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## TODAY

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## COMMUNITY LIFE

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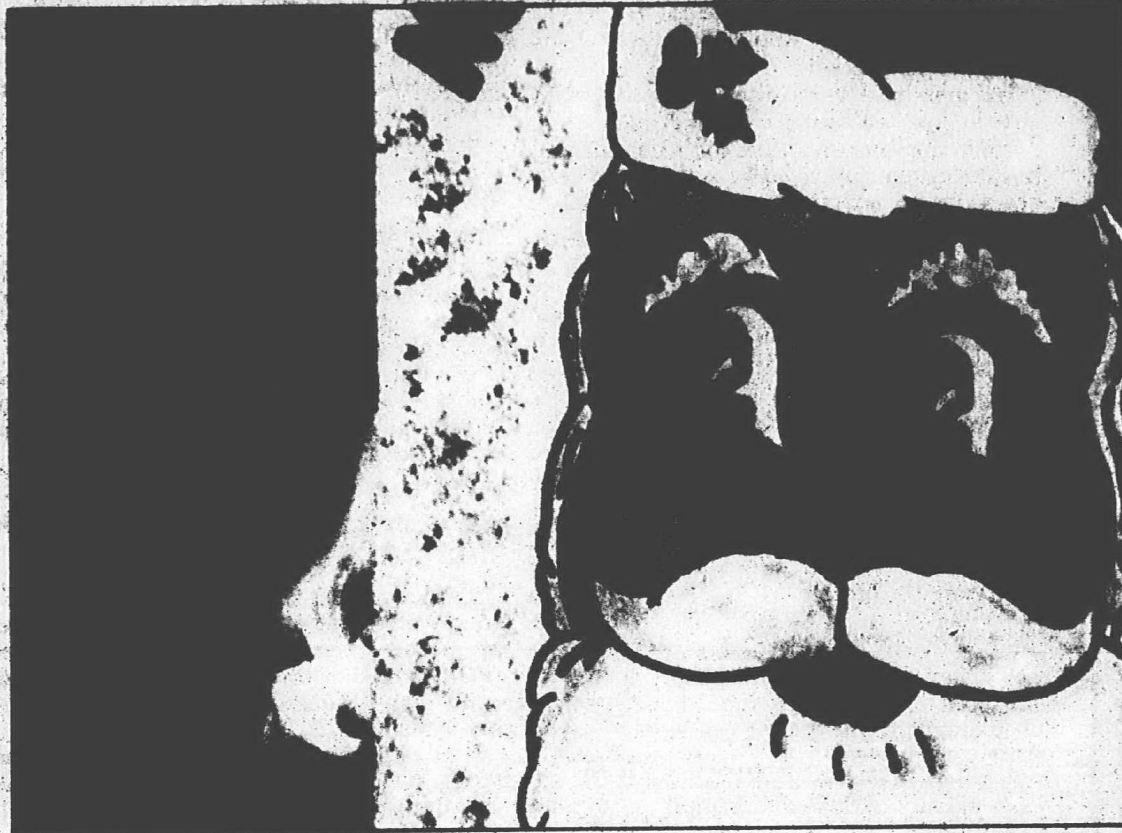
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### Sneaking a peek



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**Where's Santa?** A bit too shy to sit on Santa's lap Tuesday night, Ashley Wong, 2, hides behind the mailbox for Letters to Santa where she could check out the jolly big guy now and then while other children visited with him. Children got time with Santa after Livonia's Tree Lighting Ceremony Tuesday night. For more pictures of the event, please turn to page A10.

## Most fifth graders fail new social studies MEAP

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If Michigan Education Assessment Program results are an indication, Livonia fifth graders are not adept at smashing debuts.

Parents need not fret, though. Neither are pupils statewide.

Overall, district fifth graders performed poorly on the MEAP social studies test, which was given for the first time during the previous school year.

The exam quizzed kids on geography, civics, economics and history. Some 1,312 fifth graders took the test along with eighth and 11th graders.

District officials are citing unfamiliarity with both the test and subject matter for the anemic results at the elementary level.

Only 19 percent of district fifth graders exceeded or met the

state standard by earning 40 of 61 possible points.

Some 93.3 percent were deemed proficient at a basic level by getting at least 31 of 61 points, while 47.5 percent fell below. Those students have been labeled as apprentices in social studies.

"Basically it means they're lacking in a number of the skills and their amount of understanding in social studies relative to what the state standards are," said Allan Edwards, Livonia district research and evaluation specialist.

Livonia fifth graders can take some solace, though: Only 19 percent of kids their same age statewide exceeded or met the standards on the same test.

By contrast, district eighth graders scored above the state average on the MEAP social studies test. Some 42.2 percent of Livonia eighth graders exceed-

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ed or met the state standard compared to 27.8 percent statewide.

At the 11th grade level, 26 percent of 1,053 students either exceeded or met the state standard. Only 78 percent of 11th graders took the test while some 300 opted out or were absent.

District officials are awaiting statewide results for 11th graders.

While eighth and 11th graders would seem to better know the subjects involved, elementary kids were stymied on questions of geography, economics, history and government.

Fifth graders are also tested on their inquiring and decision-making abilities. Some questions are open-ended where students

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## Cable firm takes hike in rates

■ Cable television rates will increase 5 percent in January. "We could legally raise it a lot more. We chose not to do that," said a Time Warner official.

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Livonia cable TV customers will be welcomed into the year 2000 by a familiar trend - prices are going up.

Time Warner announced it's increasing basic and expanded services by 5 percent starting in January. The raise in rates affects about 26,000 subscribers in Livonia.

Broadcast basic goes up from \$10.50 to \$11.03 while expanded services increase \$1 from \$19.94 to \$20.94.

Under a five-year social contract between the cable provider and the Federal Communications Commission, Time Warner is allowed - but not required - to raise expanded basic services by \$1 annually. The agreement expires this year.

The remaining 53 cents is due to increased costs in operations, said Time Warner spokesman Bob McCann.

"We're trying to be as conservative as possible with this increase," McCann said. "The maximum (FCC) permitted rate for that service is considerably more than we charge."

"We could legally raise it to a lot more. We chose not to do that."

McCann said cable providers can charge upwards of \$26 for expanded basic service, which includes channels such as Fox Sports Detroit, TNT, USA and A&E.

In an attempt to regulate rates, FCC placed benchmarks on cable services five years ago.

The regulatory commission subsequently entered into a separate agreement to, in part, settle outstanding rate complaints with Time Warner, which acquired Livonia's previous provider Metrovision four years ago.

FCC regulation of rates has done some good, a cable TV authority said. Services and innovations such as fiber-optic rewiring have improved greatly.

"I think customers are better off than in 1993 before rate regulations were in place," said Neil Lehto, an attorney and consultant for cable authorities.

With the social contract ending, McCann declined to

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## Stuffed for charity

### Carnival champs offer giant Tweetys, Poohs to donors

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Stuffed animals don't retrieve the newspaper, but they fetch a lot of money for charity.

Which is why once a year a John Rogin Buick-Isuzu salesman and his partner fill the showroom with the creatures. This year, Peter Magic and Dana Tidwell chucked 2,000 stuffed animals inside the Plymouth Road dealership, located between Merriman and Middlebelt next to the Terrace Theater.

By Monday afternoon, several hundred had already been landed for donations of \$10-50 each. Proceeds go to charities such as the Lions Club, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots and children's hospitals.

During the past 15 years, Magic donated \$20,000 to charity.

How did the pair procure so many stuffed creatures? Forget safaris at FAO Schwartz or Toys "R" Us.

They won them the old fashion way - at midways from Sandusky, Ohio, to Las Vegas. Peter Magic touts himself as a champion carnival gamesman.

He can put the dart in the star, lasso the ring on the bottle and send milk containers astir with one heave of a softball.

"Every one of them is rigged," Magic said. "We just know how to un-rig them."

For 15 years, Magic has used his sideshow savvy to land prizes, which he stores in a garage and at home until the holidays. He's taught Tidwell the secrets and the tandem has sent carnival harkers into conniptions since.

Places like Cedar Point have caught on to Magic and Tidwell.

When the pair arrive, the amusement park offers a wagon and someone to help carry the stuffed crea-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Soft touch:** Dana Tidwell (left) and Peter Magic are among the many stuff animals that they have won at Cedar Point and in Las Vegas this past year, which are being sold for charity at John Rogin Buick-Isuzu dealership on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

tures. However, they're limited to two to four animals each per game.

"They let all the games (people) know we're coming so the manager can watch us and make sure we don't go over the limit," said Tidwell, a sales manager. "They've been real good to us."

By comparison, Las Vegas is not too keen on gamblers liberating their stuffed animals, Tidwell said. "They treat these animals like one of their jackpots on the slot machines. They don't want you winning one of them," Tidwell said.

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# Gunman points pistol, robs sub shop

A gunman took cash from a Livonia sandwich shop Monday night after threatening a worker and two customers with a semiautomatic pistol.

The reported holdup occurred shortly before midnight at Minute Subs & Salads, on Livingston near Schoolcraft Road, according to a Livonia Police Department report. No one was hurt.

The worker, a 19-year-old Sterling Heights man, told police a man walked in and picked up a 20-ounce Minute Maid pop. The man had a dollar, but the purchase totaled \$1.09, and the man said he would go to his car and get a dime, police said.

The man left. He returned a minute or two later and picked a different soft drink.

When the worker opened the cash register, the robber pointed a pistol at him and told him to "back off" and lie down, police said. He then pointed the gun at two other men in the eatery, telling them to back up.

With the register still open, the gunman reached over the counter, grabbed cash from it and left the shop, running east.

A tracking dog helped police investigate the scene. Police found fingerprints and a \$5 bill east of the shop. The bottle of Minute Maid was held for fingerprints.

The gunman was described as black, between 50 and 30 years old, and between 6-foot-2 and 6-foot-4 with a heavy build. He had brown hair, brown eyes and a medium complexion. He was wearing a yellow down-filled jacket, black or dark blue pants and a baseball cap on backwards.

### Home burglarized

More than \$1,000 worth of electronic equipment was reported stolen from an apartment on Livonia's northeast side after it was broken into last week.

The burglary occurred the night of Dec. 2 on Chaska, west of Middlebelt, according to a police report. A back door had been forced open, its frame splintered, police said.

Reported stolen were two television sets, two videocassette recorders and a microwave oven.

### Trailer break-in

A 10-drawer metal tool chest with tools in it was reported stolen from a trailer outside a Livonia business after the trailer was broken into recently, police reported.

The latch had been cut off the side door of the trailer at St. Clair Motorparts, on Industrial Road east of Merriman, between 10:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 8:45 a.m. Dec. 3.

## CRIME WATCH

### Car stolen

A 1999 Honda Accord was reported stolen from outside Technicolor Video Services, on Seven Mile near Hamgarty, Saturday night.

The Accord was taken between 8:45 p.m. and midnight, police said.

### Vehicle break-ins

Seven vehicles were broken into in Livonia during a five-day period earlier this month, according to police reports.

The break-ins occurred from Dec. 2-6, police said. Six of the seven were parked at businesses; one was parked outside a home.

Entry was forced in each case. In four incidents, a window was broken. In two, a door lock was punched, and in one, a door was pried open, the reports said.

Three of the vehicles, including a motorhome, that had a window smashed had also had a lock punched, police said.

The items reported stolen included clothing, a pair of boots, a radar detector, power tools, compact discs and a briefcase. In two of the break-ins, nothing was reported stolen.

by Matt Jachman

# New owners plan upgrades at Plymouth Road center

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A Livonia shopping center has changed hands, but it's an impending face lift that has shop owners enthused.

Shelden Plaza, on the southeast corner of Plymouth and Farmington roads, will also be part of the Plymouth Road Development Authority's ongoing streetscape improvement of the corridor.

In November, a limited liability company headed by a Detroit casino magnate and a Southfield builder bought the 95,000-square-foot center from Walter and Joy Samuels.

As well as a Rite Aid and

McCaffrey's Office Supplies, the center's 24 tenants also include a barber, pet store and ice cream shop. Bogart's Billiards Cafe also plans to relocate there, the center's new owner said.

That leaves existing proprietors giddy about the new owner's plans to spruce up the mall.

"I think it's going to be a great move," said Patsy Chambers, Hard Ice Cream Cafe owner. "Not only for the lease holders here but the overall community."

New owners John Hamburger and Herb Strather see unlimited potential at the Shelden Plaza.

"One of the things that attracted us to the center was all the local businesses," Hamburger

said. "This isn't one of those centers where there are a lot of big national companies coming in."

"We're going to try and see if we can promote the local businesses in there."

Hamburger is chief operating officer with the Southfield-based Parliament Co., which will do renovations on the structure built in the 1950s.

Stores in the center are configured where they're best viewed traveling west on Plymouth Road. The theory at the time was that westbound traffic was predominant and businesses would gain more visibility.

Another group of businesses like the Hard Ice Cream Cafe front Farmington Road.

Lighting will be improved and the parking lot redone, Hamburger said. Landscaping and new signs are also in the works.

Those will coincide with PRDA's ongoing improvements. Plans include adding a plaza on the southeast corner of Plymouth and Farmington roads.

"I think it's essential to our plan," said John Nagy, PRDA

director. "That is one of the most dominant interactions in the area."

The new owner intends to accommodate the city on easements. "In spirit, we're in favor and plan on improving them," Hamburger said. "I think what Mr. Nagy and his authority are doing is wonderful."

Meanwhile, Shelden Plaza shop owners and others are watching what develops across the street.

Another builder proposed building a strip center and townhouse style condominiums on land where the vacant George Burns Theatre sits. Those plans are stalled because of wetland mitigation.

In a city that boasts shopping centers like Laurel Place, Wonderland and Livonia malls, those who operate businesses in Shelden Plaza have felt like a poor stepister.

"(Renovations) are going to give this little plaza a shine," Chambers said. "I think it's been invisible for a long time because of its appearance."

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# 40 years ago: Mom recalls St. Mary's first birth

BY DIANE GALE ANDREAS  
SPECIAL WRITER

A lot has changed since Christopher Lee Quinlivan made local history by being the first baby born at St. Mary Hospital 40 years ago.

The little boy grew up and moved to the Dominican Republic; the hospital has made countless additions and improvements, most notably in its maternity center, and the community has gone from being mostly rural to being developed, with little open space left.

But when Lois and Larry Quinlivan were looking for the hospital at Five Mile and Levan, Dec. 8, 1959, St. Mary Hospital was one of the few buildings around. And for a few days after their son was born in 1959, the Quinlivans, who lived in the City of Wayne at the time, became local celebrities.

But their notoriety came as a surprise. In fact, their son, Chris, wasn't supposed to be delivered at St. Mary, but at

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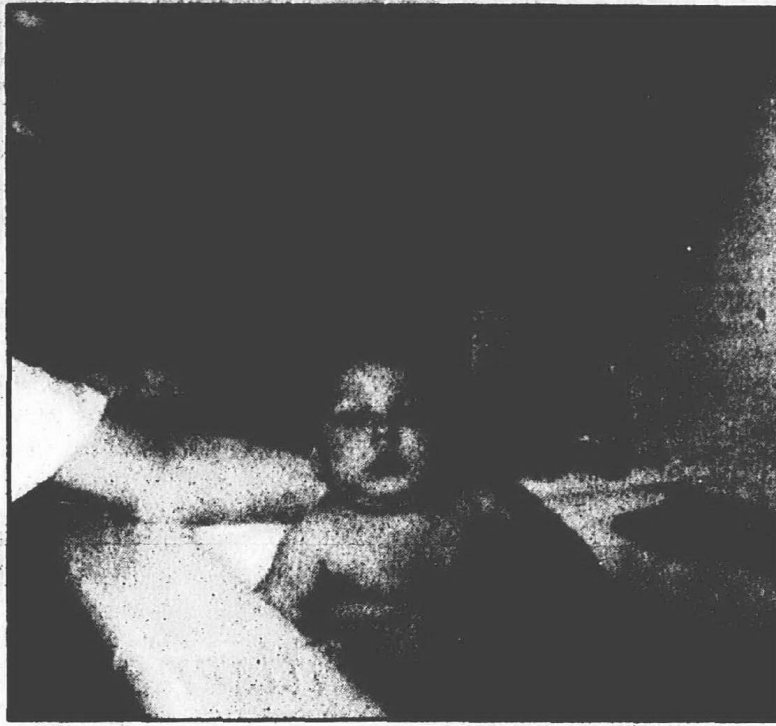
**Lois Quinlivan**  
—mom of Christopher Lee,  
first birth at St. Mary hospital

Highland Park General Hospital.

"The reason we wanted to go to Highland Park General Hospital was that we understood that they would allow visitors other than husbands and at the time, other hospitals wouldn't allow that," Lois explained.

When Lois began labor about 6 p.m. on Dec. 8, they called her doctor, who was caring for a heart patient at St. Mary Hospital.

"My husband was having an argument with the doctor and



**What's the fuss?** As an infant, Christopher Lee Quinlivan didn't understand what the hoopla was over his birth at St. Mary Hospital. He's 40 years old today (above), and lives in the Dominican Republic, running a cigar company.

finally I said, 'Let's just go.' We headed out to find it and it seemed like we drove forever out in this desolate area," explained

Lois, who has lived in Livonia, a couple of miles from the hospital, for 36 years.

Christopher Lee Quinlivan was born just after midnight Dec. 9.

"I had a rooting section between the nurses and the nurse trying to get me to deliver on the eighth, because that's the day the hospital opened," Lois said. "After he was born and I was in my room and I looked out the window and all I could see was one red barn."

By the time her third child was born at St. Mary Hospital, Lois recalled, looking out a window and seeing rows of houses and marveling at the development.

The Quinlivans were surprised by all the attention their newborn baby, weighing 8 pounds and 11 ounces, was receiving.

"To be honest with you, I

haven't thought about it in a long, long time," Lois said. "We were quite surprised by it all."

The attention also came with some monetary value. The Livonia Chamber of Commerce gave them a \$100 bond, and they received a baby scale from Livonia Hardware, as well as other gifts donated from area businesses.

A collage of photos and a Livonia Observer article, yellowed with age now, is displayed in her Livonia home. Larry Quinlivan died in August 1974.

"There was a lot of notoriety and people were always calling," she said. "I remember one afternoon not feeling very well and back then the hospitals kept you in for five days. They called from downstairs and said (Livonia) Observer reporters were down there to see me."

When Christopher was 14, the hospital had a public ceremony commemorating an addition to the hospital and he was invited

to attend as a special guest.

Forty years after his birth, Christopher is single and living in the Dominican Republic on a business venture to start a cigar company.

"He's still doing that and he's also into tourism down there," Lois said.

Livonia's only hospital has grown up a lot over the years, too, especially in maternity services. Most notably, the Miracle of Life Center opened in 1997.

In recent years St. Mary Hospital staff delivered more than 1,300 babies annually. That number has doubled since the Miracle of Life Center opened.

Key to the center are rooms that allow families to enjoy the privacy of their own personal room for labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum without having to move.

Thousands of babies have been born at the hospital, but today Lois Quinlivan, and maybe a few local history buffs, will remember one — the first.

## St. Mary Hospital: Through the years

■ In 1926, Mother Mary DeSales leads Felician Sisters to buy 125 acres, the Smith Farm, in Livonia Township. Another 195 acres are later purchased.

■ It's 1949 in rural Livonia, and a group of physicians begin asking for a hospital; Livonia Chamber of Commerce pledges its support in 1952; and city officials join the call in 1953 after a fire at Livonia's General Motors plant.

■ Hospital opens Dec. 8, 1959. It has 170 beds and provides medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetrical, emergency and supportive services.

■ Expansions boost hospital to 212 beds in 1965; then to 304

beds in 1974.

■ In 1971, St. Mary Hospital grows to 304 beds, including a 31-bed Mental Health Unit.

■ The 1970s brings the opening of the Hemodialysis Unit, Intensive and Cardiac Care Units; in 1977, a new chapel and auditorium are added.

■ Addition of the Pavilion and Marion Professional Building in 1988 provides office space for physicians and new outpatient facilities.

■ New birthing rooms are added in the late 1980s; by 1993, a new Women's Health Care Services Department brings, among other things, new bright, private rooms in

the Miracle of Life Maternity Center.

■ In 1995, a new Emergency Center aims to minimize patient waiting time.

■ West Addition opens in 1997, including the Marian Women's Center, Miracle of Life Maternity Center and more.

■ In 1998, Urgent Care and Chest Pain Evaluation Units are offered; cancer care enhanced; Sleep Disorders Unit opened.

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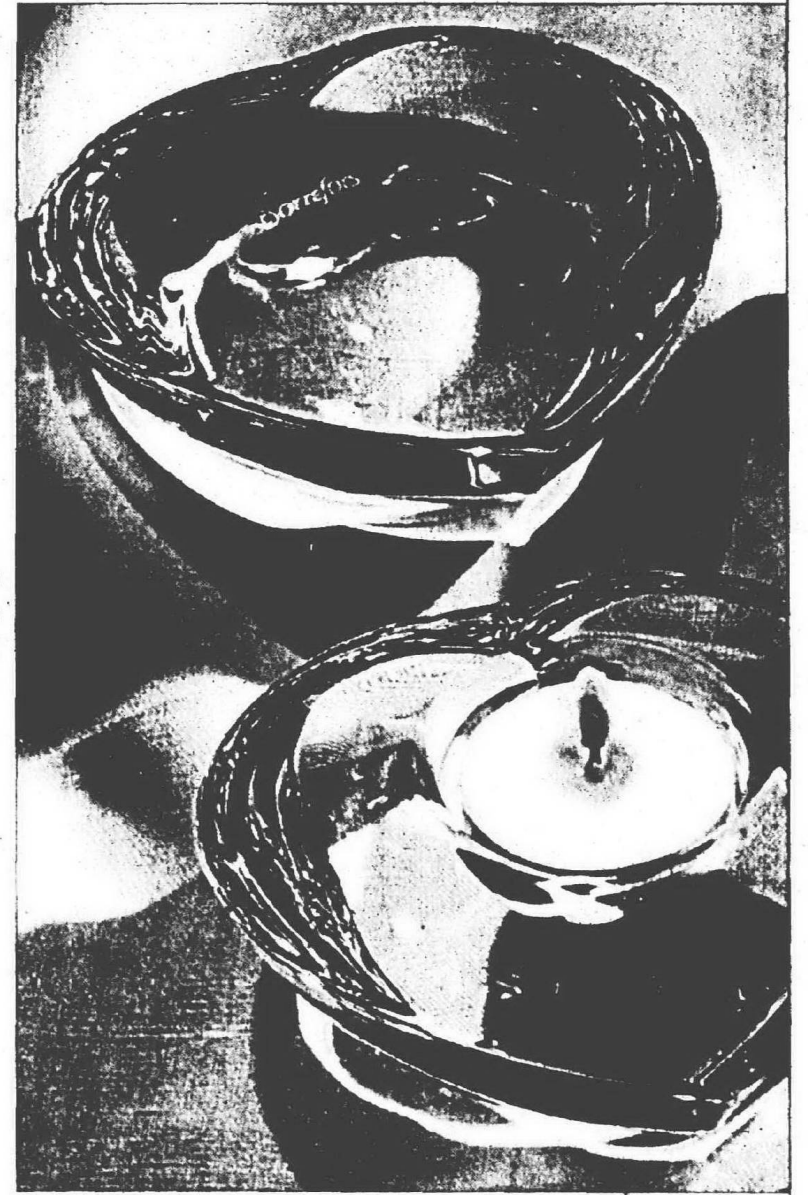
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# Cable from page A1

speculate on what effect it will have on future rates. Time Warner intends to launch its Roadrunner Internet access and other digital services this year, McCann said. "There will be a lot of changes in business," McCann said. "I have no idea what effect that will have on basic rates."

Time Warner is the city's sole cable provider. In October, Ameritech broke off negotiations with the Livonia City Council to become the community's second cable provider. Ameritech balked at the city's request for five public education access channels and at the perceived attitude of some elected officials at a council meeting.

Repeated requests by city officials to get Ameritech back to the city were unsuccessful. "A rate increase isn't going to help some customers' attitudes toward Time Warner," McCann admitted.

"It doesn't matter if you're raising cable rates or raising the price of milk, people don't like it," McCann said. "But it's a fact of continuing to operate your business."

# MEAP from page A1

are required to write extended answers, Edwards said.

"Some of those are things we've not traditionally taught specifically as part of the elementary program both here in Livonia and statewide," Edwards said. "Economics, as an example, has not been a standard part of the elementary program."

That will change as the district plans to adjust curriculum to reflect state standards. Elementary teachers are also training "to make sure they have the understanding necessary to teach the kids," Edwards said.

Parents received MEAP results last week. Included was a phone number for questions. His office received four to five calls, Edwards said.

"Their primary concerns were: 'My child is doing well in the classroom but didn't do well on the MEAP test. Can you give us an explanation?'" he said. "They were satisfied with our explanation."

# Stuffed from page A1

Because of the pair's involvement in Toys for Tots, Northwest Airlines shipped its massive stuffed animal catch back from Las Vegas to Detroit free of charge.

When the haul becomes too heavy, they'll enlist a volunteer who receives a stuffed animal as payment.

"Try holding six of these in your arms," said Tidwell, pointing to the Winnie the Pooh bears.

Magic attributes the deft hand-eye coordination skills he honed as a magician for giving

him an edge. He also plays all the angles. For instance, he makes sure all the glass vessels are lined up properly before plunking down his quarters on the bottle toss.

"It's just like a business," Magic said.

Like any good entrepreneur, or in this case a philanthropist, Magic has goals. He plans to double the number of stuffed animals to 4,000 next year.

This batch includes amped-up Scooby Doo dogs and Winnie the Pooh bears as well as

Looney Tunes characters Bugs Bunny, Taz and Tweety Bird. Safari animals like snow white tigers and leopards are popular as well, Tidwell said.

Such items can run up to \$200 retail.

On Monday, a woman was looking around the legion of stuffed fare, especially things with a Pokemon theme. Magic had nine to 10 figures, including Pikachu, hidden near his desk. Those will be put up for bid, he said.

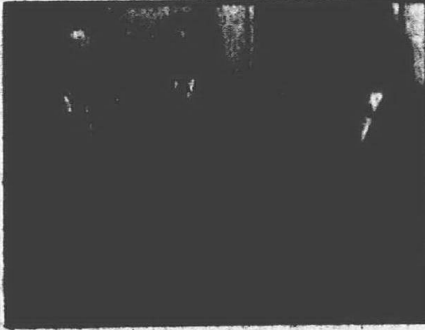
"We're keeping an eye on them until then," Tidwell said.

Stuffed animals will be available through Friday. What's left over will be donated to Toys for Tots. So far, 5,000 stuffed animals have been donated throughout the years.

Magic has put a benevolent spin on P.T. Barnum's claim of a sucker being born every minute. "I'm a sucker for any charity," he said.



Good grades: Attendees at Monday's graduation of the Livonia citizens police academy give the class a thumbs up as Police Chief Pete Kunst and Sister Ann Stamm, a police chaplain, cut the cake.



Family time: Graduates of Livonia's citizens police academy (from left) include John Flint, his son, Dave Flint, Michelle Skelton, and her mother, Mary Lee Skelton. John and Michelle graduated in Monday's seventh class.

# Inside view

## Citizens police academy grads get closeup look at life behind the badge

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Seventeen more people graduated from the Livonia's police academy Monday night.

The citizens police academy, that is — an intensive, 13-week course, taught by Livonia Police Department officers, that gives residents and business people an up-close look at all aspects of police work.

"I'm sad to see it end. I asked them if we could go on," said graduate Anita Westerback of Livonia, who works for Northwest Airlines.

Westerback and classmate Richard Hayes said the course had improved their view of the

police. "They've got a job to do, and they do it very professionally," said Hayes, a machine repairman who also lives in Livonia.

"I appreciate them a lot more," Westerback said.

Citizens police academy (CPA) participants learn about patrol, traffic enforcement, detective work, sex crimes, evidence technology, youth services, the courts and more during their three-hour, once-a-week classes at the police department.

There are optional visits to the police gun range (canceled this year because the range was closed after stray bullets from it were found in two houses in October) and ride-alongs with officers.

"It gives you a lot of insight on just what a police officer faces in a day-to-day atmosphere like that," Hayes said.

The trainers don't hold anything back, the graduates said. "They didn't hide anything

from us," Westerback said. "If it was a bad scene it was a bad scene, and that's the way it is."

During Monday's graduation, academy students met and shared refreshments with Mayor Jack Kirksey, city council President Jack Engebretson, Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny and 16th District Court Judge Kathleen McCann, as well as top police department brass.

Lt. Jeff Perkins, who is in charge of the academy as head of the department's training division, said the academy is a good way of changing the minds of skeptics who have a negative impression of the police.

"Those are my favorite types. I'd like to show them what these officers are like," Perkins said.

Far from being an unwanted assignment, officers stand in line to be academy instructors, Perkins said.

The academy was started

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# Battle over charter cap goes down to wire



Rep. Gerald Law

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Gov. John Engler and House Republicans failed in their attempts last week to raise the cap on the number of charter schools allowed to operate in Michigan, but they also promised to come back and try again this week.

Just a handful of votes shy of the number needed for passage, proponents like sponsor Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, Speaker of the House Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, and Engler spent the week in intense negotiations trying to win over the last few reticent members of their own caucus, including Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

Law said there is so much wrong with the latest draft of the bill that "they would have to tear whole pages out of it to make it acceptable to me."

His primary concern is over a lack of financial accountability. Although charter schools are considered to be public schools — allowing them to draw financing from the state school aid fund in return for not charging tuition — many operate like private schools. In the past, charter schools have refused to turn over audits to the state.

"Tell me what kind of salaries you are paying the principal. Tell me what kind of salaries you are paying the teachers. You could go to a public school and get all that information. Like it or not, you could get all of it," Law said. "We are spending \$210 million on charters, and I'm telling you that I don't know how that money is being spent. And we are just getting warmed up."

Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, is another of those Republicans opposing the plan. She said charter schools draw money away from public schools. She also noted that charter schools could get around the current caps by seeking authorization from a school district or community college. Only those authorized by universities are capped, she said, but charter schools prefer working through universities.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, DeWeese said he was short only "a couple of votes" and he was adjusting his bill line by line to win them over. On Wednesday, Dec. 1, Republicans put the fifth rewrite of the bill to a test, but it fell a half dozen votes shy. The board was cleared before the vote was tallied or recorded, a practice which has become standard procedure in the House when leadership wants to keep a bill alive. "Every time he (DeWeese) changes a word to get one vote, he loses another," House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, explained.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, which was considered to be the deadline if additional charter schools are to be opened next fall, Perricone announced that Republicans would put off another attempt. He said he was rejecting an offer by House Democrats to trade passage of the raised charter school cap in return for killing off a bill which would eliminate residency requirements for city workers. "I don't make that kind of trade for anything... Residency is a completely separate issue," Perricone

explained.

Exactly who initiated talk of the trade isn't clear. Perricone said Democrats are demanding it. Minority Leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, said it was the governor who first offered it, which the governor's office denied.

It may have been more than just moral outrage that caused Perricone to toss out the trade.

"There were eight Republicans who were ready to bolt if Chuck

Perricone deals," Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, said. "They were ready to bolt because he was just talking to the Dems. He'd have lost more votes than he would have gained."

To open new charter schools next year, the bill would have to pass by Dec. 31 allowing the raised cap to go into effect in April. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn Dec. 9, and that means there will no longer be time for a required five-day lay-

over between house and senate ... unless lawmakers decide to ignore their own rules.

"They'll find a way," Gosselin said, stating confidently that the bill can still be passed before legislators take off for Christmas break.

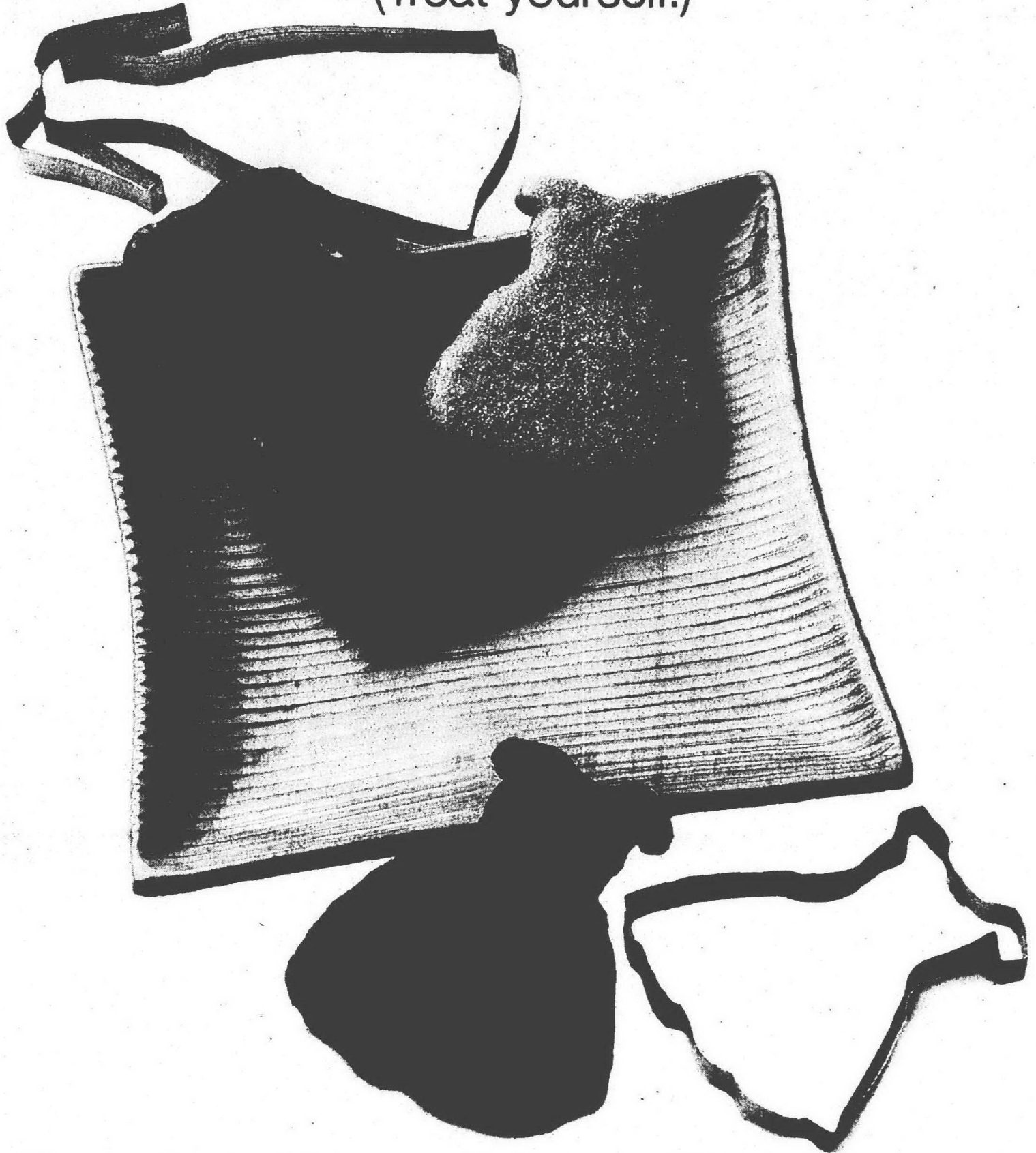
House Bill 4706, initially introduced by Rep. LaMar Lemmons, D-Detroit, but now significantly rewritten, would raise the cap on charter schools set up through universities from 150 to

200 next year. After that, the cap would increase 25 per year.

With 140 such schools in operation now, John Truscott, spokesman for the governor, said some 100 more schools are already seeking permission to open.

The bill would also create a new oversight board and allow for new charter schools specifically designed for "at risk" students.

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## Stiff penalty for pretending to be a doctor

It will soon be a 15-year felony to practice medicine without a license, as a result of two bills signed into law recently by Gov. John Engler.

It always was illegal, but the penalties were not as severe, a fact that came clear last year when Dennis Roark of Sterling Heights was charged with acting as a thoracic surgeon despite having never graduated from college.

The prosecutor had to charge Roark with "uttering and publishing" for faking credentials in order to get a hefty penalty, said Jack McHugh, legislative aide to Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy. Roark is serving 6-15 years after pleading guilty to that charge.

"The penalties were nothing very tough. The judge said in this case (acting as a surgeon without a license) it was more like a rape," McHugh said.



OBITUARIES

Services for Edward "Mike" Bradfute, 60, of O'Fallon, Ill., took place Dec. 1 at First United Methodist Church, O'Fallon, Ill., with the Rev. Arthur "Bud" Dplsh, Rev. Tim Harrison and Rev. Dwight Jones officiating. Burial was in O'Fallon City Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 12, 1949, in Columbus, Ohio, and died Nov. 24 in Southfield. He attended First United Methodist Church and was a Boy Scout leader for 12 years, active in TOP 3. He graduated from Livonia Franklin High School in 1967. He entered the Air Force in 1970, retiring in 1993 as a master sergeant.

Mrs. Simms, born Nov. 14, 1926, in Detroit, died Dec. 1 in Livonia. She was a technician with Burroughs Corp. Surviving are her son, Charles (Barbara) Simms of Inkster; daughters, Vicki Simms of Canton, Paula (Michael) Bradbury of Livonia and Linda (Keith) Sexton of Alaska; sister, Barbara (Loren) Bouse of Redford; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Printing in 1960. In the early 1970s, he brought Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers to the state of Michigan, opening the first store on Telegraph Road in Redford. Mr. O'Meara was involved in the Catholic Youth Organization, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and in local politics. He served on the board of directors for the Villa Marie Retirement Community.

He was a member of the Order of the Alhambra (Executive) First/Noble from Ordanabo Caravan No. 127, helping with group homes for retarded children. He was a member since 1963. He was a veteran serving in the Navy, Radioman 3rd Class during World War II.

He may even try to join the police reserves. The next academy begins Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000. The academy is open to Livonia residents, or people who work or own a business in the city.

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Academy from page A6. three years ago as a public relations tool, and a way of letting citizens get to know the people behind the badges. The hope was that participants would get a positive message about the department back to their homes, neighborhoods and workplaces.

That idea will work, Hayes said. "Members of the class are going to get the word out," he said. In fact, Hayes and Westerback are thinking of extending their relationship with the department as volunteers. Hayes said

he may even try to join the police reserves. The next academy begins Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000. The academy is open to Livonia residents, or people who work or own a business in the city.

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# Airport ads take a lighthearted approach

BY KEN ARRACZYK  
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Maybe you've heard the radio ads.

David Katz sits down for a Thanksgiving meal, far away from his job as director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, presumably to enjoy turkey in the traditional fashion with family members.

Soon it starts. First, his mother-in-law starts in on him about airport parking, then his brother chimes in about always getting lost at the airport. Katz reminds them about airport upgrades and conveniences: a new message sign, a parking hotline and parking exits.

The ads are a way for Katz and airport officials to acknowledge the public complaints and sometimes critical perceptions of the airport, but Katz uses the spots to update the public. Katz has a little fun with it, too, ending the spot with the line that he

**'Why would we go with the self-effacing, humorous approach? To do something amusing, and poke a little fun at ourselves. We felt people would listen to us more.'**

*Mike Conway*  
Airport spokesman

could eat a "little more turkey and a lot less crow" during the next holiday.

"Why would we go with the self-effacing, humorous approach?" asked Mike Conway, airport

spokesman. "To do something amusing, and poke a little fun at ourselves. We felt people would listen to us more."

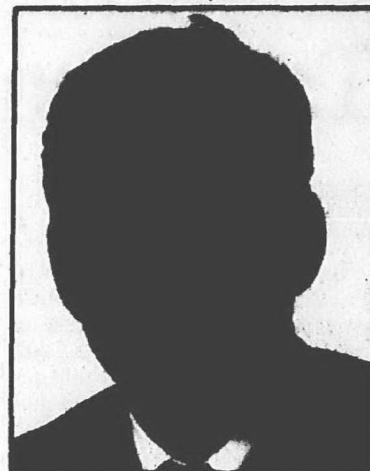
Airport officials found the ads a good way to inform the public about credit card express lanes for quicker ways to leave the parking deck, a parking hotline (1-800-642-1978) and a giant message sign informing motorists entering the airport about parking.

The idea for the ads came from

the ad agency of Solomon Friedman Advertising in Bloomfield Hills with consultants at Caponigro Public Relations of Southfield.

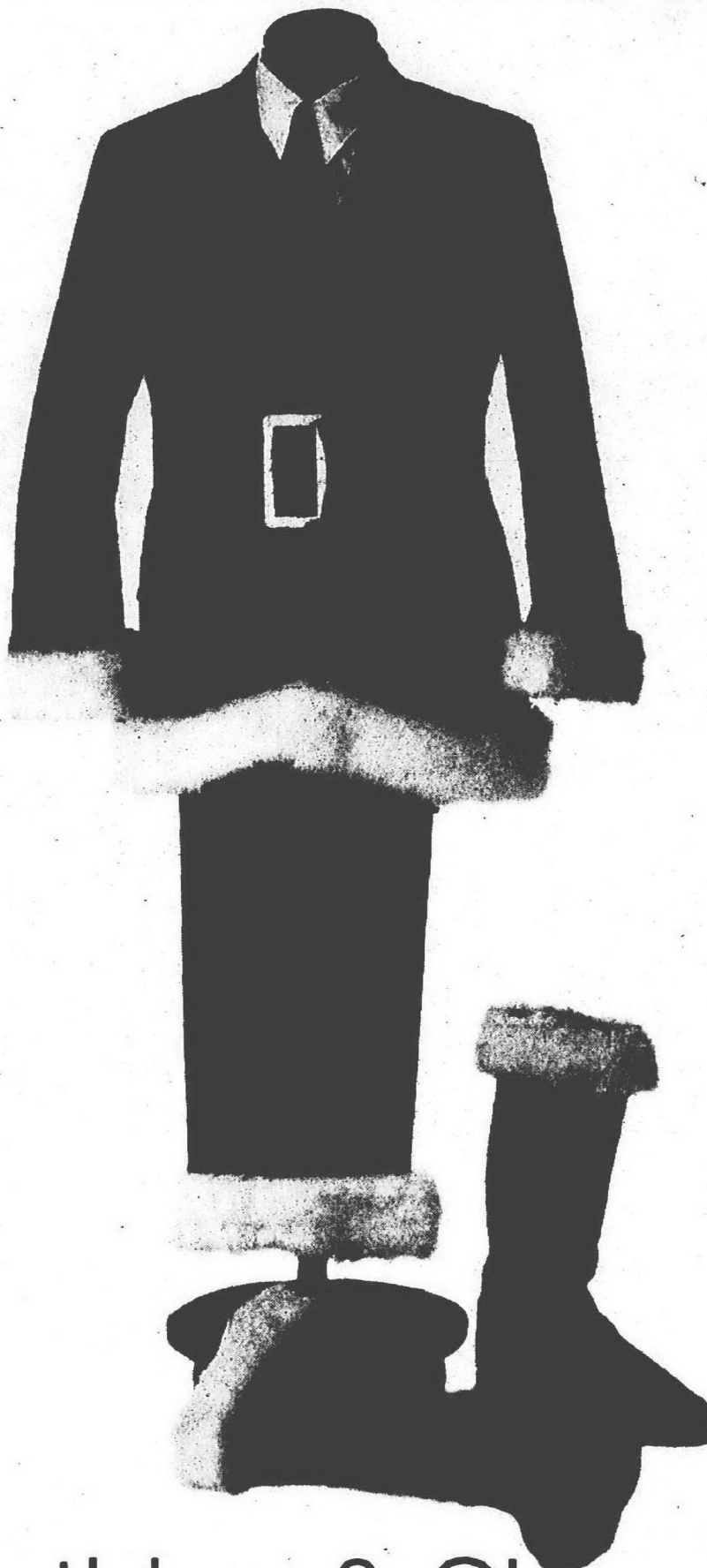
Airport officials wanted the humor so the ads wouldn't sound like officials are "preaching" to the public, Conway said.

"We recognize the airport is crowded," Conway said. "But we're giving them good, new information to help them through the holidays."



Dave Katz

(Everyone needs a new look for the holidays!)



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## Santa Claus makes visit to LightFest

Children have a chance to visit with Santa Claus at Wayne County's LightFest until Dec. 24.

Santa's temporary residence is the Warrendale Picnic Area at the end of Wayne County LightFest, which county officials call the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light show, now open 7-10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, through Dec. 31, with the exception of Christmas Day. Photos with Santa, food concessions and a gift shop are available at the Warrendale site.

Wayne County's LightFest exhibits displays along 4 1/2 miles of Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland to Warrendale Picnic Area in Dearborn Heights.

Each display features animation. This year visitors can expect to see parachuting reindeer, Santa's sleigh ascending into the sky and a ball shot over the Inkster Road bridge. Displays include the Lochness Monster and a giant poinsettia wreath.

This year marks the third season that Santa has appeared at the Wayne County LightFest. His helpers at the Dearborn Rotary Club have ensured that he spread Christmas cheer to all the children who stop and see him at his pavilion. A \$5 donation for photos with Santa is suggested, and will benefit the Rotary's outreach efforts on local and international levels.

A \$5 minimum donation per car also helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses, which are encouraged to pre-register.

For more information on Wayne County LightFest or to arrange bus/limo tours, call (734) 261-1990.

## Author speaks at seminar on hospice care

Dr. Alan Wolfelt, author and educator, will headline the seminar, "Hospice, Death, Grief and Mourning," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at St. John's Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth. The workshop is designed for clergy of all faiths, as well as deacons, pastoral care ministers and caregivers. Seminar sponsors are Madonna University's Hospice Education Department, Hospice of Michigan and St. John's Center.

Wolfelt is a clinical psychologist and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado and Toronto, Canada.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 a person; if two or more people attend from the same facility, the fee is \$30 per person. Registrations received after Dec. 17 are \$40. Seminar fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For information about the seminar, contact Dr. Kelly Rhoades, Madonna University Hospice Education Department, at (734) 432-5471.



# Tax break for utilities may cost communities millions

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Communities and schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties may lose \$116 million in tax revenue, according to leaders from these counties, because of a change in the state's computation of the values of gas and electric utility property (equipment holdings).

The Big Four — Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Chairman John Hertel — spent Wednesday meeting with local municipal, township and school officials in those three counties to gather support for a lawsuit they expected to file this month against the State Tax Commission.

The commission adopted personal property multipliers in November. The multipliers give the public utilities a reduction in personal property taxes, based



Edward McNamara: Wayne County executive.

on studies county officials said were submitted by the utility companies. The tax schedules result in values that are "sub-

stantially below market," producing a cut of 25 percent in taxes for electric companies and 32 percent for gas companies, county officials said.

The commission cut valuation multipliers, using a "net book value" for the utilities' distribution and transmission equipment and materials, based on the actual, original purchase price of the equipment minus depreciation. That tax classification did not include land or easements.

Historically, assessed values have been based on the property's current market value minus depreciation.

County officials expect to argue in court that the new method is unconstitutional because the new valuation method applies only to gas and electric utility property.

All other businesses in the state will continue to be assessed using the current-value method, not only giving the utilities an unfair business advantage, but dramatically eroding local tax

bases throughout the state, officials said.

"The state constitution guarantees uniformity in taxation," said Gary Evanko, director of Wayne County's assessment and equalization division. Wayne County government would lose \$8.2 million over four years.

Evanko said local communities would lose the following revenue due to the assessment reduction over four years, which includes the utilities' assessment appeals still pending, for these western Wayne County communities:

Livonia, \$482,126; Westland, \$445,897; Redford, \$306,357; Garden City, \$172,531; Canton, \$98,708; city of Plymouth, \$78,981; and Plymouth Township, \$75,144.

Evanko said school and college districts also would lose the following for the same time period: Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, \$2 million; Wayne County Community College, \$990,744; Schoolcraft College, \$207,901; Wayne-West-

land, \$1.2 million; Livonia, \$1 million; Plymouth-Canton, \$834,891; South Redford, \$250,843; Redford Union, \$233,578; Garden City, \$198,308; Clarenceville, \$82,706.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said there aren't many options for local governments and school districts when it comes to replacing the lost revenue.

"Most communities are right up against the Headlee cap and can't raise their local tax rates to make up the shortfall," McNamara said. "Schools and cities will have no choice but to cut back on services."

Archer said the city of Detroit and schools stand to lose \$21.8 million. Archer said the group of leaders "had nothing against" utilities. "We're talking about basic fairness," Archer said. "We don't want the utilities to be hurt, but we don't want to be hurt, either."

Detroit Edison spokesman Scott Simons said Edison

received communications from Oakland County about tax estimates, and believed the Oakland County figures were inflated.

"Sixty to 70 percent of any potential refund (appealed assessment) also would be reimbursed by the state of Michigan through the school fund program," Simons said. That information, however, could not be confirmed with state officials.

Generally Edison comprises less than 0.5 percent of communities' tax bases, Simons said.

Bridget Medina, press secretary for the state Department of Treasury, said the commission had a constitutional obligation to ensure the multipliers were accurate. "These haven't been updated in 30 years," Medina said.

The commission actually recommended tables that reflected a smaller depreciation rate than what was recommended by a consultant, Medina said. Differ-

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# Bill bars principals from joining unions

By Mike Malott  
 MetroNews Service  
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School principals will no longer be allowed to join unions, or collectively bargain for pay and benefits, under a bill passed by the state House.

Lawmakers voted 56-54 to approve Senate Bill 663, sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

He introduced the legislation when principals in Detroit schools joined teachers on the picket lines this fall. He contends they still had a management responsibility to be running the school buildings, even while teachers were out.

"There ought to be a clear distinction between labor and management. If principals are unionized, there is no clear management in the district. And that's not healthy," he said.

Bennett contended that principals, and teachers, will be "paid twice" for their time on the picket line. Because they receive an annual salary, they do not lose pay for time out on strike, he argued. But they do pick up extra pay when the school year has to be extended to make up for the time lost to the strike.

Federal law already bans school district administrators from joining unions, Bennett further contends. His bill will merely repeal the section of state law that allows the exception here.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, argues it is one more case of the state overriding local controls. If local school districts do not want their administrators joining unions, that can be accomplished at the school board level.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, said he does not believe the state should tell any employee group it does not have the right to collectively bargain. Democrats have noted that management in other areas of government are allowed to unionize, such as supervisors in police and fire departments.

House Democrats further charged the bill was racially motivated on the part of Republicans, a charge to which Republicans objected.

Bennett's bill would prohibit supervisory personnel in school district and "confidential secretaries" from unionizing, as well as principals. The ban would apply not only to those who have a management role in the district - those who have the authority to hire and fire - but also to all frontline supervisors, those who simply direct work groups, he said.

Since representatives amended the bill before passage, the

## Tax break

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ent items or company assets deserve different depreciation rates in their values, Medina said.

"Computers are vastly different than automotive equipment," Medina said. "They can't be lumped together and depreciate at the same rate. It's like apples and oranges."

The county leaders want local communities to pass a resolution opposing the special tax break for utilities. If community leaders wished to join the counties in the lawsuit, they would be charged 1.5 percent of the anticipated revenue lost in legal fees.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said Livonia was interested in joining the lawsuit. "I think we should seek uniformity and fairness," Kirksey said. Budget cuts would be difficult for the city, Kirksey added.

"(The new valuation) means other individuals will pick up the burden and that's not fair," Kirksey said. Kirksey expects the issue will be discussed Friday at the Conference of Western Wayne meeting in Plymouth.

Richard Reed, an attorney retained by the three counties and Detroit, would like a complaint filed by the end of the month.

"We just want the same techniques used for valuation that are used for every other taxpayer in the state - the same methods that are used for you and me."

legislation now awaits concurrence from the upper chamber.

Here is how local representatives voted: Reps. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills; and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, voted no.

# Schoolcraft registers for winter term

Registration is in progress for Schoolcraft College's winter semester, with classes beginning Friday, Jan. 7.

This winter, students interested in music and sound can choose Music 102, Music on the P.C., a new class in which they will learn about music and technology and create their own compositions.

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forensic science and genetic engineering.

Students who enjoy computer-based learning can enroll in any one of four sections of English Composition 10. The computer class is targeted at students who want more writing experience than the traditional lecture class affords. Math 51, Beginning Algebra, and Math 112, Intermediate Algebra, also are available on the computer.

The college offers a variety of methods to register, including phone-in and walk-in. Registra-

tion forms are available in the winter schedule or through the Office of Admissions.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. Phone-in registration continues through Dec. 29 by calling (734) 462-4500 except Sundays and holidays; and walk-in registration is available Dec. 6-29. Students may register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the holiday break Dec. 27-29.

To register in person, go to room 200 of the McDowell Center 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Register Center will be open from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

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# Hundreds ring in holidays at city tree lighting ceremony



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One, two three: Mara Taormina (top) and her sister, Tricia of Livonia, help Santa flip the switch to light up the city's Christmas tree and light display at city hall. They were chosen for the honor.



Wonder land: Haillie Wilson, 5, dances in the aisle as the Music Lady, Beverly Meyer, performs after the tree lighting ceremony Tuesday night. Below at left are members of the Livonia Civic Chorus performing. Below right is the colorful scene outside.



## Inauguration ceremony Dec. 12

Ceremonies for the 24th Inauguration of elected Livonia officials will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Livonia City Hall.

Sworn in will be Mayor Jack Kirksey, Clerk Joan McCotter, Treasurer Linda Grimsby, Council president Maureen Miller Brosnan, Council vice president Val Vandersloot, and council members Joe Laura and John Pastor.

Kenneth Hale will serve as master of ceremonies, with Sister Mary Francilene Van DeVyver, president of Madonna University, delivering the Invocation, and the Rev. George Shalhoub of St. Mary's Antiochian Church giving the Benediction.

Student choral groups from the Livonia Public Schools and Clarenceville Schools will sing patriotic selections.

Refreshments will be served on the fifth floor of City Hall following the ceremony. All Livonia residents are invited.

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# Doing business beyond borders

**LEADING IDEAS**

Entrepreneurs are increasingly looking for ways to expand their businesses beyond their local markets. In Michigan, the focus is on the Great Lakes region, which is a major source of raw materials and energy for the world's industrial base.

John McConnell, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, is leading a study on the economic impact of the Great Lakes region. He is looking at the region's role in the global economy and how it can be better integrated into the world market.

McConnell will use the study for business planning and to obtain financing from banks. Banks are

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From a business plan perspective, the export market is an excellent source of information. It's a great thing to have a facility that's close by that can export small businesses.

**Exports double**

Export, all the world is a marketplace. Michigan's export growth of Michigan-produced goods and services has more than doubled in 12 years, to over \$15 billion in 1999 to \$31.4 billion in 1990.

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**Trade talks with McConnell of Sonora Logistics discusses export with Kerstin Angermeier, international trade specialist at Schoolcraft's Business Development Center.**

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**Foreign markets seminars inform entrepreneurs**

**By John McConnell**  
Eastern Michigan University

The world market is open to local businesses through the Export Resource Center at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center.

The Export Resource Center specializes in helping company owners who are interested in capitalizing on international business opportunities. The center can assist companies already in the international marketplace through information about exporting trends and potential expansion of their products and services into additional countries.

The center houses a video conferencing facility, an executive Internet lab and an expert research library. Video conferencing allows business owners to communicate with overseas contacts, meet with potential buyers and present product demonstrations.

The Business Development Center also has created the International Trade Certification Program offering six seminars on international trade and four seminars on specific countries.

Alicia Jones, chief operating officer and owner of Word Communications in Oak Park, runs an Internet consulting firm with programs to train at-risk children about careers involving computers and the Internet. She attended the seminars wanting to identify foreign markets in which she could sell the program on CD-ROMs.

Jones credited Kerstin Angermeier, an international trade specialist at the Business Development Center, with finding a market, locating Albanian children in France who Jones identified as "at-risk" and "disengaged." Jones hopes the French school systems will buy the CDs. She has served the Detroit Public Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District with her products.

"It's a tremendous resource without having to go there (France) in advance," Jones said.

"We asked them to identify a foreign market that met our growth projections."

Jones said Angermeier obtained demographics of France, and Jones learned at the seminars about exporting the CD-ROM, language barriers and tariffs. Angermeier also was familiar with

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O'Gara said of the two countries in terms of language and culture. "Mexico is close by, while we share European-style culture."

Businesses do well in Latin America, but the chances of success in China depends on the product. Companies that produce certain industries, such as the United States knows, and trade sanctions against Cuba, Iran, Iraq and Libya due to the political situations there, O'Gara said.

The number of U.S. small businesses that export has tripled in the last decade, and the biggest growth was seen in the smallest companies that employ fewer than 20 people. Small businesses now account for almost a third of all U.S. export sales.

**A U.S. Small Business Administration - U.S. Department of Commerce study shows:**

- Nearly 97 percent of U.S. firms that export are small businesses.
- Small businesses account for nearly 31 percent of total U.S. export sales.

**Exporting small businesses**


IN BILLIONS	IN MILLIONS
Number of small businesses that export	200,455
Value of exports from small businesses	\$15.1 billion
Value of exports from all U.S. businesses	\$31.4 billion
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small businesses	48%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small manufacturing businesses	55%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small non-manufacturing businesses	37%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small service businesses	22%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small construction businesses	15%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small agriculture, forestry and fishing businesses	10%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small mining and quarrying businesses	5%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small energy businesses	3%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small transportation and equipment businesses	2%
Percentage of total U.S. exports from small other businesses	1%
<b>TOTAL U.S. EXPORTS</b>	<b>\$31.4 billion</b>

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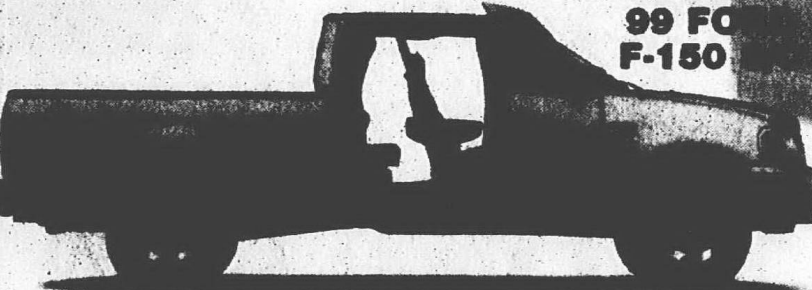


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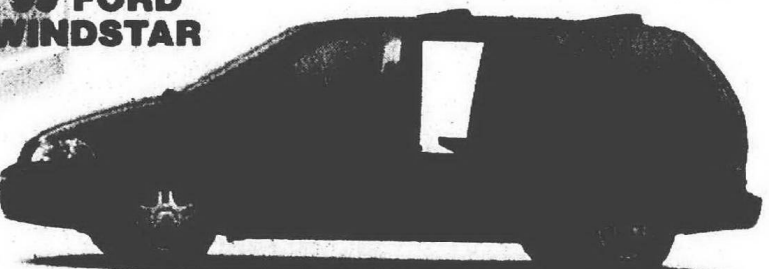


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...through a U.S. Department of Education grant of \$50,000 a year for two years, which was followed by another grant. The federal program was designed to improve the export capabilities of community colleges and universities.

Four companies signed up for the fifth seminar. One wanted to send marketing cards to Asia; another wanted to ship mail polish to Europe; and a third wanted to ship gun chains to Russia. Another wanted to ship machinery.

Many are small to mid-sized businesses whose owners don't know how to market internationally, said Kanita Angermeyer, an international trade specialist at the Business Development Center.

Companies also can learn about the World Trade Organization's regulations. "They are the major regulators of what goes in and out of the country," Mathur said.

"Companies must learn all they can about the potential 'end

user' of a product, even the distribution chain.

Angermeyer cited the legal troubles of fines and jail time of McDonald-Douglas officials for their firm's shipment of parts to China which U.S. authorities believed could be used in nuclear weapons. "If a small firm was hit with that (fines), they are done doing business," Angermeyer said. "You have to know who the end user is for a product."

### New customers

Mathur said China and India are difficult places to do business with their current political situations. "But once you are in them, it has tremendous potential," Mathur said. Together, those two countries have 2.3 billion people.

Angermeyer adds that not all countries are necessarily easier to do business in just because they are English-speaking nations. "Great Britain is very different than the U.S.," Angermeyer said.

"Actually Germany may be easier to do business in because that country is closer to the way the U.S. does business."

Not only do markets need to be studied, so do customers.

With Germans, you never talk about salaries. You're just supposed to ask what you make," said Angermeyer, a native German.

Mathur, born in Nigeria and raised in India, said Indian men "never shake hands with women," but it is considered proper for an Indian man to shake the hand of an American woman.

A commonplace gesture sometimes needs to be avoided altogether, said Bruce Sweet, director of Schoelcraft's business and industrial services.

"If you do an OK sign, it's considered a vulgar gesture," Sweet said, about the Hispanic culture. "For us, it's a normal thing to do, but it's vulgar."

The international background of the staff — Mathur also worked in Geneva for the WTO — gives European and Asian views beyond the sometimes parochial American view of the world.

"It really gives our clients a perspective that is not the U.S. and a broader world view," Sweet said. "I think that they (the staff) don't make the same kinds of assumptions."

# Seminars from page A11

France, know the language, and the country.

Without her help, "we would have spent months of research and development and thousands of dollars," Jones said. Jones hopes to attract potential partners in Africa and China.

Lisa Radwick, a licensing and product support manager at Avanti Press in South, attended the seminars to learn about the export process. Avanti prints primarily greeting cards, and produces gift items, such as calendars and mugs.

Radwick is responsible for national sales and was exploring exporting licensing designs overseas.

"It's a very different list of things you need to be aware of," Radwick said of international trade. "Mistakes can be made and they can be very costly."

The seminar has provided Radwick with information about several resources on the Web.

"You learn about being careful about limited markets with distribution," said Radwick. "We don't have the opportunity to look at other options. Several red flags have been raised from the things I have learned."

"You think about things more and ask more questions, and don't

act so swiftly."

Radwick didn't get to learn everything she needed to in order to export, but the resources were excellent, costs reasonable and gave them books and research assistance, Radwick said.

### Seminars scheduled

International trade seminars in the winter of 2000:

■ **International Marketing** (Feb. 15 and 17): Includes product and company export readiness, conducting international market research and devising market entry strategies.

■ **International Finance** (Feb. 22 and 24): Considers letters of credit, other methods of payment, currency exchange rates (and risks), choosing a bank, and alternative financing options.

■ **International Logistics** (Feb. 29 and March 2): Addresses risk management, export procedures and documentation, electronic data interchange, and helps companies assess freight forwarders versus international logistics firms.

■ **Cross cultural communication** (March 7): Examines the role of culture in international business, including: customs and etiquette, negotiations and decision making, hosting international visitors and living and working

abroad.

■ **Foreign Government Sales** (March 14): Explores how to do business with developing nations and helps create an effective strategy for foreign government sales. This session also addresses the role of multinational development banks and other appropriate U.S. agencies.

■ **Trade Agreements and Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade** (March 21): Reviews the roles of the World Trade Organization, regional trade agreements and various international trade-related organizations.

These seminars are offered 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Participants may register for either session.

Country specific seminars will be scheduled as follows from 9 a.m. to noon for Japan, March 18; Korea, March 23; Canada and Mexico, April 1, and Mercosur countries, April 8. Mercosur is a trade bloc of South American nations governed by a trade agreement by the same name, and includes Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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Honored student: Mary Ann Holloway (center) is congratulated by Dr. Stuart Arends (right), dean, and Dr. Leon Levitt, professor, School of Business, on receiving the Meta and Bernard Landuyt Award for High Achievement.

# Madonna gives honors to business students

Mary Ann Holloway of Farmington received the Meta and Bernard Landuyt Award for High Achievement at Madonna University's School of Business 15th annual Honors Convocation Friday, Nov. 19.

The award is the most prestigious honor a student may attain in the School of Business. It is awarded to a senior with a grade point average of 3.7 or above who has completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University and 25 semester hours within the School of Business. The recipient must exhibit scholarly inquiry, critical thinking, professional growth, leadership qualities, participation in university and/or community activities and evidence of integrity, responsibility and strength of character.

In addition seven students received the 1999-2000 Highest Achievement Award in their major. The award is given annually to a student from each major who attains the highest GPA. To be eligible, each student must have completed 40 semester hours in the major, 30 semester hours at Madonna University and 15 hours within the past three semesters.

The honored students were Sandra Lesecki of Dearborn Heights, Linda Cosgrove of Livonia, Theresa A. Gentner of Livonia, Jeanette M. LaForge of Livonia, Denise R. Anderson of Northville, Ruth K. Hodges of Novi and Tanya L. Rabkina of Sterling Heights.

Additionally, 63 students received High Achievement Awards which are given to stu-

dents who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University and 15 hours within the major with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Twenty-three students were inducted into the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Delta Mu

Delta, a national honor society in business administration. The motto of the society is "Through Knowledge, Power." A School of Business faculty member, Dr. Jacqueline Stavros of Waterford, was also inducted into Delta Mu Delta as an honorary member.

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### On turning 40 St. Mary grows with community

Forty years ago this week, St. Mary Hospital was born, bringing to fruition a relationship with its community that started many years before and has continued ever since.

Almost a decade before the first brick was laid, the hospital began as an idea of some medical professionals who started to press for a hospital in Livonia Township.

A few years later, the new city's Chamber of Commerce added its request, followed in 1953 by a fire at the Livonia General Motors plant - which helped bring city officials to support the Felician Sisters' request to build a hospital.

When the hospital opened Dec. 8, 1959, it was a general acute care health facility with 170 beds. It certainly has grown. Through many additions and expansions of new beds, new space and new care offerings, the sprawling complex at Levan and Five Mile has reached 304 beds. It serves 12,000 in-patients and more than 100,000 out-patients every year.

But the 40-year milestone marks more than numbers. It also marks a relationship that the hospital has had with its community. The key to the relationship, then as now, is the proximity of quality emergency health care.

Much like a family situation, though, the close relationship between a community and its community hospital often reveals everything about each other, warts and all. Over the years, stories about problems at St. Mary have made the rounds in the community. It seems one burden of a community hospital is that, among some people, it may not be as well respected as some bigger, downtown hospitals.

Among hospitals, St. Mary has a good reputation. Every few years, it goes through an

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accreditation process through the national Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health-care Organizations, earning accreditation since 1961. In 1995, St. Mary Hospital earned accreditation with commendation, with a score higher than more than 96 percent of the hospitals surveyed nationwide.

And in Livonia, the community's positive view of the hospital can be seen in the large, generous donations made by many to the hospital in the form of well-attended fund-raisers, the work of the Hearts of Livonia, etc.

The hospital, which serves as one of the major employers in Livonia, has grown with changing needs of the Livonia area. It has added service in women's health and maternity care birthing rooms, an expanded and improved emergency room, a special care unit for intensive/cardiac care, oncology care and more along the way. It has stepped out into the community for service with numerous health education classes, wellness offerings, and support groups and services. The hospital is also well represented on many community organizations and committees.

As St. Mary Hospital turns 40 and nears middle age, it has also moved to renew its tradition of Catholic-based health care through an agreement with Mercy Health Services. Through the effort, the Felician Sisters are planning for the hospital's future and continuing to provide local consumers with a choice. We wish our community hospital success.

### Stick to core issues, not deals

Horse trading is an essential part of the democratic process.

Politician A wants Politician B's vote on a matter he thinks is especially important and he's willing to trade away his vote on something he thinks isn't quite as important.

That's called compromise and that's how legislation gets done. When the U.S. House changed hands two elections ago, a group of inexperienced political novices came to office with the stated position that they weren't about to horse trade. They had their convictions, and, by gum, they were standing by them. The result was legislative gridlock, a stalled court system and a couple of confrontations with the president from the other party, who constantly trumped them.

On the state level, the Legislature and the executive are from the same party, but there is still a need for horse trading with members of the opposition and recalcitrant Republicans.

Gov. John Engler is a master at this sort of political gamesmanship and is generally admired across party lines for his understanding of how the game is played.

But there are times when the average citizen might wonder, is this really the best way to run a state, aren't there some principles that can't and shouldn't be traded away?

This past two weeks, Engler and House Republicans have been furiously trying to raise the cap on university sponsored charter schools from 150 to 200. They face a tight deadline of Dec. 31 if the cap is to be lifted in time to get schools running by next fall. The issue seems dead in the House and even if it passes the Senate, it might be too late for joint legislation.

We have expressed our serious reservations about raising the cap and about the quality and accountability of charter schools. We are

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also concerned about the level of games playing involved in trying to push this legislation through.

It was reported that House Democrats were willing to trade away their votes on the charter cap in return for killing off a bill that would eliminate residency requirements for city workers. Democrats claim the offer was initiated from the governor's office.

As Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) rightly notes these are separate and unrelated issues. As it turns out, what Perricone was really concerned about was that several Republicans were ready to bolt on the cap issue if the House leadership made a deal on residency.

What a tangled web we weave.

We believe the future of public education is an essential state issue, not to be lightly traded away or compromised. If Republicans, and some Democrats, believe the future of our education system depends on the increase of charter schools, why would they abandon that issue so blithely?

We believe that the majority of Democrats in the House and Senate along with thoughtful Republican supporters of public education such as Rep. Gerald Law, Plymouth, and Patricia Godchaux, Birmingham, should remain skeptical about raising the cap.

This is one of those core issues on which both sides should work to find the best answer rather than working to horse trade for their position.



### LETTERS

#### Keep up sports pressure

Brad Emons, sports editor of the Livonia Observer, is not always right, but the one subject he has been spearheading for many, many years is the lack of competitive sports in the Livonia middle schools. On this subject Brad seems to be the only voice in a big wilderness.

Unless a Livonia school has a super athlete who decides to stay at one of our Livonia high schools, our teams are at a disadvantage because of their lack of competitive experience.

Who's to blame? It seems to me it must be the school board; if not, who? I trust Brad will keep up his one-man crusade and maybe even Mayor Kirksey could become involved. What do you think?

Wally Beers  
Livonia

#### Find cable competitor

Thanks to two of our council persons for losing Ameritech as a cable competitor, Time Warner has lost no time in notifying its subscribers that our rates will again be raised in January. Cities who have competition with Time Warner are paying at least \$5 a month less, and channels like Disney are included without a premium. Let's hope it won't take another 18 months to find another competitor.

Also, why doesn't the city of Livonia ever apply to the state for grants, such as one to help finance the recreation center, like neighboring cities do? Is it easier to raise millages at primary elections instead of general elections?

J. Snyder  
Livonia

#### Poor quality road work

Dear Mayor Jack Kirksey: As residents of Livonia in the Farmington/ Eight Mile Road area, we have frequent occasions to drive on the newly resurfaced Farmington Road sector between Five and Seven Mile roads. We share in your observations and concerns about the poor quality of materials and workmanship in repaving of the road.

In our opinion the road does not have the appearance of one newly resurfaced; it is pocked with patchmarks over the entire area; there is evidence of loose asphalt lying in the street, apparently missed by the steamroller; the driveway aprons at curbside have the appearance of a sloppy job; some of the sewer grates are out of alignment; and the workmanship on Civic Center Drive is a disgrace: It has the appearance of a project abandoned in midstream.

As taxpayers, we urge you to pursue this

matter to a successful conclusion and appropriate reparation. As law abiding taxpayers, we resent and object to being ripped-off by contractors.

Chester and Irene Fortuna  
Livonia

#### Why give China the canal?

Can anyone tell me why, on Jan. 1, 2000, we, the United States, are giving away the Panama Canal to Panama who in turn is ready to turn it over to Communist China?

Records indicate that President Jimmy Carter signed away our rights to the Panama Canal in September 1977. Is or is not Congress supposed to be the representation of all citizens of the United States? Where were they?

It is my understanding that currently, U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage of Idaho has introduced the "Panama Canal Treaty Nullification Act," a joint resolution which would declare the Panama Canal Treaties null and void! May I suggest that we, the citizens of America, support her efforts and urge our representatives in Congress (House and Senate) to nullify this takeover! It must be done NOW before the holiday recess takes place.

How can we afford to give China access to this VITAL and STRATEGIC waterway? Are we all NUTS?

Anthony B. Brehler  
Livonia

#### Sad society

This past weekend, I noticed a billboard on Telegraph Road in Redford Township. The huge sign read - in purple letters - "Who is the father?" And listed a 1-800 number to call so you could have DNA testing. It also invited the public to visit its Web site.

I have nothing against the proprietors of this organization. The free market society in which we live is what has made us a great country.

But, honestly, isn't it a sad situation that there are enough people in this world with the need for this service that such an organization exists?

M. Siobhan Jordan  
Redford

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#### QUESTION:

What do you like the most, and the least, about the holiday season?

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



"The most is family. ... I enjoy all the decorating and things. ... (Dislike): Crowds."

Roberto Pavla  
Livonia



"Family get-togethers... the least is the work... so many things to get ready... it's far outweighed by what we gain getting together."

Frank Pavla  
Livonia



"Community seems to get together a little bit more. (Least): People seem to be too rushed. They miss the meaning."

Elaine Horan  
Plymouth



"Commercialism would be the thing I like the least. The religious aspect of it, and church and special programs, I like the most."

Loretta Stringer  
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POINTS OF VIEW

# New reporter arrives wide-eyed, bushy-tailed

Forget millage rates, density, property values and ratio of commercial versus residential tax bases. Economic indicators are for chomping of commerce-types to chew and spew.

My yardstick to accurately measure a community's prosperity? The neighborhood squirrel.

Yes, these seemingly docile critters offer a window to the soul of a city. Perhaps the squirrel doesn't carry the weight of Punsutawney Phil of Groundhog Day fame.

Find one who is a bit skittish, chances are he's roaming in a place wary of strangers, not to mention worried about where the next Brazil nut is going to come from.

If the vermin is lumbering and chubby, he's waddling in a community where overindulgence and hoarding

are the order of the day.

So, when I encountered my first squirrel patiently gnawing on a nut in front of the Livonia Board of Education office, I knew my career landed in the right place.

This bushy-tailed inhabitant seemed neither nonplused nor frightened. He didn't look like he needed a vermin-rate membership to Jenny Craig, either.

Above all, the squirrel appeared most content in his surroundings. And so am I.

I'm the newest Livonia Observer reporter, replacing stalwart Marie Chestney, who coincidentally enough, left to commune with nature and work for the Petoskey News-Review.

Livonia is hardly an assignment on the foreign desk. As a frequent visitor (I live in neighboring Westland), my



LARRY O'CONNOR

impressions have always been the same:

Neither tony nor torn at the seams, Livonia is what it is and doesn't try to be something it's not.

While other communities grasp for an identity by trumpeting avant-garde boutiques and exotic piercing parlors, Livonia is a place to buy your groceries and a solid pair of shoes.

Or go to church. I've always been

amazed at the number of places of worship virtually on every corner, representing Catholic, Protestant and Jewish denominations.

I've looked upon Livonia as the most likely spot to land your first quaint bungalow with the possibility of moving family and home to a sprawling tri-level.

Granted, when the palette yearns for Ethiopian-Pan Asian culinary fare, this is not the place to turn. But the chow at Bates Hamburgers on Farmington and Five Mile roads has more than sufficed.

Similarly, if a drink is to be had, I've learned not to expect an umbrella or a glittery swizzle stick while in the Good Time Bar or Manna's.

That's not to say Livonia is filled with squares and trumps or is devoid of culture.

As an avid observer of writer covering the local scene for a number of years, I found the most creative and innovative ideas came from Livonia.

One in particular, Warren DeFever, frunted a band called His Name is Alive, whose music is produced on the highly-regarded British indie label 4AD.

As a new reporter, I'll be trying to find the pulse of the community. That will be a tall task.

Like its inhabitants, I trust I'll have to work hard, be fair and, most importantly, be myself.

And keep a few cashews handy for the squirrels.

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## World Trade Organization issues really hit home, too

It seems so far away. What does it have to do with us?

The World Trade Organization met last week in Seattle and their meeting was met with unexpected fury. Anarchists, who haven't had anything to rage against for nearly a generation, were in their glory. They stormed the streets, happily smashing out windows at Starbucks and Nike. And it wasn't the dark roast they were protesting.

The left in this country has been cowed and silent for so long, some people may have thought they'd all gone away or at least retired to helping Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter rebuild old houses.

Finally, they have an issue, well many issues actually, they can sink their collective (or is it collectivist?) teeth into.

And while violence is always regrettable and usually avoidable, the issues raised at the WTO confab have important implications for our area, which for all the many economic shifts

of recent years is still heavily dependent on manufacturing jobs.

The first thing to understand is that those black-garbed anarchists were a tiny, tiny minority of those who had gathered to protest, most peacefully. The fringe elements of the left, like the fascist on the right, always like to leech onto whatever protest is happening.

And, boy, was this happening.

First, there were the environmentalists. After years of working with Congress, they have been able to get legislation that protects several endangered species from destructive fishing methods. But the WTO has decided that those legislative initiatives are a violation of free trade, so out they go. The WTO also draws concern over other environmental issues from depleting the rain forest to endangering air and water quality.

Second, the labor unions, usually not buddies with environmentalists, are concerned about labor practices in foreign countries that allow adults



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and children to work at starvation wages in dangerous jobs. Their concern for children is real, but they are also concerned about global corporations taking their jobs from the United States to undeveloped countries.

Third, the WTO operates in splendid secrecy. The organization claims this is necessary to prevent just the kind of hooliganism that erupted in Seattle. In this country, we believe in open government, active and vigorous debate, extensive and complete press coverage. It is unacceptable that some international organization which operates without public scrutiny be

allowed to overrule the U.S. Congress in the name of free trade.

Of course, we all believe in free trade, except for Pat Buchanan. But, at what cost, to whom and why?

At last week's meeting of the Canton Economic Club, economist David Sowerby of Farmington made an eloquent "all boats rise under free trade" argument. But when free trade is defined as "allowing major corporations to do whatever they want to make a maximum profit no matter how many people they exploit or how much they ruin the environment" maybe it's time we rethink free trade.

That's what all the fuss was about. It would be unrealistic to expect Asian, African and South American countries to suddenly adapt to American labor standards, but it is not unrealistic to set them in that direction. Environmental arguments might be more complex than some "tree huggers" would have us believe, but we must always weigh economic issues against long-range environmental

issues.

The WTO can serve an important role in eliminating national disputes that often lead from trade wars to shooting wars, but only if it is a fully open organization and only if it aims for higher, not lower, standards of national behavior.

Though we are all busily retraining to be part of the "information revolution," a large number of southeast Michigan jobs are still in manufacturing. We must be concerned that the corporations that provide employment in our area do not threaten to leave for some "South American town" just because the WTO says it's all right to pay child workers almost nothing in unregulated factories that belch pollution into the air and water.

It's a local issue.

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## Judicial selection needs reform

Just about a year ago I wrote a column on the way special interest money, previously focused largely on races for governor and the Legislature, was engulfing races for the Michigan Supreme Court.

I cited two successful Republicans who won seats on the court in last November's election after raising previously unheard of amounts of campaign cash. According to campaign finance reports, Maura Corrigan raised \$1,004,495, while Cliff Taylor raised \$943,863.

Michigan has a truly screwy way of picking Supreme Court justices. Candidates are first nominated at the Democratic and Republican party conventions - partisan political activities to the core. Then candidates are listed on the "nonpartisan" section of the ballot - a bewildering transformation to be sure. And because virtually no voters know anything at all about the actual judicial qualifications of any of the contenders, candidates are obliged to raise lots of money to run TV ads to increase their name ID.

I suggested moving into judicial races was a logical next step for the bigwigs who run the political action committees. After all, if buying influence with the state legislature works, why not judges? And I warned that the probable result would be that public attitudes about the integrity and impartiality of Supreme Court decisions would become about as alienated and cynical as public opinion now views votes in the Legislature.

It didn't take long for my prediction to come true. Last May, Jim Ford, a trial lawyer from Kalamazoo, publicly questioned the Justices' motives when the Supreme Court ruled against his client in an insurance case. (The court is currently dominated by Republican nominees, 5-2.)

Ford obviously hit a nerve. A lawyer for the state Republican Party immediately charged him with conduct unbecoming a lawyer and had him hauled up before the Attorney Grievance Commission. The case against Ford was eventually dropped on free speech grounds, although he was warned not ever to do it again.

Then last week Justice Taylor (he of the \$943,863 campaign war chest) went after Ford again in an interview with the Kalamazoo Gazette. That the justice with the closest ties to Gov. John Engler would get after a court critic in public suggests just how savage the political battle for control of the court will be next year.

The Republican general argument is that the Michigan Democratic Party and its allies - the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and organized labor - are doing nothing more than trying to discredit a judicial system they no longer control. That may or may not be so.

But the argument now raging over the partisan bias of the Supreme Court is proof, to me at least, that the process of politicizing Michigan's highest judicial body is proceeding apace. While



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some may argue that interpretation of the law, like the writing of history, should be left to the winners, I'm old fashioned enough to believe that respect for the impartiality of the law is one of the fundamental underpinnings of a civil society.

What's the fundamental problem in all this? The screwy system by which our Supreme Court justices are elected. The news organizations don't cover the Supreme Court races. The public is largely unaware of the capabilities of the candidates. The Michigan bedsheet ballot is long, and the voters don't even know which party nominated the candidates who appear fictitiously as "nonpartisan."

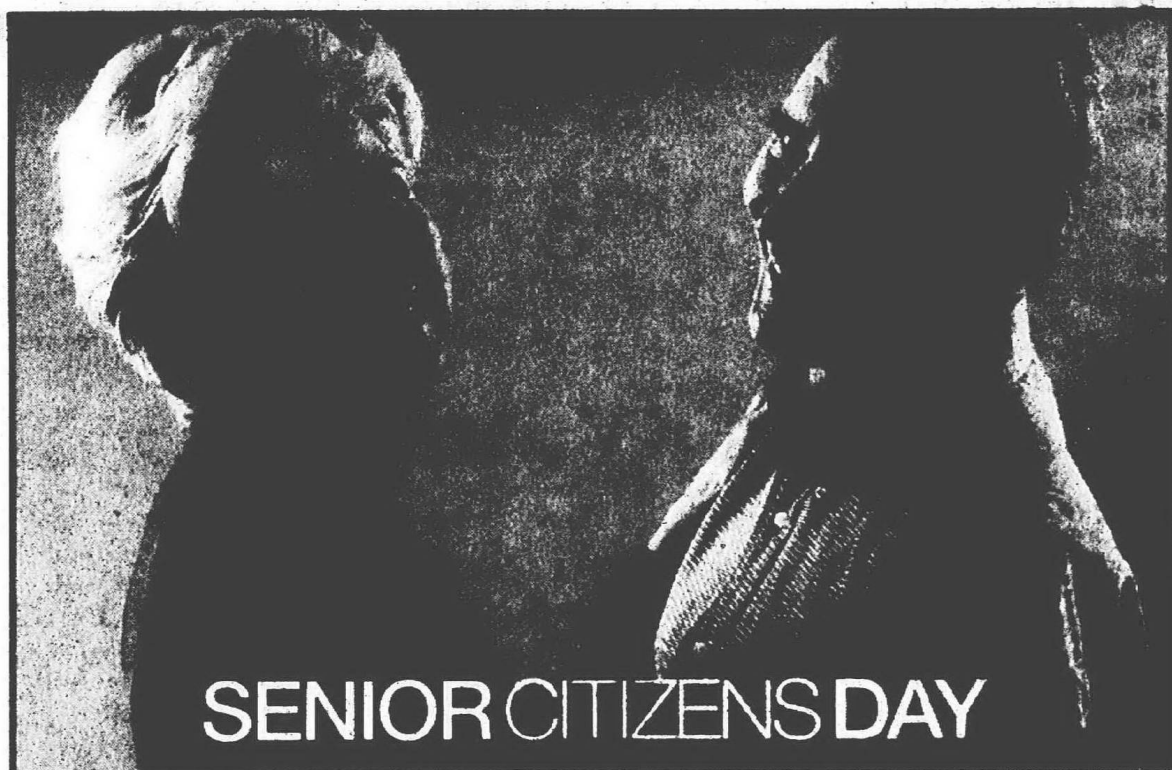
A far better idea would be to follow the lead of other states which have the governor appoint justices, subject to a vote by the Senate and, possibly, confirmation in office by statewide election. Another wrinkle would be to designate a panel of "wise persons," who would review likely candidates for our state's highest court and forward a short list to the governor, who would then be obliged to nominate from the list.

Doing this requires amending the Michigan Constitution. Sorry, this is unlikely. Republicans, sensing partisan history is on their side, are already raising big money to fight next year's judicial campaigns. And Democratic power brokers, notably organized labor, are reluctant to give up their choke hold on the nomination process.

The rhetoric from both sides on this subject, of course, will be about the sanctity of the public ballot and how important it is in a democracy for "the people" to select their justices.

I wonder if a system that relies on unknowing voters to select unknowns to our highest court is really democracy or merely a convenient device for shadowy interests to maintain control over the levers of power.

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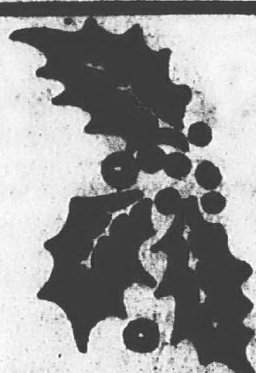
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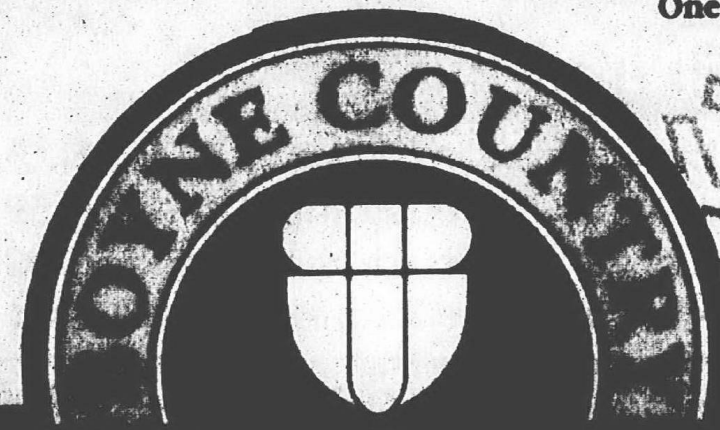
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## Yule legacy abides in gentle hearts

We approach a Christmas that is noteworthy as the last one of the 1900s.

Capturing the uniqueness of this December is quite a task. What compelling parallels between now and 2,000 years ago can I find? Moreover, since holiday stories are among the hardest to write, what new tale can I tell that isn't too sentimental?

Be that as it may, let me tell you a story for the season.

Once upon a Christmas Eve, bitter-cold night air nipped at noses, hurrying people inside. Ice glazed the sidewalks and streets of one particular Michigan town. The manager of a townhouse community there couldn't risk driving on dangerous roads to be with relatives many miles away.

Finding herself unexpectedly at home, she joined the residents in their cozy arts and crafts room, where festive tables were laden with bountiful holiday fare.

"Excuse me," one of the senior residents said. "I've forgotten something." Off she went, leaving the manager and the merry chatter of the gathering behind. Shortly afterward, the room fell silent as another resident began reading the story of the Nativity.

When the woman returned, she went to the manager and whispered, "Some people were at the front door, inquiring about a townhouse, so I let them in."

Drat, the manager thought. It's Christmas Eve, and I'm off duty. Worse, I'm sure I know who they are, and I'm going to have to tell them they don't qualify!

### Dreaded meeting

Off she strode, bracing herself to deliver bad news. Sure enough, there was the young couple she dreaded meeting, with their four small children in tow.

The couple had spent their savings to move to town for a job, which then fell through. They lost an apartment they had rented and their security deposit. Things had started to look up when the husband found a new job.

"We have enough for the rent now," he said, hopeful for his family. But he and the manager both knew there was no money left over for yet another security deposit.

Through frosty windows, she could see the panel van that the family was living in. They looked so cold and weary, especially the 2-year-old boy, whose face and hands were red. Alas, though, corporate rules. The manager felt bad, but her hands were tied.

Just as she opened her mouth to say, "I'm sorry, but ..." the resident's voice from the next room broke through the momentary silence in the office.

"... And there was no room in the inn," the woman read.

The words of rejection died in the manager's open mouth. Instead, out tumbled, "Let me show you to your new home," as she pointed the van down the street.



In triplicate: Santa hats in place, 23-month-old triplets Madeline, Natalie and Greg Cannon get wheeled into Wonderland Mall by their mom, Susan of Livonia.

## Santa wishes come in 3's

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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They rolled through the parking lot in triplicate, with Santa hats bobbing all the way.

A group of about 17 families of triplets - known collectively as 3-4-All - got dressed in their holiday finest and strolled into Livonia's Wonderland Mall with mom and dad for a special visit with Santa Claus and some quality play time.

The special event, organized by mall marketing director Cathy Young, gave the children a special moment with Santa - who came in early and posed for pictures starting at 9 a.m. This was the first event of its kind at the mall.

"This was a perfect venue," said Young, smiling. "I know the group tries to get together as much as they can." She considered the day a success and may plan another day for triplets in the future.

It all started at Oakwood Hospital. Four mothers-to-be found themselves in one special situation. They were all about to give birth to triplets.

More than two years later, the moms connected with about 12 other sets of parents with triplets to exchange advice and give support. The group is building strong friendships all along the way.

Once a month the moms get together for dinner and conversation, and around the holidays they plan events with the children.

On Friday, giggles and chatter echoed through the corridors of the mall, which has been transformed into what it's calling a Winter Wonderland for the holiday shopping season. With a hearty "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas," Santa posed for a group shot with the kids and led the group to an early lunch in the mall.

Although some people might think parenting three babies at once is a difficult task, all the parents agreed it's really triple the joy.

Just ask Lesley Merlino, a founding parent of Aftershock Times Three, one of the groups that makes up 3-4-All. The Farmington Hills resident was one of the original four moms and now writes a newsletter that keeps the group in touch

with events, activities and advice. She insists that "life is great."

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," said Merlino. "You get three times the love, three times the hugs, three times the kisses. It's really all worth it."

But imagine trying to feed three hungry babies at once, or put three sobbing infants to sleep at the same time.

Good thing Carole Kody is around to support them. The Canton resident and mother of 2-year-old triplets started Aftershock and saw many of the other mothers through their pregnancies.

She warned the mothers-to-be to stay off their feet, and once the little ones were

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'Let me go!': Gary Nayh of Northville holds a not-so-happy Brianna and Beatrice while mom Fran holds a crying Brittany as they get their picture taken with Santa. The triplets are 22 months old.

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# Families find home that cares about their elder members

BY ARLENE FUNKE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Judy Murray of Redford laid her worries to rest when she moved her mother into the Lutheran Home Livonia nursing home soon after it opened last fall.

"I wanted a place that would care about her, not just care for her," Murray said.

Lutheran Home Livonia is a nursing home with a "non-institutional" ambiance and a small army of volunteers who help keep residents busy and involved.

Today, 93-year-old Inez Alegnani is comfortable in her cozy room at the nursing home and enjoys playing bingo, taking field trips with the other residents and attending chapel services.

"They need activities, they don't need to stay in bed all day," Murray said. "I can't ever remember seeing people in the hall slumped over."

Lutheran Home Livonia on Plymouth Road east of Middlebelt Road, recently celebrated its first anniversary with a worship service, followed by dinner and entertainment for residents, family members, staff and volunteers.

At present, the skilled-care section of the nursing home is at its capacity of 88 residents, with a waiting list. Openings are available in the 20-bed special care unit for those with dementia, memory loss or early-stage Alzheimer's disease.

"I'm pleased, it's very clean," said Millie Cosner of Livonia, whose mother, 97-year-old Hazel Hagen, moved to the facility in

July.

The home is operated by Lutheran Homes of Michigan, a non-profit Christian organization that began serving the elderly more than 100 years ago. The organization, affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, also operates nursing homes in Monroe and Frankenth.

## Ministry for all

Although neither Murray nor her mother is Lutheran, both value the religious affiliation. Murray believes that link makes for more passionate care.

"This is a ministry for all people, not just Lutherans," said development director Patti Wachtel of Canton. "Our first concern is with (residents') spiritual needs."

Lillian Pfeiffer recently moved into the special-care memory loss unit. During a recent visit, she was seen, sitting with a group of women, taking part in light exercise. She wore clean, comfortable slacks and a roomy sweatshirt. Her hair was freshly styled and her fingernails were covered in bright red polish.

"Her caregivers treat her royally," said Pfeiffer's sister, Ina Huerto of Livonia.

The organization is dedicated to developing and nurturing a cadre of caring volunteers, all of whom receive on-the-job orientation.

To date, more than 100 volunteers have embraced the Livonia facility, regularly donating their time to assist at parties, bingo, Bible study activities and field trips. Church groups have raised



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARBONE

money and donated furnishings.

Senior citizen volunteers are being recruited to bake and donate cookies, which will be sold at a cookie walk at the nursing home 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Virginia Meyers and Beverly Erickson, both of Redford, help with the monthly birthday parties attended by all the residents. Meyers belongs to Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. Erickson is a member of Salem National Lutheran Church in Westland.

"I like to come and visit with the residents," Erickson said.

The new facility replaces an aged, long-time nursing home that had been shut down some time ago. After Lutheran Homes

of Michigan acquired the site, a \$40,000 grant was awarded by the Plymouth Road Development Authority of Livonia to assist in the demolition of the old building.

"We wanted to encourage them to go forward with the removal of the old nursing home," said John Nagy, PRDA director. "We think the new facility is very attractive and we're delighted to have them."

## Provide good care

Lutheran Homes of Michigan are licensed and certified skilled nursing care and home for the aged facilities. Anna Zwarka was the third person admitted to Lutheran Home Livonia and remained almost one year until

her death in August at age 95.

"They provided good care for her," said her daughter, Betty Boss of Livonia. "The staff always called her by name. That meant a lot."

As their mother's health declined, Boss and her five siblings spent hours at the nursing home. They took turns feeding her and sang hymns to comfort one another.

The staff sometimes brought them cookies and lemonade. The chaplain visited every day.

"They were very nice to us," Boss said. "We met a lot of nice people."

Murray visits her mother several times a week. For the residents' entertainment, she helped organize a fashion show, with music and clothes from bygone days.

"She's a great cheerleader for the home," Wachtel said of Murray.

Sunday school students from St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford recently came to the nursing home, dressed in Halloween costumes, to bring treats to the residents.

Stephen Parnell, 9, of Detroit, is at the nursing home often because his mother, Quinn Par-

nell, is employed as an activities aide. Stephen helps out by wheeling residents throughout the building.

At Lutheran Homes Livonia, residents live in one- or two-person rooms. The Rev. Ernie Labbs, 84, and his wife Irma, 85, moved in this past summer and share a room.

"It's an adjustment," said Irma Labbs. "We're used to being busy."

The couple have brought from their home a favorite recliner chair, a curio cabinet, containing treasured mementos and family photos.

Labbs, a retired Lutheran minister recovering from surgery, hopes to do ministerial work at the nursing home. His wife plans to teach Bible study classes.

The Labbs' daughter, Claire Schwiebert, is chairman of the board of Lutheran Homes of Michigan.

"It's nice my parents can be together," Schwiebert said. "The workers really seem to care. When I have to be away, I don't worry about them."

Efforts have been made to make the home attractive and comfortable for the residents. Walls are decorated with both secular and religious paintings. Several small seating areas have comfortable chairs and couches.

The chapel accommodates 68 wheelchairs. The large, elaborately carved altar, which once graced a Detroit church, was donated by Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The chapel's stained glass windows were made by Harry Flagg of Livonia.

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dearborn donated \$2,300 to equip an on-site beauty and barber shop.

Courtyards allow residents to safely enjoy the outdoors.

"My mother enjoys looking out her window at the birds," said Millie Cosner.

The nursing home welcomes visitors and volunteers, according to Wachtel. For more information, call (734) 425-4814.

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When the family stepped through their new front door, the 3-year-old daughter said, "Oh, Mommy, it's so warm in here."

Overjoyed, they returned to the office to sign the lease.

"We're having a little party; why don't you join us," the manager said. Later, the residents fixed containers of food for the family to take home, with lots of desserts for the kids.

Christmas morning the oldest daughter brought the manager a candy cane.

"This is from our tree. I wanted you to have it," she said, hugging the woman.

The manager looked perplexed. "Your Christmas tree?"

## Busy Christmas Eve

It seems the neighborhood had been rather busy late Christmas Eve. Someone had contacted the mail carrier, who persuaded a friend to unlock his tree lot. A blue spruce was soon on its way to the new residents.

Neighbors up and down the street began taking a string of lights off each of their trees, and a few ornaments, too. Children in several homes were asked choose a wrapped present to share. They gave without weigh-

ing which gift meant more or less to keep - except one little boy, who had wanted red mittens. He gave them to the toddler to warm his hands.

Invitations came from one set of neighbors to join them for breakfast, from another for church, and from a third for Christmas dinner.

On New Year's Eve, the woman and her children reappeared at the office. They laid out fried chicken in a basket lined with a red-and-white checkered cloth, homemade biscuits, corn on the cob, beans, hot chocolate and cake.

"We promised ourselves we would bring you lunch with our first paycheck," she said simply.

And so, a holiday tradition was born. Each New Year's Eve, she quietly brings lunch for the staff, who, while they eat, retell the story of that special Christmas.

Now you may think this tale was spun from a story teller's mind because the line, "... no room in the inn," was too conveniently placed. But the story was not invented. As someone once told me, "Coincidence is just God's way of remaining anonymous."

Therein lies our link to people

who lived 2,000 years ago. Remembering the Nativity stirs our hearts to be a little gentler, to extend ourselves to those we care about and to strangers we find in need.

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live a thousand years from now, as well.

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# CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Livonia Observer as space permits, usually on Thursdays. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Deadline is noon Monday for that Thursday's issue. Please include a daytime phone number and contact person. Mail, fax or e-mail information to: Livonia Observer, Community Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, (734) 591-7279 (fax). E-mail address is: [dvarga@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:dvarga@oe.homecomm.net)

## HOLIDAY TIME

**CAROL SING-ALONG**  
Clement Circle Civic Association hosts a Christmas Carol Sing-Along at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago roads. An appearance by Santa Claus will be featured. Parking is available at Emerson Middle School. (734) 522-8198.

**LUNCH WITH SANTA**  
Advance tickets are available for "Lunch with Santa" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Civic Park Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington. Games, crafts, pizza, drink, chips and a gift are included for a cost of \$2. It's co-sponsored by the Livonia Jaycees and Livonia Rotary Club. Tickets are available in the city parks and recreation office at city hall.

**"T'WAS THE NIGHT ..."**  
Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to join "Twas the Night Before Christmas," an activity day of crafts, sing-along, treats and, of course, a reading of the poem. The event is set for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Friends Meeting House at Greenmead Historical Park. Tickets are \$6 per child and are sold in advance. (248) 477-7375.

**NUTCRACKER ON STAGE**  
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Maestro Volodymyr Schesniuk, presents the Nutcracker Ballet - featuring the Dearborn Ballet Company - at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Carli Auditorium at Churchill High School. The cost is \$15 per person, with students and children paying \$10. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster and all three Livonia libraries. Call (734) 421-1111.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
The Schoolcraft College Phi Theta Kappa honor society hosts Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 18, at the school's Waterman Campus Center. Pancakes and sausage will be served for \$8 for adults, \$10 for children, with a photo of child and Santa, and small gift included for the children. Tickets must be purchased in advance. (734) 462-4422.

**CHRISTMAS TOURS, SHOWS**  
Greenmead Historical Park hosts Sunday afternoon Christmas Tours and Concerts on Dec. 12 and 19. Tours are \$2 for adults; \$1 for students. The concerts are at 3 p.m. in the village church. On Dec. 12 hear Covenant Brass; Dec. 19 hear Clarenceville United Methodist Chancel Choir. For details, call (248) 477-7375.

**MALL MUSIC**  
Livonia Mall hosts holiday music performances this month: From 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, the Church of the Holy Spirit will sing throughout the mall; at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, children from The Academy of Fine & Performing Arts will perform instrumental music; on

Saturday, Dec. 11, the Cavalry Baptist Church Youth Choir performs at 3 p.m. and the Mitcham Chapel at 5 p.m.; and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Livonia Civic Chorus performs.

**WRAPPING PRESENTS**  
Registration begins Dec. 11 for the Holiday Wrapping program at the Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile. Spend an afternoon wrapping presents from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. Paper and ribbon provided, or bring your own. Limit of 10 gifts per family. All ages. (248) 476-0700.

## ON STAGE

**HANDBELL CHOIR**  
The Campanelle Handbell Choir "rings in" the holiday season with a free musical performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium. Call (734) 466-2197.

**THE BEAT**  
The Golden Rain Percussion Ensemble performs at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium. Tea and coffee will be provided, and brown-bag lunches are welcome. Call (734) 466-2491.

**BENEFITS**  
**TOYS FOR KIDS**  
Donation boxes are set up at Livonia City Hall, all city libraries and senior centers, many schools and the Livonia Family YMCA to accept new, unwrapped toys, which will be distributed to area children through the Goodfellows. Call (734) 466-2557.

**K OF C FUND-RAISER**  
The Father Daniel Lord Council No. 3959 is selling Entertainment 2000 coupon books for \$40 through Dec. 31. Call Dan Crowley, (734) 422-4065.

**TO BENEFIT JAYCEES**  
The Livonia Jaycees are selling the Entertainment Book coupon booklet - with all the proceeds to benefit the group's Children's Christmas Shopping Spree - at a cost of \$40. Call (734) 542-0997.

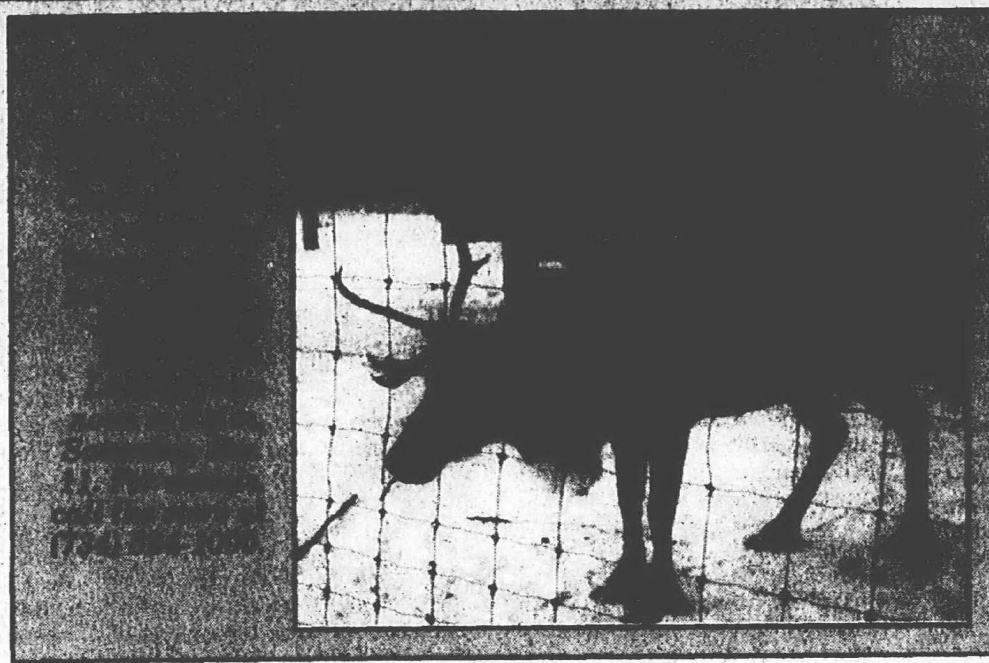
**HELP RELAY FOR LIFE**  
The American Cancer Society's second annual 24-hour Relay For Life is in need of volunteers or someone with creative ideas to help put on the event, which runs from noon June 16, 2000, to noon June 17, 2000. To volunteer, call Jennifer Chwalik, (248) 483-4329.

## KID STUFF

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
The Livonia High Nooners' Lions Club will host a Christmas Party for Blind & Handicapped Children at noon Monday, Dec. 20, at St. Edith's Parish, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. Donation is \$10 per ticket, which helps defray costs for the children to enjoy lunch, a visit with Santa and a gift. Call (734) 427-3048 or (734) 425-1339 for ticket information.

**STORYTIMES**  
The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts free storytimes for Livonia residents. They include Toddler Storytimes on Tuesdays, with session No. 1 from 9:30-10 a.m.; and session No. 2 from 10:20-10:50; Preschool Storytimes from 10:30-11 a.m. Thursdays; and Drop-in Storytimes from 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. No registration is required for drop-in times. For registration availability or more details, call (734) 466-2493.

**HOLIDAY CAMP**  
The Livonia YMCA hosts nine days of holiday camp,



similar to the Y's summer day camp program. Activities are provided for youth ages 6-12, including field trips. Camp starts Dec. 20. For daily rates call Roger at (734) 261-2161.

## RECREATION

**LINE DANCING**  
Experienced dancers meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 6 p.m. Sundays at the Civic Park Senior Center. For details call Bill Peterson at (248) 668-9494.

**SQUARE DANCE LESSONS**  
Square dancing lessons are offered 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road near Five Mile. Cost for four lessons is \$15 per person. Partner required. No experience needed. Instructor is Bill Peterson. Call (248) 668-9494.

**HOSPITAL RIDES**  
People older than 60 needing transportation to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital or University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor may call County Transportation Systems Management between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for appointments. Cost is \$7 each way. Call (734) 975-4630 or (888) 539-9879.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Help deliver meals to homebound senior citizens through the Meals-on-Wheels program in Livonia. Individuals are needed for one or more days a week; mileage is reimbursed. Call Terri, 727-7388 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADULT DAY CARE**  
Woodhaven of Livonia, a licensed assisted-living facility, has openings for adult day care services. Wheelchair users welcome. The nonprofit agency offers services 4 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 26667 Wentworth. Call (734) 261-9000.

**SCRABBLE**  
Scrabble is played beginning 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road near Five Mile.

**EMPLOYMENT**  
The Senior Community Service Employment Program places low-income people 55 and older in jobs at nonprofit or government agencies in western Wayne County. Call the Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830.

**TELEPHONE PROGRAM**  
The city of Livonia's Department of Community Resources offers telephone reassurance to homebound senior citizens who are living alone. The telephone reassurance caller will call residents Monday through Friday and provide access to assistance in case of emergency. Call the Civic Park Senior Center at (734) 466-2555 for more information.

**SENIOR TRAVEL**  
The Livonia Seniors Travel club meets 1:30 p.m.

## FOR SENIORS

**BUS RIDES**  
Senior buses provide

rides by donation within Livonia city limits to shopping districts, banks, medical appointments and both senior centers, from Monday through Friday. Transportation reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call (734) 466-2555.

**THE FIRST FRIDAY**  
of each month in the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road near Five Mile. For details, call Leona at (734) 421-5247 or the center at (734) 522-2711. Upcoming trips include:  
Dec. 15 - Wayne Newton at the Soaring Eagle Casino. Meal credit, \$69.  
Dec. 15-16 - Chicago special. Visit downtown, casino boat in Michigan City, Ind., shopping and museum, all via motor-coach. \$129.  
Dec. 15-18 - Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., with Christmas dinner, musical show, sightseeing and riverboat cruise. \$399.  
Dec. 16 - Radio City Musical Spectacular at the Fox, with meal downtown. \$91.  
Dec. 30 to Jan. 1 - Welcome 2000 in Huntington, W.Va. Includes New Year's Eve party, mystery tour. \$499.  
Dec. 30 to Jan. 2 - Branson for New Year's Eve. Fly to St. Louis, coach to Branson for three nights, five shows. \$899.  
Jan. 5-18 - See sights of Arizona. Round-trip air to Phoenix. \$999.  
Jan. 10 - Guse Family at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. \$21.  
Jan. 16 - Mystery tour. \$75.

**CLUBS**  
**POETRY WORKSHOP**  
A poetry workshop will be held 2-4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Civic Center Library. Call Ruth, (734) 762-7586.

**TOASTMASTERS**  
The Saturday Sunrises Toastmasters Club meets 8:30 a.m. every Saturday at Livonia Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Guests welcome. (734) 525-0476.

**SPIRIT OF DETROIT**  
The Spirit of Detroit Chorus invites new voices of all ages to meet and rehearse 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile just west of Inkster. Call Marge Dugan, associate director, (313) 937-2429.

**NEWCOMERS, NEIGHBORS**  
The Livonia Newcomers and Neighbors Club meets

on the second Tuesday of every month. The group welcomes women of Livonia and nearby communities for a variety of activities, including moms and tots, ladies' night out, etc. Call Jan at (734) 513-5816 or e-mail [LivoniaNN@aol.com](mailto:LivoniaNN@aol.com).

**SNS SENIOR PARTY**  
Junior and senior student parent volunteers are needed to serve on several committees for the Stevenson High School All-Night Party "Cruisin' 2000" after graduation on Thursday, June 15, 2000. Committees needing help are: Publicity/tickets, telephone, decorations, donations, entertainment, food, security, set-up and tear-down. Organizers are also seeking donations of cash or prize merchandise. Call Kathy Rothenberg, (248) 474-8027.

**HELPING OUT**  
Donations of yarn are needed to make baby-size afghans for a local hospital and hats for homeless people; deliver your donations to the Sheldon Park Senior Center, 10800 Farmington Road. For details, call (734) 466-2549.

**LOOKING FOR A HOST**  
Cooper Elementary's HOSTS program is looking for volunteers who can mentor a student in math. HOSTS stands for Help One Student To Succeed. Volunteers will be trained. Donate half an hour a week. HOSTS runs Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Leigh Holland, (734) 523-9179.

**FOSTER PARENTS**  
The Wayne Center, a nonprofit foster care agency, needs foster parents to care for children with developmental disabilities. Call (734) 425-7188.

**HOLIDAY HELP**  
Marywood Nursing Care Center is seeking volunteers to help with holiday activities. Call Cassandra Fuller-Brown, (734) 464-0600.

**PET-A-PET**  
The Pet-A-Pet program needs volunteers to bring their friendly, healthy and vaccinated (with records) animals to area nursing homes, hospitals, hospices and schools for pet therapy. No special training is required. For details, call Ruth Curry at (313) 535-0410.

## CITY MEETINGS

**ARTS COMMISSION**  
The Livonia Arts Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, on the fifth floor at City Hall.

**AGING COMMISSION**  
The Livonia Commission on Aging will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the Civic Park Senior Center.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
The Livonia Historical Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, on the fifth floor of City Hall.

on the second Tuesday of every month. The group welcomes women of Livonia and nearby communities for a variety of activities, including moms and tots, ladies' night out, etc. Call Jan at (734) 513-5816 or e-mail [LivoniaNN@aol.com](mailto:LivoniaNN@aol.com).

**SNS ALONG**  
In-the-shower or in-the-car singers may join the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America Inc. for open auditions 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, just west of Wayne Road. Call (313) 438-2364.

**EXCHANGE CLUB**  
The Exchange Club of Livonia meets for lunch 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Sveden House, Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia. The group aims to provide members with the skills to meet the changing needs of the community through unified service. Call (313) 438-3506.

**CHURCHILL PTSA**  
The Churchill High School PTSA meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month (Dec. 14) in the scheduling office at the school. Parents, teachers and students are invited.

**FRANKLIN PTSA**  
The Franklin High PTSA is looking for new members. Membership is open to those interested in both Livonia schools and the community. Members don't need to have a student at Franklin. The cost is adults, \$5; students, \$3; and family, \$10. Checks should be mailed to Franklin PTSA, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia 48150.

**MOON DUSTERS**  
The Moon Dusters Club hosts a Saturday Night Singles Dance at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, for widowed, legally divorced or never married singles age 50 and over, who enjoy dancing or just like to socialize. Married couples also are welcome. Time is 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.; refreshments served. Admission is \$4 for members, \$4.50 for associates, \$5 for guests. For information, call 421-9485 on Saturday only (lobby pay phone) or Peg McDonough at 422-3298.

**CHAMBER CONNECTION**  
The Livonia Chamber of Commerce gathers for a Five O'Clock Connection at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the University of Phoenix on Laurel Park North. Meet and mingle with business contacts. Tickets are \$5 for members; \$10 for guests.

**TOPS**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club, a nonprofit club, meets 9:15 a.m. Thursday at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Newburgh, north of Joy. Call Elsie at (734) 522-5444.

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome, and it's free to the public.

**FOUR SEASONS FISHING**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, near Five Mile. Call Jim Kudej (734) 531-0643.

**NEWBURGH SWIM**  
The Newburgh Swim Club is accepting membership applications for its waiting list. Write to P.O.

Box 531073, Livonia, MI 48153-1073 to receive an application.

**VIETNAM VETERANS**  
The Vietnam Veterans of America host a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at 9318 Newburgh Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans on active duty from Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 are eligible regardless of station. Don Dignan, (313) 845-3752 (work), (734) 525-0157.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
The Kiwanis Club of Livonia (Early Risers) hosts a Travel Film Series, with monthly presentations on the second Friday evening of the month at the City Hall auditorium. On Dec. 10, visit Paris and New York. No reserved seats. Donation is \$1. Call (734) 421-2000, ext. 221.

The Observer Newspapers 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, Livonia Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-981-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2119 if you have any questions.

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Info: \_\_\_\_\_

*Use additional sheet if necessary*



ENGAGEMENTS

Graff-Prim

George and Judy Graff of Adrian, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Jason Lee Prim, the son of Julie Verbanic of Taylor and Alvin Prim of Arlington, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as an international coordinator at Central Airfreight.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Taylor Kennedy High School. He is employed as an inventory controller at ABX Logistics.

An October wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church.



Farr-Morelli

Kenneth and Marie Farr of Quite, Ecuador, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Marie, to Andrew Bruno Morelli, the son of Diane Morelli of Canton and Joseph Morelli of Commerce Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Valparaiso University with a bachelor of arts degree and a graduate of Michigan State University with a master of arts degree. She is employed as a teacher at Mount Carmel High School in Wyandotte.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in supply chain management. He is employed at Lear Corp. in



Southfield.

A June wedding is planned at Heritage Park in Canton.

Paris-Macy

Patricia and John Paris of Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Elizabeth, to Robert Joseph Macy, the son of Robert and Darlene Macy of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a fourth-grade teacher in Westland.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business. He is employed at an insurance company as a program marketing specialist.

A May wedding is planned in



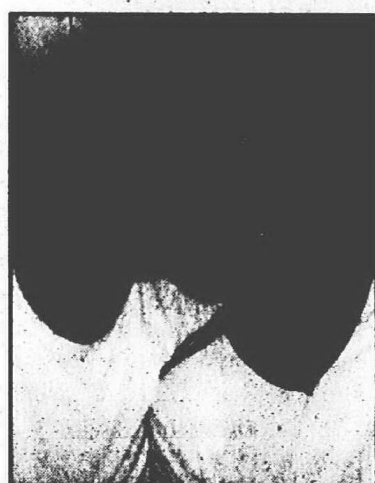
Marshall.

Atwood-Porter

David and Norma Atwood of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Karla Dee, to Eric James Porter, the son of James and Deborah Porter of Wayzata, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She will graduate from Texas A&M University in December. She is a professional figure skating coach for the Figure Skating Club of Texas at Texas Ice Station in Houston.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Wayzata High School and attends Texas A&M. He is employed at Golds Gym in Galveston.



An August wedding is planned in Cape Cod, Mass.

Little-Word

George and Shirley Little of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Ann, to Pfc. David Charles Word, the son of Kenneth and Catherine Word, also of Westland.

No wedding date has been set.



Hays-McDonald

Steven and Dede Hays of Northville announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jacklyn Nicole, to Joshua Robert McDonald, the son of Harold and Teri McDonald of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Noah Webster Academy and attends William Tyndale College. She is employed at Tokyo Book N.A.

Her fiancé is a graduate of United Christian School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed at Yazaki North American.

A December wedding is planned at Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village in Dear-



born.

NEW VOICES

Ron and Amy Muawad of Grosse Pointe and Tottenhall Wolverhampton, England, announce the birth of William Armbruster Aug. 13 at Wordsley Hospital in Stourbridge, England.

He joins a sister, Grace, 2 1/2 years old. Grandparents are William and Sharon Armbruster of Plymouth and Said and Donna Muawad of St. Clair Shores. Great-grandmother is Gertrude Armbruster of Livonia.

Shane and Jill Baker of Garden City announce the birth of Julia Rose Aug. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Shane, and a sister, Madeline. Grandparents are Gary and Connie Surma of Westland, Eugene and Shelby Baker of Wayne, Gary and Debbie Ramsey of South Rockwood and Alan and Robin Louis of Detroit.

Stephen Moss and Lisa Coluccio Moss of Westland announce the birth of Madison Marie Aug. 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents

are Joseph and Joanne Coluccio of Ishpeming and Veronica and Allen Moss of Westland.

Lts. James and Jennifer Spencer of The Salvation Army of Plymouth announce the birth of Annelise Gabrielle Aug. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Donna Erickson of Minot, Ind., Ken and Corrine Charleston of Merrillville, Ind., and Jim and Polly Spencer of Hammond, Ind.

Rodney and Micki Beckwith IV of Livonia announce the birth of Zachary Scott Aug. 21 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mary Hartsell of Highland, James and Anne Hartsell of Clemmons, N.C., and Rodney and Georgia Beckwith of Howell. Great-grandmothers are Alice Hartsell of Utica and Mabel Bruining of Kentwood.

Patricia Calleja-Tackett announces the birth of Amber Marie Tackett Aug. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has eight siblings

- Cassie, 21, Sue, 16, Jeff, 14, Kevin, 12, Rose, 6, Chyanne, 5, Zack, 2, and Diane, 1 1/2.

Michael and Rebecca Smith of Westland announce the birth of Paige Julia Aug. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a brother, Cody, 16 months. Grandparents are Gerald and Roxanne Sands of Garden City and Michael and Darlene Smith of Livonia.

Chris Carter and Lisa Szyzkowski of Westland announce the birth of Christopher Scott II Aug. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has four siblings - Nicole, 11, Sara, 10, Hannah, 6, and David, 8. Grandparents are

Jena and Carl Mullins of White Lake and Maurice and Frostie Carter of Wayne.

Carol Hurst of Garden City announces the birth of Alexander Anton Hurst Aug. 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandmother is Jean Hurst of Garden City.

Joseph Kalep Jr. and Michelle Wood of Westland announce the birth of Brandon Joseph Aug. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Stephani, 6. Grandparents are Debra Stratz of Wixom and Joseph Kalep Sr. of Westland.

Antonio and Dawn DiPietro of Westland announce the birth

of Dylan John Aug. 27 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Grandparents are John and Marlene Murray of Redford and Franco and Filomena DiPietro of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Great-grandparents are Assunta DiPietro of Windsor and John and Alma Ippolito of New Baltimore.

Raymond and Ruth Herron of Garden City announce the birth of Shelby Rae Aug. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ray and Alice Deleon of Garden City.

James Harvey Jr. and Lori Hollingsworth of Westland announce the birth of Tyra

Lynn Aug. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Grandparents are Albert and Sondra Hollingsworth and Debra and James Harvey Sr., all of Westland.

Dale and Juliana Schopper of Livonia announce the birth of Regan Nicole August 27 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents include Gerald and Lillian Schopper, formerly of Livonia, Art Madar of Sterling Heights and Marilyn Madar of Maineville, Ohio. Great-grandparents include Ralph and Sylvia Turco of Livonia.

Talina Klocke of Wayne

Please see VOICES, B10

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The Adult Choir's "A Light Still Shines" is a compelling choral presentation blending traditional Christmas carols and contemporary music with the timeless message of Christ's birth. It's scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

For more information, call (734) 421-0472, or visit the MRBC home page at [www.mrbcfaithweb.com](http://www.mrbcfaithweb.com).

Trinity Presbyterian Church is presenting a Christmas concert, "Heralding's God Plan," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Presented by the music and drama ministries, the concert includes an original drama by Susan Hicks, Trinity's drama director, and music performed by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Gordon Bleich.

Paul Bailey, a violinist with the Toledo Symphony and concertmaster at Hillsdale College, is scheduled to perform his own composition, written especially for the concert.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling the church at (734) 459-9550.

The Chancel Choir of Clarenceville United Methodist Church is presenting a Christmas cantata, "Journey of Hope, the Birth of the Savior," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Written by Camp Kirkland and Tom Fetteke, the performance relates the Christmas story in song and follows the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the journey of the shepherds and our journey of hope and praise.

Following the performance, guests are invited to a holiday celebration of hors d'oeuvres and

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This is the last weekend of performances of Temple Baptist Church's 1999 edition of "Glory of Christmas." Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the Temple Baptist Church ticket office, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170. For more information, call (734) 414-7777, ext. 600.

Plymouth Baptist Church is presenting its annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas to Remember," at 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The 65-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christmas music in a stunning visual setting.

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The Creative Arts Ministry of Northville Christian Assembly is presenting a family musical, "A Time for Christmas," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at the church, 41355 Six Mile Road.

Packed with drama and music, "A Time for Christmas" follows the life of a workaholic accountant who sorely needs Christmas cheer. A mysterious visitor, Bartholomew, challenges the accountant to learn the true meaning of Christmas and, like Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life," takes the accountant on a trip to five different locations covering 2,000 years.

Tickets for the musical are free, but required. They are available by calling (248) 348-9030. The 7 p.m. Dec. 11 performance includes creative translation for the hearing impaired.

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The one-hour "Sing With Joy" features vocal, handbell and instrumental music from Christ Our Savior's Livonia and Canton musicians. Selections include Craig Curry's contemporary arrangement of "Hark the Glad



Tell me why: Business consultant Mary, played by Tonya Fowler of Livonia, questions the values of workaholic accountant Bill, played by Rick Gonzalez of Northville, in Northville Christian Academy's weekend production of "A Time for Christmas."

Sound," John Rutter's "Candlelight Carol," "Pat a Pan," "Follow the Star," "From Heaven Above" and Michael Smith's "Emmanuel." There's no charge for the con-

cert, but a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (734) 523-0830.

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne's youth and children are presenting "Live from the Streets of Bethlehem," a Christmas musical by Christy Long, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 3739 Newberry, Wayne.

A luncheon will be offered in the Fellowship Hall following the service. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

The First Baptist Church of Wayne has extended an invitation to the public to attend its Christmas concert, "I Have Seen the Light," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 36125 Greenwood, Wayne.

The concert features a mix of traditional, Broadway musical and new music, presented in the sanctuary which is lit by 3,500 stars. For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

The Women's Chamber Chorus, under the direction of Gini Robison, is presenting "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Red-

ford. The Chamber Maids, harpist Tiffany Aurora and pianist Nancy LeGrand also are performing.

A donation is requested for the performance. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

The Praisemakers Choir (children ages 4-5) and Nursery Department of Memorial Church of Christ are presenting their Christmas program, "A Christmas Pageant," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The Adult Choir is preparing for its cantata, "A Light Still Shines," celebrating the light that shone from Bethlehem that is still shining today, at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., while the Jesus Jammers (children in grades 1-6) are performing "A Star Is Born" at 6:30 p.m., both on Sunday, Dec. 19.

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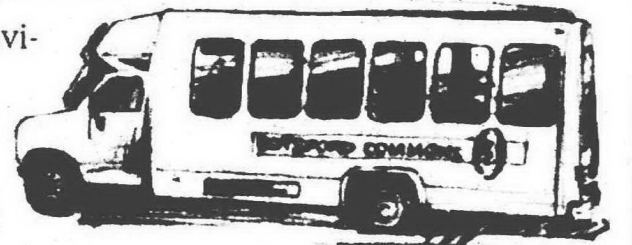
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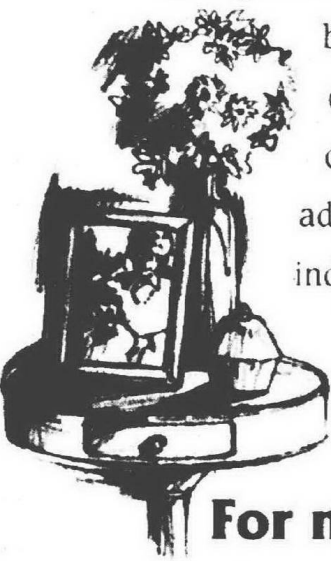
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

**Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Scholcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 963-7276. For more information, call (734) 963-2131.**

**SINGLE POINT**  
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have the Rev. Neil Ellison talk speak on the topic of prophecies that led up to Christ's birth and why He needed to come. TFO meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Coffee and cookies will be served and a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Newburg United Methodist Church will have its AS! Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in Gutherie Hall of the Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. All proceeds will sup-

port a summer work trip to Appalachia. For ticket information, call the church office at (734) 493-0149.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**  
Congregation Bet Chaverim will celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. The celebration will be held at Cherry Hill Methodist Church at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. For more information, call the CBC hotline at (734) 490-8890.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a progressive hors d'oeuvre party Saturday, Dec. 11. Call Reggie at (734) 421-0135 or Val at (734) 729-1974 for information.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Call Val at (734) 729-1974 for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Call Mary at (734) 729-2612.

**COOKIE WALKS**  
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, will have an assortment of 40 different cookies, a selection of sweet breads, candies, nuts and frozen foods (pierogi and stuffed cabbage) on sale at its cookie walk on Saturday, Dec. 11. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and stay open until everything is sold. The price will be \$8 per pound. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-3432.

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, is reviving its tradition of a cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 11. Church members are providing the cookie selection for the walk which starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends when the last cookie is sold. The money raised will go to designated charities. For more information, call the church at

(734) 431-7249.  
Garden City United Methodist Church will have its cookie walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 6445 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden City. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, cookies will be sold at \$8 for a large tin and \$6 for a small tin. For more information, call the church at (734) 431-9628.

The First United Methodist Church, 3739 Newberry, across from the Wayne Post Office, Wayne, will have a different kind of cookie walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be homemade specialty cookies, candies (fudge, pralines, peanut brittle and more) and specialty dog treats. Prices will

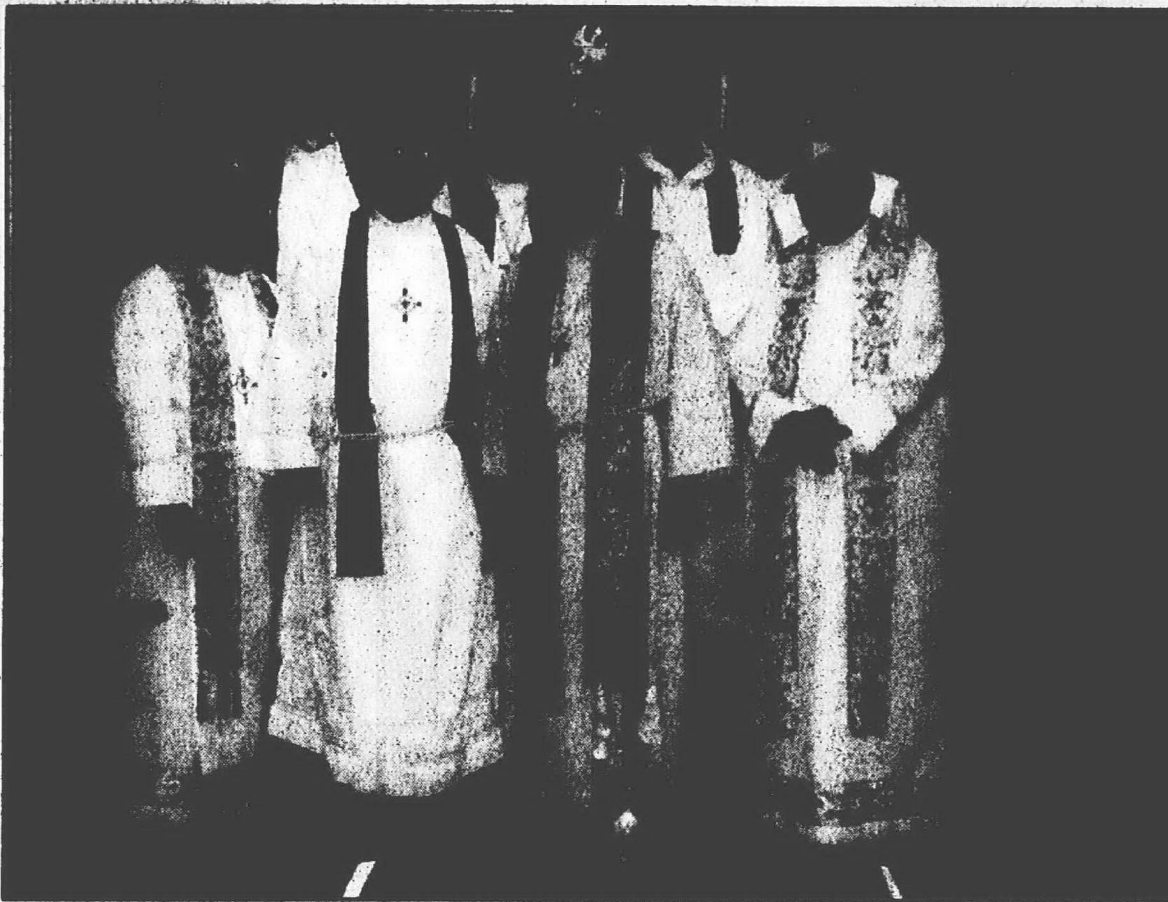
be \$4 for small tins, \$6 for medium tins and \$12 for large tins. Specialty tins at various prices will be available, and the candies will be sold by the pound. Special orders for whole or half pumpkin rolls also will be taken. To place an order or for more information, call the church office at (734) 721-4601.

**SOULFUL CELEBRATION**  
There will be "A Soulful Celebration," starring Kirk Franklin, Hesechiah Walker, Kelly Price, Karen Clark-Sheard, Crystal Lewis, anointed, Marvin Sapp and Darwin Hobbs, with Sheila E. as musical director, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Tickets cost \$50, \$35, \$25 and \$15 and are

available at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets also will be on sale at the Cobo Arena box office the day of the show only. For more information, call the Olympia Entertainment event hotline at (313) 983-6606.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, in the west end of Gutherie Hall of the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Larry at (734) 522-1977 or Sandy at (734) 422-0149 or (734)

Please see RELIGION, B9



**A new face:** The Rev. Luther Werth, second vice-president of the Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, recently administered the rite of installation to the Rev. Steven Eggers, the new associate pastor at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) the Revs. Tim Halboth, Werth, John Meyer, Robert Beyer, Eggers, Lawrence Witto, Vic Halboth and Rich Zeilke. Following the Oct. 17 ceremony, the congregation hosted a welcome dinner for the Eggers family in the school gymnasium.

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# Music from page B7

p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Ingham Road, Livonia. There's a suggested donation of \$7.50 at the door. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

■ The Sunday School and weekday school children of Faith Lutheran Church are explaining the symbolism of Christmas in their Advent pageant, "Christmas Is Coming," at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church,

30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program includes music, bell ringing, singing and more. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.

■ The children and youth of Newburgh United Methodist Church are acting out the story of Jesus's birth as seen through the eyes of the stable animals, in their Christmas pageant, "The Mousse's Tale."

Performance times are the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services

Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 26500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ The children of the Sunday school are participating in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church annual Christmas pageant at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 16360 Hubbard, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-8451.

# Religion from page B8

464-8286 for a blood donation appointment.

**Contemporary worship**

■ Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 1941 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere. It's offered the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Jesus's birthday**

■ Monday, Dec. 13, is the deadline for signing up for a "Happy Birthday, Jesus," party at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30600 Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia. The annual event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 18, and is open to children ages 4 through the sixth grade accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be games, crafts, a Christmas story and cake. The program is free of charge, but reservations are necessary. Call (734) 422-8088.

the events in Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

There will be a fellowship dinner 5-6 p.m. The cost of the meals will be \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children age 3-12 and free for those age 2 and under. For reservations, call (734) 522-6830.

■ Trinity Lutheran Church will have an Advent supper and service Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be a simple supper at 7 p.m. and worship service at 7:30 p.m., which will center around remembering the hungry and needy of the world. The midweek offering will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

**HEALING SERVICE**

The Church of the Risen Lord is presenting a healing service at

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland.

The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward," offered on the third Wednesday of the month at the church. This month's theme is "Do Not Be Afraid for Nothing Is Impossible with God."

For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

**TLC STORYTIME**

Timothy Lutheran Church will have a TLC Storytime for children 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Kids are invited to bring their parents to hear Christian stories and snacks. The books chosen are for age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

## Cultural center hosts 'Holiday Doll Show'

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The Plymouth "Holiday Doll Show" Sunday, Dec. 12, will feature dealers, collectors and doll artists, selling new, used, antique, collectible dolls and doll accessories of all kinds.

The show will be held at Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-12.

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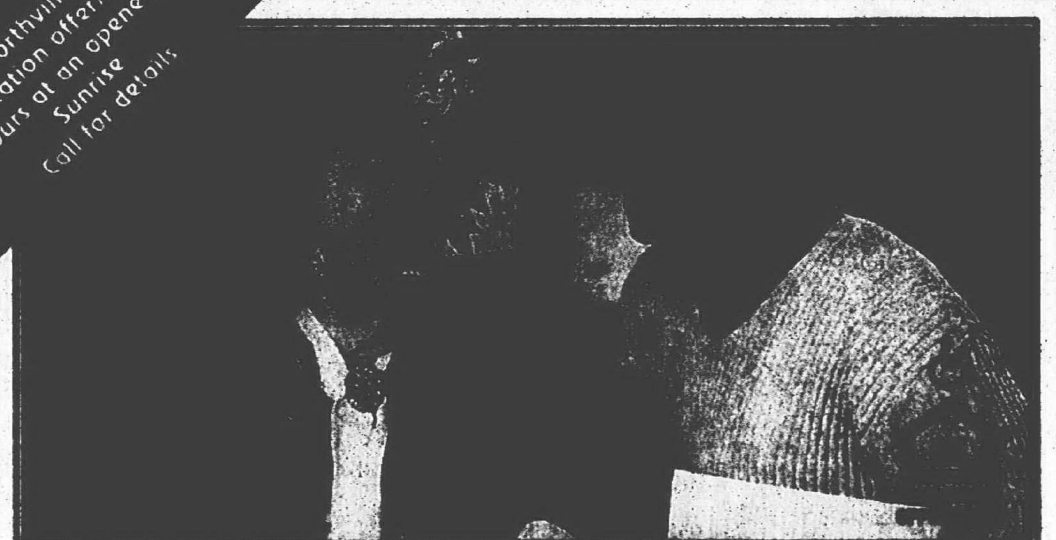
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Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music in Canton, will appear at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Baby! Baby! Children's Resale Shop, 153 E. Main St.,

Northville. Call Baby! Baby! at (248) 347-2229 for registration information.

She also will appear at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Little Book Shoppes on the Park, 300 S. Main St., Plymouth. Story Times are planned for the first or second Saturday of each month at the store. Call (734) 455-5220 to register.

Schanerberger also be at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Pennington, Plymouth, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. Story Times are planned for the first Tuesday of each month at Plymouth Coffee

Bean Call (734) 454-0178 to register.

Schanerberger has more than 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all ages. Evola offers Kindermusik Village for newborns to age 1, Kindermusik Our Time for children age 1-3 years and Growing With Kindermusik for children age 3-5 as well as group piano and violin classes.

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## Voices from page B5

announces the birth of Alexa Nicole Aug. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has two siblings, Ryu, 6, and Brandon, 4. Grandmother is Judy Haworth of Westland.

Todd and Brenda Buehler of Redford announce the birth of Justin Dennis Aug. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Jesse, 4 1/2. Grandparents are James and Dell Hallam of Dearborn Heights and Mark and Louise Grossman of Melbourne, Fla.

Anastase Canelopoulos and Denise Elkins of Canton announce the birth of Emily Sophia Aug. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

She has a brother, Scott, 5. Grandparents are John and Emily Canelopoulos of Westland and Janet and Jimmy Elkins of Garden City.

Angelique Leksche and Scott Eatmon of Plymouth announce the birth of Jamey Marie Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings Shelby, Josh and Brandon. Sue Leksche of Plymouth is her grandmother.

Kenneth and Carrie Gartner of Redford announce the birth of Andrea Grace Sept. 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Nathan Tyler, 9, and sister, Haley Rose, 3. Grandparents are Lois and Dan Gartner of Livonia, Joanne

McClanahan of Dearborn Heights and the late Joseph McClanahan. Great-grandmother is Ella Beck of Dearborn.

Doug and Dianna Worsley of Canton announce the birth of Makenna Rae Sept. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sister Alexis Taylor, 3. Grandparents are Carol Worsley of Garden City, Dennis and Judy Worsley of Westland, Lou and Cindy Moore of Garden City and Sheryl and Clem Ciluffo of Brighton.

Daniel and Carrie Snyder of Redford announce the birth of William McNeill Sept. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gil and Becky Snyder of Hiawassee,

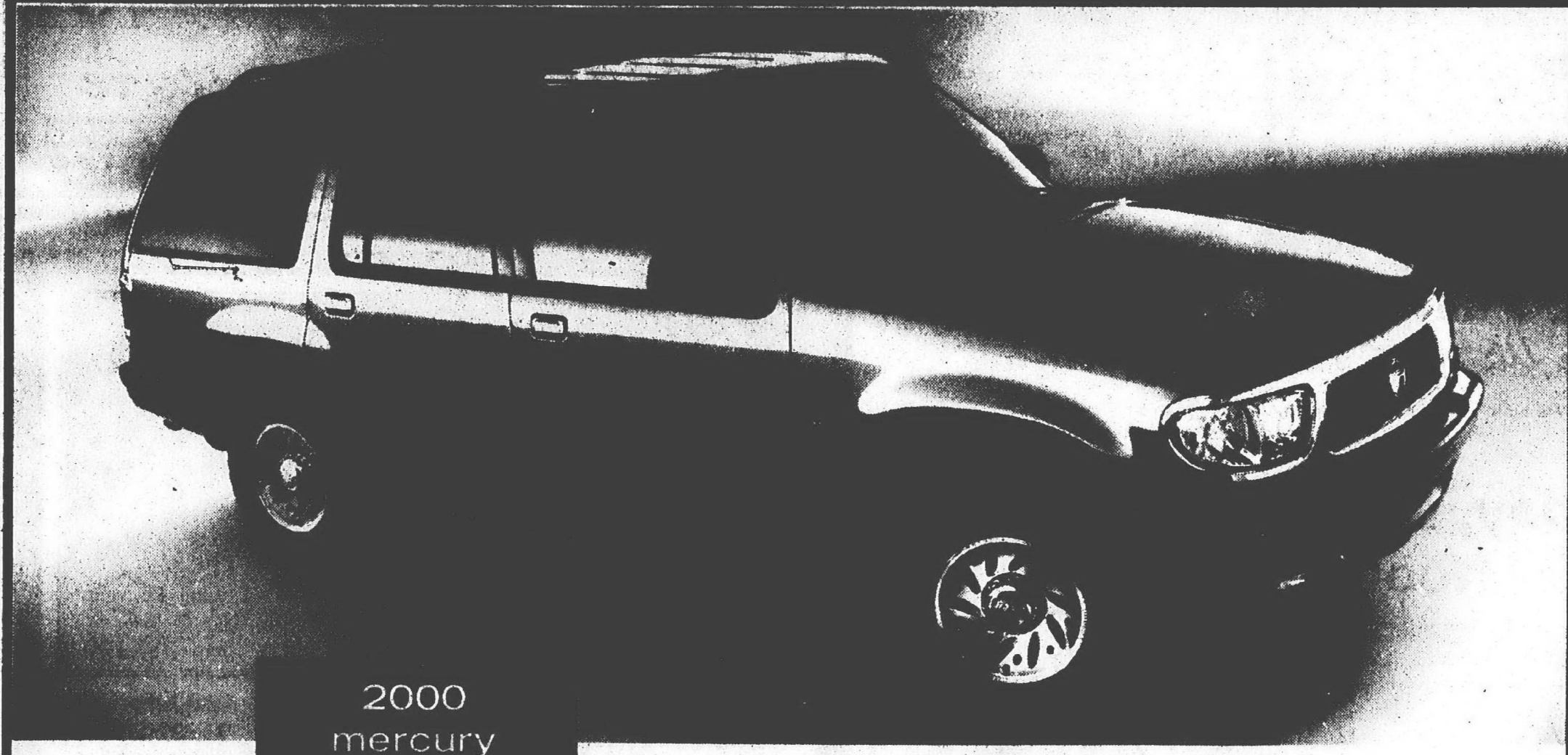
Ga., and Ron and Linda Nesmith and Phil Culler, all of Garden City.

Timothy and Rebecca Jager of Westland announce the birth of Hayley Anne Sept. 16 at Providence Hospital of Southfield. Grandparents include Deborah Rais of Livonia and Richard and Linda Jager of Tawas. Great-grandmother is Sylvia Camilleri of Livonia.

Keith and Christine Yancy of Livonia announce the birth of Adrienne Margaret Sept. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sister, Meredith, 4. Grandparents are Foster and Helen Yancy of Dearborn and José and Doris Mauricio of Inverness, Fla.



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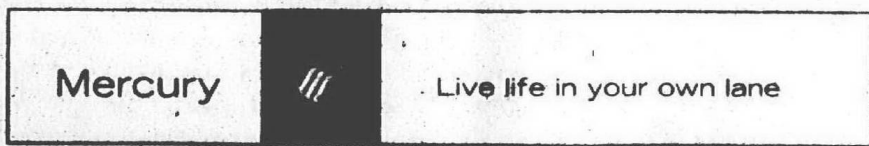
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Thanksgiving hockey

Assistant captain Jeff Dominas scored on a shootout after overtime to give the Livonia Bantam Panthers a 4-3 victory over the Vaughn (Toronto) Panthers in a Thanksgiving holiday tournament.

Goaltender Jacob Pierzynski blanked the Panthers through a five-minute overtime and the shootout to earn the win. Captain Bill Kane was named tournament MVP.

The Panthers defeated the Redford Ice Dogs, the Toronto Panthers and tied the Livingston Lightning to win the 11th Sports Weekend Extravaganza, staged at Dearborn, Redford, Melvindale and the State Fair Coliseum.

Team members also include assistant captains Dave Ruprecht and Dave McCall plus Craig Bathurst, Tony Devlin, Mike Lauzon, Pat Miller, Chris Paul, Ryan Pfeifer, Jacob Sidor, Ken Sinclair, Jim Stevenson, Bennett Tyler and Pat Tullio.

The team is coached by Len Pfeifer, Mike Lauzon and Bill Tyler, managed by Ron and Sharon Miller and sponsored by Livonia Home Improvement.

Four victories enabled the Livonia Knights to take the Chicago Cup Pee Wee A Bronze Division championship trophy Nov. 28.

The Knights defeated teams from Illinois and Missouri to win the Thanksgiving tournament.

Goalie Matt Parran shut out the Park Ridge (Ill.) Express in the championship game.

Key roles were also played by Scott Andrusiak, Evan Boyajian, Joe Burt, Mike Bushey, Danny DeRoo, Bruce Henderson, D. J. Kinnell, Christian Kuehn, Dan Kozlowski, Sean Nisun, Cory O'Neil, Ryland Phelps, Kory Strong, Mike Trowbridge, Brett Walsh and Brett Wannamaker.

The Knights are coached by Bruce Henderson, Brian Wood, Doug Olson and Dave Bushey, managed by Barb Bushey and sponsored by Cambridge Underwriters, Varsity Lincoln Mercury, Gandol Inc., Colonial Collision Plus Reconditioning and Universal Glass & Metals.

The Livonia Squirt Flames captured the Farmington Hills Thanksgiving tournament, defeating the Farmington Hills Spitfires, 6-3, in the title game.

The Flames also defeated the Plymouth-Canton Tiger Sharks, 4-3, in overtime, trimmed the Farmington Hills Ice Cats, 6-3, and defeated Southfield Dakota, 8-3.

In the semifinals, the Flames beat the Tiger Sharks, 5-2, in a rematch.

Ben Hoyt had four hat tricks and 19 points in the tournament while Steve Price had 14 points including a hat trick and playmaker. Alex Vial had eight points and Paul Yandric a playmaker.

Other team members included Ryan Burklow, Matt Chantres, Corey Hewitt, Greg Michael, Mattison Murphy, David Niemi, Kevin Noelke, David Pierzynski, Brandon Pump, Nolan Stempin plus goalies Michael Cole and Dan Martinelli.

The team is coached by Gary Stempin and assistants Scott Price and Chuck Cole. Team sponsors are Commercial Lawnmower and Grand Rental.

### U-14 Hawks win

The U-14 Michigan Hawks captured the U-16 North America Indoor Soccer Regional Dec. 4-5.

The Hawks outscored their opponents, 27-5, beating U-16 Vardar III in the final, 7-2. They will defend their 1999 North America Indoor National Championship title in February at Cleveland.

Members of the Hawks include: Melissa Dobbyn, Erin Doan, Whitney Guenther, Nikki Hermann, Jill Kehler, Jennifer Szymanski, Jamie Poole, Stephanie McIlroy, Sabrina Must, Kyle LaPorte, Nichole Cauzillo, Mo Pawlak, Kathrine Cumming, Deanne Kubas, Erica Rose & Jordan Falconian.

The Hawks are coached by John Bucanan.

### Correction

In the Thursday, Dec. 2 edition of the Sports Roundup, Evan Hynes' name was misspelled.

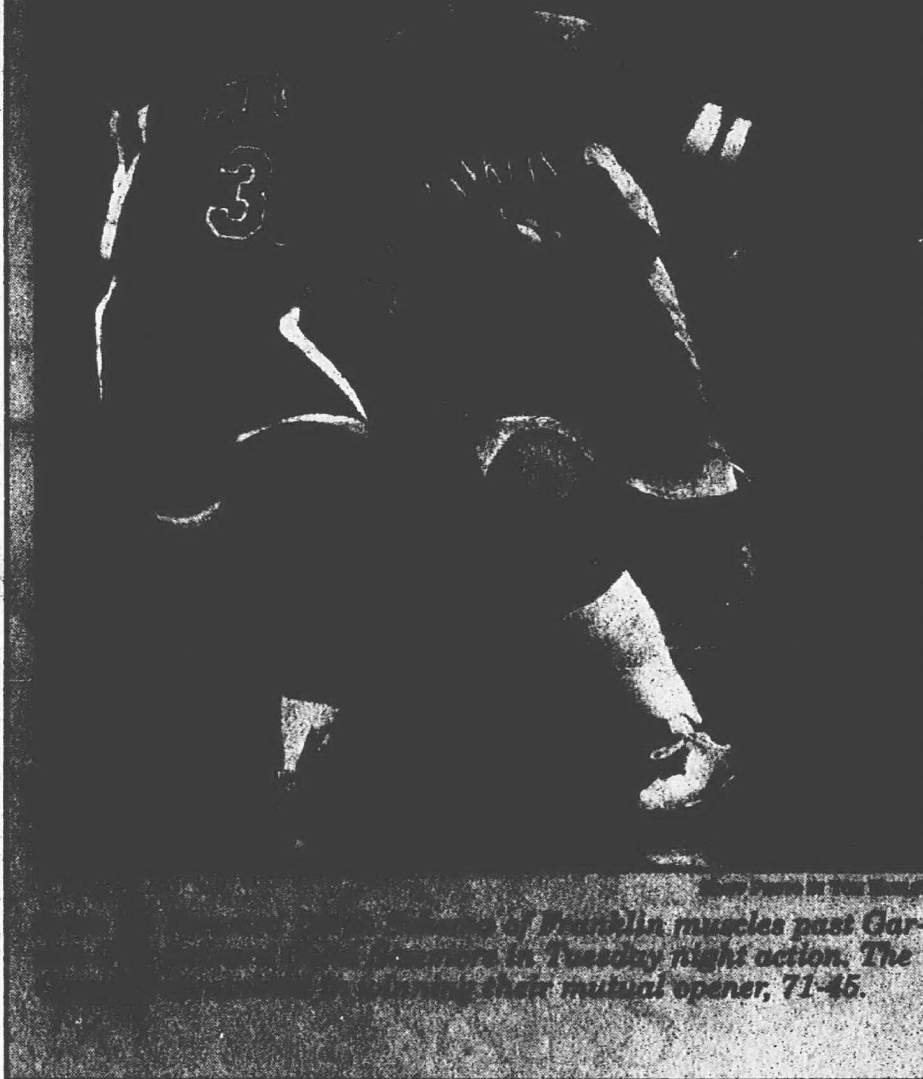
He is a member of the Bantam B Canucks of the Livonia Hockey Association.



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Franklin's Melissa Harakas (l) and Michelle Harakas (r) congratulate one another on being named to the Observerland's All-Area First and Second teams, respectively.

## Great girls grace good team

Tim Szakal and Patricia Rich were named co-coaches of the Redford St. Agatha girls basketball program this season.

Rich had one year of previous coaching experience to Szakal's seven. But ask Szakal who learned the most and he'll say he did.

Szakal only coached boys basketball previously. He spent the last four seasons as the high school boys varsity assistant coach after coaching the St. Agatha fifth and sixth grade boys for three years.

Rich's experience included one season as an assistant varsity girls basketball coach at the high school and a season as the seventh and eighth grade girls coach.

When girls varsity coach/athletic director Dave Feldman left before the school year for similar positions at Centerline St. Clement, Szakal and Rich decided to combine titles.

Their first year with the girls varsity was a smashing success as the Aggies rolled to a 22-2 record, winning the Catholic League C-D Division and Class D district championships. The Aggies won a regional semifinal before losing in the regional final to Portland St. Patrick's, the eventual state champion.

They have been named Oberverland Co-Coaches of the Year.

"I was a little apprehensive (about taking the job)," Szakal said. "But I couldn't think of a bigger mistake if I had turned it down. I learned a lot from the girls. We met our goals and



Honored: Junior twin sisters Michelle (r) and Melissa (l) Harakas of Livonia Ladywood seem to be congratulating one another on being named to the Observerland's All-Area First and Second teams, respectively.

exceeded them." Szakal and Rich said the leadership of seniors Sonia Lousia, Kerry Shivers and Krystol Dennis, a transfer from Redford Bishop Borgess, eased the transition. Rich and Szakal are 1993 graduates of St. Agatha, friends since grade school. Each excelled in sports at St. Agatha, not on the same teams, of

course, and enjoy seeing the game from the coach's seat.

Rich also was a star thrower on the Central Michigan University track team. She earned a teacher's degree and is in her second year teaching seventh grade at St. Agatha.

"The big difference as coach is suddenly you're in the role of making deci-

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## Churchill icers rate with best

Livonia Churchill bounced back nicely from its first loss of the young hockey season.

Churchill exploded for four third-period goals Tuesday night, with Tom Sherman completing a hat trick, to defeat Western Lakes Activities Association rival Plymouth Canton, 6-1.

The Chargers (3-1) improved to 3-0 in the WLAA while the Chiefs (2-3) dropped to 1-2 in league play.

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Jeff Andes scored an unassisted goal at 8:48 of the opening period to give Churchill a 1-0 lead but Canton tied the score at 9:16 on a Matt Kinger goal from David Commisky and Eric Mayer. "The Canton team really played well in the first period," Coach Jeff Hatley of Churchill said. "They did a nice job in their zone."

The deadlock lasted all of two minutes, though, as Sherman started his natural hat trick with a goal, assisted by Jason Turri, at 12:09.

Sherman notched his second goal at 8:04 of the third period, assisted by

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# Youth rules

## Underclassmen carry Churchill to a 3rd

Sometimes finishing third is a victory. "Especially," Coach Marty Altounian of Livonia Churchill said, "when you have so many young wrestlers."

Churchill's sophomore and freshman-led wrestling team wound up third among 17 teams Saturday at the River Rouge Invitational. Wyandotte Roosevelt and Garden City were first and second.

Sophomore Kyle Male went 4-0 to win the 165-pound classification for the Chargers, defeating Scott Massey of Garden City in overtime.

Churchill's other winner was Mike Carter at 183 pounds. The tournament's co-MVP, Carter pinned Willie Munson of Melvindale, fourth-place finisher in the state meet a year ago, in the finals.

Sophomore Steve Lehardt was third in

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the 118-pound category with a 3-1 record while teammate Steve Abar finished third at 145, also taking three out of four matches. Another third-place finisher, 3-1, for Churchill was sophomore Tom Vandenberg at 215 pounds.

Tom Allen was fourth at 160 pounds while sophomore Brian Jones was fourth at 160. Both were 2-2.

Freshman Brian Clement was sixth at 112 pounds with a 1-3 record while another freshman, Alex Murray, was sixth with a 2-2 mark in the 171-pound weight group.

"It was nice to see our older kids do their job and to have the younger kids come

through for us," said Altounian, whose team participates in the Garden City Christmas Tournament on Saturday.

#### FARMINGTON 61 FRANKLIN 22 Dec. 4 at Lakeside

150: Chad Bennett (LF) won by void; 151: Ray Stratos (LF) dec. Rob Easterday, 9-0; 156: Jon Simmons (F) p. Nate Brown, 28; 158: Phil Coteja (LF) won by void; 160: Aaron Turk (F) p. Steve Dalg, 1:58; 162: Chris Audette (F) p. Lee Warren, 21; 168: Tom Mahon (F) p. Arik Wickatta, 33; 168: Joe Pauley (F) p. Ryan O'Brien, 1:52; 183: Mark Ostach (F) p. Don Hughes, 1:49; 186: Mike Murtland (F) p. Brian Walker, 1:02; 173: Eric Toeka (LF) dec. Dustin Green, 12-4; 189: Ben Lukas (F) p. Andrew Bates, 40; 215: Blake Belski (F) won by void; 278: Brian Brinaden (F) p. Andrew Pruitt, 21.

FARMINGTON'S DUAL MEET RECORD: 4-1.

### WRESTLING RANKINGS

#### OVERSIZED FREEDOM 1500-2000 WRESTLING RANKINGS

Teams: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Livonia Stevenson.

#### OVERSIZED WEIGHT CLASSES

165 pounds: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitts (Canton); 3. Scott Massey (Garden City).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Salem); 2.

Brian Clement (Livonia Churchill); 3. Carlos Garmons (Redford Union).

158: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem); 2. Jesse Purden (Westland John Glenn); 3. (tie) Pat Sayn (Garden City), Jon Simmons (Farmington) and Chris O'Hara (Redford CC).

128: 1. Rob Ash (Salem); 2. Vinnie Zecoli (Garden City); 3. (tie) Jon Gregg (Wayne) and Dave Teets (John Glenn).

130: 1. Greg Musser (Canton); Jeff Albracht (John Glenn); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne).

138: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Jon Poccock (Canton); 3. (tie) Allen Waddell (John Glenn) and Brandon Templeton (Garden City).

148: 1. Josh Fee (Garden City); 2. Jay Wheeler (Redford CC); 3. Steve Dendri- noe (Salem).

148: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 3. (tie) Steve Abar (Churchill) and Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville).

162: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 3. Mike Fal- zon (Stevenson).

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. (tie) Eric Kelley (Redford Union) and Mike Murtland (Farmington).

171: 1. Eric Toeka (Livonia Franklin); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. (tie) Jason Hilliker (Redford CC) and Craig Medos (Garden City).

189: 1. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 2. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 3. (tie) Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville) and Tom Allen (Churchill).

218: 1. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 3. Nick Smith (Wayne).

278: 1. Brian Brinaden (Farmington); 2. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 3. (tie) Brad Tinney (Garden City) and Ollie Mus- carella (Redford Union).

Note: The weekly Observerland wrestling rankings are compiled by a panel of four coaches including Bob Moreau (Stevenson), Marty Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union) and Dave Chiola (Garden City).

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - FUND RAISING EVENT

The Senior Alliance (TSA) seeks proposals for the facilitation of a unique fund raising event to be held in the Fall of 2000.

TSA, established in 1980, provides in-home & community service to the older population in Western & Southern Wayne County & is governed by a 35 member Board and has a staff of 46.

Proposals are due by January 6, 2000. Bidders will be requested to make a half-hour oral presentation on January 12 at TSA. For more information call Mike Simowald at (734) 722-2830.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### BASEBALL TRYOUT

The Wayne County Area travel baseball teams for ages 14-under and 12-under of the Little Caesars League are holding tryouts for next season.

The teams will travel out of state for tournaments, including a showcase event with scouts in attendance.

For more information, call Mr. Lewis at (813) 839-6872.

#### CHRISTMAS HOCKEY CLINICS

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its four-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6 through 14 during Christmas break in two sessions Dec. 20 and 27 at six metro Detroit locations.

The cost of the clinics is \$130 per player. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Call (248) 478-1600 for more information.

#### MIDWEST SKATING EVENT

The Midwestern Sectional

Championships, one of three qualifying events for the 2000 National Figure Skating Championships, will take place at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills Dec. 9-11.

The competitors advanced to the sectional championships by qualifying at one of three regional events in October and November.

More than 140 skaters qualified from 65 United States Figure Skating Clubs throughout the Midwest for the opportunity to compete at the national championships next February in Cleveland, Ohio.

All events tickets are \$25; daily passes are \$10. Both may be purchased through the skating club by calling (248) 332-3000, ext. 106. A schedule of events can be found at the Detroit Skating Club's website: dsclub.com.

### CORRECTION NOTICE

In our December 9 insert, we advertised Vigilante 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense for Dreamcast as available. Due to a manufacturing delay, this title will not be available. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

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# Whalers beginning to jell; get 2nd-straight win

Tomas Kurka extended the Plymouth Whalers winning streak another game by scoring a goal 1:03 into overtime, giving the Whalers a 3-2 triumph over the host Owen Sound Platers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday.

Kurka's goal, his 14th of the season, came on assists from Justin Williams and Andre Robichaud. It made a winner out of goalie Rob Zepp, who had 19 saves in net to improve his record to 11-7-2. Curtis Sanford took the loss in goal for Owen Sound, despite making 36 stops.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 14-13-3 (32 points); the Whalers are in third place in the

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OHL's West Division. Owen Sound fell to 8-17-2 (22 points), last in the Midwest Division. The win was the Whalers second-straight; for the Platers, the defeat was their third in a row.

Owen Sound took the early lead, getting a goal from Joel Ward just 1:09 into the game. Damian Surma knotted it for the Whalers with his first goal of the game at the 15:17 mark of the second period; Williams got the assist.

Surma's second goal of the game, and his 13th of the sea-

son, put Plymouth up 2-1 with 6:35 left in the third period. Eric Goody assisted. The Platers tied it at 2-all when Wes Goldie scored his 21st goal of the season with 2:45 left in regulation.

Last Saturday, Kurka scored twice in an 11-second span of the first period and Surma collected three assists to lead Plymouth to a 4-1 victory over the London Knights in a game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Knights have lost four-straight and are 7-14-5 overall (19 points), currently last in the West Division.

Kurka's first goal came at the 1:10 mark of the first period, assisted by Surma and Goody.

His second came at the 1:21 mark, assisted by Surma and Kevin Holdridge.

Randy Fitzgerald's sixth goal of the season, assisted by Nate Kiser and Williams, 4:16 into the second period pushed the Whaler lead to 3-0. Kryz Barch put the Knights on the board 1:15 later with a power-play goal, trimming the Whaler advantage to 3-1.

Goody restored Plymouth's three-goal cushion with 4:20 remaining in the second period, assisted by Surma and Shaun Fisher.

Zepp had 32 saves for Plymouth; Gene Chiarello made 25 saves for London.

## Ambassadors split

The Compuware Ambassadors at least managed to cool off the previously red-hot Texas Tornado and salvage one win in a three-game trip, beating the Tornado 3-2 Sunday.

Steve Swistak got the game-winner for the Ambassadors, scoring a short-handed goal — the third-consecutive goal for Compuware. Tom Fortunate had 16 saves in the net in a relief role to earn the win.

For Texas, the loss was just its second in its last 21 games. A Jason Guerriero goal in overtime gave the Tornado a 4-3 win over Compuware last Friday; he

added a goal and two assists in their 6-2 victory over the Ambassadors Saturday.

Mike Smith had three goals and two assists in the three-game series for Compuware.

Texas is 19-4 overall (38 points), first in the North American Hockey League's West Division. Compuware is 15-7-1 overall (31 points) and in third in the NAHL's East Division, but the Ambassadors are just two behind the division-leading Soo Kewadin Casino Indians (33 points).

Compuware plays at the Soo at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

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Andes and Sean Smith, then completed his scoring for the evening by knocking in a rebound at 10:10. Turri and Nate Jakubowski drew the assists on Sherman's third goal.

Ryan McDonnell, assisted by Nate and Aaron Jakubowski, made it 5-1 just 20 seconds later and at 14:18, Andes completed the scoring by redirecting an Adam Krug shot.

The Chargers held a wide edge in shots on goal but still played well in front of goalie Matt Williams.

"Coach Dan Abraham is doing a really good job with their team," Hatley said. "He has them playing good positional hockey."

## Shamrocks top Chargers

When No. 1 plays No. 3, the higher rated team should win.

Redford Catholic Central, the top-rated high school hockey team in the state, defeated No. 3 Livonia Churchill, 5-2, Saturday

goal or not.

Catholic Central more or less settled the argument when Brian Williams scored with 10 seconds left in the second period, assisted by Brandon Kaleniecki and Ryan Yost.

Dave Moss scored 36 seconds into the third period assisted by Joe Hillebrand and Joe Moreau to assure Catholic Central of its fourth win in as many tries this season.

The Shamrocks held a 32-19 edge in shots on goal. Catholic Central was whistled for two penalties and Churchill for only three.

"It was a hard-fought but cleanly played game," Hatley said. "They really dominated play in the first period. They out-shot us, 17-7."

"We were a little tight in the first period. We didn't play very well in our zone. Our goalie, Matt Williams, made some big saves to keep us in there. In the

second period we kind of pulled it together."

Churchill lost its first game of the season in part because it couldn't keep Catholic Central off the scoreboard early or late in each period.

The Shamrocks scored 2:09 into the game, Kaleniecki getting the goal from Rick Buttery and Williams. They took a 2-0 lead at 6:58 on a goal by Jim Spiewak, assisted by Moreau and Moss.

Sean Smith drew Churchill within a goal at 9:09. Ryan McDonnell and Aaron Jakubowski assisted.

Catholic Central expanded its lead to 3-1 just 27 seconds into the second period, Moss putting the puck in the net and Hillebrand assisting.

Ike Andes got the Chargers back within one off a feed by Aaron Jakubowski and Smith but the controversial goal/non-goal, the Shamrocks' score with

10 seconds to go in the period and early third-period marker decided the game.

"One thing I learned," Hatley said, "is that I can't be worried about matching lines. Just roll out three lines and let our guys play."

"They're hard to match because they have so much talent. You really have to be impressed with the job they done. They've brought in a lot of players from the AAA ranks. That's good for high school hockey."

Kaleniecki, Spiewak, Moss, Williams and Yost were dominant hockey players in the game, according to CC coach Gordie St. John.

"Churchill played as tough as you can play, they're in excellent condition and they had a game plan," St. John said. "It was a very good game and they really took it to us. They're well coached. I was really impressed

with all the kids on both teams."

Sophomore winger John Perkovich didn't pick up any points but St. John could tell he was out there.

"He's a very hard worker, does all the little things that make him successful," St. John said.

The Shamrocks, 3-1 overall, host Park Tudor from Indianapolis, Ind. at 8 p.m. Saturday at Redford Arena.

## Ladywood tops Liggett

Courtney Stansick scored four goals Tuesday night to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 9-3 victory over Grosse Pointe Liggett at the Arctic Pond.

Backing Stansick with single goals were Jana Beumel, Jacque Lupinacci, Mickie Fallon, Pam Smart and Katie O'Dea.

The Blazers are now 4-1.

## BASKETBALL TRYOUT

Tryouts for the Michigan Motion AAA girls basketball teams will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Salvation Army gym, 27500 Shiawassee Road in Farmington Hills.

The times are 10-11:30 a.m. for

the 13-and-under team, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 14 and under, 1-2:30 p.m. for the 15 and under, 2:30-4 p.m. for the 11 and under, 4-5:30 p.m. for the 12 and under, 5:30-7 p.m. for the 16-18 team.

The gym is located at the corner

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sons, the role of guidance," Rich said. "All the kids were excellent, especially the seniors."

Szagal, an excellent student of the game, is someone Rich turns to for help in X's and O's. Szagal has always looked up to John Fenbert, the varsity boys coach at St. Agatha, and Jim Murphy, his former boys varsity coach.

### FIRST TEAM

**Tiffany Grubaugh, 5-9 Sr. Forward, Plymouth Salem:** Sure, Grubaugh could have scored more — she did as a junior — but she was needed to do so much more for the Rocks. Her success was evident in their record: 22-2 and unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"She is such a great passer," said her coach, Fred Thomann. "The double-teams she saw made for easy baskets for others."

Was that her best ability? Not according to Thomann.

"She loved to be in pressure situations," he said. "I think her teammates looked to her to hit the key shot."

"She's very versatile. There's so many different ways she can beat you."

Grubaugh averaged 16.7 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists a game. She was first team All-WLAA, and has signed with Wayne State.

Grubaugh's ball-handling and passing could make her a point guard in college. Her scoring ability — she can hit the three, can drive to the basket and has a strong pull-up jumper — could make her a good off-guard.

"She'll be a cornerstone player in (WSU's) program," said Thomann.

**Janine Guastella, 5-8 Jr. Forward, Plymouth Canton:** A first-team choice on the all-Western Lakes Activities Associ-

ation squad, Guastella was a major reason the Chiefs finished third overall in the conference and reached the WLAA Tournament final.

"She was our most athletic player," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "She's great in the open court, she has a good first step and she's good off the dribble. And she's starting to go to her left a bit more, too."

Guastella averaged 14.5 points, six rebounds and 4.5 steals a game for the Chiefs, who finished at 14-7. Blohm expects her to be even better in her senior year.

"She's going to get better in the half-court game and she'll improve her jump shot," he predicted. "She's a determined kid."

**Samantha McComb, 5-8 Jr. Guard, N. Farmington:** McComb became the all-time leading scorer at North Farmington this year, surpassing the 1,000-point plateau and finishing the season with 1,299. And she still has another year to go!

McComb averaged 25.9 points per game this year, making 165 of 199 free throws (83 percent), 47 of 144 three-point attempts (33 percent) and 132 of 258 shots inside the arc (51 percent).

She did it all for the Raiders (13-9), who were district tournament runners-up for the third year in a row. She also averaged 10.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 4.2 steals and 2.2 blocks.

McComb, who never fouled out of a game, was the second-leading scorer in Oakland County. She's an all-area short-stop in softball and a good student with a 3.9 GPA.

"She has incredible court wisdom, offensively and defensively," coach Linda Perkins said. "She's a great leader and great teammate. She has the ability to do everything, but she helps everybody else to be better."

"She's just a natural leader on the floor, because she sees the floor so well. Her intelligence shows up on the floor, because she's making the quick decisions you need to make in a fast-paced game like basketball."

**Kelly Grenan, 5-8 Sr. Guard, Redford Thurston:** Grenan was a threat to score any time she passed half-court, pouring in more than 40 three-point baskets while averaging 22 points per game.

She scored in double figures in every game as a senior for the Eagles, including 16 against eventual Class A quarter-finalist Belleville in the Mega Conference championship game. She scored 12 of the Eagles' 20 points against eventual Class B state champion Detroit Country Day in a 52-20 district championship loss.

She had a career-high 34 points, including six three-point baskets, against Taylor Truman. Grenan, who played her freshman year at Livonia Ladywood, also averaged five rebounds, two steals and two assists per game.

"In all my years of coaching, she is probably the purest outside shooter that I've ever had," Thurston coach Mike Schuette said. "She's worked extremely hard on perfecting her game."

**Michelle Harakas, 6-0 Jr. Forward, Liv. Ladywood:** Michelle paced the Blazers in scoring, averaging 12 points per game. She also averaged seven rebounds, two steals and two assists per game.

"Harakas, an All-Catholic League pick, shot 70 percent from the free throw line and 37 percent from the floor."

Four times Harakas averaged double figures in scoring and rebounds. She notched a career-high 30 points in a first-round Catholic League playoff win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"Michelle was our main go-to player inside," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski

said. "This year she stepped up and developed a nice outside jump shot. She also handles the ball for us."

"She was double-teamed a lot. She's a smart player and a good passer. She also works very hard."

### SECOND TEAM

**Tera Morrill, 5-10 Sr. Forward, Liv. Franklin:** The four-year varsity player scored 1,029 career points, including 353 this season for a 16.8 per game average.

Morrill, a second-team All-Observer pick last year and All-WLAA Western Division selection, had a season-high 29 points against North Farmington.

This season she made 74 percent of her foul shots and made 51 percent from the field.

She was also the Patriots' top rebounder, averaging 11.7 per game.

"Tera was a very dependable player with natural basketball instincts for somebody who has only played since the eighth-grade," Franklin coach Gary Warner said. "This year she took over a leadership role and became more aggressive on the boards over last year."

"She was our go-to player when we need points, but she would also distribute the ball."

**Melissa Harakas, 5-8 Jr. Guard, Liv. Ladywood:** Probably the Blazers' most versatile player, Harakas averaged 11 points, three rebounds, five steals and four assists per game.

The All-Catholic League pick shot 68 percent from the free throw line and 39 percent from the floor.

"Melissa played three different positions for us before we put her at the point-guard spot at the end of the season," Gorski said. "She was by far our best defender. She was all over the court. She had all kinds of deflections and steals."

"Towards the end of the season she



Patricia Rich  
St. Agatha



Tim Szagal  
St. Agatha

shot the ball really well and was a very aggressive player. She was our do-everything kind of player."

**Carrie Brankiewicz, 5-7 Sr. Forward, Farmington Mercy:** Brankiewicz made the All-Catholic first team after averaging 13.6 points and 9.5 rebounds. She was a tenacious and relentless player for the Marlins.

"She's the type of player every coach would like to have 15 of," coach Kristin Wright said. "She gives 150 percent every single practice and game."

"The great thing about Carrie is she can play every position on the floor. She can bring the ball up or play the post. She can guard the 6-2 girl or the 5-2 point guard."

Brankiewicz, who is also an all-area volleyball player, has a 4.0 GPA and is the No. 1 student in her class.

**Kelly Taylor, 5-7 Jr. Guard, Farm. Harrison:** Taylor earned All-WLAA honors while averaging 12 points, five rebounds, 3.2 steals and 1.6 assists. She led the Hawks (14-8) in scoring for the second year in a row and was second in rebounding.

Taylor shot 33 percent (74-of-227) from the floor overall, 31 percent (29-of-94) from three-point range and 49 percent (51-of-105) at the foul line.

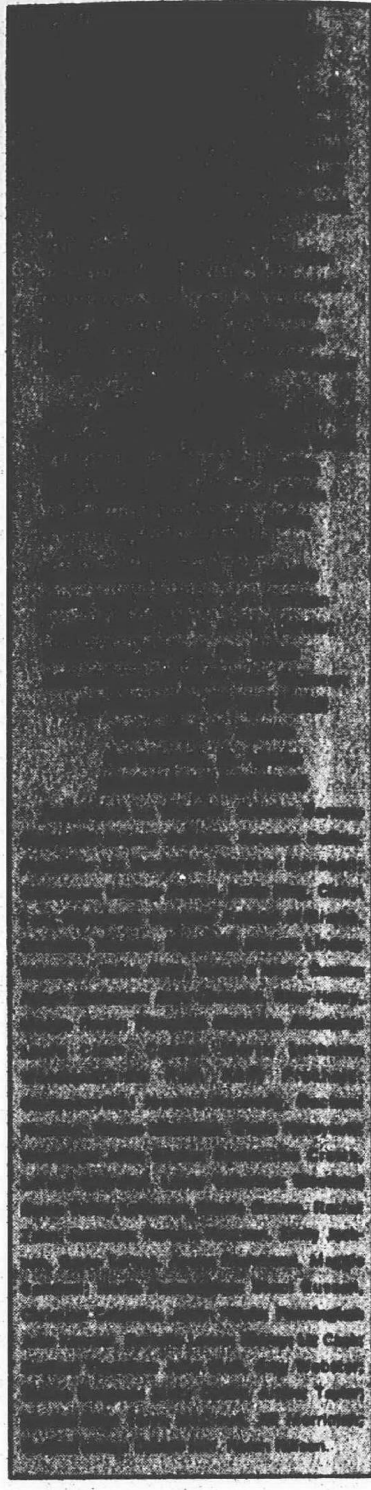
In her varsity career, Taylor has averaged 10 points, nearly four rebounds and 2.3 steals.

"Kelly is one of the toughest players I've ever coached at Harrison," coach Pete Mantyla said. "She rebounds, defends, competes hard and is very versatile offensively."

**Joel Clyburn, 6-foot So. Forward, Redford Bishop Borgess:** The athletic forward scored 12.3 points and grabbed 7.8 rebounds per game in her second year as a starter.

It was her shot blocking, however, that had even the tallest of her opponents leery of her presence.

Clyburn averaged 4.7 blocks per game while shooting 48 percent from the field and 72 percent from the free



throw line.  
"She's probably the best shot blocker we've had," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "She really developed as a scorer this year, as our top go-to kid."

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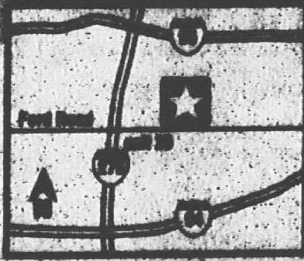
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## Rockets rally

Westland John Glenn held host Ann Arbor Huron to just 17 second-half points Tuesday night to come back from a 33-23 half-time deficit to record a 54-50 victory.

"We focused on stopping them," Coach Mike Schuette of the Rockets said of his halftime speech. "We wanted five stops to start the second half, then convert after them."

"We wanted to make them take a shot we wanted them to take, not one they wanted to take, and we did. Plus (our) shots fell in the second half that didn't fall in the first."

Controlling the backboards was a big item for Westland John Glenn, too.

Center Yaku Moton scored 20 points and grabbed 19 rebounds while forward Ben Harris had 15 points and 21 rebounds.

Guard Eric Jones scored 11 points, eight in the second half, and had four assists. Junior Brent Vogle scored eight points.

Joey Sims led the River Rats with 15 points but was pointless in the fourth quarter. Andrew Martin scored 11.

Huron was 8-for-14 from the free throw line while John Glenn made 12-of-18.

The Rockets outscored the River Rats 17-12 in the third

quarter and 14-5 in the fourth.

John Glenn did a good job of cutting down on its turnovers and Schuette praised his team for maintaining its composure under fire in the second half.

Huron "started to slow it down, but we didn't panic," he said. "We got two steals off their delay. Then they had to go back and play."

Harris sealed the outcome with a layup with nine seconds to play.

## Spartans spank Bears

Livonia Stevenson welcomed Wyandotte with open arms and an open basket.

The Spartans got double-figure scoring from three players Tuesday night to earn a 50-43 victory over the visiting Bears.

"The biggest thing I was pleased with," Coach Tim Newman of Stevenson said, "was that we had a good first quarter."

Wyandotte held an 8-6 lead after the first quarter and expanded it to 23-16 at halftime.

"We just decided to come out in the second half, play aggressive, push the ball down the floor and see what happens," Newman said. "The kids made some mistakes, but they were liveable mistakes, mistakes of aggression."

"Our new kids played well and our seniors stepped up and did a

nice job."

The result was a 19-7 third period for Stevenson and the Spartans held a 15-13 margin in closing it out.

"The defensive intensity by our guards got us a couple of steals and led to easy baskets," Newman said.

Keshay McChristian paced Stevenson with 13 points, Harland Beverly added 12 and sophomore guard Ryan Drolet had an 11-point debut.

Brad Swauger scored 12 to lead Wyandotte.

Drolet made 10 steals, made 4-of-6 shots and spearheaded Stevenson's pressure defense.

"The difference in the game was we really handled their pressure," Newman said. "We came out strong in the second half and they couldn't handle our pressure."

"We noticed the Oakland Press picked us 11th in our league. We're just out to prove maybe they don't know quite as much

as they think they do out there."

## Chargers squander lead

Livonia Churchill let a 28-20 halftime lead slip away Tuesday night and fell, 58-53, to visiting Dearborn.

"Our kids played super pressure defense during the game," Churchill coach Rick Austin said, "but we just couldn't finish to put them away."

"They went ahead in the third quarter but we battled back, which showed good character. We're working hard and making things happen."

Dearborn used an 18-10 third quarter to get back in the game then pulled slowly away in the fourth quarter thanks to free throw shooting.

Dearborn made 19-of-31 while Churchill made 11-of-21.

"We sent them to the line too many times," Austin said. "They won it at the free throw line. Eleven of their 20 in the fourth quarter was from the line."

"We missed five in the fourth quarter that would have really helped."

Randall Boboige had 17 points to lead the Chargers. John Bennett scored 16 and Brad Beacoe nine.

Sean Turner led the scorers with 24 points for Dearborn. Scott Golen had 19.

## Trojans sandwiched

Livonia Clarenceville could muster only six points in each of the middle two periods Tuesday night in absorbing a 57-54 loss at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Trojans jumped out to a 19-8 lead but fell behind by a point, 26-25, by halftime and trailed, by eight after three periods, 39-31.

Scott Wion scored 17 points to lead Clarenceville, Rick Burack had 12 and Scott Carr 10. Each scored seven points in the fourth period.

The Cranes got 25 points from

Anthony Sharpe and 18 from Chris Taylor.

Even though the two are both in the Metro Conference, the new league setup made this a non-conference contest.

## Hawks roughed up

Host Taylor Light & Life showed some muscle Tuesday night in defeating Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 61-31.

Rene Arnal scored 15 points to lead the Hawks and Alan Kleinke scored 10.

"They have a new coach and have upgraded their play," Coach Tod Bartholomew of Huron Valley Lutheran said. "We have a lot of work to do but a lot of good things took place for us, too."

"We worked hard and will build on that."

Paul Nitz scored 14 points for Light & Life while Jim McMahan and Billy Campian added 11 apiece.

# Crusaders go 1-2

A win was added to Madonna University's men's basketball record. Unfortunately, so were two losses.

The Fighting Crusaders did manage to eke out an 80-77 victory Saturday over Indiana University-Southeast in the consolation final of the Mount Vernon Nazarene Tournament, played in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

That came a day after Berea College handed Madonna a 104-81 setback in the tournament opener.

On Monday, the Crusaders traveled north to Northwood University, where the Timberwolves rolled to a 92-71 triumph. The 1-2 record — all on the road — in a four-day span left Madonna with a 2-9 record.

In the win over IU-Southeast, the Crusaders rallied behind a superb shooting performance turned in by Aaron Cox.

The 6-foot freshman hit 10-of-11 floor shots en route to scoring 24 points; he also grabbed seven rebounds.

Mark Mitchell chipped in with 14 points and eight assists, Mike Massey had 13 points, and Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) contributed 10 points and a team-high eight boards.

Sean Smith scored 23 for IU-Southeast. Kyle Simpson added 17 points, 16 rebounds and five assists, B.D. Ledbetter netted 11 points, and John Coomer finished with 10 points and six steals.

Madonna converted 32-of-65 floor shots (49.2 percent), including 9-of-19 three-pointers (47.4 percent); IU-Southeast was 28-of-79 from the floor (35.4 percent).

In the tournament opener against Berea, Madonna fell behind 52-35 at the half and never caught up, despite a solid performance by Putnam: 21 points and five rebounds.

Massey scored 12 points and dished out four assists, and Cox totaled nine (on 4-of-6 shooting).

Greg Laws topped Berea with 28 points. Scott Moore had 20. Kelly Day scored 18 and Charles Marshall netted 11.

Free-throw shooting was the difference in this game: Berea made 24-of-32 from the line (75 percent); Madonna was 5-of-6 (83.3 percent).

## COLLEGE HOOPS

At Northwood on Monday, another slow start doomed the Crusaders — they trailed 50-33 at halftime.

Again, Cox came through with a solid shooting performance, hitting 8-of-12 floor shots and scoring 20 points. Putnam finished with 15 and Massey scored 11.

Eleven players scored for Northwood, four of them reaching double figures: Jeremy Hamlet with 15, Damon Lucas with 14, Sam Jones with 13 (and eight assists) and Anthony Chandler with 10 (and 10 rebounds).

Plymouth Canton grad Ron Hunter, who just finished his season with the Northwood football team (he was second team all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as a wide receiver), totaled eight points and seven rebounds in just 18 minutes.

The Timberwolves outbounded Madonna, 44-29.

## Madonna women slip

Strong defense carried Madonna to a big lead in the first half, but the Lady Crusaders couldn't maintain it and lost to Urbana University 69-65 Monday at Madonna.

The loss dropped the Crusaders to 5-4. Urbana is 5-3.

Madonna built a 39-28 lead at the half, thanks to solid shooting (15-of-33, 45.5 percent) and a defense that limited Urbana to 8-of-32 shooting (25 percent). But that all turned around in the second half, with the Crusaders being outscored 41-26.

Urbana didn't improve its shooting that much — for the game, it made just 22-of-64 (34.4 percent) to Madonna's 27-of-65 (41.5 percent).

But turnovers doomed the Crusaders: They had 28 to Urbana's 17.

Lori Enfield paced Madonna with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 12 points and 11 boards, and Carissa Gizicki totaled seven points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals.

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# Salem grad helps Notre Dame into NCAA final

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It was a thrill that would be difficult to match: Reaching the NCAA Finals and playing for a national championship.

Mia Sarkesian did it. The former all-state soccer star from Plymouth Salem was an integral part of Notre Dame's surge to Sunday's title match opposite long-time collegiate soccer kingpin North Carolina.

Never mind that the Irish lost, 2-0. Not many teams have beaten the Tar Heels over the years.

"It was very exciting," Sarkesian said from South Bend, Ind., on Tuesday after returning from Santa Clara, Calif. early Monday morning. "I just wish we could have pulled it off."

Just getting that far was quite an accomplishment for Notre Dame, ranked third in the nation going into the tournament. Santa Clara was the nation's top-ranked team; North Carolina was second.

## COLLEGE SOCCER

The Irish, who finished 22-4, had to play both on the same weekend.

For Sarkesian, who 18 months ago was trying to help Salem get past teams like Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton, it was a dream realized.

"We were playing in front of crowds of 14,000," she said. "It was just awesome."

While getting there was something special, earning a starting spot made it even more memorable. Sarkesian did it by utilizing her superb skills, and then putting them to use when most needed.

"Technically, she's very strong," said Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum. "She has the ability to find the seams in a defense, and then to find her teammates with her passes."

"And although she didn't score a lot of goals for us, the ones she did score were huge. Mia picked the right times to get her goals."

Foremost on that list was the Stan-

ford game. Sarkesian, whose role was as a defensive center midfielder, scored three goals and assisted on three others for the Irish this season.

In their third-round match of the NCAA Tournament against the Cardinal, regulation was fading with no score having been posted as Notre Dame set up for a direct kick.

"I was just standing at about the 18 (yard-marker), and the ball was cleared out to me," she recalled. "I gave it a one-touch and hit it with my left foot into the net."

The goal proved to be the only score of



Mia Sarkesian starter at Notre Dame

the match, giving Notre Dame a 1-0 win and a berth in the quarterfinals opposite Nebraska. Sarkesian came through in that match as well, assisting on the game-tying goal that resulted in overtime — in which the Irish ultimately prevailed.

"There in the stretch run she came up big for us," said Waldrum. "She progressed magnificently. She made huge strides."

"Impacting in big games — that's what you want a player to do."

Sarkesian, who appeared in 20 games as a freshman with five starts, began this season sharing time in the midfield with freshmen Ashley Dryer and Nancy Mikacenic. As the season wore on, Sarkesian's talents got her more and more playing time; she finished with 12 starts this season.

"In the role she's playing, you hope your player will have the ability to find the seams and break down defenses," said Waldrum. "She did. She broke teams down with her passing."

Although Sarkesian played a major role in the success of the Irish this sea-

son, she wouldn't mind if it was altered. "Actually, I'd love to be more offensive," she said. "I'd probably like to be more of a key player."

Which means being even more involved in the offense, hardly a surprising wish since Sarkesian finished her prep career at Salem with 72 goals and 36 assists. In that time she was a state dream team member twice and was all-state three times.

Her offensive abilities have surfaced during the NCAA Tournament, something her coach has taken notice of: Still, Sarkesian knows there's more for her to do.

"I want to improve in all aspects," she said. "But what I really want to do is play quicker. Like our coach is always telling us, take a touch and if the pass is there, make it. Don't hold the ball too long."

Sarkesian's role is bound to change next season. The Irish lose six seniors; that means she'll be expected to do more.

It's something Sarkesian is looking forward to.

## North can't quite top Renaissance

North Farmington almost accomplished the impossible, certainly the unlikely, in its boys basketball season opener Tuesday.

The Raiders nearly beat visiting Detroit Renaissance without two of their best players, losing 44-42 when a last-second shot didn't fall.

North was minus senior post players Emir Medunjanin and Adrian Bridges, the team's tallest players who missed the game for disciplinary reasons.

But the other players did an impressive job, rising to the occa-

sion and playing well as a team to break Renaissance's trapping, pressing defense while playing good defense themselves.

Senior Phil Watha scored a game-high 14 points to lead the Raiders, who led most of the game. Senior Brian Shulman accounted for 11 points and junior Mike Patterson nine.

North limited Renaissance star Rickey Paulding to 12 points, less than half his average from last season, and six rebounds. Yusuf Sabree led the Phoenix with 13 points.

Consecutive baskets by Sabree

gave the Phoenix its first lead, 44-42, since midway in the opening quarter with 3:44 remaining in the game.

Renaissance went to a delay game, which worked to North's advantage when the Raiders fouled Joseph Carr with 35.2 seconds left.

Carr missed the free throw, and Watha grabbed the rebound. The Raiders worked the ball until Shulman penetrated and shot a leaning one-hander that bounced off the iron as time expired.

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### SEASON/DATES

**ARCHERY**  
The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

**ELK**  
Late elk season runs through Dec. 14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

**GROUSE**  
A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

**PHASANT**  
A special late pheasant season runs through Dec. 15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

**RABBIT**  
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

**SQUIRREL**  
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

### CLASSES/CLINICS

**FLY TYING**  
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

**ROD BUILDING**  
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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

**ROD FLY TYING**  
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

### ARCHERY

**LIVONIA RANGE**  
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

**ANBOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

**ANBOR ARCHERS**  
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

### ACTIVITIES

**HOLIDAY POTLUCK**  
Bring a dish to pass and join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club for a casual holiday dinner and planning meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in Troy. Call (248) 879-6004 for directions and more information.

**WATERLOO WANDERERS**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike at the Waterloo Recreation area beginning at 10:30

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Call (812) 562-1873 for directions and more information.

**STONY CREEK TRAIL**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on the trails at Stony Creek Metropark during this program, which begins at noon Sunday, Dec. 19. Call (810) 294-7789 for directions and more information.

### SHOOTING SPORTS

**SPORTING CLAYS**  
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Bald Mountain Range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

### CLUBS

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**

**The Michigan Fly Fishing Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Classroom Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**  
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

**BOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (BOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 965-8656 for more information.

**FLY TYING**  
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

### SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

### METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3192.

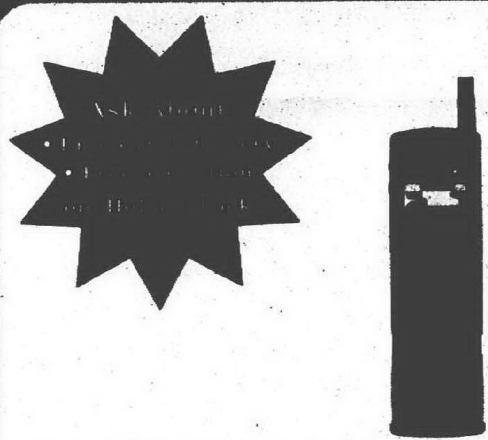
**1999 PERMITS**  
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The

annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$8 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**TOYS FOR TOYS**  
Seven Metroparks as well as the HCMA Administrative Offices are serving as drop-off points for the Toys for Tots program through Sunday Dec. 26. New, unwrapped toys that have no violent connotation can be dropped off at park offices for this program, conducted annually by the United States Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy people in local communities. Drop-off centers are located at Metro Beach near Mt. Clemens (800-477-3172), Stony Creek near Rochester (800-477-7756), Indian Springs near White Lake (800-477-3192), Kensington near Milford (800-477-3178), Hudson Mills near Dexter (800-477-3182), Lower Huron near New Boston (800-477-3182), Lake Erie near Brownstown (800-477-3189), and the Administrative Offices near Brighton (800-477-2757).

**SNACKS WITH SANTA**  
Enjoy a visit and a snack with Santa during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Indian Springs. A similar program which also includes a sing-along and a hay ride, will be offered throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at Kensington.

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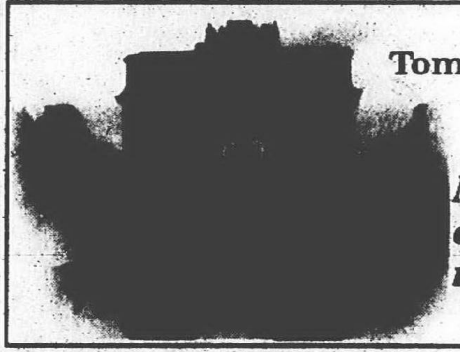
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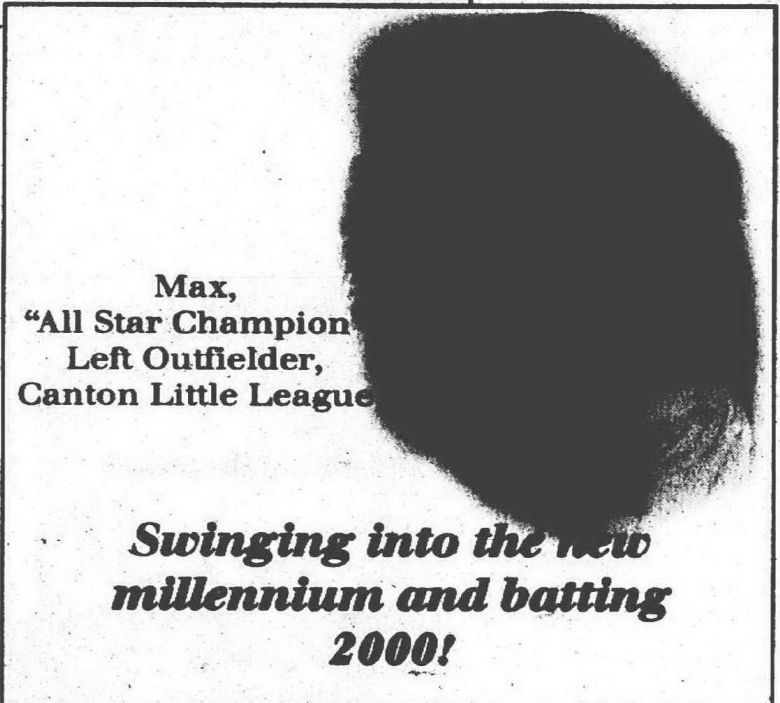


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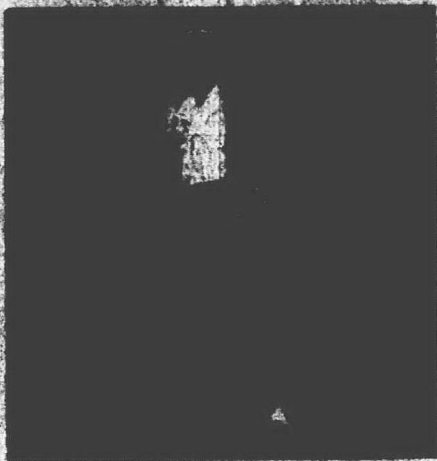
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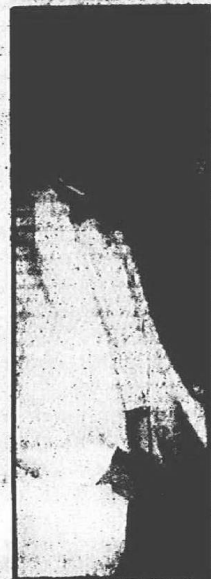
## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a Holiday Festival, "The Colors of Christmas" 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit featuring Peabo Bryson, Dionne Warwick, James Ingram and Deniece Williams. Tickets \$26-\$55; call (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY



Organist Tony O'Brien performs "The Magical Music of Christmas," with Maria Nazarenko, soprano, and Dwight Sheetz, baritone 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River in Detroit. Tickets \$8, available night of performance at the box office.

### SUNDAY



Sean Grier is the Giant and Adam Brown is Jack in the Stagecrafters' Youth Theatre production of the musical "Jack and the Giant," 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$5 for ages 17 and under, \$7 for adults. All seats reserved; call (248) 541-6430.



**Fergola:** This ceiling of lights brightens the way for visitors walking through a forest of colorful trees.

# 'Wild Lights'

Thrilling for young and old alike



**Love is everywhere:** (Above) Even the swans are paired up for "Wild Lights." (Below) This mother and baby penguin are two of the 70 animal sculptures on display at the Detroit Zoo.

BY ANNA ANN CHOMEN  
STAFF WRITER  
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Maybe it's the more than 70 animal sculptures, many of them in pairs. Maybe it's because love heightens the senses. Whatever the reason, the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" is becoming a popular destination for couples in love.

Ron Rotolo and Cheryl Loboeki recently took time out from planning their June wedding to walk arm in arm along the half mile trail leading through the forest of 400,000 lights. The dazzling display continues through Sunday, Jan. 2.

"There's lots of places you can sit down and enjoy the atmosphere," said Loboeki, who grew up in Farmington.

"It was nice," added Rotolo, a Plymouth resident. "It's really bright."

But beware — a life-sized polar bear raising his



arms overhead could frighten some passerby. But he's the exception. The rest of the lions, elephants and kangaroos warm the heart with their playfulness. Paired up swans and mothers and their offspring, including the tiger and her cub that greet visitors to the display, speak of love and family.

Loboeki especially liked the monkeys swinging through the trees, the red leaping deer, fish jumping out of the water, and the sequentially lighting butterflies. She knows good art when she sees it. Loboeki, who graduated with a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan, is creative director for the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association in Bingham Farms.

"I like that they were animated because you

Please see LIGHTS, E2

### Light Shows

■ **Wild Lights**, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; and 5:30-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday (closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1), at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Admission \$4, \$3 children ages 2-12, and \$3 Detroit Zoological Society members, \$2 child members, (248) 541-5835.

■ **Wayne County LightFest**, through Thursday, Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday (closed Saturday, Dec. 25), along four-and-one-half miles of Edward Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. \$5 minimum donation per car helps keep the 39 giant displays lighted, (734) 261-1990.

■ **Domino's Farms St. Nicholas Light Display**, through Friday, Dec. 31, 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday (\$5 donation per car), and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday (\$7 per car), 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Proceeds benefit more than 60 Metro Detroit children charities. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of canned food for Ann Arbor Food Gatherers and Gleaners Food Bank, (734) 930-4430.

## HOLIDAY SHOWS

# Rockin' around the Christmas tree

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus will be making special appearances this weekend to celebrate the holidays with good little girls and boys, as well as the Henry Ford Community Full Circle Dance Company, Birmingham Village Players, and Junior Actors of Ridgedale.

### Full Circle Dance Company

Everyone's favorite holiday story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be brought to life by the Henry Ford Community College Full Circle Dance Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Tickets are \$5 at the door; call Diane Mancinelli (313) 845-6314 for more information.

Santa Claus will visit during the shows composed of eight dances. Featured pieces include the "Stocking Dance," set to Claude Bolling's "Fugace" and presented in black light, "Jazzy Santa," in which four elves worry about Santa falling off his

sleigh, and a toe-tapping "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," number.

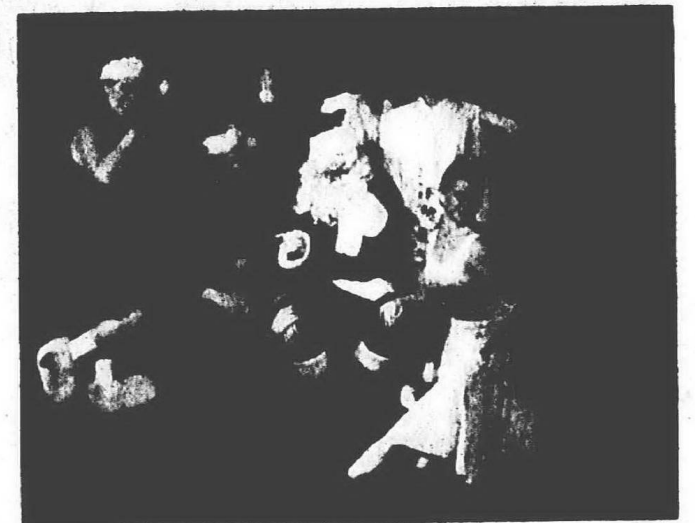
The dances, music and costumes were designed with children and families in mind. Approximately 3,000 children and adults attend this show annually.

Mancinelli of Livonia, HFCC dance instructor, is directing the production which features Redford residents Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente.

### Birmingham Village Players

Join the Village Players in celebrating "A Taffeta Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, (on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5, children ages 3-12. To make a reservation for the Dec. 10 or 12 performance, call (248) 644-2075. "A Taffeta Christmas" will also be presented during the First Night Celebration in Birmingham on Friday, Dec. 31 at the Village Players theater. New Year's Eve performances are 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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**Holiday event:** Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company, (standing left to right) Ann Marie Pizzimenti, Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente (both of Redford), Anna McMaster and Lori Moran, (seated, left to right) Natalie Gorman, William Spicher as Santa and Janeen Drugacz, bring the classic story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," to life, Dec. 10-11.





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"A Taffeta Christmas" is a story about an all-girl singing group trying to make it big," explained show producer Diane D'Agostino, who is president of the Village Players. "It's a 1960s musical revue for the holidays."

"There will be plenty of 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree,' as the girls present their show, live from the Moose Hall in downtown Muncie, Indiana. It's being broadcast live by the Decent TV Network."

Join the Birmingham Village Players in launching the season at this 1960s hometown hood-down at the Moose Hall.

"I think this may be the Michigan premiere," said Dan Castle of Birmingham, who is directing the show (written by Nick Lewis) with Bill Hayscock.

"A Taffeta Christmas" is a spin-off of "Forever Plaid," a musical about an all-guy singing group in the 1960s. "There will be lots of singing," said Castle, "and it will be moving on stage."

In addition to singing, the girls pause for commercials, and

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share all kinds of helpful information with the audience including how to kiss a boy and beauty tips.

"The girls interact with the audience and there are a lot of Christmas songs," said Castle. "They do a commercial for one of their sponsors, Galaxy Beauty Products."

Both D'Agostino and Castle agreed "A Taffeta Christmas" is a show the whole family will enjoy.

"The kids won't be totally bored," said Castle. "Two of the women in the show, including my wife, are mothers of young children, and they won't let the kids get bored."

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Sunday performance. The cast includes Patty Ward as Kay, Carollee Cas-

tle as Cheryl, Peggy Ann Lee as Donna, and Laura Diane Dooley as Peggy.

Susan Borin is the choreographer, John Dickinson musical director. You'll find yourself humming along as the girls sing "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Silver Bells," and some tunes from the 1960s such as "Sugar in the Mornin'" and "Sincerely."

### Ridgedale Players

The Junior Actors of Ridgedale Players are presenting "Pinocchio's Holiday Wish," adapted by and directed by Lynn Cummings of Troy, and Meals with Santa 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks Road and Livernia) in Troy.

Tickets are \$7 per person and include a meal, the play, and a visit with and gift from Santa. Pictures with Santa are available for an additional \$2. Reservations are a must, call (248) 988-7049.

The cast includes Troy residents Andrew Kalinowski as the story-teller, Ashley Yount as Pinocchio, Brian Cummings as Gepetto, Karly Gilbey, Melissa Gilbey, Haley Niederquell and Rachel Cooper; James Gieger and Stephanie Barcewicz of West

Bloomfield; Nick Boni and Brittany Menerieff of Oxford, and Christopher Veal of Clarkston.

### Avon Players

The Avon Players Youth Theatre will present "Wind of A Thousand Tales" by John Glere, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the playhouse, 1/4 mile east of Rochester Road on the corner of Tienken and Washington roads in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$7, call (248) 908-9077.

The musical show features three folk tales from faraway places — Mexico, Japan and Middle Europe.

Cast members include Ashley Rozanski of Troy, Julia Rudolf and Cheri Whitney and Kim Walkenhorst of Rochester Hills, and Katie Kingman of Rochester.

**Folk tales: Youth Theatre members (left to right, kneeling) are Ashley Rozanski, Julia Rudolf, Dan Staniszeuski, Cheri Whitney, Katie Kingman, and Kim Walkenhorst.**



# Wild Lights from page E2

could see them move," said Loboeki. "That's how they make animation."

The hit of the evening were the sleekly swimming otters in the Edward R. Mardigian River Otter building. Their acrobatic antics as they waddled the wrong way up a slide left young and old alike laughing. Halfway down the trail in the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians, a python, gecko, skinks and dragons were popular with the littlest visitors. Ice carving, storytelling, and the sounds of choirs and bands entertain visitors every evening at stops along the way.

The Henry Ford Community College Ice Carving Club creates its fleeting sculpture every

Thursday evening. The club is preparing for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Competition Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17. Santa is also on hand to hear children's wishes. Louie the Lightning Bug and Sparky the Fire Dog accompany him 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. All these activities led Loboeki to long for more.

"I wish the penguinarium or the bird house was open," said Loboeki.

### Walking through a winter wonderland

A ceiling of white lights brightens the way for visitors walking through the forest of colorful trees. More than 80,000 people are expected to thrill to the expe-

rience of seeing a train, moose and giraffe on the 45-minute walk. Toward the end of the trail, the sound and sight of a flock of geese flying overhead made the evening complete.

Whether giddy from the lights or being in love, Loboeki's spirits were high. Although there was hot cocoa in the warming tent, she and Rotole weren't cold. They were too excited by the sights and sounds.

"It's not fair the animals can't get out to see the lights," said Loboeki.

### Forever after

Shirley Myers' spirits were soaring as well. She and husband Ron took in the lights on their way to the wedding of

Kathleen O'Hara and James Conely in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. The couple were married in the butterfly/hummingbird garden. At any one time, there were three- to four-hundred rainbow-hued butterflies floating through the air in the 3,800-square-foot garden.

"The lights were so pretty that by the time you reached the butterfly garden, it put you in a festive mood for the evening," said Myers, a Livonia resident. "Everyone was commenting on the beauty of the site. We went from Christmas lights outside to a pretty meadow inside. It was exciting — the ceremony and seeing all the butterflies flying around the bride and groom."

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# 'Romeo and Juliet' is met with mixed sentiments

Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," directed by Lavinia Moyer, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$8-10. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. For tickets or additional information, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHITTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle Theatre, Wayne State's undergraduate theatre company, presents

Shakespeare's tragic romance "Romeo and Juliet" for one more weekend. Lavinia Moyer, one of Detroit's most celebrated theater artists, returns to Detroit to direct the show.

The show opens in Verona, a city teeming with tension due to an ongoing feud between the Montagues and Capulets. The city's ruler angrily issues edicts to keep the peace, but both sides remain primed for battle. Into this conflict, Romeo, a Montague, and Juliet, a Capulet, meet and fall in love. Their secret marriage, the surrounding violence and killings, and the haste of passions and tempers conspire to break hearts and destroy lives until the feud between the families is resolved.

Lavinia Moyer has chosen to set the play in what appears to be colonial India in the 1920s. English dress is mixed with East Indian garb. However, there was no true delineation of the classes, as both the nobility and ser-



**Star-crossed and kissing:** Kavita Matani and Dean Cechvala share a passionate moment as the title characters in the Bonstelle Theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet." The show runs week-ends through Dec. 12. Call (313) 577-2960

vants wore clothing from both cultures, which lent itself to confusion. When Shakespeare's plays are set in another time period, the political/historical reason is usually highlighted through the costumes and setting. However, Moyer offers few clues why the costumes and the sets reflected the colonial East Indian culture instead of the traditional Elizabethan setting for the play.

The opening scene in the crowded marketplace was laudable for its excellent swordplay and well-choreographed fights, but the old English dialogue was not enunciated clearly enough, and too much of the dialogue was lost. Many of the smaller scenes

overcame the difficulties of speech clarity, and the actors were able to clearly convey the words of the immortal bard.

Dean Cechvala, a graduate of Clintondale High School, played Romeo with a lithe, dreamy approach, and he danced as well as he handled a sword. He was well-matched with Kavita Matani's Juliet. Matani, a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, used youthful exuberance and impatient joy to establish her character. The two wove a seductive chemistry between them, developing a quiet and intense passion without being frantically physically. Their expressions and embraces established the anguish and emotion-

al intensity of the star-crossed pair of lovers.

Michael East created a Mercutio who is part Fonz, part James Dean: reckless and bold, wise but driven by his emotions. He cut a sharp figure in leather and shades; one expected him to have a motorcycle in the wings. His swordplay exuded a fierce, concentrated energy.

The male ensemble was ready to rumble with their angry swordplay and fast paced, angry exchanges. Their choreography from a high energy ballet of leaps, thrusts and parries. They were equally stunning in tuxedo evening wear at the Capulet's ball. An opening tango captured the intrigue of the masque ball, and heightened the sexual tension during Romeo and Juliet's first encounter.

The roles of Romeo and Juliet's parents were not as well executed or developed. The actors were oddly and inconsistently costumed in clashing colors, and Lord and Lady Montague were little more than chess pieces on the stage. Lord and Lady Capulet had more opportunity to display emotion in their scenes, but were restrained in almost all of them.

The costumes are a garish blend of colors, with reds and pinks fighting with olive greens. East Indian clothing was overlapped with English garb. The music is an odd mix of East Indian, techno pop and classical. Sometimes it's right on. Other times it's irritating. The selections also come from different

time periods. More continuity needs to be observed to blend a pleasing audio tapestry.

The multi-level set was cleverly designed, with staircases on either side of the set, and move-

able pieces that served as altars, tables and tombs. Even the wall was scalable, as demonstrated by the agility of the male cast.

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# 'Martin Guerre' on fire at the Fisher Theatre

"Martin Guerre" continues through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$15 to \$60.50, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Martin Guerre," the new musical from the creators of "Les Misérables" and "Miss Saigon," is artistically magnificent. Its pre-Broadway run at the Fisher Theatre is historically significant.

It's not a Fisher world premiere like "Hello Dolly" and "Fiddler on the Roof." It's not even an American premiere; the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis was the show's first stop in the states after a successful tour in England.

However, the Fisher's traditional proscenium stage, unlike the Guthrie's thrust stage, more closely resembles that of a Broadway theatre. Following the Guthrie run the show had to be totally re-blocked. Other changes will be made based on its three-week stay here. The Fisher is thus entitled to a share of tryout bragging rights.

And brag they should, as "Martin Guerre" will surely take its place alongside "Les Miz" and "Saigon" as an amazing achievement in theatre. With a major-league cast, music and lyrics you will remember on the way home and long after, and a love story that has survived for almost a half-millennium, "Martin" is a mega-musical for the ages.

The show is based on the true story of Martin (Hugh Panaro), a 14-year-old boy in the 16th century French village of Artigat who does not consummate his marriage to Bertrande (Southfield native Erin Dilly). Accused by jealous rival Guillaume (Jose Llana) and the suspicious Catholic villagers of incurring the wrath of God on their crops, Martin flees to become a soldier in the Religious Wars.

Seven years later, when Martin is stabbed in battle, he asks best friend Arnaud (Stephen Buntrock), as a final wish, to tell Bertrande that he's sorry. Arriving in Artigat, Arnaud is mistaken for Martin. He's also hailed as a hero because life-giving rains arrive at the same time.

Three months after that, Arnaud and Bertrande have fallen in love and conceived a child. That would be just lovely if it was the end of Act 2. It's not. Martin didn't die on that battlefield. He comes back a man in all respects and wants what's his. What does the law have to say about it? When, if ever, did Bertrande know whom she was sleeping with? And to what lengths will Guillaume go to eliminate both men once and for all?

Producer Cameron Mackintosh, composers Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg and lyricist Stephen Clark sought not

to equal "Les Miz" and "Miss Saigon" as an epic production. "Martin" is a much more intimate story and is told on an appropriately smaller scale. There is no barricade, no helicopter. There is, however, a 12-ton set piece by John Napier that will not disappoint special effects fans. We'll just call it "The Wall" and leave the details for your enjoyment.

Panaro, Buntrock and our own Erin Dilly had better like New York; they'll be there for a long

## 'Martin' is a much more intimate story

time following the show's scheduled April 2000 opening. They are exciting, attractive and extraordinary performers. Jose Llana earned his huge ovation as Guillaume, and Michael Arnold as village fool Benoit was a particular favorite in this most sensitive role. There are at least three poten-

tial breakout songs in the score. "How Many Tears," Bertrande's solo, will be an audition standard for a generation, much like "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miz." "Live With Somebody You Love" and "Without You as a Friend" are the men's duets. You can expect to hear them all as pop recordings when word gets out.

It will likely be two years before "Martin Guerre" comes back on a road tour. See it now. You'll treasure the memory.

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"Sexual Perversity In Chicago," through Sunday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10, \$35 season tickets available until Dec. 19. (313) 365-4948.

**PTD PRODUCTIONS**  
"Our Town," 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12 and Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 16-18, at the Riverside, Ypsilanti. (734) 761-5202/(734) 482-8666.

### DINNER THEATER

**BACI THEATRE**  
"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-8666.

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**"A SOAP'S FAIBLES"**  
Starring Jim West who introduces the fables through classical music, puppetry and storytelling, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS.

**ANNIE JR.**  
Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

**AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Wind of a Thousand Teles," a magical, musical journey of folk tales from faraway places, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$7. (248) 608-8077.

**MAQUON THEATRE**  
"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 18, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 348-8110.

**NOVI THEATRE**  
"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175



*Live with the show "Broken Bar" from the Southfield native Erin Dilley ask the age-old question 'what's in a name as they star as soul-mates in "Martin Guerre," now through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$15 to \$60.50, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666*

W. 10 Mile, Novi. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0400.  
**STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Jack & the Giant," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 9-10, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$7, \$5 ages 17 and under. (248) 541-6430.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**ARTTRAIN USA**  
Arttrain USA, the nation's only traveling art museum on train, returns with the "Artistry of Space" featuring artworks from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum art collections 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 747-8300. Admission is free but donations are encouraged. Children are invited to make their own artwork 1-5 p.m. in the Creation Station art center located in the NEW Center. \$1.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS**  
Experience an old-fashioned Christmas in a Candlelight glow, 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets \$7/person and family tickets \$20 in advance. (248) 477-7375.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
Eastern Michigan Department of Music presents a Holiday Concert by the Barnhill Concert Band and Ypsilanti Community Choir, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free.

**LIVING NATIVITY**  
6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, in the Lower Public Courtyard of First Baptist Church, Willetts and Betes, Birmingham. Free, but donations encouraged. (248) 644-0550.

**METRO DETROIT WOODWORKING SNOW**  
Neon to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$8, children under age 12 free. (800) 829-8257.

**MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION**  
Complete with sit-down dinner, premium bar, comedian and dancing, Friday, Dec. 31, Pine Knob Carriage House, Clarkston. \$128 per person. Call (248) 673-4932.

**RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**  
Starring the Rockettes Friday, through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$55. (248) 645-6666/(248) 433-1515.

**"WILD LIGHTS"**  
Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak. \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-members (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835.

### FAMILY EVENTS

**A TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**  
This musical production packs the house every year, with its combination of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Scrooge." Plan now for shows 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. (248) 348-9030. Translation for the hearing impaired scheduled for the 7 p.m. show on Dec. 11.

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM**  
Get ready to be greeted by bell-ringers and enjoy desserts at the 23rd annual Nardin Park celebration of Christmas. Choirs will perform carols, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$5 fee. (248) 476-8860.

**POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Wigilia features performance by the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Stitt Post No. 232-23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$19, \$13 children age 12 and under. (734) 427-8640.

**POLISH CHRISTMAS OPLATEK**  
Wigilia features PRCUA Wieliczka Dancers, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster. \$12, \$10 ages 7-12, \$6 ages 6 and under. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6886.

### BENEFITS

**"ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"**  
An evening of dinner, a silent auction, dancing and live music by The Earth Angels, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. \$25, to benefit the annual Southfield Ice Company show. (248) 354-9357.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE MADRIGAL DINNERS**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, entertainment by Good Neighbors All and the college's Madrigal Singers, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18000 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$35. Proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. (734) 462-4417.

**WALK THROUGH VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**  
Carolers, hot cider and homemade cookies 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, at the Irish Lace Bed and Breakfast, 1073 Penniman, Plymouth. \$5, to benefit AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center.

### CLASSICAL

**BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES**  
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-7160.

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"The Nutcracker" with Ballet Internationale Thursday, Dec. 9, to Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING.

**LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
The Dearborn Ballet Theatre dances "The Nutcracker" with orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741.

**LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC**  
Presents their "Winter Splendor" concert featuring selections from Wagner to a Star Wars medley, noon Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$6 adults, \$3 seniors/students. (734) 591-7649/(734) 422-6439.

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
PSO, with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company, presents "The Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road and Canton Center, Canton. \$17 adults/seniors, \$10 students K-12, and \$5 Sugar Plum Teas that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
Violinist Megan Reiter and pianist Michele Cooker perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Forum Recital Hall at the college, 18800 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

### POPB/SWING

**JIM PARAMANTEE & COMPANY**  
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6678 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 965-9300.  
**ALYSON SHELTON**  
The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute." Voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays,

at the Pontchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194.

### AUDITIONS

**LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC**  
Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649.

**NOVI THEATRES**  
Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 15-16, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400.

**STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE**  
Auditions for "Forever Plaid," Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Feb. 25-27, March 2-5 and 10-12. (248) 541-4832.

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD**  
The guild is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

**YOUTH COMPETITION**  
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton. In addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112.

### CHORAL

**LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS**  
LCC presents "Once Upon a December" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Free.

**RIISING STAR SINGERS**  
6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Domino Farms; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Henry Ford Museum. (734) 354-9825.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
Holiday concert featuring Mozart's "Regina Coeli" and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other seasonal favorites, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435.

### JAZZ

**GEM JAZZ TRIO**  
Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

**RICH K. TRIO**  
8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350.

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO**  
With vocalist Judi Cochill 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, with saxophonist Larry Nozoro 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756.

**JANET TENAJA TRIO**  
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925.

**PAUL VENTIMIGLIA**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150.

**ED WELLS**  
The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

### WORLD MUSIC

**"WANT IN MOROCCO"**  
Featuring Hassan Hakmoun with guests Marcus Belgrave and Wendell Harrison, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Anderson Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 10900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$30, \$15. (313) 842-7010/(313) 684-200/(248) 645-6666.

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**ONE SHOT**  
Saturday, Dec. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587.

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN**  
Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586.

### DANCE

**ESSENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
Holiday Dance Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps, Lake Orion. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 693-5436.

**LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$13, \$10 seniors/students, \$8 ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103

**POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN**  
Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181.

**STARDUST BALLROOM**  
Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678.

### COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Steve McGrew through Saturday, Dec. 11, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555.

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Leo Dufour Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885.

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080.

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Laughs are at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>.

**SECOND CITY**  
"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222.

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM**  
The museum re-opened its doors Oct. 19, and the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439.

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children ages 12-18; free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>.

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**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are an additional \$4. (313) 577-8400.

**DETROIT ZOO**

The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring," continues through Jan. 2 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903.

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM**

Visit the newest exhibition, "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051.

**HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE**

"The Spirit of Christmas" continues through Dec. 31, enjoy guided historic tours of the estate festively decorated for the holidays. Special events include Tea, Tour and Treasure, Thursday-Friday, Dec. 9-10, and Monday, Dec. 20; Holiday Luncheon Concerts Dec. 9-10; Santa's Workshop Fridays, Dec. 10 and 17; Candles and Carols Dinner Sunday, Dec. 12; and Candlelight Tours Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590 or www.umd.umich.edu/fairlane.

**HENRY FORD**

**MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**

Rising Star Singers perform 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. "The Magic of Flight" IMAX film continues through Friday, Dec. 31 on the hour 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday (\$7.50, \$6.50 seniors and children ages 5-12, \$6 members and children under age 4). (313) 271-1570, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620.

**MEADOW BROOK HALL**

Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$12. \$6 children ages 3-12. (248) 370-3140.

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940.

**SPIRIT OF FORD**

Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474.

## POPULAR MUSIC

**LORI AMEY**

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. 21 and over. (248) 642-1135 (folk/pop/rock)

**ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL**

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

**ANN ARBOR SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMANCE ART SHOWCASE**

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

**BARENAKED LADIES**

With Tal Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

**THE BEACH BOYS**

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$25, \$15 for general admission. (248) 645-6666.

**BEDFORD DRIVE**

With Broca's Area and Segway, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk)

**BLANKS 77**

With the Criminals, Ducky Boys and LES Stitches, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 (punk rock)

**BLUE HAWAIIANS**

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BROTHERS GROOVE**

7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BUMP N' BULLIES CD RELEASE**

With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

**EDDY CAMPBELL**

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

**CHAIN REACTION**

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Token Lounge, Westland. (rock)

**CROSSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG**

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

**DEATHGIRL.COM**

With Sweatsuedellps, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT

**DEEP SPACE 8**

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**DISCIPLINE**

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lillis 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

**DOMESTIC PROBLEMS**

With The Velvet Beat, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

**EKOOSTIC HOOKAH**

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$12 advance. (248) 544-3030

**ELECTRIC BOOGALOO**

With Clovis Minor and Giant, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

**WDRQ ELECTRIC KRINGLE JINGLE**

Starring Sugar Ray, Blessid Union of Souls, Enrique Iglesias, Lou Bega, Jessica Simpson, LFO, Shaggy, Amber, Len, Mandy Moore. 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets \$39.31, \$29.31. Call (248) 645-6666

**ESHAM AND NATAS**

With Workhorse Movement, Friday, Dec. 17, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron at Mill Street, Pontiac. Tickets \$12. (248) 645-6666.

**FACE**

With Nailing Betty and 500 Feet of Pipe, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

**FAN MAIL TOUR**

With TLC, Christina Aguilera, Destiny's Child, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666

**FREED**

With I Hate Mars, Red Dye 9, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

**FREESTYLERS SOUND SYSTEM**

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. 18 and over. (313) 961-MELT

**FULLY LOADED**

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

**FUNKINTELLIGENCE**

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann

Arbor. \$15. (734) 996-8555

**THE GABRIELS**

With My Superhero, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

**GNETTOBULLIES**

With Colonel Sun perform for Owner Roy Goffett's Birthday Bash, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

**ED GOOCH QUARTET**

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

**J. GEL'S BAND**

With The Romantics, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$99.50, \$79.50, \$59.50, \$19.99 includes parking cost. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

**HARRINGTON BROTHERS**

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS**

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8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk rock)

**HOWLING DIABLOS**

With The Still, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555; With Face, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$20, 21 and over. (248) 544-3030

**ICP BIG BALLER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

With The Psychopathic Rydas, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Sold Out. 0100

**ALAN JACKSON**

With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666.

**JARS OF CLAY**

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666

**FREDDY JOHNSTON**

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

**THE JUDDS**

8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale Dec. 11 for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. (248) 645-6666.

**BB KING**

With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale \$55. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

**KING KONGA**

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011 (world music).

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**DAVID LAABS**

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (acoustic holiday)

**LIQUID SOUL**

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Motor Detroit, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. 18 and older. Ticket price to be announced. (313) 369-0080

**THE LOVEMASTERS**

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**EUGENE MANN**

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (holiday jazz)

**MAZINGA**

With Sublimation and 12 Angry Steps, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

**MARY MOBURE**

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk rock)

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6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$58.50, \$49.50. (248) 645-6666.

**JOHN MELLENCAMP**

"Rural Electrification Tour 1999" With Shannon Curfman, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45, \$35. (248) 645-6666

**ROBERT NOLL MISSION**

Friday, Dec. 10, Muldoons, 3982 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-2707; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Paul's Place, 325 Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 334-0311

**EDDIE MONEY**

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$15 reserved. \$9.47 general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

**MUZZLE**

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

**M-SOS**

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 544-3030

**JO NAB**

With A Coupla Fat Guys, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011

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**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ROCK FEST**

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**THE O-JAYS & THE WHISPERS**

With Gerald Levert, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$75, \$62.50. (248) 645-6666.

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**PILFERS**

With The Exceptions and Wristrocket, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

**PODUNK**

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**THE PORTERS**

With Driftweed, 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (r&b/punk)

**THE PRIME MINISTERS**

Friday, Dec. 17, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 567-6020

**RACHEL AND KAPP**

7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**JAKE REICHAERT**

4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (holiday instrumental)

**REGULAR BOYS**

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

**SATIN DOLLS**

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (vocal quartet)

**JO SERRAPERE**

With her Red Hot Tailpiece Section, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. \$6 (248)

**TAJA SEVILLE**

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (313) 961-MELT

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With 4%, The Beowolf Scantron Test, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

**SET ROCK**

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# 'Toy Story 2' offers a second great adventure for kids

BY MALCOLM KETTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — They've done it again. The folks who brought you "Toy Story" now present "Toy Story 2," another clever, riotous tale of life in the toy lane.

There's no mistaking the sharp, detailed and stunning computer animation. Buster the pet dog has nearly four million hairs. And with the voices of Woody (done by Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (by Tim Allen) and others returning from the 1995 original, it's easy to get back into the fun.

And there's lots of fun here.

Kids and adults will love the parodies of "Star Wars" scenes, and chuckle at the special ways these toys meet the challenge of adventure. As Mr. Potato Head prepares to leave on a rescue mission, for example, his wife thoughtfully packs him his "angry eyes" in case he goes into battle.

"Toy Story 2" introduces us to a toy's greatest fear: being discarded. The phrase "yard sale" strikes terror. Woody manages to rescue a broken toy penguin from the 25-cent box on the front lawn. But Woody is then snatched by the evil toy collector Al McWhiggen (voiced by Wayne Knight), who recognizes him as a

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valuable collectible.

Of course, the toy gang sets out to rescue Woody. But when they finally reach him, they get a surprise. Woody has been seduced by the promise of immortality: a chance to go on display in a Japanese toy museum. Rather than waiting to be

discarded someday by his beloved owner, Andy, Woody "will be adored by children for generations," a toy in McWhiggen's collection says.

It sounds pretty good to a cowboy who'd just been consigned to a dusty top shelf by Andy's mother. But Buzz argues the other side of the case. "Life's only worth living," he reminds Woody, "if you're loved by a kid."

Clearly, Woody faces a dilemma. You can guess which way he goes. This is a Disney movie.

But even after that, there are more escapes, rescues and battles. One imaginative fight scene occurs in that deeply mysterious

place where your luggage goes right after it leaves the airline counter.

This film presents so much action that at times, a grown-up might feel a need for a break. Yet, these scenes are so studded with clever twists — as when a perky Tour Guide Barbie seizes control of our heroes in a toy store — that they remain a delight.

From its beginning, "Toy Story 2" dares to compare itself to the excitement of "Star Wars." Of course, watching animated characters risk their digital lives is much different from watching

flesh and blood in danger. But when Woody and a cowgirl escape from an airliner as it speeds down a runway, it's as thrilling as anything moviegoers have seen in any galaxy.

You can only catch your breath and look forward to "Toy Story 3."

"Toy Story 2," a Walt Disney Pictures presentation of a Pixar Animation Studios film, is directed by John Lasseter and produced by Helene Plotkin and Karen Robert Jackson. The screenplay by Andrew Stanton, Rita Hsiao, Doug Chamberlin and Chris Webb.

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ANYWHERE BUT HERE (PG13)  
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DOGMA (R)  
THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)  
BEING JOHN MALKOVICH (R)  
MUSIC OF THE HEART (PG)  
THE BACHELOR (PG13)  
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THE INSIDER (R)  
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Don't toy with me: Buzz Lightyear and Woody watch an episode of "Woody's Roundup" TV show, after discovering Woody is a highly valued collectible in Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 2"

## Here's your chance to be a movie critic

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 10

**"THE LEGEND OF 1900"**  
Drama recounts the life of a piano player who is abandoned at birth on a Trans-Atlantic ship. His talent culminates in a rivalry of mythic proportions with jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton. Stars Tim Roth, Pruitt Taylor Vince.

**"DUBCE BEALOW MALE ORALO"**  
Contemporary comedy that tells of a down-on-his-luck guy who takes a job fish-sitting for a prominent L.A. escort. When the escort leaves the country on business, he leaves his clientele ripe for poaching. Stars Rob Schneider.

**"TRAIN OF LIFE"**  
Set in the Holocaust, a village dreamer comes up with a crazy idea to save his village from Nazi invasion. Stars Lionel Abelanski, Rufus.

**"THE GREEN MILE"**  
Remarkable story of a guard in a Southern prison's death row in 1935 and one

of the inmates over which he has charge. Based on the 1996 serialized novel by Stephen King. Stars Tom Hanks.

**"ANNA AND THE KING"**  
Set in 19th century Thailand, the true story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam. Based on historical information. Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat.

**"CIDER HOUSE RULES"**  
Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

**Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22**

**"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"**  
Drama about an aging star quarterback who is induced to play hurt because a gifted and unprincipled young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to

the ideals that drew him to his career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

**"LIBERTY BELLMONT'S"**  
A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna

**Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25**

**"MANSFIELD PARK"**  
Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.



Going the distance: Doug Hutchison, David Morse and Tom Hanks star in "The Green Mile," the story of a prison guard and his relationship with one death row inmate.



# Local artists collaborate on CD to fight teen suicide

There's one story that still gives singer-songwriter Jill Jack the chills.

She recalls the day she met a young man in an Ann Arbor deli. He had overheard her conversation and asked if she were a musician. After talking, she handed him a CD.

A couple days later, the teen was involved in a severe car accident.

One year later, Jack received an e-mail from the boy's father explaining that her music was instrumental in his recovery. "He used the song 'Watch Over Me' (the title track of Jill Jack's first CD) for his recuperation," she said. "It got him out of bed and really motivated him. It got him through the depression."

That story made her cry. As someone who tries to "show the light at the end of the tunnel" through her music, Jill Jack and her bandmates were prime

candidates for a CD compilation aimed at helping troubled youth. So when Scott Campbell, musician and owner of Nebula Records, contacted the band to contribute a song for "Counterclockwise" — a CD of music meant to elevate awareness of teenage suicide in the metro area — the answer was yes.

"Music is a universal thing," said Jack, a Ferndale resident. "I love the thought that my music can help."

Sales of the disc benefit Common Ground Sanctuary's counseling and outreach programs. Campbell was instrumental in the project, and contributed his own tune "Turn Your Mind Inside Out." The compilation itself doesn't deal with the issue of suicide. It instead offers a body of material donated by a truly talented collection of artists. From legends such as Iggy Pop, New Order, to local stars such as MCS and Detroit Music Award's Best New Band of 1999 — Stungun, the disc offers something for everyone.

"I picked what I consider to be the top local people," said Camp-



bell. A member of that elite group, Jack added that, "being selected is always a great honor."

Another honorable mention is Mike Rehfus, saxophonist for The Articles. Rehfus was approached for the project by a former classmate from his days at the Center for Creative Studies, Donna Hazen. Hazen contributed the artwork. "It sounded certainly like a worthwhile project," said Rehfus. "I've been aware of Common Ground (Sanctuary) since at least high school. They've helped some friends of mine at one point or another."

The Articles have appeared on numerous compilations, but Rehfus commended Campbell's

efforts on this one in particular. "Scott should be proud of putting this together. Anybody on the CD should be proud of it. Not to be cynical, but not much good comes out of the music industry... This is using (that) power for the forces of good."

That's where Common Ground Sanctuary comes in. Emily Norton, community education program coordinator at CGS, has been involved with the project since its start. She sees it as a way to reach out to the community, as well as to educate on the issue of suicide.

Common Ground Sanctuary is based in Oakland County, though its services are not limit-

ed to that area. "We get calls from all over the country," said Norton, a Southfield resident.

The money raised by CD sales is distributed to CGS programs including a victim-advocacy program, shelters like The Sanctuary, A Step Forward and Graduate Apartment Living, and street-outreach programs for homeless youth.

Variety: The Children's Charity, which is based in Southfield, contributed money. "I think it's something (youth) will relate to," said Jennie Cascio, executive director. "It's difficult to get the message to kids. Through the CD, they have all the information on the jacket; they're able to talk to kids in their own environment and atmosphere, so they know these services are available."

Norton noted the importance of music: "When someone is feeling really isolated, they can hear a song and think 'This person doesn't even know me, but he understands my life experience,'" she said.

For Howling Diablos' vocalist Tino, music is a way of speaking

to all people. "Music can change the world," he said. "It can make people stop and think about something. It's a powerful tool." The Royal Oak-based Diablos contributed "Nobody in Detroit" to the disc. He hopes "everybody buys one so (CGS) can get a big fat check."

Rehfus had his own take on the issue: "Music and misery are kindred spirits. For a lot of kids, music is the only form of escape that can have positive ends."

"Counterclockwise" can be bought for \$10 at any Harmony House, Desirable Disc or Repeat the Best location. Several Border Books and Music locations and independent record stores also carry it. The CD may be bought online at [www.scotcampbell.net](http://www.scotcampbell.net). Look out for live benefits and CD release parties in the new year.

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## Sounding off: Holiday CDs bring good cheer

In an effort to bring new music to our readers, the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers have begun compiling CD reviews. Local musicians can send materials to Stephanie A. Casola, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 36251. Call (734) 953-2130 for information.

The album starts off like the cork popping from a bottle of champagne, with the celebratory "Joy To The World," complete with choir. She slushes on to classics like "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with grace, gently easing the listener into the holiday spirit. Though "Ave Maria" may not be her strongest cover track, her version of "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" puts a welcome and delightful be-bop spin on the children's tune.

But Jewel doesn't limit herself to Christmas themes, no sir. Her medley of "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Life Uncommon" and "From A Distance" brings an uplifting surprise to the collection, linking it to the theme — joy. Taking it one step further, she includes the Christmas version of her hit song, "Hands."

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

### Joy: A Holiday Collection

Jewel  
Atlantic Records  
No voice is more angelic than that of Jewel.

With a name befitting a sparkling ornament for a Christmas tree, who better than the popular songstress to breathe new life into old holiday favorites? As her star shines bright with two successful albums and a book of poetry behind her, Jewel has now ventured into the mass market that is holiday music.

With "Joy: A Holiday Collection," Jewel places her trademark, that bright, shiny tone, in tune with songs everyone knows.

### 'As hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing.'

O'Donnell does to benefit children through her "For All the Kids Foundation" ranks right up there with the Grinch stealing all the gifts in Whoville.

But gosh, as hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing. Luckily, on "A Rosie Christmas," the ubiquitous talk show host has some of the top names in the pop music industry to accompany her including Billy Joel, Sir Elton John, Lauren Hill, Gloria Estefan and Celine Dion.

In her duets with Cher on "Christmas" and Rosemary Clooney on "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" O'Donnell becomes the musical equivalent of tofu — she takes on the vocal characteristics of those around her. On "Winter Wonderland," Donny Osmond and she get frisky with plenty of warm fuzzy doo-wops.

A soulful rendering of "O Holy Night" by Billy Porter is sans Rosie — a Christmas gift to us all since those high notes are best left to the professionals.

"A Rosie Christmas" is a chirpy-enough album, great for background music when trimming the tree but hardly destined to rank among the Christmas classics.

That's OK, Rosie, we love you anyway. And hey, you don't see Jerry Springer spreading around any Christmas joy, do you?

— BY ALICE RHEIN

### Jingle Bell Swing

Various Artists  
Sony Music

If your idea of the holidays involves sipping shaken martinis next to a blazing fire with your 50 closest friends as a jazzy quartet induces a dancing frenzy, look no further for a celebratory soundtrack this season.

Grab a copy of "Jingle Bell Swing."

Including all of the necessary hits for the holidays, the CD stirs jazz, big-band and swing into a mix fit for festive wrapping. Indulge in Tony Bennett's smooth rendition of "Winter Wonderland." This is the romance of the holiday season.

Removed from the crowded shopping malls and icy conditions to come, sit back and take in Miles Davis bopping to "Blue Xmas (To Whom It May Concern)." Or listen to Art Carney's version of "Twas The Night Before Christmas," a long unavailable reading circa 1954.

"Jingle Bell Swing" sets the tone for joyful holidays and a happy new year.

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# Lily's brings more than creative seafood to Royal Oak

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

Classy yet unpretentious and relaxed. That's Lily's, a new entry into Royal Oak's ever-expanding restaurant scene. Its niche is seafood, but a whole lot more including an on-premise microbrewery and house-made rootbeer and cream soda.

Brothers Bob and Scott Morton are operating investor partners joined by Brothers Bill and Tom and father Jack as investor partners. Native Michigianians, the Mortons operated restaurants in the Jacksonville, Fla., area for 20 years. Now, as residents of Royal Oak, Bob and Scott have had their eye on its restaurant potential for a couple of years.

Diners are greeted by a well-weathered, friendly-looking wooden butler purchased from a Royal Oak policeman. From a newspaper ad, a 1920s antique bar was pulled out of a garage in St. Clair Shores. Given a modern facelift, it is a perfect backdrop for the surrounding blond-stained oak high-top bar tables and upholstered family-size booths and tables for four, highlighted by hunter green walls and ceilings with gray-green accents.

Picking up the copper of the brewing tanks are copper leaves on well-spaced dividers with grape bunch motifs. Upper Peninsula artist Rich Bronstein created a recycled metal ceiling mobile of a whimsical interpretation of "trash fish," including grouper, shrimp, barracuda and a giant gold fish. An old, restored ad for malt syrup from the Prohibition era graces one wall, creating another interesting piece of eye candy.

Stop looking around and get to the essence of Lily's! The same menu is offered during lunch and dinner hours. The house specialty is lightly-spiced Creole

## Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery

Where: 410 S. Washington (between Fourth & Fifth Streets), Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459.

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and until 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Grilled, sautéed and steamed fresh seafood, along with sandwiches and a late night menu after 11 p.m. daily. Cost: Entrees and seafood platters \$14-\$23. Six-item kids menu \$3.25-\$4.

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Details: Full service bar, made-on-premise microbrews and handcrafted sodas.

### Lily's Uncorked

Executive Chef Howard Sanders knows his food and wines. He pairs:

- Champagne Piper Heidsieck Brut with Baked Brie appetizer
- 1997 Bonterra Viognier and Grilled Salmon Filet
- 1996 Fife Merlot and Twin Tournedos

On tap at Lily's Managing partner and professional brewer Bob Morton pairs his:

- Whitefish Bay Wheat Beer with Peppercorn Crusted Tuna
- Reggie's French River Red Ale and Lily's Creole Soup
- Strange Stout and Dark Chocolate Mousse Pie

Soup with chicken, crawfish, Andouille sausage, chunky vegetables and tomatoes. The most popular salad is Fusion, dressed and garnished with Huntsman cheese, cayenne-candied pecans and sundried Michigan cherries.

Two sandwiches are unique.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLTYN

Today's catch: Frank Stevelich presents two of the dishes you'll find on the menu at Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery in Royal Oak.

Baja Blackened Catfish Wrap and Carolina Pulled Pork.

For starters, Prince Edward Island Steamed Mussels are untraditional, sprinkled with Huntsman cheese. Southwestern Shrimp in Three Pepper Cream Sauce has succulent sautéed tiger shrimp in a Marsala cream with Anaheim, serrano and jalapeno pepper essence. Pork and Scallop Satay with Spicy Coconut Peanut Dipping Sauce is a tasty oriental infusion.

While Lily's is obviously not an Italian restaurant, Pan Fried Spinach and Snow Crab Ravioli is the number one entree. But if you go to Lily's, go for seafood

such as Old Country Seafood Boil, more approachable than a classic French bouillabaisse or the seafood boatload Crustaceans Platter.

Behind all this succulent, savory food is Waterford resident, Executive Chef Howard Sanders who came to Lily's from his position as chef de cuisine at Tom's Oyster Bar on Royal Oak's Main Street. A transplanted Californian, he earned a culinary degree from the American Culinary Federation there.

Chef Howard has worked in restaurants since he was 14 and his 23 years experience is illustrated in the creative menu offerings.

Five desserts, including Royal Root Beer Float awash in house-made rootbeer, round out the dining experience - almost. I like the terry cloth napkins; they do the job!

Brewer Paul Kropp was trained on premise by pro brewers Bob and Scott Morton with experience in brewing in this country, Japan and South America.

Two specialty December beers, Brown Ale and Golden Pilsner are complemented by Lily's Light Ale, Whitefish Bay Wheat (German style), Reggie's French River Red Ale (very hoppy and mildly bitter) and Strange Stout, brewed in a porter style. If you

like chocolate, see On tap at Lily's (in the box) for

Bob Morton's unusual food selection with Strange Stout.

A huge private family investment has netted a creative dining experience.

The Mortons are well-aware that if they don't deliver, there are lots of dining choices in Royal Oak.

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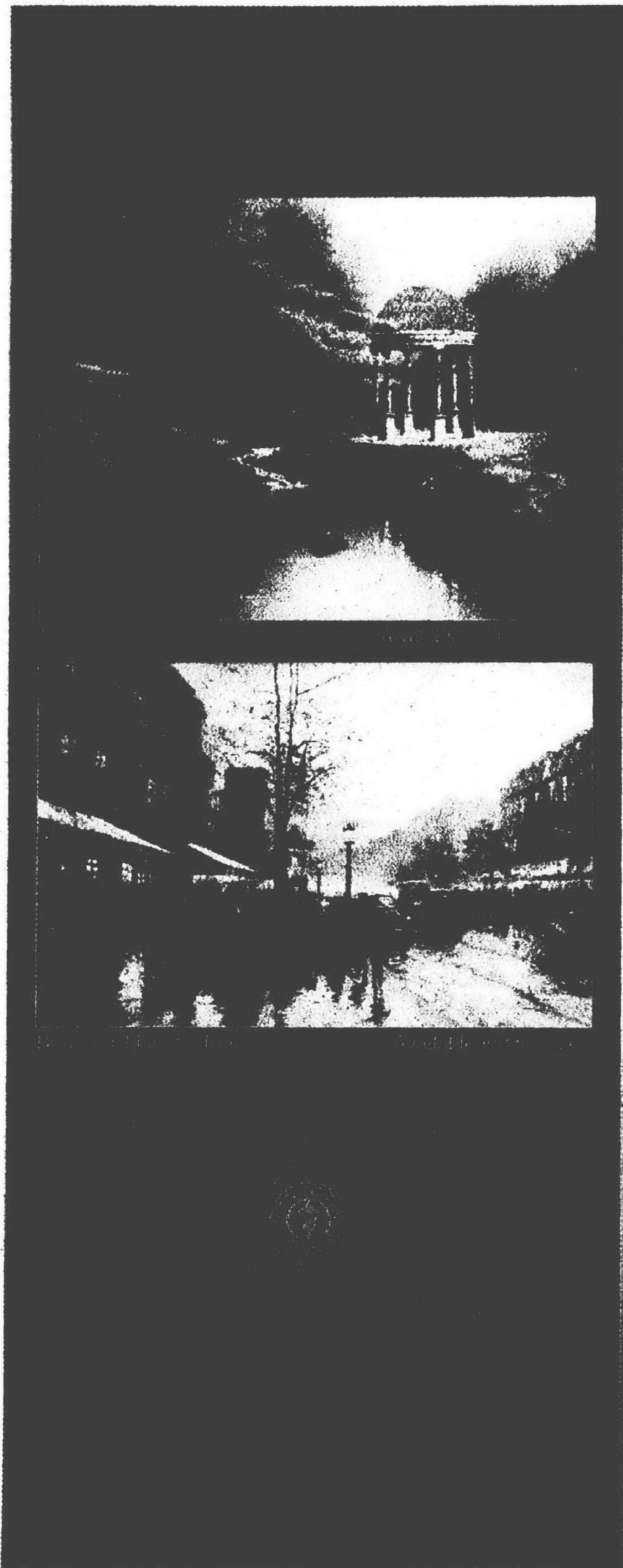


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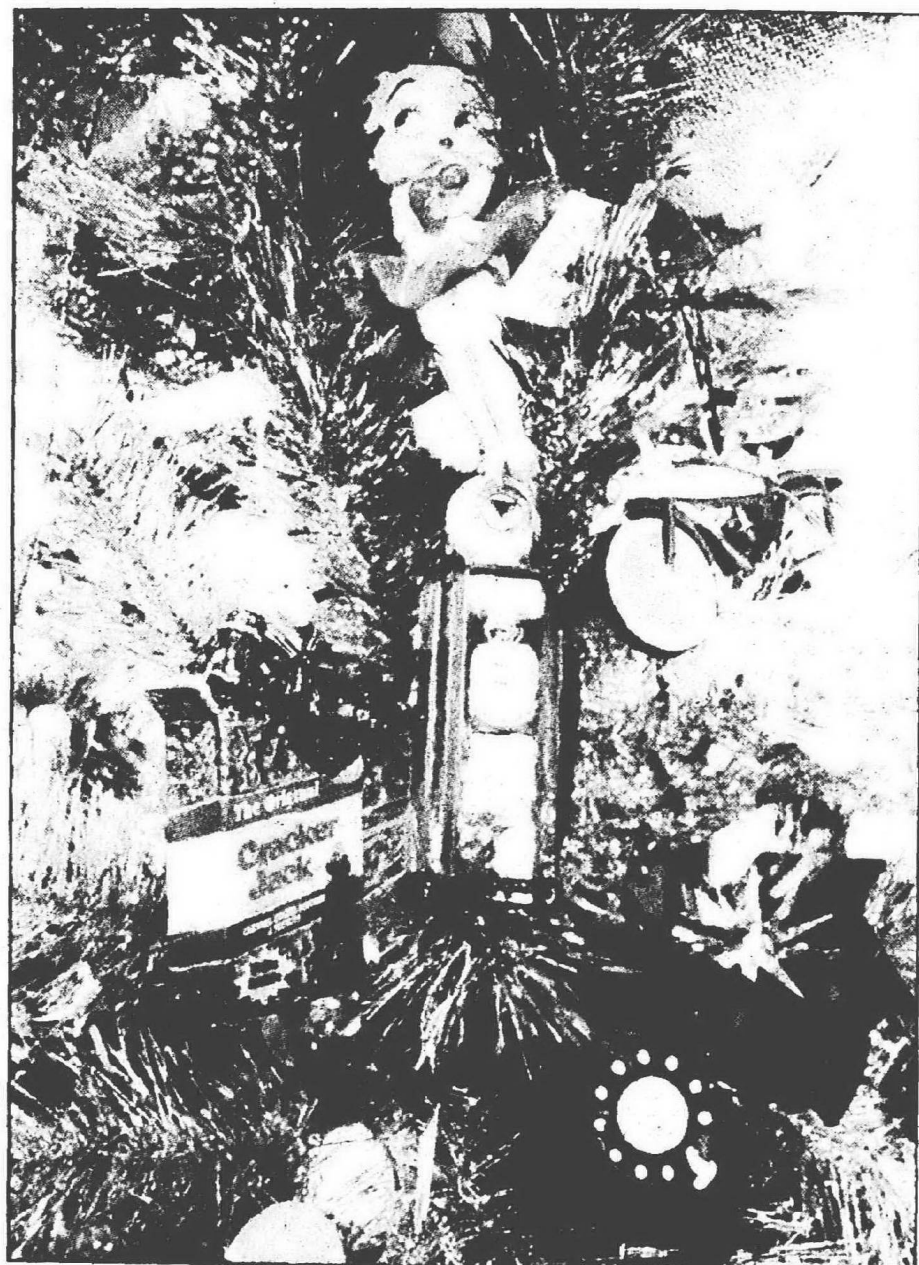
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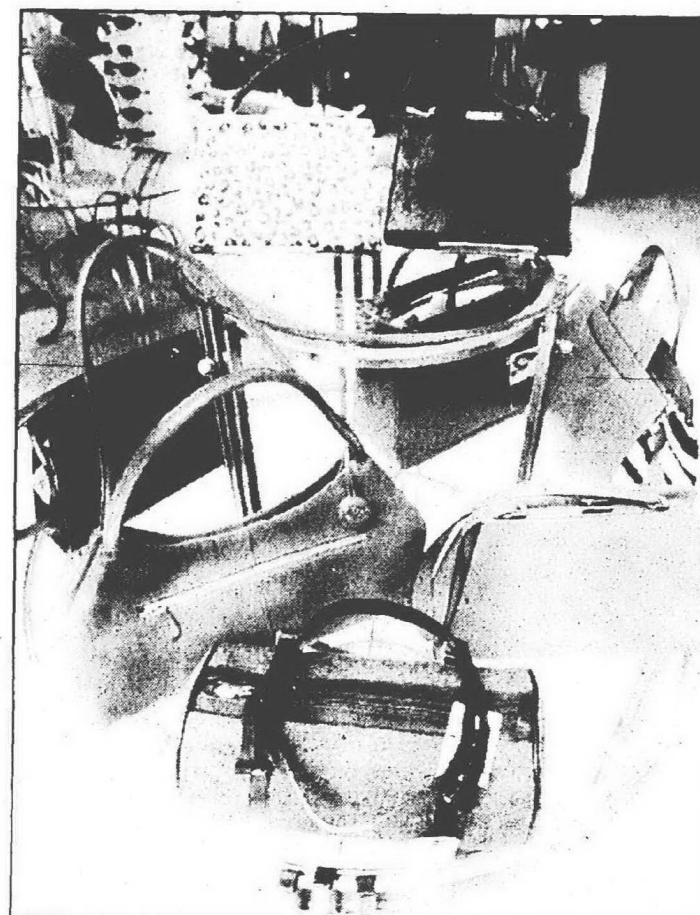
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**Out on a limb:** The Plymouth Nursery, located on Ann Arbor Road west of Gotfredson, is stocking up on retro ornaments this year. They range in price from \$1.49 for the replicas of the tin signs, to \$40 for the Polanaise glass ornaments, including Betty Boop, the Cracker Jack box, classic bicycle and telephone. The bubble lights come in strands of seven for \$21.99.

**COMFORT AND JOY**



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**To have and to hold:** These beautiful purses from Parisian in Laurel Park Place should bring back memories from the '50s and '60s.



**Feet jamies:** Pam Milner of the intimate apparel department at Sears in Livonia Mall models some of the pajamas with feet now available in women's sizes. The ones she's wearing are 100 percent cotton flannel and go for \$25.

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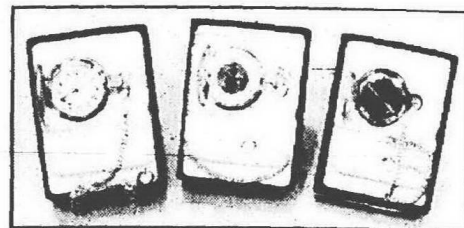


### BACK IN TIME

**Time machine:** These watches by Dakota are specifically marketed as retro time-pieces. They were photographed at Watch Works, a kiosk store in Wonderland Mall.



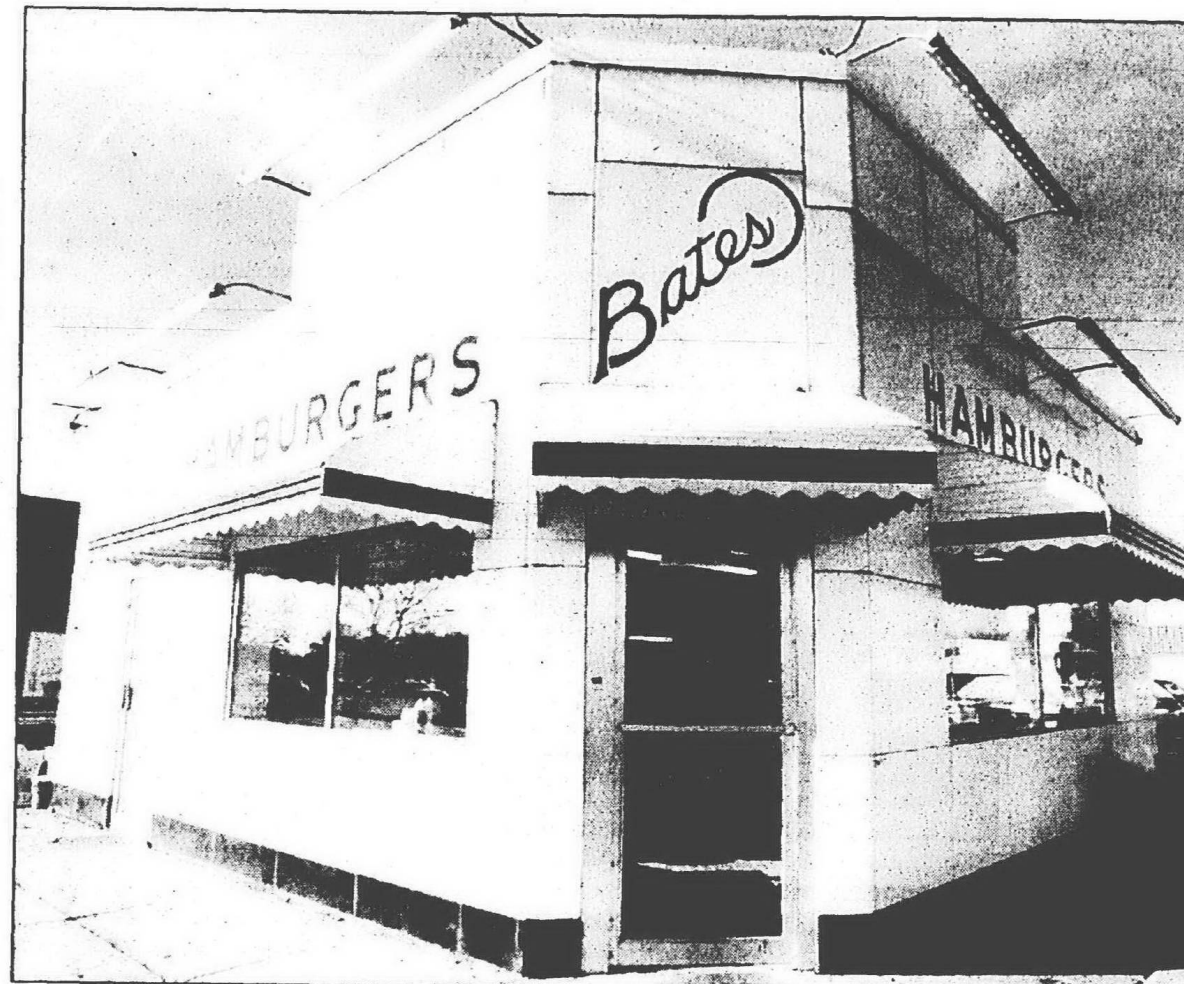
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**Watch me:** Buy a pocket watch and have it engraved at Things Remembered, a modest shop in 12 Oaks Mall on Novi Road just north of I-96. At left is a silver plated quartz watch with chain for \$50. In the center is a pocket watch with skeleton details, quartz movement and a Waldemar chain for \$70. On the right is a "Blue Sunray" watch for \$50. Have a name engraved on the watch for \$5. Have a message engraved for \$3 per word (\$5 minimum).

### BURGER HEAVEN

**Cheeseburger, cheeseburger:** Founded in 1958, Bates Hamburgers in Livonia hasn't changed much in 41 years. Nothing tastes better than a burger and coffee at 1 a.m. at Bates.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

*Relax and take a shopping break in Burger Heaven*

**T**ake a lunch break from your nostalgic holiday shopping by cruising to a past that's never gone away. Three area restaurants with that retro art-deco look.

The Central City Diner is located on Canton Center Road north of Ford Road in Canton Township. Owner Randy Blaylock has captured the look and feel of the classic American Diner (except he doesn't allow smoking).

The Soda Jerk is located in a strip mall on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Owner Nancy McKoon's aim was to recall the classic American soda fountain and grill. She has an authentic 1950s jukebox and waitresses who dance for the customers.

Bates Hamburgers is located on the northwest corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads in Livonia. Unlike our other two examples, Bates wasn't built to resemble something old. It is something old.

The overgrown hamburger stand looked modern when it was founded in 1958 by Noble Bates. He never

Please see HEAVEN, PAGE 6

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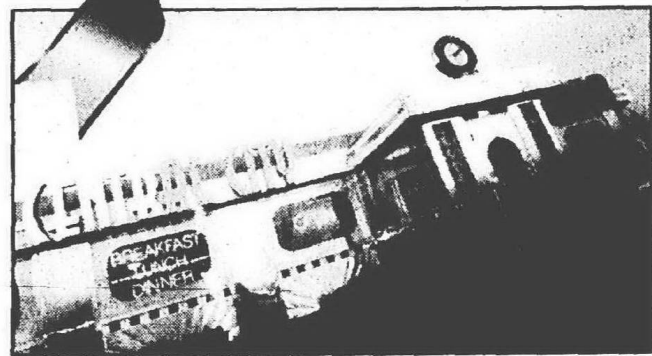
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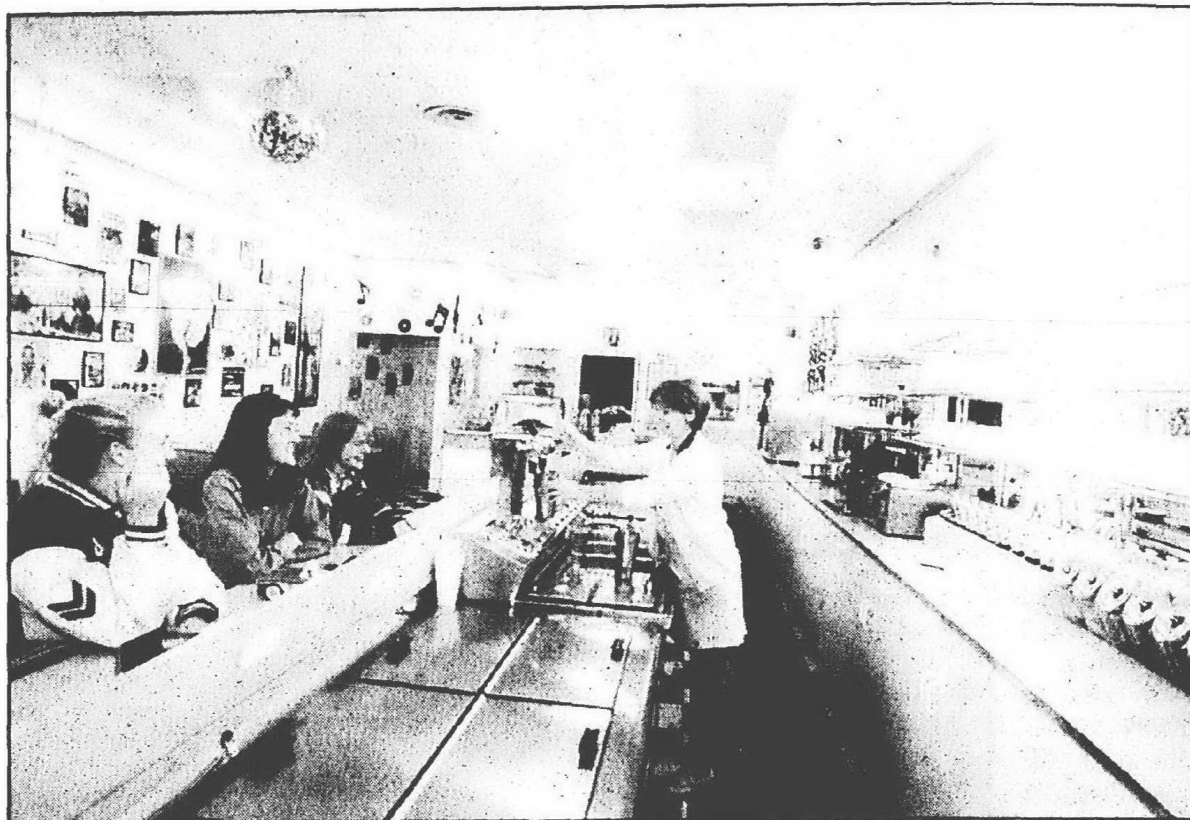
**Where's Fonzie?** The Central City Diner, located on Canton Center Road in Canton Township, was deliberately designed - inside and out - to resemble a classic American diner of the 1950s. All that's missing is the cast of Happy Days.

## Heaven from page 5

changed a thing, and neither did his son, John Bates, who owns the restaurant now and one just like it in Farmington Hills.

From the stainless steel counter to the stools around the window and even the menu, Bates is pretty much the same place it was in 1958. (Still no public restrooms.) Only the times have changed.

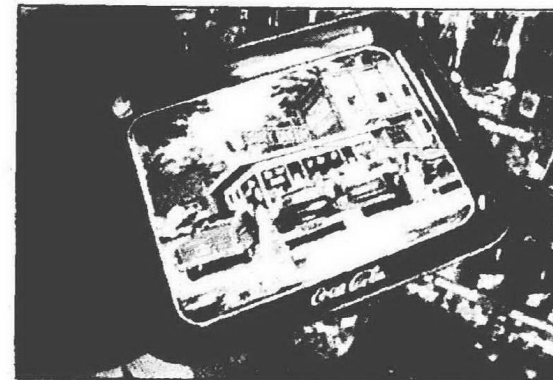
Central City and Bates are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The Soda Jerk is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday.



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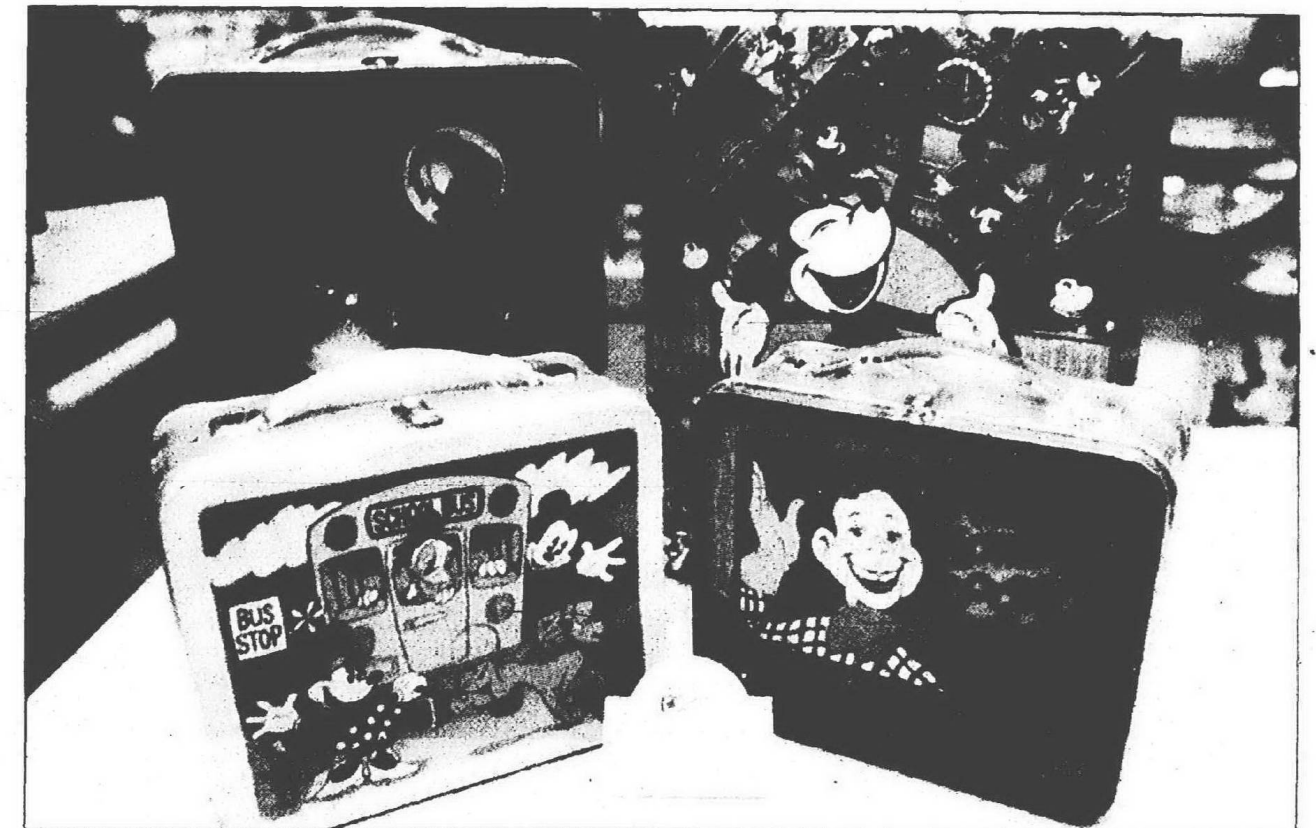
**Two scoops please:** Nancy McKeon (at right) has capitalized on the retro movement by creating the Soda Jerk, an old-fashioned soda fountain in a strip mall on the north-west corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Her menu is heavy on ice cream but also includes burgers and fries.

## REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS



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**It's the real thing:** If the nostalgic bent of the person you're shopping for leans in the direction of Coca-Cola, you'll almost certainly find what you're looking for at Coca-Cola Collectibles in Garden City. Owner Jeanne Rae stocks hundreds of Coke items, including the tray shown here and the actual beverage in the background.



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**Let's eat:** These lunch boxes aren't as big as the ones you carried as a kid, but they look just like them. You could buy an original at auction for hundreds of dollars, or you could get one of these replicas for \$10.95 at a Hallmark store. Also available are Snow White, Lone Ranger, Barbie, Star Trek, Super Friends and Scooby Do.

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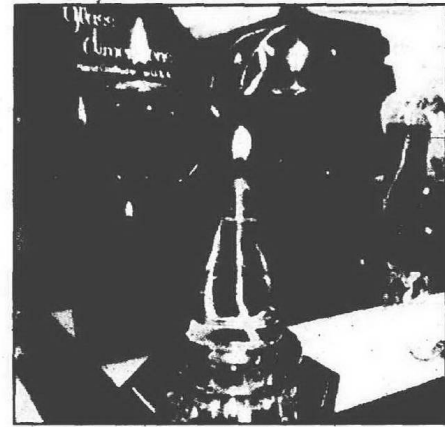
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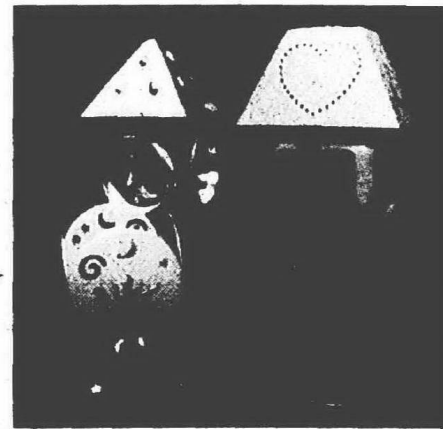
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**Soft glow:** Forgot to buy kerosene? No problem. Nowadays you can buy oil lamps that burn liquid paraffin, which is cleaner burning and produces less smoke than kerosene. Prices range from \$15 to \$50 at the Scent Station in Livonia Mall.



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**Lamp light:** Reproductions of old lamps that cost a fraction of what the originals sell for. From left, a Tiffany-style Dragonfly lamp (\$379) and "The End of the Trail" (\$79.99), which features a profile of artist Frederick Remington's famous tired Indian. Available at the Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall on Plymouth Road between Levan and Stark in Livonia.



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**Heavenly scents:** Years ago, people punched holes in tin cans to create designs that would look nice when lit from within by a candle. Luminaries are coming back now in various styles and colors. Prices range from \$10 to \$30 at the Scent Station.

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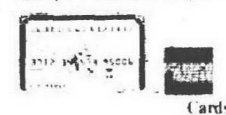
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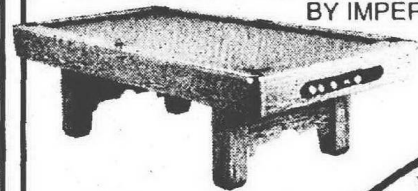
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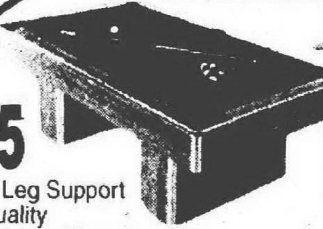
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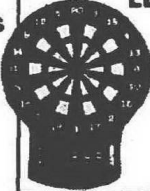
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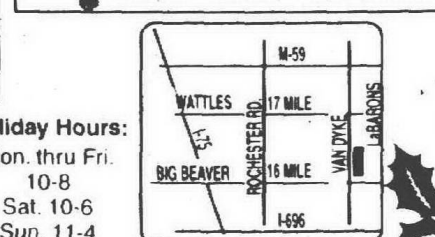
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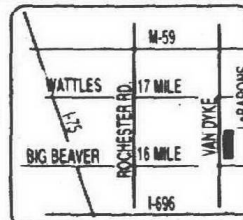
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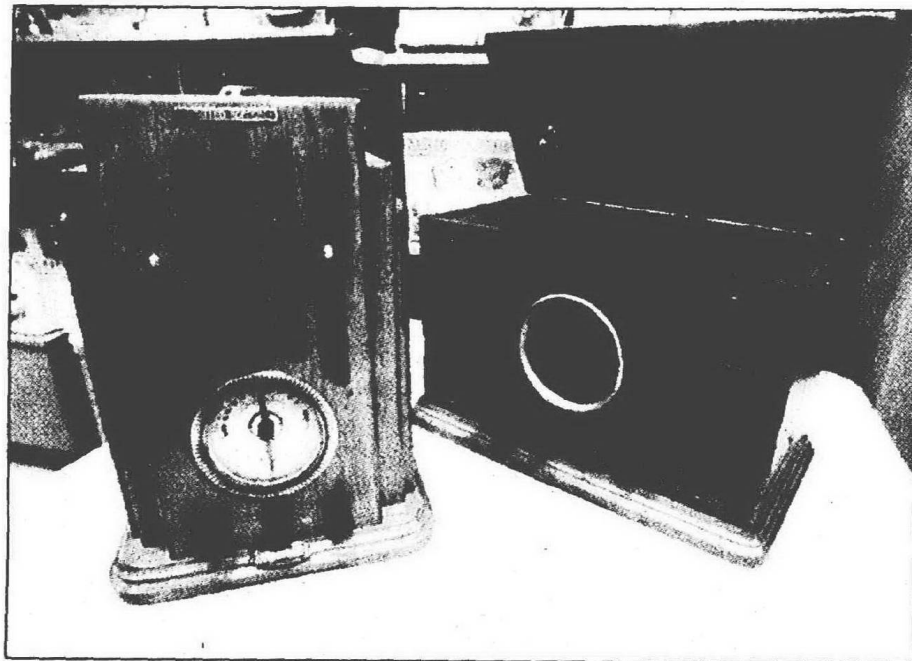
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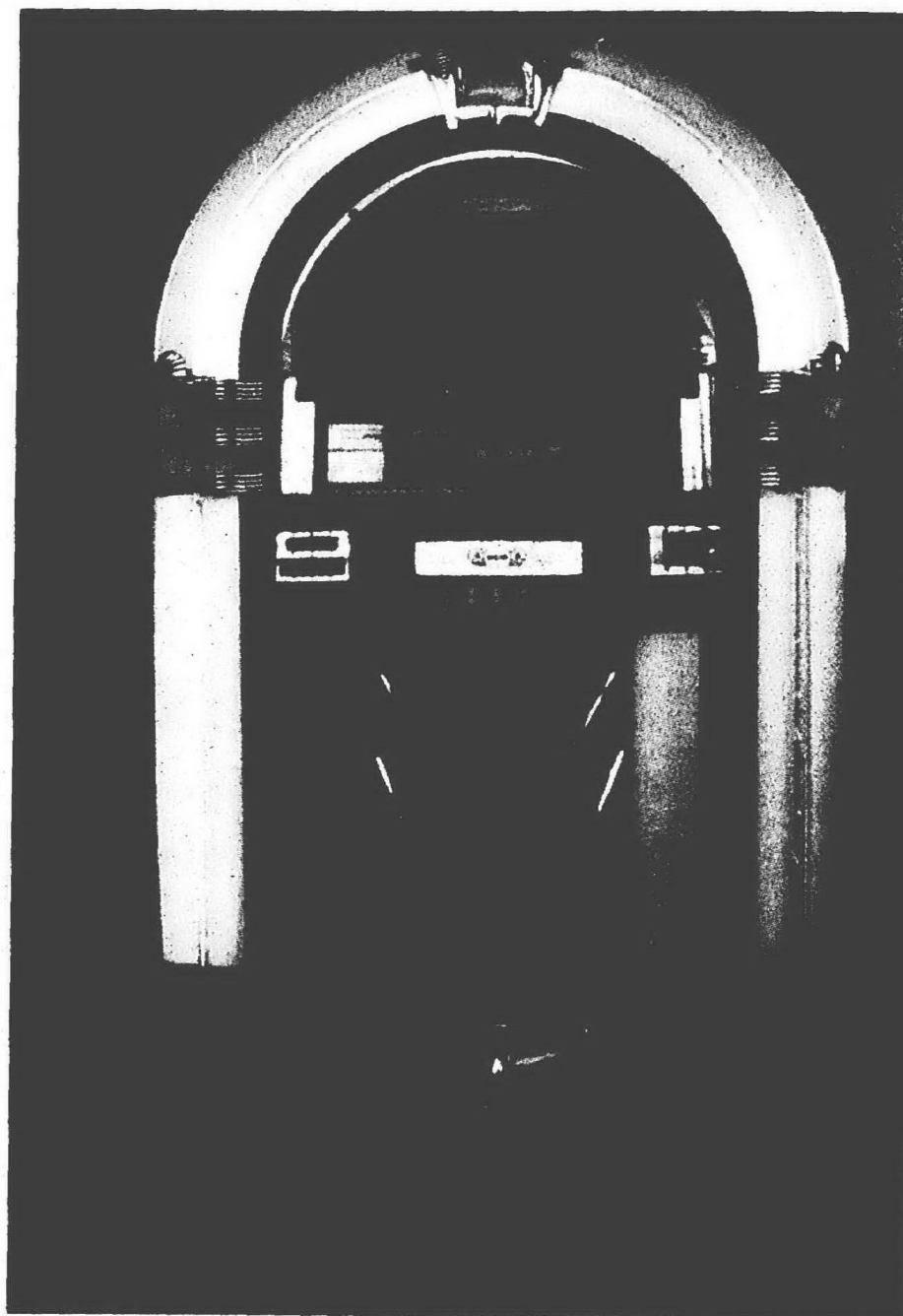


### ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE



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**Yesteryear is here:** These radios are made to resemble (from left) the 1939 Empire and 1936 Bluebird, but inside they're modern AM/FM cassette players. The Discovery Channel Store in 12 Oaks Mall sells the Empire for \$99 and the Bluebird for \$199.



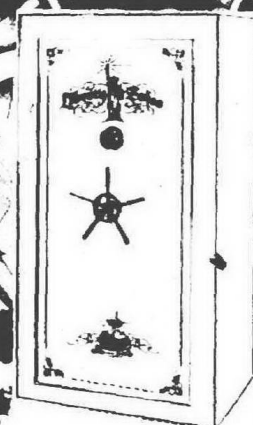
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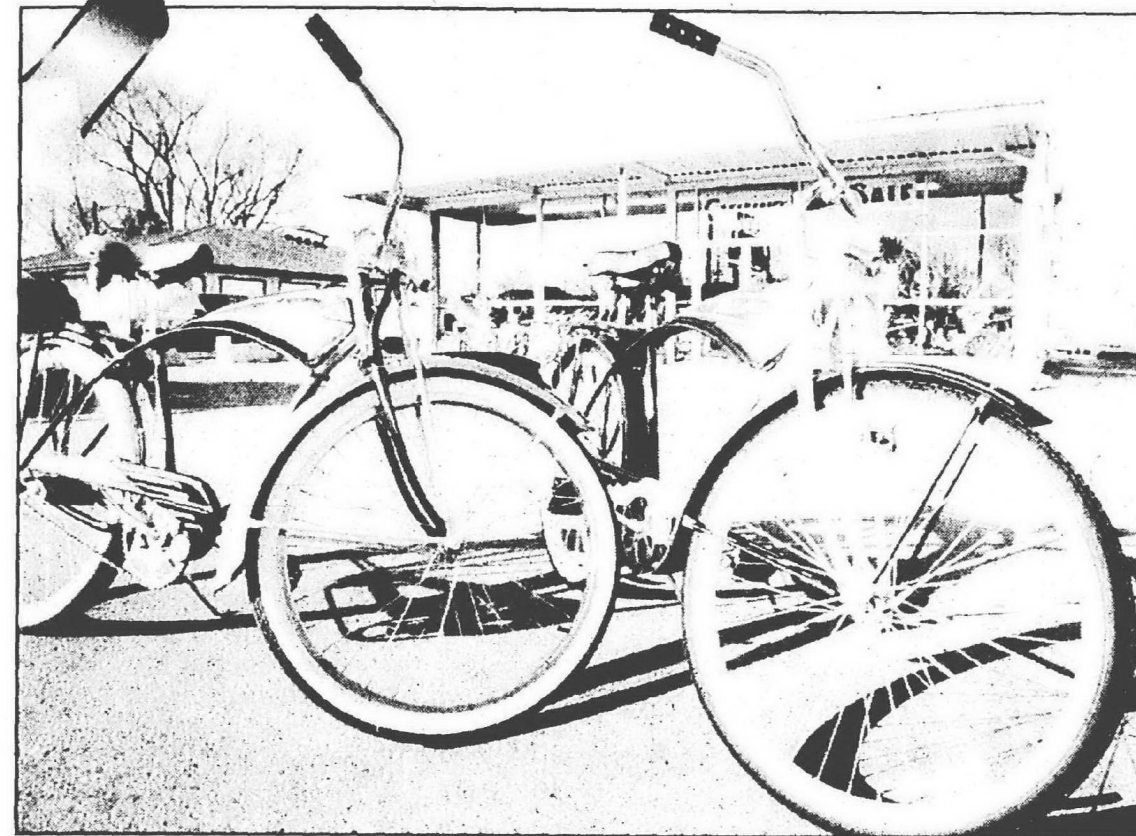
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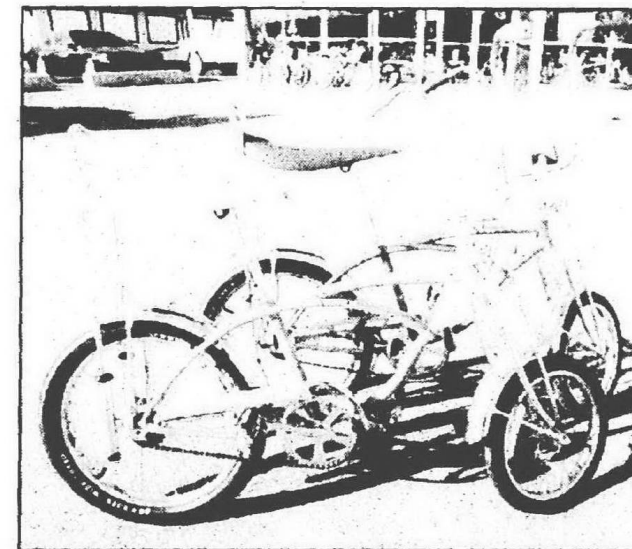


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**Let it roll:** Schwinn has responded to the retro bicycle movement with several models, including (at left) the 1949 Black Phantom replica for \$2,000. The Cruiser Deluxe on the right is priced at \$450. All bikes on this page were photographed at Livonia Schwinn on Seven Mile east of Middlebelt (next to Leon's Restaurant).

#### Banana seats:

Schwinn's Apple Krate and Orange Krate. These replicas have everything but multiple speeds and a stick shift on the horizontal bar, which the government will no longer allow. The price has come down from \$500 to \$425.

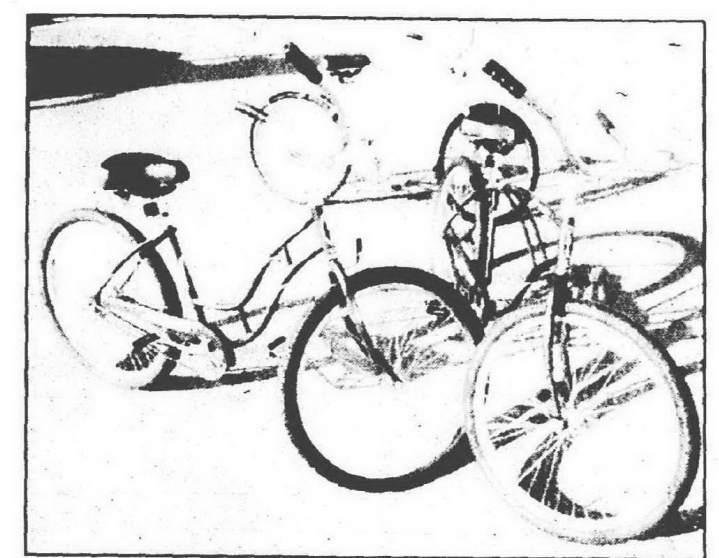


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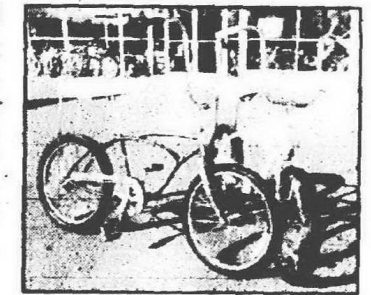
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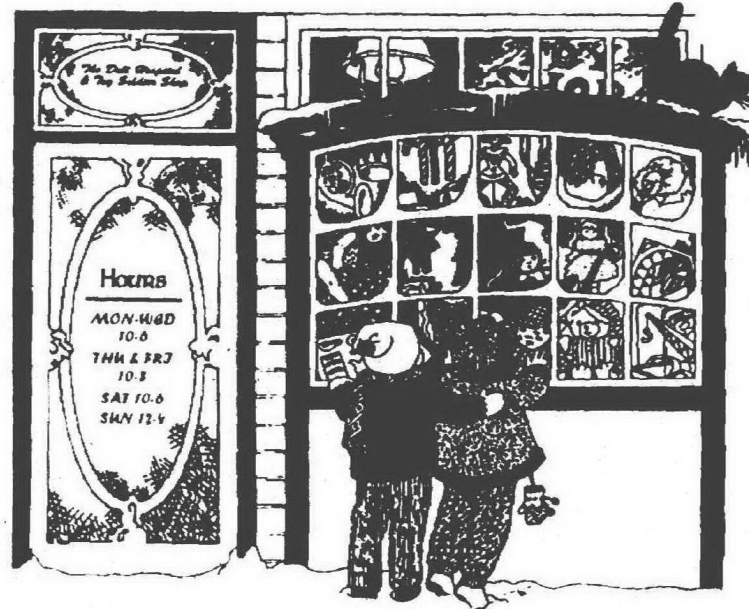
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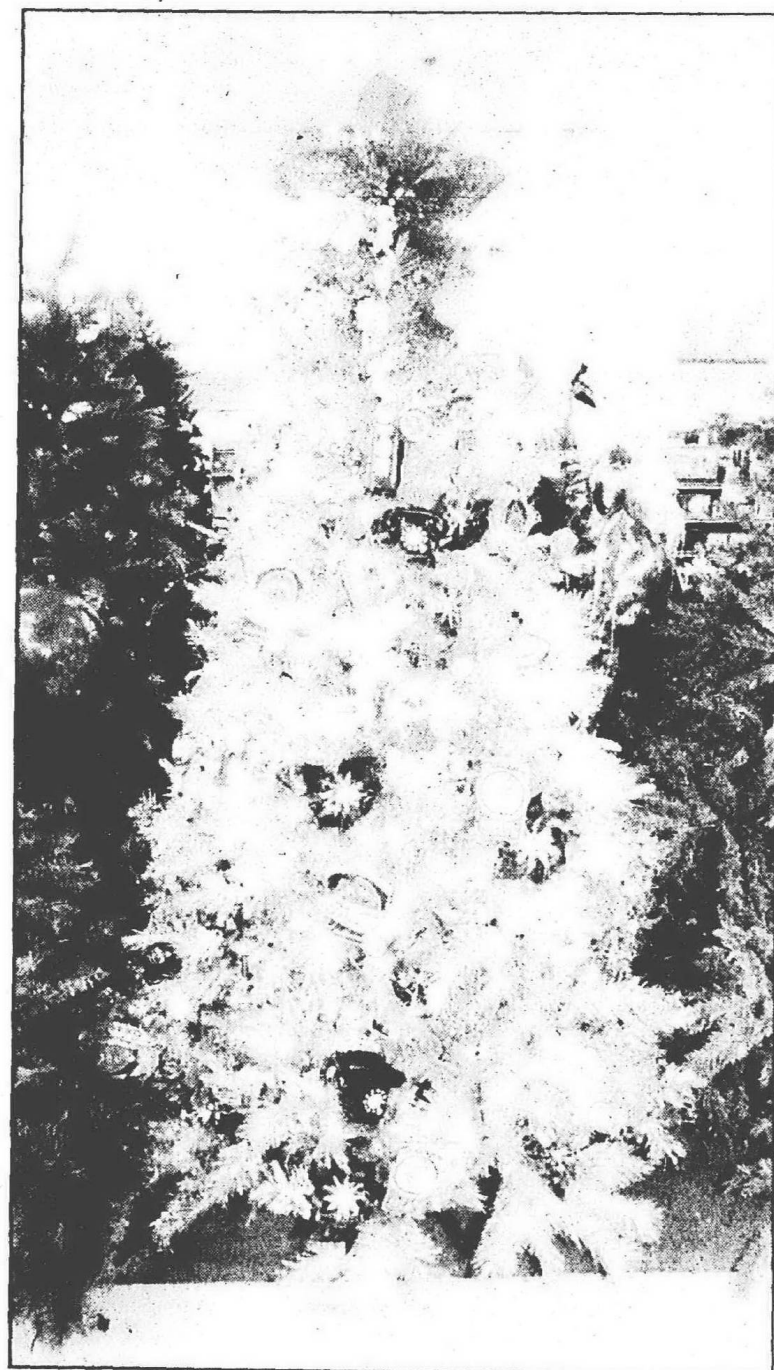
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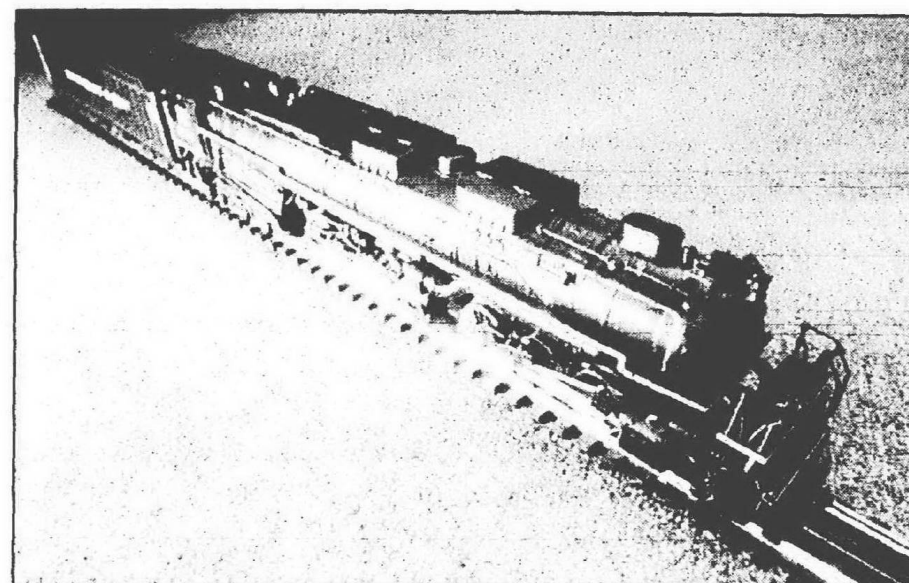
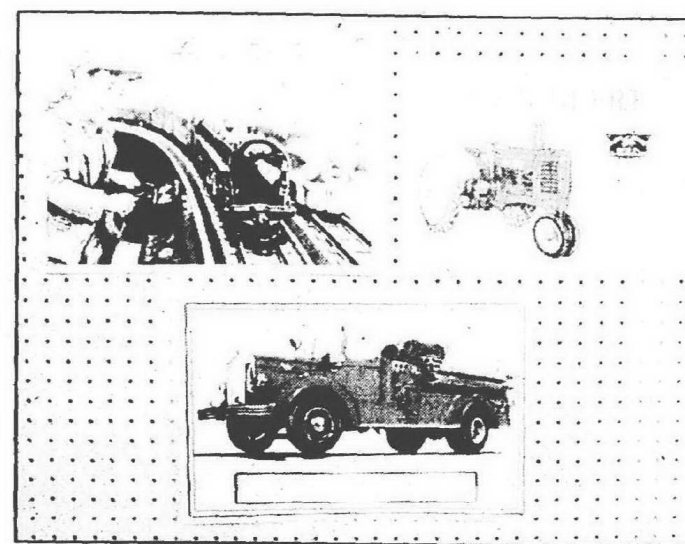
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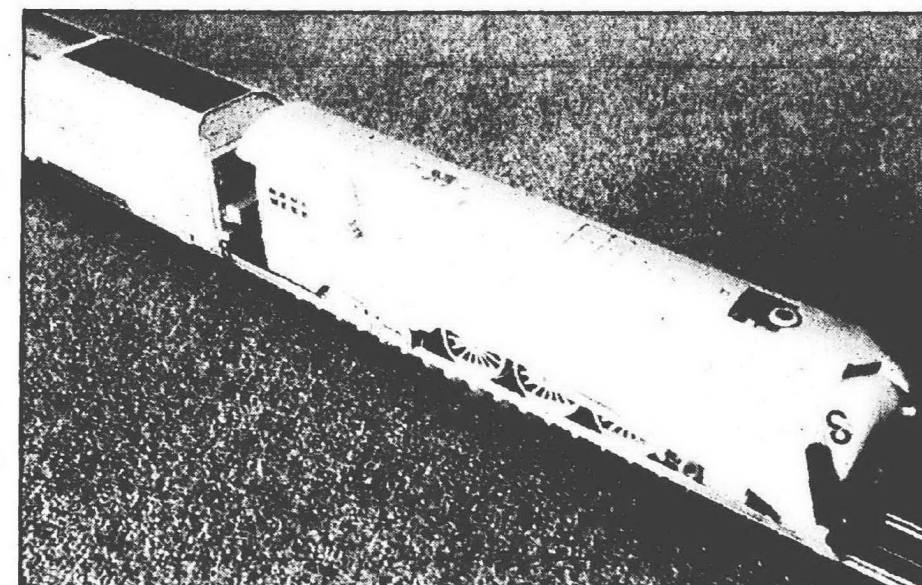
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**Give me a sign:** Livonia resident Charles Reiser sells replicas of old signs like these at the Town Peddler in Livonia. Each sells for less than \$10.



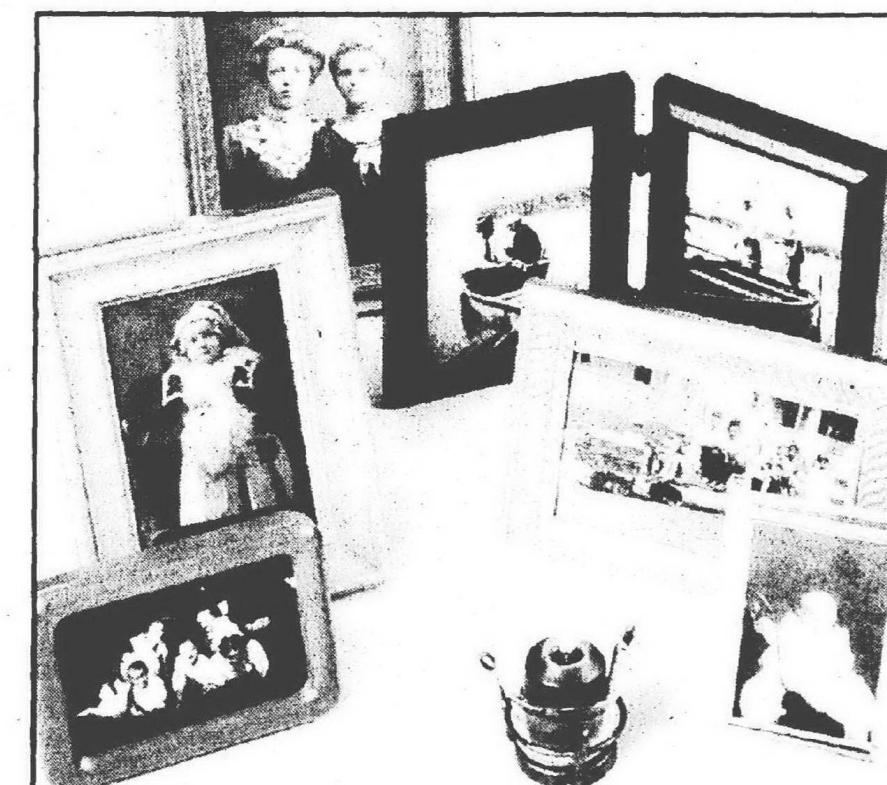
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**Choo! choo!** Pretend you're running the Cannonball Express to Petticoat Junction with this Lionel Allegheny. The real one can be seen at the Henry Ford Museum. The small one shown here is available for sale at Ken and Sandy Andreoni's Merri-Seven hobby shop on the northwest corner of Merriman and Seven Mile in Livonia.



**Riding the rails:** Before there were bullet trains there were sleek babies like this streamline Hudson. The Lionel model shown here can be found at Ken and Sandy Andreoni's Merri-Seven hobby shop.

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# Gifts of Christmas past are in again

BY CHANDRA ORR  
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If you're like the rest of us, you're at your wits' end searching for a gift for the guy who seems to have everything. You know the one: You buy the same conservative blue tie for him every year.

Relax. This year you don't have to spend weeks searching for that perfect present only to end up with another gift certificate. On the cusp of the millennium, retro is in and novelty items reflecting the past make affordable, but memorable, gifts.

Got a music-lover on your list but don't know what new albums he wants? Get him vintage albums, in the form of drink coasters. Toscano, a mail-order company specializing in items inspired by times past, offers a set of drink coasters made from record labels of pre-World War II 78 RPMs. The coasters are cut from actual records and backed with felt. A box of four is \$29.95, but rest assured they won't be banished to the cupboard once the holidays are over.

Or, give the gift of real music: a replica 1920s AM-FM radio, also from Toscano. At under \$50 each, these affordable and functional radios will be a useful and unique addition to any man's office or study. You can find Toscano on the Inter-

net at [www.design toscano.com](http://www.design toscano.com), or call for a catalog: (800) 525-0733.

Locally, you'll find replicas of 1930s radios at the Discovery Channel Store in 12 Oaks Mall.

A replica vintage phone is another great blast from the past that mixes retro style with modern functionality. The Metro Phone from Pottery Barn is a new twist on an old favorite. The chunky black and chrome telephone looks like the

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rotary phones of the '40s, but features touch-tone keys and redial. A hidden drawer in the base of the phone holds notepaper. The Metro Phone is \$69. To order call (800) 922-5507, or surf over to [www.potterybarn.com](http://www.potterybarn.com).

If vintage electronics are the gift you want to give, and price is no concern, check out Harry Poster's Web site ([www.harryposter.com](http://www.harryposter.com)). This handyman transplants new color television parts into cabinets from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Some TVs look like they were pulled out of the Jetsons' living room, like the portable, metal General Electric "Hot-point" from the mid-'50s, while others, like an RCA wood table-top set from 1948, look almost antique. Poster will

refurbish TVs on a special-order basis, but he also has a wide selection of sets that are ready to ship. The TVs range in price from \$150 to \$700, but most feature luxuries of modern sets, like channel surfing.

For the swank, styling guy on your gift-giving list, think pink. In the wave of cool cartoon character collectibles and the resurgence of styles from the '60s, the Pink Panther is making a big comeback. One of the original swing kids, the coolest of the cool cats, the Pink Panther is popping up on apparel like boxer shorts and neckties (available at Target) to bendable figures and yo-yos (available at Toys R Us). For more information and gift ideas, check out the Pink Panther's Web site: [www.pinkpanther.com](http://www.pinkpanther.com).

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A campier version of the cocktail shaker, one shaped like a penguin, is available from Pottery Barn for \$29 (800-922-5507).

Let the traveler in your life take the whole cocktail lounge on the road with a travel bar, also from Pottery Barn. With a leather case, all the necessary tools like a corkscrew and bar towel, and room for three bottles, this gift definitely says 007. The travel bar is \$129.

Know someone stuck on the '80s? Perhaps nothing is more a token of that decade than Swatch, the company that took watches from apparel to fine art. Instead of trying to hunt down a pricey Swatch circa 1980, give one that is sure to become a sought-out collectible: the It's Here Swatch commemorating the new millennium. Featuring miniature monthly calendars for the year 2000 printed in black on a clear watchband, this Swatch is the perfect mix of '80s cool and the Y2K celebration. Find Swatch on the internet at [www.swatch.com](http://www.swatch.com), or at major department stores.

Still stumped on what to give that hard-to-shop-for guy? The key is finding something that merges reflections of the past with the modern - something sure to inspire conversation. If you can't find anything, create something. For about \$30, Kinkos will turn your old photographs into a 12-month calendar for 2000. What better way to bring the past and future together?

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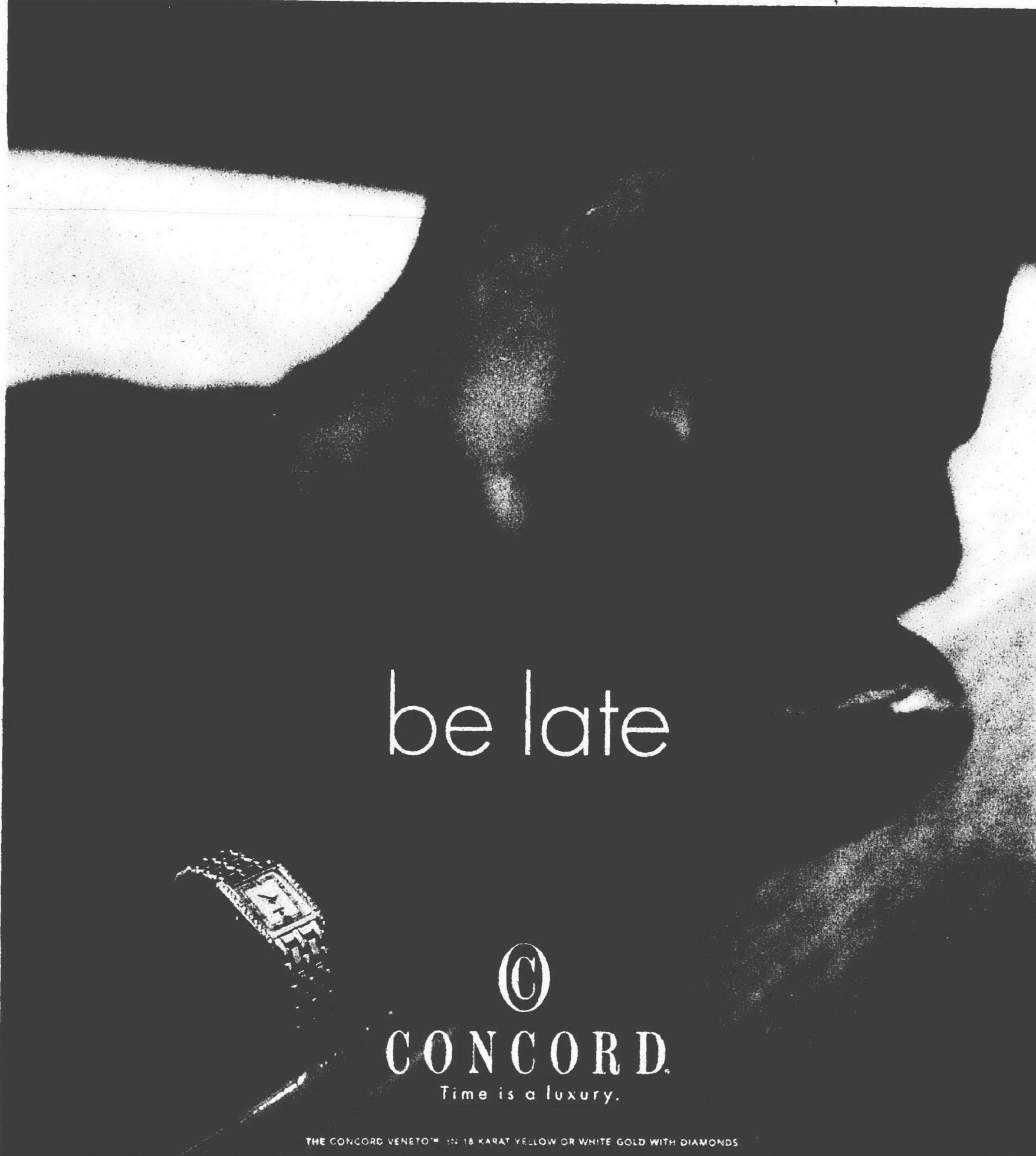
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