

briefly speaking

● JAMES TOPP SINGERS
The award-winning James Topp Singers will be presented in a special concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium. Sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, the concert is part of an ongoing effort by the arts group to present a wide range of family entertainment. Admission is \$2. Tickets are available at the library during regular business hours.

The singers were formed by James Topp, a Detroit Public School music specialist, to offer gifted students an opportunity to develop their natural talent and to encourage their interest in music.

The Singers have performed throughout the state during its sesquicentennial and the East Coast during the reopening of the Statue of Liberty. They are the recipients of several citations of excellence from the state government and were also presented with the Spirit of Detroit award.

In keeping with the Easter season, they will conclude their Livonia appearance with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

● MAGICAL MINIATURES
Contest and unusual displays will highlight the annual Miniature and Teddy Bear Show at the North Branch YWCA 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19. The Northwest Y is at 2594 Grand River in Redford.

Amateur room boxes will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Prizes will also be awarded for the best dressed, smallest, largest and most loved teddy bears.

Dealers, hobbyists and craftspeople from throughout the state are expected to participate in this year's event. There is a \$2 admission fee. For more information, call 537-8500.

● AUTHOR TO SPEAK
Southfield author Thomas Sullivan will be guest speaker Wednesday, April 12, at the book and author presentation to be held during National Library Week hosted by the Carl Sandburg Branch of the Livonia Public Library.

Sullivan will speak and autograph copies of his novel, "The Phases of Harry Wood," described by Library Journal as a "comic novel, strong on clever wordplay and edge of absurdity landscape."

Copies of the book are now on sale at the library at a 20-percent discount for those who wish to read it before the talk. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 476-0700.

● NIGHT AT THE OPERA
The Dearborn Symphony will present "A Night at the Opera," at 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, in Edsel Ford High School auditorium, 90601 Rounda, Dearborn. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$4 students. Tickets will be available at the door.

● SPRING CRAFT SHOWCASE
Spring Craft Showcase, sponsored by Macdonald College Alumni Association, will be held 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the college activities center. More than 85 exhibitors will display a variety of handcrafts. Luncheon and baked goods will be available. Admission is \$1, children under 12 admitted free. Proceeds will be used for the college library automation fund.

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Soprano is soloist

Soprano Glenda Kirkland will join the Livonia Symphony Orchestra for the final of its Friday night miniseries in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The theme is "All-American Night." Praised for her interpretative skills, radiant, charismatic stage presence and beautiful voice, Kirkland has won the Regional Artist Award from the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the Society for Musical Arts "Young Artist Award," and was a finalist in the local Metropolitan Opera Competition.

SHE RECEIVED HER education at the Juillard School of Music and is currently an associate professor of voice at Eastern Michigan University. She has appeared with the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theater.


For the Livonia concert, she will perform selections from Cole Porter's "Shoreboat" and selections from "Foggy and Bess." Also on the program will be selections from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," Outdoor Overture, Barber's Adagio for Strings and Joplin's "Ragtime for Brass."

Tickets are \$8.50 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Civic Center Library on Five Mile Road, Macdonald College and at the door.

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