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Generations slide through hand-made sled



Three generations (clockwise from top left) Margaret Humphrey, who built the sled, enjoys a winter walk with her two sons, William, 7, and Richard, 2, who's sitting in the sled all bundled up. (Right) Two-year-old Amanda Humphrey, Margaret's granddaughter and Richard's daughter, walks patiently in the sled for her big sister Rebecca, 2, as she has a snow machine in the snow. Rebecca saddles a big sled.

day, he made them a sled, a red one with detachable handles and long yellow runners. On snowy, wintry days Margaret pushed her younger brother in it and sometimes treated her beloved dolls to an outing in the fresh air.



The children soon outgrew the little red sled, and after young William died of tetanus at age 12, the sled became little more than a memory. It gathered cobwebs in a shed behind the family's home.

But this is not the end of the story. Margaret Flumetel grew up and married Louis Humphrey. Soon, she dusted off the sled and pushed her own children in it. Richard Humphrey, now a retired school teacher who lives in Plymouth Township, doesn't remember riding in that sled. But he said, "There's a picture in the family album to prove it."

"All I remember was it was something from my mother's childhood. One year she brought it here and put Christmas presents in it. And other times she put her dolls in it. Her favorite doll was named Philadelphia."

Rebecca Ohtonen, the oldest of Richard and Alyce's two daughters, remembers that Christmas with the present-filled sled. "I don't know how old I was, but on Christmas Eve, I remember creeping down the stairs to check out the stockings. My eyes got diverted to this sleigh full of things. It was wonderful."

When she was a little girl, Rebecca pushed and pulled her sister, Amanda, down slippery sidewalks and across snow-covered lawns in the sled. The two girls were almost the last Flumetel descendants to use it. After his mother died a few years ago, Richard and Alyce had an estate sale.

"We almost sold the sled," Alyce said. "At the last moment, we took the price tag off. They bought the sled in Aurora, where Dundee, Ill. All it was for was a few dollars. The Humphrey's small garage. One day, a woman came to see the sled. She had, just like in stories



Number four: Alex Ohtonen, 8 months old, sits in an old sled which his mother Rebecca Ohtonen (left) and his grandfather Richard Humphrey put in when they were children. The sled has been in the family for four generations.

with happy endings, the little sled came through unscathed, missing nothing more than a 3-inch sliver of wood.

"It was meant to survive," Alyce said.

Today, the little red sled with yellow runners resides happily in Gray's Greenhouse, which is owned by Amanda Ohtonen. She said she'll never sell it. "It's a family heirloom," she said.

William F. Flumetel would agree. That's why he made the sled. The end.

WTUA asks for show of faith

Board wants written assurance use change won't be pursued

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Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships want a show of good faith from the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority.

So much so, in fact, that they're prepared to file a lawsuit if they don't get it by Monday.

The Western Township Utilities Authority's board voted unanimously Monday to demand written assurance from Ypsilanti Township that it will not pursue land use designation changes for a 34.5 acre parcel next month.

The parcel, which is currently under

option by Canton, could be used to build a WTUA wastewater treatment plant.

"It would be appropriate for them to make a move in our direction," Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik advised the board. "I think that would send us a good signal."

WTUA currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to Ypsilanti. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 29 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well beyond that capacity.

The local authority has been left with the options of helping Ypsilanti expand or build its own treatment

facility.

In September, WTUA voted for the later at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsi.

Talks have been on-going since then. What was supposed to be a final negotiation session Dec. 15 produced more questions than results, however.

Monday's WTUA meeting weighed options in response to that session. The decision was to continue talking with Ypsilanti, but only if the organization would make a show of good faith with the written letter.

YCUA made a similar demand at the Dec. 15 negotiation session.

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Thomas tells why he quit

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Plymouth-Canton school board member Roland Thomas said his resignation last week came three days after his son was turned down for a full-time teaching position at West Middle School.

"Some staff people came to me and said ... that because of my position on the school board there was some prejudice in the hiring process," said Thomas. "I don't know what's going on in the background, but I have some good

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You gotta believe:

Santas 'see' into hearts of children

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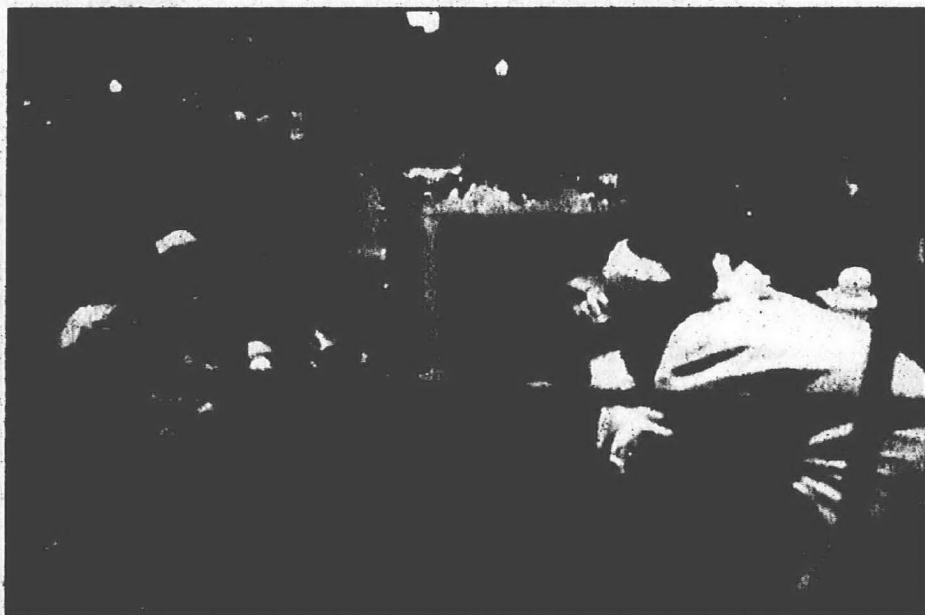
As if that weren't impressive enough, they also respond appropriately to your child's personality. Outgoing and energetic, or cautious and quiet; they pick up the signs in a flash and know just what to say or do.

And here's the scary part. Many area Santa Clauses say they can get a pretty good indication of parents' character and demeanor by observing them as they stand in line with their offspring.

So you adults had better be good for goodness sake, says Eric Stopa, who has donned the red suit and stocking cap on and off for 11 years, including the last three in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the city's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Precious moments

"Really though, I think the best thing is being able to listen to the kids and not worry about the parents," the



Keen ear: Santa listens to a youngster as Christmas Carol, right, takes a Polaroid keepsake in Plymouth.

Plymouth resident says. "The moment a child is with you is precious and if you handle it right there is an immediate bond."

For "Santa" Jack Lawing of Livonia there is no better time in the world than the 90 seconds or two minutes a child spends in his lap. "I'm very gentle

with them. Even though it's a short visit, the key to being a good Santa is to go very slow and not force any kind of discussion out of them."

Lawing, 58 and a retired Farmington Public Schools administrator, has come down from the North Pole to Livonia's Laurel Park Place for the first time this year. He's previously played Santa at schools, for corporate functions and private parties.

"Santa" Joe Homick and "Santa" Andy Barnaby share time playing the jolly guy at Westland Shopping Center. Plymouth resident Homick takes the morning shift and has a soft spot in his heart for certain children.

"We had a group of special education kids visiting," he said on a recent snowy, slushy day. He showed off some of the sign language expressions he has mastered to talk with hearing-impaired youngsters.

"I just can't describe it in words. I get goose bumps."

They are paid for their time and expertise. And most will acknowledge that their presence is meant to boost holiday sales. But Christmas tradition and a genuine love of children are strong motivating factors for their

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OBITUARIES

Funeral services were held for Paul P. Owen, 68, of Canton. He was born Jan. 19, 1906, in ...

Funeral services were held for ... Services for Nick Koutoube, 75, of Canton Township were Dec. 20 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with the Rev. Lev officiating.

Services for Marion Frances Palling, 84, of Plymouth will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the Vermont Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation is 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, with an Eastern Star service that evening at 7:30. Burial will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Park in Novi.

Plymouth man named to ambulance board

Joseph Dulin of Ann Arbor and Patrick Sharp of Plymouth Township have been appointed to three-year terms on the Huron Valley Ambulance Board of Trustees.

Sharp retired in 1996 from the Ford Motor Company, where he had been Assistant Treasurer since 1984. He serves on the Finance Committee of the Schoolcraft College Foundation and the Endowment Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



Assault suspect jailed after being extradited from Colorado

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A Plymouth man wanted for five years for sexually assaulting his 8-year-old step-granddaughter is jailed in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond after being extradited from Colorado.

Oliver was captured in Colorado when he attempted to buy a gun at a Wal-Mart store. Store officials ran a background check and called police when the warrant from Plymouth showed up on the report.

Hands On Center UPDATE. A KNEE'S NEED FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. Knee injuries are the most frequent serious extremity injuries in sports, with those involving the anterior cruciate ligament being of particular concern.

City tables Forum recommendations

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City commissioner Michelle Potter was hoping to get her commission brethren to consider several recommendations made by the recently convened Plymouth Youth Forum, among them a community skate park for kids.

until each commissioner had a chance to study Potter's information. The Plymouth Youth Forum was created last summer to deal with problems created by young people "hanging out" in the city.

days a week, providing opportunities for an open gym, swimming, talking, studying and dancing. Considering one of three options relating to Kellogg Park: eliminate the ordinance regarding the 10 p.m. closing; align the closing to match the curfew hour; or move the closing of the park in line with the overnight parking ban of 2-6 a.m.

whole," she said. "Providing healthy outlets is a more productive way to handle potential issues we have with our youth." Potter thinks ideas such as the skate park should be joint efforts between the city and the township, since the young people being targeted come from both communities.

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Senior suspended for 'inappropriate' conduct after incident on school bus

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Plymouth-Canton school officials suspended a 12th-grade student for inappropriate conduct on a district school bus after a Dec. 15 incident, according to a Plymouth Township police report.

The incident occurred on Beck near Powell.
The senior allegedly exposed his penis and rubbed his body

against a 14-year-old Plymouth girl.

The report indicated the boy grabbed the breast of another girl on the bus.

"It is unclear if the parents want to proceed with police intervention," the report said.

Police also spoke with an assistant principal at Plymouth Canton High School.

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The report didn't say what school or schools the students involved attended.

Messages were left for school officials at Plymouth Canton High School, the district main office, and at the bus yard, but no one could be reached because of the holiday break.

Plymouth Elks break-in

A cleaning crew discovered a break-in at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, when it arrived at 6 a.m. Dec. 20.

A cleaning person found the alarm box and camera smashed and off the wall.

Someone had climbed the utility pole and cut the phone lines, the report said.

An unknown large sum of cash was stolen, according to the report.

The money was from bingo,

bar and fish fry sales.

Accident

A Plymouth man, 38, was injured when he drove his car into a utility pole about 1 a.m. Dec. 18.

The responding police officer found a Ford Probe with severe front-end damage.

The driver had severe head trauma, was conscious but unaware of his surroundings, the report said.

Numerous nearby apartment residents came out when they heard the collision, police said.

Larceny

A Terry Street resident told police that he had CB equipment, cash, a portable CD player, and CDs, all valued at \$1,640, stolen from his 1999 Ford F150 that was parked in front of his house.

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The authority asked WTUA to formally declare that it wouldn't pursue litigation against Ypsilanti Township.

The litigation, which Canton nearly filed in late November, would compel the township to accept site plans for a wastewater plant.

WTUA stated that it would be happy to write a letter - provided Ypsilanti make the same pledge. The Ypsilanti authority balked at the request on Dec. 15.

WTUA maintains that it must continue to pursue the option of building its own plant as a back

up to negotiations with YCUA for an expansion of its facility.

"I think we have to keep all our options available to us," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "I don't want to see us have an option shut."

Without making a firm demand of YCUA, that's exactly the possibility the townships were facing.

Machnik told the board Ypsilanti Township could act on the land use changes as early as Jan. 13. He said such changes would likely exclude WTUA from

building a plant.

It would force the townships, in other words, to stay with Ypsilanti and help pay for its expansion.

Monday's move by the board will put a barometer on Ypsi's commitment to negotiating in good faith, Keen McCarthy said.

"We're asking them to do a simple thing: to assure us that they mean what they've said to our faces," she added.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is skeptical of YCUA's intentions.

"I'm not sure they want a

deal," he commented. "I see no motivation. They don't need capacity, so they don't need to move."

Yack thinks even if YCUA clears this hurdle, it will continue to stall negotiations.

"We could be here six months or a year from now (negotiating)," he said. "We can't even define the end-point."

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idea."

Thomas said it was the second time his son, Scott, 26, has applied for a full-time teaching position in the district.

"I stepped down because I wanted to take an impediment away from him because I know he wants to teach in this district," he added. "His future is more important than me being on the school board. I'm a parent and father first."

"But I want to make it clear, this is not about my son, but about the hiring process."

Thomas said Scott received the news that he wouldn't be hired full time on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Thomas became upset, and wrote his one-sentence letter of resignation the next day.

Thomas presented the letter to the rest of the Board of Education members last Friday morning, immediately after trustees voted to hire Kathleen Booher from Berkley Schools as the next superintendent.

"I wasn't even sure I was going to turn in the resignation until I did it," admitted Thomas. "It was so emotional for me that I couldn't stay and explain to the board why I resigned."

Thomas left the meeting while the others resumed in executive session.

Thomas said he eventually talked by telephone to fellow board members, who have encouraged him to reconsider.

And on Monday, he also discussed the situation by phone with Booher, at which time Thomas said she encouraged him to stay.

Thomas said he'll decide soon if he'll stick by his resignation, which is effective Jan. 1, or if he'll continue on the board.

"God put us in this position for

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Roland Thomas
—School board member



a reason," he said. "I don't know what that is yet. Scott and I are still trying to figure that out. But if it's to change things, that's what we'll attempt to do."

Thomas said Scott was a long-term substitute from December 1998 to June 1999 at Salem High School, and this year taught for a quarter at West.

"Scott has gotten a lot of support from students and parents," said Thomas. "I read a lot of letters from students on how he's impacted their lives, inside and outside the classroom."

Thomas reiterated the main issue isn't about getting his son a job, but about changes he perceives need to be developed in the hiring process.

"I want people to be judged on their skills, competence and capabilities," he said. "We need to get teachers and administrators talking to and observing the full-time subs. Other districts do that because it's the core from which they hire full-time teachers."

Concerning Scott's full-time substitute position at Salem, Thomas said "not once did an administrator or another teacher observe him and evaluate him. Not only would it be good for the teachers, but it also protects the kids in the classroom to make sure they're getting a proper education."

Concerning the younger Thomas' plight, eighth-grade science teacher David Balge said many teachers at West were a bit surprised.

"I wondered why Scott wasn't given a more thorough interview," he said. "I thought he related well to the kids, and they related well to him."

School board President Susan Davis said the current hiring process has been used the past five years.

"Are there things that need to be changed? Maybe," said Davis. "I assume it's been working because this is the first complaint we've had about the process."

Santa from page A1

area Santas believe.

An American tradition

While Santa Claus may seem these days to be a figment of American commercialism - what with all his mall appearances and the endless stream of TV pitches - it wasn't always that way.

The American incarnation of St. Nicholas actually has Dutch roots. It was early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam (New York) who began telling stories of Sinter Klaas, a merry old man carrying the spirit of Christmas around in a large sack, as he made his rounds in the 18th century.

Poet Clement C. Moore and newspaper cartoonist Thomas Nast literally rounded out our holiday hero into the figure we get each Dec. 25 with milk and cookies set near the fireplace.

Moore's 1823 poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," described the chimney entrance and cherry-red cheeks to a T. Moore was report-

edly inspired by a Christmas Eve sleigh ride with his children.

The whimsical poem was a bit of a departure for an author whose most notable prior work was the two-volume set, "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language."

Nast took his inspiration from Moore for his drawing of a rotund, bearded Santa poised atop a chimney, with his sleigh on the adjacent roof, in Harper's Weekly Christmas issue of 1890.

Going to Santa school

Several area Santas say they learned their trade at the C.W. Howard Santa School in Midland, Mich. The school, founded in 1937, runs an intensive, three-day training course that focuses on everything from eye contact to attract passersby, to the hot new toys to handling the occasional disbeliever.

"You let them tug your beard - if it's real," Lawing says. His well-groomed facial hair used to be red but is now the perfect

shade of snow white. "For the older kids you explain that even if you've stopped believing that Santa is a real person, he embodies the spirit of Christmas."

Stopa says second grade is about the time most kids start questioning Santa's existence. "They know about the Wright brothers and the first plane flight. They have a difficult time believing I can just sprinkle magic dust on my sleigh and make it to everyone's house in the same night."

Lawing has been a Santa Claus since the early 1970s, starting at about the same young age as Stopa, who is a young - for Santa, anyway - 36. Stopa is employed as an assembly worker at Sealant Equipment Co. in Plymouth.

Stella Padrick of Redford says she brought her grandchildren to the mall the day Santa Jack made his debut. "Oh, it was something. He came on two horse-drawn sleighs and the kids

just ate it up."

Homick says he works to get parents to play along and will ask them to post the photo of him with their child on the refrigerator, even in the summertime. He reminds kids to clean their rooms and eat their vegetables, though that last request, he said, is often in vain.

Homick says his laugh - the requisite "Ho, Ho, Ho," voiced in deep, bass tones with a tinge of mischief accentuating the third "Ho" - is his best quality.

Lawing says his avocation came out of his deep affection for working with children and his love of the holiday season.

Yes, he fills plenty of "orders" for Barbie dolls and Pokémon games, Lawing says.

But the most memorable requests he's had are from two little girls. One who asked for "butterflies, and then butterfly shoes to go with them."

And another girl who asked for "pink - just pink."

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Commissioners use fund balance for juvenile program

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County Executive Edward McNamara wanted county commissioners to approve \$10.2 million in budget cuts to fund the county's portion of the juvenile justice program.

On Monday commissioners agreed with \$4.6 million in cuts, but designated \$5.8 million to be spent from the county's \$20 million fund balance to pay for budgeted programs. Commissioners voted, 9-5, with support from Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit; Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and commissioners Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell, Edna Bell, Christopher Cavanagh, George Cushingberry, Ilona Varga and Jewel Ware.

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

County officials have struggled with funding a new juvenile justice program since earlier this year when state and county officials could not agree on how large a grant was needed.

The state and county now split the costs 50-50 for treating delinquent youths and caring for abused and neglected children. County Executive Edward McNamara highlighted the funding problems in a letter to the commission on Nov. 23, stating that his administration decided

How can you vote on an anticipated shortfall when you don't know what you've got?

Lyn Bankes
—county commissioner

to delay the block grant program because of "state funding formula concerns."

"Our decision not to accept the juvenile block grant means that our budget needs to be amended so that it reflects: The reduction of state block grant funds; the restoration of abuse and neglect appropriations and the additional general fund dollars needed for the county match," McNamara said.

Since the general fund requirements were structural in nature and not one-time costs, McNamara recommended a 3.5 percent reduction in the general fund budget and elimination of \$1.7 million in new programs.

But Solomon wanted commissioners to wait to discuss the remaining cuts at the commission's next meeting on Jan. 4. Commissioners received letters from county sheriff Robert Ficano, county clerk Teola Hunter and county prosecutor John O'Hair, all critical of the cuts. Under McNamara's proposal, Ficano faced a \$2.1 million cut for the sheriff's department, while O'Hair faced a \$751,372 cut in his \$24.3 million budget.

"We must point out that 80 percent of the proposed reductions are taken from law enforcement and administration of justice," stated one letter from the three elected officials. "The cut-

backs being proposed will not only hurt — they will severely harm public safety in Wayne County."

Commissioners also received a letter from chief probate Judge Milton Mack complaining of the cut.

Bankes opposed the fund balance transfer because she did not believe the commissioners should use the money out of the general fund or its rainy-day fund.

County administrators told commissioners any use of the budget stabilization fund may cause an increase in the bond ratings for Wayne County, driving up interest expenses on bonds.

But Bankes was clearly frustrated with the entire budget process, stating that the commission also has not received a year-end report on the budget before the end of the calendar year from chief financial officer Tom

Naughton.

"How can you vote on an anticipated shortfall when you don't know what you've got?" Bankes asked.

But most commissioners backed what they called a "stop-gap measure" and wanted to meet with department heads to discuss the proposed cuts. "They would be better suited to say what could or could not be cut," Bell said.

Commissioners also needed to

act before the end of the year, otherwise McNamara's recommendations would have been automatically effective, according to commission counsel Bill Washburn. They could not reject McNamara's recommendations either, only come up with an alternative budget amendment, Washburn said.

Commissioners also wrestled with what may happen should McNamara veto their general fund expenditure.

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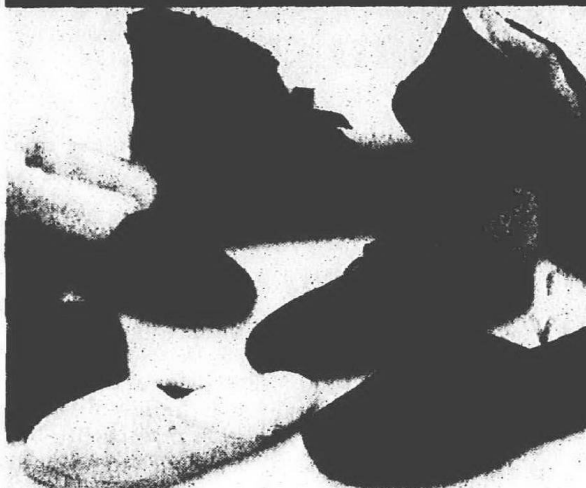
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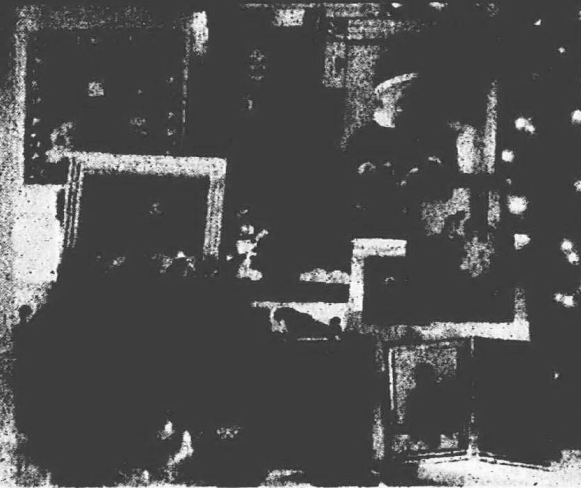
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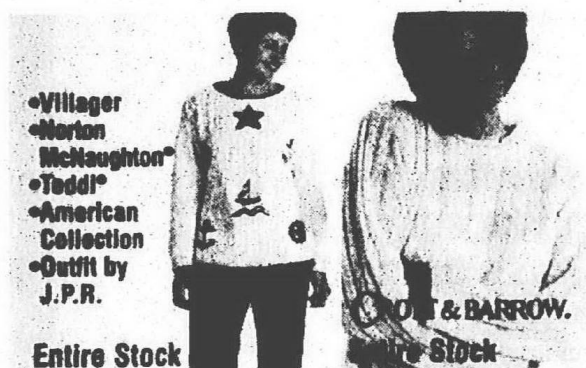


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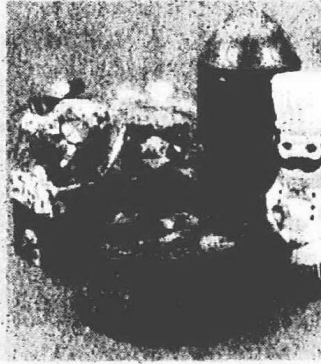
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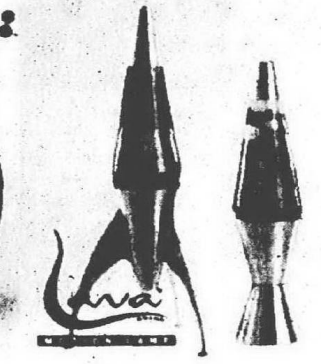
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Some assembly required Business takes holiday frustration out of ready-to-assemble products

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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It's Christmas morning and that "easy-to-assemble" bicycle, foosball table or treadmill comes with a box full of screws and bolts and a set of bewildering directions, in steps numbered 1 to 27.

Local entrepreneur John Polzin and his employees have a solution.

The company, Assembly Required Inc., takes the hassle and stress out of assembling furniture, toys, lawn equipment, gas grills, TV stands and most products for the home or office.

Established in 1989 as a part-time business to Polzin's full-time job, Assembly Required Inc. was born out of his observation that people don't want to spend the time or energy to piece together purchases if they don't have to.

Polzin decided to capitalize on the knowledge he already possessed from a previous job where he had to assemble display products, while at the same time noticing that stores began selling more and more unassembled items.

Initially, Polzin left business cards at Montgomery Ward stores for customers to make appointments for items they purchased from the store that required assembly.

After the company he was working for went out of business, Polzin decided to turn Assembly Required Inc. into a full-time endeavor in the summer of 1992.

Run out of his Redford home, Assembly Required Inc. will come to your home and assemble a wide variety of items such as TV stands and computer desks, doll houses, bicycles, exercise equipment and furniture.

"There isn't much we haven't put together," said Polzin.

In response to the popularity of his service, the Redford businessman opened a retail store in Wonderland Mall during the 1999 holiday season to meet the needs of customers who had smaller products requiring assembly.

An average fee for The Assembly Shop is between \$10-\$30; Assembly Required in-home service averages in the \$50 to \$70 range.

Polzin said there is a minimum charge of \$30 for in-home service.

"If you're putting together a small, transportable product it wouldn't be cost effective to have us come to your home," said Polzin.

The Assembly Shop in Wonderland Mall handles small items that can be dropped off and typically picked up within an hour.

"People can bring in a smaller

item like a toy or a kid's table and we can put it together while they shop," said Polzin, who employs a work force of approximately 20 people.

"It might take one person a day's worth of work to put together a bigger, ready-to-assemble item like a book case or exercise equipment. That kind of stuff isn't transportable because of its size ... that's why the in-home service is so convenient. You don't have to worry about being in a rush with hundreds of pieces and a half-day's work shot when we can come in and take care of the hassle for you."

Assembly Required Inc. offers price quotes over the telephone if you can supply them with the model number from the manufacturer. The item is compared to an extensive library of catalogs the company maintains and an assembly price can be determined from that.

The Assembly Shop in Wonderland Mall will be open throughout the month of January 2000. Polzin said he expects to open the shop again during the holiday season and at other malls in the area.

"It's a unique concept," he said.

For more information call Assembly Required Inc. at (800) 861-4182 or The Assembly Shop, (734) 762-4882.

Conservatory files for bankruptcy

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The Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory no longer exists.

The Southeastern Michigan Arts Center, however, does. The financially troubled performing arts institution was liquidated under Chapter 7 bankruptcy three weeks ago, according to Direc-

tor Jeff Myers. "We filed Chapter 7 but that doesn't mean we've shut the doors," he commented. "We just can't operate under that title."

Plymouth District Court Judge John MacDonald evicted the conservatory from its original home at the former Arnold Williams Music Store near Canton Center and Ford roads Nov. 9 for failing to pay its

rent. Since then, Myers moved the business across the street to an office complex, filed for Chapter 7 and changed its name. Changes were needed to give the new arts "center" a fresh start financially and otherwise, he explained.

"It's the only logical way we could do it and pay people back," Myers commented.

Canton is currently trying to recover more than \$40,000 in back rent from SMAC. The conservatory subleased the Williams facility from the township.

Canton Attorney Ron Witthoff said a settlement with SMAC may be possible.

"We would talk to Mr. Myers," he said, "but we feel we're entitled to the back rent."

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Legislation would protect businesses from Y2K suits

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"If the world ends, this legislation is null and void," Amy Rittenhouse said of a set of bills aimed at protecting small businesses and local governments from frivolous Y2K-related lawsuits.

If, on the other hand, civilization survives the computer glitch heard 'round the world, then the legislation would provide protection against suits and put limitations on damages that can be awarded as a result, explained Rittenhouse, chief of staff to state Rep. Janet Kukuk (R-Macomb).

"Her (Kukuk's) point in sponsoring this legislation was that she does not want to see anyone going out of business because someone is trying to take advantage of Y2K," Rittenhouse said.

Lawmakers have passed a series of five bills - House Bill 4424 by Kukuk, House Bill 4588 by Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) as well as House Bills 4469, 4487 and 4737 - to limit "computer date failure" lawsuits.

The bills have been presented to Gov. John Engler for his signature, which he must do before the end of year if the bills are to go into effect Jan. 1. Without a signature, the bills would take effect but not until March 1, too late to have any impact, Rittenhouse explained.

She said she expects the governor will sign, but has not yet heard when.

The bills are modeled after laws already put in place at the federal level. So far, Rittenhouse said, 20 to 23 states have adopted similar verbiage.

The problem of course is that some computers and electronic

devices note the year with only two digits, so the year 2000 will read as 00. And those devices may misinterpret that as 1900. That could affect the performance of financial institutions, medical facilities, small businesses and governments.

Much has been spent already correcting the problem. A Senate legislative analysis estimated the state will spend a total of \$55.6 million correcting the problem in its computers. For

business, the cost is expected to run to \$1 trillion nationally.

But the lawsuits have already started. The state estimates 80 cases have already been filed against companies nationally.

The bills would limit damages in lawsuits resulting from computer date failure to actual damages - eliminating the possibility of punitive damages - but only if the business has made some effort to be "Y2K compliant."

If no effort was made, the pro-

tections would not apply.

Those damaged by a Y2K failure, either financially or as the result of some injury, could still go to court. The damages would be limited to actual costs.

Similar protections would be given to local governments, if they've made attempts to correct the problem. The bills also prohibit governments from collecting fees as a result of computer date failure, such as a late charge. Mortgages could not be

foreclosed if late payments resulted from the computer glitch.

"It (lawsuit protections in the bills) could apply to all businesses," Kukuk explained, "but my concern was greatest for the small businesses. I would not want to see them involved in protracted legal fights that could put them out of business, or perhaps because one of their vendors did not take care of it correctly."

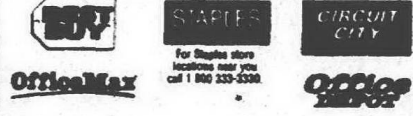
"Local government did not cause this problem," Shulman said, explaining his bill to protect municipalities similarly, "and they have been doing all they can to keep residents from being affected by it. In order to prevent a rash of lawsuits, it is necessary to extend this immunity. Otherwise, we risk the possibility of some governments being so wrapped up in frivolous lawsuits, they will be hard pressed to help people."

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Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications from Monday, Jan. 17, through Friday, March 10, for the 2000-2001 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734) 432-5663.

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

Some of the Madonna University scholarships available for the 2000-2001 year include: Detroit Edison Foundation Endowed Scholarship, awarded to minority students pursuing science, especially prospective teachers in elementary schools; Mary Pitrone Richards Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior nursing students; William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, awarded to students in service-oriented degree programs; Charles and Patricia Derry Video Communications Scholarship, awarded to video communications majors; Bishop Moses B. Anderson, SSE/Dr. Frank Hayden Scholarship, awarded to African students or American students of African heritage; Lion/Lioness Club Scholarship, awarded to hearing impaired students; Livonia Jaycees Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior students; and the Joyce and Don Massey Scholarship.

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Madonna registers

Madonna University's registration for the winter 2000 term is in progress now through Friday, Jan. 7, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, except for today when the office will close at 5 p.m.

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Holiday spirit

Even the courts can't stifle it

In Beatrice, Neb., this year, two elementary schools presented a holiday music program called "Celebrate the Seasons." A school official said the program, which makes reference to Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, fits a 1993 state mandate to bring multiculturalism into schools.

But three sets of parents have pulled their children out of the music program, claiming that it goes into detail about the origins of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, but does not mention the religious origins of Christmas.

In Somerset, Mass., last year, the ACLU and the American Atheists Inc. sued the town over a display of a Nativity scene and a menorah on government property. This year the city surrounded the crèche and the menorah with an 18-foot-high Santa, two glow-in-the-dark reindeer and a flashing "Season's Greetings" sign.

They were relying on a 1984 Supreme Court decision that said such mixed displays were legal.

But earlier this month the officials were again asked to remove the crèche and the menorah — this time by a group of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious leaders who said surrounding these items with secular symbols produced "a mishmash that offers nothing of substance to any one faith, and instead trivializes highly meaningful religious displays."

And in Cincinnati last year, a lawyer sued the federal government to keep it from enforcing a statute that declares Christmas a legal holiday and gives government employees the day off. He argued that the law violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

We are reminded, nostalgically perhaps, of two families we used to know — one Christian, one Jewish — who annually exchanged holiday cards in December. The cards — the "Season's Greetings" type of thing — symbolized a spirit of sharing and caring.

It was that spirit that prompted another Jewish family of our acquaintance to send a plate of potato latkes to their Christian neighbors during Hanukkah. The neighbors would respond with a plate of Christmas cookies and fruitcake.

Quite likely, that kind of thing — families sharing holiday good will despite different religious backgrounds — happens quite regularly in Oakland County. People are, after all,

motivated by the spirit of their religious beliefs.

We recall a Hadassah chapter that used to set up a gift-wrapping booth inside a shopping mall every December — just steps away from the Salvation Army's red kettle station.

And then there were those members of a Jewish congregation who would take over a Christian soup kitchen on Christmas day, so the kitchen could stay in operation while the workers spent Christmas with their families.

Such acts epitomize the spirit of the season, not complaining that a Nativity scene or a menorah on government property "endorses" a particular religion, that surrounding such items with secular exhibits "trivializes" the religious symbols or that Congress violated the Constitution by giving government workers a Christmas holiday.

And speaking of that lawsuit — earlier this month a federal judge dismissed it. She prefaced her formal decision with a poem that, while it may not become a Christmas classic, seems to put this holiday bickering into perspective:

"The court will address/ Plaintiff's seasonal confusion/ Erroneously believing Christmas/ Merely a religious intrusion.

"Whatever the reason/ Constitutional or other/ Christmas is not/ An act of Big Brother.

"Christmas is about joy/ And giving and sharing/ It is about the child within us/ It is mostly about caring!

"One is never jailed/ For not having a tree/ For not going to church/ For not spreading glee!

"The court will uphold/ Seemingly contradictory causes/ Decreeing 'the Establishment' and 'Santa'/ Both worthwhile 'Claus(es)!' "

"We are all better for Santa/ The Easter Bunny too/ And maybe the Great Pumpkin/ To name just a few!

"An extra day off/ Is hardly high treason/ It may be spent as you wish/ Regardless of reason.

"The court having read/ The lessons of 'Lynch'/ Refuses to play/ The role of the Grinch!

"There is room in this country/ And in all our hearts, too/ For different convictions/ And a day off, too!"

GEOFF BROOKS



LETTERS

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Don't expand charters

The League of Women Voters recently completed a three-year study on charter schools in Michigan. We believe the Legislature should not lift its ban on the number of schools chartered by universities.

The 150 charter schools already authorized are still an experiment and have not proven themselves to be beneficial to the public school system.

Collecting data to measure the effectiveness of the charter schools in Michigan has been extremely difficult.

The public should have access to test scores, student and teacher turnover, evidence of teacher certification and the role of management companies.

The management companies hired by the chartering institutions are generally not community-based and have a standard curriculum and organization for all of their schools, which could lead to a lessening of teacher and parental influence.

In addition, compliance with policies and procedures set by our state Board of Education that other public schools must follow is not being monitored.

Should charter schools not have the same measures of accountability that other public schools adhere to?

We must give this experiment in education some additional time before we permit an expansion of the charter school program which has simply not proven itself to be the panacea so many were hoping it would be.

Paula E. Bowman

League of Women Voters-Livonia

What have we done?

Recently I returned from a trip to England and a visit to Westminster Abbey. I was awestruck by what I saw!

I marveled at the workmanship needed to create such beauty. How long did it take to create such works of art to honor the dead, I wondered?

Laid to rest here were kings and queens

and mere poets we should never forget. The stone pathways were worn down from people passing to show their respect.

I returned home thinking I wanted to put a wreath on my mother's grave. She had passed away in April. First, I was blocked from even entering the cemetery. The entrance to Riverside was blocked with the pickup trucks of workmen building the new oversized courthouse. The once regal trees that lined the entrance were cut down to allow ample parking.

Continuing on, I entered the cemetery past the ballpark. Not very respectful, I thought to myself.

Upon reaching the gravesite, I noticed not a leaf had been picked up from the area. Her headstone still askew, though we had requested it be straightened. The back of the headstone was chipped from a careless mower.

Still unable to lay my wreath, I returned home for a rake. Vowing to my mother I would make this right, I raked bushels of leaves off the area into the fence beyond. By sheer determination, I straightened her stone. I laid my wreath, spoke to my mother and thought, What Have we done?

Lois Thompson

Proud daughter of Eva Austin
 Plymouth

Lions thanks

Once again the Plymouth Lions Club wishes to thank the generous Plymouth Community residents who contributed to our Christmas candy sales on the street intersections recently.

We really appreciate the fine response and wish to assure the community that the monies will allow the Plymouth Lions Club to continue to assist those in need in the area.

Ross Taksony

1999 Candy Cane Chairman

Are MEAP tests too complicated?

Michigan students did poorly on the statewide social studies test given last winter to fifth- and eighth-graders.

But before everyone runs off at the mouth about public schools turning out underachieving students, let's be aware that, to paraphrase an Olds' advertising campaign, "this isn't your parents' test."

The test, which covered civics, economics, history, geography and decision-making skills, requires a much higher level of skills and critical thinking than may be expected of today's 10- and 14-year-olds.

This shouldn't be misconstrued as an apology for the public schools, only a recognition of the reality of what the Michigan Education Department is demanding of today's students. The Observer feels that most parents aren't aware of the new standards.

While the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests were initially designed nearly 30 years ago to identify individual students' weaknesses so they could be corrected, the results have long been used by private school proponents and real estate agents to compare one community with another and, if the scores are above average, to boast about that to make sure your home sells for big bucks to the next potential buyer.

First, let's take a closer look at the civics portion of the test.

Statewide figures for fifth-grade students show that just 1.7 percent exceeded the standards while 17 percent met them. In statewide eighth-grade figures, 4.8 percent exceeded the standards while 23 percent met them.

The State Education Department, which created and administered the test, said the state scores mirror national results on the same subjects. One problem was the students' unfamiliarity with the new test, the department said.

But one major flaw in the testing process was that local schools didn't know the general focus of the test in advance.

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For example, how would a teen do in a driving road test BEFORE the teen had any actual training behind the wheel?

One area fifth-grade teacher who administered the test to her students last winter emphasized the complexity of the topics to be written about in essay form.

On one portion of the test, students were told that the local city council had banned Rollerblading at a city park and were instructed to use a specific democratic value and combine it with their own personal knowledge to compose a letter to the council either agreeing with or opposing the ban. The letter had to be written within a five-minute time frame, she said.

The tests list the core democratic values of liberty, pursuit of happiness, public or common good, justice, equality, diversity, truth, popular sovereignty and patriotism.

In the eighth-grade tests, students were given a sheet containing information they had to read before answering several multiple-choice questions. Many also required essay-type answers on topics such as the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and mandatory community service for junior high school students.

The Observer doubts that many educated adults who have been out of the classroom for 20 or 30 years would be successful on the social studies test.

POINTS OF VIEW

Letters are an important part of nurturing the communities we serve

Attentive readers of this column know that my regular function is to solicit responses to it - delight, anger, outraged, whatever - either by phone or e-mail. I generally also ask permission from readers to have their reactions printed in the newspaper as letters to the editor.

I've always felt that letters to the editor are an essential, vital part of a home town paper.

As a columnist, I consider it an obligation to print reader reactions to what I write.

Moreover, running letters to the editor, especially if there is a heavy community issue up for debate, helps make the paper an open forum of community opinion.

So over the years I've tried to make sure our editors welcome letters to the editor and tell readers how best to submit them for publication.

Our policy has been to print as many letters as we can, subject only to making sure that letters we receive are in fact written by the person who signs them and checking them for libel, slander and other considerations of good taste.

Imagine my surprise, then, at receiving a letter the other day unlike any I have received in my entire 35 years in this business.

"Apparently, the policy of your newspaper is to print all letters to the editor short of the use of blasphemy or false accusation. ... I find it extremely unusual that any newspaper would print all letters to the editor. I am not aware of any other newspaper with this policy. ..."

"My father used to write letters to the Bay City Times and Detroit Free Press and would occasionally have one printed. However, 80 percent of what ever he wrote ended up on the floor of the editor's office."

My correspondent is absolutely right. In most of the big city papers, something like 80 percent of the letters to the editor that are submitted wind up on the floor of the editor's office.

That's one of the things that distinguishes a home town newspaper like this one from our big city brethren.

As set out in our mission statement, one of our fundamental business purposes is to "nurture the communities we serve."

As we understand it, nurturing a community involves doing everything we can to make the home towns we serve good places for folks to live.

We consider our newspapers to be part of the community rather than standing apart, and so we feel that printing as many letters to the editor as we can helps the paper perform a useful function as a community forum.

But the letter I received went on to make another point.

"The problem that this (printing all letters received) causes is that community malcontents



PHIL POWER

can be extremely abrasive and counterproductive to the operation of a city.

"It is very difficult to maintain staff morale when the newspaper continually allows the proliferation of personal attacks and insults to become weekly reading. ... I would think that the newspaper has some responsibility to limit the access of chronic complainers to the letters page."

I've got to admit here my correspondent has a point.

In any community, there are always a handful of people who are regularly sore about one thing or another. Some people call them gadflies, others style them "community malcontents." Such people are often regular - some would say "obsessive" - letter writers, often repetitively on the same subject.

Here's where the nuanced understanding and judgment of a home town newspaper editor comes in.

Most editors believe - rightly, in my view - that community gadflies may be a pain in the butt, but providing them a forum is an important aspect of nurturing a community.

And most editors know there's a difference between a gadfly and a chronic troublemaker who has an ax to grind.

That's why we try regularly to print gadfly letters and to refrain from printing troublemaker letters that insult or slander individuals.

A good home town editor knows the people involved and is in a position to make informed judgments about the kinds of letters that deserve publication and the kinds that do not.

Editors on big city papers simply cannot have that kind of intimate understanding of individual home towns and the folks who live there. That's why it's so satisfying to publish the kinds of newspapers we do: To nurture the home towns we serve.

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It's easier to appreciate things when you know the value of the gift of life

GUEST COLUMN

My name is David Bevington. I am chaplain at Angela Health Care, Livonia. I am writing this letter on Dec. 5. The daytime temperature is 55 degrees. In the summertime, we have a beautiful display of flowers on our grounds, but it is rare to see roses and other flowers blooming in the month of December. There are still roses blooming in one of the patios of our facility. The roses inspired me to think that perhaps we can be like roses in December. Allow me to explain.

At this time of year, many families are suffering emotional pain. They are struggling to get through the holidays without their deceased loved ones. When you wish them happy holidays, they blink at you with tears in their eyes. For them, the holiday season will not be the most wonderful time of the year.

At Angela Health Care, we specialize in hospice care. We meet people according to their own needs and their own belief system.

We enjoy giving hope to terminal patients and their families. We know from experience we can bring comfort and hope to our patients and their families. We can also assist the bereaved in their journey to wholeness and peace, no matter what their religious persuasion may be.

After 39 years of pastoral ministry, I retired from the active pastorate to become chaplain at Angela Hospice. Many years of experience in helping families face death have provided me with many insights for ministering to the dying and bereaved.

When I went to the bank with my first paycheck, the clerk asked, "What do you say to comfort those who have lost a loved one?" I shared that sometimes you say nothing. You just listen. You can be sensitive and offer support in areas where patients and families need it. After the death of a patient, you can help people work through their grief.

You can help your own family and friends to work through their time of grief. Here are some ways you can be a channel of blessing. First, let's look at how you might assist yourself or your own family.

Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator at Angela Health Care, suggests some options of helping when a member of your own family dies, such as openly expressing to your family how you feel, making family decisions about how to approach the holidays, focusing on the good things when the deceased was alive,

finding ways to diminish stress, limiting social and family commitments, and allowing others to help with shopping, decorating and other chores.

What about assisting others? Here are some options:

- Mow the lawn (shovel snow) or go shopping.
- Don an apron and offer to do all the cooking and household chores for several days during funeral home visitation.
- Do minor repairs around the house.
- Offer to stay at the home of the bereaved while they are at visitation and funeral services. Thefts are common at those times.
- Suggest the family keep a book of remembrances near the guest register with notes of experiences and photographs of the loved one.

■ Suggest the family place blank pieces of paper near the guest registry. Write at the top of each page, "This is what I remember about ..." Give each visitor one of the papers to complete. The papers can be collected and given to the person doing the eulogy a day before the service.

Our goal at Angela Health Care is to provide compassionate, comprehensive, Christ-like care. The needs of the patient and their family are our primary concern.

Funerals validate the loss of those who mourn. Seeing a loved one in a funeral setting helps us realize that they are dead. It is healthy and normal to grieve, and it is good for us to realize that one day we too will die. Knowing that helps us savor and appreciate every moment of life. Relationships become the most important factors in life, and we learn how to express love.

Working with the sick and bereaved has touched me deeply. There is not a sunset I don't appreciate. I often say aloud, "Thank you, God, for the beauty you create."

When I see a flock of geese overhead, I pause to watch their graceful flight. I take time to smell the roses. Family relationships, health, strength, the joy of life, peace and "the little things" matter a lot more to me, because I know the value of the gift of life.

David Bevington is the chaplain at Angela Health Care in Livonia.

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You will be billed for all calls you make to a 900 number. 900-number calls are never without charges. Over the last decade 900-number calls have grown into a worldwide multi-billion-dollar industry. So, before making this type of call, understand that:

■ There will be a charge - it is not a toll free call

■ There is no regulation of rates for such calls

■ Rates are set by the owners of the number and/or the information service you call. Information services offer telephone callers the opportunity to obtain a wide variety of telephone programs that provide recorded or live information and entertainment. Chat lines, psychic advice, stock market updates, sports information, to name a few, are the types of information services available through 900 numbers. These services are valued by some consumers. Unfortunately, there are some telephone scams operating through 900 numbers and other information service numbers.

It doesn't matter who dialed the 900 number a minor, a guest or someone working in your home the call will be billed to the telephone number of a call's origination and the billed party will be responsible for paying the charges. These 900-number service providers are usually unable to verify authorization or the age of callers and are not required to do so. The rates they charge are not regulated by anyone!

How can you protect yourself from unwanted charges when calling a 900 number?

■ Be aware that charges are always incurred when you participate in a program offered through a 900 number, even if the 900 call was originally accessed through a toll free number. Listen to the introductory message and hang up promptly if you decide you are not interested in the service or do not want to pay the charges given. The introductory message must state that callers under 18 must obtain parental permission. Also, 900-number call providers are prohibited from advertising or marketing to children under 12 years old unless the services are educational in nature.

■ Do not confuse 900 numbers with 800, 888, or other toll free numbers. 900 numbers ARE NOT toll free. There is always a charge for a 900-number call.

■ Some deceptive advertisements urge consumers to call a 900 number by offering free gifts or prizes. Be wary of ads that don't provide much detail about what is offered or the cost. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true.

■ Consider having your local telephone company place a 900-number block on your telephone line if you do not want 900-number calls placed from your telephone. In Michigan, there is no charge for 900 blocking. By law, blocking must be offered by all telephone service providers in Michigan. Contact your local and long-distance telephone companies about the availability of blocks for international or toll calls.

(However, be aware that it may be possible to dial around blocks by dialing a regular long distance phone number, 800 access numbers, or an international toll number to another

country.) Blocks to international calls are available through your long-distance provider.

■ Review your telephone bills carefully each month. Keep in mind also that while calls to 900 numbers must be listed separately on your bill, calls to a service provider in a foreign country may not be designated as such. They frequently appear as a very expensive international or calling card call.

Who can help you with a complaint?

First, you should attempt to resolve your dispute directly with the telephone company, information provider, or billing entity. Follow up all conversations with the provider in writing and keep a copy for your records. 900-number charges are almost never the result of tampering or equipment malfunction and, in any case, proving anything of this nature is extremely difficult.

■ Your local telephone company is under no obligation to remove charges where tampering or equipment malfunction is only suspected or when it is difficult for you to accept that someone in your family made the call.

■ The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has no authority to order 900-number charges removed from a telephone bill.

Local telephone companies can revert charges back to the origi-

nator of the 900 service, although this does not prevent the originator from taking direct collection action against the customer. Also, your local telephone service cannot be terminated for non-payment of 900-number charges; however, account balances may be referred to a collection agency. If you are unsuccessful in resolving a 900-number call dispute, contact:

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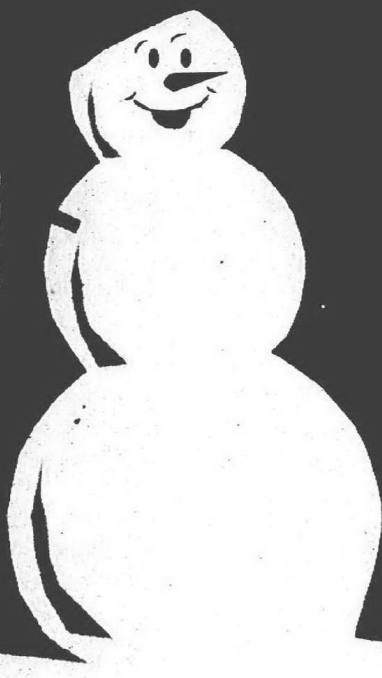
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Essays sought on improving voter turnout

(PRNewswire) - Wayne County Commissioner George Cushingberry announced recently the kick-off of his annual civic literacy scholarship contest for high school and college students. Participants must write a two-page essay and submit their entries by the March 17, 2000 deadline.

The topic for the 2000 contest is "How Can the Races Work Together to Improve Voter Turnout?" - challenges students to examine participation by different ethnic groups. Entries must contain a bibliography and two full pages of double-spaced text in a font no larger than 12 point. The contest is open to students in the area served by WCCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

For more information and contest Commission George Cushingberry for more information call 313-324-0945.



JACK GLADDEN

Christmas dinner with a Y2K twist

It was to be the Christmas dinner of the millennium, but The Feminist got bitten by a Y2K bug.

"It's perfect," she said. "We always do a theme dinner for Christmas. This year it can be the millennium. We can have one dish that was popular in each decade. We just have to do some research."

"Uh-huh," I said. I was tangled up in a string of Christmas lights and not paying much attention. "I'll get on the Internet and see what I can find."

I found some Web sites, and she brought home half-a-dozen books from the library.

"What about deviled eggs?" she said. "According to 'American Dish,' they were popular in the 1900s."

"There's a problem," I said, finally starting to pay attention. "The millennium doesn't really begin until 2001. Never mind what you read in the newspapers; 2000 is the last year of the old millennium."

After some discussion about decades, centuries, millennia and the Gregorian calendar, she said, "Rate! I guess we can't do this until next year."

"Besides," I said, "you only went back to the beginning of the century. You have to go back 1,000 years for the millennium."

And you might have trouble finding out what dish was popular in 1 A.D. Although we could go Chinese and do Thousand Year Old Eggs."

"Never mind," she said. "We'll go with my original plan. We'll just call it the Almost-End-of-the-Century Dinner." "Whatever you say. So what are we having besides deviled eggs?" "O.K. We'll start with vichyssoise; that was invented in 1917."

"That's cold potato soup." "It's cold potato and leek soup with heavy cream. It's delicious." "If you say so. What else?"

"For breakfast, we'll have Eggs Benedict. They're from the '20s. And Oatmeal Porridge from the '40s. And from the '30s, we're having Waldorf Salad. We'll have California Dip, a cheese ball and pigs in a blanket from the '50s."

"A cheese ball?" "They were very popular. And the entrée comes from the '60s, Beef Wellington. We'll have Mimosas from the '70s, frittata from the '80s, Tiramisu and Mocha Mudslides from the '90s."

"Mocha Mudslides?" "It's a cocktail. Sort of like a Black Russian. Oh, and we're having daiquiris. They were popular from 1910 to 1919."

"Now there's an idea!"

"What?" "Next year. For your millennium celebration. Forget Christmas. We'll have a New Year's Eve Party. With one drink from each decade of the millennium. Now that's my idea of a celebration."

"Dear ..."

"No, really. We know they had wine even before the first millennium. I wonder when Scotch was invented."

Stars, mistletoe, evergreens and holly ... Their mere mention evokes thoughts of Christmas.

Stars top Christmas trees; mistletoe hangs in archways. And what would wreaths and roping be without evergreens and sprigs of holly. However, the origins of the symbols come wrapped in myth and legend.

To most Christians, the Christmas star is symbolic of Jesus, but ancient people looked on stars as gods and created myths about them.

Stars held importance in ancient religions. The Babylonians used three stars to represent a god. The Egyptians believed that certain gods controlled different stars and constellations.

However, the five-pointed star of Christmas holds center stage. Its appearance is recorded in the New Testament, which says it appeared over Bethlehem and served as a guiding light to lead the wise men to the Christ Child.

The stars that appear in the sky today are the same ones that were there 2,000 years ago. Which raises the question: Was there a nova at the time of Jesus' birth? The exact time of His birth is not known, but astronomers can't place a new star appearance anywhere near the possible time.

Could it have been a shooting star? Again, astronomers say it's not likely. A meteor lasts only a few seconds or minutes at best. The wise men followed the star for weeks, looking for Jesus.

And rule out comets as well. They can be seen by the naked eye for a week or months. But modern astronomers know which comets were close enough to Earth hundreds and thousands of years ago. There was, they say, no comet visible to humans around the time of Christ's birth.

Some star gazers suggest that if the birth of Jesus is moved to the spring of 6 B.C., the star can be attributed to the time the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were close together in the heavens. They formed a triangle in the group of stars known as Pisces.

The wise men were astrologers and studied the stars and planets and knew, according to Jewish rabbis, of the triangle and that it had appeared before the birth of Moses.

Perhaps they interpreted it as a sign of a great event in the land of



Yule's symbols have origins in myth, legend

the Jewish people. It may have been the star of Bethlehem. Pisces became the special constellation of the Hebrew people.

Still, many people prefer to believe that the strange star did appear and that it was simply a miracle and throughout the world today, the Christian holiday has usually begun with the appearance of the first star of Christmas Eve.

Sacred plant of Frigga

Mistletoe is an aerial parasite that has no roots of its own and lives off the tree it attaches itself to. It was thought by the ancient Europeans to be sacred.

Druid priests employed it in their sacrifices to the gods while Celtic people felt it possessed miraculous healing powers. In fact, in the Celtic language, mistletoe means "all-heal."

The belief was that it not only cured diseases, but could also render poisons harmless, make humans and animals prolific, keep one safe from witchcraft, protect the house from ghosts and even make spirits speak.

With all that, it was thought to bring good luck to anyone privileged to have it.

A Norse myth says that mistletoe was the sacred plant of Frigga, goddess of love and the mother of Balder, the god of the summer sun. Balder had a dream of death which alarmed his mother, for should he die, all life on earth would end.

In an attempt to keep this from happening, Frigga went at once to air, fire, water, earth and every animal and plant, seeking a promise that no harm would come to her son.

But Balder's one enemy, Loki, god of evil, knew of one plant Frigga had overlooked that grew on apple and oak trees — the lowly mistletoe.

So Loki made an arrow tip of the mistletoe, gave it to the blind god of winter, Hoder, who shot it, striking Balder dead. The sky paled and all things in earth and heaven wept for the sun god. Each element tried to bring Balder back to life, but he was finally restored by Frigga.

It is said the tears she shed turned into the pearly white berries on the

plant and in her joy, Frigga kissed everyone who passed beneath the tree on which it grew.

The story ends with a decree that no harm should befall anyone who stands under mistletoe, only a kiss, a token of love.

Evergreens were a part of mid-winter festivals long before Christ. They played a symbolic part because they stayed green and alive when other plants appeared dead.

Primitive European tribes hung evergreens above their doors to offer the wandering winter spirits shelter within their homes in hopes of receiving good fortune and good health. The Romans decorated their homes with the greens at the Festival of Saturnalia and at the Kalends of January, their New Year. They exchanged evergreen branches with friends as a sign of good luck. The Druids viewed evergreens as sacred, a symbol of life itself.

As for holly, the Druids believed it, with its shiny leaves and red berries, stayed green to keep the earth beautiful when the sacred oak lost its leaves. They wore sprigs of holly in their hair when they went into the forest to watch their priests cut the sacred mistletoe.

Holly also was the sacred plant of Saturn and was used at the Roman Saturnalia festival to honor him. Romans gave one another holly wreaths and carried them about decorating images of Saturn with it.

Centuries later, in December, while other Romans continued their pagan worship, Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus. To avoid persecution, they decked their homes with Saturnalia holly.

As Christian numbers increased and their customs prevailed, holly lost its pagan association and became a symbol of Christmas. The plant has come to stand for peace and joy. People often settle arguments under a holly tree.

Holly is believed to frighten off witches and protect the home from thunder and lightning. In west England, it is said sprigs of holly around a young girl's bed on Christmas Eve are supposed to keep away mischievous little goblins.

So when Christmas came about, people incorporated, rather than dismissed, many of the practices as Christmas customs. Of course, that was done only if the activities and items were considered harmless and lent themselves to a Christian interpretation.

Oh, Chrismon tree: The Rev. Luther Werth, pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, looks at the new Christmas tree in church's sanctuary.



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Christians celebrate 'most wonderful night'

The Christmas tree is by far the most familiar symbol of the Christmas celebration.

The custom of a Christmas tree — undecorated — is believed to have begun in Germany in the early 700s, and by the 16th century, fir trees were decorated to commemorate Christmas there.

It is a widely held belief that the 16th century Protestant reformer Martin Luther was the first to add lighted candles to the Christmas tree.

Walking toward his home one evening, while composing a sermon, Luther was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling among the evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room of the house and wired its branches with lighted candles.

The tree Martin Luther created for his family has a prominent place in homes and churches today. And at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and Canton, the main Christmas trees this year will be decorated with Chrismon (ornaments displaying the Christian symbols) and lights.

The decorations remind church-goers of

the light and eternal life God promised to give through the gift of his Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

To celebrate, Christ Our Savior-Canton will have a family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 46001 Warren Road. Featured will be music by the Singers of the Spirit, Canton's Voice and instruments.

The 7 p.m. Christmas Eve family service at Christ Our Savior-Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road, will feature the Cherub and Choristers choirs and a special children's message. At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshippers will be given votive candles to raise during the singing of "Silent Night."

The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Jubilation Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will present the Christmas story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music will begin at 10:30 p.m.

A festive service with communion will be held at the Livonia site at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, will feature uplifting music with choir and instruments.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Letters 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 38231 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 422-7278. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

Red Cross blood drive
 Keswood Church of Christ will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 9000 Merriman Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. Call Ray Sanders at (348) 476-8323 for a blood donation appointment.

The Church of Christ will have a Red Cross blood drive noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the church, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-7890 for a blood donation appointment. Donors will receive

a Red Cross bean bag toy. **YOUTH EVENTS**
 Clawsonville United Methodist Church will have a New Year's Eve youth event 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the church, 3800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (948) 474-3444.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have a service with Communion at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 5885 Venoey Road, Westland. The church also will have one service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. For more information, call (734) 425-0260.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia will have a millennial New Year's Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31, at the church, 14176 Farmington Road. The biblical message will

proclaim eternal hope for people as they enter the next millennium.

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a worship service and celebration at 10:30 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 26350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have a worship service at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road at Kinloch, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will have a service with Holy Communion at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0211.

Risen Christ Lutheran

Church will have New Year's Eve worship at 7 p.m. at the church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5252.

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church will have services at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve and 10 a.m. New Year's Day. For more information, call the church at (313) 582-8655.

Resurrection Catholic Church will have Mass at 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton. New Year's Sunday Masses on Jan. 2 will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 451-0444.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a holy hour at 11 p.m. New Year's Eve and Masses at midnight and 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day at the

church, 23310 Jay Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-3121.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS
 Newburg United Methodist Church will have an informal party, beginning at 8 p.m., New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church 38500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Participants are asked to bring a favorite game, snack and beverage.

At 11:30 p.m., a service of Holy Communion and prayer will be held in the sanctuary. People need not participate in the party to attend the service. For more information, call the church office at For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

SPECIAL SERVICE
 Lola Park Lutheran Church will kick off the New Year with a special worship and praise service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, at the church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford.

A brunch will follow at 11 a.m. in the church hall. Television sets will be available to catch the New Year's parades or early football games. For more information or reservations for brunch, call the church office at (313) 582-8655.

Lola Park Lutheran is celebrating its 55th anniversary in the year 2000.

WESLEY SERVICE
 The First United Methodist Church at 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City, will worship with a

Wesley Communion service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-9828.

TAI CHI CLASSES
 The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a non-profit organization, is forming new beginner Tai Chi classes, starting Monday, Jan. 3, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 382-1261. Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

NEW BEGINNINGS
 The topic for the Thursday, Jan. 6, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Moving On." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

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talists.
 There will be a family celebration with carols and candlelighting at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The Cherub, Children's and chorister choirs will perform and child care will be provided.

At 8:30 p.m., there will be carols, candlelighting and communion, with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey preaching. The Youth Choir and Cantabile Bells will perform and the youths will present the drama, "After the Pageant."

The 11 p.m. service, "A Time to Ponder," will have candlelighting and communion. The Rev. Thomas Badley will preach and the Chancel Choir will perform.

Badley also will preach at the 10 a.m. worship service, "A Perfect Time to Lose Our Baggage," on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26.

The family-oriented service will feature the drama, "A String of Blue Beads." Child care for children up to age 3 will be available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

Canton Friendship Church will have two services at 6 and 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. The services will be held at Canton Free Methodist Church on Cherry

Hill Road east of Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 451-2100 or visit the Web site at www.cantonfriendship.org.

Lake Pointe Bible Chapel will have its Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 420-0515.

St. Michael Lutheran Church will have family worship at 7 p.m.; worship with communion at 9 p.m. and a candlelight service with communion at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. Christmas Day the worship with communion will take place at 10 a.m. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

New Life Lutheran Church will have services at 4 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Canton. A new congregation, it temporarily worships at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at Bird Elementary School, Sheldon Road at Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 459-8181.

Trinity Presbyterian Church's Christmas Eve services, "The Most Wonderful Night of the Year" with Dr. William Moore preaching, will include family celebrations at 3:30 and 5:15 p.m., a celebration

of carols and praise at 7:30 p.m. and a traditional candlelight service at 11 p.m. The church is located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9550.

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will have family worship at 3 and 5 p.m. and lessons and carols at candlelight services at 8 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, at Church and Main streets in Plymouth. There also will be a service at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Sunday. For more information, call (734) 453-6464.

Resurrection Catholic Church will have a children's Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of All Saints Elementary School, 48735 Warren, and Masses at 4:30 and 10 p.m., and concert at 9:15 p.m. all on Christmas Eve, at the church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton.

Mass also will be said at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Christmas Sunday. For more information, call (734) 451-0444.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will have Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. at the church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Christmas Day worship will be at 10 a.m. For more information, call (734) 453-5252.

The Episcopal Church of the

Holy Spirit will have services with Eucharist at 5:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day at the church, 9088 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-0211.

St. John's Episcopal Church will present "The Nativity Story" at a 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service with Holy Eucharist, geared for children and families, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Nursery care will be available.

The 7 p.m. Festal Eucharist service for families will feature music by Sunshine Music, while the 11 p.m. Festal Eucharist service will have music by the Parish and Handbell choirs. There also will be a Christmas concert at 10:30 p.m.

The Christmas Day service with Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

The First United Methodist Church will have a Family Christmas Eve special, "The Greatest Gift Ever Given," at 4:30 p.m. (nursery provided), a candlelight service, "Choice of the Century," at 8 p.m. and candlelight service, "Come ... and Behold Him," at 10 p.m. at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Resource center hosts divorce support group

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

The discussion group the second Tuesday of the month is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor. The speaker sessions take place the fourth Tuesday.

On Jan. 25, participants will learn about the legal aspects of divorce from attorney Theodore Johnson.

Certified financial planner Elizabeth Allen will provide a guide to handling finances and planning a future following divorce or separation on Feb. 22.

Ellen Slutzky, a clinical psychologist will focus her March 28 presentation on helping divorcing individuals develop more self confidence.

Attorneys Barbara Watry and Mary Ann Mercieca will provide an overview of the divorce process. Participants will learn about such things as property settlements, custody, child support, visitation and alimony.


There is no fee to attend the divorce support group and registration isn't required.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

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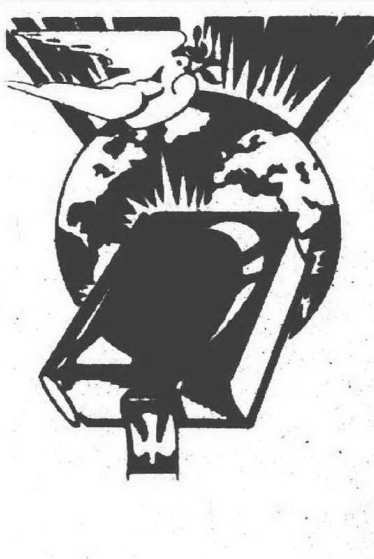
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The Western Wayne Wildcats have a series of tryouts coming up for their various girls basketball teams when the new year arrives.

Jan. 3: 11-and-under ('88), 6-7:30 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 12-and-under ('87), 7:30-9 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 13-and-under ('86), 8:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Jan. 4: 14-and-under ('85) and 15-and-under ('86), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82) and 18-and-under ('81), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Jan. 5: 11-and-under ('88), 12-and-under ('87), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 13-and-under ('86), 7-9 p.m. at West Middle School.

Jan. 7: 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82), 18-and-under ('81), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 14-and-under ('85), 15-and-under ('84), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

For further information, call Bob Blohm at (734) 414-8156 or Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746.

Hockey leagues

A new over-50 hockey league, to be called "The Silver Sticks Hockey League," is now forming. Games will be played Tuesday mornings at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

There will be free coffee and doughnuts after all the games. The season starts Jan. 18 and will last 10 games plus the playoffs.

Cost is \$165 per player. To register, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail him at john@rspi.net.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Still on top

Salem finishes 1st, Canton 3rd at WLAA Relays

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For years, Plymouth Salem's boys swim team always seemed to find a way to lose at the beginning of the season, then regroup to win at the end.

The Rocks have won seven-straight championships in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but prior to last year they had not managed to win many of the WLAA's season-opening relays meet, which they host.

"We always seemed to do something, get DQed or someone else would swim really, really well," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

Last year, the Rocks finally won both ends, taking the WLAA Relays meet to start the season and the WLAA Championship meet to end it.

This year, they're halfway to doing it again. Salem won the Relays again, edging Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Canton and North Farmington for the title.

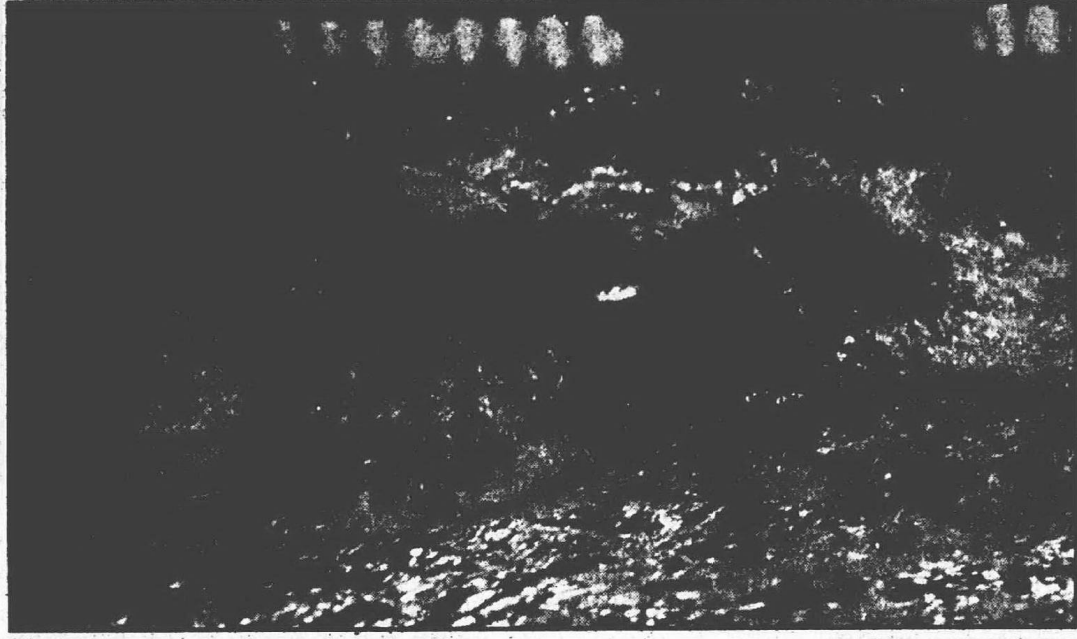
Salem scored 249 points to Stevenson's 235; Canton was third with 207 and North Farmington was fourth with 203.

Northville placed fifth (189), followed by Farmington/Farmington Harrison (156), Walled Lake (148), Livonia Churchill (116), Livonia Franklin (70) and Westland John Glenn (64).

"It was a lot of fun, a good meet, well-contested," said Olson. "Stevenson's good — they got our attention."

The Rocks won because they didn't do anything to beat themselves, according to Olson. "We didn't load up on anything," he said. "We just swam real solid."

Olson marks performances by Salem swimmers that are impressive with stars, and in this meet he gave out a bunch. "I gave a lot of stars away, probably more than I ever gave out in a relays meet before," he said.



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Top performances: One of Salem's first-place finishes came in the 200-yard freestyle relay, Ryan Kappler (left) was a part of the winning team. Canton placed second in the 200 breaststroke relay, with Dennis Speck (below) anchoring.

"Some of the kids had a significant improvement (from last Thursday's dual meet against Ann Arbor Huron), which showed me something."

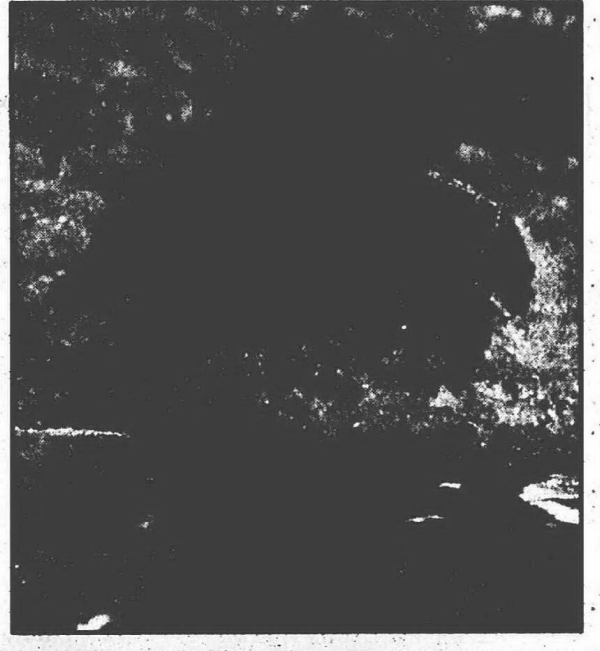
The Rocks won two relays, while Stevenson finished first in four. Salem's wins came from Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo and Brian Mertens in the 400-yard medley relay (3:56.11), and from Dave Woodard, Ryan Kappler, Dan Jones and Mike Johnson in the 200 freestyle relay (1:35.40).

The Spartans were first in the 400 free relay, with Jeff Darby, Brad Buckler, Justin Ketterer and Joe Bublitz (3:29.89); in the 200 breaststroke relay, with Kevin D'Alessandro, Mike Nemer, Kevin VanTiem and Eric Dabkowski (2:04.52); in the 200 butterfly relay, with Pate Rodemeyer, Geoff Lowes, Rob Cambridge and Brandon Truscott (1:47.47); and in the 200 medley relay, with Bublitz, Nemer, Truscott and Buckler (1:43.60).

Northville also had two wins, from Derek Ohlgren, Dave Whitbeck, Anthony Serge and Scott Whitbeck in the 200 backstroke relay (1:48.73), and from Kevin Stuart, John Moors, Scott Whitbeck and Dave Whitbeck in the 500 free relay (4:31.27).

North Farmington's Craig Paske, John Kern, Adam Farber and Jim Gabriel were winners in the 400 medley relay (4:04.11), and Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski and Steve Zerber were first in the diving relay (320.65 points).

The difference, of course, was that Salem finished second five times and third twice. Only in the diving relay were the Rocks out of the top three.



Chiefs win own Invite

This much is for certain: Plymouth Canton's wrestlers weren't about to have another 15-year lapse between tournament victories.

That's how long coach John Demsick believed it had been since the Chiefs won their last tournament. The streak ended Dec. 4 at the Falcon Invitational, hosted by Sterling Heights Henry Ford II.

Last Saturday at the nine-team Canton Invitational, the Chiefs made certain opponents understood this was no one-time wonder of a team by winning the title, the first time they've ever done that.

Indeed, last year's third place was the best Canton had ever done at its own invitational.

"This is the first time we've won the Canton Invitational," Demsick said. "We're happy about it, obviously."

The Chiefs scored 270 points to easily outdistance runner-up Garden City (227). In third was Dearborn Fordson (205), followed by Ann Arbor Huron (187) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (181.5).

Asked about his team's success, Demsick replied, "I get asked about this a lot lately. 'I keep finding myself saying

things like 'The kids are really working hard, they're a team and (are) supporting each other, they're starting to really believe in themselves, we're becoming a pinning team and that the things we've been trying to do as a coaching staff are starting to come together.'"

While true, Demsick added another element of Canton's success is that many of the wrestlers have also found a spiritual lift through prayer.

"We always meet together for a brief pep talk from the coaches right before we wrestle at dual meets and tournaments," the Canton coach said. "The boys just decided before our first meet

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Top gun: Four pins in four matches earned Canton's Phil Rothwell the outstanding wrestler award.

Whalers sweep Otters

It shaping up like a happy holiday — at least for the Plymouth Whalers.

The Whalers traveled to the Erie Otters last weekend for a pair of Ontario Hockey League games. Such trips in the past have been roads to disaster, but this one wasn't.

The Whalers used fast starts in both games to walk away with a pair of wins, leading the Otters 2-1 Friday and 4-0 Saturday.

The two wins pushed Plymouth's record to 15-15-3 (40 points), good for third place in the OHL's West Division. The

Windsor Spitfires and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds are tied for first in the West with 46 points.

Erie remained in second place in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 15-16-1 record (32 points).

Rob Zepp backstopped both wins for the Whalers, making 31 saves in Friday's win and 20 more on Saturday. Adam Muhroe started in goal in both games for Erie.

On Friday, Plymouth almost let a 4-1 lead after one period get away. Stephen Weiss and Tomas Kurka put the Whalers up 2-0 with 11:34 of the first period elapsed; after Erie's Michael Rupp narrowed the gap to 2-1 with 4:08 left in the first, George Nistas and Eric Goody pushed

Plymouth's lead to 4-1.

Goody finished the period with a goal and two assists, while Nistas and Kurka had a goal and an assist in the period.

However, Erie came battling back in the second period, getting another goal from Rupp and two more from Nikita Alexeev and Carlo Colaiacovo, respectively, to knot the score at 4-3.

Steven Morris got the game-winner for the Whalers with 18:53 of the third period elapsed, assisted by Eric Versaroky. Kevin Holdridge's empty-net goal with 51 seconds remaining led the victory. Holdridge collected a goal and an assist in the victory.

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SC falls to top-ranked Owens

The strategy for Schoolcraft College going into last Saturday's men's basketball game at Owens Community College was clearcut: Give yourself a chance to win.

"I thought (Owens) was a good team, they're well coached and they play hard," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "But we just didn't do the things we needed to do to beat a ranked team on the road."

"We told the guys going into this game, if you're going to win in their gym, you must not turn the ball over and you have to make your free throws."

The Ocelots didn't do either one in the first half, which is why they trailed by 13 at the intermission — a deficit too big to overcome against the top-ranked team in the NJCAA Division II. The final outcome was 80-59 in favor of Owens, which improved to 12-0. SC fell to 6-4.

"The effort was there, which was pleasing to see," said Briggs. "But on the road, you want to give yourself a chance to win it at the end, and we didn't."

The Ocelots committed 13 turnovers in the first half and were just 10-of-22 from the free-throw line, two big reasons Owens led 37-24. SC managed to trim that to 59-52 with eight minutes left in the game, but that was as close as it got.

Robert Brown led the Ocelots with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Lamar Bigby added 13 points and six boards, and Quentin Mitchell had 12 points.

Owens was led by Joe Shepherd with 16 points. Deandre Bell added 15 and Rodney

Hughes scored 11.

SC finished the game with 23 turnovers (Owens had 18). The Ocelots made 20-of-33 free throws (80 percent) compared to Owens' 24-of-33 (73 percent), and from three-point range SC was just 1-of-13 (7.7 percent) while Owens hit 6-of-14 (42.9 percent).

The Ocelots are now idle until Jan. 3, when they visit Macomb CC.

Crusaders stumble twice

If Madonna University could just overcome this slow-start malady, it might add a few more Ws to its total.

Last weekend's trip to the Kalamazoo College Tournament provides a perfect example. In the first half of both their games, the Fighting Crusaders fell behind by substantial margins — they trailed Kalamazoo by 17 at halftime Friday and Huntington by 11 at the half on Saturday.

Madonna rallied in the second half both times, but couldn't make up the deficit. The Crusaders lost to Kalamazoo 88-80 and to Huntington 88-87.

The two losses dropped Madonna to 2-14 overall. Again, the team was without Mike Massey, who is under suspension for disciplinary reasons until Jan. 2.

Massey, a sophomore guard, led Madonna in scoring last season. It was the third-straight game he has missed.

Against Kalamazoo, the Crusaders trailed 39-22 at the half — in part due to the Hornets pinpoint shooting from the perimeter. They made 8-of-17 three-point shots in the first half compared to Madonna's 1-of-8.

Dan Kurtinaitis had a solid offensive game, connecting on 5-of-6 from the field and 6-of-7 from the free-throw line to score 16 points. He also had five assists and two steals, but he committed eight turnovers.

Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) contributed 12 points, and Josh Jensen and Jordan Garrison added nine apiece.

Kalamazoo got 16 points from Brad Phillips, 13 from B.J. Ford and 11 apiece from Dirk Rhinehart and Steve Thwaites.

Poor shooting, particularly from three-point range, plagued Madonna again. Huntington hit 4-of-13 triples in the first half, while the Crusaders made just 1-of-7.

Rebounding and turnovers also hurt Madonna. The Foresters enjoyed a 40-30 edge on the boards and had 15 turnovers compared to 20 for the Crusaders.

Kurtinaitis' 15 points topped Madonna; he also had six assists, three steals — and eight turnovers. Aaron Cox added 13 points and six rebounds, Garrison had 12 points and Jensen scored 11.

Huntington got 16 points from Gabe LaGrange, 15 points from Joe Gaff, 14 from David Porter, 12 from Brett Snodgrass and 10 from Andy Kurzen.

Madonna is now idle until Jan. 5, when it hosts Concordia College.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season will be Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season will also be Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula.

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LIVONIA RANGE

The 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. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR 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.

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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

INDIAN SPRINGS HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 4.5-mile hike at Indian Springs Metropark during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26. Call (248) 280-4975 for directions and additional information.

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Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and ring in the new year for a potluck lunch followed by a hike at the Brighton Recreation Area during this program, which begins at noon Saturday, Jan. 1.

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CLUBS

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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 Clarenceville 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.

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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.

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The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), 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) 988-6658 for more information.

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Dec. 23 at Plymouth Salem

Final team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 246; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 236; 3. Plymouth Canton, 207; 4. North Farmington, 203; 5. Northville, 190; 6. Farmington Hills, 156; 7. Walled Lake Unified, 148; 8. Livonia Churchill, 116; 9. Livonia Franklin, 70; 10. Westland John Glenn, 64.

400-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Eric Linn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dulato, Brian Mortens), 3:56.11; 2. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zeld, Adam Farber, Brandon Diglio), 3:57.88; 3. Canton, 3:58.33; 4. Stevenson, 4:00.47; 5. Northville, 4:14.84; 6. John Glenn, 4:26.19; 7. Walled Lake, 4:38.28; 8. Harrison, 4:51.80. (Franklin, Churchill DQ).

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Jeff Darby, Brad Buckler, Justin Ketterer, Joe Subitz), 3:29.89; 2. Salem (Dan Jones, Mark Witkoff, Jim Ross, Ryan Kappler), 3:30.57; 3. North Farmington, 3:47.28; 4. Churchill, 3:53.83; 5. Canton, 4:02.87; 6. Harrison, 4:04.44; 7. Walled Lake, 4:08.88; 8. Franklin, 4:14.49; 9. Northville, 4:18.84; 10. John Glenn, 4:37.54.

800 breaststroke relay: 1. Stevenson (Kevin Dalessandro, Mike Nemer, Kevin VanTiem, Eric Dabrowski), 2:04.52; 2. Canton (Jon Heiss, Matt Schecht, Ed Lindor, Dennis Speck), 2:05.82; 3. Salem, 2:06.83; 4. Northville, 2:10.46; 5. Walled Lake, 2:11.08; 6. North Farmington, 2:11.51; 7. Churchill, 2:16.95; 8. Harrison, 2:28.51; 9. Franklin, 3:05.93. (John Glenn DQ).

800 backstroke relay: 1. Northville (Derek Ohlgren, Dave Whitbeck, Anthony Berge, Scott Whitbeck), 1:48.73; 2. Harrison (Robbie Gundlach, Brandon Good, Dan Price, Devin Hopper), 1:52.98; 3. Salem, 1:58.88; 4. North Farmington, 2:01.48; 5. John Glenn, 2:05.18; 6. Churchill, 2:06.83; 7. Canton, 2:07.88; 8. Stevenson, 2:10.95; 9. Walled Lake, 2:26.79; 10. Franklin, 2:38.30.

200 butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Pat Rodemeyer, Geoff Lowe, Rob Cambridge, Brandon Truscott), 1:47.47; 2. Salem (Mike Johnson, Mike Horgan, Kevin Schepfer, Dave Carson), 1:50.43; 3. North Farmington, 1:55.22; 4. Canton, 1:56.75; 5. Harrison, 1:57.51; 6. Walled Lake, 1:57.73; 7. Churchill, 2:00.30; 8. Northville, 2:00.80; 9. John Glenn, 2:12.38. (Franklin DQ).

500 freestyle relay: 1. Walled Lake (Chris Gannon, Steve Zerber), 3:20.85; 2. Salem (Blake Brunner, Gerald Bennet), 3:11.90; 3. John Glenn, 3:11.80; 4. Northville, 3:09.00; 5. Franklin, 2:57.80; 6. Stevenson, 2:58.75; 7. Salem, 2:43.85; 8. North Farmington, 2:08.75.

400 medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Craig Peake, John Kern, Faber, Gabriel), 4:04.11; 2. Salem (Dulato, Adam Remington, Linn, Hugo Alvarez); 3. Stevenson, 4:29.99; 4. Canton, 4:45.96; 5. Churchill, 4:48.84; 6. Northville, 4:49.88; 7. Harrison, 5:10.84; 8. Walled Lake, 5:12.18. (Franklin, John Glenn DQ).

800 medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Joe Subitz, Nemer, Truscott, Brad Buckler), 1:43.80; 2. Salem (Brian Dorogi, Jason Reberchik, Morgan Carson), 1:52.84; 3. Canton, 1:58.85; 4. Harrison, 2:02.38; 5. Franklin, 2:10.78; 6. North Farmington, 2:17.28; 7. Northville, 2:20.08; 8. Walled Lake, 2:28.88. (Churchill, John Glenn DQ).

800 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Dave Woodard, Ryan Kappler, Dan James, Johnson), 1:35.40; 2. Harrison (Hopper, Price, Good, Max Suttles), 1:36.50; 3. Walled Lake, 1:39.18; 4. Northville, 1:41.83; 5. Stevenson, 1:46.01; 6. Canton, 1:55.11; 7. North Farmington, 2:00.32; 8. Churchill, 2:05.12; 9. Franklin, 2:17.85. (John Glenn DQ).

Whalers from page B4

Saturday's game was similar, with the Whalers again taking the lead (they never trailed all weekend against Erie) on first-period goals by Weiss (his 10th of the season) and Kurka (his 17th). Erie's Rupp narrowed the gap to 2-1 late in the opening period.

However, Weiss' second goal of the game — he also had an assist — pushed Plymouth's lead to 3-1 through two periods. Rupp, who scored all three of the Otters' goals in the game and five of their seven over the week-

end, trimmed Plymouth's lead to 3-2 with a power-play goal at 3:16 of the third period.

But Jon Billy converted a pass from Nistas at the 10:22 juncture and the Whalers were again up by two, 4-2 — which made Rupp's third goal, scored with just nine seconds left in the game, inconsequential.

The Whalers are now idle until next Tuesday, when they host Erie in a 3 p.m. game. On Thursday, they play the Kitchener Rangers at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Ambassadors win 2

A strong second period saved the Compuware Ambassadors last Friday.

Trailing 3-2 after one period, the Ambassadors netted three second-period goals en route to a 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Sting in a North American Hockey League game at Compuware Arena.

Steve Jackson got the eventual game-winner for the Ambassadors and Marc Norrington scored twice.

On Saturday, the Ambassadors improved their home-ice record to 9-3 with an 8-2 triumph over the Sting. Todd Bentley scored his first-ever NAHL hat-trick; he also had an assist.

Tom Fortunate made 19 stops in collecting his fifth win in goal for Compuware, which stayed atop the NAHL's East Division with a 19-8-1 (39 points), tied with the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians (18-7-3, 39 points).

Those two teams meet in a divisional showdown at 6:35 p.m. tonight at Compuware Arena.

Wrestling from page B4

that they would pull aside with whoever wanted to join them after our team meeting, bend down to a knee, and take a moment to pray for each other."

While divine intervention is always welcome and its effect is indisputable, there is an abundance of talent on this Canton squad. The Chiefs got medals at the tournament in 13 of 14 weight classes, with Kyle Pitt in the 103-pound division, John Pocock at 140 and Phil Rothwell at 189 each taking firsts.

Pitt defeated Pioneer's Adam Kelsey 13-6 in the 103 final; Pocock beat Greg Sheureb of Allen Park with a technical fall, 20-5; and Rothwell pinned Jim VanBuskirk from Crestwood in 2:46 at 189.

Rothwell pinned all four of his opponents in a total time of 4:19, a performance that earned him the Outstanding Wrestler Award.

Doy Demsick at 119, Greg Musser at 130, Scott McKee at 152 and Derek McWatt at heavy-weight all took seconds; Brad Kreger at 112 and Chris Hosey at 125 placed third; and Joe Faraone at 145, Mike Bonner at 160, Derek Miller at 171 and Ozzie Wagner at 215 placed fourth.

The Chiefs are now idle until Jan. 6 when they host Western Lakes Activities Association rival Walled Lake Western.

Salem splits

Plymouth Salem traveled to Clio for a double-dual meet last Friday and ended up with a split.

The Rocks lost to Redford Catholic Central 45-30 and beat Clio 63-12. The win and loss left Salem with a 2-2 dual-meet record.

Against CC, the Rocks lost at 103 pounds, with the Shamrocks' Adam Stacey pinning Mike Goethe in 3:07, and at 112, with CC's Chris O'Hara pinning Nick Moniodis in 3:39.

Salem then won the next five weight divisions. Ron Thompson pinned Tim Mulroy in 1:20 at 119; Rob Ash pinned Paul Hagan in 4:49 at 125; Lucas Stump pinned Ben Kreucher in 1:07 at 130; Steve Dendrinis edged Nate Rodriguez 10-8 at 135; and Josh Henderson pinned Jeff Wheeler in 4:44 at 140.

But the Rocks' lead didn't last long. CC got wins in six of the remaining seven divisions, with Jay Abshire pinning Mike Pasternak in 4:37 at 145; Sean Bell pinning Andrew Bennett in 5:07 at 152; Ryan Rogowski pinning Phil Portellos in :53 at 160; Mitch Hancock pinning James March in :42 at 171; Matt Williams pinning John Early in 1:21 at 215; and Aaron Parr beating Zac Jensen 5-1 at heavy-weight.

Salem's only win in those final seven divisions came from Mike Popeney, who defeated Andy Coalen 5-3 at 189.

Against Clio, Thompson at 119, Ash at 125, Pasternak at 145, Bennett at 160, Portellos at 171 and Popeney at 189 won their matches on pins. Stump at 130, Dendrinis at 135 and James Schepfer each won decisions, and Goethe at 103, Moniodis at 112 and Henderson at 140 were winners on voids.

CC, which beat Clio 58-21, improved to 4-3 with the two meet wins.

Salem is idle until Dec. 30, when it will host its 21-team

Invitational, beginning at 9 a.m. Teams that will be competing are Adrian, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Belleville, Brighton, Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Garden City,

Greenville, Flat Rock, Howell, Westland John Glenn, Melvindale, Monroe, Monroe Jefferson, Novi, Salem, Portage Northern, Livonia Stevenson, Trenton and Ypsilanti.

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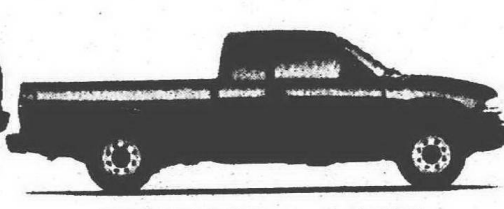
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" features the Rockettes and Santa, 2 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$10 to \$55.50, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

SATURDAY



Jason Nesmith (Tim Allen) tries to defend himself from an alien Pig Lizard when he becomes stranded on a hostile planet in "Galaxy Quest," a science fiction action comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SUNDAY



Debbie Lannen, (back row, left to right), Joe Lannen, Ken Haering, Betsy the Cow and Kate Weiss (front center) star in "Jack and the Beanstalk," 2:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets \$7, call (248) 349-8110.

HOT



Hot Ticket: Home Stroll through the "Wild Lights," a colorful holiday display of over 400,000 lights and 70 animal sculptures, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday through Jan. 2 at the Detroit Zoo, intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Admission \$4 adults, \$3 children ages 3-12. All children under age 3 admitted free. Discount for Detroit Zoological Society Members. Parking is free. Call (248) 541-5535 for more information.



Bravery: One of seven new segments in "Fantasia 2000," "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" tells the story of a brave toy soldier who saves a beautiful ballerina from the evil clutches of a Jack-in-the-box.

FANTASIA 2000

A COLORFUL, EXCITING PREMIER FOR IMAX

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Remember Etch-a-Sketch? While that shake-and-erase board was a beloved toy for some, it proved to be an object of fleeting artwork for all.

Not only does the technique serve as an opening sequence in one piece of "Fantasia 2000," it gives permanence to a project that seemed to have faded away. More than 60 years after work began on the original "Fantasia," this film proves that Walt Disney certainly does keep his promises.

In 1941, after the release of "Fantasia," he announced, "It is our intention to make a new version of 'Fantasia' every year. Its pattern is very flexible and fun to work with — not really a concert, not a vaudeville, not a revue, but a grand mixture of comedy, fantasy, ballet, drama, impressionism, color, sound and epic fury."

Roy E. Disney, vice chairman of the Walt Disney Co., has breathed new life into this work-in-progress Walt Disney referred to as a "concert film."

From the first blast of bright blue and the sight of that Disney symbol, viewers are drawn into the experience. "Fantasia 2000" caught the attention of celebrities such as Steve Martin, Bette Midler, Itzhak Perlman and James Earl Jones, who make appearances and introduce segments of the film with concise humor and intelligence.

Nine years in the making, "Fantasia 2000" marks the return of director James Algar's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Serving as the genesis of the original version, Algar's segment of magic-gone-awry remains just as relevant as ever, while pro-

viding a visual throw-back to animation efforts of the past. Seven new animated segments have been added to this, the first full-length IMAX feature film. Running 75 minutes, "Fantasia 2000" is also the first Disney film to be made in IMAX (meaning "maximum image") format.

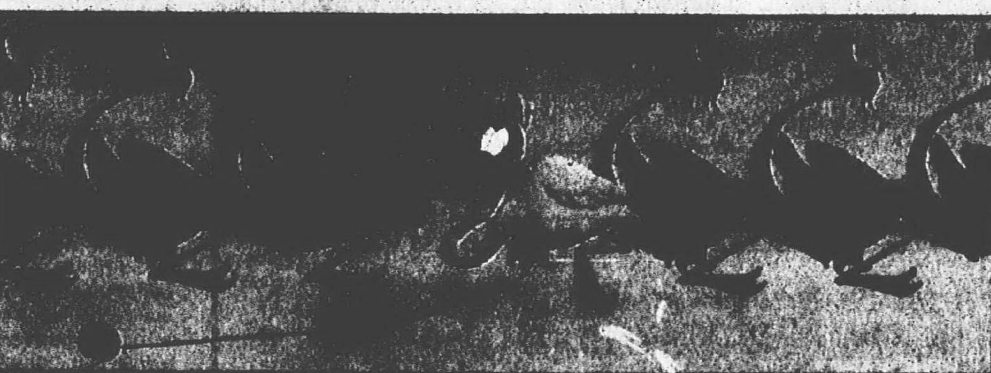
"Fantasia" premiered on Nov. 13, 1940, marking not only a partnership between music and animation, but also a much-improved sound system that required multiple speakers. "Fantasia 2000" is in IMAX, which shows an image 10 times larger than the conventional 35 millimeter format, for sharpness and clarity, and a six-channel, multi-speaker sound system. The screen is eight stories wide and six stories high.

Highlights of "Fantasia 2000" include "Rhapsody in Blue," with animation directed by Eric Goldberg. In a style reminiscent of caricaturist Al Hirschfeld, viewers see that Etch-a-Sketch-style of Manhattan's cityscape and then are whisked into the lives of several characters leading separate lives during the Jazz Age. Viewers meet a hurried construction worker, a downtrodden, unemployed man, a little

girl who is inferior at every sport, and a wealthy man stifled by his overpowering wife. Following the be-bopping beat of George Gershwin's music, viewers watch as their individual dreams are achieved.

The familiar graduation march, "Pomp and Circumstance," is coupled with the story of Noah's Ark, starring Donald Duck. The story sets Donald in charge of herding all of the animals onto the ark — in procession — but he seems to lose track of the

Please see FANTASIA, C6



Laughs: Director Eric Goldberg delivers a light-hearted romp and answers the age-old question: "What would happen if you gave a yo-yo to a flamingo?" in the "Carnival of the Animals."

Funny man: Ron Gallagher, also known as Gallagher II, will present two shows on New Year's Eve at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.



Ron Gallagher swears he's 'gonna make you laugh,' too

Ron Gallagher, also known as Gallagher II, presents his "Living Sequel Show" at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Tickets \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50, available at the Fisher box office, (313) 872-1000, and all Ticketmaster outlets (248) 645-6666.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"My thing is, I'm gonna make you laugh every five seconds, and if I don't, I've failed."

Ron Gallagher, AKA Gallagher II, plans to make good on his self-challenge when he plays two New Year's Eve shows at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The jovial and genial comedian, who combines intelligent observational humor with outrageous acts on food products, also plans to have considerable help.

"With my show, the whole audience is the stage," he said before a recent appearance at Western Michigan University. "The show spills out into the audience — literally — so they become a part of the show. They all bring plastic, they look at everybody else with their plastic and they all get Gallagherized."

Hold on there: Doesn't that sound like the last-name-only Gallagher from the cable specials, the funny-in-a-weird-way guy with the floppy cap, mustache and stringy hair who ends each act with a very interactive — and

Ron is the younger (by six years) brother of the "original" Gallagher. He looks remarkably like his brother, talks like his brother and for the past ten years has been doing his brother's act.

messy — pitch for Sledge-a-Matic? So who's this Gallagher dop-pelganger?

The question opens an old wound, exposing a sibling rivalry perhaps matched only by Cain and Abel. Ron is the younger (by six years) brother of the "original" Gallagher. He looks remarkably like his brother,

talks like his brother and for the past ten years has been doing his brother's act. Until recently, he's been doing it with his brother's blessing. Today, the blessing has been removed and a blood feud has ensued.

"I idolized my brother," Ron muses. "I would watch all his tapes and I knew all his routines. He encouraged me to take some of his older stuff and go out on the road with it. I discounted that because at the time, I was a successful equipment salesman in Florida, where we grew up."

But Ron got the bug and big brother got him booked. "It was my brother's idea to come up with Gallagher II. It was a joke, like I'm Gallagher, 'too.' He gave me a start and he gave me the act. It really is a great story, unprecedented in show business."

Years of one-nighters in small clubs

Please see GALLAGHER II, C7

MUSIC

It's not Christmas without Opera Lite

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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David Pulice claims he was singing before he was talking — at least that's what his mother told him. It's a good thing that music is his life.

Whether he's wearing a dragon kimono or festive 1850s-style Christmas regalia, performing Gilbert and Sullivan songs or traditional Christmas carols, he feels right at home. Pulice, a Farmington Hills resident, founded Opera Lite in 1986, as a company of singers actors and dancers from the Metro area and mid-Mich-

gan. Since its start, the group has provided seasonal music for the holidays.

Pulice, a Michigan State University graduate, has performed with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, Plymouth Symphony and Detroit Symphony Orchestras, as well as acted in commercials, industrial films and television. He landed a lead role in an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" and appeared in the films "Something in Common" and "Hoffa."

Now president and artistic director of Opera Lite, Pulice took time out of his hurried schedule Dec. 14 to talk about his work. Just before taking the stage

with his troupe for a show at Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall, he said it "takes a lot of work to keep it going."

From a group of about eight performers, Opera Lite has grown to 45 participants. The group focuses on private or corporate parties and holiday engagements, but also offers programs to area schools. It is all run from an office in Pulice's home.

Perhaps Opera Lite gets most exposure during this, the most festive time of year. The troupe provides entertainment at the Eagle Tavern's holiday din-



Please see OPERA, C7

Opera Lite

'Man on the Moon' brings an enigma back to life

By Jim Kay
Special Feature

The strange, wide-eyed guy seemed totally confused on the small "Saturday Night Live" stage. Speaking in an unfathomable foreign accent ("Thank you kindly much"), he reached for the small photograph on a nearby podium, placed the needle on a 45 and proceeded to lip-sync the music from "Mighty Mouse." The crowd roared.

That was comedian Andy Kaufman's first appearance on "SNL." In fact, it was the first time he appeared on the show. On Oct. 11, 1976. It would be apparent soon after that he was neither comedian nor foreign. And that's what all we'd ever learn about him.

An enigma, that's what they called Kaufman. Who better to play him, then, than Jim Carrey, who was early stand-up material as thick as Kaufman's was as a comic? Frankly, no one.

In "Man on the Moon," Carrey plays Kaufman. That's comic-book for capturing someone to perfection.

Consider the challenge. The Kaufman we saw was never the real Andy.

Girlfriend Lynne Margulies,

played with surprising presence and range by singer Courtney Love, claims that there wasn't one. A real Andy, that is. He was in a zone all his own, either deep inside one of his characters or in the midst of plotting his next practical joke. Like the bottom layer of a multi-part carbon fern, he was down there somewhere but impossible to read.

"I've got to stay one step ahead of 'em" was his standing order to himself.

When he wasn't naive Letha on "Taxi" he was foul-mouthed Vegas lounge lizard Tony Clifton. He beat on the coxswain, wrestled women and led kiddie sing-alongs. And if an audience didn't get it, he read "The Great Gatsby" to them. In its entirety. People loved him, and he loved that. But even more people hated him, and he loved that, too.

So what we're watching here is not an impression. It's Carrey doing the private Kaufman doing the public Kaufman doing Letha. That's acting, folks.

Danny DeVito, who plays Kaufman's manager George Shapiro, partnered with director Milos Forman ("The People vs. Larry Flynt") to make "Man on the Moon." They did so with

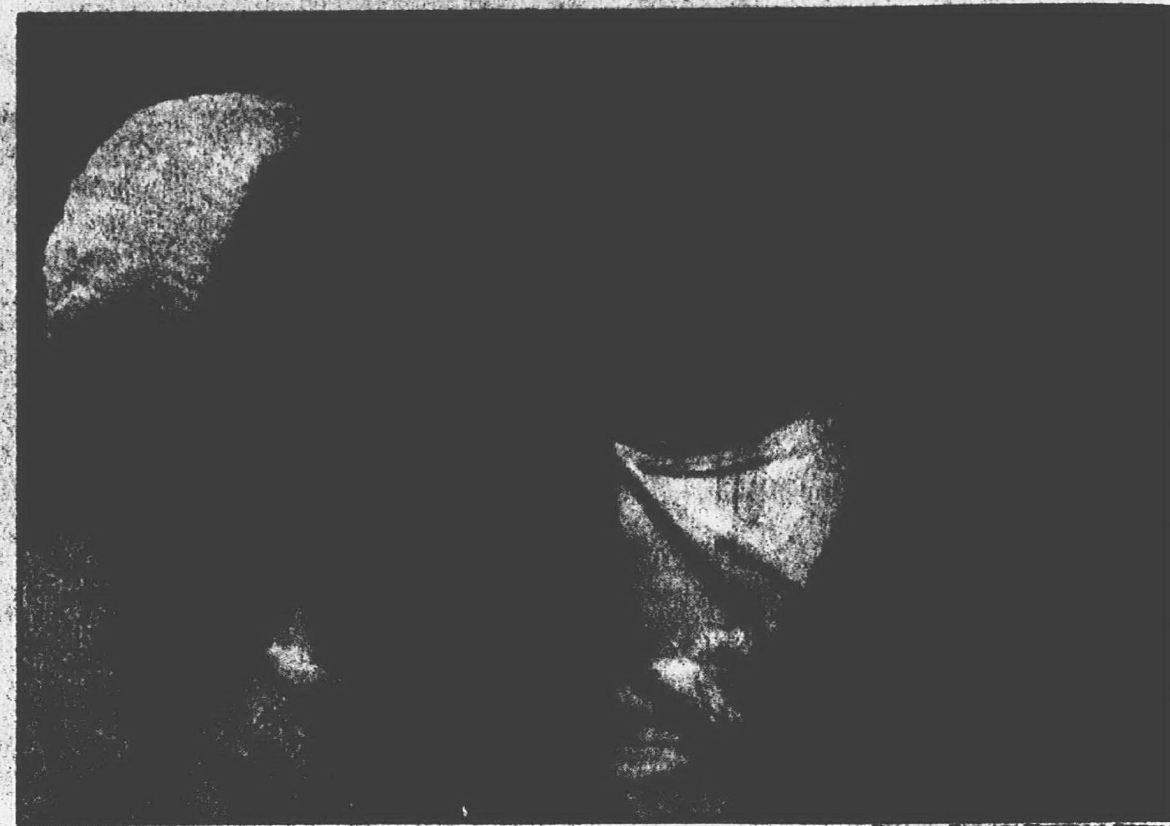
great affection for Andy, and it shows. DeVito, of course, shared the "Taxi" ride with him for five years, but came away not knowing any more about him than we did.

The same may be said for the many others in his life who appear on screen.

There's a wonderful, too-brief "Taxi" re-creation with Judd Hirsch, Marilyn Hanner, Christopher Lloyd, Carol Kane and Jeff Conaway. David Letterman, Horne Michaels and wrestler Jerry "The King" Lawler also play themselves.

Paul Giamatti is outstanding as comedian-writer Bob Zmuda, who was Kaufman's writing partner and co-conspirator behind many of his most memorable stunts.

You may remember the mysteries that were generated by three of them: were Kaufman and Clifton the same man or not; how much of the wrestling period was planned; and was Kaufman's death in 1984 from a rare form of lung cancer his biggest joke of all. The film resolves two of these mysteries and leaves the third enigmatically open. Somewhere Andy is smiling; the gag lives on.



Drama: Lynne Margulies (Courtney Love), is the woman who befriends and eventually falls in love with Andy Kaufman (Jim Carrey) in the "Man on the Moon."

Holiday video rentals brighten merry season

When it comes to movie Santas, Tim Allen got the most ho-ho-ho. The Beverly Hills, Mich., native portrayed the big guy in the 1994

holiday film "The Santa Clause." According to a recent Blockbuster survey, he rated number one against the competition, which included Edmund Gwenn and

Richard Attenborough who both starred as Santa in versions of the classic "Miracle on 34th Street."

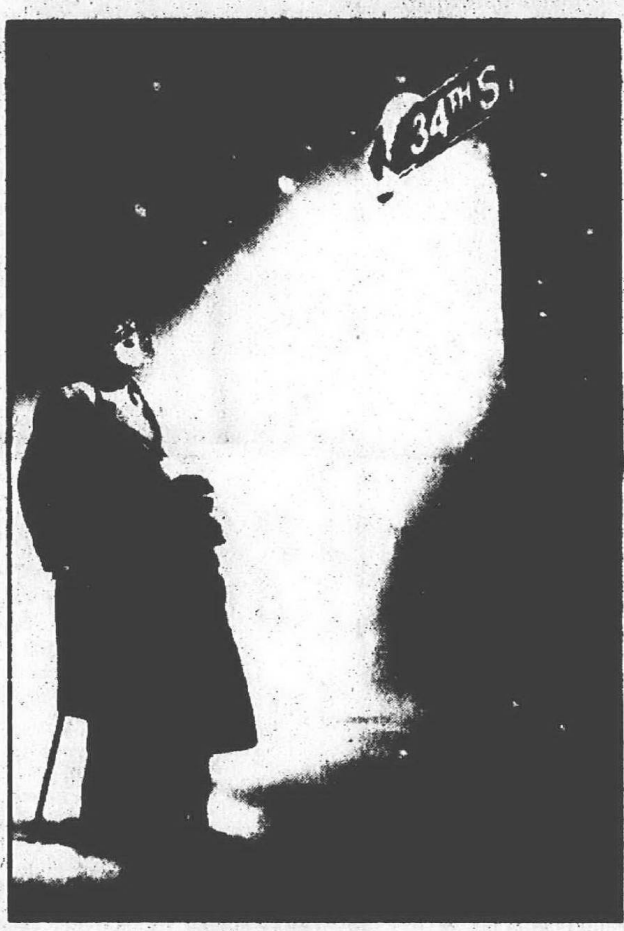
Allen rated sixth as "all-time favorite holiday movie character or star," a category won over by none other than Jimmy Stewart whose portrayal of George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life" has become a staple in holiday traditions.

Here's a list of the top holiday rentals:

1. "It's a Wonderful Life" Famous line: "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings." (1946)
2. "The Santa Clause" Famous Santa: Tim Allen in an unlikely predicament. (1994)
3. "A Christmas Story" Famous gift: Red Ryder BB Gun. (1983)
4. "Miracle on 34th Street" Famous beard: Edmund Gwenn's real whiskers. (1947)
5. "Home Alone" Famous scream: Kevin's

'It's a Wonderful Life' has become a staple in holiday traditions.

- (Macaulay Culkin) first encounter with aftershave. (1990)
6. "White Christmas" Famous score by: Irving Berlin. (1954)
7. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Famous holiday dish: Roast Beast. (1966)
8. "Holiday Inn" Famous faces: Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. (1942)
9. "Scrooged" Famous remake of: Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol." (1988)



Classic: Richard Attenborough is Kris Kringle and Mara Wilson is Susan Walker in "Miracle on 34th Street."

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"LIBERTY BELL"
A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1900s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bobe Newirth and Joe Mantegna

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25

"MANFIELD PARK"
Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. 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.

"GALAXY QUEST"
Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver team up in this sci-fi action comedy about a popular television series. The star and co-stars are abducted by friendly aliens who, after intercepting broadcasts of the TV series, believe that they are real intergalactic fighters.

"THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY"
Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett star in this film about a charming youthful grifter who's commissioned by a wealthy industrialist to go to Italy to retrieve his errant playboy son, only to find himself rather fond of the son's lifestyle.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Jan. 12

"NEXT FRIDAY"
Ice Cub, Tameka Jones, Justin Pierce, and John Witherspoon star in this sequel to the 1995 urban comedy "Friday" about a laid back sort of guy who enjoys sitting on the porch talking with his friends. This time out he moves into his uncle's place in the suburbs, after beating up another guy who's now after him.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14

"TOLLY GOSWAMI"
A young woman is "rescued" from an Indian guru by her concerned family, and turns her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all out battle of the sexes. Stars Kate Winslet, Harvey Keitel and Pam Grier.

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Here are current art books that make glorious gifts

BY JOAN BRINHELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's not hard to find wonderful art books to give as holiday gifts. The hard part is deciding which book to give. This season, as in past years, the selection is gloriously, confusingly varied.

To help clarify matters, here's a sampling of the wide range of the latest art books.

■ "The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works From the Saxe Collection" (Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco-Bulfinch, \$50) by Timothy Anglin Burgard includes background text. But the color reproductions of artworks in close-up are the book's most eye-catching feature, exploring a leading American collection of contemporary crafts.

The gleaming shapes of wood and ceramics, the textures of threads and fiber, the airiness of paper and glass vie for attention. Works are by such masters as Dale Chihuly (glass), Peter Voulkos and Michael Lucero (ceramics), and Diane Iltter and Kay Sekimachi (textiles).

For devotees of popular art and illustration:

■ "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People" (Abrams, \$35) by Maureen Hart Hennessey and Anne Knutson is the catalog from a traveling exhibition currently on show at the High Museum of Art, Atlanta.

The book reproduces 80 of Rockwell's well-loved paintings, from mischievous barefoot boys to heroic astronauts setting foot on the moon. It also offers a series of essays by curators and art historians, appraising the artist's life and work.

■ "The New Yorker 75th Anniversary Cartoon Collection" (Pocket, \$40), edited by Bob Mankoff, is a book to settle down with after a holiday dinner,

when chuckling is the only exercise one could possibly contemplate.

The great cartoonists are represented here, from Charles Addams and Peter Arno to Ed Koren and Saul Steinberg, plus a host of others. Mankoff gives them a brief introduction, then leaves their contrasting styles to

entertain you as you turn the rest of the book's pages in happy sequence.

For family reading:

■ "Exploring World Art" (Getty, \$24.95) by Andrea Belloli is a fine introduction to world art for young readers. It is beautifully designed and well-planned,

carefully and simply written with high-quality reproductions.

Page turning, from the illustrations on Greek vases to paintings of Van Gogh, from Flemish Renaissance painting to African wood carving, would make fine browsing for all the family.

"The Art of Science: A Pop-Up

Adventure in Art" (Candlewick Press, \$27.99), written by Martin Jenkins with paper engineering by Jay Young, is an action book and a fun book.

There are lots of things to watch spring out into three dimensions, and to move and touch. All this is in the worthy

cause of explaining the science behind decisions artists make about how to express themselves in their medium.

The author delivers entertaining explanations of perspective, color, optics, illusion and other topics.

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OCC WRITERS SERIES

Noted author Carla Harryman will be the next speaker in the Oakland Community College Writers Live Series, Tuesday, Jan. 18. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Jones Johnson Theater on the Royal Oak campus. Admission is free and the program is open to the public. Harryman, who has written 10 books in a variety of genres, will read selections from her published poetry, essays, plays and fiction. A question-and-answer session will follow. Call (248) 540-1500 for information.

START A JOURNAL

The beginning of a new year is a perfect time for starting a journal or diary. Come to the Plymouth District Library Tuesday, Dec. 28, to learn about keeping a diary. Hear excerpts from some great children's books written in journal form and make a journal of your own to take home. The program is designed for children ages 8 to 12. Registration is required and is now under way. Call (734) 453-0750, or visit the library at 223 S. Main Street.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 14, 1990

SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 14, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. at 1150 South Canton Center Road...

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 77 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12.001 Section 1. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Electrical Ordinance".

12.002 Section 2. DEFINITIONS.

Words or terms contained in this Ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this Ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this Ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them...

2.1 "Apprentice Electrician" means an individual other than an Electrical Contractor, Master Electrician, or Electrical Journeyman...

2.2 "Board" means Township of Canton Electrical Examining and Appeals Board.

2.3 "Department" means Township of Canton Building Department.

2.4 "Electrical equipment" means all electrical devices, in connection with the generation, distribution, communication, and utilization of electrical energy...

2.5 "Electrical Contractor" means a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing or maintaining electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment.

2.6 "Electrical Inspector" means any person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to inspect all electrical apparatus for compliance with the codes and who shall be the agent or employee of the department designated by the building official...

2.7 "Electrical Journeyman" means a person other than an Electrical Contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the practical installation or alteration of electrical wiring...

2.8 "Electric Sign" means fixed, stationary, or portable self-contained, electrically illuminated equipment that has words or symbols designed to convey information or attract attention.

2.9 "Electrical Wiring" means all wiring, generating equipment, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with the generation, distribution, communication, and utilization of electrical energy...

2.10 "Fire Alarm Contractor" means a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing or maintaining wiring, devices, appliances or equipment of a fire alarm system.

2.11 "Fire Alarm Speciality Apprentice Technician" means an individual other than a Fire Alarm Contractor or a Fire Alarm Speciality Technician who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the installation or alteration of Fire Alarm system wiring and equipment...

2.12 "Fire Alarm Speciality Licensee" means licensure as a Fire Alarm Contractor or a Fire Alarm Speciality or Apprentice Technician.

2.13 "Fire Alarm Speciality Technician" means a person other than a Fire Alarm Contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the practical installation or alteration of fire alarm system wiring.

2.14 "Fire Alarm System" means a system designed to detect and announce the presence of fire, or by-products of fire, installed within a building or structure.

2.15 "Jobsite" means the immediate work area within the property lines of a single construction project, alteration project or maintenance project where electrical construction or alteration of electrical wiring is in progress.

2.16 "Master Electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to supervise the installation of electrical wiring and equipment in accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing that work.

2.17 "Minor repair work" means electrical work such as repairing or replacing flush and snap switches, fuses, lamp sockets or receptacles; replacement of fixtures; repairing or taping bare connections; replacing lamps or the connection of portable electrical equipment to suitable permanently installed receptacles...

2.18 "Municipality" means a city, village or township.

2.19 "Outline lighting" means an arrangement of incandescent lamps or electric discharge tubing which is an integral part of an electrical sign that outlines certain features, such as the shape of a building or the decoration of a window.

2.20 "Owner" means any natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation and their legal successors. In all proceedings, actions or prosecution hereunder, in which a corporation is the owner of any building, structure or part thereof...

2.21 "Sign Specialist" means a person who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the installation, alteration or repair of electric signs.

2.22 "Sign Speciality Contractor" means a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing, installing, maintaining connecting, or repairing electric sign wiring or devices, including wiring that is directly related to electric signs and is electrically dedicated as a sign circuit beginning at the load side of the sign circuit disconnect.

2.23 "Sign Speciality Licensee" means licensure as a Sign Specialist or Sign Speciality Contractor.

2.24 Related sign wiring:

(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (B), (C), and (D), that portion of the electric sign wiring that originates at the load-side terminals of a disconnecting means located in the vicinity of the electric sign involved but does not include the installation of the disconnecting means...

(B) In the case of electric sign installations having sign transformers installed physically apart from the electric sign, that portion of the electric sign wiring that originates at the load-side terminals of a disconnecting means located in the vicinity of the electric sign involved but does not include the installation of the disconnecting means...

(C) In the case of the free standing electric sign installations supplied through underground circuit conductors, that portion of the electric sign wiring that originates at a wiring termination point adjacent to, within or immediately above the permanent base for the electric sign but does not include, if the base of the sign structure is suitable for use as a raceway...

(D) In the case of electric signs specifically designed to be connected directly to the building wiring raceway or cable supply, that portion of the electric sign wiring raceway or cable at the specifically designed supply location for the electric sign involved but does not include the installation of the building wiring raceway or cable system to the specifically designated point of supply for the electric sign involved...

12.003 Section 3. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 236 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended, Section 9, (Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 185.1881), the Charter Township of Canton hereby adopts, by reference, the National Electrical Code (N.F.P.A. 70, 1990) as amended, and N.F.P.A. 71, 72, 73 and 74 for fire alarm systems...

12.004 Section 4. ELECTRICAL EXAMINING AND APPEALS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION.

A. The Electrical Examining and Appeals Board is hereby established. The Electrical Examining and Appeals Board shall consist of the following: (1) the Electrical Inspector of a municipality other than the Charter Township of Canton...

B. The Electrical Examining and Appeals Board, also referred to in this Ordinance as the "Board", shall have and hereby is given jurisdiction, subject to review as hereinafter provided, over the inspection of all electrical installations...

C. The Board is hereby empowered and it shall be their duty to promulgate and recommend such rules and regulations concerning electrical work in the Township of Canton as may be required to properly provide for the situations therein...

D. The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Electrical Inspector, who shall be licensed as an Electrical Journeyman or Master Electrician, who shall inspect all electrical installations and report to the inspection authority...

12.005 Section 5. FEES FOR INSPECTION.

5.1 When an application is made for a permit, required under the terms of this Ordinance, a fee shall be paid in an amount as prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Canton...

12.006 Section 6. RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BUILDINGS.

6.1 Subject to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Michigan, the Electrical Inspector and/or his or her deputy shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter any building in the discharge of his or her official duties for the purpose of making any inspection or test of the installation of electrical wiring, electrical devices and/or electrical materials contained therein...

12.007 Section 7. PERMITS.

7.1 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to install, alter, maintain service or repair electrical equipment in or on any building, structure or part thereof, or on premises, or cause or permit therein or thereon the installation, altering, maintaining, servicing or repairing of any electrical equipment without a license or permit having been obtained therefor...

7.2 Permits shall be issued only to (A) through (D) below:

- A. Licensed Electrical Contractors
B. Licensed Fire Alarm Contractors
C. Licensed Sign Speciality Contractors

D. A bona fide owner of a single-family residence-which is, or will be on completion, his or her own place of residence, and no part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes...

12.008 Section 8. INSPECTION.

8.1 Upon completion of the wiring of any building, it shall be the duty of the person, firm or corporation installing the same to notify the Township of Canton Building and Inspection Services Department...

8.2 All wires which are to be hidden from view shall be inspected before concealment and any person, firm or corporation installing such wires shall notify the Building and Inspection Services Department...

12.009 Section 9. RE-INSPECTION.

9.1 The Electrical Inspector may, when specifically authorized by state law or separate municipal Ordinance, make periodically a thorough re-inspection of the installation in buildings of all electrical wiring, electrical devices and electrical material now installed or that may hereafter be installed...

12.010 Section 10. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

10.1 No certificate of inspection shall be issued unless the electrical installation is in strict conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance, the statutes of the State of Michigan, the rules and regulations issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission...

12.011 Section 11. APPROVED MATERIALS.

11.1 It shall be unlawful to install or use any electrical device, apparatus, or equipment designed for attachment to, or installation on any electrical circuit or system for heat, light, power, or fire alarm system...

11.2 Devices, apparatus and equipment listed by such generally recognized authorities as United States Bureau of Standards, or by qualified electrical testing laboratories such as: Electrical Testing Laboratories (ETL), Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) may be given the approval by the Electrical Inspector...

12.012 Section 12. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.

12.1 The Building and Inspection Services Department of the Township of Canton shall keep complete records of all permits issued and inspections made and other official work performed under the provision of this Ordinance...

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted and pursuant thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sub-section, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision...

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance as amended.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as required by law.

NOTE: A complete copy of this Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Pool Ordinance 110(C) to become effective upon that publication on December 23, 1990.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON POOL ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 110

(Effective Dec. 17, 1981; amended, eff. March 6, 1987; April 23, 1988; December 23, 1990)

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack

Members Absent: Sheffery

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the Agenda as amended to add Item C-21, Cancel Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of December 28, 1990...

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton...

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton meeting of November 23, 1989...

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of December 7, 1989...

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Expanded Budget

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Total - All Funds: \$2,008,170.40

Supervisor Yack opened the public hearing to consider the final approval of Cherry Hill Village planned development and consider extension of time limitation for completion of planned development at 7:08 PM.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution for the final approval for the Cherry Hill Village planned development and extension to time period for completion of construction.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase overtime:

Table with 3 columns: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations, Amount, Total. Total: \$ -0-

This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Water & Sewer Fund budget. All eyes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to appoint the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 2000 annual permit and other permits for underground utility within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to appoint Ralph Welton, John Boughley and Gregg King to the Gilmore House Historic District Study Committee.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint Mary Jane Weidenbach, Susan Wooley and Vera Lieberman to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for additional two-year terms from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Proclamation supporting the Canton Community Census 2000 Complete Count Committee.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution in support for community radio.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Center Fund for food service income and expenditures:

Table with 3 columns: Increase Revenues, Amount, Total. Total: \$179,000

This budget amendment increases the Community Fund budget from \$2,996,534 to \$3,175,534.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the removal and re-installation of "Caution Handicapped In Area" Sign(s) on Sorrell in Canton Township and reinstallation of signs on Highlands, and authorize the Clerk to sign the application, and, further, that the Township will assume responsibility for furnishing, installing and maintaining the sign(s).

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution for the final approval of the plat for Cherry Blossom Estate Subdivision.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to re-appoint Victor Gustafson, Robert Wade and Eue Dodson to the Canton Township Planning Commission, terms to expire December 31, 2002.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide additional funding for 1999 expenditures:

Table with 3 columns: Increase Revenues, Amount, Total. Total: \$ 57,350

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$774,349 to \$831,699, and the General Fund Budget from \$18,386,178 to \$18,471,688.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for the Woodland Heights Street Lighting Special Assessment District for January 11, 1991.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance No. 77 (C) to become effective upon that publication on December 22, 1990.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. 77

SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Electrical Ordinance".

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Electrical Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Words or terms contained in this Ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this Ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this Ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them...

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARD GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, USE AND REMOVAL OF SWIMMING POOLS, ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR, AUTOMATIC INSPECTIONS THEREOF, ESTABLISHING LOCATION, FENCE AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR POOLS, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 20, PROVIDING FOR THE APPEAL THEREOF, AND FILING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 119 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE SECTION 17.011, ADDING SECTION 17.012, AMENDING SECTION 17.021, RENUMBERING SECTIONS 17.022-17.028 AND ADDING SUBSECTION 17.021(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 119, ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS, ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL, BARRIER, HOT TUB, IN-GROUND POOL, PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL, (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR), PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA, ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF POOLS SO AS TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION CODE COMMISSION RULES OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1999, PROVIDING MINIMUM WATER DEPTHS AND DISTANCES FOR DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

17.010 Section 1.0 ADMINISTRATION

17.011 1.1 ADMINISTRATION

The Building Official or his authorized representative of the Charter Township of Canton shall administer the requirements of this Ordinance so as to protect the health and safety of the public, bathers and other person. (Ord. No 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.012 1.3 DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words in the present tense include the future, words used in the singular number including the plural and words used in the plural number indicate the singular. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

- A. "Above-ground/on-ground pool": See definition of private swimming pool.
B. "Barrier": A fence, a wall, a building wall or a combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.
C. "Hot tub": A very large tub made of ceramic, acrylic, wood, or another substance and filled with hot water in which one or more bathers may soak.
D. "In-ground pool": See definition of private swimming pool.
E. "Private swimming pool": Any structure that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing in connection with an occupancy in a residential area and which is available only to the family and guests of the homeowner. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.
F. "Private swimming pool, indoor": Any private swimming pool that is totally contained within a private structure and surrounded on all four sides by walls of said structure.
G. "Private swimming pool, outdoor": Any private swimming pool that is not an indoor pool.
H. "Public swimming pool": Any swimming pool other than a private swimming pool.
I. "Spa": See definition of hot tub. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amended March 6, 1997)

17.013 1.3 PERMITS

A swimming pool or appurtenances thereto shall not be constructed, installed, enlarged or altered until a permit has been obtained from the Building Official. The approval of all Township, County and State authorities having jurisdiction over swimming pools shall be obtained before applying to the Building Official for a permit. Certified copies of these approvals shall be filed as part of the supporting data for the application for the permit. A permit shall not be issued until such time as an approved application to construct a fence in accordance with the provisions of the Fence Ordinance and Section 3.0 (17.030) of this Ordinance is attached to the application for the permit to construct the pool. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.014 1.4 PERMIT FEES

The permit fee to be paid to the Charter Township of Canton shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Township Board. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.015 1.5 BONDING REQUIREMENTS

A cash bond may be required by the Building Official to insure that the pool is constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and that an approved final inspection is obtained. Said bonding shall be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Building Official. (Ord. No 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.016 1.6 APPLICABLE CONSTRUCTION CODES

All work shall be done in a workmanship like manner and shall comply with all applicable Building, Electrical and Mechanical Codes of Canton Township which are hereby incorporated by reference. (Ord. No 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.017 1.7 INSPECTION

The permit holder shall notify the Building Official upon completion of the pool construction, installation or modification. The Building Official shall inspect all pools after such notification to confirm that the provisions of all applicable ordinances are satisfied. When necessary, the Building Official or Wayne County Health Department may make additional inspections. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.018 1.8 STOP WORK ORDER

(a) NOTICE TO OWNER: Upon notice from the Building Official that work on any building or structure is being prosecuted contrary to the provisions of this ordinance in an unsafe and dangerous manner, such work shall be immediately stopped. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing work; and shall state the conditions under which work may be resumed.
(b) UNLAWFUL CONTINUANCE: Any person who shall continue to work on or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as he is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or more than ninety (90) days in jail at the discretion of the court. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.019 1.9 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Swimming and bathing pools shall conform to the requirements of the Charter Township of Canton Building Code, and the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999; amend. eff. December 22, 1999)

17.020 Section 2.0 LOCATION AND REQUIREMENTS

17.021 2.1 POOL CLEARANCE

The location and enclosure of any pool shall be such that no hazard exists for the pool users or the public. The minimum distance from the nearest part of the pool structure shall be as follows:

- (A) Five (5) feet horizontally to any property line except that no pool shall be located within the front yard and in the case of a corner lot, the pool shall not be located within the required yard space as measured from the lot line which abuts the side street.
(B) Four (4) feet to any building wall or non property line fence.
(C) Ten (10) feet horizontally from any overhead electrical or telephone wire to the water's edge or to any diving board or platform. Under no circumstances shall wires of any kind cross over the water surface.
(D) Twenty-five (25) feet horizontally to any private water well or seventy-five (75) feet to any private water well or seventy-five (75) feet to any semi-public water well unless a shorter distance is approved by the Building Official.
(E) Three (3) feet horizontally to any sewer, for an inground pool. There shall be ten (10) feet horizontally to a septic tank and tile field or other similar treatment facility.
(F) Underground water, electrical telephone, gas or other pipes and conduits except for parts of the swimming pool system, shall not be closer than three (3) feet from the water's edge and not closer than one (1) foot to the pool structure.
(G) No pool, parts of the pool, or related equipment shall be located in any easement of record.
(H) In a residential subdivision, pool water filtering and heating equipment shall not be located in the side yard or in the case of a corner lot, within the required yard space which abuts the side street. Pool equipment shall not be located within the front yard.

17.020 Section 3.0 FENCE REQUIREMENT

17.021 3.1 SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Every person owning land on which there is situated a swimming pool, which contains twenty-four (24) inches or more of water in depth at any point, shall erect and maintain thereon an adequate enclosure either surrounding the property or pool area, sufficient to make such body of water inaccessible to small children. Such enclosure, including gates therein, must not be less than four (4) feet nor more than six (6) feet above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children and must meet the requirements of Building Code of the Charter Township of Canton and the

Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amended March 6, 1997; amended April 22, 1999; amend. eff. December 22, 1999)

17.023 3.2 SELF FENCING

Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier or enclosure around a pool, one of the following shall be required:

- a. All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door is opened and shall meet all other requirements of Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended.
b. The pool shall be equipped with an approved power safety cover. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999; December 22, 1999)
17.023 3.3 SELF-FENCING: ABOVE GROUND POOLS
An above-ground pool which has a structure intended to provide self-fencing shall satisfy the fencing requirements of this Ordinance if it provides:
(a) A walkway not less than eighteen (18) inches in width completely around the water's edge and at least three (3) feet above grade.
(b) The self-fencing shall be at least three (3) feet high above the walkway and; a minimum of 48" above finished ground level.
(c) Where the means of access is a fixed or removable ladder or steps, the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of Items 1 through 9 of Section 421.10.1 of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999. A removable ladder shall not constitute an acceptable alternative to enclosure requirements.
(d) Such enclosure shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height above the underlying ground.
(Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999; Dec. 22, 1999)

17.024 3.4 WADING POOLS

No wading pool shall be left unattended unless it is provided with a substantial cover or is surrounded by a fence as provided in this section. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.025 3.5 TEMPORARY FENCE

A temporary fence, approved by the Building Official, shall be in place from the time of commencement of construction until the permanent fence is erected on all pools constructed below grade. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.026 3.6 COMPLIANCE WITH FENCE REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO

- (a) No pool shall have water placed in it until the provisions of this section are complied with.
(b) The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:
1. A spa or hot tub with an approved safety cover;
2. Fixtures which are drained after each use.
(Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997)

17.040 Section 4 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

17.041 4.1 HAZARDS AND SHAPE

There shall be no hazardous projections or low over-water construction in the pool or the pool enclosure which could trap or injure bathers. The pool shall be shaped so that all parts of the pool can be observed from a single vantage point on the pool deck. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.042 4.2 LIGHTS

Pool areas lights, if provided, shall be shielded so as to direct the light away from adjacent premises. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.043 4.3 EQUIPMENT LOCATION

Water treatment equipment shall be installed above grade, except that it may be installed in a properly drained residential basement, cellar or other approved structure. Any accessory building shall comply with applicable requirements of Zoning and Building Codes. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.050 Section 5.0 DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS

17.051 5.1 DIVING BOARD OR PLATFORM

- (a) Minimum water depths and distances for diving boards, platforms, or hoppers for pools, based on board height above water, shall comply with table 421.11(1) for public pools and Table 421.11(2) for private pools of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999; December 22, 1999)
(b) There shall be at least eight (8) feet clearance between the end of any diving board or platform and each side wall of the pool. The end of the diving board or platform shall project over the water one (1) foot from the deep end wall. Diving structures shall be securely anchored and shall have at least thirteen (13) feet unobstructed headroom for at least eight (8) feet horizontally over the water surface from all parts of the diving board. There shall be no less than eight (8) feet of water in the diving area. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.052 5.2 DEPTH MARKINGS

If a diving board is installed, there shall be at least one (1) depth marking on the deck or wall of the pool above the water line indicating the greatest depth in feet. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.060 6.0 MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

17.061 6.1 GENERAL

Pools and pool equipment shall be operated and maintained in a manner which will not create health or safety hazards or any public nuisance. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.062 6.2 SUPERVISION

The pool shall be so supervised that safety hazards are not created. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.063 6.3 RESCUE DEVICES

A rescue pole hook or similar device shall be available within the pool enclosure. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.064 6.4 WATER RESTRICTIONS

The filling of swimming pools from the public water supply shall be regulated the same as lawn sprinkling. All pools shall be provided with a potable water supply, free of cross connections. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.065 6.5 DRAINAGE RESTRICTIONS

No swimming pool shall be drained to a sanitary sewer. No surface or roof drainage shall be permitted to enter the pool. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.066 6.6 MAINTENANCE

Any swimming pool which is not maintained to the minimum standard established by this Ordinance, Health Department regulations or Building Codes shall be placed out of use by the owner after a notice by the Building Official itemizing the corrections needed. Upon failure to correct the item cited, the pool may be ordered removed in accordance with Section 6.7 of this Ordinance (17.067). (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.067 6.7 POOL REMOVAL

Upon discontinuing the use of a pool, the owner thereof shall forthwith remove all water therefrom and shall remove and/or fill the structure or excavation with earth level to grade or otherwise make the premises safe. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.070 Section 7.0 CONSTRUCTION; NONAPPLICABILITY; APPEALS

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto, provided, however, that where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provision shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent, in such appealed instance. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.080 Section 8.0 PENALTIES

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Every act or violation and every day upon which violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.090 Section 9.0 REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amended March 6, 1997)

17.100 Section 10 SEVERABILITY

If any particular section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or void, that particular section is severable, and all other sections of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amended March 6, 1997)

17.110 Section 11 SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.120 Section 12 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its second publication. Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public

inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules (B) to become effective upon that publication date on December 22, 1999

ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

Ord. eff. Nov. 16, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999, amend. eff. 12/23/99

Administrative rules as promulgated by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the Charter Township of Canton as provided for in Section 15 of the Electrical Ordinance.

12.351 Sec. 1. GENERAL

A. DEVIATION FROM REQUIREMENTS. In cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, the Electrical Inspection Authority is hereby granted discretionary powers to permit deviation from the provisions of this code, provided that such a proposal to deviate is first submitted for proper determination in order that health and safety requirements, as they pertain to electrical equipment, shall be obtained.

B. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. A detailed set of plans and specifications shall be submitted with application for building permit for any wiring or alterations to the electrical system in all buildings using over six (6) circuits except single and two-family dwellings. The electrical drawings shall include such details as lighting layout, circuiting, switching, conductor and raceway sizes, wattage schedule, service location, and riser diagram, calculations and proposed method of construction drawn with symbols of a standard form. All conductors are assumed to be copper unless otherwise stated on the plan. Specifications when provided shall also include this information. The section of suitable disconnect and overcurrent devices to provide proper coordination and interruption capacity for a wiring system is the responsibility of the designer. The Electrical Inspection Authority, when approving electrical plans, assumes no responsibility for the design nor any deviations from any applicable codes not explicitly agreed upon at the time of approval of electrical drawings.

C. INSTALLATION PROCEDURE. Electrical contractors shall, in no case, install permanent electrical equipment that may be damaged by the roughing in of heating, ventilation and plumbing construction and before the roof is covered.

1. Accessibility. No installation of plumbing equipment, refrigeration equipment, space heating equipment, duct work, cabinets, partitions or materials shall be made in such a way as to render the wiring in any electrical service equipment, distribution panel, outlet, splice, junction or pull box inaccessible.

D. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS NOTICE at least shall be given the Electrical Inspection Authority before inspection is required.

E. INSPECTION BEFORE CONCEALING. No person shall conceal or cause to be concealed any electrical equipment before it has been approved by the Electrical Inspection Authority.

F. BLUE PRINTS AVAILABLE ON JOB. Blue prints or plans approved by the Electrical Inspection Authority or a certified copy thereof, where required, shall be available for the use of the Electrical Inspector on the job.

G. REPRESENTATIVE FOR INSPECTION. The Electrical Inspection Authority reserves the right to require a representative of the contractor to be on the job when inspection is made. A licensed electrical journeyman or master electrician shall be present at all times that electrical construction is in progress.

H. NOTICES OF INSPECTION. Any notice of inspection of electrical equipment shall be posted in or on the job by the Electrical Inspector only.

I. INSPECTION NOTICES shall not be removed, defaced, or altered by anyone except by a representative of the Electrical Inspection Authority.

J. CODE INTERPRETATIONS. The Electrical Inspection Authority shall not be responsible for code interpretations or other information relative to electrical installations given over the telephone. Requests for such information should be made in person or in writing.

K. CARNIVALS, CONVENTION DISPLAYS, PRODUCT AND STREET SHOWS ETC. Electrical equipment for such places shall require a permit for inspection and approval must be obtained prior to the time of opening. For special requirements, consult the Electrical Inspection Authority.

L. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION shall be issued on request from the person or persons to whom permit is issued, but shall not be issued until after the installation has been tested with current on wires and all electrical equipment permanently installed, or if this is not possible, until after every outlet has been tested by the applicant or his representatives in the presence of the Inspector and approved by that Inspector.

M. ADVERTISING. It shall be unlawful for a person to use any word or words in any sign, display, business form or document, or advertising medium which indicates, or tends to indicate, that a person is qualified to supervise, install, repair, replace, remove or service any electrical which requires a permit and/or inspection hereunder from the Department, unless such is uttered, published or displayed by authority of a licensed electrical contractor whose licensed name and license number is included in such media, and such shall be given prominence at least equal to that of the said advertiser's name. (Ord. eff. Nov. 16, 1977)

12.352 Sec. 2. FILING OF PERMITS.

A. ELECTRICAL PERMITS are required for the installation of all electrical equipment.

B. TEMPORARY PERMITS must be filed under any of the following conditions:

- 1. For connection to temporary service drop and for equipment to be used for construction purposes, a temporary permit is required for the number of circuits to be used or number of power units to be installed.
2. For connection to permanent service or for installation of temporary lighting or power equipment not included on original permit, a separate permit based on the permit fee schedule is required, except that in single or two-family dwellings temporary connection of the permanent service equipment may be included on the original wiring and fixture permit without additional fee provided service is ready for inspection at the time of the first rough inspection call.
3. For connection to permanent service for heating equipment, a temporary permit will be issued if a regular permit for permanent connection of the heating equipment is issued or is on file at the time the temporary connection is requested.

C. ADDITION TO A PERMIT. After a permit has been issued and the fee deposited, no additional work shall be included. In cases in which additional work is to be installed, a new permit shall be secured and the fee paid, except when additional circuits of wiring, additional sockets or fixtures, or additional units for heat or power are installed, and on which inspection has been made on the original call but not included in the permit, the fee for such additional work shall apply.

D. ADDITIONAL PERMITS shall be required as follows:

- 1. If more than one inspection is necessary on any violation notice.
2. For special inspections required for the investigation of any ordinance violations (Ord. Eff. Nov. 16, 1977)

12.353 Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS, PERMIT REGULATIONS, FEES.

A. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of these rules, certain terms used herein, in addition to those lawfully adopted from Chapter 1, Article 100 of the National Electrical Code of 1999 are hereafter defined.

- 1. Approved means that electrical equipment, method or procedure which the Electrical Inspection Authority designates as acceptable having been by demonstration and/or test proven workable and safe for its intended purpose.
2. Board means Board of Electrical Examiners.
3. Electrical Equipment means material such as conductors, fittings, devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus, and the like, used as part of, or in connection with, an electrical installation.
4. Emergency Systems shall mean the installation, operation and maintenance of circuits, systems and equipment intended to supply illumination and power in the event of failure to the normal supply, or in the event of accident to elements of a system supplying power and illumination essential for safety to life and property as hereinafter required.
5. Independent Electrical Contractor means any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation and their legal successor, engaged independently in the business of installing, maintaining, repairing, servicing or altering electrical equipment.
6. Master Electrician means any person who engages in the trade of installing, maintaining, repairing, servicing or altering electrical equipment, and who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to supervise the installation of wiring and equipment in accordance with the regulations governing such work.
7. Journeyman Electrician means any person who engages in the trade of installing, maintaining, repairing, servicing or altering electrical equipment as an occupation.
8. N.E.C. means the National Electrical Code 1999 Edition.
9. Owner means any natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation and their legal successors.
10. Person means any natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation and their legal successors.
11. Electric Sign, whether inside or outside a building, means a sign wherein letters, figures or designs are formed, bordered or outlined by incandescent lamps, gas filled luminous tubes, or by a transparent medium illuminated by means of electric lights or gas filled luminous tubes contained within the sign. Flood lights or spotlights, which are not an essential element of the sign proper, are not classified as electric signs.

Fantasia from Entertainment front

most important one of all, Daisy. As the lovebirds almost lose hope thinking they might never see each other again, a true Disney ending prevails.

The film shows a light-hearted look at man's relationship with nature in "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens. Viewers meet a group of flamingoes — one of which develops his skills with a yo-yo. The segment also is directed by Goldberg, using vibrant watercolor.

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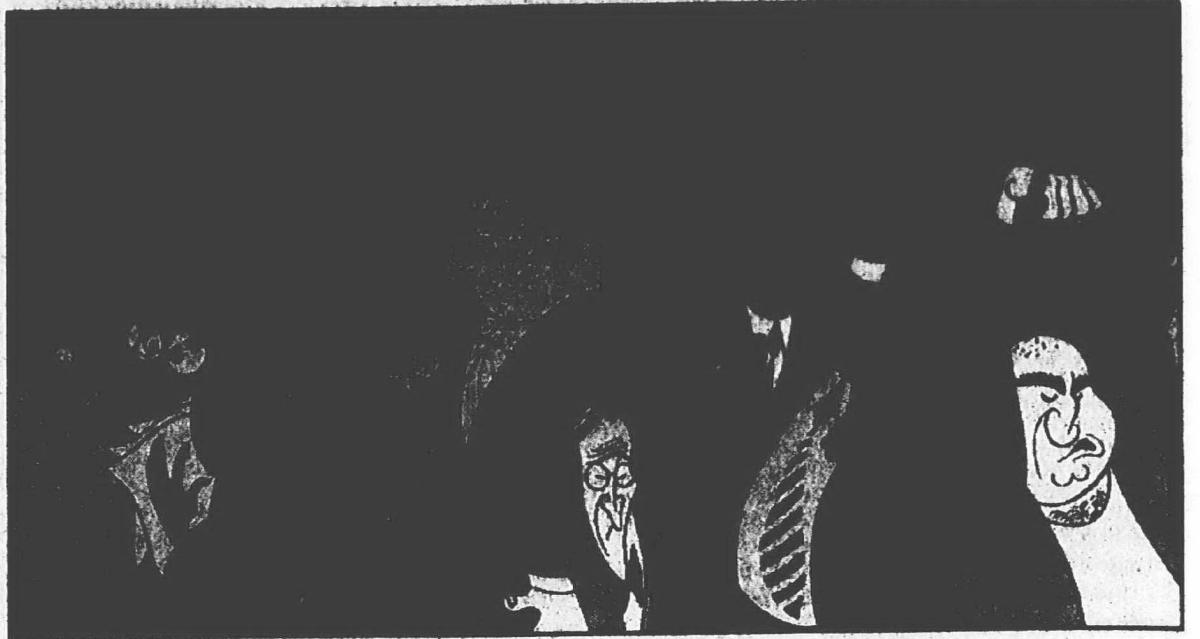
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accompany it. The relationship between music and animation is clarified when the camera focuses on the orchestra pit, between segments. It's become a place where the animator's drawing board sits among the musical instruments. Disney used pictures just as Beethoven, Gershwin and many others used musical notes.

"Fantasia 2000" takes Walt Disney's dreams into the new century, the new millennium, in unparalleled style and sophistication.



City life: Eric Goldberg brings Manhattan's Jazz Age back to life with "Rhapsody in Blue," set to music by George Gershwin.

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Gallagher II from Entertainment front

followed. "As soon as I hit the stage dressed like my brother I was accepted, so I started putting some of my own stuff together. His show is now different than mine because he's gone off in a different direction from what his cable specials were. He does more of a lecture-based show."

As a result, Ron maintains that "I'm more the Gallagher the audience wants to see. Anybody who loves Gallagher will love my show. I do 'The Best of Gallagher.'" He doesn't consider himself a pretender to the throne

but an inheritor of it. The problem is, big brother's not ready to abdicate.

"When I was doing smaller clubs I wasn't a threat to him," says Gallagher the Younger. "The minute he heard that I was doing the Fisher Theatre he went completely nuts. He said 'I don't want the competition; you're invading on my territory.' And I said, 'You created me, why can't you take credit for me? We're two brothers out there who love each other; let's collaborate, let's do shows together, let's have fun.'"

"We just look at the world with Gallagher eyes. The audience laughs not only at the jokes but for not seeing it that way in the first place. The Gallagher humor is to whack you in the brain, to throw things at you so fast you're going to still be laughing at the last joke while I tell you the next one."

Ron Gallagher
Comedian

That's unlikely to happen for now. Meanwhile, Gallagher II seems genuine in two things: an admiration for his brother and a

pride in himself. "I use a lot of my brother's old stuff that he doesn't use anymore because it's classic," he says. "But I do it in my vein. I encourage everyone to see his show, and then see my show and see if it's the same. It's not."

No matter which sibling delivers it, the Gallagher humor is a hybrid of George Carlin without the language and Jerry Seinfeld with props.

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way in the first place. The Gallagher humor is to whack you in the brain, to throw things at you so fast you're going to still be laughing at the last joke while I tell you the next one."

What can audiences expect on New Year's Eve at the Fisher? "We're going to have our own indoor fireworks," Ron promises. "But instead, it's food flying through the air. New York City has the ball; I've got the hammer. And the hammer will drop at midnight." Protective covering is strongly suggested.

Opera from Entertainment front

ners in Greenfield Village. Everything from the lack of electricity to the authentic seven-course meal offers the experience of a special Christmas Dinner at the former Inn which was built as a stagecoach stop in 1830.

Opera Lite acts as performers who must sing for their bed and board. A guitarist, pianist, magician and musical quartet are all part of the show, which varies from one year to the next.

This year, Pulice took it one step further. He gave the green

light to 33 1/3 records to create a CD of music from the Eagle Tavern show. Al Jacquez, partner at the Ann Arbor-based label, worked on the album. "I felt it deserved to be documented. The songs are great; it's an interesting niche, 1850s style."

The CD offers a true live performance, without overdubbing of any kind, he added.

"Everyone doing this enjoys the holidays," said Pulice. "They're in good spirits."

Suzanne Robb, a Redford resident and vocalist with Opera Lite, agreed and said it's her business.

"I can't imagine Christmas without it," she said. "Being part of the music really does make Christmas."

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Fantasia from Entertainment front

most important one of all, Daisy. As the lovebirds almost lose hope thinking they might never see each other again, a true Disney ending prevails.

The film shows a light-hearted look at man's relationship with nature in "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens. Viewers meet a group of flamingoes — one of which develops his skills with a yo-yo. The segment also is directed by Goldberg, using vibrant watercolor.

But the most heart-warming portion of the movie comes from the partnership of Shostakovich's "Piano Concerto No. 2, Allegro, Opus 102" and Hans Christian Andersen's story, "The Steadfast Tin Soldier." Viewers become captivated by the lengths a toy soldier goes to save his love, a ballerina, from the clutches of an evil Jack-

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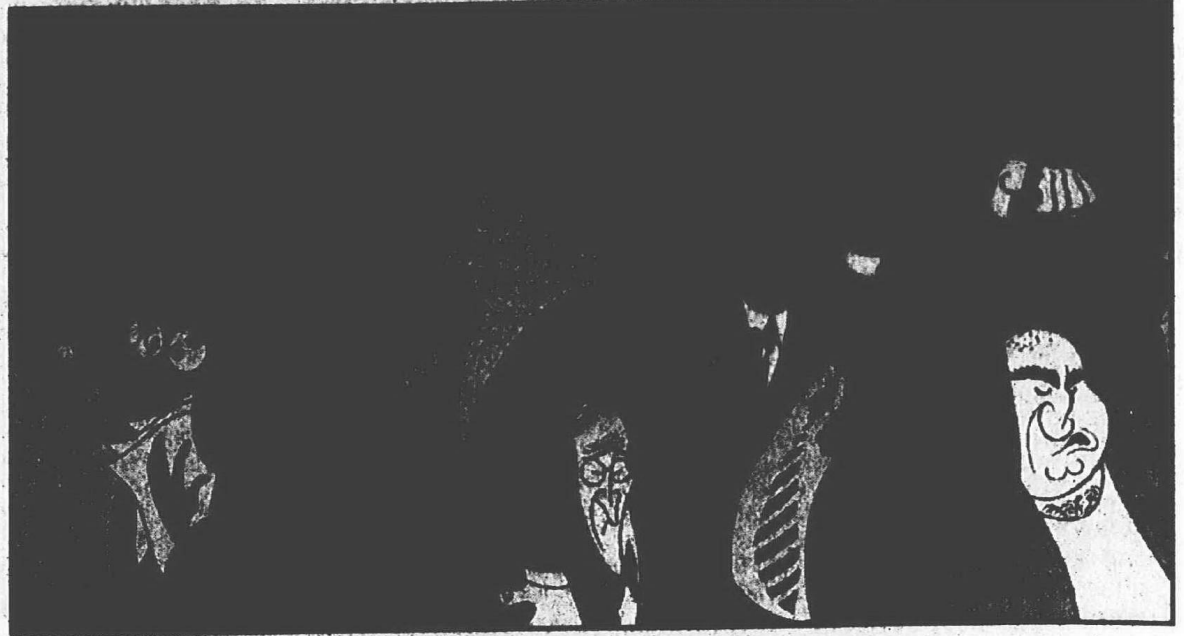
in-the-box. Director Hendel Butoy brings the beloved toys to life in a way that causes viewers to hang on the edge of their seats.

Not all of the segments tell a specific story, "Beethoven's Symphony No. 5" and "Pines of Rome" were made to evoke a feeling — and brilliantly animated to give visual elements to those emotions.

Walking out of the grand theater, it's almost impossible to hear any music without visualizing the elements that might

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Gallagher II from Entertainment front

followed. "As soon as I hit the stage dressed like my brother I was accepted, so I started putting some of my own stuff together. His show is now different than mine because he's gone off in a different direction from what his cable specials were. He does more of a lecture-based show."

As a result, Ron maintains that "I'm more the Gallagher the audience wants to see. Anybody who loves Gallagher will love my show. I do 'The Best of Gallagher.'" He doesn't consider himself a pretender to the throne

but an inheritor of it. The problem is, big brother's not ready to abdicate.

"When I was doing smaller clubs I wasn't a threat to him," says Gallagher the Younger. "The minute he heard that I was doing the Fisher Theatre he went completely nuts. He said 'I don't want the competition; you're invading on my territory.' And I said, 'You created me, why can't you take credit for me? We're two brothers out there who love each other; let's collaborate, let's do shows together, let's have fun.'"

"We just look at the world with Gallagher eyes. The audience laughs not only at the joke but for not seeing it that way in the first place. The Gallagher humor is to whack you in the brain, to throw things at you so fast you're going to still be laughing at the last joke while I tell you the next one."

Ron Gallagher
Comedian

That's unlikely to happen for now. Meanwhile, Gallagher II seems genuine in two things: an admiration for his brother and a

pride in himself. "I use a lot of my brother's old stuff that he doesn't use anymore because it's classic," he says. "But I do it in my vein. I encourage everyone to see his show and then see my show and see if it's the same. It's not."

No matter which sibling delivers it, the Gallagher humor is a hybrid of George Carlin without the language and Jerry Seinfeld with pangs.

"We just look at the world with Gallagher eyes," Ron explains. "The audience laughs not only at the joke but for not seeing it that

way in the first place. The Gallagher humor is to whack you in the brain, to throw things at you so fast you're going to still be laughing at the last joke while I tell you the next one."

What can audiences expect on New Year's Eve at the Fishnet? "We're going to have our own indoor fireworks," Ron promises. "But instead, it's food flying through the air. New York City has the ball; I've got the hammer. And the hammer will drop at midnight." Protective covering is strongly suggested.

Opera from Entertainment front

ners in Greenfield Village. Everything from the lack of electricity to the authentic seven-course meal offers the experience of a special Christmas Dinner at the former Inn which was built as a stagecoach stop in 1830.

Opera Lite acts as performers who must sing for their bed and board. A guitarist, pianist, magician and musical quartet are all part of the show, which varies from one year to the next.

This year, Pulice took it one step further. He gave the green

light to 33 1/3 records to create a CD of music from the Eagle Tavern show. Al Jacquez, partner at the Ann Arbor-based label, worked on the album. "I felt it deserved to be documented. The songs are great; it's an interesting niche, 1850s style."

The CD offers a true live performance, without overdubbing of any kind, he added.

"Everyone doing this enjoys the holidays," said Pulice. "They're in good spirits."

Suzanne Robb, a Redford resident and vocalist with Opera Lite, agreed and said it's her business.

"I can't imagine Christmas without it," she said. "Being part of the music really does make Christmas."

Opera Lite has captured the sound of good cheer on the holiday CD titled "Christmas at the Eagle Tavern," a 33 1/3 Records Release. Buy it at any Harmony House or Desirable Disc location, or Dearborn Music in Dearborn

or Canton. Call (734) 761-1920 or visit www.amazingmusic.com.

See Opera Lite perform Tuesdays through Sundays in December at Eagle Tavern, Greenfield Village in Dearborn, or catch daytime caroling: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 24, 27-31 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, and 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in December at the Southfield Town Center. Call (248) 888-7640 for information or booking.

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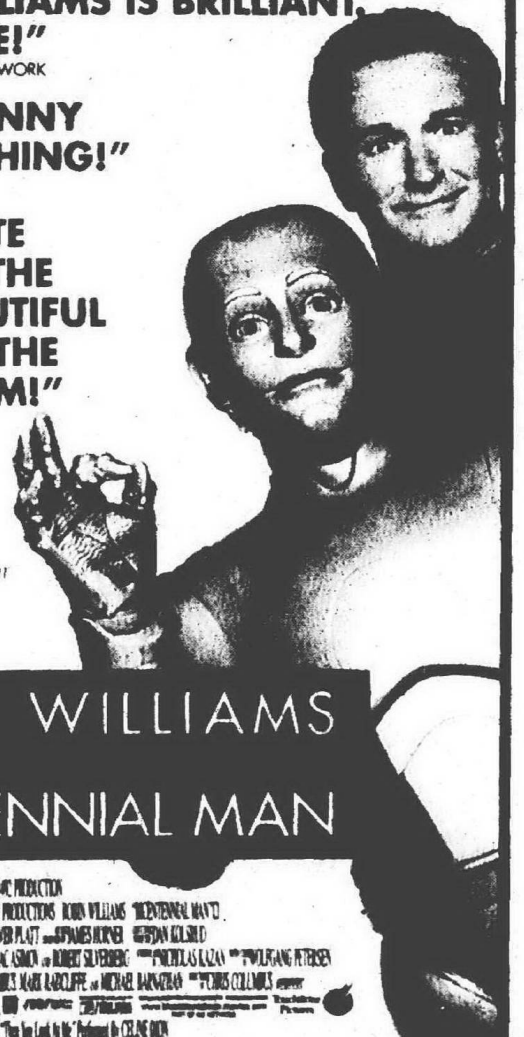
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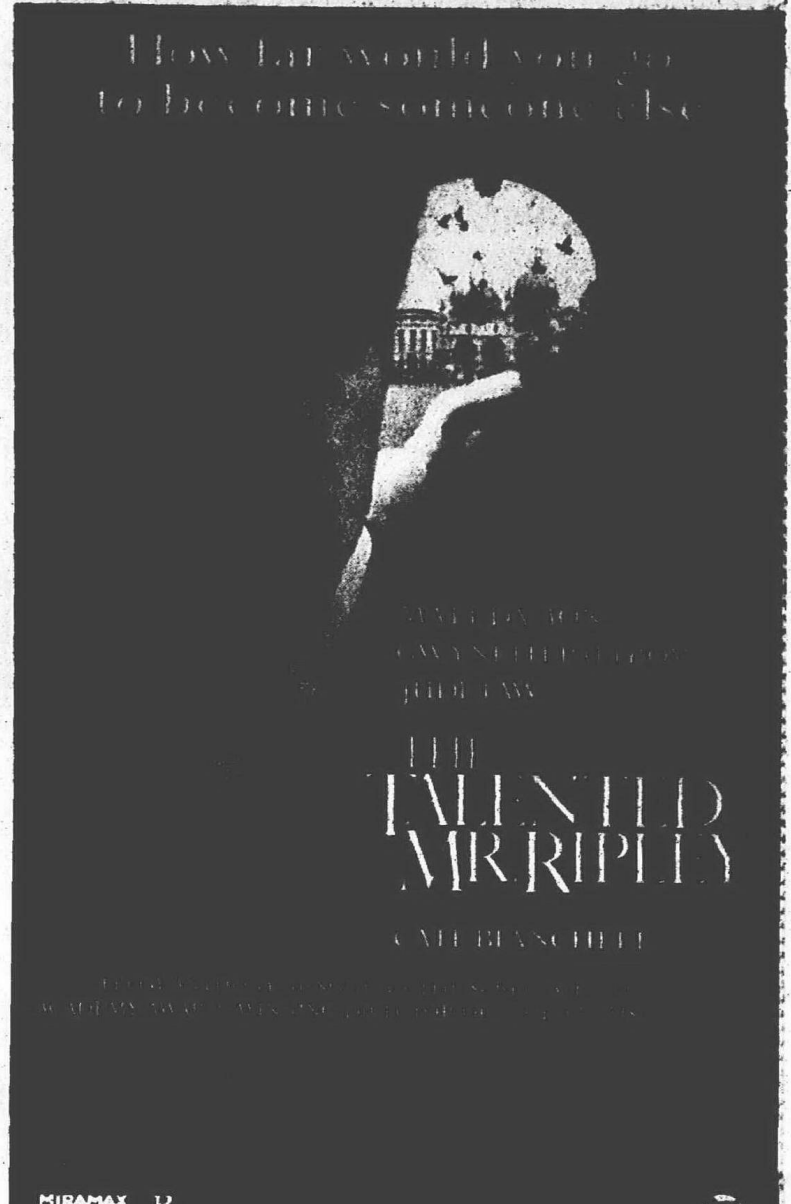


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Rooster takes the nonstop to Music City, USA

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Long before walking down the dark, narrow corridor of Jack Legs, a bar on Nashville's infamous Second Avenue, that signature twang of guitar strings becomes a tell-tale sign that Rooster has

and speak in relaxed tones. Kott went on to explain: "We weren't country, we weren't rock. We decided to be more of a rock band with an Americana feel." How's it going? "It definitely shows we've been together for a couple of years," said Karasek.

"Tumblin' Down" on trying times

This second trip to Music City came with trying circumstances. One of the band's producers, Clark John Hagan (Days of the New, Ray Stevens, Chet Atkins), was involved in a car accident which caused him to fall into a coma for several days, just before Rooster arrived. "It definitely dampens the mood," said Dean with concern.

But the band has kept moving ahead, with the help of engineer/producer Jason Stelluto (Randy Travis, Bryan White).

"They're really easy to work with," he said. "Everyone plays their instruments very well, that makes things very easy for me. It's a lot easier when your dealing with people who play all the time. They're really tight."

Making it on "Music Row"

Recording in Nashville has proven quite different from studios in the Detroit area. Besides the addition of gold records covering the walls, Nashville studios are set in the heart of Music Row, an area of town bombarded by major record companies like Capitol. You can't turn a corner without noticing some symbol of power and money in the music business.

"This is a town business down here," said Dean. "You don't see that in Detroit. The town business there is making cars and everybody knows it."

Karasek continued: "Going down the street, you see all of the record companies and publishing houses, it really makes you think. It inspires us. When we're in Detroit, who knows what's going to happen. The industry is here."

Kott said he feels the band is



Reaching out: Clockwise from right, John Taminski, Jon Kott, Ken Karasek and Dave Dean are Rooster, Rochester Hills boys who've found time to work and play in Nashville, while promoting their music.

very well-received in Music City. The applause, dancing and compliments of a captured crowd at Jack Legs on Friday, Dec. 10 proved it.

"Their music crosses a lot of boundaries to me," said Stelluto, who urges them to stay true to their music. "My role as producer is to help them transfer what they already sound like (to

disc)." Stelluto was mixing new songs, including "Pick Up the Change," when I visited on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 11. Band members sat around him, eyes staring into space, deep in concentration, and occasionally tapping their toes or playfully strumming air guitars. The five-song demo is almost complete at

this point, and ready to be shipped around to record companies.

Where will Rooster go from here? It's hard to tell, but Karasek said the band "definitely needs a radio hit to get us on the map."

Aiming for a record deal won't be an easy fight in the current musical climate. "It's hard for

INSIDE NASHVILLE'S NIGHTLIFE: A VISITORS GLANCE

■ Where to find pure country music and atmosphere soaked in Nashville history:

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■ Where to find carousel-like horses perched atop barstools and line-dancing lessons:

Wildhorse Saloon - a giant, three-level bar complete with a stage suitable for the likes of the Dixie Chicks. The horse theme is unavoidable at every turn, but good for a giggle.

■ Where to find the swanky, stylish crowd and a good martini:

Havana Lounge - Picture a scene from "Guys and Dolls." This place hops with its zebra-striped decor and red accented furniture - the perfect place to be seen.

people to get picked up right now," said Stelluto.

"Just playing music is the best you can do."

Welcome Rooster back to their stomping grounds when the band plays *The Alley*, inside *Mainstreet Billiards* in downtown Rochester. Doors open at 8 p.m. Thursday Dec. 30. Bring your best cowboy and cowgirl digs. Call (248) 652-8441.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the *Observer & Eccentricist* newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, dial (734) 591-7279.

Stylistically speaking

"We wanted to be more particular, more Americana, whereas the first CD was all over the board with 'Rubber Stamp' and 'Witch's Brew,'" said Dean of the band's musical direction. "All this stuff is more in line." He lounges in a backroom of Nightingale Studio amid framed gold records of country music greats and a muted television set.

Kott cuts in sarcastically: "It's not a compilation disc."

The band shows the visible result of long hours in the studio and late nights performing as they lean back on plush couches

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"Prisoner of Second Avenue," previews Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 23-26, show dates Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Experience an old-fashioned Christmas in a Candlelight glow, 6-8 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets

\$7/person and family tickets \$20 in advance. (248) 477-7375

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

X-TRAVA GON

Comic book, toy and non-sport car show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

LIGHT SHOWS

DOMINGO'S PALACE ST. NICOLAS 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 Cleaners Food Bank. (734) 930-4430

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 lit. (734) 261-1990

"WILD LIGHTS"

Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday (closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1), at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward and I-96, Royal Oak. \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-members (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
8 p.m. dinner follow by 9 p.m.

performance of the folk comedy, "Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$60. (313) 868-1347

FIRST NIGHT

5:30 p.m. performances begin (4 p.m. by Village Players), midnight laser show in Shin Park, in downtown Birmingham. \$8, free for children ages 5 and under. (248) 258-9075

GAELIC LEAGUE/IRISH-AMERICAN CLUB

8 p.m. catered dinner, 9 p.m. dancing, with entertainment by Irish Coal, Black Brimmer and Walter Walsh, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. \$25. (313) 964-8700

MILLENNIUM GALA EVENT

A special night at the Livonia Marriott includes champagne toast, hors d'oeuvres, a five-course gourmet dinner, dessert and coffee, and entertainment provided by DJ Eddie Hakim with a variety of musical styles. Tickets \$130. Special room rates also available. Call (734) 454-7077

NEW YEAR JUBILEE

Madrat & Kane, Mr. B. George Bedard & the Kingpins, and dozens of other performers, fireworks, 8 p.m. in and around Ypallenti's Historic District. \$15 until Dec. 26, \$20, \$5 children ages 6-12. (734) 995-7281/(734) 483-4444

NORTHVILLE MANOR

8 p.m. dinner (7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres), Haggerty between Five and Six Mile, Northville. \$100. (734) 420-0144

SOKOL DETROIT

8 p.m. dinner followed by dancing to the Joe Tomes Band, at the Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights. \$50. (248) 437-8976/(248) 478-8151

"STROLLING THROUGH THE CENTURY"

Evening begins with 7:30 p.m. performances of "Escanaba in da

Moonlight" and "Forbidden Christmas," followed by food, live music and dancing to Ed Wells and Gem Jazz Ensemble, at the Gem Theatre and Century Club, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (225), (313) 963-9800; also an Early-to-Bed celebration 2-6 p.m., \$95, includes performance and dinner.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"A Century of Song: From Vienna to Broadway to Hollywood" featuring Maureen McGovern, 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 (\$14-\$95), at Orchestra Hall, 3611 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 578-5111

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER VEHICLE

The Charter Township of Plymouth is issuing this request for proposal (RFP) for a Fire Department pumper vehicle. Bids must be per the attached specifications. The contact person regarding this RFP is Fire Chief Larry Groth of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Chief Groth can be contacted at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or 734-354-3221. The response due date for this RFP is Monday, January 31, 2000 at 3:00 P.M. Any proposals received after this date will not be considered.

RESPONSES ARE TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:
Marilyn Massengill, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked as follows:

"Sealed Bid for a Fire Department Pumper Vehicle"
Bidders must provide a statement of non-discrimination, affirming that the proposer does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, arrest record, height or weight in employment, or the provision of services.

THE TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS FOR ANY REASON

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase of Wireless Laptop Computers. Specifications and Bid Packets will be forwarded via fax or e-mail by phoning Daniel J. Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing, at (734) 416-2746. Bidders must leave detailed voice-mail including company name, address, phone number, contact person, and fax number/e-mail address. Packets will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI on Monday, January 3rd, 2000. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Casteel, PCCS Director of Integrated Technology, at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5th, 2000. The Board of education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
Board of Education
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JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary
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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase of 3Com Network Components including "CoreBuilder 9000 Enterprise Switch", "3300 34-Port Switches", and Wireless Communication Products. Specifications and Bid Packets will be forwarded via fax or e-mail by phoning Daniel J. Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing, at (734) 416-2746. Bidders must leave detailed voice-mail including company name, address, phone number, contact person, and fax number/e-mail address. Packets will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI on Monday, January 3rd, 2000. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Casteel, PCCS Director of Integrated Technology, at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5th, 2000. The Board of education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
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12. Portable Electric Sign. means a self contained single unit sign, wired in conformity with methods recognized by N.E.C. Such signs are intended for indoor use only, employ incandescent lamps, fluorescent lamps or both, but no more than four such lamps; shall weigh not more than 50 pounds; have a voltage between any two conductors or between any conductor and ground, of not more than 150 volts; with provisions made for standing on a horizontal surface or for being suspended, and shall be equipped with not more than 6 feet of flexible cord and an attachment cap. All other signs are considered non-portable and require inspection by the Local Inspection Authority, unless the sign bears a label of approval by a recognized National Testing Laboratory. A connection permit is required for all non-portable signs.

13. Scoreboard (See Electric Sign).
(ord. eff. Nov. 16, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999, December 22, 1999)

B. PERMIT REGULATIONS.

1. To Whom and How Permits Are Issued. Permits covering the installation of electrical wiring and/or equipment in the municipality shall be issued only in the names of persons authorized by the Electrical Ordinance to perform electrical work.
2. Home Owner's Permit. A bona fide owner of a single-family residence which is, or will be on completion, his own place of residence, and no part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes, nor is now contemplated for such purpose, may do his own work, providing he applies for and secures a permit, pays the fee, does the work himself in accordance with the provisions hereof, applies for inspections and receives approval of his work by the Electrical Inspection Authority. Failure to comply with these requirements will subject the owner's permit to cancellation.
3. Fraudulent Application for Permit Illegal. It shall be unlawful for any person to present any fraudulent information in making application for any permit from the Inspection Authority. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to use the name of another person in order to secure an electrical permit unless regularly employed by and directly authorized by the holder of such electrical contractor license.
It shall be unlawful for an independent electrical contractor to file an electrical permit for work contracted for or performed or to be performed by others without specific permission of the Electrical Inspection Authority.
4. Permits Revoked. Any permit issued in violation of the laws of the State of Michigan, these rules or any other ordinances, or as a result of false or fraudulent information, or misrepresentation of conditions, shall be subject to revocation at the direction of the Inspection Authority. The person holding the permit shall be notified to appear and show cause why the permit should not be revoked and failure to appear shall be deemed sufficient to cause the permit to be revoked.
5. Permits Expired. If work for which a permit is issued is not started within six (6) months of the date of issue or if work is abandoned for a period of six (6) months, the permit shall lapse and cease to be in effect. The Inspection Authority may reinstate an expired permit within one (1) year of its date of issue, but such reinstatement shall not be obligatory. Permits which have expired, lapsed, or abandoned one (1) year or more may only be reinstated by resolution of the Inspection Authority in each case.
6. Incomplete Installations, Notification of Quitting Installation Required. Should any person to whom a permit has been issued for an installation and inspection of electrical equipment quit the installation for any reason, he shall notify the Inspection Authority.
7. Inspection of Partial Installation Quitted, Required. If an installation has been partially completed, the person upon quitting the installation shall notify the Inspection Authority and request an inspection. Acceptance of or violation against the work installed shall be recorded by the Inspector on the permit record according to the findings of the Inspector. No refund shall be granted to the permit grantee of the permit fee covering electrical equipment installed and inspected.
8. Owner's Notification to the Inspection Authority. If a permit grantee quits an installation after the electrical equipment is installed and fails to notify the Inspection Authority, the owner or his agent may notify the Inspection Authority and request inspection. Upon inspection, the permit grantee shall be sent a notice of any violation. The owner shall be notified that he may secure another licensed contractor to proceed with the work.
9. Refunds. If no work has been done, a permit grantee shall be entitled to a refund on his permit in accordance with established rules of the municipality.
10. Transfer of Permit from Contractor to Contractor. In case the permit grantee gives written permission or appears in person with another contractor and grants permission, the permit shall be transferred to the latter licensed contractor, provided the latter contractor pays established transfer fee. If permission is not granted by the original permit holder, the contractor who completes the installation shall secure a permit covering the work he does, and the latter contractor shall be responsible in either case for all work done under his supervision.
11. Transfer of Permit from Owner to Contractor. An owner who secures a permit to make installations of electrical equipment in his residence may transfer the permit to a licensed contractor, providing the owner notifies the Inspection Authority of the transfer, the contractor complies with the rules of the Inspection Authority and the contractor pays the permit fee to the Inspection Authority.

installation for which a permit was granted and also to inspect any work performed, and shall also obtain an owner's permit for the remaining part of the installation. The original permit grantee may, if he desires, transfer his permit to the owner upon the owner's payment to the Inspection Authority of the established transfer fee.

C. PERMIT FEES. Consult the local municipal offices for permit fees.
(ord. eff. Nov. 16, 1977)

12.354 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance shall become effective upon publication date.

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS; PLACEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 78
effective December 21, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999; amend. eff. Dec. 22, 1999

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE LOCATION AND PLACEMENT OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

12.331 Section 1. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS.

A. Underground 600 volts or less. See Article 230, 1999 N.E.C. Section 230-30 and 230-31.
B. Installation of underground service conductors.

Location:
1. Platted subdivision lots serviced by underground electrical conductors shall follow the utility easements to the nearest interior property line in an area no closer than two (2) feet nor further than four (4) away, to a point adjacent to the rear of the house or meter location and then in a straight line to the contact point. This requirement will be followed, regardless of the location of the power pedestal, whether located at the front property line or the rear.
2. Service conductors which are located 24 inches or less from the finished grade shall be protected by a red warning strip of an approved material three (3) inches wide, located directly over and six (6) inches above the conductors, or by other approved mechanical means.

In the event the public utility company supervising installation shall fail or refuse to exercise the responsibility of inspection and maintenance of the service entrance conductors installed pursuant to this ordinance, then an inspection shall be carried out by the Building Department.

3. Unplatted parcels location shall be approved by the Building Department before installation.
4. Overhead electrical services that are being planned to be converted to underground services in those areas that have existing overhead utilities shall contact the Building Department to determine the new location of the planned underground service. (ord. no. 78 eff. Dec. 21, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999, December 22, 1999)

12.332 Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
If any section of this ordinance is declared void by legal actions for any reason, all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically declared void through action of the court. (ord. no. 78 eff. Dec. 21, 1977)

12.333 Section 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.
All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all amendments thereto, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance. (Ord. No. 78 eff. Dec. 21, 1977)

12.334 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and are hereby deemed to take effect and be in force upon publication.

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for additional vehicle maintenance/repair expenses in the Building & Inspection Services division of Municipal Services:
Increases Revenues
Building Permits #101-000-477-0000 \$9,500.00
Increases Appropriations
Maintenance & Repair of Vehicles #101-371-961-0000 \$9,500.00
This budget amendment increases the Building Inspection Services Division budget from \$1,302,967 to \$1,312,467 and the General Fund budget from \$18,274,978 to \$18,284,478. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment to the Building Authority Construction Fund for the Canton Public Library renovation project costs:
Increases Revenues
Permits from Bond Sale #499-000-898-0000 \$ 6,000,000
Increases Appropriations

Consultants-Architectural/Eng.	#489-900-803-0000	\$ 411,000
Bond Insurance Costs	#489-900-900-0000	78,744
Buildings-Library	#489-900-975-1000	4,576,562
Equipment-Library	#489-900-977-1000	850,000
Bond Discount	#489-900-998-0000	84,804
Total		\$ 6,000,000

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$5,509,410 to \$11,509,410. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Western Wayne Narcotics Forfeiture Fund:
Increases Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #268-000-699-0000 \$274,000
Increases Appropriations:
Capital Outlay #268-333-977-0000 \$150,000
Overtime #268-333-708-0000 36,000
Forfeiture Expenses #268-333-900-0000 88,000

This budget amendment increases the Western Wayne Narcotics budget from \$229,000 to \$503,000.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution opposing special tax break for utilities. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to cancel the regular Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 28, 1999 and to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 31, 1999. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the request for special land use by Schuler Hydroforming. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the creation and filling of Web Designer position in MIS, and, further, to approve the following budget amendment to transfer the funding for this position from the Communications Division budget to the Management Information Systems budget:
Increases (Decreases) Appropriations:
Salaries-Communications Division #101-240-705-0000 \$(46,800)
Fringe Benefits-Communications Division #101-240-720-0000 (20,200)
Salaries-Management Information Systems #101-258-705-0000 46,800
Fringe Benefits-Mgmtment Inform. Systems #101-258-720-0000 20,200
Total \$ - 0

This budget amendment decreases the Communications Division budget from \$285,837 to \$218,837, and increases the Management Information Systems Division budget from \$704,748 to \$771,748. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to create and fill a Personnel Analyst position in Personnel Services. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to award the bid for de-icing rock salt to the low bidder Cargill, Inc. in the amount of \$28.78 per ton. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate additional funds for the 1999 Sidewalk Repair Program:
Increases Revenues:
Appropriate from 1999 Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$115,670.00
Increases Appropriations:
Maintenance & Repair of Sidewalks #101-441-903-0000 \$115,670.00

This budget amendment increases the Public Works division budget from \$366,307.00 to \$481,977.00 and the General Fund budget from \$18,364,673.00 to \$18,480,343.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to disqualify the low bidder J & E Contracting, Inc. for being unresponsive and irresponsible, as defined in Section 11.3 of the Instructions to Bidders and award the construction contract for the 1999 Sidewalk Repair Program to the second low bidder, Mattioli Cement Co., for \$105,152.50 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount of \$115,670.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of two (2) vehicles for Building & Inspection Services Division at a cost of \$41,088.00 through the State of Michigan extended purchasing program from Jorgensen Ford. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of documents required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to effect the receipt of the liquor license for the co-licenses Charter Township of Canton and Diamond Ventures. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All ayes present.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on December 14, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on January 11, 2000.
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: December 23, 1999

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Would you like your teeth straightened without braces? For some adults, this is possible with today's latest technology at Fortson Orthodontics. We are using Invisalign, a state-of-the-art alternative to braces that is virtually undetectable to other people. Invisalign straightens teeth, not with brackets or wires, but with a series of clear, customized removable appliances called aligners. Invisalign uses the latest 3D technology to create your customized aligners. You'll wear each aligner for about two weeks and only take it out for eating, brushing, and flossing. As you replace each aligner, with the next, your teeth will move - gradually - week by week, until they move into the final, correct alignment. Then you'll be smiling like never before! To ensure proper results, only an orthodontist who has received special training and certification can diagnose and treat with Invisalign.

Fortson Orthodontics is a leader in the latest treatment techniques for youth, as well. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends age 7 as a good age for an initial screening by an orthodontist. Early diagnosis and treatment can frequently prevent more serious problems from developing.

Call Fortson Orthodontics at (734) 261-8860. We are located at 35200 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Paul Kenzie, O.D.

Therapeutic Certified Optometrist

An Optometrist considers the care of your eyes his life's work. Be sure to see a professional Optometrist if you have any reason to believe your eyes are not functioning properly. Don't wait too long!

Play it safe, have Dr. Kenzie examine your eyes even if you don't think you need vision correction. Early intervention is important. Many eye diseases do not have symptoms until it is too late for treatment. In addition, high blood pressure, diabetes, and other diseases, not related to the eye, can be detected through an eye examination. Years ago, an Optometrist's primary responsibility was to examine the eyes for the purpose of prescribing optical correction, whether for glasses or contact lenses. They would also check for eye health including glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or high blood pressure. However, if any eye health problems were discovered it was the optometrist's responsibility to refer the patient to a physician. That is not the case anymore. Due to that fact that Michigan state laws have changed, more than 70% of Optometrists in the state have gone back to school and have been re-licensed to provide treatment for eye problems outside of surgery. However, any systemic problems or neurological problems will always be referred to a specialist in that field. Dr. Kenzie offers adult and pediatric vision care, treatment of eye disease and injury, complete eye examinations and a large selection of eyewear and contact lenses. This information has been brought to you in the interest of better eye health by Dr. Paul Kenzie located at 108 North Main Street (across from Central Middle School) in Plymouth, phone 734-453-8450. Happy holidays to all from Dr. Kenzie & staff.

S&M Heating Sales

Recent energy awareness has aroused considerable interest among area homeowners in the field of energy-saving products. Heating and air conditioning systems today must be considered not only in terms of comfort, but also in terms of providing an energy-efficient investment.

In this area, S&M Heating Sales, located at 23262 Telegraph in Southfield, phone 248-352-4656, can be considered a specialist in energy-saving LENNOX comfort products. Being the area's LENNOX sales and service dealer, S&M Heating Sales can provide the right LENNOX system for your individual needs. As LENNOX has long been recognized as the leader in energy-saving products, with the knowledgeable assistance of S&M Heating Sales, you'll find a LENNOX system to be the most economical and effective. S&M Heating Sales can assess your needs to provide year 'round climate control comfort, featuring complete sales, installation and service. Before you invest in a new heating system, be sure to investigate the many energy and money-saving advantages of a LENNOX system.

S&M Heating Sales and LENNOX look forward to serving your future heating and comfort needs.



Boulders Restaurant & Lounge

At Boulders Restaurant & Lounge they have lots of good things to eat, but the fine food they serve is only part of the reason for their popularity in our area. The real difference is the courteous service they always render and the interest they show in each and every guest, making sure that their menu is always complete with favorite Colorado style authentic Mexican food.

Boulders Restaurant & Lounge is located at 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, phone 459-4190, and is convenient to everyone. Whether you're in town shopping and stop in for lunch, or you're out with the family for a comfortable evening, you'll enjoy the service, the atmosphere and the fine food at Boulders Restaurant & Lounge. You can also enjoy Boulders for your night life entertainment. They feature live bands, comedy shows, Karaoke & various entertainment throughout the week.

We suggest to all our readers that you and your family stop in soon. Boulders Restaurant & Lounge would like to thank their guests. They value your business and wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Saxton's Garden Center, Inc.

SINCE 1928

The names BOLENS, HONDA, TROYBILT, LAWN-BOY, TORO and SIMPLICITY in lawn and garden equipment have long been synonymous with quality and durability. In this area, your factory authorized sales and service dealer is Saxton's Garden Center, Inc., located across from Kellogg Park at 587 West Ann Arbor Trail in Doughton Plymouth, phone 453-6250.

We suggest you stop in and see their fine selection of these popular units, each designed for a particular use and available in a wide variety of models. You can depend on these units to get your job done year after year, quickly, and with very little repair. When looking for performance, safety and efficiency in lawn care equipment, we suggest you rely on Saxton's. They are also your service headquarters featuring a stock of replacement parts, as well as proven experience to assure you of prompt reliable service.

We are pleased to suggest Saxton's as one company you can rely on for performance in products and service in this area. Saxton's Garden Center would like to thank their customers and they look forward to serving your needs throughout the year ahead!

Culligan

More and more, people are realizing the value of quality water for cooking, cleaning and drinking. Today more homes and businesses are installing quality water conditioning systems than ever before. Culligan's local representative will be happy to call at your home or business and give you a free water analysis. Culligan is located in Ann Arbor, phone 734-662-5665.

The day is fast approaching that the modern home will have three types of water: tap water for outside use for washing cars and watering lawns; conditioned water for protection of home plumbing, laundry, cleaning and bathing, and water for drinking and cooking.

Culligan is the worldwide leader in water treatment systems. They offer service, automatic softeners and filters, drinking water systems, bottled water delivery and salt delivery service. For industry, they feature water softeners and filters, reverse osmosis, demineralizers and expert repair service on all makes. Culligan offers a unit to meet your needs at a price you can afford.

We urge you to give your family the water it deserves. Call Culligan at

Appleone Employment Services

If you are dissatisfied with your job or currently don't hold a position, contact the professionals at Appleone Employment Services. Many services are satisfied only to get you employed, regardless of the position fits your qualifications or experience. Appleone Employment Services wants to get you into a position satisfactory to both you and your new employer. While they can't promise to place you in a position, as no service can, they have access to managers, corporate officials and company owners throughout the area, who have openings for permanent or temporary positions.

Appleone Employment Services not only has won the respect of hundreds of people, locally, who have found jobs through their excellent service, but that of employers who have secured dedicated employees from them as well. Appleone Employment Services has two convenient locations to serve you: in Novi at 39799 Grand River Avenue, phone 426-8300 and 3999 Centerpointe Parkway in Bloomfield Township, phone 338-7222. Appleone Employment Services would like to thank their clients and employees and they look forward to serving your needs in the future.

Penny S. Flury, D.D.S., P.C.

Keep smiling with a visit to the dental practice of Penny S. Flury, D.D.S., P.C. where they offer comprehensive dental care for the entire family. It's a proven fact that good dental care is vital to your overall health as well as your appearance. With today's emphasis on preventing dental problems before they start, there are many advantages in seeing your dentist on a regular basis.

At the dental practice of Dr. Flury their orientation towards preventive dentistry helps you maintain good dental health. From regular check-ups, cleanings and fillings, as well as cosmetic dentistry, the advantages of this practice means personalized individual attention. In addition emergencies are always given priority to promptly take care of your problem.

Dr. Flury & staff would like to assure their patients that they follow all the guidelines for the Center of Disease Control. All hand pieces and all instruments are heat sterilized for each and every patient. These steps are taken to assure patients that their office will always be a clean, comfortable and safe place to visit.

This information has been brought to you in the interest of better dental health through the courtesy of Penny S. Flury, D.D.S., P.C. located at 229 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Call 453-5588 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Come Little Children Center

Today's parents are becoming more and more aware of the importance of a quality day care and pre-school. If you want your child to have a planned, active, well-balanced day, enroll them at Come Little Children Center located at 45050 Warren in Canton, phone (734) 455-4607. Although, Come Little Children is a catholic pre-school and day care, they welcome children of all religions. They are licensed by the State Department of Social Services and are a member of Archdiocese of Detroit school system. They accept children from 6 weeks to 12 years and offer daycare, pre-school, kindergarten and latchkey.

Sending your child to Come Little Children at a young age only prepares them better for their later school years and life experiences. Children learn through active participation with hands-on experience through exploration, discovery and learning. Come Little Children Center is divided into carefully structured activity areas. Children explore freely while supported and guided by teachers who are trained to help children make their own decisions and mistakes. Activity is important and planned exercise periods are scheduled throughout the day. If you would like to find out more information or would like to see what this center has to offer just call (734) 455-4607. Come Little Children wishes you & yours a safe & happy holiday season.

Accent Remodeling, Inc.

Certified Master Builder & Remodeler

Do you see yourself out growing your current house and find it's too expensive to buy a new house? Doesn't it make sense, then, that you remodel your existing house so that it should be functional, attractive and enjoyable? If you are dissatisfied with your house then we suggest that you contact Accent Remodeling at 8424 N. Lilley in Canton Township, phone 734-455-0202. Locally owned and operated, Accent Remodeling has been serving the area for 19 years. They pride themselves in offering quality products and creative designs. They have the experience to turn your house into the beautiful, functional house that you have always dreamed of. Their work results in larger, more comfortable homes with a much higher resale value. Just stop by their showroom and let them show you what quality craftsmanship really means. They feature the latest in design dormers, additions and finished basements for that extra living space you always wanted.

Accent Remodeling will assist you in selecting the style and type of remodeling for your individual needs. For additions, they offer custom designs for both first and second floor add-ons, working within budgets. In fact, they will help you with the design, construction and finish of that added space needed whether it is basement remodeling or an addition. Accent Remodeling would like to take this opportunity to thank the community. They value your business and wish everyone warm & happy holidays!

Plymouth Insurance Agency

PETER STONE * AGENT

If you're like most people who don't fully understand the complexities of the insurance business, at least be certain you know and can rely upon your agent. The total coverage professionals at Plymouth Insurance Agency don't look upon themselves as insurance salespeople as much as those determined to provide each and every client with a perfectly tailored policy for individual, family or business needs.

Located at 784 South Main in Plymouth, Plymouth Insurance Agency has been serving this area's auto, home, business and commercial insurance needs since 1980. Call Peter Stone at (734)453-4030 and see why this qualified, full-service agency has won the respect of policyholders throughout the area. Let the experts at Plymouth Insurance Agency review your present policy. If it is satisfactory, they'll tell you so. However, they may be able to provide you with a policy with better coverage and at a better rate. We are pleased to suggest Plymouth Insurance Agency to our readers. Plymouth Insurance Agency would like to thank their clients and they look forward to serving your insurance needs in the months ahead.

S.R. Jacobson Development Corp.

Metro Detroit's Leading Custom Home Builders

Thinking of a new home? Many people in southeastern Michigan have been relying on S.R. Jacobson Development Corp. for that extra measure of service in new construction homes. S.R. Jacobson homes are not built with tangibles alone. They are built with foresight and planning as well as pride in craftsmanship. Their handcrafted homes provide distinctive residences to reflect your personal tastes and lifestyles.

From the initial planning to the two-year warranty service, S.R. Jacobson Development Corp. maintains their high quality standards. Their experienced craftsmen recognize the significance of quality and are proud to be part of the company team.

Featuring homes with many unique characteristics, S.R. Jacobson currently is building homes in Novi, Northville, Wixom, Van Buren Township, Canton, West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Brownstown and Flatrock. For information on these neighborhoods, please call (248) 642-4700.

We feel that once you have seen their homes you will understand why S.R. Jacobson has become synonymous with quality new construction throughout the area. S.R. Jacobson would like to thank their customers that have enjoyed their homes for the past twenty years. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

United Home Health Services

What is so special about health care? It touches us all - old and young, rich and poor, educated and illiterate, handicapped and gifted. Illness, accidents, and disabilities play no favorites. Hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers all play an important role, however, home care is the future.

The focus of Home Health Care is Home. That's where everyone would prefer to be. Young and old, with very limiting disabilities or minor illness, find that "family" is really the best medicine of all. United Home Health Services has been providing quality home care since 1983. They can provide skilled nursing, rehabilitation therapy, personal care, wound care, mental health, and dietary services. The staff is carefully selected to ensure the patient and family's trust. Care is scheduled intermittently as dictated by patient needs and physician's orders. United Home Health's trained personnel offer committed, capable, caring services for all patients.

Call today for more information regarding the services offered by United Home Health Services located at 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250 in Canton, phone 734-001-0070. They are Medicare Certified Home Care Agencies.

Star Manor Of Northville

Americans are not usually living longer lives. They are living more useful and productive ones. As a result, an increasing number of today's seniors require a professionally operated facility, other than a hospital or residing in their own homes.

At Star Manor Of Northville you can be certain your loved one will be given the personal care, round-the-clock attention, and the chance to live their lives with the meaning and dignity that they are entitled. Located in the historical district at 300 West Main Street in Northville, phone 349-4290, Star Manor offers a home like atmosphere for 37 residents. Specializing in Alzheimer's and dementia care, they also feature such services as hospice and respite care, 24 hour professional nursing care, rehabilitation programs, home cooked meals approved by dietitians and a comfortable home like living environment. Star Manor strongly supports The Eden Alternative Philosophy which is breaking the mold to create a vibrant human habitat in long-term care.

All of the residents at Star Manor Of Northville can enjoy a comfortable and safe environment while receiving the supervision and care that they need. So please remember, when choosing a nursing home for your loved one to visit Star Manor. Just call Mamie France, ADON, the Admissions Director, for more information or a tour of this lovely facility.

Kitchens by Stella

Featured in Remodeling Magazine as one of the 50 Best Remodelers in U.S.A.

Believe it or not, more time is spent in the kitchen than any other room in your house. Doesn't it make sense, that your kitchen should be functional, attractive and enjoyable? If you are dissatisfied with your kitchen or both, we suggest that you contact the professionals at Kitchens by Stella. A division of Ray R. Stella Contracting Inc., which has been in business since 1958, Kitchens by Stella specializes in planning and designing beautiful custom kitchens. Their 40 years of experience have firmly established them in the home renovation and remodeling industry. They are members of N.K.B.A.

Kitchens by Stella's longevity of experience in the building trades assures you, the homeowner, of the best return for your investment dollar. Jeffrey S. Stella, a Certified Kitchen Designer, is dedicated to creating the perfect living space for you and your family. Kitchens by Stella's showroom is located at 747 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Call 459-7111 for an appointment to check out their kitchen displays. Kitchens by Stella would like to thank their customers & looks forward to serving your needs.

Metro Mortgage Corporation

Homeowners, ask yourself these important questions: Is my interest rate too high? Could I lower my monthly payments? Am I currently paying more, but considering purchasing a home? If you answered yes to any of these questions, call Metro Mortgage Corporation at 248-449-2600, and profit from their experience in home mortgage loans.

Metro Mortgage has helped many area homeowners with financial decisions very similar to yours. Their goal is to get you the most effective loan program, regardless of what your circumstances may be. Their knowledgeable, experienced staff will help you to obtain the money you need, whether for first mortgages, or for refinancing. This way, they're helping you get the credit you deserve, putting the equity in your home to work for you, and you can better understand the sometimes confusing language of mortgages!

We are pleased to commend Metro Mortgage Corporation, located at 332 E. Main Street in Northville, on their efforts to best serve area residents. Call today for more information. Metro Mortgage Corporation would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your mortgage needs in the future.

Salon Trio

Today more than ever before, a person's total image depends a great deal on their hair. In this area, style-conscious people rely on Salon Trio conveniently located at 630 Starkweather in Plymouth, phone 451-0550.

Salon Trio is a styling salon where the average person can go to begin looking great. Here you can relax and unwind in their pleasant atmosphere while professional stylists show you the latest up-to-date scientific approach to beauty. Styling permanents, precision hair cutting, coloring blow drying and custom hair design, as well as full service nail, manicures, pedicures, waxing and facial are but a few of the services offered. At Salon Trio they are a "Departmentalized Salon" meaning everyone there does a specific job.

Stop by or give them a call today, we know you'll be glad you did. Salon Trio would like to thank their clients by giving them 20% off all products for the month of December, & wish everyone a safe & happy holiday season.

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In the field of surveying, engineering and land development, it is our pleasure to bring Roskelly & Associates to your attention. With years of experience, this firm provides a service which is indispensable to builders and developers in this area, as well as to realtors and the general public. They use the latest in surveying techniques and equipment for a thorough service.

Roskelly & Associates provide expertise in land surveys and land use consultation. For commercial land development and residential subdivision developments, their consultation service includes not only the planning of the proposed project, but also provides a complete liaison service between agencies. It is this very complete and precise service of planning and research that has made Roskelly & Associates located at 888 North Sheldon in Plymouth, phone (734) 455-0000 well known in this field. Call them today for more information. Everyone at Roskelly & Associates would like to wish you a warm & happy holiday season.

Mr. Roof

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A good roof enhances the value of property and if you ever decide you want to sell you'll find an attractive durable roof will make your property more desirable.

The firm well known in this area for complete roofing and re-roofing services is Mr. Roof. This firm has made a complete study of roofing and the problems of roofing in our area. They know that a well built roof sheltering a satisfied customer is the best recommendation that any company can have.

Mr. Roof will be happy to assist you with any of your roofing problems. "Whether it's a hole in your roof or a whole new roof THEY DO IT ALL." They feature residential and commercial roofing, re-roofing and repair. They offer free computerized inspections and estimates, all work is guaranteed and they are licensed and insured for your protection.

Why take foolish chances with the major investment of your lifetime, your home or business? Call Mr. Roof at 734-455-0000 for all your roofing needs. Merry Christmas & happy holidays to all from Mr. Roof.

Philip F. Greco Title Company

What is title insurance? It is peace of mind, a written assurance that your new home is all yours and that there are no claims or legal defects that can interfere with your usage and enjoyment of your property. Philip F. Greco Title Company are experts in our area. Their wealth of experience and knowledgeable staff will insure that your closing is smooth and efficient.

There is great satisfaction in knowing that when you consult Greco Title, you are in conference with an authority on the matter of abstracts and titles. We are pleased to bring to your attention Philip F. Greco Title Company located at 340 North Main Street, Suite 101 in Plymouth, phone (734) 207-0500. Contact Greco Title Company for all of your closing and title insurance needs.

Philip F. Greco Title Company would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

Charter House of Novi

The image of nursing homes is changing from permanent nursing care facilities to short-term rehabilitation centers. Nursing facilities are now being called "Health Care Centers" for older adults of all ages. Today's health care centers are comprised of "younger aged" persons who need skilled rehabilitation and nursing care for complex medical conditions. The average length of stay is about 4-12 weeks. Charter House of Novi, located at 24500 Meadowbrook, phone 477-2000 is affiliated with Providence Hospital. This nursing home is being recognized throughout the area for offering comprehensive rehabilitation services. They understand the special needs and desires of their residents. All of their residents can enjoy a comfortable and safe environment while receiving the supervision and care that they need. As a matter of fact, due to their professional rehabilitation programs, many of their residents are returning home sooner and are able to maintain their normal activities of daily living. The staff and residents at Charter House of Novi invite you to call the Admissions Coordinator at 477-2000 to take a tour and see what this nursing center has to offer. They are planning a closed dementia/

Click and go to food.com for meals to go

By KIM WYONIK
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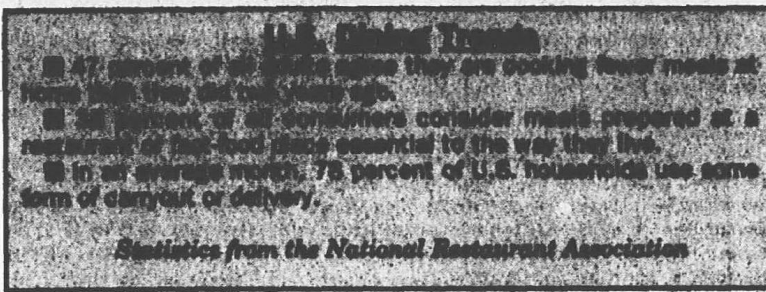
For lunch or dinner, hungry people in metro Detroit can click and go to www.food.com to order a meal to go.

Food.com is a personalized Internet service that lets you choose from a number of restaurants in your neighborhood, order something off their menu and have it delivered to your door or be ready for you to pick it up. Restaurants set their own food delivery charge, but there is no charge to customers who use food.com to place food orders.

"Food.com partners with restaurants and charges them a nominal fee to create and maintain their menu online," explained account executive Chris Fisher who grew up in Bloomfield Hills. "We are a national company that's now available in Michigan. It helps people simplify their menu selection and food needs from local restaurants."

Fisher describes food.com as "a virtual food court that offers everything from deli fare to Laro's in Troy."

"We offer a way for restaurants to be found," he said.



"Online you can see the restaurant menu and order."

"Like the telephone, the Internet is fast becoming an everyday tool that people use in both their business and professional lives,"

said Rich Frank, food.com's chairman and CEO. "We want to make it simple for them to use this tool to order meals — just point, click and eat. That's what food.com provides to consumers

around the country. It's simply a better way to order food, with much greater choice, convenience and control."

Customers accumulate points each time they order from food.com. "The more someone orders, the more points they accumulate," said Fisher. "You can use those points to buy more food. It's an added incentive to use our service. There are a whole lot of features that make food.com well suited for people who are busy."

The Web site has a special section for office meals and college students, and a dining out guide.

Eating out isn't just for special occasions anymore. According to the National Restaurant Association, in an average month, 78 percent of U.S. households use some form of carryout or delivery.

For restaurants food.com offers a quick and easy way to get online. Using food.com's patented technology, restaurants receive Internet takeout orders via a special phone automated voice system.

Food.com was founded in 1996 as cybermeals, and is based in San Francisco.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking* to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 691-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.com.

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

■ **Cafe Cortina** — Will offer a Christmas Eve dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24. The cost is \$75 per person, strolling musicians will entertain diners. Cafe Cortina welcomes the year 2000 with a six course regional dinner, dancing, party favors and champagne toast, 9:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The cost is \$150 per person. Seating for dinner at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, regular menu items. Call for information about cancellations for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 dinner seating. Cafe Cortina is at 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For reservations and information, call (248) 474-3033 or on the

Web www.cafecortina.com

■ **Corsi's Banquet Center** — Family New Year's Eve celebration served buffet style 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Features homemade lasagna, roasted chicken and beef, potatoes, vegetables, two soups, pizza, salad and dessert bar. Beverages, tax and tip not included. The cost is \$10 adults, \$9.75 senior citizens, \$5.50 children under age 10. Reservations a must. Corsi's is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads, (248) 777-4960.

■ **Musashi** — Y2K Super Value Dinner, served Monday-Thursday, Dec. 27-30, \$19.99 not including tax and tip. Includes salad and miso soup, chef's choice appetizer, choice of selected main dishes. Y2K Eve Gourmet dinner (by reservation only), 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Dinner \$99.99 per person, tax and tip included. Menu features an appetizer, Alaskan King Crab, Lobster tail, choice of Japanese pasta, dessert, open sushi bar and more. The restaurant is at 2000 Town Center,

Suite 98, Southfield. Call (248) 358-1911 for information, or online www.musashi-intl.com

■ **The Capital Grille** — Will be closed Christmas day. They will be open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 and 5-8 p.m. for dinner. The restaurant will serve lunch and dinner during its normal hours and offering dinner 5-9 p.m. New Year's Day. Capital Grille in the Somerset Collection North, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, offers dry aged steaks, chops and fresh seafood. Call (248) 649-5300.

■ **Golden Mushroom** — Is offering two New Year's Eve celebration menus and seating in two dining rooms on Friday, Dec. 31. New Year's Eve celebration, first seating begins at 5 p.m. in the main dining room, cost \$95 per person; second seating begins 6:30 p.m. in the Mushroom Cellar, cost \$90 per person. Millennium Celebration, first seating in the main dining room 10 p.m., cost \$150 per person; Mushroom Cellar first seating begins 9:15 p.m., cost \$145 per person. Call (248) 559-4230 for more information.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Here are some restaurants that have been recently featured on the Dining page.

■ **The Intelligent Chicken** — 32431 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, between Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road (248)855-4455. Open: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m.; Sunday 4-8:30 p.m.

Menu: Carry-out or deliver and dine-in restaurant featuring natural ingredient marinated, low-fat char-broiled or rotisserie chicken plus fresh salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and soups.

Cost: average \$5-6 per person without soft drink. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Details: All items carry-out. Two-item kid's menu. Catering and corporate lunches.

■ **Cleveland's Gill & Grill** — 311 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor (directly across from The Ark), (734) 213-2505. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Lots of seafood, a good selection of steaks, just enough chicken and pasta entrees. Homemade pumpkin pie.

Cost: Moderate to moderately high, lunches range from \$5 to \$10; dinners \$9-\$17. Most dinner items are in the \$11 to \$15 range. Atmosphere: Comfortably bistro, with nautical themes. Mostly non-smoking. Smoking section on second floor.

Credit cards: All major credit cards accepted. Reservations: Recommended for parties over five. Diners may call ahead one hour for a table.

■ **Sangria** — 401 Lafayette (corner of Fourth Street), Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Open: For lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until midnight Friday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Crocodile Rock a dueling piano bar and lounge on second floor is open Wednesday through Saturday from 7 p.m. until closing.

Menu: Splendid variety of tapas, Spanish style salads, traditional Spanish entrees, paellas

and authentic Spanish desserts. Sandwiches at lunch only. Cost: Lunch \$4-7. Dinner: tapas \$4-7; entrees and paellas \$11-18. Reservations: Yes. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full service bar; carry-out for all lunch and dinner items.

■ **Lilly's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery** — 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. Reservations: Call after 5 p.m. to have your name placed on a preferred seating list for desired time that day. Credit cards: All majors accepted

Details: Full service bar, made-on-premise microbrews and handcrafted sodas.

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