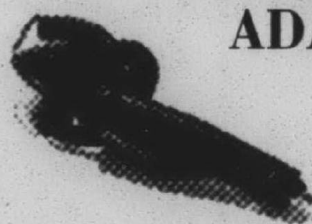


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The gains will be diluted a bit by inflation but "will remain in the comfort zone," said Cray. She expects the Detroit area consumer price index will rise 2.4 percent this year, 2.3 percent in 1998 and 3 percent in 1999.

"Local inflation is expected to run a little higher than national inflation, since the labor market in Michigan is projected to be tighter," the economists said.

Treasurer Roberts raised an eyebrow at their forecast of rising interest rates, which directly impact vehicle and real estate sales. They predicted the Federal Reserve Board would seek to dampen inflation by raising interest rates in 1998 in three or four steps from 5.5 to 7 percent.

The U-M economists predicted conventional mortgage rates would hold near 7.25 percent through early 1998, then go up to 8.2 percent in late '98 and 8.5 percent in 1999.

"They have interest rates going up 1.5 percent with little effect," said Roberts. "I'm not sure there will be little effect."

In an interview afterward, Cray clarified her view: "It (economic activity) is a decline from where it would have been."

'News good again'

Compared to the last three years, the U-M forecasters picture for the state was still rosy, though the roses are a bit paler. "The news is good again," Cray began. Items:

■ Michigan's unemployment rate, which dropped below 4 percent in mid-year, will hover around the 4 to 4.3 percent range in 1998 and reach 4.5 percent in 1999. But in what will be good news for Gov. John Engler, the state jobless rate will still be 0.5 to 1 percent below the national rate.

■ Construction will be jolted upward with three gambling casinos and two stadiums in Detroit. "Worrisome" labor shortages will develop, dampening job and income growth.

■ Jobs will continue to grow outside manufacturing, but not as fast as in the past few years. Michigan jobs will rise 52,000 in each of the next two years compared to 59,000 in 1997. It will mean "moderate" growth of 1.2 percent for the next two years compared to the current rate of 1.4 percent.

■ Job growth will be uneven. Manufacturing will lose 9,300 next year and 12,000 in 1999 as light vehicle sales remain flat around 15 million and productivity rises. (Before the day was out, General Motors announced it will shut down its Flint Buick City plant in 1999, idling 3,100.) Non-manufacturing jobs will rise 1.8 percent in each of the next two years.

■ Personal incomes will grow steadily - 4.6 percent this year, 4.8 in 1998 and 4.7 in 1999.

"The general mood is decidedly upbeat," Cray said. If expansion continues three more years, "this will be the longest run of growth in Michigan in this half

of the century."

They had no breakdowns for any section of the state. The U-M economists will do an Ann Arbor area forecast in February and another for Oakland County in April.

"Oakland County is very strong," Fulton said. "This area is doing very well. A lot (of future) growth will come from it's come from in the past."

Two dampening developments were the 7,000 state workers who took early retirement this year and the planned closing of General Motors' Kalamazoo metal stamping plant with the loss of 1,000 jobs.

Cray said the U-M economists' predictions are getting closer and closer to actual performance. Last year they predicted a 4.6 percent rise in personal income; the actual was 4.3. They predicted 1.6 percent rise in wage and salary employment; the actual was 1.7.

Consumers happy

"Consumer confidence is now at its highest level in more than 30 years," said Richard T. Curtin, director of consumer sur-

veys for U-M. "In the 20 years that I have participated in this conference, it has never been easier to summarize the recent findings."

The "index of consumer sentiment" has averaged 102.9 during the first 10 months of 1997 - highest since the 103.4 level in 1965. "It was widespread across all major population groups," Curtin said.

In some specific cases, consumer confidence in 1997 is higher than 32 years ago. Asked if it's a good time to buy a vehicle, 74 percent this year said yes versus 53 percent in 1965. As for houses, 78 percent said now is a good time versus 57 percent in 1965.

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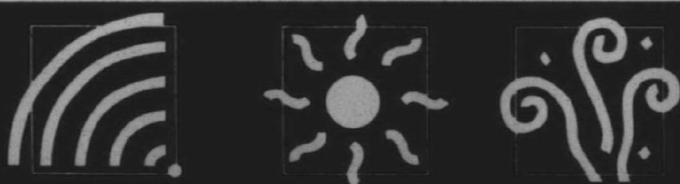


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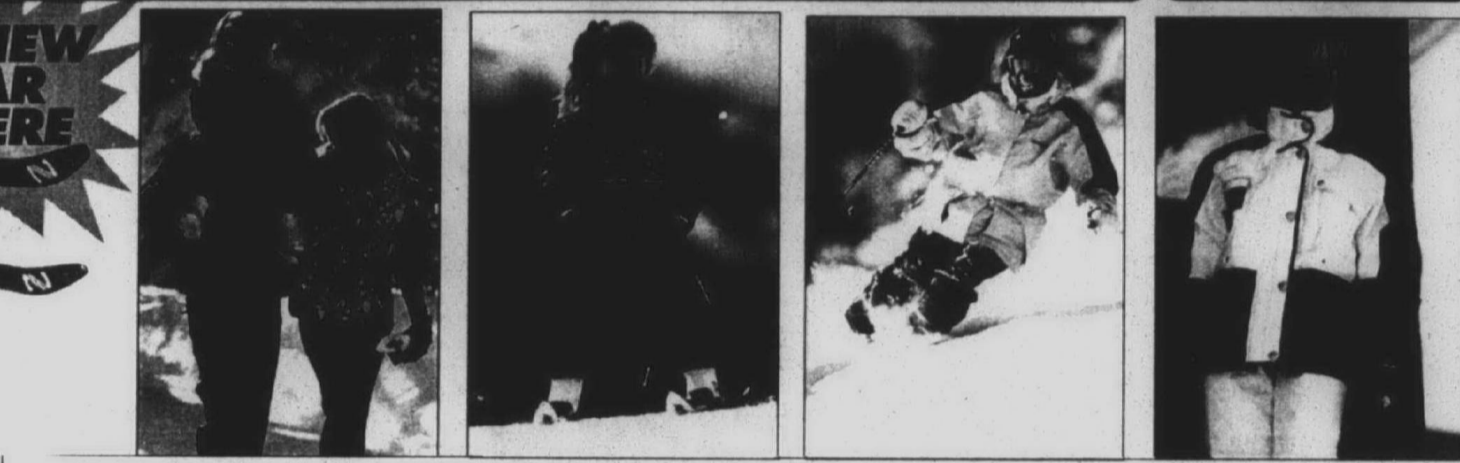
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DENVER W. BARKER
Funeral services for Denver Barker, 94, of Plymouth Township were recently in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.
Mr. Barker, who died Nov. 17 in Plymouth Township, was born

in Blue Creek Township, Ohio. He was a custodian in the Farmington public school system for 13 years, retiring in 1977.
He came to the Plymouth community in 1925 from Blue Creek Township, Ohio. Mr. Barker loved to hunt, fish and farm. He loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.
Surviving Mr. Barker are his

sons, Duane of Plymouth, Richard of Farmington and Robert of Plymouth; daughters, Ruth Richard of Livonia, Mary Burk of Plymouth, Betty Barker of Plymouth and Rose Scott of Detroit; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Barker is preceded in death by his sister, Norma.

DONALD FRANCIS PLANCK
Mr. Planck, 76, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 18.
Born in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Planck worked as a pilot for 34 years with Republic Airlines. He

was a member of the Sitting Ducks.
Survivors include his wife, Martha; son, Cary; daughters, Cheryl Arney, Carla Chute, Sheila Pellerin and Donna Day; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Planck; seven grandchildren.
He was a World War II Navy pilot.
Services were at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to A.L.S. Association.
CLARA E. MOONEY
Mrs. Mooney, 88, of Wayne, died Nov. 19.
Born in Gaylord, Mrs. Mooney

was a homemaker.
Survivors include her sons, Dennis and Robert; daughters, Carole Beaudry and Patricia Boyle; sisters, Donna Kolany and Lucille Schroder; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
Mass was celebrated Nov. 22 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.
Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth 48170 or mass offerings.

Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.
VIRGINIA T. OCHI
Mrs. Ochi of Plymouth died Nov. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital.
Survivors include her husband, Shigeru; sons, James, Robert and Steven; daughter, Wendy; and five grandchildren.
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■ Something for the kids to do

while you finish your holiday shopping. Saturday, Dec. 20, art and music workshops for grades K-5; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Songs of the season (a look at different holiday celebrations including Hanukkah and Kwanzaa).
■ Noon-2 p.m., Christmas Around the World (a celebration of different languages and cultures). Bonus: sign up for both sessions, bring a sack lunch, and we'll provide the child-care from 11:30-noon free. Classes are \$15 for each child if registered by Dec. 12 (\$20 after or for drop-ins).

■ Fine art photography exhibition and sale. Call for times.

■ First Wednesday morning coffee at the PCAC, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.

■ Come have a coffee and a special tour of the new PCAC building - the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts. No charge.

■ Plymouth Community Arts Council Gift Certificates are great gifts. You may purchase any denomination certificate, to be used for classes or other events at the PCAC. Come in or call to get one for the art-love in your life.

■ 1998 PCAC Membership Drive. Family memberships are \$75, business memberships are \$100; student memberships are \$25. Give the community a gift that lasts the whole year - support the arts.

For women:

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This ceremony is an open invitation to anyone in the community who wishes to participate in our annual event. We bring together memories of the past in hope of providing greater strength for the future.

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Police
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police department has seen an increase in overall requests for service.

"We've been more active in terms of service-related calls" such as answering burglar alarms or helping people locked out of vehicles or homes.

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Celebrating: Madonna's Founders' Day 50th Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 21 included an interfaith prayer service and special university community awards celebration. Opening the prayer service with a Chinese Ribbon Dance (right) were Ya Hui Chiang (front) and Tsui Yuan Chang. Honored for 40 years of service to Madonna University was Sister Mary Lauriana Gruszczynski (below left) who was given the special award by Madonna President Sister Mary Francilene. The morning's activities culminated with a luncheon and awards presentation.

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SC eyes business center

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College administrators and trustees will be discussing plans soon for a new \$7 million Business and Industry Training/Conference Center.

Trustees verbally consented Nov. 19 to allow Butch Raby, vice president of business services, to obtain three or four potential teams of architects and food service consultants to develop the building.

Raby is expected to return to trustees on Jan. 28 with a list of teams. The new conference center will be proposed on a state grant application along with \$3 million in renovations to the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft will apply for 50 percent matching state grants on both projects, Raby said.

Raby estimated the architect could cost in a range of 0.5 percent to 1 percent of the \$10 million project, or \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The center would be located just north of the Waterman Campus Center.

Trustees went along with the request, but Trustee Steve Ragan wondered what actual studies were completed to find out what the needs for a conference center were.

Raby said the university used an architectural firm to interview the staff on needs during research for the college's master plan the board approved earlier this year. The facility would be a high-tech facility, Raby said.

Board Chairwoman Patricia Watson asked if users go elsewhere because Schoolcraft's cen-

ter does not offer what they need. Raby said some did, but he did not have statistics.

Trustee Mary Breen suggested that the college follow the same routine used the last time a building was constructed to ensure the state funds would be available. "We hired a firm in Lansing as our lobbyist," Breen said. "The lobbyists were most effective. I want us to think very seriously of doing this again."

Administrators have enrollment numbers and class sizes to outline future college course offerings, Ragan said. But Ragan was still concerned over the lack of outside data on the needs of business and industry trainers and users.

Raby said the college received job training and retraining grants, and a lot of spinoff from business. The center would be productive because of the college's linkages, Raby said.

Trustee Carol Strom said conference center users were part of the college community because they were paying for a service. "For that quality of service to continue, we need to have the best possible facility," Strom said.

Ragan said he has been involved in the planning of smaller facilities. "I'd love to know what do we project is the growth of business and industry and do we see some plateau in the future," Ragan said. "This is a fairly large facility."

Trustee Dick DeVries believed there was a need for the facility, but that the college needed to express that need to the public.

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Thanksgiving

Let's reflect on our blessings

By now we've all given the house that last-minute once-over and the turkey is headed for the oven. So before the company arrives and our attention is diverted elsewhere, let's take a moment to reflect on the blessings life has offered our community during the past year.

It's been a busy year in the Plymouths, that's for sure. We all remember the bad storm that struck July 2, leaving the 35th District Court in ruins. Despite the agony of watching the courthouse burn throughout the night, we must be thankful that no one was hurt. The fire occurred after hours and employees had left for the day.

We must also be thankful that emergency personnel - police officers and firefighters - were watchful as gawkers gathered near the burning court. Because of them, none of the gawkers were injured from flying embers or arcing wires that dotted the landscape in the area.

As businesses on Ann Arbor Trail recuperate from the lengthy closing of the roadway this past summer, let's be thankful the project is finally complete. And let's also be thankful that those businesses who suffered during the closing hung on and continue to remain open.

We are equally thankful that business appears to be thriving in the Plymouths. The good economy has translated to good times here, with new businesses opening, including restaurants.

The community this year also has had its share of tragedy, including the murder-suicide at Johnson Controls. This is the third such

incidence of workplace violence in Plymouth Township in the past two years. We can only be thankful that more employees and innocent bystanders have not been injured or killed in these senseless incidences. Yet we all have a long way to go in preventing such tragedies.

In their second year in Plymouth Township, the Whalers and the Compuware Sports Arena remain successful and thankfully remain an impressive addition to our community.

This year has been marked with controversy over the bond election for new schools and improvements. While it has been a long and arduous process, we are grateful that the Michigan Court of Appeals has agreed to address the case before the end of the year. We are hopeful the result will put an end to the debates and controversy, while improving relationships between the school district and the community.

As we look back over the past year, however, we are mindful of the community residents we have lost. In particular we must remember the late Michael John Hoben, former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, and Ray Hoedel, former assistant superintendent for business and operations. Both had a great impact on not only the school district, but the community. They are missed.

Undoubtedly each of us has plenty to give thanks for in our own lives. There is no better time to do so than this week when we again honor an American tradition that brings family, friends and community together in thanks and reflection.

Give thanks and lend a hand

It is the season for giving thanks and although most who live in the suburbs are enjoying some prosperous times, there are many who still need help throughout the metropolitan area.

As we gather with family and friends to enjoy this Thanksgiving, share your bounty either in the form of volunteer time, canned goods or cash.

Your local church, synagogue, school, civic organization and place of business are good places to start. But if you're still looking for other suggestions, the following agencies have put out the word that help is needed this season. Many groups rely on the increased spirit of giving at this time to help them continue their work the entire year.

■ The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. The Salvation Army provides more than three million direct services to disadvantaged individuals in metro Detroit. In the past 12 months, Salvation Army programs have contributed nearly \$40 million to the local economy.

Public financial support during the holiday season is crucial to the Salvation Army and enables it to share food, clothing and shelter with those less fortunate throughout the entire year.

"The Salvation Army needs to raise enough money to meet the needs of 125,000 people in the tri-county area," said Dale Johnson, of the Salvation Army.

"Our goal is to meet the needs of the community. We never put the money before the need. The generosity of this community is sparked because people understand the need," says Johnson, adding the Army's 1997 holiday fund-raising goal is \$4.5 million.

Donations this holiday season provide food,

clothing and shelter for many needy individuals for the entire year.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell-ringers at various locations to help raise money. To volunteer, call the Salvation Army Plymouth Office at (313) 453-5464. If you can't donate the time, be generous as you pass by the familiar red kettles which this year will be at Kmart, Hudson's, Target, Farmer Jack, Kroger and other locations in downtown Plymouth and Farmington.

■ First Step, a western Wayne County agency which aids the victims of domestic violence, is looking for generous individuals and organization to "adopt a family" this holiday season.

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All donations are welcome and appreciated and families are screened to assure that they are in need of holiday gift giving. For more information, call the First Step office on Lilley Road in Canton Township, (313) 981-9595.

■ Focus:HOPE. More than 300 senior citizens and 1,000 families stand to miss out on the simple pleasures of the season - a special meal, modest gift and most importantly company.

There are other ways to become involved. Focus:HOPE needs non-perishable food or gift items, cash donations to help purchase free food and or gift items, drivers on Senior Delivery Day Saturday, Dec. 13, and volunteers to help raise money by wrapping gifts at Northland Mall.

To participate, call the Focus:HOPE Volunteer Department at (313) 494-5500.

Traditional fare



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Waiting: Turkeys at Roper-ti's Turkey Farm on Five Mile in Livonia have no idea what's in store for them as families plan their traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

LETTERS

Other side merits telling

I cannot sit back and let only one side of the story be told. One-sided information can be as misleading as no information. I was greatly disturbed by the article "Church plans aggravate neighbors" in the Nov. 9 Plymouth Observer, because only negative people were interviewed.

As a 20-year active member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, I believe I have a valid perspective - one that is shared by the majority of the church's members.

I would like to make known facts about the house on Harvey and our church:

1. Two church members went door-to-door to poll people in 24 nearby residences and reported that 19 of them appreciated being told of the church's plans for the house and that they could accept the usage.

2. Our church desperately needs more room for Sunday School classes and other Christian education activities. By using the house for middle school and high school classes, meetings and group activities - as well as adult group activities - rooms in the church building would become available for younger children's classes, and other uses.

3. Except for the addition of a lavatory on the main floor, the interior of the house would remain as is (so that it could become a residence once again if the church decided to sell it in the future).

4. Parking would not be an issue since the church parking lot is across Church Street.

5. The house would be used only on certain days of the week and not after 8 p.m.

6. There is to be adult supervision and leadership at all times.

The commitment of caring adults and their enthusiasm helped me decide how to vote at the congregational meeting on Sept. 25. I had come to that meeting with mixed feelings and an open mind. Sixty-five percent of the votes were for the purchase of the house. Only two more "yes" votes were needed to provide the required two-thirds majority. Therefore a second congregational meeting was planned, allowing time for more specific information to be gathered and presented.

Two days before the planned Nov. 2 meeting, a donor came forward with a memorial gift to purchase the house and make repairs including roof, heating, and air-conditioning, plumbing, and electrical. The members of Session (the elected decision making body of the church) were notified. They voted at a special meeting held at 10 a.m. between services on Sunday, Nov. 2, to accept the gift.

Therefore, the congregation did not need to vote on spending church money and the congregational meeting became a presentation of reports by people who had researched various aspects of repairing and using the house.

In the article, our minister was falsely

accused in a quote: "He wouldn't let people talk. The minister is becoming powerful instead of being Christian." The reason he didn't let people talk was that he was following the Session's directive. What happened is clearly expressed in this portion of a letter sent to church members by a Session member:

"Session prayerfully addressed how best to handle the situation and decided that the least divisive, non-hysterical, peaceful way to handle it would be to give the reports that had originally been prepared by committee members to the congregation and to any other people present in the Sanctuary, simply as an informational process. We decided to then make ourselves and the sub-committee members available to anyone at the meeting on a one-to-one basis, to answer with complete honesty and a cooperative spirit.

"However, other people did not come to listen, but came to shout, demand and insult. Some neighbors were insulting to Session members and other church members, accusing us of lying to them."

I recently finished a three-year term as a Session member. When I accepted the nomination our new minister had not yet been chosen. After working with Jim Skimins for three years, I have a very different opinion of him than that quoted in the article. Underneath his frequent use of humor is a man with a deep faith who is extremely comforting to people in bereavement or those who are seriously ill. I see him as a facilitator. He is not "becoming powerful." He absolutely allows Session members, as representatives of the church's congregation, to make decisions and to plan for our church's future.

First Presbyterian has been in the same location since 1835. We try to be a good neighbor and have been complimented many times on the way we care for the building and grounds. For the past 10 years my husband and I have been the main "gardeners."

Hopefully, the goodwill the people of Plymouth have felt about our church's presence downtown will continue and this additional information will serve to correct some misconceptions. Of course this letter won't be featured on the front page as the negative article was.

Janet Sockolosky
Plymouth

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We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Martha knows what to do when guests come calling

The holidays are knocking at the doors, folks. Almost here. Just around the proverbial corner. Are you ready? Do your decorations need refurbishing? Have you got those recipes down pat? Is your guest room ready for those overnighters? If these questions leave you just a tad frazzled, fear no more. I know just the person to get you through the next few weeks. I'm speaking of the grand dame of culinary excellence, the beacon of light for storm-tossed klutzes, the *duenna* of homemakers everywhere — Martha Stewart!

Martha is here to assist you on her daily show now. Way to go, Martha! I knew she'd make it daily. Her weekly show was quite good, however, even though Martha had a tendency to sneak in an unfamiliar term now and then just to make sure you were still awake.

I first became acquainted with Martha many years ago when she did her now-famous Thanksgiving video.

Martha was still married at the time. Shortly after that show, her husband of 20-some years left her — just before the mega-millions started rolling in. *Touche*, Martha! That's French for "Living well is the best revenge."

But I digress. This particular video showed Martha making preparations for an old-fashioned family Thanksgiving. She did this by cooking three, possibly four, turkeys. It's been some time and I can't remember the exact number. Actually, after one, my eyes glazed over and my mind went blank. One of Martha's turkeys was roasted the conventional way, one was baked in pastry, *a la Wellington* (that's French for British!), and I forgot the way the others were cooked.

Once the turkeys were in the ovens(!), Martha went outdoors, a large wicker basket over one arm, to gather pumpkins, baby carrots and Brussels sprouts from the vegetable patch in the back of the barn, down by the smokehouse. She baked pies with



MARGHERITA PERAINO

fruit picked from her own orchards, each pie crowned majestically with a more elaborate crust than the last.

Tables were set with her very own exquisite linens, and different sets of china (from pantries the size of Rhode Island) were used for each age group. Every table was set with a distinctive centerpiece, and each place setting had its own napkin ring and favors. There were so many guests, tables were set in the dining room, the living room, the kitchen, around the patio,

the barn, the silo and under the haystack!

Before the actual dinner, Martha mingled comfortably with guests who spoke softly and tittered gently, and all the pretty children were dressed perfectly and behaved beautifully.

My husband watched the show with me, mouth agape, and said in wonder, "Wow! Did you see that, honey? Martha hasn't even broken a sweat! Why is it when we used to have 40 people over for dinner every New Year's, you always looked like you had just finished applying the first coat of paint on the Golden Gate Bridge?" Now, dear reader, please follow me. Place one hand under your chin, fingernails facing your collar bone. Now flip your hand swiftly forward. That's Italian for "Your mother's mustache is fuller than yours!"

Martha's new daily show is really quite good, but she must do something about her hairdresser Pierre Scissorhands, Edward's untalented

brother! Pierre hasn't yet grasped the essence of casual chic. Poor Martha always seems to have a chunk of hair poking out somewhere on her head, swimming upstream. Hint to Martha: Dump Pierre. Otherwise, the show is excellent.

She will most likely give you countless ideas to incorporate into your festivities, and they're all "good things." I must warn, however, that Martha still gets the coy/shy/Princess Di temptations, but one does grow accustomed to them. She loves to *flambe*, *puree* and *papier mache* her way through the kitchen and craft rooms, and, on the whole, there are many portions of her show that are quite adaptable to even my mundane life.

This year, though, I will adhere to my limitations. If she so much as alludes to cooking more than one bird per holiday, I say, *Ciao*, Boobala (no translation needed).

Margherita Peraino is a resident of Northville.

The loss of classical music on radio comes down to profits

Tom Lehrer, the former Harvard math prof who turned to satirical songwriting and stage comedy, used to joke about "rock 'n' roll and other children's songs." The line got howls of laughter in Ann Arbor, Detroit and other college towns in the 1950s through '80s.

Rock fans, however, had the last laugh. They have managed to squeeze the classics out of broadcasting at every turn. The reported decision of WQRS-FM to abandon its classical format after 36 years for soft rock is just the latest victory for the children.

Bravo, the cable TV channel, reminded us 10 days ago that NBC, both radio and television, used to carry Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra in the 1940s and '50s.

A fishin' buddy recalled he was exposed to classical music as a preschooler when his mother, while ironing, turned on a morning hour of

classics sponsored by J.L. Hudson Co. That, too, was on WWJ.

One Sunday during an after-dinner siesta, WWJ-AM broadcast a concert so stunning that I sat bolt upright. Leonard Bernstein was conducting, and playing the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 was a 19-year-old from Texas. I predicted the kid would be ranked among the greatest by the time he was 30. He drifted out of sight until 1958 when the Russians rediscovered him — Van Cliburn.

Would today's Van Cliburns get the same chance on commercial radio?

In winters during the 1970s, ice fishing was made more tolerable by the Metropolitan Opera on WJR Saturdays and the Detroit Symphony on WWJ Sundays, picked up on a pocket radio.

It's true: Those stations weren't always for jabberers.

I don't knock rock, any more than I would knock Dick and Jane stories. I



TIM RICHARD

read an enormous amount of Dick and Jane tales in my formative years and gladly succumb to a child's request to read them aloud today.

It's that there's more to literature than children's stories and more to music than children's tunes.

First to quit were the two Detroit AM stations. Then WDET cut back its classical offerings to a negligible level. WUOM-FM in Ann Arbor switched its daytime format to news-talk. It's a

high level of news-talk, but like Rush Limbaugh's show, it's very inefficient — you must listen 20 minutes to get five minute's worth of information.

With WQRS-FM abandoning its classical format by month's end, we are left with a Canadian station, CBE, to fill the classical niche, though in the western suburbs my vehicle radio picks up WKAR-FM from East Lansing.

The reasoning of business people in all of this is curious. Was WQRS's problem a lack of profitability? No, it made \$2 million in its first year under Greater Media's ownership, the Free Press reported. The problem was \$2 million was "just not that much," said a station source.

"Diversity" may be OK in politics and academia, but not in broadcasting. If 5 percent of southeastern Michiganders like classical music, can't the marketplace allocate 5 per-

cent or even 2 percent of the broadcast frequencies to those citizens? Nope. Rock and talk must rule, absolutely, with an ironclad monopoly, no exceptions.

Radio is a business, as they say, and the name of the game isn't satisfying listeners. The name of the game is delivering listeners to the advertisers.

So if press accounts are true, classical programming in metro Detroit is about to dry up.

Well, there are still LP records, tapes and compact discs. Many libraries loan out these sources. One may only hope that rock fans don't decide to start a ballot initiative to remove all classics from the libraries and replace them with children's music.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Football bridges generations

Reflections on the Michigan Wolverines' undefeated season:

My father started taking me to Michigan football games in 1946. I was eight years old.

In those days, Michigan ran out of the single wing, with the spinning fullback taking the ball from center and dishing it out. I kept asking, "Daddy, who's got the ball?" Turns out that Michigan's opponents were asking the same question as "Michigan's Mad Magicians" under head coach Fritz Crisler lost only to Army that year.

In 1947, Michigan went 9-zip in the Big Ten behind the running and passing of All-American halfback Bob Chappius. In my memory, each of those games was played on green grass, in bright sunlight, under a cloudless sky.

I listened to the Rose Bowl on the radio at a friend's house. After Michigan stomped USC 49-0, we dashed out into the frigid street over our mothers' protests, throwing the football and pretending to tackle like Dick Kempthorn. After the game, the sportswriters voted Michigan No. 1 over Notre Dame.

I remember how anxious I felt in 1969, when Woody Hayes brought Ohio State to Ann Arbor ranked No. 1 in the nation and rated as among the best football teams of all time. Michigan had just hired a new coach, somebody with the unpronounceable name of Schembechler.

I believe it was under a grim, gray sky that Michigan broke OSU's 22-game winning streak, 24-12, gaining a share of the Big Ten title. Never have I heard such a savagely satisfying roar as came from that giant crowd when Don Moorhead crashed over the goal line in the second quarter. Winning that game was the defining moment for Bo Schembechler's career. Suddenly, from that moment on, he became bigger than life.

Other than Jack Kennedy, I never experienced a personality as compelling in a small group as Bo's. And he was never more compelling than in 1971. After going undefeated in the Big Ten, Michigan lost in the Rose Bowl to Stanford, 13-12, on a last-second field goal. "It's a hell of a thing to lose the Rose Bowl when we had it won," said Bo.

As the '70s turned into the '80s, I'd always join my father in the Big House to watch Michigan play. We'd grouse about Bo's conservative play selection and delight in his fierce sideline manner, grabbing the earphones and slamming them on the grass after a particularly blatant bad call from the ref.

Even though his eyesight was going a bit by then, my father and I turned to each other in delight when Desmond Howard made that fan-



PHILIP POWER

tastic catch against Notre Dame in 1991.

It was after that game that he told me how he had been arrested by the Ann Arbor police after a game at Ferry Field some time in the 1920s. Seems a traffic jam developed at the intersection of State Street and Stadium. After having a few beers, my father concluded that he was just the person to get out into the middle of the street and direct traffic to sort it out.

My son, Nathan, started joining us at Michigan football games when he was 10. All three of us would marvel as Tyrone Wheatley would turn it on as he cut upfield, speed and power combined. "Look at him go. Look at him GO!" my father would say.

And so last Saturday, as I stood in the jam-packed Michigan Stadium and felt the whole place rumble as the crowd got into the game in the first quarter, I thought of my father and of the games we had seen together. I recalled the memories we had stored up, of famous victories won and defeats suffered.

And I reflected on the intensity of emotion that comes from the tribal bonding of hope and fear in the company of many thousands of others, closely packed together.

Some say that the only worthwhile residue of a life is the memories it spawns.

Maybe that's one reason I keep going back to the Big House year after year to watch Michigan play football, to experience once again some of the big memories and to make some new ones.

And maybe that's why it was such a wonderfully intense emotional experience as the realization that came to me as Ohio State's last pass fell incomplete on the ground: WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS GAME!

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of quickly. While waiting, we appreciated the private Prompt Care area which shielded us from other people's emergencies. And, the staff was professional, kind and compassionate.

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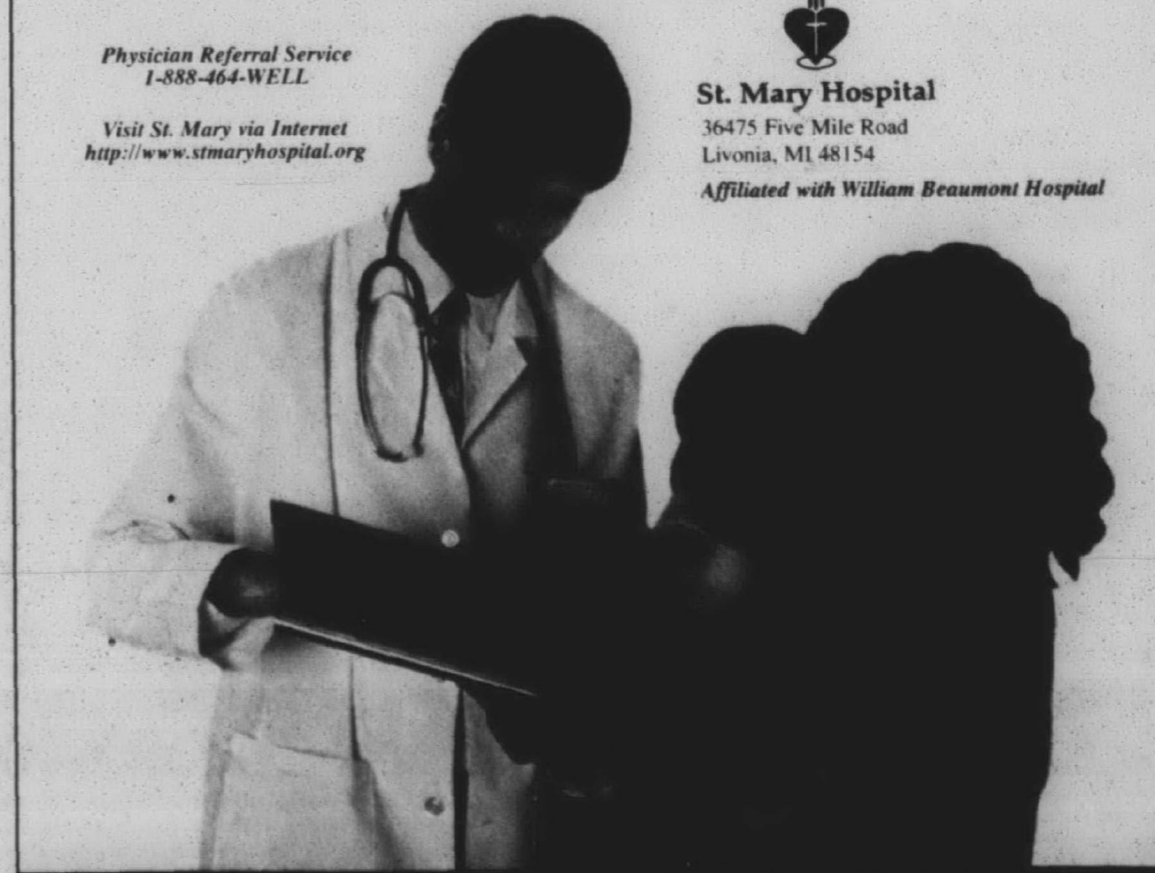
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Dads make difference

News Flash: Kids Do Better When Dads Involved in Their Schools. What do you think? Do children further their success rate when dads are involved? Traditionally, research has focused on the correlation between academics and general parental involvement. The Education Department's newest study was one of the first to "put a microscope on the part that fathers play in their children's schools and educational development."

The 1997 study came out of a nationwide survey conducted in the 1995-96 school year, of the parents of 17,000 children from K-12. Researchers gauged the level of involvement by asking parents if:

1. They had volunteered at school.
2. Attended a parent-teacher conference.
3. Gone to a school or class event.
4. Attended a general school meeting since the beginning of the school year.

Parents who participated in three or more of the activities were considered "highly involved." The study concluded that three things happened when fathers participated in three or more of the above activities. First, it increased the odds of the children earning mostly A's. Second, the chances that the children would enjoy

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'Country girl' graces Playboy

■ Once a Playboy Playmate, always a Playboy Playmate. That magazine's Miss December, Karen McDougal of Canton, is ready for the life of a celebrity.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Thanks to Karen McDougal, the city of Sawyer, nestled within Berrien County on the shore of Lake Michigan, is now on the map.

McDougal, who moved to Canton Township six years ago, has become a celebrity in her rural hometown after appearing as Miss December in Playboy magazine. The issue is on the newsstands until the first week of December.

"At first, some were all right with it, some were shocked," McDougal said of her hometown friends. "I was a cheerleader and stuff. I was quiet and a little more on the conservative side. I was a basic wholesome girl."

"(Now) they love it. It put Sawyer on the map. They think I'm a celebrity. There's just a small post office in town and people are calling and asking for my address. They (post office workers) called my mom and asked her if it was all right, and of course she said no."

To those naysayers who disapprove of her centerfold, McDougal says "Playboy's an art. Everything else is porn."

Modeling has always been the career of choice for McDougal, dressed in jeans, a white shirt and a Calvin Klein baseball hat. That came to fruition when a Playboy photographer discovered her at the Venus International Model Search in Florida.

"It just went from there," she said.

McDougal admits that posing in Playboy had crossed her mind, but she "never had the confidence." When she met some of the other girls, she

thought, "If they could do it, I could."

McDougal explained that the photo shoot - held in a studio and in the mountains in Utah - went exactly as she had imagined.

"They were a little more professional and pleasant than I thought," she said. "They were so nice. They asked me if I wanted candy and said 'We'll get it for you.'"

A hectic time ahead

The responsibility of being a Playmate includes an endless stream of promotional work. Barraged with invitations to make guest appearances, McDougal said the next two months will be hectic. Already, she has promoted her centerfold spread on the Keenan Ivory Wayans Show.

"He was very shy with me; he was very down to earth," she said. "After the show, he came back to say goodbye to me. Everyone was shocked. They told me that he never says goodbye to his guests."

Recently she hosted a party for "Slaughterhouse Five" author Kurt Vonnegut in New York - "It was fun; that's all I'll say. There was a lot of people who were very prestigious. I didn't know much about what they were talking about."

Part of the perks of being a Playboy Playmate include the opportunity to stay at Hugh Hefner's mansion in California when she is there.

Besides glamorous jobs like hosting parties and appearing on television talk shows, Playboy Playmates also visit hospitals and do other charitable work. And there is no time limit on guest appearances.

"I went to a Veterans Administration hospital in New York and a Playmate from 1975 was with us," she said. "I guess once you're a Playmate, you're always a Playmate."

One thing that sets her aside from other Playboy models, she said, is her personality.

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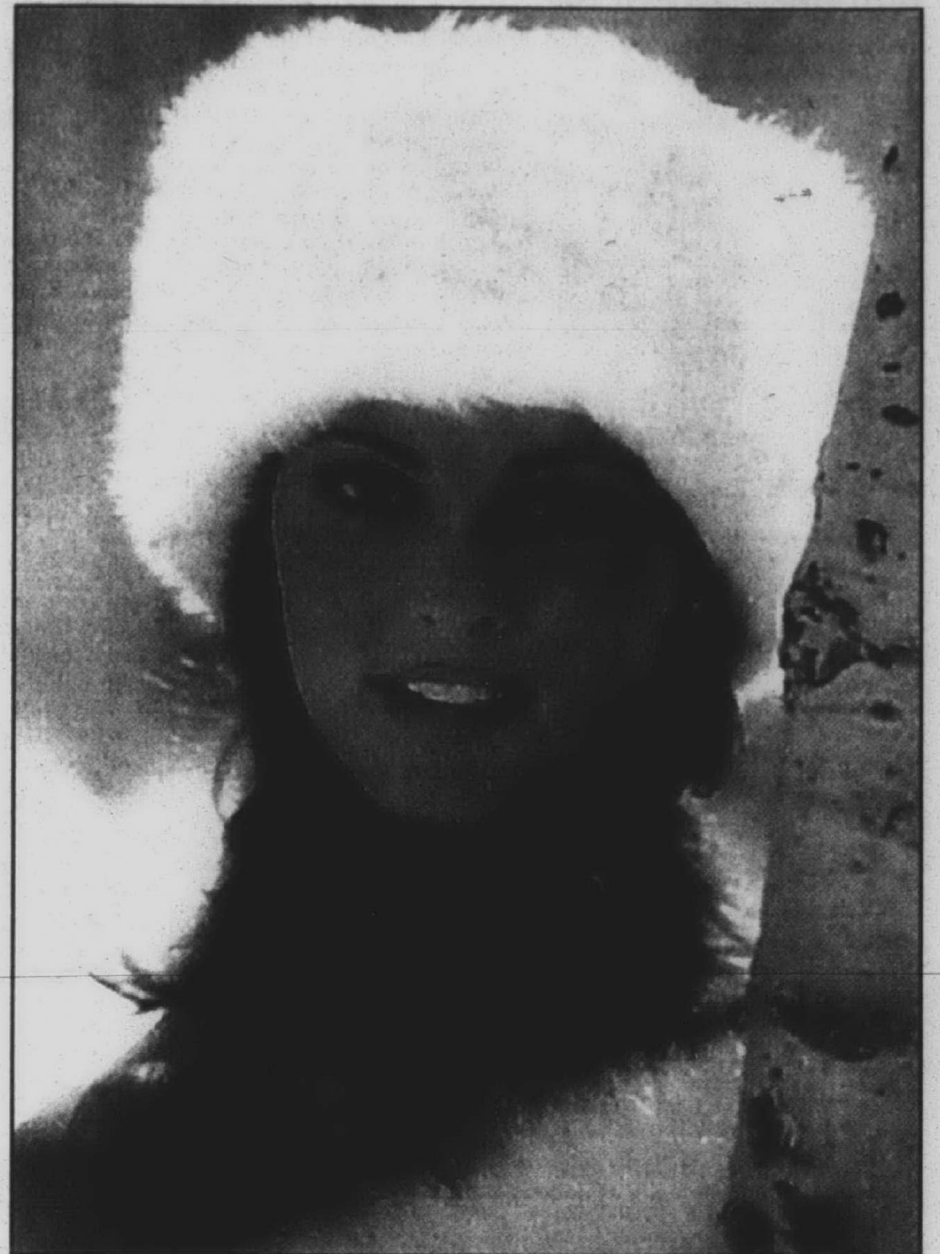


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Newest Playmate: Canton resident Karen McDougal, Playboy magazine's Miss December, was discovered by a Playboy photographer during a model search in Florida.

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Youth choir offers children a 'wholesome activity'

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Susan Patterson started teaching piano when she was 12 years old, and 37 years later music continues to play an important role in her life, especially now, as she tries to establish a new children's choir.

"It's really the right time," Patterson said. "Parents are looking for wholesome activities for their children. I've had a lot of parents recently mention it and ask about it, because they want their children to sing."

The Braisselle Music School Choir - named for her mother's parents who lived in France and whom she never met - is open to third- through eighth-graders. It will rehearse 7-8 p.m. Mondays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Each three-month term is \$75. Registration is 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at St. Paul's, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road. The term begins Jan. 12.

"I don't want people to think that because it's at a church that it belongs to the church," Patterson said. "It's open to all denominations."

If her dream comes true, there will be different children choirs, separated by geographic area, that will come together occasionally to perform.

The sound of music has always been an important part of Patterson's life that was instilled by her parents who sang everywhere - in the car, on walks, at parties and always at home.

They enjoyed their duets and listening to Patterson practice playing the piano, sometimes for hours at a time. She was 4 when she began taking formal lessons.

Patterson's resume includes decades of teaching private piano and voice lessons. She also accompanied, performed in and directed choirs throughout her life. Currently, she is the music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church in charge of plan-

ning the music and directing the adult Chancel Choir and the children's Cherub Choir. She is also the church organist and pianist.

Confidence-builder

Learning and playing music has given her confidence for other life challenges, Patterson said, and has remained a constant that she has always been able to return to as a place of comfort.

"When a child performs, it's very good for his or her self-esteem," Patterson said, adding that the children in the Braisselle Music School Choir will learn varied types of music, including classical, folk and popular. She plans to have them perform in schools and community events.

"There's really nothing as pretty to listen to as children singing," Patterson added.

The Rev. Tom Eggebeen from St. Paul's sees a great importance in preserving the arts and welcomes other music groups, like the Sweet Adelines, to practice at his church.

"Music is to the soul what air is to our lungs, and I'm serious about that," Eggebeen said. "One of the things I've observed is that a lot of contemporary music is not particularly singable. A couple of generations ago, it wasn't uncommon for a group to get together at someone's house and sing. I think any kind of group that would encourage chorale singing surely is good for the soul, but also helps us retain an art form that is slipping away from this culture of ours."

"People who make music together are less likely to hit each other."

Eggebeen has known Patterson for about five years and welcomed her idea to start a children's choral group.

"How many art forms can disappear from our daily use before we begin to suffer?" Eggebeen said.

During a meeting sandwiched between her day job as a word processor at First Chicago NBD in Detroit and a private piano lesson, Patterson was calm and relaxed as she talked about her plans. Studying music, she said, has given her a programmed, structured way to think that has helped her organize her busy, sometimes hectic, schedule.

Different language

"Learning music is really learning a different language," she said. "You learn to listen to sounds and you learn to blend as a group and to make a beautiful sound. When they (children) grow up they can look back on it. Good experiences give them stability."

Starting the children's choir also fulfills a need for Patterson.

"I'm trying to gradually take the steps to have all the decisions to do the things that make me happy as a person," she said. "For my identity, it has to be centered on music, because music has always been a major part of my life."

As music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church, Patterson said, there's nothing more

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"When I go to Los Angeles or New York, everyone says 'You're so nice, you must be a country girl,'" the 5-foot-9-inch, brown-haired, blue-eyed model said. "The other women just go to sign pictures. They don't talk to the people who come to see them. I'm to the people who come to see them. I'm a nice person."

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McDougal hopes the Playboy layout will lead to a vast array of opportunities. Television star Jenny McCarthy, a one-time Playboy model, and singer/actress Vanessa Williams, who appeared in Penthouse, both have successful careers.

"I'm not Jenny, I'm not Vanessa," she said. "I hope to make a name for myself in a different way. I do think it's great what they've done. I hope to be successful as well, but if I'm not, well at least I tried."

McDougal, who enjoys reading, working out and talking on the phone, may be on her way to stardom. She has an interview scheduled with Elite modeling agency in Chicago.

"They seemed pretty excited on the phone; they're one of the

top agencies," she said. "From there I can go to Elite New York, Elite Milan, Elite Paris, any of them."

She also has an audition to read for a couple of movies in California. But movies aren't a priority in her life.

"It's not really what I'd like to do; modeling is my big dream," McDougal said. "But models don't have a long life span."

A former preschool teacher in a district she'll only describe as "in Michigan," McDougal said her ultimate dream is to open a learning center for kids.

"I love kids, I have a real compassion for kid," she said. "If I can help kids, that's great."

Although she's thrilled about her job, her family and her

boyfriend, she said, are "more excited than I am."

"My boyfriend and I went to an oil change place and he pulls out the magazine and says, 'Hey guys, come here. Who is this?' They said they didn't know and he points over to me," he said.

"They said, 'Yeah, right. Everybody tries to get a free oil change.'"

With embarrassment quickly fading to frustration, McDougal pulled out identification and said, "This is me."

It seems like most of Sawyer has seen her picture as well.

"My mom will have my picture in her hand and say 'That's my daughter' to strangers," she said with a laugh.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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CAROL A. STONE, Admin. Services Director

Publish: November 27, 1997

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1997 and payable through March 2, 1998 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the City Hall lobby next to the Treasurer's office window. First of American Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept payment for your convenience through March 2, 1998.

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TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA
City Treasurer

Publish: November 24 and December 7, 1997

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Gebski-Gould

D. Lynne Gould and Gary Gebski were married Oct. 5 at The Mill Race Historical Village in Northville by the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Eileen Gould of Carleton. The groom is the son of Alfred and Sylvia Gebski of Plymouth.

The bride, a graduate of Airport High School in Carleton, owns her own communications marketing company.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan with degrees in electrical and manufacturing engineering. He is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Chrysler Corp.

The bride asked her parents to stand up for her, with her mother serving as matron of honor.

The groom asked his parents to stand up for him, with his father serving as best man. The ring bearer was Kyle Gebski,



son of the groom.

The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor before leaving on a cruise to the Cayman Islands and Disney World. They make their home in Canton.

Fereshetian-Gmerek

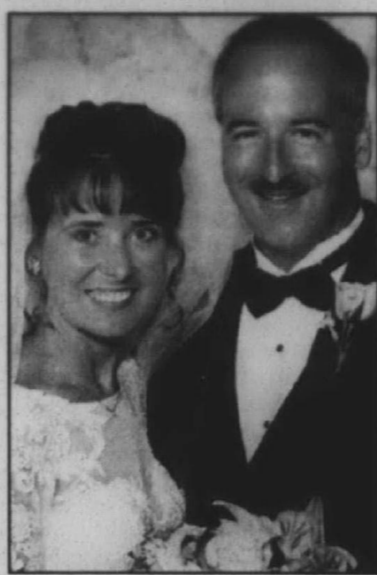
Eric Alan Fereshetian and Anita Marie Gmerek were married Aug. 31 at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Dolores Gmerek of Clinton Township. The groom is the son of Harry and Janet Fereshetian of Livonia.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Utah and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. She is a cardiovascular clinical scientist at Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor.

The groom earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He is an engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Co. in Rawsonville.

They are also alumni of the University of Michigan marching band.



A reception was held at St. John's Hall. The couple honeymooned on the islands of Kauai and Maui before making their home in Livonia.

Tabbert-Podrasky

Michelle Podrasky and Eddie Tabbert were married Aug. 2 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. The Rev. Edward Prus officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Jean Podrasky of Canton. The groom is the son of Ed and Nancy Jo Tabbert of Whitmore Lake.

The bride, a 1991 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, works for Tapco International.

The groom, 1990 Redford Union High School graduate, is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Kelly Podrasky to serve as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jody Puschaver, Natalie Kobylanski, Karen Podrasky, Kim Kovach and Carrie Podrasky. Flower girls were Haylee Podrasky and Chelsea Puschaver.

The groom asked Jim Puschaver to serve as his best man. Groomsman were Joey Nalepa, Pete Podrasky, Chris Moyanhen, Tommy Gallaher



and Kevin Majewski. Ring bearer was Joey Podrasky.

The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor. They are making their home in Canton, following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

Gresko-Christensen

Barbara Kudla of Canton and Barry Gresko of Melvindale announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Joanne, to Walter James Christensen, the son of Sonja King of Romulus.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School and a student at Wayne State University. She is employed at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Romulus High School. He is employed by Continental Airlines.

A January wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn.



Duncan-Kossick

Janet Marie Kossick, formerly of Westland, and Eric Todd Duncan, were married Aug. 17 at Trinity Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Bill Moore.

The bride, whose parents are deceased, earned a master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Calico Cat in Saline.

The groom is the son of James and Marcia Duncan of Saline. He received a bachelor's degree in business and hotel restaurant management from Central Michigan University. He is the owner of Eric's Lawn and Snow Service of Saline.

The bride asked Denise Lovelace to be her matron of honor, while Linda Williams was her bridesmaid.

James Duncan served as the groom's best man with Bob Webster was an usher.



The couple greeted guests at a reception at Weber's before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They make their home in Saline.

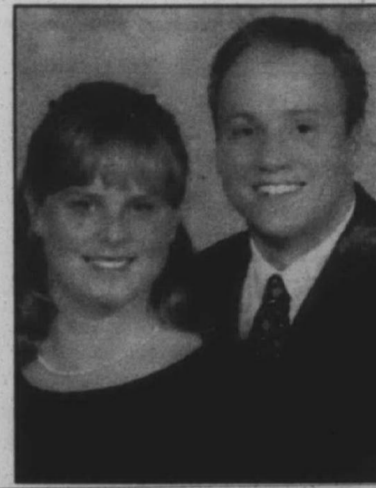
Paschke-Mikulski

Steve and Cathy Paschke of Chino Hills, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly of Westland, to Philip Mikulski of Tawas, the son of Rick and Judy Mikulski of Wyandotte.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Central Michigan University this month. She plans to work as a biology teacher.

Her fiancé, a CMU graduate, is employed as a business teacher at Tawas High School.

A July wedding in California is being planned.



Dee-Garbarino

Rick and Kristin Dee of Novi announce the engagement of their father, Richard B., to Mary A. Garbarino of Livonia. A spring wedding is planned.



Hospice, St. Michael's hold cookie walks

Are you too busy to bake cookies for the holiday season? Looking for something new to serve your guests?

If the answer's yes, then circle Dec. 6 on your calendar. Prepare to delight yourself and your guests with all kinds of Christmas cookies purchased at cookie walks at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Redford and Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Shoppers will be able to fill their boxes with different cookies

at St. Michael's, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The homemade cookies will be sold for \$6 a pound.

Featured will be a variety of holiday cookies, including miniature nut rolls, homemade fudge and chocolates.

A word to the wise from organizers is come early. While the sale ends at 1 p.m. the cookies have sold out by 11 a.m. the last

few years. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-0970.

Angela Hospice will be having its first annual cookie walk 9 a.m. until the last cookie is sold. The benefit will be at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, north of Schoolcraft Road.

Prices will be \$5 for a small box and \$8 for a large box. Holiday gifts and other sweets also will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the many caring programs of

Angela Hospice. For more information, call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810.

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Hospices' trees honor loved ones

For people who have lived through the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be an especially difficult time for celebration.

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In its eighth year, the CHHCS Tree of Memories celebrates the lives of people by the representation of golden angel ornaments. The event runs Friday, Nov. 28, through Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia, during mall hours.

For a donation, patrons can inscribe the names on their loved ones on the gold angel ornaments to hang on lighted Christmas trees. The memory trees will remain at the mall throughout the holiday season.

"The Tree of Memories enables people to openly acknowledge their loss during what can be the most painful time of the year -

the holiday season," said Kathy Dattolo, director of CHHCS Social Services. "Healing can be reached by writing a special note on an ornament. It can also be accomplished by seeing other ornaments on the trees and sharing stories with those who have also experienced losses."

For those who can't make it to Wonderland Mall, Community Hospice will send angel ornaments to homes or businesses in time for the holidays. The ornaments can be returned by mail. They will be placed on the trees by CHHCS volunteers.

All the proceeds go toward providing non-reimbursable care for incurably ill patients and their families. Community Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that has been serving residents of western Wayne, southern Oakland, and eastern Washtenaw counties since 1981.

For more information about the CHHCS Tree of Memories, call (313) 522-4244.

At noon Saturday, Nov. 29,

Angela Hospice of Livonia will dedicate its Tree of Life, which will be on display in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

People are invited to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased.

The donations are tax-deductible and donor cards are available at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, or by calling (313) 464-7810.

"During this season of gift giving, Angela Hospice takes special note of the gifts we have received since 1985, the beginning of our caring hospice program," said Sister Mary Giovanni, director. "Our patients have given us the gift and privilege of being able to care for them during their final stages of life. Our benefactors have given us the gift of their faith, their commitment and their trust in the philosophy of hospice and have ensured, through time and con-

tributions, the success of our programs."

Arbor Hospice's Tree of Remembrance is on display at the Westchester Mall, 550 Forest St., in downtown Plymouth. The tree is decorated in heart-shaped ornaments and this year's have been quilted in colors of ecru and burgundy by Arbor Hospice volunteers.

In exchange for a donation to Arbor Hospice, an ornament will be placed on the tree in memory of a deceased loved one. After the holidays, the ornament will be sent to the donor.

Last year, more than 400 ornaments were placed on the tree.

A public dedication service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Community clergy, musicians and Arbor Hospice supporters will participate.

For information or to make a donation to Arbor Hospice for the Tree of Remembrance, call Michele Leshan at (248) 624-4522 or 1-800-783-5764.



Special decorations: Robert Bull, a volunteer for Community Hospice and Home Care Services, helped hang the remembrance ornaments on the agency's annual Tree of Memories. An annual event, the tree will be at Wonderland Mall in Livonia Nov. 28-Dec. 24.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ST. EDITH
St. Edith Parish of Livonia is hosting a "craft mall" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. The mall features crafts made by artisans from around the world. Gift wrapping paper, ribbon and refreshments will also be for sale. Admission is

free. Call (313) 464-2027 for more information.

BRYANT CENTER
Bryant Center is having its Christmas craft bazaar 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, and Friday, Dec. 5, and 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the center, 18000 Merriman Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission and parking are free. All the crafts are made by Bryant students. Proceeds will help fund the student vocational workshop. For more information, call (313) 425-0100.

SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House of Livonia will have its eighth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4, at the retirement residences, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth, new gift items, decorations and ornaments. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

ST. KEVIN'S
St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be \$15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room, bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL
"Treats and Treasures," a sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, west of I-275, Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures, cutlery, and more will be featured. Admission is free. For more information, (248) 348-7757.

BISHOP BORGESS
Bishop Borgess High School still has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the school.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have Thanksgiving services at 9 and 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Senior Pastor Dr. James McGuire will deliver the message and the Men's Choir and Brass Ensemble will be featured. Pre-service fellowship will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City and Christ Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights are holding a combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Faith United Methodist Church is having a community Thanksgiving Eve service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road (south of I-94), with the Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church preaching. Call (313) 483-2276 for more information.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is having a special service or praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Chorists choirs, Sunday School children, orchestra and handbell choirs. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter.

Thanksgiving Day worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, also featuring special music of praise and thanksgiving. Call (313) 522-6830 for more information.

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

The spirit of gratitude will be celebrated at the First Church of Christ Science, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The service will include testimonies of healing by Christian Scientists. Members of other religious denominations are invited to attend, and child care will be provided.

SUNDAY LESSONS

"Field of Dreams" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics.

Scott Kalechstein will lead a workshop on "Finding Your Passion and Living Your Purpose," 12:45-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church. The registration fee is \$15. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at

http://www.cotw.com.

MOVING FORWARD

Patricia Ann Hopkins, a master of divinity candidate, will speak on the topic of "Moving Forward in Spite of ..." at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Hopkins will receive her cooperative master of divinity degree in the year 2000 from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit and the McCormick Theological Seminar in Chicago. As part of her training, she will remain at the Unity of Livonia until the spring.

For more information, call the Unity of Livonia at (313) 421-1760.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30, "What are these Reading Rooms all about?" on Dec. 7, "What does Christian Science say about sin?" on Dec. 14, "How can anyone have that much faith?" on Dec. 21, and "Just what is a Christian Science practitioner?" on Dec. 28.

The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

COMMUNION SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold its annual women's Advent Communion Service and creche display at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-1470.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Advent Worship Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A soup and salad dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. A Christmas Fantasia Cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road,

east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the program "Handling the Holidays" and on Jan. 8 with "Moving On." There are no fees.

Anyone may attend any of all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

NEW PROGRAM

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

ADVENT CLASS

Kindergartners, first and second graders are invited to an Advent class 4-6 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Activities include making ornaments, gifts, cooking, stories and worship. Participants should bring a sack supper; milk will be supplied. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

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AIDS quilt panels are focus of dedication rite

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

A Canton Methodist church and a Jewish congregation are banding together as a sign of hope to raise awareness of World AIDS Day, Monday, Dec. 1.

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim will dedicate remembrance panels for the National "Names Project" AIDS Memorial Quilt during a 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, service at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (313) 495-0035.

The panels were made during a workshop held Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Canton Township Administrative Building.

"We have a number of panels ready to be dedicated for the National AIDS Memorial Quilt," said the Rev. Marjorie H. Munger of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. "Cherry Hill United Methodist Church has been doing an observance of World AIDS Day for five years. This is the first year that Congregation Bet Chaverim is sharing in this day of observance."

"We think that's a sign of hope that Christians and Jews are working together. We think of it as a sign of hope and healing for families who have lost people or presently have persons living with HIV."

The service, open to those of all faiths, will include elements of the Jewish and Christian traditions.

"We'll have representatives from both congregations," said Munger. "An important part of what we want to do is educate people about the prevention of AIDS. Half of the newly reported infections are in people 25 years and younger. This is a very scary thing for young people who just

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think nothing's going to happen to them.

"As parents and leaders in the community, we want our children to live."

During the service, a 12-foot-by-12-foot section of the National "Names Project" Memorial Quilt will be on display.

"It includes eight panels that have been donated all from the southeastern Michigan area," she said. "It'll be hung. It'll be a vertical display and should be very impressive."

"What we'll do is put this in the chancel area of the church and that will be the visual focus of the service."

The service is part of the outreach program with Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim, which worships in Cherry Hill. They also supply clothing to First Step, a domestic violence shelter for women and children, and donate school supplies to Field School.

"We are doing some community outreach together and this is just one piece of it. It's kind of a neat thing," she said.

A 12-by-12-foot section of the Names Project Quilt will also be on display Dec. 1 at the third floor of the Southeastern Michi-

gan Chapter of the American Red Cross's headquarters, 100 Mack Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-4127 for more information.

Red Cross volunteers and instructors, including Rosemary Spatafora, the local coordinator for the Names Project organization, will be available for questions and will provide informational materials on HIV/AIDS prevention.

The Red Cross, working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, educates people on how to stop the transmission of HIV, encourages people to respond in informed ways to people who have HIV, and helps them apply the facts about HIV to their own behavior.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter offers four HIV/AIDS educational programs: The Basic HIV/AIDS Program, the African-American HIV/AIDS program, the Hispanic Program and a Workplace Program for employees and employers.

Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia will house AIDS Quilt panels from 7:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, as well. The school's phone number is (313) 523-9300.

Panels will be on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Call (313) 833-7900 for information.

The displays honor World AIDS Day, sponsored by the World Health Organization to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic.

According to the Michigan Department of Public Health, there are 11,500 persons affected with HIV in Michigan. There have been 5,039 AIDS-related deaths in the state since 1981.



Star attraction: The boar's head has been stuffed and mounted, but it still has a place of honor with the Beefeaters at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's annual Boar's Head Festival.

St. Paul's hosts annual Boar's Head Festival

English kings, queens, Beefeaters and jesters are only a few of the characters in the cast of this year's Boar's Head Festival Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

For more than 20 years, St. Paul's has been performing the Boar's Head Festival and Feast, an ancient and traditional service of Christmas music and celebration.

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Ceremony is probably the oldest continuing festival of the Christmas season. It was presented at least as early as 1340, at Queen's College, Oxford, and in time became a part of the Christmas celebration of the great Manor Houses of England.

It was brought to America and continued in colonial homes and churches. The first known public appearance was at the Hoosick School in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., in 1888.

The beautiful ceremony with its candles, costumes and processions symbolizes many things.

The boar's head signifies the end of evil in the world and the Yule Log symbolizes the rekindling of love and a promise for the year ahead. The pageant also celebrates the birth of Jesus by ending with a living nativity scene.

After the ceremony is a modern version of an Olde English feast. The menu includes such items as roast beef, apple-glazed bread pudding and wassail. A variety of costumed guests and entertainers help to provide a

medieval atmosphere.

The St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Boar's Head Festival starts at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the festival only, or \$15 for the festival and the feast. Tickets are available at the door for the festival only.

Tickets for both the festival and the feast are available at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, east of Inkster Road, or by calling (313) 422-1470.

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PLYMOUTH PARKS
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual arts and crafts 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are both free. For more information, call show director Carol Donnelly at (313) 455-6620.

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

OWL brunch set for Botsford

The Founders Room of the Botsford Inn in Farmington will be the setting for the Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League's annual holiday brunch.

The brunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the inn, 28000 Grand River. The cost is \$20 per person for brunch and a presentation on

"Women in the Bible" by Kay Duncan, a speaker with the Detroit Institute of Arts.

There also will be a raffle of a handmade Christmas stocking and wreath and a \$100 gift certificate for Shadowline lingerie and a silent auction featuring many unique and useful gifts.

Paid reservations can be made through Tuesday, Dec. 2, by call-

ing Doris O'Connell at (248) 348-8012.

OWL is the only national grassroots organization that focuses exclusively on the critical issues facing women age 40 and older.

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chances that the children would enjoy school were higher, and third, the children were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities. The good-

news-bad-news in this research was interesting as well. Bad news: Only 27 percent of the dads in two-parent homes were deeply involved in their chil-

dren's schools. (55 percent of the mothers were involved.)

The good news: 46 percent of single fathers were "highly engaged in the schools." Let's hear it for all the single dads out there! When I conduct workshops for single parents, I am always pleasantly surprised by the number of single fathers who come out to hear information about how they can develop a better relationship with their children, now that they are single.

More often than not, these fathers do not have physical custody so it's much harder for them to make the contact on a regular, consistent basis. This study points out that when they are involved in the child's life (but not living with them), by going to the school and being active there, the child's academic success rate increases.

Why is this study important? It was thought that the children who "at least" have mom's support at school, are going to do

better. And, they probably do. But this study gives parents an extra chance to have a highly successful child, by implicating the importance of dads in the school process.

As a teacher back in the '70s, I recall which students did the best in my class. Every one of the top students had both parents at their parent-teacher conferences. Every one of them had a dad who came in at least one day each semester and helped out in the classroom. Every one of those children participated in extra activities.

So it looks like we have two charges; First of all we need to get everyone on the same page... teachers, administrators, parents. All have the same goal - to see that the child works to the best of his or her ability.

Schools must remember to welcome parents in, making the school building user-friendly. Parents who have not had a terribly positive school experience themselves won't necessarily

come bouncing in. Schools could be more user-friendly by allowing parents to help out, plan events, visit the teacher outside of parent-teacher conferences. An open, friendly school is much more inviting to a parent than one that's unwritten rule is, "Don't come in unless we ask you to." Parents must remember to be courteous. A threatening, hostile parent turns a teacher or principal off immediately.

Second, it's time to encourage all the dads to get involved. If schools were to have dad and kid

events, dads have to show up. It isn't a lot of fun for a teacher to plan a program for fathers and students when only six fathers come to it.

Ya know, now that I think about this, I'll bet you have tons of ideas on how to get fathers into schools. Write me with those ideas... this concept is worth another article.

Jacque Martin Downs is prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs in Livonia.

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rewarding than to hear her choirs perform.

"I get to see the outcome in a program every Sunday morning when my choir performs," said Patterson, a member of the Music Teachers National Association, Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Ann Arbor Association for Piano Teachers. "I love the feeling of hearing them sing and blend beautifully. You do get an immediate gratifi-

cation with music."

Often, when her choir members hear something new they don't believe they will ever be able to perform it successfully. With practice they conquer the challenge, Patterson explained.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Minghine, Rorabacher

ITEM 1 BILLING FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS
Tony Minghine, Finance and Budget Director, introduced Michelle Leonard and Colleen Eckert, from Accumed. Mr. Minghine pointed out that Canton's current system waives fees to residents and persons working in Canton. He said that we were the only community in Wayne County that did not bill for ambulance service. After a brief overview of the current billing system, Ms. Leonard, Ms. Eckert and Mr. Minghine fielded questions from the Board regarding the proposed billing system. The proposed hardship waiver policy was discussed. Mr. Minghine stressed that the Township was not interested in hiring a collection agency, but that every person transported by ambulance would be treated equally with no exceptions. Insurance companies would be billed, co-pays would be billed and payment would be expected.

ITEM 2 REVIEW OF BUDGET PROCESS - THE BOARD'S ROLE
Mr. Minghine asked for comments from the Board regarding the budget process. It was suggested that goals should be partnered with the budget reviews. It was also suggested that goals be included with the smaller budget summary, this would benefit the Board and interested residents. Trustee McLaughlin initiated discussion on the length of the budget document. Mr. Minghine pointed out that there were three years shown for comparison purposes.

OTHER
General discussion occurred regarding road issues. The liquor license inquiry for a proposed Whirlyball complex was also discussed.

ADJOURN
Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.
The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 18, 1997. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 25, 1997.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by Norvest L.L.C. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility being constructed at 8440 Haggerty Road N. within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land situated in part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 1689.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1; and South 00 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West 400.05 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 5789.58 feet, central angle 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds an arc distance of 99.95 feet chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 99.95 feet and along another curve to the right radius of 5789.58 feet, a central angle of 05 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds an arc distance of 541.35 feet; chord bearing South 04 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds West 541.15 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 1, T.1 S., R.8 E., and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 660.86 feet; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West 1583.90 feet; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West along the East and West 1/2 line of Section 1, 63.52 feet; thence along the Northeastly right of way line of C & O Railroad right of way North 28 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West 1342.17 feet; thence along the Easterly right of way line of rerouted Haggerty Road North 08 degrees 55 minutes 37 seconds East 257.97 feet; thence continuing along the Easterly right of way line of rerouted Haggerty Road along a curve to the left, radius 5789.58 feet, a central angle of 01 degrees 36 minutes 20 seconds an arc distance of 162.25 feet chord bearing North 08 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 162.24 feet to the point of beginning. 17.08 acres. Tax I.D. No. 002-99-0001-708.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

By John Goodman
Caldwell Banker Preferred

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- 2) Serious construction defects. Nearly a third of new homes have serious defects. Stay actively involved as an observer during construction, particularly at key stages, such as during the foundation, and sealing of the plumbing joints.
- 3) Look into alternatives to builder financing. There are many different mortgage programs available.
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Griffin Funeral Home keeps in touch with community

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes in Westland and Canton strongly believe that their service to a family doesn't end when the funeral is over.

"We have a strong family tradition that carries over to the families that are served here," said David G. Griffin, manager of the Canton location.

Taking into consideration the

profound grief people feel on the anniversary of their loved ones' death, the funeral home has held a memorial service yearly since 1994.

"Every first week of December, we invite people from the entire community who has experienced a loss over the past years to a memorial service," Griffin explained. "It's a nice memorial service for somebody who has experienced a loss."

This year's memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. Before the service, families are asked if they would like a prayer dedicated to their loved ones.

Griffin Funeral Home brings in a priest and a local minister from local churches to officiate. Last year, St. John Neumann Catholic and St. Michael's

Lutheran Church participated.

In the past, the event has attracted 100-150 people per year.

"We've been seeing the people from the first year coming back the following year," said Griffin, who is on the board of directors of the Canton Community Foundation, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Community Hospice.

He is also the past president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association Wayne County dis-

trict.

Founded in 1954 in northwest Detroit, Griffin Funeral Home helps people work through their grief throughout the year.

Recently, the company wrapped up a five-week bereavement series held in conjunction with Arbor Hospice at the Canton Public Library. The funeral home will continue its bereavement series in the spring.

The funeral home serves 500

families yearly between its two locations - 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland, and 42600 Ford Road, Canton. For more information, call the Westland chapel at (313) 522-9400 or the Canton chapel at (313) 981-1700.

"Our focus here at the funeral home is not just the service at the time of the death," Griffin said. "It's more than establishing yourself as a funeral home. We need to give back to the community."

ANNIVERSARIES

Tatzka

Willard (Bill) and Bea Tatzka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their Plymouth home.

The couple married Nov. 15, 1947, in Pontiac. She is the former Bea Lemanski.

The Tatzkas have three daughters - Teresa Cischke and husband Jim of Plymouth, Joan Johnson and husband Doug of East Grand Rapids, and Barbara Davio and husband Steve of Kalamazoo. They also have four grandchildren - Suzy and Katie Johnson and Andrew and Diana Davio.

He retired in 1984 from Burroughs Corp.'s Plymouth plant after 34 years of service. He enjoys gardening and fishing. She likes to read and sew.

As a couple, they enjoy visiting with family and friends and their grandchildren.



Niemiec

Don and Fran Niemiec of Westland celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Austin, Texas.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 17, 1972, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit. She is the former Fran Wisz.

The couple has three children - Karen, Jeanine and Tim.

A member of St. Theodore's Men's Club, he is a property tax consultant for Trerice Tosto.

Active in St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women, she is a paraprofessional for the Livonia Public Schools.



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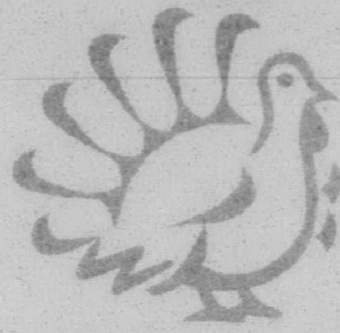
John C. and Marie McLean of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at St. Colette Church and a family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 8, 1947, in Detroit. She is the former Marie Loney.

The McLeans have five children - Michael and wife Martha, John and wife Kitty, Dennis and Tom, all of Livonia, Ellen of Canton and Mary and husband Eric of Westerville, Ohio - and 10 grandchildren.

She is a homemaker while he retired from Chrysler as an accountant 10 years ago.

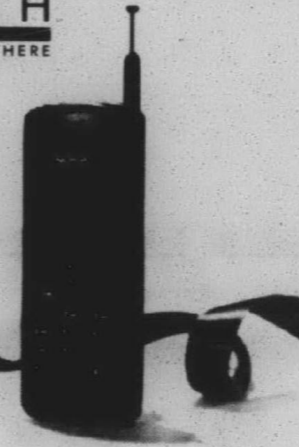
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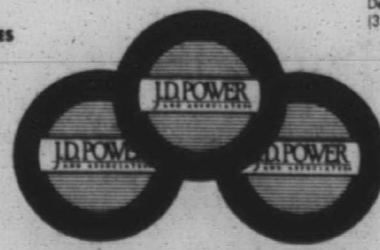
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Contra dance offers 'escape'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Spending holiday weekends with family can get pretty tiring. Karen Missavage knows this by the success of the contra dances she's held over the years.

"It's a good time to have one," Missavage said. "There's a lot of people visiting and a lot of people by Saturday night are tired of the family thing. They don't feel like sticking around their aunt and uncle's house anymore. "You'd be surprised at how well we do holiday weekends."

Keeping with that trend, Missavage and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society are hosting the "Turkey Hoedown" contra dance from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, on the north side of Kellogg Park next to the Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Admission to the dance is \$6 and includes live music by members of the society, lemonade and name tags. The dance is smoke- and alcohol-free.

Missavage describes contra dancing as similar to square dancing.

"It's a traditional form of American country dance," she said. "In a square dance you're in a set with eight people. In a contra dance, you're in a long line, facing your partner. You dance with everybody in the line and everybody in the room as you change partners. It's similar to the Virginia Reel."

Partners are not required, she said, because partners change with every dance. Experience is not necessary either. Missavage and fellow caller Tom Allen will teach all the dances.

Missavage, an Ann Arbor resident, was introduced to contra dancing in 1981 while she was living in Montana.

"I had a buddy who worked in bicycle shop and he kept talking about this great dance event and this great music," she said.



Which way: It's right hand in as the ladies formed a right-hand star during contra dancing called by Karen Missavage.

"After a few months of persuading I finally went."

She added that camaraderie is a big part of the dances.

"Expect to dance with a lot of friendly people who will walk up and ask them to dance regardless of gender. It's bright in there so you can see who you're dancing with," she said with a laugh. "People will offer you a hand and say, 'Let's dance.' We'll teach all the maneuvers and figures."

"It repeats itself over and over again - circle left, circle right, swing your partner. There's no fancy footwork or maneuvers."

Missavage suggests that participants wear comfortable footwear. High heels are not the thing to do, she said, adding that dancers of any age group will feel comfortable at the event.

"You'll make 50 new friends," she said. "It's a wide variety of ages from college kids up to senior citizens. The only caveat is if there's a motion problem or trouble moving, it's probably not for you. Even then we have people who really aren't capable of it, do it well. We take care of

them."

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society is also hosting a First Friday Square and Contra Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Admission is \$6 adults or \$3 children. For more information, call (313) 665-8405.

Other upcoming events include: Lovett Hall holiday contra dance, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Lovett Hall ballroom, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Admission is \$7. Call (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2262; New Year's Jubilee, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Greater Hall, St. Luke's Church, 120 N. Huron, Ypsilanti's Depot Town. The \$15 badge admission includes admission to all Jubilee events. (313) 483-4444; and a contra dance Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, Plymouth.

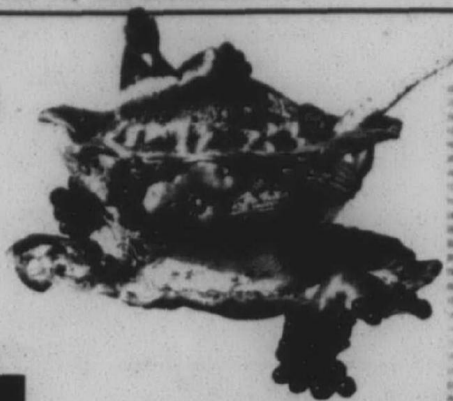
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

All-Conference pick

Chad Dale, a midfielder from Plymouth Canton, earned all-Mid-Central Conference honors for Taylor University.

A junior, Dale was second among the Trojans in scoring with six goals and seven assists (19 points).

His Taylor team finished 14-6-1 overall, including a 6-1 mark in the MCC. The Trojans won the MCC Tournament for the third time to advance to the NAIA Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

PCJBL registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League will have registration for boys and girls in grades 9-12 from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 6 at East Middle School.

Cost is \$90.

Used sports stuff

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse.

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at prices they set (minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation department).

Items can be dropped off 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Pheasant Run; volunteers will be on hand to do the selling the following Saturday.

Money or unsold items can be picked up from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Indoor soccer tournneys

SoccerZone of Novi will have registration for its second session of indoor soccer through Dec. 6; for both individuals and teams.

Cost for individuals is \$55; for teams, the fee is \$695 plus referee fees (which vary by age divisions).

The eight-game session goes Dec. 14-Feb. 14; you can register in person at SoccerZone, located on Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads.

SoccerZone is currently conducting registration for its annual Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament, which will be Dec. 28-29. Age divisions will be under-10 through under-19, for both boys and girls.

Cost is \$200 per team; registration deadline is Dec. 15. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three 45-minute games. For further information, call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500.

Motion tryouts

Michigan Motion, an AAU girls basketball club, will have open tryouts Sunday, Dec. 7; Friday, Dec. 12; and Sunday, Dec. 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Tryout times are 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 11-13; 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 14-15; and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 16-17. All players are welcome; for more information, call Mike Tuck between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at (248) 486-1515.

Youth hockey schools

Suburban Hockey Schools will be offering holiday clinics Dec. 22-24 and 26 at Devon-Aire in Livonia and the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Among the programs offered include power skating and puck-handling for Mites (ages 6-8) and Squirrels (9-10), along with checking and scoring for Pee Wees and Bantams (11-14).

The cost for the clinic is \$130 per player. A goaltending clinic for all ages will also be held at Mount Clemens only (cost \$115).

Classes will also be offered Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 2 at the Ice Box Sports Center in Trenton and Royal Oak's Lindell Arena.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600.

Start sports programs

Sports-minded men and women from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky interested in building programs for adult and youth softball, beach volleyball, basketball, soccer, flag football and youth-only baseball should contact Jim (days or evenings) at (313) 483-4746 (fax * 51) as soon as possible.

Chiefs plow past Pershing

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

"That was a struggle." Those are the words of Bob Blohm, Plymouth Canton girls basketball coach, a few minutes after his Chiefs pulled away to a 47-27 victory over Detroit Pershing in the Class A regional semifinals at Plymouth Salem HS.

Well, I've got some bad news for you, coach. If you think that game was tough, wait'll you see Wednesday's opponent.

The Chiefs will take on the defending state champions for the regional title — Birmingham Marian — at 7 p.m. at Salem. Marian eliminated West Bloomfield 68-46 Monday at Salem.

How good are the Mustangs? Good enough to win the Catholic League title, beating Redford Bishop Borgess in the final. And good enough to bury Canton, 57-39, early in the season.

Blohm knows all this, of course. He also knows that if they play like they did against Pershing, it will be a 20-point game once again — only the Chiefs won't be on top.

"They beat us the first time with everything," the Canton coach said of Marian. "With their pressure, with their rebounding, with their size . . . It's hard for us to match up with them."

Nicole Anaejonu, the Mustangs' 6-foot-3 junior center, is the player that catches your attention first. But they have much more, particularly in their three-guard backcourt: seniors Breean Walas and Markeisha Thompson and junior Jasmin MacAlpine. Their bench is loaded with talent, too.

Make no mistake: Blohm isn't throwing in the towel, not at all. The Chiefs, now 19-4, can beat the Mustangs (who are also 19-4, with two regular-season losses to Borgess, one to Flint Northern and another to Detroit Country Day), but it will take a near-perfect performance.

"I have confidence in this group," he said of his team. "But they'll have to play at a high level of intensity for the whole game."

It's a challenge, but the Chiefs have handled such obstacles before. And that's something Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone is well aware of.

"They are so patient on offense," she said of Canton. "They hold the ball for 30 to 40 seconds before looking to take a shot. That may not seem like a long time, but when you're down in a defensive stance that's quite a while."

"We're going to have to be patient defensively and not take too many risks. And we're going to have to do a



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARRIDGE

Opening up: Pershing's Jacqueline Price (right) tried to pressure Canton's Kristin Mayer into a mistake, but the Chiefs all-too-often found an open player in scoring position to take advantage of the Doughgirls' attempts.

good job boxing out (on rebounds)."

If nothing else, Wednesday's game will be a match of willpower. Marian likes to press and run; Canton will pressure occasionally, but for the most part the Chiefs want to control the tempo, especially with their offense.

Their constant motion when they have possession of the ball is predicated on patience; in other words, get a good shot.

They also rebound well for a team without a starter over 5-foot-9. And their defense is superb.

What Canton doesn't do well: Shoot.

For a team with seven seniors, the Chiefs should be better scorers. At times they are, but they have lapses when nothing goes down, not even free throws.

Like against Pershing. Oh, Canton

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Whalers gain share of 1st place



David Legwand and Jesse Boulerice each scored a pair of goals Saturday to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 5-1 road victory over Erie Nov. 22.

The Whalers led all the way scoring two first-period goals and adding another pair in the second. Left winger Randy Fitzgerald recorded four assists for Plymouth.

The win pushed the Whalers into a first place tie in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division with the London Knights. Both teams have 29 points with 23 games played.

Plymouth (13-7-3) returns to action Saturday at home against the Oshawa Generals. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

As for last week's game with Erie, Boulerice netted

the game's first goal just 38 seconds after the puck was dropped. Julian Smith and Fitzgerald assisted.

Legwand got his first of the game at 18:46 of the period. The center iceman leads all OHL rookies in scoring with 24 goals and 14 assists. He's fifth overall in league scoring.

Legwand scored at 8:36 of the second period to make it a 3-0 game. Erie got its lone goal with just under three minutes to play.

Plymouth got its three-goal advantage back as Boulerice netted his second of the night. Tory Smith, a defenseman, got the Whalers final goal 32 seconds into the third period.

Robert Esche played well in goal for Plymouth by stopping 24 of 25 shots.

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Ladywood shocks Cody in regional

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood may be proud of its achievements in the classroom, but the Ladywood basketball team proved Monday it has also learned valuable lessons on the court.

Exactly a month after the Blazers were crushed by Redford Bishop Borgess, 47-24, Ladywood turned the tables on Detroit Cody.

The Blazers played aggressively Monday against the much faster Lady Comets and held on

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Domeward bound CC gains berth in final

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Joe Sgroi surprised Sterling Heights Stevenson with some early runs from scrimmage, but the real shock came in the fourth quarter of Saturday's Class AA playoff semifinal at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium.

Sgroi, normally a blocking back, gained 58 yards on six carries, including runs of 27 and 21 on the Shamrocks' first scoring drive.

But his final offensive achievement won't be found in the CC playbook.

Sgroi recovered a fumbled punt return by Stevenson and rambled 24 yards to the Titans' 6-yard line with 5:13 left, setting up the go-ahead score in the Shamrocks' 21-17 victory.

CC senior tailback Josh Christenson, who led all rushers with 73 yards on 12 carries, scored on a three-yard run and Aaron Rock made his third extra point to give the Shamrocks a 21-17 lead with 4:27 remaining.

The win sends the Shamrocks back to the Pontiac Silverdome where they have won four state titles, including three in Class AA since 1990. CC, 10-1 overall, meets undefeated Ann Arbor Huron, a 17-14 upset winner over Detroit Rockford, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Sgroi, the long snapper on CC punts, and Mike Carroll converged on the Stevenson punt returner, who bobbled the punt by Jason Hamilton.

"I saw him bobble it, both of us were right on him and I caught it on the

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGWELD

Key play: CC's Joe Sgroi (right) grabs a fumbled punt in the fourth quarter of Saturday's state semifinal. Sgroi returned the ball to the Stevenson 6-yard line, setting up the go-ahead score.

CLASS AA FOOTBALL FINAL: CATHOLIC CENTRAL VS. ANN ARBOR HURON

Unbeaten Huron seeking to dump underdog label

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Mark Wojcik, defensive coordinator for Ann Arbor Huron's undefeated football team, might be the only guy in the state to try on more high school jerseys than River Rats' head coach Paul Verska.

Wojcik sells jerseys for a living at McNish's Sporting Goods & Trophies in Novi.

Verska just wears them out and tries on another.

The Green and Gold of Huron looks the best on Verska, who in his eighth year is taking the Rivers Rats to the Pontiac Silverdome for the Class AA state championship game against perennial state power Redford Catholic Central.

Huron is 12-0 and in the playoffs for the first time in school history. The Shamrocks are 11-1 and trying for their fourth Class AA title in the 1990s and fifth state crown overall.

Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday.

PROFILE

Presidential terms last longer than most of Verska's previous stops.

Prior to Huron, he was the head coach at Cadillac for two years, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard for three, Detroit Servite for three, Allegan for two and Lincoln Alcona for two.

He also was an assistant coach at Servite, Berkley and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart.

In 23 years as a head coach he has a 104-90-4 record, including a 45-31 mark at Huron.

Verska played football at Harper Woods Notre Dame and Central Michigan University. His senior season in 1962 at ND, a team coached by Walt Bazylewicz, ended with a loss in the Catholic League championship game to Detroit St. Ambrose.

"I like to take a program that's down and turn it around," said Verska. "My wife (Kathy) and I aren't moving any-

more." Nowhere has the turnaround been more evident than at Huron.

The River Rats have had four-straight winning seasons and even play in their own stadium on campus now, instead of sharing one at cross-town rival Pioneer.

"The stadium really helped us get our own identity," Verska said. "We can play, practice, watch film in the locker room, don't have to get on a bus for our home games and worry about it breaking down."

Respect has been hard to come by at Huron despite an unscathed record and beating three favored playoff opponents by a combined score of 72-28.

Even Pioneer, which won six straight games at one point and finished 6-3 overall after a 13-14 season-ending loss to Huron, got more publicity, according to Verska.

It wasn't until the ninth week that the River Rats were ranked among the top 10 in Class AA.

After Sterling Heights Stevenson lost to CC, 21-17, in the state semifinals,

the River Rats are left as the only AA team left undefeated.

"All we kept hearing about was the way Pioneer won six straight," Verska said. "But they beat Holly, which hadn't won a game in 20 years, and Flint Beecher, which can't even line up and get a first down."

"When you get to the seventh and eighth week and you're undefeated and unranked, you start to wonder. That kind of rubbed us the wrong way. We had a little chip on our shoulders."

The Shamrocks aren't as big as usual, but they still present problems because of their discipline and fundamentals, Verska said.

Senior quarterback Adam Tubaro threw two interceptions last week, his first since throwing one early in the season, but also threw a pair of touchdown passes to tight end Don Slankster.

Senior fullback Chris Dueweke was held to 39 yards on 16 carries against Stevenson, but he's closing in on 1,000 yards rushing with an average of about 4.5 per carry.

The "underdog" label Huron's been wearing in the playoffs might apply the most this week.

"We like being the underdog," Verska said. "We expect a lot out of ourselves. But we know we won't sneak up on CC. They'll be ready, and I hope we'll be. We better be."

"CC has a hard nosed defense and two turnovers by them is like a dozen for anyone else. And if you lose the ball, you don't get it back. It's another game and we're excited to play."

Perhaps CC's best player on defense last week was defensive back Dave Lusky, who made 12 unassisted tackles, which is unheard of.

He helped to keep Stevenson's speedy backs, Joe Alls and Mike Tennessee, from turning the corner on runs.

"He's a player, that's for sure," Verska said.

"He had the game of his life," CC coach Tom Mach said. "I can't ever remember a player making 12 unassisted tackles in one game."

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run," said Sgroi, who also played a splendid game at inside linebacker. "Things get you down but we always believed we were going to win the game. Every second we believed."

Stevenson coach Rick Bye questioned the call but couldn't get the referees to reverse the decision.

"There's no easy way to lose," said Bye, whose team finished 11-1 overall. "It was a judgment call. I was hoping his butt was down (before the fumble) and maybe I hope I don't see his butt is down on the film. That's the way it goes. Turnovers in November are part of football."

Stevenson, trying to regain the lead, had its last two possessions end in interceptions - by Brian Cox and Joe Jonna.

Stevenson, which fell behind 14-0 after one quarter, took its

only lead when senior tailback Joe Alls completed a 39-yard drive with a two-yard drive with 1:48 remaining in the third quarter.

"It doesn't happen very often in your lifetime that a big game comes down to the bounce of a ball," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Both teams battled very hard. It was a great game on both sides."

The Shamrocks had a 232-170 advantage in total yardage. Alls, Stevenson's all-state back, was held to 44 yards on 19 carries, but had a 68-yard catch that led to his first touchdown from one yard out in the second quarter. The other Stevenson score came on a 31-yard field goal.

Chris Dueweke, CC's featured back, got just 39 yards on 16 attempts. Adam Tubaro, sacked three times, was 5-of-13 for 80 yards and two interceptions.

CC looked like it would turn the game into a rout early, scoring on its first two possessions, both capped by easy touchdown passes to Don Slankster.

A 15-yard scoring pass to Slankster capped the first drive, which covered 78 yards in six plays, with 9:50 remaining.

After Dave Lusky intercepted a Stevenson pass at the CC six, the Shamrocks marched 94 yards in 12 plays, capped by Slankster's nine-yard grab on third down and eight with :43 left in the quarter.

Bye said he didn't expect to see Sgroi get four carries the first two drives.

"Joe is a tremendous kid and all year long he's wanted to get in there as a runner," Mach said. "I kept thinking let's use him as a blocking back but he's changed our mind."



Top ground-gainer: Josh Christenson's 73 yards led CC's rushing attack.

STARTING LINEUPS

CC Offense	CC Defense
TE-Don Slankster #88 (6-4, 225)	DE-Mike Carroll #66 (6-1, 215)
DE-Ashlee Roberson #95 (6-1, 205)	TE-Qasim Basir #31 (5-11, 180)
LT-Brian Parent #62 (5-11, 225)	DT-Chuck Spolsky #68 (5-11, 215)
DT-Alonto Mangandog #57 (6-2, 205)	LT-Desmond Flagg #64 (6-4, 240)
LG-Chuck Spolsky #68 (5-11, 215)	NG-John Abshire #46 (6-1, 190)
DT-Roger Ehmann #79 (6-0, 325)	LG-Greg Smith #50 (5-11, 260)
C-Mike Davidson #57 (6-0, 215)	DT-Lou Willoughby #60 (6-0, 230)
DE-Cinque Carter #32 (6-1, 210)	C-Greg Fisher #60 (6-0, 220)
RG-Brocc Naysmith #58 (6-0, 220)	DE-Brian Beardsley #85 (6-3, 185)
LB-Greg Smith #50 (5-11, 260)	RB-Jordan Snyder #77 (6-2, 270)
RT-Ben Herman #74 (6-0, 240)	LB-Joe Sgroi #36 (6-0, 215)
LB-Qasim Basir #31 (5-11, 180)	RT-Sam Argersinger #55 (6-1, 230)
SE-Joe Jonna #12 (6-0, 180)	LB-Casey Rogowski #45 (6-3, 210)
LB-Mario Harrison #5 (5-11, 160)	SE-Mike Kelleher #6 (6-0, 170)
QB-Adam Tubaro #10 (6-2, 198)	LB-Justin Cessante #21 (6-0, 185)
DB-Mike Kelleher #6 (6-0, 170)	QB-Joel Przygodski #12 (6-0, 175)
RB-Josh Christenson #35 (6-1, 190)	DB-Bryan Cox #44 (5-11, 180)
DB-Derek Ginyard #7 (6-1, 165)	RB-Pat Johnson #21 (5-10, 175)
FB-Chris Dueweke #47 (6-1, 225)	DB-Joe Jonna #12 (6-0, 180)
DB-Nate Hurst #3 (5-10, 170)	FB-Mike Porter #44 (5-11, 205)
FL-Joe Sgroi #36 (6-0, 215)	DB-Dave Lusky #16 (6-2, 195)
DB-Thabiti Williamson #20 (6-0, 170)	FL-Thabiti Williamson #20 (6-0, 170)

Shamrocks are favorites, but victory doesn't figure to come easy

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ann Arbor Huron football coach Paul Verska lives across the street from University of Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, which makes you wonder if that gives him first dibs to using the Wolverines indoor facility for practice this week.

It's a tradition U-M has done over the years, allowing teams to use their facility in preparing for the state finals at the Silverdome.

Kickoff for the matchup between the 12-0 River Rats and the 11-1 Shamrocks is 1 p.m. Saturday.

The two coaches laugh about Verska's ties to Carr, but maybe the U-M coach has divided loyalty. His son, Jason Carr, quarterbacked CC to the 1990 state

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championship.

CC coach Tom Mach only wants to use the indoor facility once this week anyway.

"It's a little more work for us to get on the bus and drive an hour there," Mach said. "We went one year three times and that's a little tiring. It's a great experience, seeing the No. 1 team in the nation, a chance for players to meet the players and coaches. Now we've got a former player (Terry Malone) as an assistant on the U-M staff and that's impressive for our kids."

CC has already played at the Silverdome twice this year, including the final game against Southgate Aquinas in the Prep Bowl. Verska and his players

have been there only to watch games.

"I asked coach Mach, 'How am I supposed to act?'" Verska said.

The River Rats beat previously-undefeated Rockford, 17-14, in the semifinals at Lansing Everett.

Rockford's all-state quarterback Mike Segard, who has committed to Purdue, was sacked several times and intercepted in the end zone by Huron's Qasim Basir in the final seconds.

"It's a dream come true," Basir said. "I dreamed about this. It's been our goal all year. Now we have to make a new one: winning the state championship."

Huron junior quarterback Joel Przygodski is the son of Plymouth Canton girls cross country and track coach George Przygodski, who was a standout at U-M and all-state at Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

The younger Przygodski completed more than 50 percent of his passes for 572 yards and 12 touchdowns during the regular season.

He completed five of 11 last week for 100 yards, including a long TD pass to wide receiver Thabiti Williamson.

"He's a good kid and gets better each week," Verska said. "He started off slowly and we've added to his work load each week."

He also punts. His brother, sophomore Doonny Przygodski, is a lineman at Huron.

Pat Johnson, a 5-10, 175-pound senior, is the River Rats' top rusher. He was the workhorse during the regular season with 12 TDs and 1,110 yards on 208 carries. Williamson has shared the rushing load throughout the playoffs after being a breakout threat with 682 yards on 48 carries and 11 TDs in the regular season.

CC has some active defensive ends, 6-1, 215-pound senior Mike Carroll and 6-3, 185-pound junior Brian Beardsley, who plays much bigger than his size.

The River Rats didn't kick a field goal until last week when David McNamara converted his

only attempt of the year from 37 yards last week.

The two teams met once previously, in 1987 when the Shamrocks won a non-league matchup, 14-0. CC went on to lose in the finals that year of the Class A state tournament to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Mach said this CC team has improved from Day 1 to now as much as any team he's had. The emphasis is on team more than stars, he said.

"I'm real excited and real, real happy for them," Mach said. "Of all the teams I've had, they've taken themselves from the beginning to the end of the season to a higher spot. They work extremely hard and are a joy to coach, believe what you say. They're the kind of guys you like to be around."

The Shamrocks are 18-2 in the playoffs in the 1990s. Along with a .900 winning percentage, CC has shown a penchant to win close games. The Shamrocks are 7-2 in playoff games decided by seven points or less, including 2-0 in overtime.

They have reached the AA state finals four previous times, losing only to Saginaw Arthur

Hill in the 1991 finals.

CC won the rematch in 1992.

Mach wasn't surprised to see the River Rats beat Rockford.

"They're a litter bigger than us, not gigantic but bigger, and tough," Mach said. "Their backs run real hard and it's a team that's opportunistic."

Verska said there was a definite home-field advantage for Rockford last week. Verska estimates that of the 6,000 fans there, a few hundred were from Huron.

"And a lot were the players and coaches relatives," he said. "They'll come out of the woodwork this week."

Verska has immense respect for Bazylewicz, whom he played for in 1962 at Harper Woods Notre Dame still keeps in touch with him today.

Bazylewicz, a former Catholic League coach and director, was coaching into his 80s before taking some time off this year as an assistant coach at U-D Jesuit for health reasons.

His last head coaching job was at Redford Bishop Borgess in the early '90s.

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CLASS A FOOTBALL FINAL: FARMINGTON HARRISON VS. MIDLAND DOW

Harrison must stop Dow's running attack

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

The objective for the Farmington Harrison football team is clear but not so simple. Achieving it will require some effort.

The No. 1-ranked Hawks (12-0) will attempt to complete the fifth undefeated season in school history and win an eighth state championship Friday afternoon.

"For this team, getting to the Dome is not enough," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "They want to go there and win it."

Midland Dow (11-1) is the last team standing in the way of reaching that goal and will challenge Harrison for the Class A title at 1 p.m. in the Silverdome.

The Chargers are playing in their first state championship game since defeating the Hawks in the 1976 Class A contest, 36-27.

Dow is champion of the rugged Saginaw Valley Conference and features a potent running game led by senior tailback Matt Samocki and a strong defense.

"We don't have many stars, but we have a lot of good kids," Dow coach Frank Altimore said.

"We're not very big, but we're pretty tough and we are fast! That's a requisite for our defense. You can't play Flint, Saginaw and Bay City and not have speed."

Samocki rushed for more than 1,500 yards last year and has gained 1,470 this season while scoring 12 touchdowns.

He had a game like Harrison tailback Chris Ghannam did Saturday. Samocki ran for 145 yards on 32 carries and the game's only TD as Dow blanked East Lansing, 7-0. Ghannam had 146 yards and a touchdown on 31 attempts in Harrison's 21-7 win over Birmingham Seaholm.

"Samocki has good balance and good feet anyway, and he'll be even quicker on the carpet," Herrington said.

"So the first thing we have to do is stop him, but the fullback is 6-3 and 235 pounds. They have the big powerful running game we don't have."

Senior upback Jason Spiece has received scholarship offers from Big Ten schools and complements Samocki, rushing for 750 yards and nine touchdowns. "They're Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Altimore said, adding Samocki is a little speedster and Spiece a great blocker.

"The strength of our team lies in our defense and a very strong running game. In the process, our running game complements our defense. We keep the ball; the defense goes in and does its job."

Harrison has been good

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against the run this year and hopes to prevent Dow from doing what Grandville did in last year's Class A final. The Bulldogs rushed 56 times for 303 yards in a 24-17 victory over the Hawks.

"Grandville controlled the ball and moved it; if that happens, we're in trouble," Herrington said. "We have to keep them from getting 6 and 7 yards on first down, which Grandville did and always seemed to put us in a bind."

"Some teams that run a few formations and a few plays are harder to stop. You know what they want to do, but stopping them isn't easy to do."

While the passing game isn't a big part of the Dow offense, the Chargers are apt to spring a surprise and do just that.

Senior quarterback Mike Johnson is the Dow captain and "pretty much our team leader," according to Altimore.

"When we have to throw, we throw," he said. "But you like to dance with who brought you, and that's been primarily the running game."

"We were down 10 points to Saginaw and threw the ball. We throw the ball just about the time you don't want us to throw."

The emphasis on the running game is quite a departure from the offense Dow used when Altimore took over as head coach 15 years ago. But it was a change necessitated by circumstances, he said.

- MIDLAND DOW OFFENSE: C: junior Mike Messmer (5-10, 180) Q: junior Jim Gay (5-9, 198) G: senior Brad Currie (6-1, 225) T: senior Curtis Wright (6-1, 222) T: senior Jason Smith (6-2, 255) E: senior Alan Trip (6-3, 180) E: senior John Gay (5-9, 202) Q: senior Mike Johnson (6-1, 175) U: senior Jason Spiece (6-2, 235) T: senior Matt Samocki (5-8, 175) S: junior Andrew Smith (6-0, 200)

- MIDLAND DOW DEFENSE: N: junior Clay Lewis (5-8, 185) T: junior Chris Platt (6-3, 215) T: junior Sean Parkhurst (5-11, 170) E: senior Doug Church (5-8, 165) E: senior Chris Emeott (5-11, 195) L: senior Alan Tripp (6-3, 180) L: junior Andrew Smith (6-0, 200) B: senior Daniel Walker (5-11, 185) H: junior Phil Brabbs (6-2, 175) H: junior Jeff Winner (5-11, 165) S: junior Thomas Sterling (6-1, 170)

"We were a one-back team and used a lot of motion," he said. "We were very much like the teams you've seen in your league (Western Lakes Activities Association), enamored with the passing game."

"We got in the playoffs one year at Traverse City and ran into mud, and I decided we were no longer a passing team. We were playing every year for the playoffs."

The change was necessary, "especially for northern teams because the fields are going to be bad; the weather is going to be bad," Altimore added. "We figured the path to the playoffs would go through places like Traverse City and Escanaba."

"We changed to a hard-nosed running game, which we felt complemented our defense even better."

The Chargers also have an excellent kicker in junior Phil Brabbs, who has booted nine field goals with his longest being 49 yards.

"And he kicks under pressure," Altimore said, adding Brabbs kicked a 25-yarder on the last play of the game to beat Saginaw in the regular season.

While the Dow offense had eight starters back from last year and is mostly seniors, the defense was a largely a new unit at the start of the season but has performed well.

"The juniors (seven starters) have filled in the spots on defense, and that's been the strongest part of the team," Altimore said.

In their 5-2 defense, the Chargers are led by junior inside linebacker Andrew Smith and

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senior outside linebacker Doug Church. Both are All-SVC players.

Church's lack of size (5-8, 165) belies how well he plays. He had six sacks and 14 solo tackles in the win over East Lansing.

"He's like a Pocket Hercules," Altimore said, comparing Church to the Olympic weightlifter from Turkey. "He's one of the strongest kids we have on the team."

"He's a sprinter on the track team, too; He quit wrestling to devote himself to being a better football player."

The Chargers have the fastest 11 players on defense the Harrison coaches have seen, according to Herrington.

"(Smith) seems to be able to go sideline to sideline, and they bring great pressure from the corners with the two ends," he said. "No. 5 (Church) destroyed East Lansing; he was all over the place."

The Harrison Grubbers "will have to do the job on those guys," Herrington added. "It's hard to evaluate their secondary,

because not too many teams have tried to pass on them."

The Hawks have a balanced offense to keep the Dow defense guessing, and the indoor climate could help a passing game that lagged due to the weather and game circumstances the last two weeks.

Quarterback Jared Hopkins is having a fine season but was 8-of-20 for 145 yards and one touchdown in the previous two games after throwing for nearly 300 yards against Dearborn Edsel Ford in the playoff opener.

"The good conditions (in the Dome) will help, but it depends on the flow of the game," Herrington said.

"Once we got the ball back (from Seaholm in the fourth quarter), we wanted to eat up the clock and not give them two possessions and a chance to tie the score."

"The conditions the week before were not very favorable to the passing game. We have to come out of our playing-in-the-mud mode to play on the quicker stuff."

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Record. FARMINGTON HARRISON (12-0) and MIDLAND DOW (11-1) with their respective player statistics and scores.

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Ghannam leads Hawks past Seaholm

BY MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

"We're going to the Dome! We're going to the Dome!" That's what Farmington Harrison fans enthusiastically chanted Saturday following a 21-7 win over Birmingham Seaholm in a Class A semifinal game at Rochester High School.

The No. 1-ranked Hawks earned their 11th trip to the state football finals and will play for their eighth state championship Friday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"Although Harrison won by two touchdowns Saturday, the victory didn't come easy."

Seaholm, riding the momentum of its best season in school history, gave unbeaten Harrison (12-0) its closest game of the playoffs and one of its toughest games of the season.

The Hawks and Maples (10-2) did all the scoring in the first half. Seaholm controlled the ball in the second half but had nothing to show for it.

"It was like two different games," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding the Hawks dominated the first half.

"In the second half, they took the ball and we had a hard time getting it back. The only good thing was we were ahead and they were eating up the clock."

Harrison opened the scoring with a 57-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jared Hopkins to Ricky Bryant late in the first quarter.

The ball bounced off a Seaholm defender, who then fell down. Bryant just had to wait for the ball to come down. There was no one between him and the

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end zone.

The Hawks scored twice in the second quarter on 1-yard runs by tailback Chris Ghannam and upback Zack Cornwell.

Harrison's second scoring drive covered 49 yards after a punt, and the clinching TD resulted from a Seaholm miscue on the ensuing kickoff.

The Maples failed to field the ball as it rolled to their 30-yard line where Kareem Smartt recovered it for the Hawks, who needed five plays to score again and lead 21-0.

"That wasn't an onside kick," Herrington said. "They missed the ball and we took advantage of it."

The Hawks mustered all of their points in the first 19:17 and threatened to make it a rout. But the Maples wouldn't let it happen.

Seaholm rebounded after Harrison's third touchdown and eventually scored when quarterback Bill Schuerman rolled left and kept going around end for a 25-yard TD.

The Maples came out with a vengeance in the second half. In the third quarter, Seaholm ran 25 plays to Harrison's five and had the ball for 10 of the 12 minutes.

However, it couldn't dent a Harrison defense that allowed more than one touchdown in only three of its 12 games.

Seaholm's opening drive of the third quarter, which lasted more than six minutes and included 15 plays, ended when Smartt intercepted a pass in the Harri-

son end zone. Smartt made three big plays, also tackling Gabe Hemmingway on fourth-and-2 at the Harrison 15 in the third quarter. The Maples were unsuccessful on fourth-and-12 at the Harrison 17 in the fourth, too.

"I'm really proud of how we played them tough all the way to the end," Seaholm coach Doug Fraser said. "It would have been easy to give up against that team."

"We moved the ball well the last drive of the first half and most of the second half. But give credit to their defense; they stiffened when they had to down in the red zone."

Harrison did like Seaholm when it got the ball with 9:28 remaining and held it for the duration of the game, running the ball on 16 of 17 plays.

"We had to go to third and fourth down a few times, but we kept moving the ball and driving," Herrington said.

Ghannam was the workhorse for the Hawks, who finished with 285 total yards in tying their lowest point total of the season. He carried 31 times for 146 yards, Cornwell 12 for 43. Hopkins completed four of eight passes 96 yards.

Seaholm had 221 yards, including 175 rushing. Junior tailback Asa Sherwood finished with 126 yards on 29 carries. Schuerman completed four of 17 passes for 46 yards with two interceptions.

"I didn't think we contained (Sherwood) sometimes, but he didn't have any long runs," Herrington said. "Their passing game was off a little, and we could load up on the run."

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for a 41-38 victory in a Class A regional semifinal at Southfield. "When we got beat up by Borgess the second time, we played timid," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "I reminded the team of that, and wanted them to learn from it and come out tonight and play aggressive." Ladywood advanced to Wednesday's regional final to face Detroit Martin Luther King (23-2), a 73-41 winner over Detroit Southwestern. The Blazers haven't won a regional title since 1992.

"I'm not surprised we're in this position; we've worked hard all year and deserve to be here," said senior center Sarah Poglits, who led the Blazers with 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots.

The Blazers led 36-26 with six minutes remaining in the game, but held off a furious Cody comeback attempt. The win was secure when Brandy Davis' game-tying three-point attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

"I felt confident that if we could control their guards and slow the game down, then we would have a good chance of winning," Gorski said. "I think we did a good job of taking the guards out of their normal game and we handled their pressure pretty well."

"I thought we'd be in good shape if we could hold them under 50 points, so I was pleased they finished with only 38."

Senior Nichole Miller scored 13 points for Cody, which finished its season 20-3. Keneisha Moss added 11 points, while Davis, who Gorski feared would

be the most dangerous, was held to three points.

After Poglits' 16, the Blazers received balanced scoring, paced by senior forward Jenny Lachapelle's seven points.

The Lady Comets appeared they would make the game a rout early, jumping out to a quick 9-2 lead. Six straight points by Poglits and a triple by Meryl Denton helped the Blazers knot the game at 13-13 heading into the second quarter.

The shooting turned cold in the second quarter as neither team made a basket for the first six minutes. A jumper by Poglits and a putback by freshman center Michelle Harakas just before the first half buzzer tied the game at 21-21 at halftime.

Cody rallied to take a 26-24 lead with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter, but the Blazers reeled off 10 unanswered points (six by Poglits) to take a 34-26 lead into the final quarter.

"We knew that if we could work the ball around enough that their defense would collapse and go to the ball," Poglits said. "That would then leave someone open and we were finding that person."

"We knew they would send a couple players to the ball and the key was for our guards not to panic and to make the second, third and fourth passes and get the good shots," Gorski said.

Key to the Ladywood second-half run was the play of junior forward Elena Sventickas, who came off the bench to score three points and grab three boards.

Ladywood appeared to have the game in hand, leading 39-31 with 1:44 remaining, but poor

free throw shooting and several missed layups gave Cody an opening. A trey by Miller closed the gap to 39-36 with 45 seconds remaining.

Senior guard Sheryl Wroblewski split a pair of free throws to increase the lead to four. The Lady Comets had four chances to score but failed. Still, Cody stayed alive after Davis and Danielle Dixon each made a free throw make it 40-38 with eight seconds left.

Wroblewski was again fouled and made one-of-two free throws with four seconds left. After a timeout, the Lady Comets threw the ball down court where Davis got behind Poglits and had an open three-point attempt. But her off-balanced shot only hit the outside of the rim.

Cody shot poorly from the field, making only 22 percent of its shots (13-of-58), compared to Ladywood's 36 percent clip (16-of-43). Neither team shot well at the charity stripe, as Cody made eight-of-15 tries, and the Blazers converted only eight-of-17 attempts.

With the win, the Blazers improved their overall mark to 12-11, the first time Ladywood has been over .500 since early in the season. To stay above .500, the Blazers are going to have to beat a tough King squad.

"They are like Cody, very quick, but they also have an inside game and play very physical," Gorski said.

Winning streak ends for Ocelots

He knew it would be difficult. Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs knew the non-conference portion of his schedule could make or break his team. The way the season started, it was definitely making it.

Until last weekend? Well, maybe. True enough, after a 5-0 start, the Ocelots lost twice over the weekend at the Monroe CC (Trenton, N.J.) Memorial Scholarship Tournament.

But neither loss was by a lopsided score. In fact, each was by a mere three points. SC lost to Gloucester College

(N.J.) on a controversial non-call Friday, 94-91 in three OTs. On Saturday, Monroe overcame a four-point deficit at the half to beat the Ocelots, 77-74.

SC, playing without David Jarrett (from Westland John Glenn), out with a sprained ankle, and Dan Gomez, who has left the team, still gave Monroe all it could handle Saturday. Kevin Melson finished with 27 points to lead the Ocelots; Derek McKelvey added 15 and Jimar Eddins had 10.

Shamar Johnson's 19 points paced Monroe, which trailed 45-41 at the half. On Friday against Gloucester,

a three-point shot with eight seconds left in regulation from a Gloucester player who later had already fouled out was the winning margin.

Gloucester used the three-pointer to tie the score at the end of regulation and went on to win in three overtimes.

At the start of the first overtime it was ruled the Gloucester hero had five fouls, which would have fouled him out.

The Gloucester player took a seat but it was too late to take away the basket, Briggs said. Melson led five Schoolcraft players in double figures with 30 points. McKelvey scored 17.

Whalers from page C1

The Whalers took a 3-1 road win over London Nov. 21.

Plymouth scored a goal in each period at the London Ice House. Andy Burnham, Eric Gooldy and Andrew Taylor all tallied.

Esche carried a shutout into the third period but lost as London's Max Spirodonov scored with just 43 seconds remaining in the game.

Whaler Notes

Legwand's 38 points leads Plymouth in scoring. Fitzgerald is second with 25, including 8 goals and 17 assists. Left wing Harold Druken is third with 12 goals and 11 assists for 23 points and center Yuri Babenko has 8 goals and 13 assists for 21 points. Goaltender Esche sports an

11-4-1 record with a 2.97 goals against average.

As a team, the Whalers have outscored opponents 102-82. Plymouth has netted eight short-handed goals and allowed just two. Plymouth's power play has been successful 79.7 percent of the time while the penalty killers are allowing goals 22.7 percent of the time.

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led after every quarter — but not by much. It was 10-9 after one quarter and 18-15 at the half; only Janell Twietmeyer's strong showing in the third quarter allowed the Chiefs to take a 26-19 lead into the fourth.

Twietmeyer scored the last six points of the period, after the Doughgirls had closed to within 20-19. She indeed was one of the offensive sparks for Canton, pouring in 15 points.

Nkechi Okwumabua, who had a rough start with more shots rimming out in the first three quarters than most players will see in a season, finished with a game-high 17 points. Seven of those came in the fourth quarter, sparking the Chiefs' 21-8 finish.

Prior to that, Canton didn't do anything impressive offensively — and it wasn't due to something Pershing did. Indeed, the Doughgirls didn't seem that

interested in playing much defense.

Canton's shooting in the first three quarters was just plain poor: 11-of-37 (29.7 percent). In the fourth period, the Chiefs connected on track, making 9-of-15 of their shots (60 percent).

"I thought early in the game we had patience, but we really didn't attack their zone," Blohm said. "We passed up some shots, but we missed some easy ones."

Melissa Marzolf added nine points for the Chiefs. Pershing, which finished 12-9, got 10 points from Ranisha Austin and eight from Laura Simmons.

Whitmore Lake 35, Agape 29: The final quarter finished off Canton Agape Academy in the Class D district semifinals last Wednesday (Nov. 19) at Whitmore Lake.

The Wolverines finished their

season with a 16-5 record.

Agape led 9-4 after one quarter and 15-13 at the half. But Whitmore Lake overtook the Wolverines and led 22-21 entering the fourth period.

In that final stanza, the host team outscored Agape 13-8 to advance to the district final.

No one on Agape reached double figures in scoring. Kim Ther was high point-person with eight; she also had four steals. Charla Sexton had seven points and seven rebounds, Allie Major contributed six points, eight rebounds and four steals, Margie Henry added six points and three steals, and Sarah Chrenko totaled two points and six boards.

Whitmore Lake was led by Christine Mullreed with 15 points and Kelly Blayer with 12.

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GARFIELD COUNTY PRESCHOOL
Garfield County Preschool is an Elementary Montessori program, serving children from 3 to 5 years of age. For more information, call (313) 454-4444.

CRAFT SHOW
The City of Detroit Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a craft show in its auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Cobo Convention Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for table space is \$100 and parking is free.

The Women's Church is sponsoring a craft show on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Cobo Convention Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for table space is \$100 and parking is free.

TREATS AND MORE
A sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 6, at the Cobo Convention Center, 21355 Meadowdale in Novi. No admission charge.

CANTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Canton Community Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 23, and a Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. on Dec. 25. The church is located at 1200 Ann Arbor Road.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY YOUTH CENTER
Through the Travel League, day or Wednesday or Saturday. This is a league for girls and boys. Passers: this grade; Shooters: eighth grade; Blockers: ninth-12th grade. Plymouth County Family YMCA by phone at (313) 453-2911 for further information.

Girls Basketball
Instructional League basic skills including, shooting and rules of the game. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the mouth-Canton Community Center, 21355 Meadowdale in Novi. No admission charge.

FESTIVAL OF THE PLYMOUTH
The Plymouth County Family YMCA is sponsoring a festival of the Plymouth County Family YMCA. The festival will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Cobo Convention Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for table space is \$100 and parking is free.

NEW GRADUATES
The following graduates from Madonnaban, Erin Foley, Lori Kuschel, and Margaret Graduating from Bayush and I.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

AROUND TOWN

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4- year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

GARFIELD COOPERATIVE

Garfield Cooperative Preschool is located at Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile, east of Wayne. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years. For more information, call (313) 462-0135.

CRAFT SHOWS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual December Arts & Crafts Show. The two-day show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The cost for an eight-foot table space is \$65. Admission and parking are both free.

The Women's Club of St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church is sponsoring a craft show Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Admission \$1, seniors 50 cents and 12 years and under free. Information, 397-0878.

TREATS AND TREASURES

A sale will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. No admission fee.

CANTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Canton Community Church will present "Four Tickets to Christmas," a dramatic musical. Tickets at \$6 include dessert, coffee and tea. Performances will be 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The church is located at 41600 Ann Arbor Trail.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

Through Dec. 19. Practices for the Basketball Travel League are on Monday or Wednesday with Friday or Saturday games. This is a league for both girls and boys. Divisions: Passers: third-fourth grade; Shooters: fifth-sixth grade; Blockers: seventh-eighth grade and Jammers: ninth-12th grade. Call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA to register by phone at (313) 453-2904 with Visa or MasterCard or for further information.

Through Dec. 17. The Girls Basketball Instructional League will teach basic skills including dribbling, shooting, passing, and rules of the game. Instruction will be 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Bentley Elementary School, Canton. Ages 9-12. Call the Plymouth YMCA for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard at (313) 453-2904.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Plymouth Branch of

the Woman's National Farm & Garden Club is participating in the Festival of Trees benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event will be held in the Riverfront Ballroom of Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit through Nov. 30. For information, call (313) 966-TREE.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

A sale of used sports equipment will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Pheasant Run Golf Club Clubhouse, 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. It is sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services.

YOUTH ARTIST

The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to \$600 in awards to instrumental soloists and provide the opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Students must complete an application and perform at the competition on Monday evening, Dec. 15. Applicants who need more information contact the Plymouth Symphony at 451-2112.

MARTIAL ARTS

The Canton Calvary Assembly of God Church, 7933 Sheldon, Canton, is sponsoring martial arts programs by Robert M. Skinner of Judo & Karate Arts Inc. to teach judo and aikido. The programs are for men and women 16 years and older. The cost is \$53 for eight weeks. The classes are through Dec. 11, with no class on Nov. 27. Any student who is not 18 years must be accompanied by an adult who has the authority to register this student. All students are required to sign the waiver of liability form before participating in either or both of these programs. Class times for judo are 7-8:15 p.m., and for aikido, 8:15-9:30 p.m. For more information, call Robert M. Skinner at (248) 477-8806.

SALVATION ARMY

Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time too in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha. The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

STOCKING STUFFERS

Available for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors. The parents' committee, helping to plan the 1998 Senior Party part of graduation festivities, will be offering the early sale of 1998 Senior Party tickets. Information, Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.

SOCCER

Wide World Sports Center is now accepting registration for its indoor soccer season. The season runs through to Dec. 15. Individual registrations are wel-

He's on his way



Getting ready: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the arrival of Santa Claus at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, in Kellogg Park. He will be welcomed when he arrives by fire truck. He will visit with kids Friday evening and every weekend until Christmas. Stop by and see Santa 5-8 p.m. Fridays; noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

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come. Instructional classes are also available for age levels. For more information, call (313) 913-4625.

HOST FAMILIES

Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in learning more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428.

VICTORIAN SANTA

Santa Claus will appear as he did in Victorian times. He will hold court at Brickscape Christmas Store noon to 4 p.m. on two Saturdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.

ACT TEST PREPARATION

ACT test preparation will be held 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Information, 462-4436. There are still openings to prepare for the Dec. 13 exam.

ADVENT RETREAT

Madonna University will hold an Advent Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 432-5419.

SUPPORT GROUPS

NEW BEGINNINGS

The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.

ARBOR HOSPICE

A seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child will be offered by Arbor Hospice. Groups will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor. The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child, regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

LIFE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

LEARNING DISABLED

Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MDDA

MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

SUBURBAN WEST

Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. Information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

CELIAC SPRUE

There is a support group for persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings. There will be a meeting Monday, Dec. 8, at the Southfield Presbyterian

Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. Information, (248) 988-6996.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

BEAUMONT HOSPICE

Beaumont Hospice invites you to become part of its hospice team by volunteering your services to support the care of patients with terminal illnesses and their families. Information, (248) 828-9514.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

TOASTMASTERS

Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For

more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (313) 421-1296 for reservations by Wednesday, Dec. 3. Cost is \$7.

VFW AUXILIARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695, Ladies Auxiliary, will sponsor a pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 7, at the post, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Cost is \$3.50. Open to the public.

CONCERTS

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

A Christmas Choral Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The Motherhouse is located at I-96 and Levan Road. For more information, call (313) 432-5713.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Plymouth Community Chorus is presenting "Christmas Celebration-1997" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5-6, in Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets are \$8 and can be obtained at Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Road, and Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest in Plymouth, the Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, or by calling (313) 455-4080.

FARMINGTON CHORUS

Farmington Community Chorus will present its 18th annual winter concert, "Holidays Revisited," on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18-19. Performances will be 8 p.m. at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee. For more information, call (248) 788-5322.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

Performances of The Nutcracker Ballet will be held 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

AUDITIONS

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp will hold auditions for junior and senior high school ballet students who plan to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer. Michigan auditions will be held in Detroit 1-3 p.m. Jan. 17, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, and Ann Arbor, Jan. 18, Studio No. 1, School of Dance, 220 S. Main St., from 12:30-2 p.m. for students up to 13 years old and from 2:30-4 p.m. for students 14 years old and up. Cost is \$15. For information, call 1-800-221-3796.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome 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, Plymouth and Canton Observers, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon. Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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Date and Time: _____

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Telephone: _____

Additional Info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

NEW GRADUATES

The following students from Canton graduated from Madonna University. They are: George Daraban, Erin Ford, Angela Klenn, Robert Kowalski, Lori Kuschel, Meghan O'Keefe, Kimberley O'Malley, Margaret Shields, and Jennifer Weiss.

Graduating with associate degrees are: Jill Bayush and Diane Brooks. The following students

from Plymouth graduated from Madonna University. They are: Tracy Massel, Kelly Geiger, Elizabeth Miller and Marilyn Peterson.

HONORS COLLEGE

The following students from Canton and Plymouth were named new members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan. They are: Carla Howe, Daniel Kruska, Sara Schoeneman, Vanessa Bodnar, Sarah Pratt, Kimberly Reynolds, Susanne Thomson and Rebecca Weiner.

HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

Arashi Khan of Canton received the Honors

Scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE

Rachael Johnson, international studies, Albert Kahn Associates; Lisa Poulson, general studies, Amerisure Companies. UM-DeARBORN CASL co-op students work at companies in southeast Michigan, gaining valuable job experience and academic credit while earning money to help meet college expenses.

DEAN'S LIST

The following student was named to the dean's list at GMI Engineering & Management Institute:

Adam Strean, son of Terry and Sharon Strean of Plymouth.

OFF CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Albion College's Claire Walton of Plymouth is spending the fall semester studying in Oxford as part of the college's off-campus programs. She is a junior majoring in biology and speech communication and theatre. She is a graduate of Ladywood High School.

Rebecca Hoon is spending the fall semester studying in Heidelberg as part of Albion College off-campus programs. She is a junior majoring in German and psychology. She is a graduate of Canton High School.

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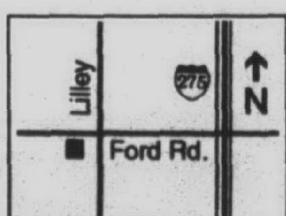
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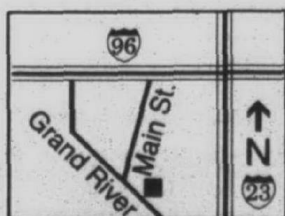


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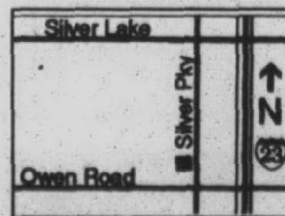
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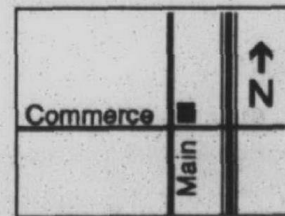
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Festival of Trees at Cobo Center in Detroit, open today 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. features 113 professionally designed trees and holiday vignettes. Call (313) 966-TREE for information.

SATURDAY



Jennifer Koh, a 20-year-old violinist, joins guest conductor James Paul and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for an 8:30 p.m. performance at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, (313) 833-3700.

SUNDAY



Stagecrafters presents "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430.



Hot tix: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn deck the halls and walls during Traditions of the Season, Friday, Nov. 28 through Sunday, Jan. 4. This three-story holiday tree greets visitors inside the museum as they enter the Great Hall, (313) 271-1620.



ILM/WALT DISNEY PICTURES

Family comedy: Professor Phillip Brainard, (Robin Williams) who has been working to create an alternative source of energy, accidentally creates a goo that looks like rubber but has amazing properties in "Flubber."

Remakes, sequels highlight holiday trips to the movies

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

December 25 has long been a popular night at the movies.

"It's become a sort of family tradition," said one friend, more a casual moviegoer than fanatic. "Once the presents are exchanged and the dinner eaten, it's about the only thing open to do."

Hollywood, which routinely premieres movies on Christmas Day, is being especially accommodating this year. No less than nine movies bow, and though the ghosts of Christmas past have often capped the day with disappointment ("The Godfather Part III" and "Four Rooms" come to mind), we can only hope.

"Flubber" and "Alien Resurrection," which officially kick off the holiday season this weekend, pretty much sum up your choices in general: sequels and remakes with some original ideas thrown into the mix.

■ "Flubber" - A Disney remake of its own 1961 live-action comedy, Robin Williams fills the shoes of "My Three Sons" Fred MacMurray, whose absent-minded professor was first to invent the green goo that makes whatever it comes into contact with fly. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ "Alien Resurrection" - More than lead char-



ANDREW COOPER/DREAMWORKS

On the set: Director Steven Spielberg (left) goes over a scene with Anthony Hopkins (center) and Morgan Freeman on the set of "Amistad."

acter Ripley died at the end of "Alien 3." Director David Fincher pretty much sank the franchise with his shaved-head aesthetic and heavy-handed symbolism. French directors Jeunet and Caro (fresh from "Delicatessen" and "The City of

Lost Children") promise to breathe new life into the series, resurrecting star Sigourney Weaver and introducing Winona Ryder as a cyborg mechanic. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ "Contempt" - Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director. (Playing Nov. 28-30 at the Detroit Film Theatre)

■ "Amistad" - Word is that it's no "Schindler's List," but Steven Spielberg still entertains while bringing to light a little discussed bit of history. The year is 1839 when 53 Africans take over the title vessel, a Spanish slave ship, and are put on trial in the United States. Matthew McConaughey plays a crusading young lawyer (again) while Anthony Hopkins depicts another American President, this time John Quincy Adams. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "For Richer or Poorer" - Kirstie Allie and Tim Allen as a rich Manhattan couple, on the

Please see MOVIES, E2

THEATER

Ghost of Christmas past returns to Meadow Brook

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Keep it simple. Keep it true to the original. Have a great actor in the lead role.

According to the Charles Nolte this is the secret to success when mounting a production of Charles Dickens' beloved "A Christmas Carol."

Nolte should know. After a three-year experiment of doing other versions, Meadow Brook Theatre is bringing back Nolte's adaptation with Nolte directing. Earlier this year, Meadow Brook artistic director Geoffrey Sherman admitted that popular sentiment favored the simple, faithful Nolte approach.

"It's nice to have your version remembered so fondly by people," Nolte said.

Nolte lives in Minneapolis where he divides his time between acting, writing and directing and teaching theater at the University of Minnesota. But Meadow Brook, on the campus of Oakland University, has become something of a second

A Christmas Carol

What: Charles Nolte's adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous story.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester
When: Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2, 6 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sundays.
Tickets: Range from \$23 to \$33.50 depending on performance day. Special family rates are available Nov. 28-30. For tickets and information: (248) 377-3300.

home for Nolte.

"I'm delighted to be back. I've spent a good deal of time here. There are also so many who were in my version years ago, so it's deja vu all over again. It's a family reunion."

Dickens' immortal tale of a stingy man redeemed by ghosts has been a Nolte favorite for a long time.

"My generation remembers the

old radio show with Lionel Barrymore," he said. "And every year, my father made us sit down and listen to him read the story. So the story was familiar to me."

Nolte also remembers seeing the original MGM sound version in the 1930s which featured an eager, round-faced young boy as Tiny Tim. The boy was Terrence Kilbourne, who became artistic director at Meadow Brook. It was Kilbourne who asked Nolte to adapt the story.

"The challenge of converting 'Christmas Carol' to the stage isn't as great as you might think because Dickens thought in theatrical terms," Nolte said. "He was great monologist himself. He wrote in theatrical terms. Much of the dialogue in my play comes from the book because you can't improve on Dickens."

Dickens also gives the play a simple, clear structure with visits of Marley and three spirits leading to the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge. Nolte said the story has a

natural shape to it as Scrooge deals with his past, compares his current misery to the warmth of those around him and confronts his possible future.

"The closer one gets to the original story is the way to go," Nolte said. "The problem at many theaters, such as the production at the Guthrie (in Minneapolis) is they draw in things that don't belong and aren't in the story. At the Guthrie, they bring on Charles Dickens but he's not in the story."

But keeping things simple doesn't mean ignoring the stories deeper meanings. Dickens is not all sweetness and light and Nolte said he wouldn't think of softening the later scenes of despicable slum life and haunting death.

"Admittedly the story is quite dark, it doesn't serve Dickens' purpose to pretty it up. It's a dark, dark scene. But immediately after the darkest scene comes the lightest when he is redeemed," Nolte

Please see GHOST, E2



Fast friends: Booth Colman reprises his performance of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jeffrey Hyke (left) alternates the role of Tiny Tim with Jamiison Schrock (right).

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lam from the I.R.S., who hide out in Amish country. Enough said. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "Scream 2" - The characters left alive at the end of Wes Craven's last frightfest are still haunted by the ghosts of horror movies past. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "Spike and Mike's Festival of Animation" - The California-based duo have been producing and distributing animated shorts for almost 20 years. The regular edition of their popular festival bows Dec. 19-21 at the Detroit Film Theatre. The adults-only "Sick and Twisted" version plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1, highlighted by the unaired pilot for the cable TV hit "South Park."

■ "Home Alone 3" - Goodbye Macaulay Culkin. Hello Alex D.

Linz, his 8-year-old replacement who gets the best of computer chip thieves while left home alone with the Chicken Pox. John Hughes, who penned the first two, is credited with this screenplay. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Tomorrow Never Dies" - Some would say the 18th James Bond entry is about 13 too many. There is one upside here: Michele Yeoh upstaged Jackie Chan in "Supercop," so should have no trouble with Pierce Brosnan, in his second outing as 007. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Titanic" - The most anticipated Hollywood epic in recent years finally gets to test its sea legs. The love story between Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio should take a back seat to the painstaking recreation of

the 1912 disaster, conducted by the "Terminator's" James Cameron. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Deconstructing Harry" - Like clockwork, Woody Allen has made a film a year even during his most trying personal times. In this year's model he plays a successful author who is a complete failure in every other aspect of his life. The typically eclectic cast includes Demi Moore, Kirstie Alley, Robin Williams, Judy Davis, Amy Irving, and Elisabeth Shue. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "The Sweet Hereafter" - Canadian Atom Egoyan's downbeat drama about collective mourning copped the Grand Prize at Cannes this year. Here the residents of a small town try to cope with the bus accident

that killed 14 school children. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Mousehunt" - Nathan Lane and Lee Evans in a story aimed at kids about brothers who inherit a haunted house. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Mr. Magoo" - National organizations for the blind were unable to keep this out of theaters. Fans of Jim Backus (he supplied the voice in the original cartoons) still have to decide whether Leslie Nielsen does justice to (almost) everyone's favorite near-sighted millionaire. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "An American Werewolf in Paris" - A sequel to the 1981 cult favorite about an American tourist (Tom Everett Scott from "That Thing You Do!") who romances a beautiful Parisian

girl (Julie Delpy) before discovering her dark secret. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Goodwill Hunting" - Gus Van Sant ("To Die For," "Drugstore Cowboy") directed this drama about a brilliant but uneducated orphan from South Boston who is helped by a college professor and a psychologist. Robin Williams and Ben Affleck ("Chasing Amy") star. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Jackie Brown" - Hard to believe but this is the first feature Quentin Tarantino has directed since "Pulp Fiction." Here he takes "Rum Punch," a novel by Birmingham author Elmore Leonard, and concocts a tribute to '70s blaxploitation movies with queen of the genre Pam Grier as star. (Opens Dec.

25)

■ "As Good as It Gets" - Jack Nicholson is harassing waitresses again, this time TV's Helen Hunt as the only server who can stand his outbursts. Joining their unlikely friendship is Greg Kinnear, as a gay artist neighbor. James L. Brooks, who used Nicholson to great effect in "Terms of Endearment," will hopefully perform similar magic here. When was the last time Nicholson appeared in a truly solid film? (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "The Postman" - "Waterworld's" Kevin Costner in yet another post-apocalyptic action drama. Here he plays a man, circa 2013, who discovers a lost postal vehicle and starts delivering to survivors letters written before the war. (Opens Dec. 25)

SINGLES CALENDAR

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said.

An actor who has come to personify Scrooge to Detroit-area theatergoers returns again to play the ghost-haunted miser.

"In our version, now in its 16th year, we benefit from the presence of Booth Colman who plays Scrooge. He's the embodiment of the character. He's a wonderful actor and he also has the physical requirements," Nolte said.

Nolte said Colman is a unifying force for other cast members and he passes along his expertise to others. Nolte and Colman have known each other for almost 50 years and Nolte has directed Colman in many acclaimed performances at Meadowbrook including Captain Queeg in "The Caine Mutiny Courtmartial," Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," Shylock in "Merchant of Venice" and Matthew Drummond in "Inherit the Wind."

Colman lives in Los Angeles where he performs in television and film and does commercials. Meadow Brook is his opportunity to perform on stage in meatier roles.

Nolte has spent his life in theater. He performed as a young actor throughout Europe and in New York. He said he became

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Charles Nolte

disillusioned with the commercial New York theater scene and returned to his native Minneapolis where he has been a professor at the University of Minnesota for 30 years. He said he teaches on a part time basis to allow time for directing, acting and writing. Several of Nolte's plays have debuted at Meadow Brook including "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln" and the autobiographical "A Summer Remembered" in which Colman played a character based on Nolte's father.

"Even in grade school, I knew I wanted to do theater," he said.

Nolte most recent triumph was a four-month run as the father in O'Neill's "Long Days Journey Into Night" in Minneapolis which he said was draining but enjoyable.

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Bluesman creates unique sound all by himself

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

On his debut CD "Trashy Love Songs," bluesman Pete "Big Dog" Fetters warns listeners of the impending trouble.

"This product may cause happy feet. Do not listen while wearing swim fins or other restrictive foot gear," the Livonia resident writes.

There should be a warning of another kind on "Trashy Love Songs" and his recent release "Be a Big Dog." Listeners who haven't seen Fetters perform live are in for a surprise.

Fetters is a one-man band. The guitar, vocals, harmonica, congas, shakers - Fetters does it all. He fills out the bottom end of the music by tapping his foot on a piece of wood that has a microphone mounted to it.

"People get up and dance," Fetters said of his live show. "There's more of a beat to it than people would think. I fill up a room with music. I used to be a trio but it sounds just as full to the people who are listening."

He's also a one-man organization. Fetters writes and performs the music, and takes care of all of the business.

"I spend a lot of time being my own booking agent," he said with a laugh.

An East Lansing native, Fetters graduated from Michigan State University in 1980 with the hopes of becoming a professional musician. Soon afterward he formed a four-piece country band.

"That's when the 'Urban Cowboy' craze was going on."

Three years after graduating from MSU he went to Nashville to record an album and made a logical decision about his immediate future.

"I said, 'Now that we're big time, what do we do? We go out on the road.' We did the travel thing for six months barely making enough money."

Songwriting was where the money was so Fetters moved to Nashville to concentrate on his career.

It was there that he was introduced to the blues.

"There was all kinds of stuff going on. There was a blues scene with some great players," said Fetters who also worked as a swimming coach for a local university.

In 1984, when his songwriting "was not going anywhere" he decided to "get out of music" and earned his master's degree at Michigan State University. For six years following, Fetters worked as the head swimming

coach at Vanderbilt University. In the fall of 1994, he moved back to Michigan to be near his daughters.

Since then, Fetters has released two CDs. His latest effort, the 11-song "Be a Big Dog" recorded at the Boneyard Studio in Warren, kicks off with the rollicking "Big Bottom Woman." In the song, which takes place in a Mexican jail, Fetters sings "I've got a big-bottomed woman in my mind tonight. She can move that thing and make the whole world bright."

He keeps his sense of humor in check with the Hawaiian-flavored "Hula Dancer" ("the way you move can make a man go blind"), and his trademark song "Be a Big Dog" where Fetters growls between the chorus ("Remember these four little words and they'll take care of you").

Fetters moves on to more sentimental topics with "Deeper Into the Stars" which closes with the sounds of windchimes blowing in the mind, and "Casey's Song," an ode to his daughter.

His CDs are only available at his shows.

Ironically, now that Fetters is back in the Detroit area, he's able to make a living off of his

music. "I can make ends meet financially. I spend a lot of time focusing on my writing and teaching myself the slide guitar."

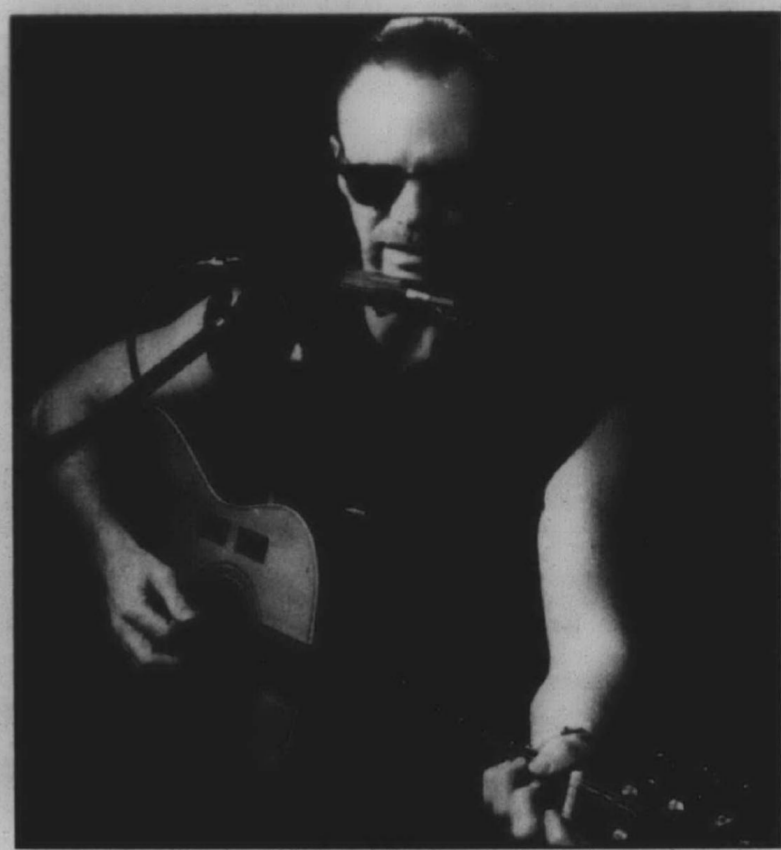
Fetters recently played his biggest gig, opening for Leon Russell at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"It was a really great audience. The place was packed. They opened the doors at 8 and at 8:25 you couldn't find a place to stand up in there. I did a 45-minute set and about 95 percent of it was stuff on my CD and it went over really well. I sold a bunch of CDs."

The key to his success, Fetters said, is being unique.

"It's really important not only to have a unique sound but to do something that's unusual that they'll remember," he said.

Pete Fetters performs at 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and every Friday and Saturday in December at Bakers, 2055 S. Milford Road, Milford. The free shows are open to all ages. Call (248) 685-0505 for more information. He also plays at 9 p.m. Thursdays in December at Telly's, 20795 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. The free shows are open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (313) 881-3985.



New release: Pete "Big Dog" Fetters of Livonia recently released his second CD "Trashy Love Songs" on Two Sisters Records. Fetters was nominated for Best New Acoustic Act for the 1997 Detroit Music Awards.

Hard-working people stage Thanksgiving parade

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It makes your day to talk with people who love what they do. It shows in their work, too. A certain joy seeps into the finished product, and you're left just feeling good.

I've just spent some time with a group of people who love their work. They put together America's Thanksgiving Day Parade today, an enormous event in its 71st year - 2.2 miles of parade along Woodward Avenue and still Michigan's largest free public event. And, in the words of the Parade Company's executive director Suzie Gross, "We've revved up."

Another thing about the people who love what they do? Follow the baton as it's passed around. Suzie Gross: "We have four full-time artists who are master sculptors and craftsmen, plus hundreds of volunteers to paint, glitter, mache, work with fabric and sculpt. The windows of my office overlook the parade

studio, and there must be 300 people in the studio. We have an award-winning art director, Jimmy Thompson, renowned nationally for his designs and his whimsical and creative concepts. It's fun."

To art director Jimmy Thompson: "Ralph Skinner, out assistant art director, is one of the best sculptors I've ever met, and great painter, too, and Don Watts, our technical director, who does everything from building chassis to building animation. We're all on the same page. And the veteran volunteers understand the direction we're going, too."

To technical director Don Watts: "It's a pretty big effort between a lot of different people. I keep a pretty low profile. My goal is to make the animation work underneath their art work. If my animation distracts from the art in any way, that's not good. My intent is to make the art work come to life by adding the movement. And I have great people backing me up."

Sense a pattern? Suzie credits Jim. Jim credits Don. They credit the volunteers. No wonder the parade's so fun to watch!

Jimmy explained the parade process lasts all year. "In January I state illustrating for next year." Literally hundreds of artisans and volunteers are involved. "We have carpentry, mechanical, people who are engineers who assist us in practical matters when putting things together, production line folks, people who work on surfaces and coatings, painters, fabricators, fabrics people with sewing skills - like if we need an oversized bedspread pleated in a certain way that had to be weighted to fall just right, they can do it. You get to do as many different types of art as you can imagine. Painting, sculpting, seeing how things are going to move left to right,

and the whole live performance aspect. There are people who discover themselves as artists by pushing themselves a little further."

Talking to Don, it sounds like he may be one of those people. "My previous mechanical background was working on trucks, and I couldn't express myself. I only did repairs. But now Jimmy Thompson and I talk about how to make clearances lower so the artwork doesn't sit on high, or so we can put more on the chassis. Even though nobody really sees that, if it enhances the art we've done well."

They all get a thrill out of parade day. Jimmy says, "The payoff is the

teamwork involved. There's nothing like seeing so many people on the same page. And to see it go down Woodward, seeing people enjoy the parade even if they don't know how much work goes into it. And then there are the people who pitched in who are able to point their stuff out to people, 'hey I did this part, that's my piece!' So it really is a parade for everybody."

Suzie says she watches children on parade day. "The best part are the looks that you see on the kids' faces as you walk the route. When you look at the parade, it takes you on a magical journey. It takes so many people to put together, but it touches everyone individually. That's

why we work these 18- and 20-hour days. These are not only floats and balloons, these are enduring memories that will last a lifetime. It's really a moving exhibition, a museum on wheels. It's not only a story book, but it's a history book, too."

Don concurs. "I personally do love it. I get a thrill out of the excitement of doing the parade." Then he whets our appetite with this: "Wait 'til next year, 'cause we already have ideas!"

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"Les Miserables," through Sunday, Jan. 4, Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and special holiday performance 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. No performances Wednesday, Dec. 24, or Thursday, Jan. 1. \$15-\$58. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"The Shiva Queen" a comedy by award-winning New York playwright Rebecca Ritchie continues through Dec. 31 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI. Opening night is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$13-\$23, senior, student and group discounts available. (Two New Years Eve galas 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets \$35 and \$50). Call (248) 788-2900.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A Christmas Carol," Thanksgiving special 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Children 12 and younger are 1/2 price when accompanied by an adult paying full price; regular run, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays and 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$23), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$27.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$23), 6 p.m. Saturdays and 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$33.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$23), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) through Sunday, Dec. 28, at the theater, Wilson Hall at Oakland University (Walton Boulevard and Adams Road), Rochester. Student, senior and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

PERFORMANCE NETWORK

"The Waiting Room," a sharp comedy that takes on medical ethics and sexual stereotypes, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27-Saturday, Nov. 29, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the theater, 408 W. Washington (2 1/2 blocks west of Main Street), Ann Arbor. \$15, \$12 for students and seniors. "Pay-What-You-Can" on Thursdays. (313) 663-0681 or http://comnet.org.PNetwork

THE PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy about a family's deer hunting trip by Jeff Daniels, through Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, and 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10. \$20-\$25. (313) 475-7902

WINDSOR BENEFIT PRODUCTIONS

"A Multicultural Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario. (800) 387-9181

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

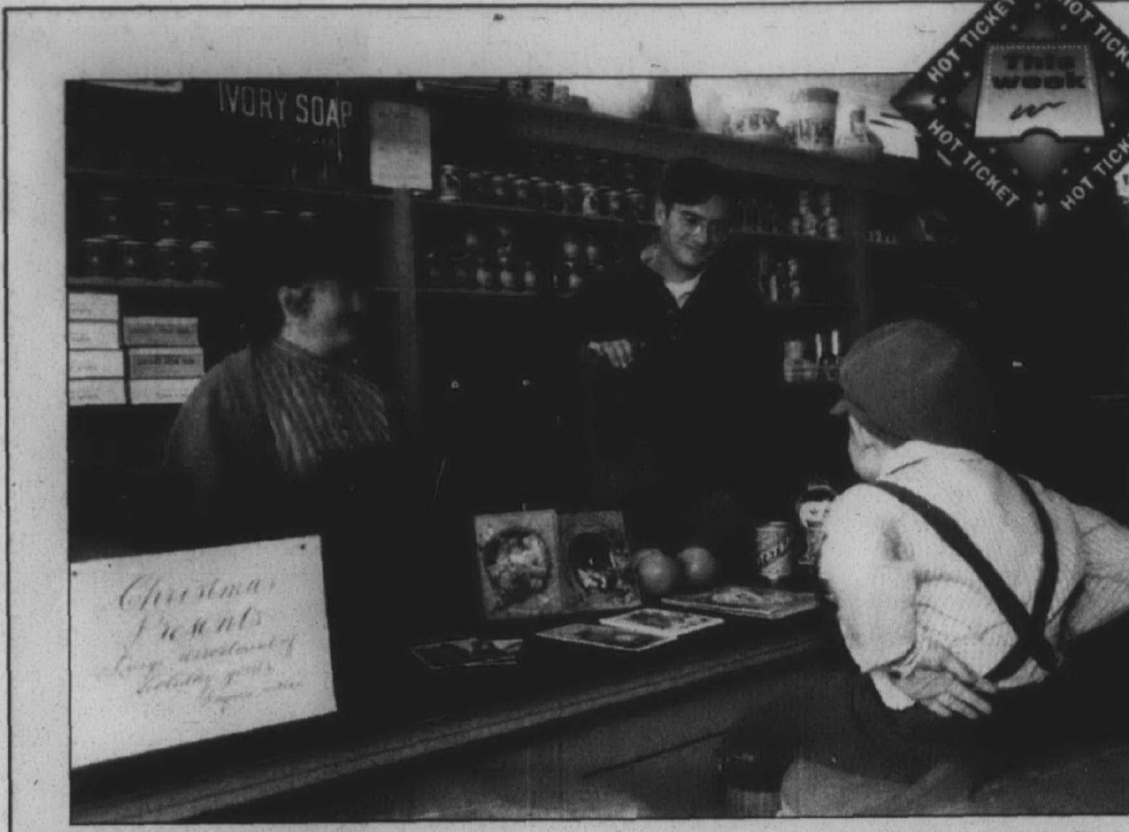
"Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6, Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti. \$5 bargain night Thursdays; \$10 general admission Fridays and Saturdays; \$7 and \$5 for Mainstage members; \$8 and \$6 for EMU students in advance. Add \$2 for tickets purchased at the door. (313) 487-1221

HFCC THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

"The Prince and the Pauper," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 7, at the college, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$5, \$3 children. (313) 845-9900

U-M DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

"Henry V," by William Shakespeare, reformulated by U-M's John Neville-



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Old-fashioned holiday fun: Historian Jim Johnson shows a selection of 19th century toys and holiday gifts to a young "shopper" at the 1880s J.R. Jones General Store in Greenfield Village. Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, on Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, (just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Ave.) are celebrating "Traditions of the Season," Nov. 28 to Jan. 4. Holiday cheer is reflected in classic decorations, special displays and make-and-take-crafts. Henry Ford Museum dazzles with one of Michigan's largest decorated trees, and enchanting gingerbread village and model train display. The historic homes of Greenfield Village feature holiday trees and decorations from various eras. Admission is \$12.50 adults; senior citizens 62 and over, \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old, \$6.25; children under five and members free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18, \$7 students. All ages. (313) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"A Christmas Carol," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, running Friday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 14, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8-\$10, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, with group discounts available. (313) 577-3960

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Othello," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28; "The Lady's Not for Burning," by Christopher Fry, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"Christmas Fantasy II," featuring music, holiday readings and the nativity, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students and seniors. (810) 220-3521

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Ancient Echoes: Tales from Egypt," performed by Wild Swan Theater 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7, \$5 DIA Founders Society members. Recommended for children ages 5 and older. (313) 833-2323

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The Concert Winds and Symphony Orchestra paint a rainbow of colors in concerts for school children, featuring Britten's "Young People's Guide to the Orchestra" and other selections, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Pease Auditorium, West Forest at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. Reservations, call (313) 487-2255

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and Jan. 3-4, and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

"Babes in Toyland," the Victor Herbert musical, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 7, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road (at Junction Street), Plymouth. \$5. (313) 416-4278

SPECIAL EVENTS

SILENT FILM AND ORGAN CONCERT

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 1920 silent film "Way Down East" starring Lillian Gish, with Lance Luce providing the dramatic moments on the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10, all

tickets reserved. (248) 541-6430

TRADITIONAL POLISH CHRISTMAS TREE

On display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, Monday, Dec. 1, through Thursday, Jan. 1, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. (248) 689-3636

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE

Featuring floats, giant balloons, marching bands, equestrian units, clowns, specialty acts and celebrities traveling down Woodward Avenue from Mack Road to Jefferson Avenue, 9:15 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 27. Free. \$12.50 prime grandstand seating available along the parade route. (248) 645-6666/(313) 923-7400

CHEVILLE SISTERS

11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township. Free. All ages. (248) 540-4209

DETROIT ZOO'S "WILD LIGHTS"

Light show featuring more than 50 animated animal displays along a half-mile trail, 5:30-8 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas and Christmas Eve), at the zoo, 1-696 and Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. \$3 adults, \$2 children 2-12, free for children younger than 2. DZS members' admission, \$2 adults, \$1.50 children 2-12. (248) 541-5835/(248) 541-5717

GEMINI CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (313) 761-1451

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor James Paul and violinist Jennifer Koh performing works from Tchaikovsky, Britten, and Debussy, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29; With conductor and violinist Jaime Laredo, violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, and cellist Marcy Chanteaux performing Christmas songs from Corelli, Bach, Mozart, Albinoni, and Bach, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 833-3700

POPS

ANNE MURRAY

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3-Thursday, Dec. 4, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$45 and \$40 including G.S.T. (Canadian) (800) 387-9181

KENNY ROGERS - "THE TOY SHOPPE"

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$6.50 and \$31.50. All ages. (313) 832-5900

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"50 Years of Broadway," 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181

AUDITIONS

BRAISSELLE MUSIC SCHOOL CHOIR

The non-denominational choir for children in third through eighth grades begins registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's school music room, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$75 per term. (313) 791-2531

FISHER THEATRE

Holds auditions for children for the roles of "Young Cosette" and "Gavroche" for the Broadway and national touring companies of "Les Miserables," 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in the theater in the Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Each child will be asked to sing one song of his or her choice. Please bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided by the company. No tape recorded or "sing along" music may be used. The songs the child characters sing can be heard on the Broadway cast recording.

FOR "YOUNG COSETTE," GIRLS AGES 7-11

are invited to audition for the role of the delicate, innocent young girl, heartbreaking and wail-like, with a sweet soprano voice, approximately 50 inches tall. No girls taller than 50 inches should attend this audition.

FOR "GAVROCHE," BOYS AGES 7-11

are invited to audition for the role of the tough street kid with lots of spunk and personality, a street-wise orphan, clever, and must be a terrific actor with a strong singing voice, approximately 52 inches tall. No boys taller than 52 inches should attend this audition.

Children should bring a recent photo stapled to a resume that lists singing and acting experience or training. Professional experience is not required. The children hired will receive full salary and benefits approved by the Union of Professional Actors. Children and parents must be willing to relocate to New York or travel on tour if hired. Those interested in auditioning but unable to attend, please send photo and resume to: Johnson-Liff Associates, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1400, New York, N.Y., 10036, Attn: Les Miserables. (248) 540-0660

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

Auditions for Diamond Jubilee Performance, 2-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the Dance Studio, lower level Athletic Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Fall 1998 term, day class and rehearsals required; scholarships available. (313) 845-6314

LIVINGSTON PLAYERS

Auditions for "Murder By the Book," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Thursday, Dec. 4, and Tuesday, Dec. 9, Millpond Theatre, 400 Cedar St., Brighton. Roles are available for two women and three men. Performances are Feb. 21-22, 27 and 28, and March 6-7. (313) 483-3906

RENAISSANCE CHORUS

Looking for singers for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in

America. The chorus rehearses 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (1/2 mile east of Newburg Road), Livonia. The ability to read music is not required. It is preparing for its Christmas season performances and its annual show in March. (313) 981-6342

CHORAL/ BARBERSHOP

"COME TO THE CABARET"

An evening of barbershop quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. All ages. (313) 761-1451

FORT STREET CHORALE

Performs Handel's "Messiah," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., Detroit. \$12, with group rates and patron seating available. (313) 961-4533

THE MADONNA CHORALE

Celebrate the holy season with a Christmas Choral Concert including "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by harp, and "The Infant Savior" by Dietrich Buxtehude performed with strings and organ. The program will also include traditional Christmas carols with some audience sing-alongs, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at Madonna University, 1-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. (313) 432-5713

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Performs Christmas favorites and inspirational carols 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (313) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and a variety of seasonal compositions by Brahms, Rutter and Britten, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 (\$4, available at the door) at First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads). Donations accepted during intermission. (248) 349-8175/(313) 462-4435

JAZZ

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

HENRY GIBSON TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

WENDELL HARRISON TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

BOB JAMES

With Alexander Zonjic and Friends, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Masonic Temple Scottish Rites Cathedral Auditorium, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$20 and \$25. All ages. (313) 832-5900

KOG'S KATS

7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

KATHY KOSINS

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays (except Dec. 24) through Dec. 30, beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward, south of 14 Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-7700

DAVE KOZ

With Brenda Russell and David Benoit, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Canceled. (313) 872-1000

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Borders Books and Music, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages; 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, Agape Caffe, 205 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 652-0558/(248) 546-1400

THE LUDDITES

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemans, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (cabaret-style jazz/folk) (313) 873-RAFT

THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With bassist Dan Jordan, drummer Jerry McKenzie, and special guest Morry Cohen, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order (served 6:30-9 p.m.) plus a \$5 drink minimum. 21 and older. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS)

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 852-0550

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SOULSTICE

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, America's Pizza Cafe, 129 S. Main St. (one block south of 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. (be-bop, swing, contemporary and traditional jazz) (248) 544-1001

JOHNNY TRUPELL-BOB MOJICA QUINTET

With "Lori," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. (313) 961-1714

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. \$7.50, 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, Orchard Lake. (313) 963-8424/(248) 471-7500

WORLD MUSIC

BUJU BANTON

With Jahmali, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

INNUNITY

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110/(248) 543-6911

THE LASH

As part of a St. Patrick's Day party, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, The Viper Room, 17320 Harper (between Moross and Cadieux roads), Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (Celtic) (313) 881-3611

JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River Ave. (at Farmington Road), Farmington. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 474-5941/(248) 642-1135

JOHN L. SULLIVAN BAND

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Warren. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (810) 758-7602

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8 days a week

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members of Jacob Lascu's Dance Detroit perform "The Nutcracker" ballet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$14-\$53 adults. \$10-\$24 children and seniors. (313) 833-3700

THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER
Donald Byrd's jazzy version of the holiday tale featuring a live jazz orchestra, regional-gospel choir and children's casts, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10-Friday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (800) 221-1229

HURON CIVIC THEATRE
"The Nutcracker," with the Taylor Ballet Americana and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the theater, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$14, \$10 children ages 10 and younger. (313) 782-5380

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET
"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Christine Bove, who danced professionally with the Arizona Ballet Company, with Curtis Waldschmidt, a professional dancer from Los Angeles, as the Nutcracker Prince, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at West Bloomfield High School auditorium, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$8.50, with special rates for community organizations purchasing 15 or more tickets. (248) 666-1971

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Fifty-five performances Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. This week's performances: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

"ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE"
7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. All dances taught, all welcome, no partner needed. (313) 662-5158

"TURKEY HOEDOWN CONTRA DANCE"
With the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, and callers Karen Missavage and Tom Allen, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. Open to dancers of all skill levels. (313) 332-9024 or (313) 995-1336

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kirk Noland and Joey Bielaska, Wednesday, Nov. 26, Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Jim Meyers, Manny Shields and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. Cover charge changes according to show. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Norm Stulz, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 (\$10, \$20.95); Pablo Francisco, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 (\$10, \$21.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner/show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Lowell Sanders, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 (\$4); The Incredible Boris, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 (\$9), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 (\$12), and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 (\$9, \$4.50 for kids younger than 16), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MR. B'S ROADHOUSE
Ruben Ruben, and Derrick Richards, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$10. (248) 628-6500

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Dan Wilson and Symba, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29 (\$12), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 (\$6), Q95's John Heffron with Brian McCree, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3-Thursday, Dec. 4 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 (\$6); Tickets go on sale Friday, Nov. 28, for New Year's Eve with Christopher Titus, Billy Ray Bauer and MC Steven Bills, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$45 per couple, show only), or 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$60 per couple, includes party favors and a split of cham-

pagne), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Generation X-Files" through December at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, 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

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

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Featuring rooms decorated for the holidays by area florists, open for public tours, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays in December, hourly from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays in December, and every half hour from 1:45-3 p.m. Sundays. \$7, \$5 for groups of 20 or more by reservation; "Holiday Luncheon Concerts," 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and Thursday, Dec. 11-Friday, Dec. 12, by reservation only. \$19.50; "Breakfast with Santa," 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. by reservation only Saturday, Dec. 6; "Candles and Carols Dinner," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 14, by reservation only. \$38; all at the estate, 4901 Evergreen Road, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

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MEADOW BROOK HALL
"Set for the Holidays" 1997 holiday walk, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Friday, Nov. 28-Sunday, Dec. 7, remaining open until 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, and Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the historic house at Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tours also available of Knole Cottage, the six-room, 3/4 scale mini mansion near the hall. \$10, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$5 OU affiliates with ID for Meadow Brook. Discounts available for groups of 20 or more, \$1 Knole Cottage; Black tie gala dinner, 6:30 p.m. with 8 p.m. candlelight dinners followed by dancing and an afterglow, Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6. \$175 for patrons, \$250 for benefactors. (248) 370-3140

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
"Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. "Sacred Arts" features a wide spectrum of art objects including sequined flags, sacred bottles, pots, painted calabashes, beaded rattles, bound medicine packets, dolls, cosmographs,



Canadian pop star: Pianist Chantal Kreviazuk ("All Around Me," "God Made Me") performs Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, in Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100.

musical instruments, multi-media assemblages and contemporary paintings. The exhibit is rated PG-13 as some of the images in Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou may not be suitable for children ages 13 and under, or individuals sensitive to graphic images. Adult supervision is suggested. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. (313) 494-5800.

POPULAR MUSIC

ATARI TEENAGE RIOT
With E80R and Shizuo, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. ("digital hardcore") (248) 333-2362

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (248) 543-4300

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m.-midnight Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLUE CAT
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 731-1750

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (9248) 644-4800

BOTFLY
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk rock) (313) 485-5050

BOTTLE ROCKETS
7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-7900

BUMPIN' UGLIES
With Tin Woodsmen, Anxieties, Mad Henchmen, Smoke Bombs, and Tonsil Boxers, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 833-POOL

BUTLER TWINS BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BUTTERFLY
With dbass, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$5. 18 and older. (psychedelic trippy rock) (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

CIRCUS MCGIRKIS
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

DJ MIKE CLARK
With Angel Dub as part of "Divine," 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$6, 21 and older; With DJ Brian Gillespie as part

of "Divine," 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$6, 21 and older. (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

DANNY COX
10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 8:30-11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 652-1600/(248) 546-3696

"CY-FUNK-O-RAMA TOUR"
Featuring DJ Supa Dimitri from Deee-Lite, and DJ Silver as part of "Maximum Overload" night, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (techno) (313) 369-0090

BILLY RAY CYRUS
As part of the "Young Country" Christmas party, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$25. All ages. (country) (248) 645-6666

TOMMY D BAND
8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Bistro 313, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-9100

DEEP SPACE SIX
10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (313) 485-5050

DEFTONES
With Limp Bizkit, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (hardcore rock) (248) 333-2362

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

DIRT BOMBS
With The Hentchmen, Witches and Bantam Rooster, as part of the Motor City Brewing Works GhettoBlaster CD Release Party, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (roots rock) (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

DISCIPLINE
With Tiles and House of Usher, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. 18 and older. (progressive rock) (248) 544-3030

DOROTHY
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave. (two blocks south of Nine Mile Road), Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 546-3696

ETHOS
With Saint Ashley and Eloise, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. All ages. (pop) (248) 335-8100

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

KIM FOX
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Gargyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (pop) (248) 745-9790

THE FRANTIC FLAT TOPS
With Swingin' Demons, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

FU-MANCHU
With Piston, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress,

Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT

GOVERNMENT HONEY
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 7, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

THE GRISWALDS
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

"HOUSE OF BLUES TOUR"
Featuring Dr. John, Charlie Musselwhite, Robert Jr. Lockwood, and Alvin Youngblood Hart, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road (at Hall Road, M-59), Clinton Township. \$29 adults, \$26 students/seniors; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (810) 286-2222/(313) 833-3700

JILL JACK
10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 349-9110

JACKOPIECE
Farewell tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in advance. 19 and older. (guitar-based rock) (248) 335-8100/(313) 996-8555

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450/(248) 349-9110

JAMIROQUAI
7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Canceled. All ages. (funk/dance) (313) 961-5451

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, The New Detroit, 655 Beaubien St. (at Fort Street), Greektown area of Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 963-3355/(248) 682-4566

CHANTAL KREVIUZUK
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8.50 in advance. All ages. (piano pop) (248) 335-8100

LADY MISS KIER
Formerly of Deee-Lite sprins drum and bass, with resident DJ St. Andy, 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$5, 18 and older. (techno) (248) 334-1999

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

JOHN D. LAMB BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Mr. B's, 48550 Van Dyke, Shelby Township. Free. 21 and older. (singer/song-writer) (248) 731-0700

THE LOOK
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Mr. Sport, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 534-7420

HOLLY MCNARLAND
With Subrosa, formerly known as For Squirrels, and Gords Eskimos, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

MR. B
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (boogie woogie/blues piano) (313) 761-1451

MR. FREEDOM X
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

MISS BLISS
With Velour 100 and Morella's Forest, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG THREE
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 681-3650

MOTOR JAM
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Kodiak Grill, 25660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750/(248) 360-7450

MUDPUDDY
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

STEVE NARDELLA TRIO
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Soup

Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(313) 259-2643

19 WHEELS
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Atomic Numbers and Fat Amy, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 544-3030

OPIE'S DREAM
9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Charlie CarPartz, Heritage Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Free. 21 and older. (classic rock) (313) 283-4400 or http://www.izy.net/~mic

OVER THE RHINE
With Jason Dennie, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (ethereal pop) (313) 996-8555

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110/(248) 644-4800

PURPLE FLY
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

"RAMPANT TOUR"
Featuring DJs Larry Bishop, Chris Brown and John Debo, as part of "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10, 18 and older. (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

GARY RASMUSSEN
10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 652-1600

LOU RAWLS
As part of the Wayne County Community College District 30th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala, 6:30 p.m. black-tie dinner reception featuring a "strolling dinner" reception, 8:30 p.m. program, and 8:30 p.m. concert Thursday, Dec. 4, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$150 (\$65 tax deductible) gala tickets, \$36.50 and \$31.50 concert-only tickets. (313) 496-2648

ROLLING STONES
With Third Eye Blind, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone, Pontiac. \$37.50 and \$62. All ages. (rock) (248) 645-6666

ROOMFUL OF BLUES HOLIDAY PARTY
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance, benefits the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. All ages. (blues) (313) 999-MUSIC

SNEAKER PIMPS
With Getaway Cruiser, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.90 in advance. All ages. (trippy pop) (313) 961-MELT

SOLID FROG
With Size 14, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

CURTIS SUMNER PROJECT WITH CATHY DAVIS
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

MARY THOMPSON AND DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages.

MOVIES

Savannah stars as 'Midnight' unravels murder

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

Savannah, Georgia, is unlike any other Southern city. Left relatively intact at the close of the Civil War, it is a haunted place where you can turn a corner on its brick-lined streets and come face to face with a building untouched for over a century.

For John Kelso, the writer played by John Cusack in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," its mixture of the traditional and bizarre proves downright beguiling. Sent there to write a magazine fluff piece, he decides this "Gone with the Wind" - "on mescaline" - would be an ideal setting for his next book.

Unfortunately, the real-life story that made 1994's "Mid-

night" one of the decade's best-selling novels doesn't translate all that well to film. Through the earnest, but uninspired, lens of director Clint Eastwood, it becomes a murder mystery without enough of either to sustain its 2-1/2-hour running time.

The movie opens leisurely (and I suppose appropriately so) as Kelso encounters the eccentric Savannah locals. A man walks an imaginary dog. Another has huge horseflies attached to strings on his sweater. A former beauty only strays from her boudoir long enough to attend the lavish formal parties.

When Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey), a popular member of Savannah's "nouveau riche," shoots his volatile young lover, his self-defense plea doesn't automatically mean innocence. How his sexual relationship with the deceased plays in court could put him behind bars.

Set in 1981, the movie is adapted from John Berendt's

novel, itself based on the actual Williams murder trial. Tourists now visit familiar Savannah spots described in "Midnight" (referred to simply as "The Book") and pry the locals for first-hand gossip about the case.

But these same juicy tidbits that seem so great in whispers might not be enough to support a film, especially one as self-important as this one. Eastwood, never known for his light hand, seems so intent on covering all the bases of race, sexual preference and even voodoo, that he strips the life out of each. Cusack walks through the movie literally in an open-mouthed stupor, seemingly awed by his Gatsby-like relationship to the dapper Williams (he even addresses the young writer as "Sport"). Spacey, sporting distinguished gray hair and a bushy mustache, plays his role appropriately friendly but formal and maybe even a bit detached.

If that woman the young writ-

er has his eyes on throughout the movie looks familiar, it's because Eastwood cast his 25-year-old daughter Alison in the role. Yet the attempt to give Cusack a love interest (I don't think her character existed in the book) only drags the movie out longer than necessary.

Eastwood makes a far bolder move in the casting of The Lady Chablis, the real-life Savannah drag diva who figured somewhat in the original case. With her black, aquiline face and impossibly long arms, she gives an authentic, if unevenly paced, performance.

The courtroom sequences move at a fairly good clip, helped in part by Jack Thompson's turn as Williams' loyal friend and attorney. The Australian actor employs the same jury-swaying technique that won accolades in the classic "Breaker Morant" almost two decades ago.

Still, the gay conflict at the center of the trial seems a bit out-of-date. Sure a lot has changed since 1981, but because Savannah is such an antique place to begin with (the old cars are normally a giveaway), I didn't



SAM EMERSON/WARNER BROS.

Film adaptation: John Kelso (John Cusack) looks at a dagger owned by Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey) in "The Garden of Good and Evil," based on the book by John Berendt.

n't realize until almost halfway through that we were back in time at all.

What remains unspoiled in "Midnight" is Savannah itself, still the movie's biggest selling point. That alone may make it

worth a look.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Contempt" (France/Italy-1963). Friday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30 (call for showtimes). Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director.

"Forgotten Silver" (New Zealand-1996). 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Peter Jackson ("Heavenly Creatures") created this mock documentary about a forgotten New Zealand film legend whose life is shown through interviews and clips.

Main Art Theatre 118 N.

Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Washington Square" (USA-1997). Jennifer Jason Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl in turn-of-the-century New York caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor.

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain-1997). More Henry James. This time the turn-of-the-century romantic entanglement occurs between a conniving woman (Helena Bonham Carter) and a handsome journalist (Linus Roache). They devise a plan to have him woo a dying woman and thus inherit her fortune.

"Kiss or Kill" (Australia-1997). In this grifters movie from the Land Down Under, an outlaw couple used to robbing businessmen ends up on the run when one of their victims dies.

Magic Bag Theatre 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (USA-1982). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Nicolas Cage, Eric Stolz and Anthony Edwards are just a few of the familiar faces in this New Wave-era teen comedy. Writer/director Cameron Crowe based it on his own experiences going undercover in a Southern California high school.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (West of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Ice Storm" (USA-1997). A film adaptation of Rick Moody's confessional account of life in the 1970s, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet," "Sense and Sensibility").

Windsor Film Theatre, 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"A Summer in La Goulette" (France/Tunisia-1996). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30. When a trio of girls begin dating boys of a different religion, tension erupts in their strict families.

3-D Double Feature "Revenge of the Creature" (USA-1955) and "It Came From Outer Space" (USA-1953). Beginning at 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30.

After the success of last season's "Creature From the Black Lagoon," the theater presents its first sequel, again directed by Jack Arnold. He was also behind "It Came From Outer Space," about aliens who assume the identities of locals so they can repair their damaged ship. Expect meteors to fly out into the audience in this rare 3-D presentation, with the glasses, of course.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 26

"FLUBBER" Remake of the classic Disney comedy about a bumbling professor who accidentally invents an anti-gravity material which he names "flubber." Stars Robin Williams, Marcia Gay Harden, Ted Levine and Clancy Brown.

"ALIEN RESURRECTION" Sigourney Weaver returns as Ripley who discovers that her "resurrection" is the result of an incredible experiment which has altered both her and the creature she had been carrying. Also stars Ron Perlman. Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 12

"AMISTAD" Story set in 1839 about the Spanish slave ship Amistad whose "cargo" of 53 Africans took over the vessel and were charged with murder. Stars Anthony Hopkins, Morgan Freeman.

"FOR RICHER OR POORER" Comedy about a well-to-do married couple who are ripped off by their accountant and end up owing the IRS. Stars Tim Allen, Kirstie Alley.

"SCREAM 2" It's two years later and the original players from "Scream" are reunited when they discover that some secrets from the past are best left forgotten. Stars Courtney Cox, David Arquette.

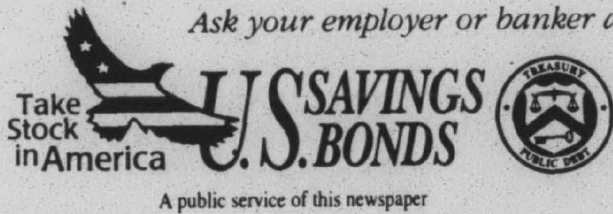
Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 19
"HOME ALONE 3" A secret computer chip is hidden inside a toy and pursued by a quartet of international thieves. Between them and the chip stands an 8-year-old boy.

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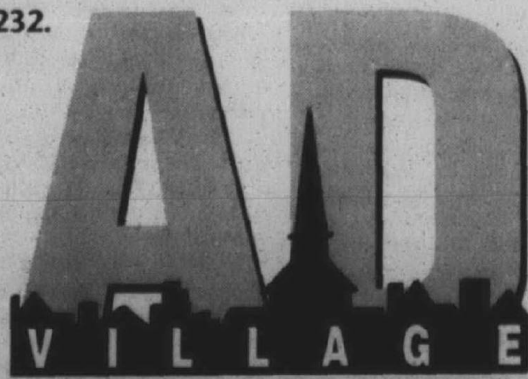
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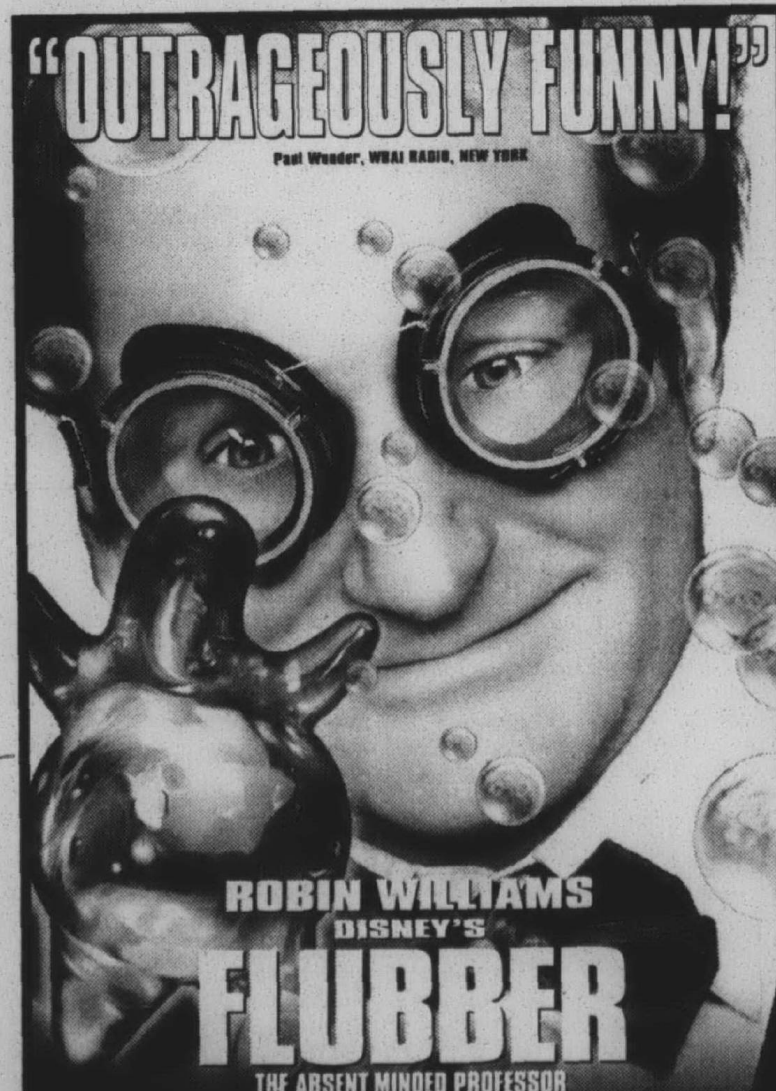
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New owner has 'Grand' ideas for Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Lance Kawas was a banker, "but I didn't find solace in it," he said. A writer at heart, Kawas purchased the Grand Cafe on Grand River in Farmington eight months ago.

"I write screenplays, epic dramas on the side," he said putting aside a copy of the "English Patient." "This is an ideal place to drink coffee and write on my laptop when I'm not too busy."

Kawas is working to create a haven for musicians, artists and writers, and a cozy retreat for people who want to stop for coffee, brunch or a bite to eat.

Located in the lower level of the Cook Building, The Grand Cafe is a good place to escape the hustle and bustle, especially during the holiday season.

"It's a very private place," he said. "It's not very bright, it's kind of mystic, and there are beautiful pictures on the walls."

Kawas describes his Grand Cafe as "a place where friends meet for coffee, entertainment and food."

He offers close to 50 different blends of coffee, a variety of coffee drinks and non-alcoholic beverages, baked goods, ice cream, brunch, salads, pizza, sandwiches, chicken and vegetarian dishes. "I'll be getting a juice bar soon," he said.

For brunch, there are homemade Belgian Waffles made with cinnamon, crushed apples and walnuts. You can choose to have

Grand Cafe
Where: 33316 Grand River (lower level of the Cook Building) downtown Farmington, (248) 615-9181.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Menu: Gourmet Coffee, pastries, brunch items, sandwiches, soup, salads, and heartier entrees such as Honey Mustard Chicken with pasta and Sweet and Sour Chicken with rice.
Cost: Salads \$4-\$7.25; Sandwiches \$4.95-\$5.75; Create Your Own Pizza \$5.75 and Baby Grand Pizza \$6.25. Daily specials such as seasoned chicken with rice or pasta \$6.45.
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No smoking is allowed at the Grand Cafe

banana, strawberry or peach flavor added. The waffles are topped with fruit and whipped cream.

There's also a breakfast burrito filled with rice, vegetables, bacon and chicken, topped with melted cheese, and salsa. Oatmeal, granola topped with fresh fruit, or bacon and eggs are also available.

Hawaiian Chicken, Orange Chicken, Tuna Salad, Vegetarian and Old Fashioned Burger are some of the "big" sandwich offerings, which are served with chips. There's also a Salmon salad served with raspberry vinaigrette, Chicken Caesar and Garden Salad.

Check the blackboard for daily specials including soup. On the day I stopped in there were a

number of chicken entrees on special - South Pacific Chicken over Pasta, Ginger Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice, Honey Mustard Chicken over Pasta, and Sweet and Sour Chicken over Rice. An eggplant sandwich was also on special.

Every dish is beautifully garnished, and Kawas does most of the baking and cooking himself. The scones, available in a variety of flavors - butterscotch, blueberry, cherry and golden raisin - are homemade. Kawas also makes the cookies.

Although he doesn't have any formal culinary training, Kawas, who earned a degree in banking and finance from the University of Michigan, is very motivated to learn. "I have books, and I learn from television," he said.

His customers seem well pleased. "I make a portabello mushroom sandwich, which is dynamic," he said. Because the specials have become so popular, Kawas is revising the menu to include them.

A newcomer to Farmington, Kawas lives in Dearborn and is impressed with the talent he has discovered. He plans to host a music festival at the cafe in February and features local musicians on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Civic Theatre is just down the street, and Kawas said Farmington would be a perfect place for a Music and Movie Festival.

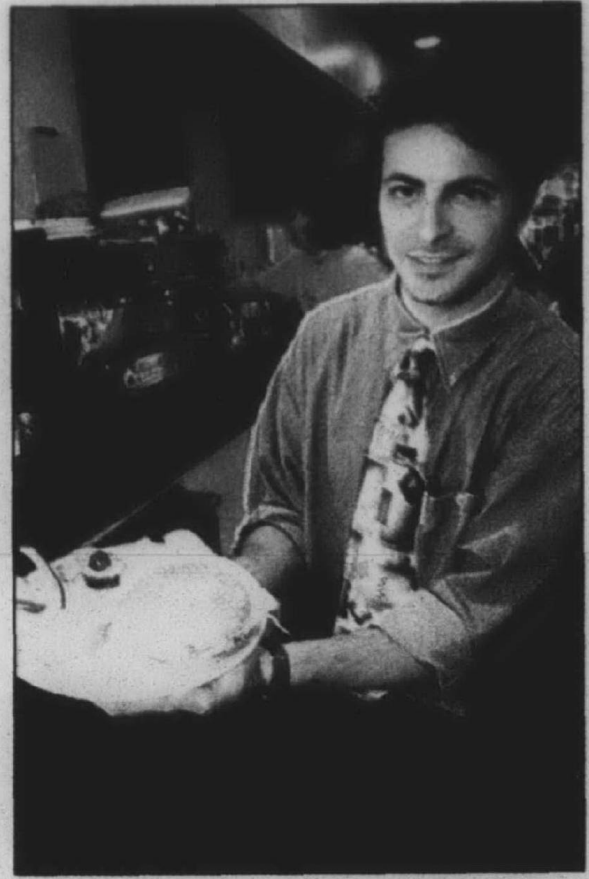
"We have a lot of young, undiscovered talent here," he said. "I see a lot of potential, but no one knows about them. I'd like this to be a place where people can be discovered."

He also plans to open his space to local artists - "it will be kind of a gallery," explained Kawas. "The works will be for sale." An artist will do portrait sketches at the cafe on Tuesdays.

While he's serious about writing and promoting local artists and musicians, Kawas also knows how to create an atmosphere where people can unwind and relax.

His cafe is warm and inviting. You can sit on the couch and watch TV, read magazines, play a board game with friends or surf the Internet.

"You'll never be bored here," he



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KIESSEL

Sensational sandwich: Lance Kawas presents Hawaiian Chicken, one of the sandwiches he offers at Grand Cafe in Farmington.

said. On Wednesdays, depending on the interest, Grand Cafe hosts a "Dating Game."

Most of all, Kawas wants to "do something constructive. I love to write and hope young people will come here and show their talent."

Running a business and working to become a writer is a lot of work, but Kawas is determined.

"I'm here 15 hours a day," he said. "That's what it takes to build a business. There are no shortcuts."

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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The restaurant at 30855 Southfield Road has new owners and a new look. Joe Muer's Grill was recently purchased by Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor - two longtime employees of the original Joe Muer's Seafood restaurant in downtown Detroit.

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