

## A Victorian Christmas



Tea time: Ann Pettersson, speaker and consultant for All Things Victorian knows the real story behind a simple cup of tea. She'll share her knowledge at a Christmas Tea hosted by Blue Circle at the Masonic Temple on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited. Tickets are available at Farmington Bakery and Books Abound. For more information, call Tracey Freeman, (248) 476-8323.

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## Dwyer calls for clearinghouse

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer has called for creating a national security information clearinghouse to fight domestic terrorism.

Dwyer, also president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, urged action in testimony before three subcommittees of the Committee on Government Reform Nov. 13 in Washington, D.C.

The subcommittees are charged with exploring coopera-

tion between local and federal law enforcement agencies.

"When it comes to investigative support, I find that relationships with federal agencies are continually improving," Dwyer testified. "Still, the reality of law enforcement cooperation is an elusive concept. Sometimes it works; sometimes it does not."

In calling for a national security information clearinghouse, Dwyer suggested it should be headed by the Office of Home-

land Security.

"The combined resources, expertise, and ideals of U.S. law enforcement have the potential to transform our collective agencies into something far greater than the sum of their parts," he said.

"We need to break down barriers, abandon turf wars, take some courageous new steps, and keep our eyes on the greater good of our country."

## Cloverdale from page A1

den thrive at Cloverdale.

There's an individual, established program for each child, who Martin regards as "exceptional."

"Here our main focus is daily living and communication, compliance, getting kids involved in processes, whether it's making a sandwich, making a milk shake," Martin said.

Communication takes the form of words, signs and symbols at Cloverdale - whatever it takes to get through to the student.

"We want our young people to be as functional and successful at school, home and society as we can," Martin said.

Students go the grocery store, the swimming pool (accompanied by an adult) and the Silver Dairy on Grand River. A "Lunch

Bunch" goes to Burger King. Students also traveled to see the tall ships in downtown Detroit.

Children share experiences in their own special way. A handful of students are verbal, Martin said. Christopher Feloni of Farmington Hills, a child Martin said makes good judgments, is among them.

"Meet you," was Feloni's shortened version of "Pleased to meet you," as he took a break from his meal and offered his hand in greeting.

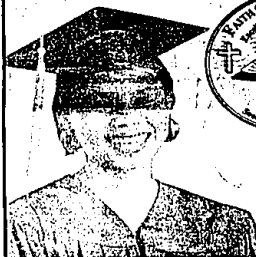
"What did we do this morning, Chris?" Martin asked. "Did we put up the flag today?"

"Flag gets down," Feloni said a few seconds later.

"We help society in general to develop a comfort level with our kids," Martin said. "We do more today than we did 10 years ago."

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