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THE WEEK AHEAD

Be there: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will dedicate the Walk of Trees in Kellogg Park and sing favorite holiday carols at 6 p.m. Sunday.

MONDAY

In town: Santa makes his official arrival in Canton at the township's tree lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. outside the administration building, 1150 Canton Center, south of Proctor. In Plymouth, Santa appears every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Kellogg Park.

TUESDAY

Studying: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will discuss newsletters at a study session beginning at 7:30 p.m. at township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road. The meeting is open to the public.

Meet: The school board meets at 7 p.m. at 454 S. Harvey.

WEDNESDAY

Speaking: Carey Cole, a Ford Motor prototype maker, test driver and race car driver, will speak to Central Middle School students at 8 a.m. He will integrate science, math, English and social studies into his presentation.

THURSDAY

It's time: To buy tickets for "On Stage" in the Hard Rock Cafe at Plymouth Salem High School, call the Plymouth Symphony office, 451-2112. It will debut at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

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Pearl: 'A shock to everyone'

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, lives in infamy as President Franklin Roosevelt declared, and in the memories of local World War II veterans.

To mark the day, ceremonies are scheduled at 10 a.m. Sunday at the monument at Kellogg Park.

A rifle squad and drill team will be on hand, and there will be remarks from retired Army Lt. Dave McDonald, a Plymouth city commissioner, and Plymouth VFW 6695 Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post Commander Joe Bida.

Then 19, Bida had enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1941 and was in a military hospital suffering from conjunctivitis when the news of the Japanese attack came.

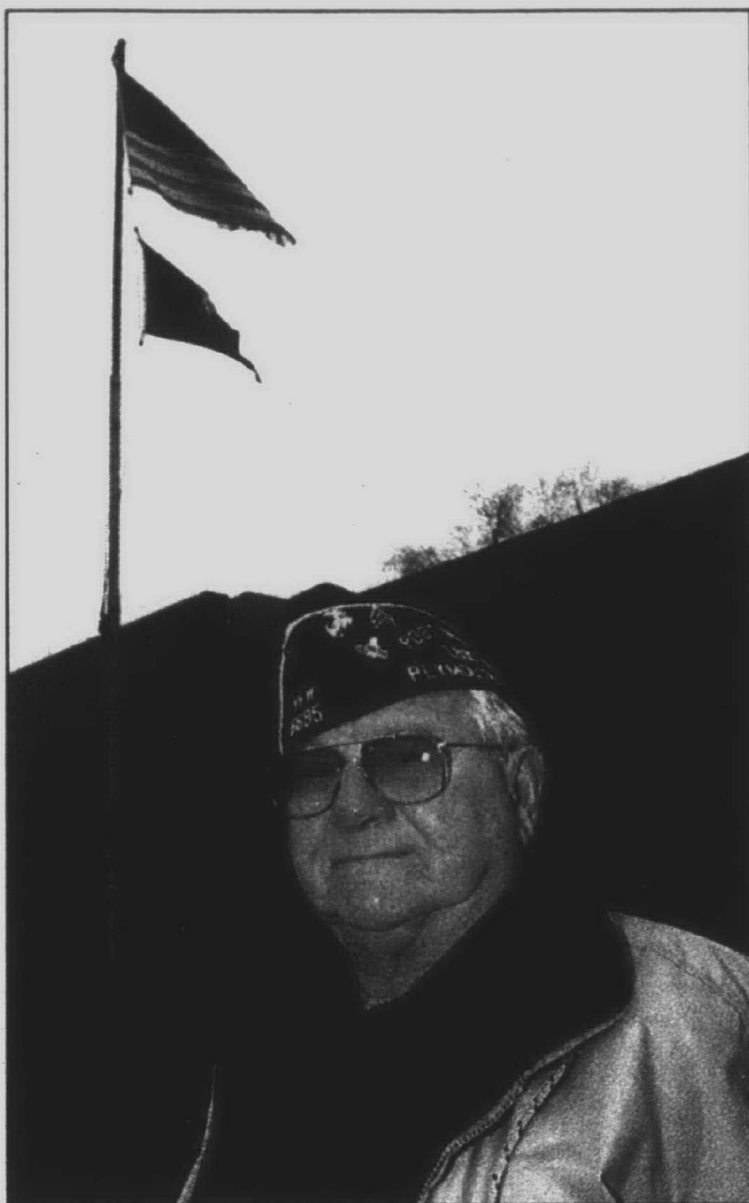
"My first question at that time was 'Where's Pearl Harbor?' I think it was a shock to everyone."

Bida, Plymouth Township's grounds superintendent, lives in Canton.

"We were sitting and listening to the radio that morning. The Japanese were going to meet with our president."

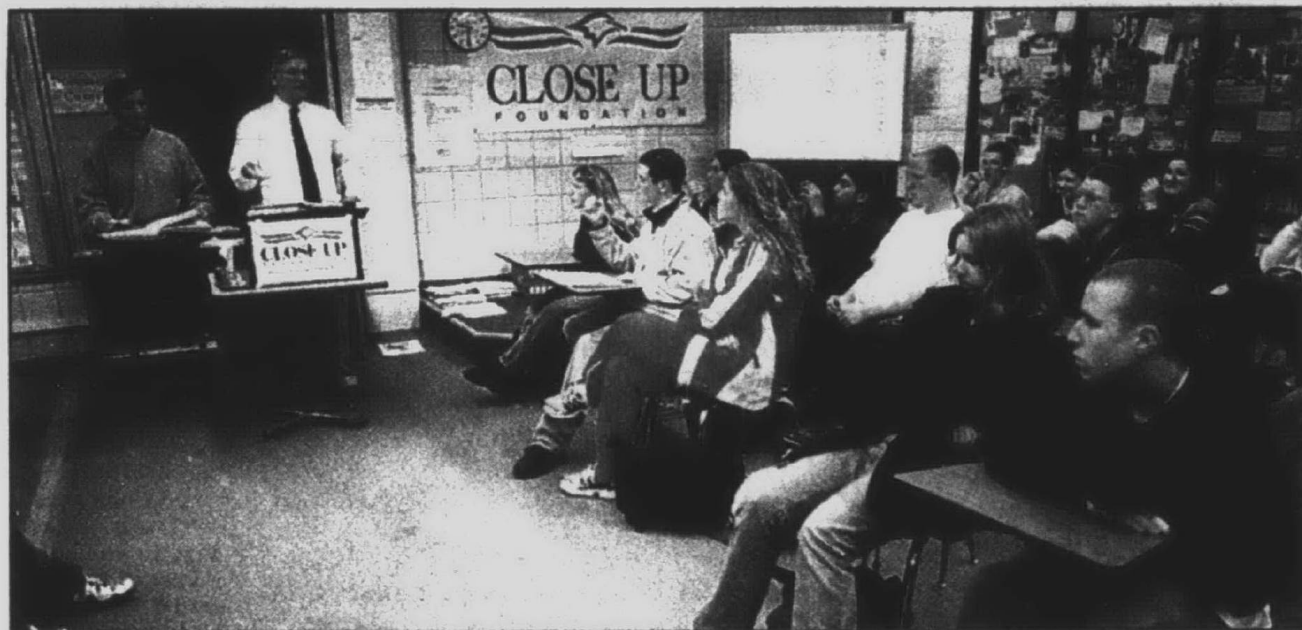
"We were very bitter. If I remember right, Walter Winchell came on and broke the news that night. Some people were afraid we might get attacked in the United States."

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Memories: Joe Bida, Post Commander of VFW Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 offers his memories.



Teaching: Close Up teacher Bill Gretzinger shares some of his personal memories of Dec. 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy for the United States. World War II is not formally taught in the Plymouth-Canton schools until the ninth grade.

Teachers bring Pearl home

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School government teacher Bill Gretzinger was a 5-year-old boy having dinner at his grandfather's house in Loudonville, Ohio, when he heard that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

The bulletin came over the radio and stunned family members. "Everybody said, 'Oh, my God, we're at war,'" said Gretzinger, a retired

Army officer who has taught United States, Michigan and military history.

On Friday, Gretzinger shared some of his personal remembrances of Dec. 7, 1941, and World War II with students in his Close Up class. He told them about the bond, savings stamps, tin can and paper drives conducted by his elementary school. He told them about the milkweed collections.

The armed services used the silky, seed material in milkweed pods to stuff life jackets during World War II. Gretzinger lived on a farm and had access to an abundance of milkweed.

"We were paid 10 cents a pound. I soon realized how much it took to make a pound," said Gretzinger.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor, which marked the United States'

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Police continue fatality investigation

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Police continue to gather and analyze evidence in the Nov. 26 death of Plymouth resident Margaret Williams, who was run over and killed as she attempted to cross Ann Arbor Road east of Sheldon Road.

Williams, who had just left Einstein Bros., was killed about 7 a.m. by a westbound Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling in the passing lane.

"It takes time to send things into the labs to have them tested," said Plymouth police Chief Robert Scoggins. He added that in examining the Jeep, police want to make sure that "everything was as it should be at that time of day, lights on for instance. It's just part of being thorough."

Scoggins said there is no way at this point to estimate the Jeep's speed as

there were no skid marks. "There's nothing to indicate the driver was at fault. However, it doesn't mean we won't run everything we've found past the prosecutor."

Scoggins confirmed that it is illegal for a pedestrian to cross a major road anywhere other than at an intersection. He said attempting to cross Ann Arbor Road at this time of the year in the early morning is especially hazardous due to amount and speed of traffic and the low visibility.

Police said the weather was misty and the road wet at the time of the accident.

When asked about the traffic fatality record of Ann Arbor Road, James D. Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director, said it was a matter of police record. However, he did say that "Whenever you have high traffic volume, it is not what I would say is

conducive to pedestrian traffic." Referring to drivers, he added: "You're not anticipating pedestrians. It becomes somewhat out of the norm."

Peoples State Bank in Plymouth continues to accept contributions for Williams' family. Williams was a familiar figure in Plymouth as she bicycled or walked everywhere. She did not drive. Also, she and her 20-year-old son, Brian, who has cerebral palsy, were involved in many community charitable fund-raisers. They lived alone together.

"There's been a number of contributions," said Bill Graham, the bank's vice president. "We're up to something a little less than \$3,000."

Graham said the contributions reflect the community's concern for Brian, who was dependent upon his

Please see FATAL, A4

Letters split board

■ Township treasurer Ron Edwards says there's nothing wrong with sending his newsletters to the community. Other board members disagree.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER



A rift has opened on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees over a township newsletter.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen, McCarthy and some trustees say they don't like Treasurer Ron Edwards' sending out newsletters to residents with his views on issues.

They say that because the newsletters carry the township letterhead, they could be viewed as representing the whole board.

Wrong, Edwards responds. The newest member of the board, elected 13 months ago, said the newsletters were sent out because the township has only put out two in the last five years.

"Nobody communicates to residents," he said.

"They feel that I'm speaking for the board and I'm not speaking for the board. It's politics. They're afraid I'm running for supervisor - I could care less," Edwards said.

"I only sent them to raise awareness

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Committee works on joint plan

RECREATION

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

They've sort of agreed on how to pay for a joint Plymouth city and township recreation department.

Now, members of a city-township recreation committee are trying to sort out how the department will be structured, and who will run it.

At committee meetings, members have continued to suggest a program paid by a half-mill earmarked for recreation, dependent on voter approval.

Before that millage question can be put to voters, both the Plymouth City Commission and Plymouth Township Board of Trustees must approve such a

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Donations are down

It's Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club time - but there's little cheer around our office.

That's because so far, your contributions are way down from last year's pace. And the deadline for accepting donations is Friday!



Still, we'd like to send out a big thank-you to folks who've dropped off gifts for the needy, since we kicked off the Cheer Club drive Nov. 28.

Most recent contributors were Juanita Fenkell of Plymouth Township, Doyal Gray of Ply-

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Show promoter hopes to raise money for family

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

A toy and collectibles show promoter hopes to raise \$5,000 to brighten Christmas for the children of a Plymouth woman struck and killed on Ann Arbor Road the day before Thanksgiving.

Doug McAlpine, who is a neighbor to the late Margaret Williams' daughter Carrie, is seeking community-wide support for a charitable toy and collectibles sale he is organizing for Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Plymouth Masonic Lodge, 730 Peniman.

All proceeds from the 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. show will go to the

Margaret Williams Fund at Peoples State Bank in Plymouth, McAlpine said.

Williams, who was uninsured when she was hit by a vehicle while crossing Ann Arbor Road Nov. 26, was the single parent to Carrie, 25, and son Brian, 20, who has cerebral palsy.

A Forest Avenue resident, Williams did not drive and was well-known to merchants in the area because she walked everywhere, including to work. She had just left a bagel shop on Ann Arbor for her dental lab job on South Main when she was hit.

McAlpine, who lives across the hall from Carrie Williams in a Plymouth apartment building,

said the Masonic Lodge donated its hall for the sale and auction and now he is looking to businesses and citizens to help make it a success.

"The Masons were good enough to donate their hall," said McAlpine. "We need support from everybody else now."

He hopes merchants such as clothiers and restaurateurs will donate either merchandise or gift certificates for auctioning.

"This will be a good chance for people to get a unique gift for someone," he said, noting toys at the show could include Barbie dolls, GI Joes, Beanie Babies and slot cars, plus sports and other memorabilia.

"And I'm hoping the churches will announce the sale on Sunday. It'll be a good opportunity for parishioners themselves to come by and make themselves feel good by doing something for somebody else."

Admission will be \$3 per person, he said, and "even if people don't buy anything, the \$3 admission goes to the fund."

McAlpine, who will have 30 tables renting at \$35 each, will recruit toy vendors and collectors for the show and said he "shouldn't have any problem collecting 30 vendors." He plans to use the Internet and cable television to promote the event.

He's also seeking three or four

volunteers to help him with solicitations and the show itself. "It's a lot for one person to coordinate," he said.

A water company salesman who also has managed bands and booked musicians in addition to putting on toy and collectibles shows, McAlpine said he learned of the tragedy through a newspaper article.

He recalled seeing Brian Williams visiting sister Carrie. Having cerebral palsy, said McAlpine, is "a tough way to go in life."

"I've seen him (since his mother's death) and he doesn't quite understand what's going on. It makes me feel good I can do



Margaret Williams

something for someone else."

McAlpine, who will have a toy and collectibles sale in Frankenthum Dec. 13-14, said he raised almost \$3,000 for the Plymouth-Canton Schools DARE program with a show last May.

Anyone interested in volunteering can leave a message for McAlpine at his home, (313) 544-0050.

War from page A1

entrance into the war, affected several of Gretzinger's uncles, including one who was in the ROTC program at Ohio State University. "He knew it would be the last day of freedom for him," said Gretzinger, adding that about 35 percent of his hometown enlisted or was drafted.

Contemporary United States history, from 1877 to the present, is not formally taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' social studies curriculum until ninth grade. Although her social studies class in the SPECTRA program at PCEP will not study World War II until next spring, Salem teacher Barbara Brownlea noted Pearl Harbor's significance on Friday.

"Whenever we have the anniversary of a historical event, we try to relate it to what we will be studying," she said.

"Many students have much more of a personal interest because they may have an uncle or a grandfather who was in World War II."

During past units on the war, Brownlea has taken her students to the Holocaust Memorial in West Bloomfield.

Each day, Canton history teacher Janyne Hilfinger writes a "cultural literacy" term or phrase on the blackboard to initiate a class discussion. On Friday that term was "Pearl Harbor."

Hilfinger and co-teacher Deborah Tiechman told their ninth-graders what happened on Dec. 7, 1941, and pulled the event into the students' current lesson plan on national and cultural imperialism.

"We will discuss the imperialism that went on by all the coun-

'I ask the students what do they think they owe to the people who did their duty.'

Cathy Meyers
—teacher

tries before Pearl Harbor and what led to the attack by Japan," said Hilfinger.

Central Middle School social studies teacher Cathy Meyers makes sure her class observes two historical dates each year, Memorial Day and Pearl Harbor. "They've already studied the Constitution, and they understand the principles. The whole class period deals with this," she said.

Meyers takes a kinetic approach to teaching about Pearl

Harbor. "I'll do a simulation and outline boats on the floor. The students will sit on the floor. I give them background information on what the world was like, the political climate with Hitler and the rise of the Japanese," said Meyers.

"Then I come along and blow up the ships. Beforehand, they get a label, and it designates whether they will live or die. Those that live, we talk about the human tragedy, what they would do. Those that died talk about what they want the living to do. I ask the students what do they think they owe to the people who did their duty."

On Friday Meyers prepared her students ahead of time for Sunday's anniversary of Pearl Harbor "so they have a connection to that day."

Pearl from page A1

"Everyone wanted to enlist in the service and do something for our country. I'll never forget it, I lost some friends during the

war." Bida's platoon soon shipped out to Guadalcanal. He had to stay behind. He later shipped

out to Guam and stopped in Pearl Harbor on the way.

"I saw some of the ships in the water. It's something we'll never forget."

"One thing I regret is there

isn't more taught in our schools. Kids think we were the enemy and we were not. For some reason high schools don't want to talk about it - I can understand some of the reasons," Bida said.

Chuck Minthorn of Plymouth, also a member of VFW Post 6695, joined the service in 1943, and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. When the Japanese attacked two years earlier, he was 15.

"It was a really warm day for December. We were down in Riverside Park playing touch football. We were all in T-shirts and shorts. One of the fellas came down a little later somewhere around 11 o'clock and said Pearl Harbor was attacked. We didn't know where it was."

"We were in a war. We really didn't know what a war was. We had seen pictures of what happened in China (Japanese invasion)," he said.

After what came to be called the sneak attack against Pearl Harbor, it was thought the West Coast was vulnerable to attack, Minthorn recalled.

Later stationed at Pearl Harbor two years after the attack, "the cleanup had already started. There was still quite a bit of damage around," Minthorn said.

Part of the battleship Arizona rested on the harbor floor while deck guns could still be spotted

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Chuck Minthorn
—veteran

above the water.

"I talked to some of the guys; they didn't speak too much of it," he said.

"They thought like everyone else it was a sneak attack. But there were other things that occupied their minds instead of something that already happened," Minthorn said.

A Navy bosun's mate, Minthorn was discharged in 1945.

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Contra dance brings out the light-footed folks

Hoedown: The Masonic Hall in Plymouth was filled with couples celebrating the end of Thanksgiving with a hoedown contra dance. With any luck the dances will soon become a tradition. The first one was held on Halloween.

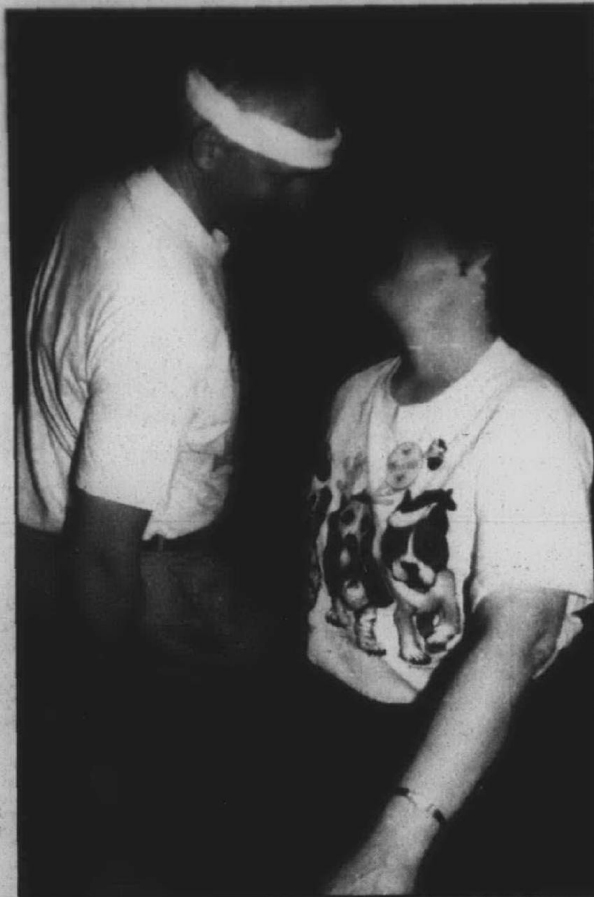


PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

While some people were perhaps more stuffed last weekend than the turkey they had consumed a few days earlier, some 100 light-footed folks gathered for a Turkey Hoedown at the Masonic Hall on Penniman Nov. 29.

They danced off more than a few Thanksgiving calories at a good old-fashioned hoedown contra dance.

"Henry Ford revitalized it back in the 1920's and it's still danced at the Lovette Hall Ballroom in Greenfield Village," said Karen Missavage, one of the callers for the dance and a fiddler and mandolin player with the award-winning Silver Strings Dulcimer Society.

The society provided the live music Saturday night. Contra dancing dates back to the 1700's. The word "contra" comes from the French language meaning contrary or opposing. Dancers face one another in opposing lines. Traditional contra dances are the Virginia Reel, square and circle dances. And there's no need to bring a partner according to Missavage. "It's great

fun," she said.

"It's a lot of singles. It's a lot of divorced folks and a lot of couples, as well. This is the type of dancing where you don't have to know your right foot from your left or fancy maneuvers or positions," Missavage said.

Missavage, who started contra dancing in 1981 and calling in 1990, said there are traditional contra dances held in Ann Arbor, Lansing, Kalamazoo and Metro Detroit. But there were no longer any dances held in the Plymouth area. She was encouraged by dancers to start one in the area and approached Bob Johns, manager of the Masonic Hall in Plymouth, who she said "is wonderful to work with."

"We have this wonderful hall here in Plymouth; it's huge, it has air conditioning, it has a wood floor, it's ground level, it's easy to get in, the Masons are wonderful to us, it needed a dance," Missavage said.

The first dance was held there on Halloween with about 80 people attending. Ages of attendees range from preteens on up to the 80's and 90's. Missavage said it doesn't matter if there are a few more women at the dances. She will call a dance with three fac-

ing three where each woman has a "gent in the middle to share."

Missavage will also call a square dance with four couples and a woman in the middle so everyone has the opportunity to dance. Some of the contra dances have been handed down through the generations. Missavage has written some of her own dances and used some created by other callers.

There are no alcoholic beverages and no smoking at the dance and refreshments are homemade treats brought from home. Saturday's participants were encouraged to bring Thanksgiving leftovers. While there was no turkey or dressing, there were a few slices of pumpkin pie amid a myriad of other goodies.

This was Elbert Jamison's second contra dance. The Canton resident attended the Halloween dance at the hall. "Some friends had come before and said it was a lot of fun," Jamison said.

Linda Grosscup of Livonia has been contra dancing for a year and a half and belongs to the Oakland County chapter. "It's a great way to meet people," she said. "It's a very social activity and it's a lot of fun. You don't

TURKEY HOEDOWN

have the same partner all the time."

Missavage would be the first to admit that it's a wonderful way to meet new people. She has started dating someone she met at a dance in Ann Arbor but is quick to add that it is a different type of dance scene.

"The lights are on full-blast so you can see what people look like. Everyone is wearing a nametag. It's not a meat market. It's not a bar," she said that you can actually talk to someone else "instead of trying to yell over loud rock music and throwing back a few whiskey shots on the side."

After a thought she added, "for six bucks, how can you go wrong?"

The next contra dance at the Masonic Hall will be held on Jan. 31, 8-11 p.m. Arrive by 8 p.m. for explanations and easy walk-throughs. Soft-soled shoes and casual attire recommended. For more information call, 313-995-1336.

Yacht Club earmarks money for scholarships

The Tonquish Creek Yacht Club has earmarked \$4,000 for the K.C. Mueller Scholarship Grant Program.

The grants, in the amount of \$200 each, will be presented to students in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades for summer 1998 enrichment programs.

Last year students who were selected used their grants for a variety of programs world-wide, including a European music program, travel to Australia, attending the Michigan State University Debate camp, camping with Boy Scouts, enrolling at Blue Lake and Interlochen music

programs.

Students eligible for these grants must be enrolled in a public or private school within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Seventeen of the grants are for Plymouth residents and three for Canton students.

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mouth, and an anonymous donor.

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The items will be collected until Dec. 12, when we'll turn them over to the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Ply-

mouth, Canton and Northville.

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So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy, or maybe a gift of warm clothing - a new hat, scarf or gloves - your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donation by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/town-

ship of residence.

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Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

So Happy Holidays! And please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

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mother's care. "Most of the folks have indicated a desire to do something for Brian. It's meant to do something over the long term."

Williams' funeral was on Monday. Contributions may be made to the Margaret Williams Fund, care of Peoples State Bank, 245 N. Main, Plymouth 48170.

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TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA
City Treasurer

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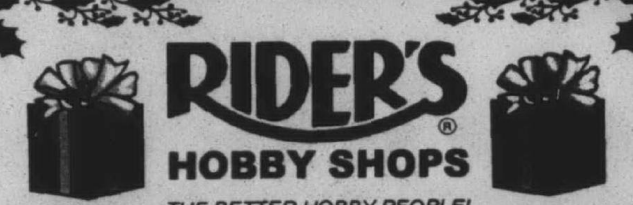
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EPA praises efforts to clean Rouge River

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A federal official from Washington, D.C., met Wednesday with local government leaders, praising the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Robert Perciasepe, assistant administrator for water with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, met with local officials, legislators, plus state and federal representatives, at Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

"The beauty of the Rouge cleanup project is the way the 48 communities are working together to restore the viability of the river," said Perciasepe. "Each community along the river needs to work in conjunction with its neighbors, and this is what we're trying to push nationally."

"Looking at the problem and trying to attack it with a logical approach is a key point."

Nearly 100 people met to get an update on the comprehensive program to restore the water quality of the Rouge River. The program is funded through EPA grants, and Perciasepe believes the federal government will continue to support the project.

"I think federal funds will always be part of implementing these programs," revealed Perciasepe. "This project has received a lot of demonstration monies to help the rest of the country learn."

U.S. John Dingell, D-16th District, warns that while the federal government is committed to the Rouge River project, there is only so much money to be received from the feds.

"The federal government plans to put up 55 percent of the estimated \$1.3 billion cost," said Dingell. "We now have about \$330 million of federal money in this. However, the local units of government and the state will have to start coming up with

huge sums of money, which could mean significant increases in water bills and sewage charges."

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley believes the gathering helped local communities get a message to the EPA.

"While we want to clean up the Rouge watershed, we can only foot so much of the bill," said Kelley. "Our message to Washington is that we need to have more considerations as it pertains to money and time frames. While we are working hard to clean up the Rouge, we can't have it done by their timetable of 2005."

Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, said the participating communities were at a "crucial stage in the project."

"In the next year and a half, we'll be getting data on what we're doing, and what's going to be the next generation of pollution control," Murray said.

Tree booklet now available

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available to the public free of charge.

The Conservation Trees booklet uses colorful photos, illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for conservation trees.

The guide's contents include:

■ How to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home.

■ How to attract songbirds to your home.

■ How to save trees during construction.

■ How to save topsoil and help farm profits with "shelterbelts."

■ The right way to plant trees.

■ The right way to prune trees.

"The National Arbor Day Foundation's Conservation Trees program encourages Americans to plant, manage and preserve trees to conserve

soil, energy, water, wildlife and the atmosphere," said John Rosenow, the Foundation's president.

"The Conservation Trees brochure is a central part of this educational project. It serves as a useful guide for people in all areas, whether they live in America's largest cities or in the country."

For a free booklet, send your name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska, NE 68410

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If feeding all your friends and family during the holidays requires a federal loan — take note.

Visitors to the Wayne County LightFest on Thursday, Dec. 11, and Thursday, Dec. 18 will be eligible to win a \$100 holiday feast courtesy of WOMC-FM and Farmer Jack stores.

Winners will be announced following drawings on the Tom Ryan Show on Dec. 12 and 19 between 4 and 5 p.m. The contest is part of a schedule that includes seven Wayne County LightFest giveaways by four of metro Detroit's top radio stations during the month of December.

"This is the first time we've had this many giveaways at Wayne County LightFest," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "We're pleased that so many of our sponsors are in the holiday spirit of giving and we hope all of the visitors to LightFest will enjoy."

Wayne County LightFest giveaways and contests include the following dates:

■ Monday, Dec. 8 and 15 — The first 99 cars will get free CD's, t-shirts and other memorabilia courtesy of WYCD-FM.

■ Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 16 — Morning on-air personality Danny Bonaduce will give out merchandise and souvenirs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, and the "Q Party Crew" will be on hand to distribute giveaways on Dec. 16 courtesy of WKQI-FM.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 10 — First 105 cars will receive complementary coupons courtesy of WCHB-FM.

■ Thursday, Dec. 11 and 18 — All vehicles traveling through Wayne County LightFest are eligible for a drawing for two \$100 holiday feast giveaways courtesy of WOMC-FM.

Wayne County LightFest is open nightly through Jan. 1, except for Dec. 25, from 7-10 p.m. Cars enter Hines Drive at Merriman Road in Westland and proceed eastbound exiting at Warren Avenue just east of Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

A \$5 minimum donation keeps Wayne County LightFest operating. For more information on Wayne County LightFest or to arrange bus or limo tours, call (313) 261-1990.

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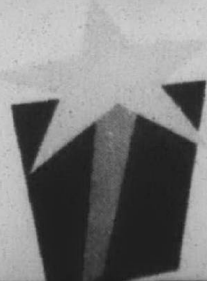
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Winter spells the end of curb leaf collection

With the onset of winter weather the city of Plymouth is ending its bulk curbside leaf collection for this year.

According to Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok, City crews have made six trips around the city collecting leaves that were raked out to the curb. This is up from the scheduled four collections. Sincok said that the leaf drop came very late this year and an early snowfall delayed many residents from getting their leaves to the curb in a timely manner.

If residents have not already raked their leaves to the curb they must place them in the

large brown leaf bags and set them at the curb for collection by city crews. Bulk leaf collection crews have already started on their seventh and final pass around the city. Residents who place leaves at the curb after crews have completed their final collection will receive a letter indicating that they must bag the leaves.

Christmas tree collection will be during the first three weeks of January. Residents are reminded to remove all ornaments and plastic bags from the trees prior to setting them at the curb for collection on their regular trash collection day.

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ballot issue.

Among those attending the meeting were township Trustees Ron Griffith and Chuck Curmi, Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, City Manager Steve Walters and City Commissioner Ron Loiselle.

Committee members said they also want to get some information from people with recreation program expertise at the University of Michigan and Schoolcraft College, before possibly paying a consultant to develop a program.

At a committee meeting Dec. 3, township Finance Director Rosemary Harvey presented some options on the structure of a joint department.

The recreation committee is to meet again Dec. 17 at the Plymouth Township government offices.

She put together the options with City Manager Steve Walters and township Director of Public Services Jim Anulewicz.

Transfer responsibility for the program to a non-government agency, or contract with such an agency, such as the YMCA. Government's only role would be to provide facilities for some activities. Some committee members said the local Y may

not have the expertise to effectively run a community-wide program.

Create a non-profit structure, with the YMCA and Plymouth-Canton schools playing main roles. An example comes from Auburn Hills, which is seeking to have its YMCA take over community recreation. "The problem with this structure is that the non-profit agency is having difficulty generating funds for capital improvement," according to the report.

Have soccer and baseball organizations run their own programs and pay for upkeep of fields and facilities. While various groups might approve, there

would be no way to generate money for facilities improvements. "Only highly organized groups would continue to plan local activities," the report continued.

Have the city and township governments share the cost of a recreation program. To run the joint program, elected officials could create either a committee or authority. Northville city and township appoint committee members to run their joint recreation program.

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Newsletters from page A1

out in the community about what's going on. If they want to come shooting at me, come shoot at me. I'm an elected official too, I have the right to speak to the people out there."

The board of trustees is to discuss the matter at a work session at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Township offices.

McCarthy responded that if each board of trustees member sent out a newsletter, residents would receive seven letters with various assessments of what the township government is doing.

She said Edwards' first two newsletters, mailed with tax

bills in December 1996 and July this year, talked about changes in the treasurer's office, "which is fine and nobody has any problem with that."

McCarthy said Edwards' letter sent in November with the township letterhead "talked about issues like recreation, more township-wide types of thoughts. It seemed to imply that it was an official position of the township."

"Some of the board members feel that was not appropriate because he was not authorized to speak on behalf of the board."

In his November newsletter sent out to some residents,

Edwards chided the township administration for not moving fast enough on expanding recreation needs — an action citizens favor, according to recent survey results.

McCarthy said this upset some trustees, as a township-city recreation committee has been meeting monthly to examine expanding recreation.

"Everyone has agreements and disagreements," McCarthy said. "Not everybody agrees with every decision of the majority."

Edwards has charged that other trustees ignore or reject his ideas. McCarthy said, "we're

guessing what his views are if he doesn't bring them up."

Trustee Kay Arnold said she has no problem with newsletters sent with tax bills. But in Edwards' November newsletter, "he brought up things we (trustees) hadn't even discussed," she said.

"When he's speaking for me or when it's perceived it's from the board of trustees I have a problem, that's not his arena," Arnold said.

Edwards said he received no criticism from residents for the newsletters, adding some wrote to thank him.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1171 Section 17K, the Plymouth City Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, December 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at the Plymouth City Hall.

The purpose of this public hearing is to gather public opinions regarding request from T. Belli and Associates, D/B/A/E. G. Nicks of Plymouth, 500 Forest, to file the necessary documentation to obtain a tavern license or Class C liquor license in the Downtown Development Authority District as authorized by the above legislation.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at 705 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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JOHN F. FARROW, Secretary
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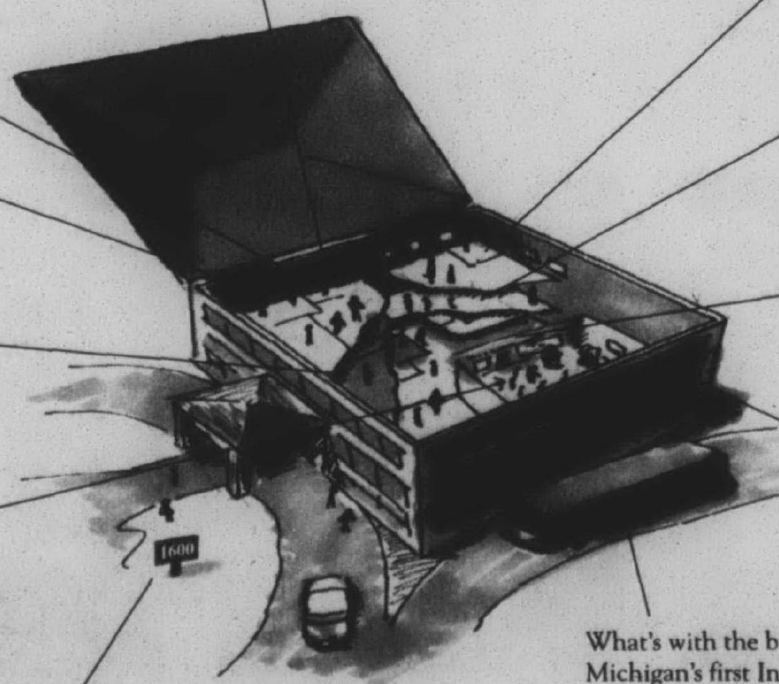
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Christmas lights should be checked

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Area fire officials say holiday lights and warm fires are a traditional part of the holiday season, however they want to make sure it's a safe time of year with some timely tips.

Canton Township Fire Marshal Dave Champagne says one of the most important rules homeowners can follow is making sure their store-bought lights are approved by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory.

"When buying lights, make certain they've been tested by groups such as Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual," relates Champagne. "These non-profit testing agencies make certain the lights meet tough quality standards."

If you already have lights put away, make sure you examine them before putting them on the tree.

"Inspect them thoroughly, to make sure there are no bare wires, cracks or bad plugs," warns Champagne. "They're generally not repairable, so if you have any questions at all, dispose of them and purchase a new set."

"If you have a real tree, make sure it's freshly cut and watered regularly," Champagne reminds us. "Use additives that help the tree absorb water so it doesn't

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Dave Champagne
—Canton fire marshal

dry out, making it a fire hazard."

Champagne says artificial trees should be flame resistant, and no lights should ever be put on aluminum trees. Opt instead for a colored spotlight.

Redford Township Fire Marshal Les Wedge notes that while people enjoy the look of holiday lights, they should make sure to turn them off whenever leaving the house.

"The heat generated in just one minute by the fire from a tree is enough to destroy an entire room," Wedge said.

"When purchasing lights from the store, read the package to determine how many strings can be plugged together," Wedge said.

"You may have to plug multiple strings directly into an outlet. And if you use an extension cord, make sure you use one that can handle the electrical load."

Wedge also reminds homeowners

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Les Wedge
—Redford fire marshal

to avoid heating ducts when putting up a fresh Christmas tree, because the heat will dry out the tree, making it more flammable.

For outside decorations, Champagne has these suggestions.

"Make sure the lights you purchase are intended for outdoor use, and be careful not to overload the circuit."

Many families like the warm crackle of wood burning in the fireplace during the winter.

"The number one problem with fireplaces is maintenance," said Bob Fields, Westland fire department's chief of the public education division. "We see a number of chimney fires related to a build-up of creosote, a by-product of burning wood, catching fire. Chimneys should be cleaned annually to avoid the danger."

Fields also reminds us "to keep the glass doors and screens

closed when using the fireplace to keep the embers from shooting into the house, causing a fire. Also, remember to open the flue, otherwise you'll force smoke into the room."

When using wood burning stoves, Livonia Fire Marshal Rockney Whitehead says homeowners "should burn it on hot for 15 to 30 minutes a day, to burn off the creosote build-up and lessen the dangers for a chimney fire."

And, while many homeowners want a clean wood burning stove, Whitehead has some suggestions.

"Keep a couple of inches of sand or ashes on the bottom of the stove," recommends Whitehead. "That will keep the heat from radiating to the floor, possibly causing combustible material from catching fire."

Concerning kerosene space heaters, Whitehead alerts us to be careful.

"Don't use them in closed rooms like a bedroom," he advises. "Use mainly in open rooms, like a living or family room, to decrease the chances of carbon monoxide poisoning."

"And, make sure you don't accidentally use gasoline, instead of kerosene," warns Whitehead. "That definitely could cause the unit to catch on fire."

Guide highlights sites of Rouge contamination

A guide to sites of environmental contamination in the Rouge River watershed is available in 35 area libraries.

The Citizens Guide to Sites of Contamination was released by a subcommittee of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council. It assists people in obtaining details on sites of environmental contamination. Information includes applicable regulations, health effects and appropriate

contacts for local, state and federal agencies.

The material was compiled by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Wayne County Department of Environment and interested residents.

For more information, contact Cathy Bean, Rouge River Remedial Action Plan coordinator for the DEQ, at (313) 953-1441.



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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

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Canton Economic Club hosts Valassis CEO

David Brandon, president and CEO of Valassis Communications, will be the keynote speaker at the Canton Economic Club luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 18 at Summit on the Park.

Brandon has been the chief executive at the Livonia-based company, which produces and supplies advertising inserts to newspapers on a worldwide basis, since 1989.

Brandon is responsible for strategic planning and day-to-day management at Valassis, which in recent years was selected as one of the "100 best companies to work for in America" by a national magazine.

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David Brandon

Before coming to Valassis, Brandon held several positions at Procter and Gamble, including national sales manager, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Brandon is a 1974 graduate of

the University of Michigan.

Brandon's commitment to the community has included the establishment of the David A. Brandon

Foundation, a Michigan charitable organization that provides grants and other assistance to needy organizations. The foundation has provided funds for U-M projects; equipment and facilities for educational and social

service organizations; and money for annual holiday programs for needy families.

The luncheon begins at noon in the Summit banquet center.

The event is open to the Canton business community and the general public. Tickets are \$15 and advance reservations are required by Monday, Dec. 15. Call 453-4040 for reservations or information.

The economic club is run by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors for the December luncheon are the Observer Newspapers and Rudolph/Libbe, Inc.

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Trustees set Dec. 15 deadline for residents to apply for board

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

John Walsh officially leaves the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees on Dec. 31, but he attended his last official board meeting on Nov. 19.

Walsh received a certificate of appreciation from the board for his dedication to quality education and commitment to community colleges. Walsh was appointed to the board in February 1993 and then elected for a six-year term in June 1993.

Trustees commended Walsh for his time served on the board.

Board Chair Patricia Watson commended Walsh for his time served on the board, calling him an "ambassador" for the board.

"He was always willing to serve on committees," Watson said. "He has served and served well."

While Walsh is looking forward to sitting on the Livonia City Council, he said he was

somewhat saddened because he has enjoyed his time on the Schoolcraft board.

"I've made strong friendships and appreciate your support and comments," Walsh said.

Successor sought

Schoolcraft College is seeking a successor to John Walsh's seat on the board.

Trustees are accepting letters from interested candidates. The only qualifications are that they must live in the college district and they must be registered voters.

Persons wishing to apply for the position must be residents of the college district which includes the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, Northville and part of the Novi school districts. The replacement will serve through June 30, 1999. The election for that seat will be in June 1999.

Trustees set a deadline of Dec. 15 for applications. Trustees also scheduled a Jan. 7 meeting to receive the applications, at which time they will discuss how to narrow that field. Tentative meeting dates were scheduled for Jan. 17 for interviews and Jan. 24, if the field of candidates is large enough to merit the need.

Trustees plan to approve a final candidate on Jan. 28.

Applicants will be asked to provide general biographical information and write a letter to the board on why they want to serve.

Applications are available in the Office of the President, Room 190, in the Administration Building. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Newspaper group joins SPRING

C & G Newspapers has joined the SPRING Newspaper Network, the organization that has brought many national and regional advertisers an easy, cost-effective way to reach suburban readers in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Founded in 1981 and headquartered in suburban Warren, C & G publishes 11 local newspapers serving 23 communities with an aggregate circulation of 375,000.

C & G replaces Independent Newspapers, which has resigned from the group.

"Compared to the old network, the new SPRING reaches more readers, provides better penetration, offers more concentration in the retail trading zone and delivers better demographics," said Fred Manuel, president of Heritage Newspapers of Southgate and one of the original SPRING founders.

The new SPRING network will offer 32 individual community newspapers with an aggregate total midweek circulation of 619,700 and Sunday distribution of more than 500,000. This breaks down midweek to 265,000 in Macomb County, 126,700 in Oakland County and 228,000 in suburban Wayne County.

SPRING Network also offers a "Greater SPRING" buy, which includes community newspapers serving Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties. The "Greater SPRING" buy delivers a total circulation of 673,000.

"We recently conducted a group of studies through Pulse Research," said Jeff Demers, advertising director of C & G. "The research shows clearly that C & G publications are the best read community newspapers in Macomb County."

"We expect to continue unchanged our longstanding tra-

dition of excellent one-representative, one-order, one-bill, cost-effective service to our accounts," said Mike Wilcox, president of Michigan Community Newspapers.

"There may be other networks just starting up that claim to serve the entire metropolitan Detroit suburban market," said Richard D. Aginian, president of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia, the corporate owner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, another original SPRING founder.

"But no other network can offer coverage of all Macomb County, the best portions of Oakland County and all of suburban Wayne County. SPRING covers the entire Detroit suburban marketplace," he added.

For further information about SPRING, call Fred Manuel at (313) 246-0887.

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Working magic with wine and food

"Food is food and wine is wine, but magic can happen when you combine the two," says Simi Winery's Executive Chef Mary Evelyn. Evelyn has family roots in Michigan and in her just-published "The Vintner's Table Cookbook," she shares discoveries about why certain food flavors and textures pair magically with some wines and not with others.

Many authors have attempted to do what Evelyn has done. But they have either overwhelmed readers with technicalities or were so general in setting down principals that nothing they wrote was useful to the home cook.

Flavor and textures

Evelyn gets you going at the beginning by discussing flavor and texture, the major palate influences on food and wine harmonies. However, "sometimes a brilliant combination can be made by using contrasting rather than similar flavor or textures," she writes. She makes pairings based on color, using her trained artist's eyes and instructs readers on how to analyze a recipe for its potential wine affinity.

Calling them chameleon foods and recipes, Evelyn, ever so helpfully, notes recipes that can, with minor alterations, be made to work with more than one wine. She sticks to the basics and doesn't go overboard with esoteric wines. Recipes included in the cookbook pair food with sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, rosé and blush wines, pinot noir, zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and meritage bottlings. Relations between wines and dessert form the concluding chapter.

Pinot noir

Because of our fondness for pinot noir, we focused on the usefulness of Evelyn's book and this wine. There are 14 recipe pairings for pinot noir and two "chameleon" recipes. Included are soup, salads, pastas, a gourmet pizza, seafoods, duck, beef and pork. This covers the gamut, sensitively recognizing options for those preferring meatless.

Noting food affinities such as seafood, meat and poultry, herbs and spices, sauces, cheese and nuts plus vegetables and fruits, Evelyn names pinot noir food conflicts for all but meat and poultry. Pinot noir does not match oysters, smoked fish or sushi. It is in conflict with cilantro, cumin, curry, cream sauces, aged Gouda, blue cheese and cheddar. It is unfriendly to artichokes, asparagus and green beans.

Please see WINE, B2

Wine Picks

- Pinot noirs that work especially well with recipes suggested in "The Vintner's Table Cookbook" by Executive Chef Mary Evelyn: 1995 Davis Bynum Limited Edition Pinot Noir \$30; 1995 David Bruce Central Coast Pinot Noir \$18 (just released) and 1995 David Bruce Sonoma County Pinot Noir \$20.
- Exceptional cabernet sauvignons for grilled meats or savory, spicy stews: 1993 Martini Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$20; 1994 St. Clement Cabernet Sauvignon \$26; and 1993 Kunde Cabernet Sauvignon \$24.
- Premium chardonnays pair well with wild mushroom risotto, polenta or corn chowder: 1994 Simi Reserve Chardonnay \$28; 1996 Pine Ridge Cameros Chardonnay \$20; 1996 Kunde Chardonnay \$15; 1995 Silverado Limited Reserve Chardonnay \$38; 1996 Mirasou Chardonnay \$12; 1996 Hermitage Road Reserve Chardonnay, Hunter Valley Australia \$16; and from Italy, 1996 Ruffino Libaio \$10 (a delicious blend of chardonnay and pinot grigio).
- Great Sangiovese; great price: 1996 Ruffino Fonte Al Sole, Sangiovese de Toscana \$10.
- Knock your socks off red: 1994 Stags' Leap Winery Petite Syrah \$23.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Win the holiday race
- Main Dish Miracle

Wrap it up

WITH A FEW MODERN FOOD GIFTS

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Food — one size fits all — it's the perfect gift.

"If you're on a budget, it can be very cost effective," said Martha Gill, a graphic designer, and author of "Modern Food Gifts," (Longstreet Press, 1997, hardcover \$18.95). "It's more personal. It shows you went out of your way to do something special."

Gill who is the creative director, principal and owner of Gill Design in Atlanta, began giving food gifts out of necessity. "I was trying to say thank-you to clients, but I didn't have a lot of time, or money."

Her gifts were so popular that clients started calling to ask if she could put gifts together for them. Clever packaging is her secret — "freshening-up food gifts and taking them into the new millennium."

Instead of wrapping up shortbread in aluminum foil with a ribbon, Gill puts them into a pretty ceramic teapot. "If you want to spend your whole Saturday baking that's fine," she said. "Or, you could go to the bakery."

Some projects take more time than others, but you're sure to be inspired by Gill's recipes for a variety of sure-to-be-enjoyed and appreciated food gifts, and explanations for wrapping them up.

"The book also has a resource guide that tells you where we got everything so you won't go nuts trying to find everything," she said. "Use the book as a jumping off point for your own creativity."

Her list of "favored merchants" includes a number of stores in your neighborhood — Ace Hardware, The Home Depot, Linens 'N Things,



Thoughtful gift: (Left) Set out cruets filled with flavored sugar on your breakfast table, or surprise a friend at work. Flavored sugar is featured in "Modern Food Gifts" by Martha Gill. (Above) Cranberry Chutney in a Jam Jar is a quick to make gift that's sure to be enjoyed.

inexpensive ideas for entertaining with grace, creating unique gifts, and adding elegant personal touches to the dinner table and buffet," write the authors.

"Everyone loves something baked for the holidays," said baker-author Ken Haedrich who starts his holiday baking the first weekend after Thanksgiving.

"I know the weeks right before Christmas will be extra busy, so I turn to tried and true favorites that freeze well," he said. Quick breads, made with pumpkin, walnuts and pecans, fresh and dried cranberries, apples and pears are at the top of his make-ahead gift ideas.

Loaf-type breads, said Haedrich are actually better baked ahead because their flavors meld and they become easier to slice. Bake your favorite quick bread in disposable mini foil pans from the grocery store, and freeze. Quick breads have a shelf life of 3 to 5 days.

For gift-giving Haedrich recommends wrapping mini quick bread loaves in clear cellophane gift bags which are available in party and stationery stores. Tie with a bow and attach a tiny ornament or fresh holly.

See recipes & suggestions inside.

Michaels Arts & Crafts, Pier I Imports, Inc., Starbucks Coffee, Target and Williams-Sonoma.

"Remember, keep it simple and give the gift your own personal style," she writes. "Please don't make yourself crazy if you can't find the exact ribbon; a loosely tied shoestring will look great."

Flavored sugar — made by layering white or raw sugar with flavoring ingredients such as split vanilla beans, candied citrus fruits, and cinnamon sticks — is an example of what Gill calls "the quintessential modern food gift."

"Namely, that simple, inexpensive ingredients and everyday items can be combined in inexpensive ways to produce objects of wit and style."

"Flavored sugar is a good office gift," said Gill. "It's a small luxury. You can stir it into tea or coffee. Everyone's like 'ooh we have

flavored sugar.' It's special."

"Modern Food Gifts," is available at Williams-Sonoma, Barnes & Noble and other bookstores. Every gift idea is beautifully illustrated. It's a thoughtful gift by itself, or packaged with a gift certificate for one of the stores listed in the book.

Look for Gill's "Modern Cocktails & Appetizers" in the spring, and "Modern Parties," in the fall. "We're excited about the series," said Gill. "It's all about lifestyle. You can have splendor without the stress!"

"Home Made in the Kitchen: Traditional Recipes and Household Projects Updated and Made Easy," by Barry Bluestein & Kevin Morrissey, (Penguin Studio, 1996) is another source of creative gift-giving ideas. Bluestein and Morrissey also offer suggestions for attractively packaging your gifts, and a resource guide so you can find everything you'll need.

"In an era of dissatisfaction with the manufactured and the mundane, 'Home Made in the Kitchen' offers simple, quick and



Don't throw your weight during holidays

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BEVERLY PRICE

Very shortly, we will be ringing in the New Year. But first, we need to get through the upcoming holidays — Hanukkah and Christmas. Holidays produce a lot of anxiety for many individuals. You've worked hard all year in reforming your diet. Perhaps you lost a significant amount of weight or became a vegetarian. Many of my clients worry that they will undo everything positive that they have accomplished all year. How can you prevent yourself from falling into the holiday food trap?

Get a hold of yourself from the get-go. Develop a strategy to at least maintain your current weight during the holiday season. here are some tips:

Learn from your mistakes

If you went to three different gatherings last year

and gorged yourself, think about how you felt afterward. At this year's holiday gatherings, have a plateful of what is being served and call it your meal. Make meat the side dish versus the main course, and fill up on side dishes. Avoid going back for seconds and thirds. If you want dessert, take a small piece. Research shows that you only taste the first, second and last bite anyway.

Think about how hard you have worked to keep your body fit

Picture your goal in one hand, and that piece of cheesecake in the other hand. Is a rich dessert worth that fleeting moment of bliss? Although an evening of indulging won't put your weight back on, a week or month of indulging could.

Bake healthy holiday goodies

You can use nutritious fat substitutes such as Wonderslim or Lighter Bake, which consist of pureed plums or prunes, in place of fat called for in a recipes such as butter or shortening. You can also use brown

rice syrup or barley malt in place of sugar in a recipes. In addition, use whole wheat flour in place of white flour — use 1/8 of a cup less of wheat flour. Your end product will be so much more nutritious.

Eat lightly before going to Hanukkah or Christmas dinner

If you save up all of your calories for the "big meal," you'll be so famished that you may eat everything in sight. Drink water throughout the day, too — sometimes we're actually thirsty, not hungry.

Relax

Give yourself some breathing room. Make time daily to deep breathe. This can redirect your energy, and improve digestion and uptake of nutrients. You can even listen to soft music or relaxation tapes.

Keep up with your exercise routine

It is important to take that exercise break, especially during this time of year. You will increase your

Please see WEIGHT, B2

Pair flavorful dishes with pinot noir wines

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes from "The Vintner's Table Cookbook" to pair with pinot noir wines.

MUSHROOM PANADE

3/4 ounce dried porcini mushrooms (available in Italian and specialty stores).
3 cups hot water
8 ounces shitake mushrooms
12 ounces portobello, crimini and/or white mushrooms
1 large onion
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 or 2 bay leaves

2 (14-ounce) cans vegetable broth or defatted chicken broth

1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
8 ounces stale French or Italian bread, crusts removed
1/2 to 1 cup half-and-half (optional)

Soak the porcini in hot water in a bowl. Clean fresh mushrooms with a brush or paper towel and reserve a few for garnish. Chop fresh mushrooms.

Sauté onion in heated olive oil in a heavy saucepan over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring occa-

sionally. Add fresh mushrooms and cook for 3 minutes longer, stirring constantly.

Add garlic, porcini with soaking liquid (strain first through a sieve lined with paper towel), bay leaf and broth. Simmer 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Stir bread into soup. Cook for 5 minutes until bread is moistened well. Discard bay leaf.

Purée soup in several batches in a food processor and return to saucepan. Add half-and-half and enough water to thin to desired consistency. Heat to serving temperature. Ladle into soup bowls. Slice reserved mushrooms to top

servings. Serves six.

ROASTED DUCK LEGS WITH POMEGRANATE

4 duck legs with thighs
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1 pomegranate
8 ounces Brussels sprouts
4 slices lean bacon, cut into 1/4-inch strips

1/4 cup duck or chicken stock
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons unsweetened pomegranate juice (available in health food stores)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Rinse duck and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper. Place skin side down in a heated sauté pan. Cook over medium heat until golden brown on both sides.

Remove duck to a small roasting pan. Roast for 40-60 minutes or until very tender and crisp.

Break open the pomegranate; separate and reserve seeds. Remove green outer leaves of Brussels sprouts. (Reserve cores for use in a soup).

Wipe the sauté pan used for browning duck. Add bacon and sauté until golden brown. Remove to paper towel with a slotted spoon. Drain pan, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings.

Stir-fry Brussels sprouts leaves in reserved drippings for 1-2 minutes. Add stock, vinegar and pomegranate juice. Cook for 1 minute longer, stirring constantly; leaves should remain dark green. Add bacon and pepper to taste.

Spoon onto warmed plates. Place duck on top and sprinkle with reserved pomegranate seeds. Serve immediately. Serves four.

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"Pinot noir has the style to work equally well with an elegant dinner or a backyard grill," Evelyn notes.

Discussing her Mushroom Panade she explains, "I have always loved thick, hearty soups, and they are preferable with wine as they provide some contrast in texture. Using leftover

bread as a thickening agent appeals to my thrifty nature as well as to my interest in low-fat cooking. It also suits pinot noir, which can be overwhelmed by dishes with a lot of fat. Chicken or vegetable broth also keeps flavors in a more delicate range."

Evelyn has always been inter-

ested in the way her chef colleagues view matches. The idea for Roasted Duck Legs with Pomegranate comes from Richard Allen, Chef of the Willowside Café in Santa Rosa, Calif. "I tried this with a bottle of pinot noir and was blown away by the combination," she admits. "Keep your eyes peeled

for pomegranates in the market in December and jump on this. Pomegranate has just the right amount of delicate fruit and acidity to match that of pinot noir, giving a lift to the richness of the duck. In the recipe, the quick stir-frying of the Brussels sprouts leaves results in a totally different impression of this

member of the cabbage family."

"The Vintner's Table Cookbook" is \$29.95, and can be ordered by bookstores through Ingram Book Company ISBN-0-9658718-0-0 or directly from Simi Winery by phoning (707) 433-6981 Ext. 106. A handsome addition to the library of a wine

aficionado who cooks, it makes a thoughtful holiday gift.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Weight from page B1

mental and physical energy as well as keep your metabolism up.

Set realistic goals

Putting things down on paper will give you more of a commitment to a new plan of action for 1998. Set a reasonable time frame on how you will go about achieving your goals.

Enlist the help of a professional to develop a personal health program

It's OK to say "I need some help." Ask questions of the professional you wish to work with - do they have credentials? What are their dietary and health habits like? Do they treat you as an individual? Or do you get the feeling that you're just another person seeking a low cholesterol diet?

Train your family and friends

Share new ideas such as bringing a healthy dish to pass at a party and start hanging around health conscious friends.

If you follow these tips, you will avoid waking up New Year's Day 10 pounds heavier.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," (Tall Tree Publishing.) Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes compliments of Beverly Price. Join her with guest chef Annabel Cohen for a healthy mouth-watering cooking class 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Living Better Sensibly in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$45 per person, and includes delicious foods with recipes. Call (248) 539-9424 for registration information. Space is limited.

POTATO LATKES

4 very large potatoes
1 heaping tablespoon cornstarch and 2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon salt (optional)
Dash pepper
1 tablespoon flour

2 teaspoons grated onion
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Peel and grate potatoes, drain half the liquid. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.

Oven method of cooking: Set oven temperature on broil. Spray cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Make 2 inch round potato cakes and place on cookie sheet. Broil for 5 minutes on each side until golden brown.

Range Stove Top Method: Spray nonstick frying pan with nonstick cooking spray. Heat frying pan on high for 1 to 2 minutes until hot. Place 2-inch potato cakes in pan and cook both sides until golden brown. Serves 50, 2-inch pancakes.

Per serving: 16 calories; 0g fat; 1g protein; 3g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 3mg sodium.

BANANA BREAD

1 cup sugar
1/4 cup Wonderslim Fat & Egg Substitute
3-4 tablespoons water
2 small or 1 large banana mashed
5 teaspoons non-fat sour cream
2 cups whole wheat flour sifted
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix all ingredients in a large mixing bowl with an electric mixer. Spray loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray, pour batter in loaf pan and bake for 45 to 50 minutes. Check middle with toothpick to assure the bread is completely done. Serves 10, 1/2-inch slices.

Per serving: 133 calories; 1g fat; 3g protein; 28g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 133mg sodium, 3g fiber.

CHRISTMAS JUMBLES

1/4 cup Wonderslim Fat & Egg Substitute
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons water
1 1/4 cups whole wheat pastry flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 12-ounce package (1 3/4 cups) M&M semi-sweet or milk chocolate baking bits
1 cup raisins (optional)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 350°F. In a bowl mix together the Wonderslim with the sugars and add water. Combine flour and baking soda; blend into the sugar mixture. Stir in M&M Baking Bits, raisins and

nuts. Coat cookie sheets with nonstick cooking spray. Drop rounded tablespoonfuls of dough about 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 11 to 13 minutes. Cool 2 to 3 minutes on cookie sheets before transferring to wire racks to cool thoroughly. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Per serving (1 cookie): 100 calories, 2.8g fat (0.7g saturated fat; 25 percent calories from fat); 0mg cholesterol; 21mg sodium.

Christmas Jumbles recipe from Betsy Kurlito, co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health."

Lighten-up Belgian waffles

AP - Belgian waffles don't have to be filled with fat and calories. Elaine Magee, an authority on health and nutrition, has created a low-fat version, using egg whites and 1 percent milk. Each serving of her Belgian Waffles contains 6.5 grams of fat and 290 calories.

The recipe is from her latest cookbook, "Lighten Up! Low-Fat Versions of More Than 100 of America's Best-Known and Best-Loved Recipes" (Fireside Books, \$12). She is also the author of "Fight Fat and Win" and "The Fight Fat and Win Cookbook."

BELGIAN WAFFLES

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 egg yolks
1-1/2 cups 1 percent milk
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 egg whites
6 tablespoons sugar

Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl.

In a large bowl, beat in the egg yolks well. Stir in the milk, butter and vanilla. Add the flour mixture and beat until smooth.

In a medium bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Slowly add the sugar, beating constantly. Gently stir one-third of the egg whites into the batter. Carefully fold in another third, then fold in the remaining whites.

Heat a waffle iron and coat with nonstick cooking spray. Pour 1/2 cup of the batter into the waffle iron, or follow the instructions on your waffle iron. Bake until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve immediately. Makes 6 waffles.

Nutrition facts per serving: 290 calories, 1 grams fiber, 6.5 grams fat, 83 mg cholesterol, 443 mg sodium. Percentage of calories from fat: 20 percent.

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Thoughtful 'Modern Food Gift's show you care

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "Modern Food Gifts" by Martha Gill (Longstreet Press, 1997, \$18.95).

FLAVORED SUGAR

What you need

White sugar and/or raw sugar
Selection of flavoring ingredients, such as organic rosebuds, crystallized ginger, citrus fruits, cinnamon sticks, and split vanilla beans

Containers such as sugar dispensers, vinegar and oil cruets, flour shakers and bottles with stoppers

Fabric ribbons

Pour sugar into a container to a depth of half an inch. Add a small amount of your chosen flavoring ingredient. (If using cinnamon sticks to flavor the sugar, break the sticks into small pieces). Continue layering the sugar and the flavoring, ending with the sugar 1/4-inch from the top of the container.

Replace lid. Loosely tie a ribbon around the neck or top of the container.

CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

3 pounds of cranberries
Zest and juice of 2 oranges and 1 lemon
3/4 to 1 cup sugar
1/2 cup distilled vinegar

2 teaspoons chopped fresh ginger
1 to 2 teaspoons each of ground cumin, ground coriander seeds, and red pepper flakes

1 fresh mango, peeled and chopped into 1/4-inch chunks, or other fruits such as blackberries or strawberries

Wash cranberries and place in a medium saucepan. Add 1 cup of the sugar, the vinegar, and the zest and juice. Bring to a low boil and cook just until the berries burst. Add the ginger, spices, and mango or other fruit and stir once. Taste, adding additional sugar if necessary. (Mixture should be a little tart). Allow to cool. The chutney will keep for 1 week in the refrigerator. Makes about 3 cups.

How to package it - Pour prepared relish into jam jar. Put lid and spoon in place. Tie a ribbon around the lid.

SPICY GLAZED PECANS

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon water



TERRI TEAGUE

Wrapping it up: Cookbook author Martha Gill offers lots of creative ideas in "Modern Food Gifts"

1 1/2 cups pecan halves

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Spread a 24 by 12-inch sheet of aluminum foil on a countertop and coat it lightly with vegetable oil.

Combine the sugar, butter, cayenne pepper, and water in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. When the butter has melted, add the pecans. Continue to cook for about 10 minutes, stirring constantly.

Pour the pecans onto the prepared foil. Quickly spread out and separate the pecans. Sprinkle the salt over and let the pecans cool for 30 minutes.

The Glazed pecans can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Yield 1 1/2 cups.

MILK CHOCOLATE CASHEW CLUSTERS

3 1/2 ounces milk chocolate, broken up
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/2 tablespoon water
1 cup whole salted cashews

Line a baking sheet with wax paper. Coat it lightly with Vegetable oil and set aside.

Combine the chocolate, corn syrup, and water in the top of a double boiler and heat over boiling water, stirring occasionally, until

Suggestions
Here are some ideas from Martha Gill author of "Modern Food Gifts."

■ **Confections in a Tin** - You can have some serious fun gathering and mixing lemon drops, gum balls, peppermints, jelly beans, and hard fruit candies. Pour them into round metal containers.

■ **Parmigiano-Reggiano In A Knot** - Tie a wedge of Parmigiano-Reggiano in a square of cheesecloth, package with a cheese slicer/grater.

■ **Fruits and Nuts in a Crate** - Put an eclectic assortment of dried fruits, pistachio nuts, and shredded coconut into individual pouches made out of paper or fabric. Package in a wooden crate and tie with a large silk ribbon.

■ **Winter Vegetables in a Bag** - Put your choice of 5 or 6 root vegetables in a cotton-mesh shopping bag. Include a decorative recipe card for roasted vegetables.

■ **Coffee and Tea in a Cigar Box** - Put a selection of coffee beans and tea (loose or in tins or bags) with accoutrements of your choice (tea ball or strainer, decorated sugar cubes, biscotti) in a cigar box. Clean box with a damp cloth, and let it air dry. Line with Japanese rice paper.

the chocolate has melted. Add the cashews and stir to mix.

Drop the mixture by teaspoonfuls onto the wax paper. Transfer the baking sheet to the refrigerator and chill for at least 45 minutes, until the chocolate coating on the nuts hardens.

Store the clusters in an airtight container in the refrigerator where

they will keep for up to 3 months. Yield 24 pieces.

Spicy Glazed Pecans and Milk Chocolate Cashew Cluster recipes from: "Home made in the Kitchen: Traditional Recipes and Household Projects Updated and Made Easy," by Barry Bluestein & Kevin Morrissey, (Published by Penguin Group, 1996, \$14.95).

Toss up a salad with the fruits of winter

Seasonal Salad: Tangerine Kiwifruit Salad with Cran-Berry Dressing is a refreshing start to a hearty winter meal.



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Winter is no time to abandon your goal of eating five or more servings of vegetables and fruits each day for better health. To find fruit at the height of flavor during the winter months, look for fresh cranberries, grapefruit, kiwi, pears, tangelos and tangerines.

Here's a hearty salad to try.

TANGERINE KIWIFRUIT SALAD WITH CRAN-BERRY DRESSING

Lettuce leaves
2 tangerines, peeled, thinly

sliced
2 kiwifruits, peeled, thinly sliced
Cran-Berry Dressing (recipe follows)
Tangerine peel strips (optional)

On 4 salad plates, arrange lettuce leaves. Arrange tangerine and kiwifruit slices over lettuce. Spoon dressing over salads. Garnish with strips of tangerine peel, if desired.

ry sauce, canned
1/2 cup non-fat or low-fat strawberry or mixed berry flavored yogurt

In a blender, combine cranberry sauce and yogurt. Cover and blend until smooth. Makes about 1 cup.

Nutrition information: Each of the 4 servings contains 125 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Search futile for a 24-hour pharmacy

My husband and I took our 2-year-old daughter to the emergency room about 11 p.m. on a recent Saturday night. She had a high fever that we couldn't bring down.

We left the hospital about three hours later with a very tired -- but less feverish -- little girl, and a prescription for an antibiotic that we needed to get filled in time for her next dose, which was due at 6 a.m.

We asked a nurse if we could get the prescription filled at the hospital pharmacy. She said she was sorry, but that it was closed.

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DONNA MULCAHY

We asked her if she knew where the nearest 24-hour pharmacy was. Again, she said she was sorry, but that she didn't know.

Oh well, we thought. We're bound to pass one on the way home.

But we didn't. Every drugstore we passed was closed.

When we got home, we put Kathryn to bed and got out the Yellow Pages.

There were many pharmacy listings, but none of them said whether or not they were open 24 hours, and the seven or so that we called, were closed.

I decided to get on the Internet, hoping that it would speed up our search. I thought some of the chain pharmacies in our area might have store locator guides and sure enough, they did.

But, as with the Yellow Pages listings, none indicated whether or not they were 24-hour stores.

The Rite Aid site gave a 1-800 number to call for more information. I called it and had to go through its menu several times before a computer voice told me that it was going to connect me to Rite Aid's nearest 24-hour pharmacy.

Pay dirt, I thought.

But the phone just rang and rang. Nobody answered, and I had no idea where that store was or what its outside phone number was -- the computer voice never said.

So I called the 1-800 number again and went through the menu several more times until I finally reached a different extension at that same store.

"Where are you located," I desperately asked the woman who answered the phone.

"Six Mile and Newburgh," she said.

"Great," I told her. And then, just to be safe, I said, "You have a 24-hour pharmacy, right?"

"Yes, we do ... but it's not open tonight," she answered.

"Why not?" I asked, in utter disbelief.

"Well, our pharmacist called in sick and we couldn't get anyone to fill in," she explained.

(Arrghh!)

She told me that the nearest 24-hour pharmacy was on Schaefer in Dearborn. But that's about 40 minutes from my house and by this time, it was 3:30 a.m. and I didn't trust myself to make that long drive because I was so tired.

Needless to say, Kathryn's next dose of medicine was late. I don't want this to happen to any other sick child -- or adult, for that matter. So I decided to compile a list of 24-hour pharmacies in Wayne and Oakland counties.

I talked to spokespeople and representatives for Kmart, Kroger, Farmer Jack, Arbor Drugs, F & M, and Meijer, and was surprised to learn that none of them have a 24-hour pharmacy in Detroit. They do have some 24-hour retail stores in the area, but none of them include a 24-hour pharmacy.

To my knowledge, Rite Aid is the only company that has any all-night pharmacies in Detroit. Eleven of its locations are open 24-hours-a-day, 365 days a year.

Three of those locations are in the Observer & Eccentric's coverage area:

- **Bloomfield Hills.** Woodward at Square Lake Road, (248) 338-7191.
- **Livonia.** Six Mile Road at Newburgh, (313) 464-7960.
- **Southfield.** Greenfield at Nine Mile (248) 557-8350.

Top toys draw shoppers to the checkout



The quest for Ernie and Barbie have shoppers on the prowl this season, but leading toy stores assure Santa's helpers that their retail shelves are being stocked anew each evening.

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

Wish lists are long and supplies often short, but landing a Sing and Snore Ernie, or Talk With Me Barbie, may prove worth the search for many toy shoppers this holiday season.

And if the customers are anything like the ones that greeted Lisa Rowland outside of the Target store in Rochester last week, it's safe to say many are very determined.

"It has just been phenomenal, we had customers lined up halfway around this plaza the day after Thanksgiving," said Rowland, who is the store's Toy Team Leader. "When we opened at 7 a.m. they just all ran towards the toys."

The infamous "Ernie" doll by Tyco retails for \$29.99 and Target has been

hard-pressed to keep any of them on their shelves for more than a few hours.

"We don't have any in stock right now. I wish we did," smiled Rowland. "But also fortunately for us, the merchandise has been flowing in pretty steadily and we can re-stock our shelves every night."

Star Wars action figures and Hot Wheels cars remain popular among the elementary school set but again a stuffed toy is harboring the top spot on many Christmas lists. The Real Bubba Bear by Tyco talks and interacts with the child. The chatty bear, which is dressed in overalls and a big straw hat, retails for \$39.99.

"We had some of the Bubba Bear come in here today and they just flew out of here," said Rowland.

The junior high set are desperate to find certain gifts under their trees this



Friday night fun: The Pressman Toy Co. has reintroduced *Careers*, a 40-year-old board game of fame, fortune and happiness for a new generation of families. For 2-6 players, ages 8 and up, \$9.99 at Target, Toys R Us and Wal-Mart.

year too. Girls want the "Clueless" head set which is a hands-free phone spun from the popular movie of the same title. It retails for \$24.99.

Teen boys want Game.com by Tiger which costs \$69.99. The toy is a handheld computer game that can also be hooked up to a personal computer. The Talk With Me Barbie, and Barbie CD Rom, are in demand by both adolescent and pre-teen girls. They cost \$79.99 and \$29.99 each at Target, Rowland said.

Toys R Us spokesperson Michael Cullen said the retailer is much too busy this time of year to allow its managers to give media interviews regarding "hot" toys for 1997. Instead the retail chain provided a list of some of the most sought after items: Nintendo 64 and Sony Playstation Systems are at the top of the Electronics list while

Parker Brothers' Star Wars Monopoly and Milton Bradley's Chicken Croquet are the preferred games.

Target stores are experiencing a similar demand for games but their shelves are stocked with more than just the latest board games.

"I'd say the basic games, the oldies but goodies like Battleship and Clue are all selling well, too," Rowland said.

And Mall Madness is still popular with girls.

Bob It, an action-packed hand-held verbal command game, is another game that's being purchased at a swift pace by Target customers.

"We just price cut that to \$16.99 and it's really selling fast," said Rowland.

An annual toy study by DURACELL let kids pick their favorite top 10. The full list is available by calling 1-800-Best-Toys.



Win or get wet: The ball speeds toward you, so strike your flippers and send it back to your opponent. Score, and your foe is sprayed with a fine mist of water. Winners must score five points. From Pressman, \$24.99, at Target and Toys R Us.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

Holiday exhibit open

Through Dec. 31, stroll through Victorian England recreated in 23 animated vignettes portraying the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. The 8th annual holiday exhibit is presented by Hudson's during regular store hours. Group tours are available to classes, clubs. There is no charge for admission. Critics are calling this year's offering "the best so far!"

Summit Place Mall.
Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. Waterford.
(248) 683-5299.

Holiday Puppet Event

Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Ear-muffs are these anyway?* at the Pageant Wagon Theater in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1, 3, and 5 p.m. Free.

Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 35mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments with Santa optional. A copy of the book "The Giving Season," available for \$19 at Ritz Camera with \$2 from each sale to Toys For Tots.

The Somerset Collection.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 816-5484.

Village Santa

The local skating rink features children at play and forest animals with Santa Photos under a snow-covered pavilion through Dec. 24.

Meadowbrook Village Mall.
Walton/Adams. Rochester Hills.
(248) 375-9451.

Dept. 56 Village

Kids can send Santa E-mail messages from a computer station on the upper level, near JC Penney's. Santa visits and photos through Dec. 24. Snow Village by Dept. 56.

Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy.
(248) 585-6000.



A scene from *A Christmas Carol* at Summit Place Mall.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Carousel Santa

A 36-foot tall holiday carousel imported from Germany in mall's center court amuses visitors waiting for Santa. Laser light shows in the food court, Thursdays/Fridays 6 and 7 p.m. Saturdays/Sundays 1 and 3 p.m. through Dec. 22. The 15-minute show features a can drive for the Michigan Humane Society.

Wonderland Mall. Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia.
(313) 522-4100.

Santa photos

"Wishes Can Come True," theme with giant reindeer and Santa sleigh, photos (\$6.95) through Dec. 24. *Annabelle's Wish* video and plush toy, \$16.98, to benefit Make A Wish Foundation at Information desk.

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

Polar Bear Christmas

Digital image Santa photos through Dec. 24, giant polar bear decor.

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-5001.

Crystal Forest Set

Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136 life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen through Dec. 24. Exploration Station offers computer-activities for classrooms and groups.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.
(248) 348-9411.

Snowflake Express

Santa Claus photos plus an exhibit highlighting the December holiday traditions around the world.

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.
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Charlie Brown Christmas

See the Peanuts Gang in various holiday settings with an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse featuring a 36-foot tree through the roof. Santa photos through Dec. 24. Special computer-animation/lesson field trips available for classrooms.

Lakeside. M-59/Shoehorn. Sterling Heights.
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Northstar Journey

Santa Claus gives kids a free coloring/story book based on the Boy and the Bear's search for the Northstar throughout the mall. Letters to Santa at Polestar Station in Montgomery Wards Court. Trolleys on duty through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free boxed lunches between office buildings and shopping center.

Northland Center.
Nine Mile/Greenfield. Southfield.
(248) 569-6272.

Tree lighting

100 volunteers have been working all week to decorate for the 6 p.m. tree lighting in Kellogg Park. A downtown shopping event is set for Friday, Dec. 12 from 7-10 p.m. with activities, entertainment and a canned goods drive.

Ann Arbor Trail/Main. Plymouth.
(313) 455-1453.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

Toys For Tots Broadcast

Jim Harper and The Breakfast Club from WNIC radio airs their program from the mall 6 to 10 a.m. to collect new, unwrapped, Toys For Tots in the Lord & Taylor Court, lower level.

Fairlane Town Center.
Michigan/Hubbard. Dearborn.
(313) 593-1370.

Beauty Makeovers

Givency's Brigitte Schmitt works with customers 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 614-3337.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

Holiday music series

Carolers and music groups perform Fridays through Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. in Lord & Taylor Court. Santa photos in Fountain Court.

Fairlane Town Center.
Michigan/Southfield. Dearborn.
(313) 593-1370.

Santa photos in the park

Santa Claus, poses for children photos Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Main Street. Plymouth.
(313) 453-1540.

Family fun

Byers Homestead and Country Store open house, noon to 8 p.m. Stroll through blacksmith shop, farmhouse, candy store and dress shop refreshments at the farm house.

213 Commerce Road. Historic Commerce Village.
(248) 363-9795.

Artist visits

Native West welcomes Bruce Contway, 1998 *Indian Artist of the Year* through Dec. 14, to meet shoppers and sign pieces.

863 Ann Arbor Trail. Plymouth.
(313) 455-8838.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

Summit Place Holiday

"Is it Christmas Yet?" stories and sing-a-longs with Children's Theatre of Michigan, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 21 from 4-8 p.m. "Wrens and Roosters" are the strolling carolers.

Summit Place. Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph.
(248) 682-0123.

Skating champ visits

Meet Tara Lipinski at Nieman Marcus, 3:30-4:30 p.m. to promote the DKNY Children's Collection. Gift with purchase from the line.

Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 643-3300.

Holiday concert

The Mercyaire perform everything from show tunes to holiday songs 3:30 p.m. west end of the mall. Free.

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RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

Malls offer field trips

Attention teachers! Both Lakeside (Sterling Heights) and Twelve Oaks (Novi) are debuting interactive holiday decor programs created by Technomasters of Birmingham. Each event lasts about two hours and costs \$5 per student.

At Lakeside, children visiting the exhibit can design programs (grade level appropriate, PreK through Grade 8) that focus on computer literacy skills, view the Peanuts classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas*; design their own wrapping paper using Peanuts cartoons to take home; explore Internet sites where Peanuts animation comes to life; and work with computer quick cams to learn how movies are created.

At Twelve Oaks similar projects have the *Exploration Station* theme. Reservations can be made by calling Technomasters (248) 258-9075.

New CD benefits leukemia fight

Motor City Riffs a compilation CD of original songs recorded by Detroit-area musicians is on sale for \$10 at all Harmony House stores to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. The promotion is co-sponsored by WRIF and Miller Genuine Draft Beer.

Northland hosts blanket benefit

"Share The Warmth" to benefit the Salvation Army will be held at the Northland Center, Nine Mile and Greenfield in Southfield, Dec. 6-24. For every \$150 in mall receipts, Northland and Cotton Incorporated will donate a blanket to the shelter in the shopper's name. Redeem receipts at the Customer Service Center.

Boutique adds new line

Tender, 271 West Maple in downtown Birmingham, has added the Alicia Lawhorn collection to its selection of fashion forward merchandise. The ethnic-inspired designs are of rich, unevenly-dyed tones including hand-painted dresses, patchwork cardigans and denim suits trimmed in sequins.

Twelve Oaks adds horse patrol

The Oakland County Mounted Division reservists and their personal steeds will help monitor the Twelve Oaks shopping center parking lot in Novi, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 24. The officers will assist shoppers with spotting cars or other car problems.

FYE opens at Wonderland

The multi-media store FYE (For Your Entertainment) is open at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, selling books, video, games, tapes and CDs in a 20,000-square foot emporium (in the former Woolworth's space.) The store is part of the center's west wing \$10 million renovation. *Jeepers!* a 25,000-square foot indoor, themed entertainment center, also opened in the west wing, a month ago.

FYE based in New York, is a division of Transworld Entertainment, which owns and operates the Record Town stores.

Spicy deal at Neiman Marcus

Neiman Marcus in The Somerset Collection South, Troy, introduced Frankincense and Myrrh scented products from Czech & Speake, including cologne, bath oil, soaps, scented candles, room spray, burning

sticks and oils from \$26.

Dept. 56 decor seminars

Hudson's hosts designers from Dept. 56 holiday villages/collectibles, offering tips on how to set up the merchandise with special offers on retired pieces for sale. Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Somerset Collection, Troy; 5-8 p.m. at Oakland Mall, Troy; Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Summit Place, Waterford; Dec. 10 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Briarwood, Ann Arbor.

Laurel Park Place news

Shoppers who spend \$200 or more at Laurel Park Place in Livonia receive a free, hand-blown, jewel tone ornament. Shoppers can also make a holiday contribution to Angela Hospice by buying an ornament for the Tree Of Life standing tall at the mall. New retail tenants include: Animal House, B'Silver Connection, Brookstone, Canadian Fleece, Day By Day, Jar Cakes, New England Home, The Gold Cart, Potpourri Pie, Santas Scribes, and Time Zones.

Plaza hosts photography exhibit

Shoppers to the Bloomfield Plaza, Maple/Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, can see the images of photographer Monte Nagler on display through Dec. 29. One of his images, graces the jacket of the CD *Sounds of the Season* by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra which is available at Harmony House and Borders.

Clearance furniture at Hudson's Northland Store

Hudson's opened a fourth floor Clearance Center with furniture discounted 30 to 50-percent off original prices at the Northland store in Southfield. The department hopes to move canceled special orders, floor samples and overstocks from Sealy, Nadeau and Bernhard. Deliveries are \$35.

Manager Larry Williams said the Marketplace on the lower level was also remodeled with a new deli and floor plan.

Additional changes include the opening of Guess' shops for men and women, and the move to the third floor for Larger Sizes, Kids and Juniors.



Santabear '97: This year, Hudson's presents a Nutcracker Santabear, \$35.95, at stores while supplies last.

New product features old craft



Quill art set: The 18th century hobby of paper filigree makes a comeback in this kit from Pastime Industries. Kids can make pictures, bookmarks and gift tags with paper strips, a quilling tool, glue, patterns and foam boards. For ages 8 and up, from \$6.99-\$14.99 at Toys R Us.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

What we found:

- The game *Cathedral* can be ordered from *World Wide Games*, 1-800-888-0987.
- *Unicare* hair and skin conditioner can be ordered by mail through the company's Atlanta, GA, headquarters, 1-888-UNICARE, \$3 per bottle, according to company owner Richard Tucker.

We're still looking for:

- Corelle dishes in the very old, gold *butterfly pattern* for Peggy.
- Barb Thomas is looking for a 1995 *Santa Bear* and a plastic, popcorn bowl with stripes on the side.
- The *Wizard card game* for Barb of Westland.
- Sarah, a picture of *Elvis Presley on black velvet*.
- Ruth needs a distributor who sells the "miracle cleaner" *Swipe*.
- The *rustspot remover* *Magica* for Michelle.
- Aziza crease resistant powder eye shadow base.
- Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of *Red Roses* for a Blue Lady from many years ago.
- The *Lone Ranger board game* for Linda of Garden City.
- A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.

Replacement *cutting blades* for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrella.

• Pleated *rainbonnets* that fold to 3-inches and pleated rainbonnets that have a snap on the bottom.

• A Hallmark 15" red, bean bag Santa bought in 1988, for a handicapped boy whose "favorite friend" is falling apart, according to his mom. "Santa's wearing black shoes and has green mittens."

• The old board game *Call My Bluff*, for Joe of Livonia.

• A filter for a Norelco clean water machine for Gertrude of Troy.

• A yellow, *Answer Finder*, to use with the *Scribbles Learn With Me Club* by Western Publishing for Sue of Canton.

• An original cast recording starring Albert Finney in *Scrooge* for Bill Jacobs.

• A 1941 copy of *Jolly Jingle Picture Book* by Rand McNally for Sharon Gage.

• The board game *Cathedral* "popular about nine years ago," for Mr. and Mrs. Elliot.

• A TV tuner adaptor for Game Gear and a hockey game for Game Gear for Colleen of Redford.

• Dick Clark *cologne* for Gloria of West Bloomfield.

• Lunch or dinner plates from *Lynn Steimeist, Colorways* pattern, for Joan Marinelli, who's also looking for small, glass windchimes.

• An instruction manual for the Apple LC II for Mary of Livonia.

• A basket for the crystal Frymaster, about 10 1/2-inches across for Shirley.

• Sega Genesis *Shining Force One* game for Norma.

• Toni permanent rollers, 4-inches long, for Mary Callahan.

• Bugle Boy elastic waist pants and elastic ankles with Velcro closures in child's size Large for Jo.

• Two toys, *Weebels Treehouse* and *Don't Go With Strangers* book for Mary Ann of Canton.

• Donna Karan's Toner body stocking in nude or black, plus a book about a black, Scottie dog, *Pieface* for Dottie of Plymouth.

• A rocking wooden kangaroo (in the spirit of the hobby horse) for Mary of Livonia. "I bought the last one from The General Store on 10 Mile/Meadowbrook, but they're no longer there."

• Helen is desperate to find a 1990 *Santabear* and has doubles of the '86, '87 and '88 to part with.

• Sharon is seeking the old cleaning product *Tetra D* from the Wyandotte Chemical Co.

• Kim Stack of Livonia is hoping to locate an expansion cartridge "Oscar" for the Sesame Street talking computer.

• We have several callers looking for dolls: the Mrs. Beasley, an Emmett Kelly, Baby Shivers, and a Drowsy Doll.

• Cindy Reed and her dad hope to find the Burl Ives songbook (or others) of *Sea Chantees*.

• Ed Gilroy needs the recording, "Now That We're In Love."

• Linda of Livonia wants to replace an old talking *Cookie Monster* and *Oscar*.

Group sells gifts to help needy

Perhaps this year, Uncle Elmer doesn't need another tie. Maybe a business associate would really prefer something other than canned ham, mixed nuts or fruitcake.

If making a gift of charity would make the holiday more meaningful, there is a international relief organization, Alternative Gifts International, of Pasadena, California, that offers food, job training, medicines, eye surgery, solar cookers and even adoption of rain forest acreage.

AGI helps organizations, churches and schools develop alternate markets to sell trees, medicine, food, livestock, handmade crafts, tools and more. The gifts that donors give in honor of family and friends may bring new life and hope to people in the developing world and to people living in poverty in the United States.

Donors receive a gift card with their gift inscribed, to be mailed to the recipient of their choice.

For more information, call AGI at 1-800-842-2243.

Double-duty merchandise aids charities

Holiday shoppers at Hudson's may purchase special gifts that will return a portion of their sales to national charities.

Through a special holiday arrangement, six organizations that assist sick or dependent children and adults, will benefit from the project.

• Every cent of the \$13 retail price of M.A.C. Viva Glam and Viva Glam II lipsticks are donated to the fight against AIDS.

• Two cookbooks, exclusive to Hudson's, will benefit the United Way, *Potluck* for \$33,000, \$10.95 and *With Warmest Regards*, \$11.95.

• *Save the Children* sterling silver jewelry, \$20 - \$30, donates a percentage of the profits to *Save the Children*, an international fund.

• These Christopher Radko holiday ornaments each benefit a different cause: *A Caring Clown*, \$36, benefits AIDS Awareness; *Kitty Cares*, \$30, benefits 1997 Pediatric Cancer research, and *Watch Over Me*, \$28, benefits the Polish Children's Home.

• The Ronald McDonald House ornament, \$7.50, benefits the "house that love built" for children with lengthy illnesses and their families.

• Through a special program between Hudson's and Help Me Grow, each P. J. Huggabee teddy bear purchase buys two. You can brighten a child's smile in your life as well as a foster child in need of a smile.

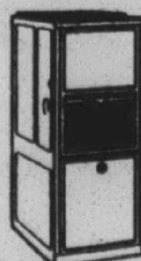
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Saint Joseph Mercy opens Canton facility in early '98

The new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, which will include urgent care, pharmacy, physician offices and other services is scheduled to open in February 1998. The facility is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway, between Michigan Ave. and Ford Road.

The building will have a focus on women's health including: specialists, service and educational programs for women of all ages. The facility also will be home to Michigan's first Interactive Health Education Center, set to open in Jan. 1999. The interactive center will draw visitors from across the state.

For more information, please call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine, (800) 231-2211.

Correction: The Sunday, Nov. 30 column of Medical Briefs incorrectly named the Canton center as a facility of Providence Hospital. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Garden City Hospital rehab earns accreditation

Garden City Hospital proudly announces a Three-Year Accreditation award by CAFR...The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission. This represents the highest level of accreditation achievable by hospitals. Garden City Hospital was recognized for accreditation in Rehabilitation Service programs.

This accreditation achieved by Garden City Hospital is awarded by CARF, the nation's accreditation authority in the field of medical rehabilitation, behavioral health and employment and community support services. The accreditation results from findings during CARF's recent on-site survey. Garden City Hospital has offered rehabilitation services since 1987.

Stop smoking clinic

The city of Livonia is sponsoring the Stop Smoking Clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates will include: Thursday, Jan. 8; Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16; and Tuesday, Jan. 20. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. For more information, call Livonia City Hall at (313) 466-2535 weekdays.

Sunday health club

You know you will make another resolution to get in shape for the new year, so why not take action now? The winter session of Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club convenes from Jan. 4 through March 29 and offers 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Family and individual fees for club members include to gyms for basketball, volleyball, jogging; six handball, paddleball, or racquetball courts; wallyball courts, weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes and a cardio-theater with a personal headset to watch television or listen to the radio.

The club is open each Sunday from 1-5 p.m. For information call (313) 462-4413.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Miles roads in Livonia.

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CURATIVE OR QUACKERY?

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

For an ancient Chinese "secret," magnets are attracting a lot of attention in some metro-Detroit health and sports circles these days.

Their "pull" is being felt in golf shops and by sports teams, through cable television infomercials and in some medical practitioners' offices - and even at the university level.

In the wake of claims by professional golfer Jim Colbert that magnets saved his career, at least two metro-area golf shops - Carl's Golfland of Bloomfield Hills and Gorman Golf Products, Inc., of Southfield - have begun selling magnets for backs and wrists and as shoe inserts.

And at least one chiropractor, Dr. Dave Taylor of Redford who practices in Garden City and Livonia, believes they're "the wave of the future, the missing link in the philosophy of chiropractic." (See related story.)

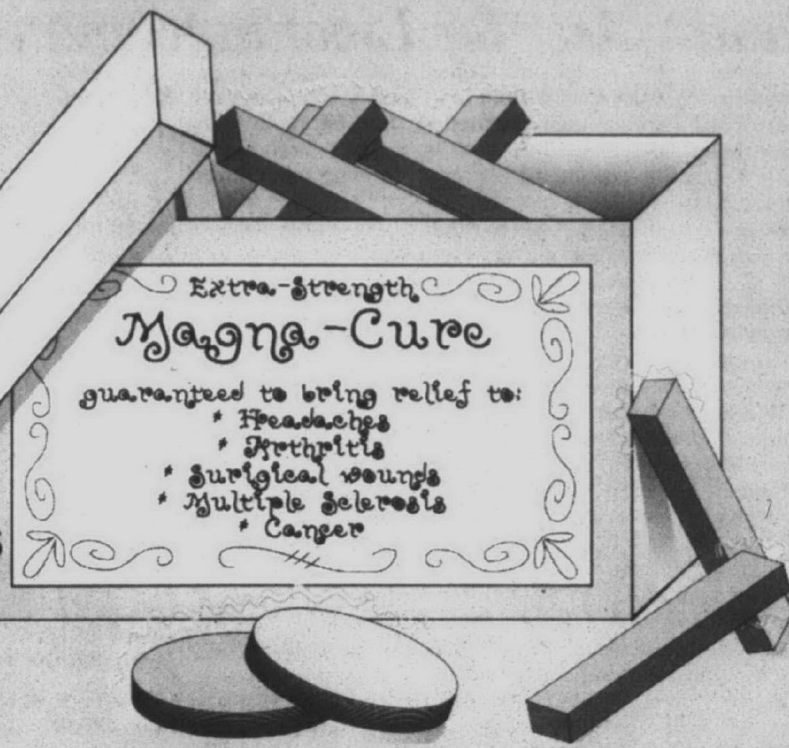
But despite that - and the fact magnets have been used as health and healing aids in the Orient and elsewhere for hundreds, if not thousands, of years - the question in Detroit and the United States remains: are they real or is it quackery?

Or, as a Dearborn Heights magnets user and believer said in trying to guess why the U.S. medical establishment is seemingly resistant, if not opposed, to using magnets: "There's a lot of snake oil out there."

Because of the general lack of scientific research in the U.S. on magnets and health - a fact lamented by a University of Michigan professor - most of the available information is "anecdotal," which has tended to leave the topic in the realm of so-called "alternative medicine."

Personal experiences have ranged from senior golfer Colbert - who was quoted in a Detroit publication as saying he was "driving farther" since

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wearing magnets to relieve back spasms - to everyday folk claiming relief from everything from insomnia and allergies to migraine headaches and arthritis. Others have claimed rapid post-operative healing while still others have even claimed being cured of, or at least seen diminished suffering from, such illnesses as multiple sclerosis and cancer.

Alternative medicine, which ranges from vitamins, minerals, herbs and other food supplements to a wide variety of therapies such as acupuncture and aromatherapy, has become a major medical phenomenon in the U.S., with billions of dollars being spent annually by Americans seeking answers they feel they are not getting from conventional medicine.

"People are turning in desperation" to such things as magnets, said Dr. Bill Evans, a chemistry professor at the University of Michigan who has been studying such alternatives "since I went off to college."

Evans, a solid-state chemist who has taught and researched at U-M for 27 years, has been a consultant to companies making magnetic coatings for computer diskettes and cassette tapes. While he believes magnets "probably are not useful in acute illness situations" such as MS or cancer, he does believe they have medicinal use.

For example, he said, magneto therapy "has been demonstrated to be effective in sports medicine" such as in treating ankle sprains: "Just lay a magnet on (the sprain) and it will stimulate the healing process," the professor said.

Indeed, rumor has it the Detroit Red Wings hockey team and Detroit Pistons basketball team have used magnets in therapy, although Evans could neither confirm

nor deny it.

He did say, however, "There is a scientific basis for using" magnets in healing.

He explained that blood and other liquids, which contain sodium and potassium that have dissolved-metal ions carrying electrical charges, are always moving inside the body. "Anytime a charge moves, there is the possibility of a magnetic field being generated, so when you bring another magnet upon these moving charges, the movement will be influenced."

"So if you have an injury and there's a wound there, and you're trying to take away decaying tissue and bring in the healing fluids of the body, then putting a magnet up to that injury site will influence the flow of the fluids," said Dr. Evans.

In arthritis, for example, "inflammation is fluid-flow to the joints" and either fluids are not getting to the area or are not getting out, he said. "You want to bring nutrients to the area and take away wastes and a magnet will influence that process."

Use of magnets "has been around for a long time," said Dr. Evans. It extends to an ancient Chinese practice known as geomancy, in which home builders as long as 3,000 years ago used magnets to decide where to build a house and which way it should face.

And one medical history book, he said, tells of an 18th-century English medical practitioner who built a magnetized conjugal bed to help conception.

Today, magnets are being promoted through network marketing and on television infomercials. Some companies offer only better sleep and more energy, while others have claimed medical cures.

However, the federal Food and Drug Administration has moved against the latter due to lack of scientific proof.

Today, in the absence of such proof, a person must take the stories with a grain of salt, said U-M's Evans, "because who's to say it's not a placebo effect" - a person feels better because he believes he will.

The bottom line is, said Evans, "Magneto therapy is here, whether we like it or not and we doctors and scientists have to put it on a sound basis in order to live up to our responsibility to the public."

He believes such research is coming. However, "At the moment, I think, except for some personal testimony, there is not a lot of basis" to claims about magnets.

"But look, if you're trying to get well, it doesn't really matter whether it's science or art" as long as



Magnetic power: Bill Evans, University of Michigan professor of chemistry, is posed with a spectro-meter that allows researchers, like Evans, to study magnetic material and the compounds of which they are comprised. Evans says the spectro-meter is one of the most powerful pieces of equipment available to study magnetic materials found in such things as therapeutic devices (shoe inserts, jewelry, magnetic patches).

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Daniel McManaman of Dearborn Heights believes in the effectiveness of magnets.

When he came home from the hospital after quadruple-bypass open-heart surgery last year, "We put magnets all over him and he was off pain medication in three weeks," says his wife Nelda.

"He had cut way back on his medications even before that," she says. And when he went to his cardiologist six weeks after the surgery, "he was told he was two months ahead of schedule" in terms of recovery.

Daniel also uses them on his ankle to relieve the discomfort of the incisions from the vein grafts, says Nelda. "It keeps the swelling down and makes the discomfort go away."

Her husband "was skeptical at first," she says. "Like all guys - they kind of hold back," but once she put the magnets on him and they started working, he was a believer.

Nelda, who's been plagued for years by allergies and back problems, has been involved with "alternative health and nutrition," as she describes it, for 16 years and calls magnets "another wonderful alternative to help people enhance their lives and well-being."

She sleeps on a magnetic mattress and pillow, which she believes helps her body to better utilize

the various nutritional products she takes for her allergies. She says they've also helped her backaches.

A woman to whom she loaned some magnets said they helped her with jet lag on a flight to and from Italy.

Magnets, Nelda says, "keep the body in a harmonious state."

"It's not like taking a pill. It continues helping and enhancing your lifestyle, it puts balance in your lifestyle."

"My belief is that every human being needs magnetism - they just don't know it yet," she says.

However, magnetic therapy "is a kind of cloudy area in chiropractic," says Dr. Dave Taylor, an associate chiropractor with Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers in Garden City and Livonia.

"It's like massage therapy" in that it is "beyond the scope of the law, a kind of gray area."

While that keeps him from prescribing magnets in his practice, he nevertheless believes such therapy "is the wave of the future - the missing link in the philosophy of chiropractic."

The reason chiropractors touch people's backs is, he says, "we're nerve doctors, not back doctors" and it's through the nerves that electric current and magnetic current travel.

"But none of our (chiropractic) textbooks mention magnetic flow, and yet the most powerful force in

nature is magnetic flow."

He's seen magnets reduce discomfort and stress, "and we need to do everything we can to reduce stress." Getting a really good night's sleep - which he says magnets help provide - is one way to reduce stress, but the public hasn't been taught the importance of a good night's sleep.

"Sleeping on your stomach with six pillows on the mattress, making it soft and cushiony, is contraindicated as far as spinal health is concerned," says the doctor.

But he doesn't see a quick move anytime soon by medical men in the United States to embrace and prescribe magnets. "After all, it took the medical profession 200 years to accept the thermometer," he notes sardonically.

Is more research into magnets needed. "You can research something to death," he says.

Mike Fogarty, manager and buyer for Carl's Golfland in Bloomfield Hills, says his company sells magnets by Tectonics.

The magnetic pads can be worn in wraparounds for the back or taped to various areas like the neck, calf, knee and even the knuckles, and magnetic mattress pads are available.

Although the debate rages as to the effectiveness of magnets, Fogarty believes "there's some good validity" to the argument for them.

Positive results turn skeptic into a believer

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Chaplain joins hospice

Julie Weber, MA, of Livonia has joined the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's hospice

program as a spiritual counselor. Weber is a certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

"Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things we experience in our lives," said Weber. "Everyone grieves differently, so counseling must be tailored to the unique needs of each individual."

Tree of Life

Angela Hospice of Livonia is extending an invitation to the community to honor and remember their loved ones this holiday season at the 10th annual "Tree of Life." The tree will be on display at Laurel Park Place through Dec. 31. Visitors may stop by to see the tree during mall hours and those wishing to

adorn the tree with an ornament bearing the name of a loved one are welcome to participate in this annual holiday event.

For more information on the Tree of Life, contact Angela Hospice (313) 464-7810.

Borovoy receives award

Marc A. Borovoy, D.P.M., is the 1997 recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the

American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). The award, presented at the APMA Annual Conference is in recognition of his dedication, contributions and sacri-



Borovoy

fice for the advancement of podiatric medicine.

Borovoy, is the chief of podiatric surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield and a noted author and lecturer. He has received the highest awards given to any podiatrist within Michigan earning the MPMA Southeast Division's "Podiatrist of the Year" award and MPMA's "Shining Star" award.

Medical Weight Loss organizes fund-raiser for Livonia woman

Medical Weight Loss Clinic is donating five cents for every pound its clients lose during the next month, to Judy Busby, 34, of Livonia who is stricken with a disease which has spread to her legs, forcing them to be amputated.

Busby is suffering from chronic osteomyelitis-connec-tive disease. She also suffers from sensory neuropathy. The disease, which she has had since childhood, has infected her arm, which she will probably have to have removed.

Providence Hospital is helping Judy with medical treatment and expenses, however, her parents Mae and Bill Busby of Northville, have encountered severe financial problems trying to support Judy and her six-year-old son Corey.

"One of our employees knows the Busby family quite well and talked to us about helping them out this holiday season. We decided to get our clients involved by donating five cents for every pound each client loses. We see thousands of patients who lose thousands of pounds," said Art Langer, vice president of Medical Weight Loss Clinics. Charts will be placed in each clinic tracking patient's weight loss.

Busby's "Weight Loss Drive" runs from now through Dec. 24. Individuals wishing to make financial contributions may drop off checks payable to Mae and Bill Busby at any Medical Weight Loss Clinic throughout Michigan.

Medical Weight Loss Clinics are located in Ann Arbor, Canton, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pontiac, and Redford.

Support:

Judy Busby, 34, of Livonia embraces her son Corey, 6. Busby suffers from a chronic disease that led to the amputation of her legs. Her parents are hoping the MWLC fund-raiser will alleviate some of the financial struggles they're facing.



VISION USA offers eye care for low-income workers

Low-income workers and their families in Michigan can sign up now to receive free eye care in March through a program called VISION USA.

Optometrists who are members of the Michigan Optometric Association are among nearly 8,000 optometrists nationwide who are donating their services through VISION USA to provide free comprehensive eye exams to low-income people in March.

To qualify for the free eye care, people must have a job or live in a household in which at least one member is working part-time; have no health insurance that covers eye exams; meet certain income criteria based on household size; and not have had an eye exam at a doctor's office within the last two years.

Individuals or families can obtain an application form by writing: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 23, 1998, according to Dr. Ross H. Williams, the VISION USA coordinator for Michigan.

HEALTH TIP

Applicants will also be screened for eligibility by phone only from Jan. 2 through 30th, 1998. The number to call then is (800) 766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"There is no doubt in my mind that many people in low-income families are being held down because they can't see well enough to do their jobs or to learn in school," said Williams. "Some also have eye health conditions that could cause blindness if left untreated."

The Michigan VISION USA coordinator said approximately 220,000 low-income children and adults have received free eye care in the first seven years of the program. Among the 20,000 examined last year, more than seven out of every 100 had eye health conditions and seven out of 10 needed a new eyeglass prescription.

CLARIFICATION

Three errors were made in the Sunday, Nov. 9, article regarding bunion surgery performed at the Canton Foot Specialists practice.

■ Dr. Steven Watson and Dr. Ellen Mady, D.P.M., did not "perfect" the tri-corrective bunionectomy procedure. They are performing the procedure that was developed by Alan J. Selner, D.P.M., of North Hollywood Medical Center in California.

■ The clinic was not founded by Mady and Watson but in fact by Dr. James Kawwas approximately 10 years ago. Watson took over the practice from Kawwas when he took a medical leave. Mady then joined Watson in practice at the Canton Foot Specialists in November 1996.

■ Tri-corrective bunionectomy is not a new procedure but an advanced technique of a procedure developed years ago, which is a modification of an Austin bunionectomy developed 30 years ago.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, DEC. 8

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

Lalache League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Next meeting at 7 p.m. Please

call for location and/or additional information. Ask for Theresa 261-6814, Vicki 937-3011 or Michele 591-7071.

CELIAC SPRUE SUPPORT

Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support Group is a support group for persons who have been diagnosed with Celiac Sprue and Dermatitis Herpetiformis, their families, spouses and friends. Monthly meetings include information on testing, ideas for children and information from professionals at 7 p.m. at the Southfield Presbyterian Church located at 21575 West 10 Mile Road. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. For further informa-

tion call M. Campbell (810) 477-5953 or E. Lobbtagl (313) 522-8522.

GETTING THROUGH HOLIDAYS

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, the Angela Hospice Bereavement department offers a two-hour workshop designed to help these families cope with the holiday season. This free of charge workshop is open to the community and will be held on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The workshop will last ninety minutes and will be followed by a half hour of fellowship and refreshments. Call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810.

BASIC CPR/SUPPORT

This is an American Heart Association course that teaches CPR and the Heimlich maneuver on victims age birth to eight years. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Call Livonia Public Schools for more information, (313) 523-9277. The fee for Livonia residents is \$23, others \$26.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

We will discuss sensible, healthy suggestions for planning your holiday happenings. There is no cost to attend the December event at Henry Ford Health System's HealthCore Site, 22950 Michigan Ave. from

11 a.m. to noon. Call (313) 562-7800 for more information.

HOLIDAY EATING

Henry Ford Health Core will host a free seminar on "Handling the Holidays" at the Dearborn Health Core Store at 11 a.m. Health Core's registered dietitian will speak on eating sensibly during the holiday season. For more information, call, 562-7800.

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delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a six-week Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method. A six-week session will be held from 7-9 p.m. every Monday in the West Conference Room A. Cost is \$55. Preregistration for this class is required. For more information call, (313) 655-1100.

DEC. 8, 15, 22

FIRST AID/SAFETY

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult and Infant/Child CPR. Three certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 8 program on Monday in Livonia runs from 6-10 p.m. and the Dec. 15 & 22 program from 6-9 p.m. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

TUE, DEC. 9

SPINAL SCREENING AWARENESS

A complimentary spinal analysis with the Paraspinal EMG will be given from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine. Please call (313) 458-7100 to register. Program is free of charge sponsored by MedMax of Westland; 35600 Central City Parkway.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Susie Lucas of Unique Hair Designs, will be the guest speaker at the Marian Women's Center Breast Cancer Support Group from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Lucas will give a presentation of wigs, baseball caps, and various hair coverings for patients undergoing chemotherapy. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Prereg-

istration is required by Dec. 2. For more information call (313) 655-1100.

WED, DEC. 10

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT

A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Meetings provide mutual aid and support as well as affording the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Sponsored by the Alzheimers Association and is free of charge. Group meets at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10 in Classroom #1 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Bldg. Call 458-4330 for information.

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

Do you know if you are a candidate for osteoporosis? Find out with this simple, painless, non-invasive procedure. The cost is \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members and runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call (313) 458-7100 to register. Program is sponsored by MedMax of Westland; 35600 Central City Parkway.

SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

A senior Health Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dearborn Henry Ford Health Core store. Information on the importance of blood pressure monitoring, diabetic monitoring and home safety tips as well as healthy gift ideas for Christmas. Call, 562-7800.

DEC. 10, 17

COMMUNITY FIRST AID/SAFETY

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult and Infant/Child CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, infants and children). Three certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 10 & 17 pro-

gram in Livonia runs from 6-9 p.m. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

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THUR, DEC. 11

NEW, EXPECTANT FATHER CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads...Childbirth and Beyond," from 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Two-hour class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant and the new role of fatherhood. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required, call, (313) 655-1100.

DEC. 12, 19

COMMUNITY FIRST AID/SAFETY

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult and Infant/Child CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, infants and children). Three certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 12 & 19 program in Livonia runs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

SAT, DEC. 13

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

St. Mary Hospital, in collaboration with Madonna University and the Livonia Family YMCA, is proud to announce the "Be Your Best" Merit Badge Program for all Brownies and Girl Scouts, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Madonna University. The girls will learn more about health and fitness and earn a merit badge. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required by Dec. 6. For more information and to register call (313) 655-2922.

DEC. 13, 20

STANDARD FIRST AID

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults). Two certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 7 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$33). The Saturday, Dec. 13 program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. To register for the Livonia American Red Cross program call 422-2787.

TUE, DEC. 16

SPINAL SCREENING AWARENESS

A complimentary spinal analysis with the Paraspinal EMG will be given from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine. Please call (313) 458-7100 to register. Program is free of charge sponsored by MedMax of Westland; 35600 Central City Parkway.

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT

For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call 458-

4396.

ADULTS WITH INSULIN SUPPORT

The Adults with Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Support Group is an informal place to go for acceptance, encouragement and information. It meets the third Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting, a holiday get-together is at 7 p.m. For more information on this or related programming, call (248) 477-6100.

WED, DEC. 17

ADULT CPR CLASSES

Three hour evening class conducted at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Registration is required. Call 458-4330.

BREATHING CLUB

A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call 458-3481 for additional information.

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. The group meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call 458-3381 for additional information.

THUR, DEC. 18

CPR REVIEW

Individuals with current CPR certificates can be recertified in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Certification and text is required to take this review course. Course length is four hours. Fee includes course cost and materials. Cost is \$16, Adults; \$20, community; and \$24 professional. To register for the Livonia American Red Cross program call 422-2787.

FRI, DEC. 19

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Michigan law requires those applying for a marriage license to undergo education for sexually transmitted diseases. This course provides knowledge about STD's, HIV, and AIDS, with skills to separate facts from misinformation. Course length is one hour. Fee includes course cost and materials, \$12. Special appointments are available for \$20 per person. The Friday program runs from 6-7 p.m. For more information about the Livonia American Red Cross program call 422-2787.

DEC. 16 - FEB. 3

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASS

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method. A six-week session will be held from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday in the West Conference Room A. Cost is \$55. To register by Dec. 9 call, (313) 655-1100.

Don't go over the 'top' at holidays

The mad rush of the holidays can be like a dance in which we try to manage too many steps in too many directions.

"You can sidestep the holiday hustle, though," said Diane Lucas, representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "Just follow these three principles."

■ **Simplify:** "Streamline whenever you can," said Lucas. "This means different things to different people. It might mean you bake one kind of homemade cookies this year instead of a half-dozen varieties. Maybe it means that you take shortcuts on your decorating to achieve the effect you want without a lot of fuss."

■ **Set priorities:** Decide what's really important to you, and forego the rest. "What really gets people in over their heads,"

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said Lucas, "is when they can't say no to anything. And so they make the rounds of a half-dozen parties, ferry their kids to ten activities in two weeks, bake until they drop, and host several gatherings of their own. No wonder they're burned out."

■ **Cover the basics first:** Sensible eating, regular exercise, and adequate sleep are more important than ever during this busy period. They provide energy, stamina, and mental perspective for enjoying the holidays.

To learn more about TOPS, visit their Web site at <http://www.tops.org>. To locate a chapter in your area, call Barb Lamontagne at (313) 724-0603 or toll free 800-932-8677.

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LIFE IS SHARED
Attractive, warm female, 42, seeks attractive, healthy, warm male, for friendship, possibly romance. #78142

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!
SBF, 24, 5'4", dark skinned, curvaceous, feminine, seeks financially secure, WM, 30+, for fun and friendship. #78049

FUN-LOVING, PRETTY, CULTURED
Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciates kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, secure, tall gentleman, 40-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. #8050

SINCERE, PRETTY, PROFESSIONAL
Petite, slim SWF, 36, blonde, enjoys working out, dining, theater, travel, sports. Seeking sincere, honest, attractive SWM, 30-38, physically fit, N/S, financially/emotionally secure. #7358

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Down-to-earth divorced WF, mid 50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, movies and dining out. Seeking S/DWM, 56-65, great sense of humor with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #7749

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Versatile, open and very honest DWF, 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, N/S, to enjoy life with. #8003

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, warm, romantic DWF, 5'5", 50, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, travel, dining, and much more. Seeking S/DWM, 24-35, with similar interests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. #8051

OLD-FASHIONED
Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, going to the movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. #7907

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn/blonde, hopeless romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 26-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. #7907

HUSKY MAN WANTED
Attractive, honest, kind SWF, 24, 5'11", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, concerts, parties, and not the bar scene. Seeking tall, 5'8", husky built SWM, 24-34, honest, caring, and romantic, for friendship, possible LTR. #7739

LARGE, LOVELY WOMAN
SF, 35, brown/blonde, man, seeks dark-haired, handsome WPM, similar interests, for fun, movies, dancing, travel, walks, children ok. If this sounds interesting to you, please respond. #7480

STOP!
Look no further. You have just entered the dark and lovely zone. Gorgeous SF, 5'7", one dependent, seeks attractive, gorgeous SWM, 30-45, 5'10", N/S, ND, for friendship and dancing. #7608

WHERE'S MY KNIGHT?
Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 120lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys going, biking, concerts, travel, looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, financially secure, N/S, to enjoy life with. #7892

54 AND PRETTY
Two lives can be joined together in friendship. Pretty SWF, 54, blonde/blue, sometimes shy, but always honest, enjoys life, dining, and casino. #8042

I HAVE A LAWN
Eclectic, attractive, active, classy, slender SF, 57, brunet/haired, N/S, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, model house, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking a tall, special, loyal, active flexible, fun gentleman, 50+. #8086

LOOKING FOR A MIRROR
DWF, 54, 120lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, with long hair, 5'7"-5'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, kind for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. #7938

CAN YOU GIVE 110%?
If treated the same, you get it all: loving, caring, passionate, blonde/blue, 41, no one believes I love hockey, boating, 4-wheeling, skiing, etc. Seeking Mr. Wonderful, 30-42, attractive, loves kids, you won't be disappointed. #7964

GEMINI GIRL
DF, 43, 5'6", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outgoing type of guy, who's happy, caring, communicative, financially secure, who likes kids, for friendship and possible romance. #7781

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Widowed WF, 59, 5'2", N/S, social drinker, blonde/blue, financially secure, seeks honest SWM, 57-65, with sense of humor. #7575

ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde/haired, home owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock cars, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, 40-50, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7824

NEW TO THE AREA?
Humorous SWF, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys golfing, cooking, going to North, looking, amusement parks. Seeking humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, Catholic SWPM, 29-38, 5'10", physically fit, N/S, for friendship first. Plymouth/Novi area. #7780

PRETTY BLONDE LADY
Refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60s, 5'5", good figure, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. #8117

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, active DWF, 50, N/S, seeks S/DWPM, 45-55, 5'8", HW proportionate, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side Area. #8121

HAVE HERPES?
SWF, 36, smart, attractive, fun-loving, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, travel and more. Seeking a humorous, honest, marriage-minded, N/S man with herpes, to build a relationship. #8130

TEDDY BEAR WANTED
Seeking big, warm, cuddly S/DWM, 30-50, to keep close, honest, romantic, caring, active SWF, 41, 5'5", warm. #8135

GO NO FURTHER
DWF, 40s, professional, blonde, attractive, slender, seeks gentleman, N/S, professional, 40s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet evenings at home, possible LTR. #7814

HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE!
Attractive DWF, 50s, 5'5", 125lbs, looking for Mr. Nice Guy, 40s, professional SWM, with positive attitude and great smile, for friendship or more. #7525

SECOND TIME AROUND
Spunky, attractive WDF, 56, 5'3", 125lbs, blonde, Paces-Aries-Capricorn, retired consultant, seeks SWM, 59+, to share ballroom dancing, movies, travel, good conversation and family get togethers. #7572

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Passionate, honest, upbeat, humorous DWF, 43, 5'6", 160 lbs, long brown/haired, smoker, social drinker, ND/ruhs, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking gentleman, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7701

YOU AND ME
Shapely, sharp, first class, modern SF, 5'5", 125lbs, natural blonde/green, enjoys dancing, movies and dining out. Seeking S/DWM, 56-65, great sense of humor with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #7666

I'M NOT BARBIE
so you don't have to be Ken, DWF, 40s, realizes we still look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, smart, funny SWM, 38-49, N/S, drinker, let's play! #7667

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWF, 70, feels younger, seeking WM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with similar interests, so give me a call. #7849

PETITE, BRUNETTE
DWF, 40s, N/S single mom, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking romantic, caring, honest S/DWM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. #7902

51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, giving, loving, likes to play, enjoys outdoors, sports, camping, dancing, and much more. Seeking SWM, 24-35, with similar interests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. #8051

A GOOD WOMAN
Intelligent, attractive DWF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. #7846

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES
Attractive DWF, young 40s, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8083

SEEKING THE MAGIC AGAIN
Are you DWF, young 40s, varied interests, seeking older, successful, social drinker only, who'll treat a lady like lady, for special relationship. Loves warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. #8023

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!
you're looking for a petite, creative, sensitive, very attractive, multi-degreed SF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and hazel eyes, N/S, sound heart, seeks nice-looking, intelligent man, 40-45, Physical fitness important. #7821

FAST, CHEAP, OUT OF CONTROL
that's not me. Humorous, honest, intelligent DWF, mid-40s, N/S, seeks fun, romantic, financially secure gentleman, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games I play are monopoly and pinball. #8091

BEHIND THERE, DONE THAT
SWF, 41, 5'5", 120lbs, dark brown/haired, sense of humor, never married, no children, enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining out, drag racing, boxing. Seeking, honest man, old-fashioned values. For LTR. #7833

SPECIAL WOMAN
Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves to dance, travel, and more. Seeking S/DWM, N/S, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship. C&W dancing a plus. No games please. #7935

A LITTLE SHY
SWF, 38, 5'7", red/blue, honest, loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 38-42, not married. #7962

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
Young 52 year old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship/friendship of a man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, dining in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #7965

LUCKY YOU
Petite SWF, N/S, outgoing senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 66-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7781

CASINO ROYALE
DWF, 39, 5'6", 120lbs, shy, hard worker, smoker, enjoys BINGO, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality unimportant. #7990

SWEET, SENSITIVE...
Intelligent, attractive full-figured woman, 22, seeks tall, financially secure, attractive, non-smoking, God-fearing man. Race unimportant. #8000

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH
Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degree, into baking, reading, antiquing, golfing, seeks N/S man, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #7968

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE
Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7864

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN
Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, cultured, mean apple pie, Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater addition, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #7699

IT'D LIKE TO WATCH
Friends on Thursdays! Single mom of three, 30, straight-forward, honest, enjoys rollerblading, camping, working out. Looking for a friend, 26-33, Relationship possible. #7604

SOULMATE, WHERE ARE YOU?
SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies. #8034

LAUGH WITH ME
DWF, seeks S/DWM, 55-62, who likes to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, family oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. #7712

HANDSOME MATURE-AGED GENT
Contemporary, mature, rational, compassionate, caring, but lonely SWM. My virtues are many, my needs are few, if you can believe that. Seeking same and loving female, 40-55. Race unimportant. #8114

R U A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS?
Handsome, educated SWM, 30, 5'9", 155lbs, N/S, never married, money manager, enjoys romance, spontaneity, commitment. My princess is an elegant, articulate, truly beautiful SF, 23-33, N/S, size 2-6. #8116

FIRST-TIME AD
Seeking SWF, 27-30, under 5'4", N/S, HW proportionate. Profession or social status unimportant. Will return all calls. #8175

HAPPINESS COUNTS
SWPM, 33, 5'10", never married, nice-looking, enjoys dining, dancing, sports and companionship. Seeking SWF, 25-33, down-to-earth, for meaningful relationship. #8177

DOES ANYONE READ THESE?
SWM, 35, N/S, HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover, HW proportionate, for friendship, relationship, marriage. #8138

ONE IN A MILLION MAN
Financially secure, early retired SBGM, 38, loves to travel, enjoys sports, movies, quiet weekends, seeks female, 20-45, with same qualities. Kids ok. #7955

SINCERE AND HONEST
SBPM, 35, 5'5", 145lbs, no dependents, seeks a attractive, special single female, 23-39, who has a great sense of humor, is well-educated, and professionally employed. #8006

CHILI COOK
Seeking missing spice for seasonal recipe. SWM, 34, 5'7", 160lbs, attractive, professional, and humorous. Seeking a dash of attractive spirit to complete mix before summer. #7955

A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD
SM, 5'10", 165lbs, blond hair, home-owner, self-employed, loves the outdoors, boating, skiing, hiking, picnics. Seeking out, traveling, seeking tall female. Must work-out, have a sense of humor and be employed. #7994

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, 28, 5'10", 155lbs, professional, dark hair and eyes, considered good looking, good sense of humor, enjoys events, good conversation, humor, romantic dinners and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. #7947

A GOOD CATCH
SWM, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde, kind, security, good sense of humor. Seeking sincere, loving, female, all responses answered. #8119

LET'S SHARE THE HOLIDAYS
SWPM, 45, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, no dependents, college-educated, N/S, social drinker. #8134

TALL
WM, 60, 6'1", 195lbs, handsome, college-educated, good sense of humor, independent. Seeking WF, 45+, pretty and slender. #8137

TALL GENTLEMAN
Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive. Seeking SWF, who's attractive, enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. #8029

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Handsome, mature, honest, romantic, sincere, athletic SWM, 24, 5'11", enjoys sunsets, moonlit walks, outdoors, music, hiking, travel, and more. Seeking pretty, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-28, to talk, walk, and journey through life with. #7951

ONE IN A MILLION
Handsome SWPM, 38, 5'10", 175lbs, trim, in great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, biking, dancing, comedy, being spontaneous. Seeking sweet, attractive, slender/trim, independent female with similar interests. #8048

WIZARD SEEKS WIZARDRESS
You: trim, bright, ambitious, humorous SWF, 26-36. Me: handsome, professional, secure, optimistic, romantic, open-minded male, 6'0, who enjoys indoor/outdoor activities. Let's put a spell on each other. #7960

CHILD OF UNIVERSE
Spiritual, growth-minded SWM, 41, seeking stable, proportional SWF, 32-42. #8118

TALL, HANDSOME, DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM, 37, 6'2", 200lbs, athletic, brown/blue, home owner, work and skill trades, enjoys hockey and outdoors. Seeking trim, attractive, pleasant SF, 28-39, to build a strong relationship. #8124

SEEKING A SPECIAL
Handsome, hardworking, honest SWM, 34, 6', 180lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive SWF, 20-35, for friendship, and relationship. #8092

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY
Honest, open-minded, intelligent SWM, 27, 5'10", 165lbs, long brown hair, very hard-working, part-time college student. Seeking lady, 20-31, who's honest, looking for friendship, sharing good times, possibly more. #8024

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RELATE, THEN IT'S A DATE!
Slim, sensual, Taurus, spiritual SWM, 44, 5'9", 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF, 30s-40s, who enjoys boating, beach walks, volleyball, movies, art fairs, dancing, coffee houses, ethnic dining. #8120

WANT TO HAVE FUN!!
DWM, 5'9", 160lbs, dark/dark, seeks SF, 25-35, N/S, social drinker, who enjoys sports (especially water sports). Must love kids. #8126

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
Loving, caring, honest, sensitive SWM, from overseas, 26, 5'6", 170lbs, black/blue, seeks same in an attractive SWF, 18-35. #8128

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"
Attractive, humorous, honest, educated, never married, Catholic WM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blonde/blue, N/S. Appreciates: class/style, blue, fire side, music, and small towns. No games. #8129

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NORMAL GUY
Active, hard-working SFPM, 39, 5'6", 150lbs, considered good-looking, honest, open, principled, outgoing and romantic. More interested in who you are, than what you do. #8136

WHY BE ALONE?
Good-looking, thoughtful, caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 25-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. #8140

TENDER
Good-looking SWM, 43, 5'9", 158, sincere, spunky romantic, passionate, adventurous and a good sense of humor. Enjoys movies dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeking slim SF, 32-42, for a forever relationship. Troy area. #8027

SINGLE IN WESTLAND
Independent, likeable, blonde, attractive SWM, 27, 160lbs, 6'3", 150lbs, well-built, drinks occasionally. N/S. ND/ruhs, enjoys cooking, music, camping, movies and kids, seeks SWF, 24-35, for friendship/companionship and trust. #7931

WIN AT THE GAME OF LIFE
SWM, 41, physically fit, 5'4", multi-career professional, multiple interests, seeks petite SWF, 32-45, for companionship and possible relationship. No games. #7934

A SUPERIOR CARING MALE
DWM, 43, 5'9", 160lbs, enjoys dining, dancing, sports, and quiet evenings. You are attractive, 35-45, slender, N/S, professional with similar interests. #7940

CHARMING PROFESSIONAL
Attractive SWM, 40, 5'8", 130lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, like children, seeks attractive SWF, for LTR. #7946

FAMILY MAN
DWM, 49, 5'11", family oriented, caring, average man, looking for an average woman, 38-50, kids welcome. #7954

COUNTRY CLUB MUSIC
Young SWPM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large, muscular, loves to dance, has a handicap of 6 golfing. Seeking attractive SWF, 35-55, comfortable in jeans or formal gown at private country club. #7962

GIVE ME A TRY
Do you want to start a friendship, which could possibly lead to more? Enjoy the outdoors, movies, dinners, and friends? Are 28-48, social drinker? I'm a blue-eyed DWM, 40. #7993

YES, I'M LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 28, seeks a SWF, 30-45, for the time of your life! #7998

SEEKS MODEL/DANCER
Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks athletic, caring, affectionate, slim WF, 18-32, with good personality, for friendship, maybe more. Your call could bring us together. #7999

PREFERS BLACK FEMALE
Handsome, athletic, honest, romantic, sincere, Italian SWM, 24, 6', dark hair, enjoys music, working out, having fun. Seeking slim, attractive, sexy, romantic BF, 18-30, for friendship, fun, possible relationship. #8115

FINANCIALLY SECURE
Good time could be waiting for you. When needed, I'll travel, dine out and so much more, seeks SWF, 25-35, to share my life, 25-35, to share my life with. #8029

NICE GUY? ME!
SM, 32, 5'7", looks Italian, muscular, working on weight. US: serious only when necessary. Seeking attractive, affectionate, caring, desire 2B man, N/S, not uptight. You: 25-38, footpath to +20, kids ok. #8036

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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TUE, DEC. 9

ASQ GENERAL MEETING

The Greater Detroit Section American Society for Quality (formerly ASQC) will meet at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North in Livonia beginning at 5:45 p.m. with registration and networking. Carol Ward will facilitate section business at 6:15 with a sit down dinner at 6:45 p.m. (members \$20; non \$25) and the main speaker

at 7:15 p.m. Stephen Gill will discuss the role of evaluation in Human Performance Technology/Improvement and how that help companies plan programs to achieve their strategic goals.

WED, DEC. 10

EXECUTIVE WOMEN INT'L DETROIT

The Executive Women International Detroit-Windsor Chapter holiday business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$26 (U.S.) Special presentation: Martini Revival by Fris Vodka: The Perfect Martini. For more informa-

tion call Cynthia Hazard (810) 448-8682 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L Business Network International, regular meeting of the Laurel Park Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh roads. Call BNI for more information, (313) 844-3432.

THUR, DEC. 11

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP STYLES

"A View of Personal and Leadership Styles," presentation by Christina Pitts of Pitts-Aldrich Associates will speak at the regular monthly luncheon meeting and networking session of the

National Association of Career Women - Metro Detroit Chapter from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Southfield Marriott. For reservations call (248) 851-8130. The Marriott is located on the south service drive of Northwestern Highway between Lahser and Telegraph.

FRI, DEC. 12

CAREER PRESENTATIONS OF PROS

Tony Jeary, author of Inspire Any Audience: Proven Secrets of the Pros for Powerful Presentations, will be speaking from 8-11:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton Kensington Room, located at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The seminar walks participants

through the presentation process, laying out the fundamental elements of a presentation, and identifying the seven "must haves" for inspiring an audience. Admission is free, but seats are limited. To register call Rita Long at (810) 750-1766.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Business Network International, regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI for more information, (313) 844-3432.

TUE, DEC. 16

LIFE MANAGEMENT

The National Association of

Career Women is currently building a west suburban chapter. We are looking for career women, including business owners, to come together for informative speakers, a super support and networking environment, and great company. We have an informative and enriching program: Elizabeth M. Lush, senior consulting psychologist with Plante & Moran will discuss team building, personal effectiveness, interviewing, and outplacement. The luncheons are held at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information regarding upcoming meetings, programs or membership to NACW, please call Judie, (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Shop and ship

The Post Office is coming to the nearest shopping mall near you to make it more convenient for shoppers to mail packages. Beginning the day after Thanksgiving until Jan. 4, the U.S. Post Office will be located in **Wonderland Mall** in Livonia offering full retail service, staying open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (These hours are subject to change per individual mall hours).

The Wonderland Mall post office center is Livonia will be located across from For Your Entertainment and down the hall from the Information booth. There are also two permanent Post Offices mall locations at **Livonia Mall** in Livonia (near A & W open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) **Westland Mall** in Westland has an office by J.C. Penney open Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"The mall Post Offices are a great convenience for our customers, especially during the holidays," said Carl T. January Jr., Detroit district manager.

CPA merger

Livonia CPA firm, **Dickshott & Co.**, merged with Walsh Cenko & Haynes, P.C., a Bloomfield Hills CPA firm. The combined firm of sixteen professional will continue with offices in both Livonia and Bloomfield Hills.

Dickshott & Co. has served a variety of individuals and businesses located primarily in southeastern Michigan for over twenty-seven years.

Operating assets sale

Universal Self Care, Inc. of Livonia will sell substantially all of its assets to Gainor Medical Management, LLC.

Universal Self Care announced the definitive agreement Nov. 17 subject to shareholder approval. The seller is traded over NASDAQ. Gainor is closely held.

Under terms of the agreement, Gainor Medical Management

will acquire the operating assets of Universal Self Care, including the stock of its two principal operating subsidiaries - Diabetes Self Care, Inc. and USCI Healthcare Management Solutions, Inc.

DMS honored at convention

Atlas Van Lines Inc. honored **DMS Moving Systems Inc.** of Canton at Atlas' 50th Annual Convention. The local company was recognized for Sales Achievement, COD sales, Hauling Achievement and Hauling Excellence. Accepting the awards on the Canton agency's behalf were Rick Meyer and Kathy Phillips.

The COS Sales Award was earned by DMS, which ranked 1st among the top three revenue-producing agencies in this area.

GCS relocates

"It's Official...we're racing to our new facility," says GCS Service Inc. of Livonia. The business has relocated to 31829 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia effective Nov. 24. For more information call (248) 426-9500, 800-772-2936 or fax (248) 426-7555.

Credit union, AutoInspect unite

The **Livonia Community Credit Union**, in cooperation with the Livonia-based company, **AutoInspect**, is providing its members with a member only discount for pre-purchase used auto inspections. Similar to a home inspection for members buying a house, AutoInspect's mobile service goes to the location of the used auto, conducts a bumper-to-bumper inspection and provides a written report of the auto's mechanical condition. Members of the credit union will receive a ten percent discount off the regular price of the used auto inspection.

For more information contact AutoInspect Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (313) 458-4937.

Canton Kroger grand opening

The **Kroger Co.**, will host a grand opening for its newest store located at 1905 Canton Center Road near Canton. A ceremonial ribbon-cutting took place Dec. 7 to officially open the new Kroger location. The store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The new 63,500 square foot Kroger Food & Drug features customer conveniences including a full-service pharmacy, Comerica Bank Branch, Kid's Korner and One-Stop Meal Shoppe.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business Professionals, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

New mortgage company

Craig Olmsted, formerly vice president and general manager of Mutual Financial Services Inc. in Farmington, has formed a new home mortgage company - **Home Loan Specialists, Inc.** in Livonia.

The new home mortgage company, located at 17000 S. Laurel Park Dr., Suite 202, in Livonia,

specializes in programs for first mortgages, no cost refinancing, home equity loans and non-conforming loans for those people who have had some credit problems in the past.

For more information call (313) 953-LOAN (area code 734 after Dec. 13).

Wills named VP

Robert Wills was recently promoted to executive vice president at HDS Services of Farmington Hills, a Michigan-based foodservice and hospitality management company. A career-long employee, Wills was cited as being an integral part of HDS Services' development, beginning with responsibility for ten accounts in 1970 to more than 180 accounts HDS Services has today.



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Canton
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Family Health
19020 Fort Street
Riverview
December 9 - 10:00 AM
December 16 - 10:00 AM

Oakwood Health Care
Center - North Westland
36555 Warren Road
Westland
December 10 - 9:30 AM
December 17 - 9:30 AM

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Internet use, speed up

The latest surveys now estimate that 56 million American adults use the Internet. That works out to almost 27 percent of the population 16 and older.

The survey, from the Intelliquist Information Group, says another 16 million are expecting to be online by this time next year. I put a lot of stock in this survey. Intelliquist has spent much of the past two years carefully measuring and tracking online user demographics, usage patterns and growth rates and their study has a sampling reliability of plus or minus 1.5 percent. What the company found is that the Internet has become a habit in many peoples lives. Fully two thirds of those 56 million Net users now have access from home.

"The thousands of users we have interviewed over the course of this study are telling us that the medium is becoming more mainstream in their lives," says Tom Fornoff, Intelliquist's managing director for Internet Services.

"They're getting online from more locations, spending more time online, performing a wider variety of activities and finding it to be a highly useful channel for shopping and buying."

The survey also shows that the amount of time spent online is also increasing, from just under seven hours a week last year to 9.8 hours today.

With so many now online, the number one need is speed. Speed of access. Modem speeds have indeed been increasing and with billions to be made in profits, the telecommunications giants are jumping all over themselves to repair and expand the Internet infrastructure. But there are some other exciting Internet access means available.

Satellite access

I just installed a new DirectPC satellite system from the Hughes Network Systems group. It consists of a 20-by-36-inch satellite receiving dish mounted on my roof and hooked directly into the back of my PC, using an adapter card that took all of about two minutes to install.

I have the DirectDuo system, that also provides over a hundred satellite-beamed movie and sports channels to my TV.

But it's the Internet access that intrigues me the most. Using their software, I dial into my regular Internet provider, make connection and then get patched through the Net to the DirectPC operations center, which, in turn, links my computer to a satellite.

What does that do? It gives me blazingly fast Internet service, nearly 14 times faster than my normal 28.8 modem connection. In practical terms, 2 megabyte movie clip that would normally take me about 9 minutes to download with a 28.8 modem takes about 40 seconds with my DirectPC satellite connection. Besides the vast improvement in download speeds, what I notice most about this is how fast web pages load, especially those with lots of graphics.

The installation costs around \$200. Technicians come to your home, install the dish, tune it into the satellite (you need a good clear view of the southwestern sky) and run the cables to your TV and computer.

But if you want to watch your local TV stations, you're going to need to buy and install an outside TV antenna. Depending on where you live, that can add another \$200 to the bill.

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And then there's the access fees.

Because you still need to have an account with an Internet Service Provider to make your dial-up connection, you'll be spending around \$20 a month for access. Add to that the \$50-a month cost for the DirectDuo connection and you'll be spending around \$70 a month for everything.

That sounds steep. Hey... that is steep. But when you consider that \$50 a month is what it costs in most places for cable TV access, the Direct Duo fee is not that outrageous because you're getting the extra TV programming and the fast Internet access.

The only area where I haven't noticed an improvement in downloading time is with e-mail. The DirectPC connection is actually slower in downloading my e-mail than my 28.8 modem. The help desk at DirectPC says that shouldn't happen.

But, on my system, it does. And they haven't been able to help me fix it.

Still, overall, I'm impressed. I use the Net a lot. I'm always downloading files. And the satellite link makes my net time a lot more effective.

You can spec out your system and learn more from the Hughes Web site at www.direpc.com (((CQ)))

Cable TV access

This is increasingly becoming an attractive option in many parts of the nation and the Metro Detroit area as cable television companies make very high speed Internet access available over the same coaxial cable that brings television programs into your house. Cable television Internet access typically costs about \$49.95 a month. Right now, Cable TV speeds receive at very fast rates, even beyond that of a T1. But they send at slower speeds, about that of a 56 kbps modem. Check out www.comcast.com or www.mediaone.com for information on cable TV access.

Fast phone line access

There are two telephone services that provide fast Internet access.

The least costly is through a high-quality telephone line called an ISDN line, for Integrated Services Digital Network. An ISDN line is about four times as fast as a 28.8 modem. The phone company typically charges about \$50 a month for one of these lines.

Then there's another telephone line called ADSL, for Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line. These will run around \$100 a month, on top of a pretty hefty \$500 installation fee. ADSL connections operate at speeds from 10 to 50 times faster than an ISDN, or 200 times as fast as a 28.8 modem.

There is so much on the Net about both ADSL and ISDN that any good search engine like Alta Vista (www.altavista.digital.com) or Yahoo (www.yahoo.com) will give you tons of detailed information.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270 and he is the author of a series of Internet books (call 888-222-1866). You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

AT&T launches Digital PCS

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The telecommunications explosion has made it possible for consumers to be "untethered," says Bill Malloy, AT&T Wireless Services Central Region president.

AT & T Wireless Services launched its AT & T Digital PCS service in the Southeast Michigan phone market this past week equipping customers with "anyplace communications from an all digital network built from the ground up."

"We've reinvented wireless service to provide customers with a range of communications options that will allow them to stay connected with greater ease and convenience than ever before," said Malloy.

The all-in-one communications system provides individuals and businesses with voice, paging and e-mail messaging capabilities with added features such as enhanced voice quality, enhanced privacy and fraud protection, extended battery life, plus access to the "largest digital wireless network in North America."

Malloy said the state-of-the-art network is a reflection of the times and affords consumers anyplace communication options - particularly for those persons wishing to maintain a blend of business and home life.

"The digital wireless network offers an array of enhanced choices such as e-mail up to 150 characters per message, voice mail and Caller ID," said Malloy. "Other familiar features such as Call Waiting, Forwarding and Three-Way Conference Calling are still in place."

The expansion of AT&T's Digital PCS wireless network allows



Cutting edge: AT&T Wireless Services commemorated the Dec. 2 openings of five area stores with ribbon cuttings. Shown here is the store at Novi Town Center. From AT&T Wireless Services: (front, from left) Bill Malloy, Central Region president; Ken Childress; Maralisa Vidosh, store manager; Dave Marshall, marketing manager; Tammy Smith; Mekisha Page; Susan Snyder, Central Region vice president market operations; and Rackeline Hoff, external affairs manager.

individuals, heavy-use consumers and businesses uninterrupted quality calls by both the sender and receiver between and within wireless systems and traditional analog cellular service areas.

"You can count on clearer call clarity, more secure calls and e-mail right to your phone so that you have the ability to be mobile and continue to count on receiving the information you need without having to worry about interrupted service thanks to capabilities of our "smart phone," Malloy noted.

Other advantages of the new wireless network include: Flat roaming rate of 60 cents per minute of travel in most cities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Digital PCS "is competitively priced, offering a tier of monthly calling plans."

You are not required to sign an annual service contract; and

easy access to 24-hour AT&T Customer Care.

Five new AT&T Wireless Service store were opened for consumers and businesses including locations in Novi, Ann Arbor, Roseville Utica and Lathrup Village. Malloy said additional stores are expected to open in 1998 in Detroit and throughout Southeast Michigan. The retail stores offer Digital PCS phones, service and accessories as well as other AT&T services.

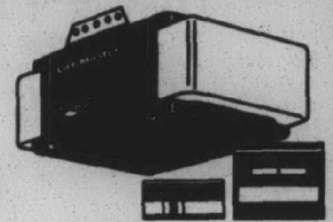
"Wireless communication creates more mobility for our customers and has allowed us to furnish them with a host of options and advanced features they've never had in one device before," said Malloy.

AT&T Digital PCS available at the Novi store, 43267 Crescent Blvd., Novi Town Center. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sun., noon to 5 p.m.

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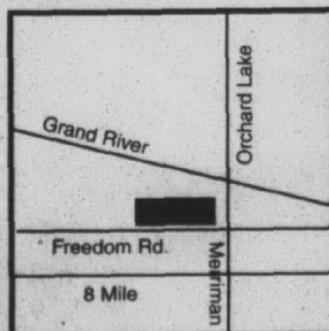
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Crafters turn promoting into art

Sue Smith and Molly Pemberton were tired of trying to sell their crafts at shows where promoters treated them with little respect, so the two Canton residents decided to strike out on their own.

After taking part in a shop run as a cooperative by crafters, they started the Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show 16 years ago. Over the years, they've built this arts and crafters showcase into a profitable business.

"It was nice because I have three children and they were little at the time," said Smith. "My husband could stay home on the weekends while we produced the shows."

Upcoming show

If you're still in need of a few gifts for the holidays, don't miss their next show featuring 65 exhibitors Dec. 12-14 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 West Main in Northville.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$2. For more information, call (313) 459-0050.

Handcrafters is one of the few shows around, produced by crafters. Smith, who holds a patent on her work, creates wreaths from whole spices such as nutmeg, bay leaf, cinnamon, and star anise. Pemberton cuts and paints wood gingerbread men, snowmen and Santa ornaments.

"We understand what it's like to be crafters, how it feels to be turned down for

a show," said Smith. "People don't realize that crafts are a time-consuming job, 10 to 12 hours a day, not just a weekend show. These crafters are professionals so we treat them with respect."

Dennis Gerathy's vintage-looking signs are sure to be popular with University of Michigan fans. Gerathy crafts the signs in his Redford shop. Among the other works included in the show are hand painted dog and cat ornaments by Marlene DeFoor of Livonia; quilted and cross stitched ornaments, Roberta Baraszu, Plymouth; stained glass valances and boxes, Marsha Filipiak, Royal Oak, and seasonal florals, Sandy Callahan, Bloomfield Hills.

Variety

"We feel we have the best variety of craftsmen in the area," said Pemberton. "Our customers come back year after year. There's something for everybody's taste and pocket book from Victorian Christmas Carol dolls to porcelain Santas, and shadow boxes shaped into French gardens. There's ornaments for \$3 to larger Santas for a couple hundred dollars."

Handcrafters hosts six shows a year, three in Northville, two in Taylor and one in Mt. Clemens. Smith and Pemberton welcome artists and craftsmen to apply for entry in the juried shows. The two try to exhibit 25 percent new crafters at each show.

"We're looking for uniqueness in handmade items and a fine quality of workmanship," said Smith. "We like to think our show has craftsman you wouldn't see anywhere else. I exhibit in a lot of shows out of state, so I see some unique, one-of-a-kind items

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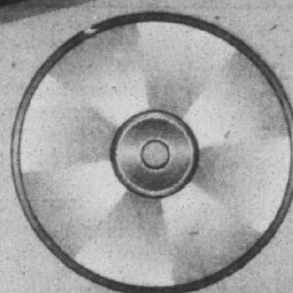
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When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Where: Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff Road, (south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman), Garden City.



Ensembles groove on CD

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz Prime vocal ensembles new CD brings back fond memories of the groups' Russian tour. Director Steven SeGraves and members of the ensemble were invited to tour Russia by Alexander N. Demchenko, Ministry of Culture, last June. The Schoolcraft College ensembles chose the selections according to the response of Russian audiences.

Recorded with Jack Brokensha in his home studio, the CD puts listeners in a mellow mood with jazz classics such as "Take the A Train," "I've Got the World on a String," "All the Things You Are," and "Angel Eyes."

"We narrowed it down by how the Russian people reacted to a song, if they loved it so much, they had us do it again," said SeGraves. "The group is financing the CD. We decided it was so important to put forth our own money because we want to get this music out there. It was a significant investment (\$5,000) but we're interested only in breaking even. It's a great stocking stuffer and people would be supporting college students."

The CD's (\$15) and tapes (\$10) will be on sale at the groups' annual "Jazz Up the Holidays" concert 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the community room at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City. The concert is free, but donations accepted at the door go toward music scholarships and funding future tours.

"When people hear the word jazz sometimes they get scared that it's wild and crazy," said SeGraves. "We use imaginative arrangements. It's like a big band that has been translated into voices. Ella Fitzgerald's and Louis Armstrong's scat singing were unique instruments."

"Vocal jazz is an art that many people don't

hear a lot about," said SeGraves. "It's difficult, challenging and rewarding."

SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz Prime were the first American college jazz choirs ever to be invited to tour Russia. Before the trip, the groups received a letter from President Clinton congratulating them and relaying the importance of fostering understanding between the cultures.

For SeGraves, the highlight of the 12-day Russian tour was the folk and dance festival in Cheboksary where a crowd of 30,000 lined the Volga River. The groups marched in a three-hour parade leading up to the festival.

"The people were very warm and generous and kind," said SeGraves. "The Cheboksary festival was my favorite part of the tour because we had the chance to get in amongst the people. The people is where you really get a sense of Russia. There's more similarities than differences. The children are like children anywhere - some of them got into mischief, some didn't."

An American commodity, SeGraves says jazz is growing in popularity since its introduction during the years following the dissolution of the U.S.S.R. in 1991. The group performed middle-of-the-road arrangements so as to slowly acclimate its audiences to the fine nuances of vocal jazz.

"We did run into one Russian jazz band, but we were a unique thing there," said SeGraves. "People were fascinated with us as Americans. The young people love it because it has a beat and includes a band."

The groups traveled with an interpreter who, when the group asked if they could go down to the river, replied, "it's a free country." SeGraves said the interpreter repeated this phrase again and again.

"The impression I got was that they were happy with their freedom and wouldn't want to go back to the old days," said SeGraves.

When asked if they would like to tour Russia again, SeGraves replied enthusiastically.

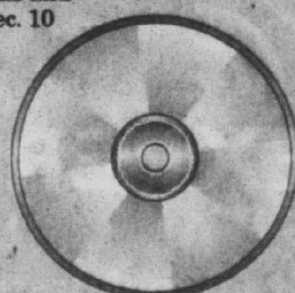
"We would do it again in a heart beat," he said. "The CD came out of that. We were so pleased with the tour we decided to record the music to communicate the tour but also that's what quality groups do. It's also good publicity for the college and can be used as a tool in recruiting."

Founded by Bradley Bloom in 1968, SCool Jazz was formed so students could learn about vocal jazz, sing jazz, learn about its history and work on the singers' skills. SeGraves took over the group four years ago. The first year, he decided to divide SCool Jazz into two ensembles according to age and experience. SCool Jazz is primarily comprised of undergraduates ranging in age from 18 to 22 because Schoolcraft is basically a two-year institution and SeGraves sometimes only has students for one year. SCool Jazz Prime is similar to a community chorus and consists of singers selected for their experience and talent.

The CD is the first the group has recorded. And if SeGraves has his way it won't be the last. The groups plan to perform at the 1999 Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland pending approval by the school and available funds. It takes \$35,000 to \$40,000 to produce a tour.

"We want to thank the school for supporting us and helping with the more than \$30,000 in expenses," said SeGraves. "Jean Bonner, in particular, went to bat for us because she believed in us."

If you miss SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz Prime's Dec. 10 concert, they'll be back singing during the annual Mardi Gras Celebration of jazz and creole cooking 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Schoolcraft College. For information, call (313) 462-4417.



ART SHOWS



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Mixing techniques: John Murphy lays clay in a mold and places it on a potter's wheel before building up a lip for his newest work, a wall hanging shield titled "Bullseye."

Artist molds international reputation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

John Murphy could hardly believe the letter stating he was one of two American clay artists accepted into the fifth International Triennial of Contemporary Porcelain taking place June 12 through Oct. 11 in Nyon, Switzerland. Murphy is an advanced ceramics instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. A jury of international ceramists and museum curators selected him and 13 other artists from 253 entries from 35 countries. Murphy and Wayne Higby will represent the United States.

"I'm very honored to be one of two chosen to represent this country in this international exhibition," said Murphy. "It's been worth the 20 years of hard work to find oneself in this position. This is really a great honor; I'm looking forward to sending my work."

Murphy credits his success as a clay artist to the fact he is responsible for every square inch of the work, a premise learned while studying for his master's degree

at Wayne State University. Even the insides and bottoms of the vessels are finished with Murphy's trademark black and white surface decoration.

"I use black and white as a symbol of good and evil, positive and negative," said Murphy. "I'm very aware of racial issues because my wife's African American. But I worked in black and white before I met her. Maybe it's subconscious, but I'm not consciously trying to make a statement that black and white can work together."

Murphy's first contact with clay came at a potter's wheel more than two decades ago. Over the years, throwing clay gradually evolved into a lengthy process which incorporates techniques consisting of hand building and forming works in molds. Murphy demonstrates the intricacies for visitors to his Old Redford studio.

After manipulating a hunk of clay to remove all of the air bubbles, Murphy begins to craft his newest porcelain work "Bullseye." The piece, reminiscent of a shield, is meant to hang on the wall. Black and white circular

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Crafty duo: Sue Smith and Molly Pemberton bring yet another of their popular arts and crafts show to Northville Dec. 12-14.

what I try to bring into our show. We want to make sure we have the \$5 items for a teacher's gift as well as a lot of personalized items. We also try to get

fine arts. The emphasis is definitely on fine crafts but we do have fine arts, also."

Smith display her wreaths in 30 shows a years. That's a full-

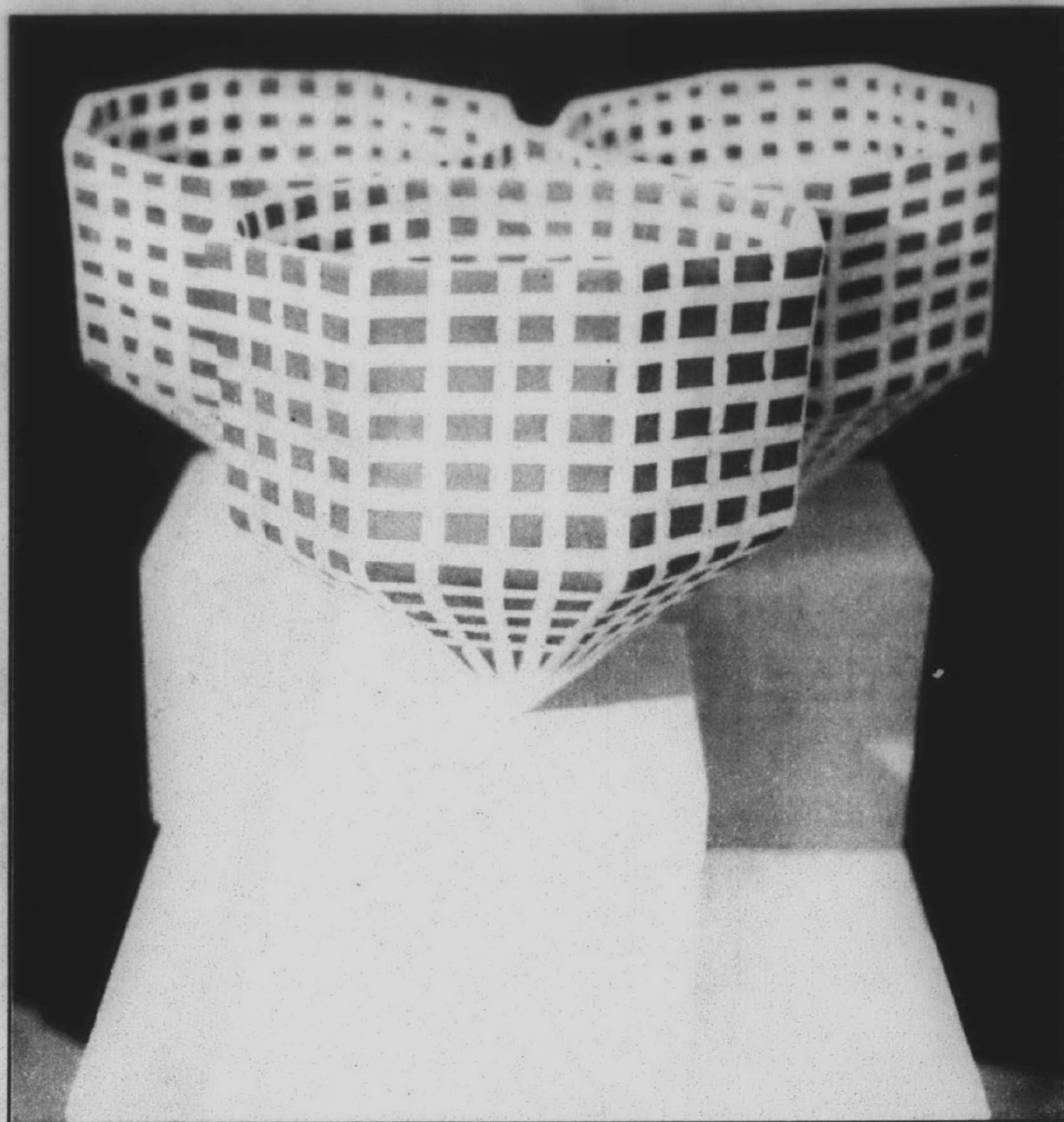
"We like doing our crafts, but the promoting part is our great love. We have artists and craftsmen who have been with us since we've started. They've become friends."

Sue Smith

time business in itself. So why do Smith and Pemberton continue to promote shows after all these years?

"We like doing our crafts, but the promoting part is our great love," said Smith. "We have artists and craftsmen who have been with us since we've started. They've become friends."

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call her at (313) 953-2145.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Sculptural clay: John Murphy created this work titled "Home." It is similar to a sculpture recently exhibited in a national show at Penn State.

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lines zero in on the target.

"I'd been intrigued with shields in African art, more for their geometric shape than as a means of protection," said Murphy. "I thought it was fitting to hang them up on the walls because that's the way they're displayed in museums."

For the next step, Murphy places a mold on top of a potter's wheel. He rolls out the clay with a pin then places it in the mold.

"I've been changing the format from a vessel to sculptural closed forms to wall forms," said Murphy. "My work is constantly evolving."

One of the problems, Murphy encountered is designing the shield so that it could be displayed on a wall. He arrived at a

solution by laying the rolled out clay in the plaster mold. He then builds up a lip for the back by throwing the work on a wheel.

"I wanted the shield to be self-sufficient, to hang on its own," said Murphy. "This way the shield seals to the wall and is aesthetically pleasing even when viewed from the side."

Murphy utilizes repetition and geometric shapes in his work in an attempt to marry design elements.

"Even though I work in raku and stoneware, I love porcelain. It's clean and smooth and nice and white," said Murphy. "But porcelain is more difficult to con-

trol. It has a mind of its own."

Murphy's first shield evolved from a demonstration for his students at Schoolcraft College. He will teach advanced ceramics and raku during the winter term.

As a child, Murphy snuck into his father's workshop to use the tools. Later on in life, he crafted jewelry before turning to clay. Murphy's "always had this urge to work with his hands." But over the years, it's become a passion. In order to create art, he works full time building experimental engines for Ford Motor Company.

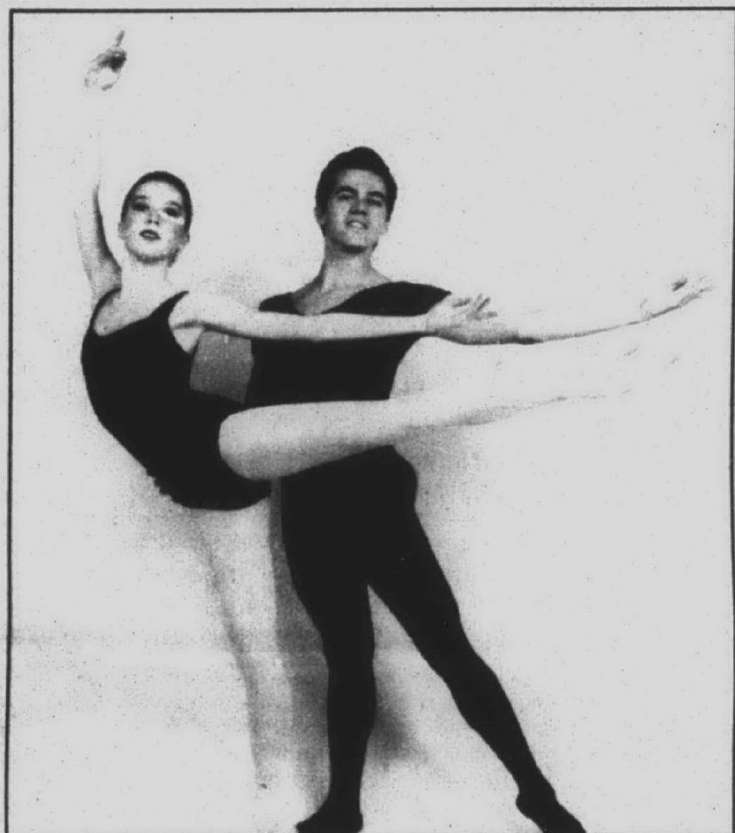
Is Murphy worried about shipping the fragile porcelain pieces to Europe? No, in fact several of Murphy's works recently were mailed to Penn State University for a national exhibition. Murphy says, he'll "just package them very carefully."

Murphy exhibits his work as often as possible. His clay art has been included in shows at Gallery Functionart in Pontiac; the Ann Arbor Art Association; San Angelo Museum of Fine Art, Texas, and Louisville Visual Arts Center, Kentucky.

His work is currently on exhibit in "Earthy Treasure," Pewabic Pottery's annual Holiday Invitational, which continues through Dec. 31.

Murphy's works are also on display at the Swann Gallery, Detroit, and in "Redefining the Holidays," a show continuing through Dec. 23 at the Detroit Artists Market.

Holiday Enchantment



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7:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 10-11, auditions for "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney. Production dates: Feb. 18, 20-22, 25-28 & March 1. Cast: Three men, three women. Village Players, 752 Chestnut, corner of Woodward and Chestnut, downtown Birmingham; (248) 644-2075.

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Call for Art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075; (248) 423-1080.

MISS MICH/MISS MICH TEEN
Now accepting applications to state preliminaries of "Miss USA & Miss Teen USA." Miss Michigan requirements: single, state resident between ages of 18-26; Miss Michigan Teen requirements: single, state resident between ages of 14-18. Competition categories: swim wear, evening wear, interview. (248) 334-7700.

MUSIC COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

DOCUMENTA USA
Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 & 20. Fifty voice choir includes both students and experienced singers of all ages. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia; (248) 349-8175 or (313) 462-4435.

HARBOR BELLS
English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept.-June. (248) 681-6453.

NAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT AT PCCA
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks entries for national juried all media exhibition, March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for slide entries: Jan. 15, 1998. For prospectus send a SASE to PCCA/Exhibitions, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-4110.

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

BENEFITS

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART
6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the annual Christmas Wigilia celebration, a traditional Polish Christmas Eve meal. Proceeds benefit the fine arts fund. Polish Century Club, 5181 E. Outer Drive, Detroit; (313) 455-6207.

MS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD
A calendar of 12 images selected from the 87-piece international exhibit, and holiday cards and note cards. Write/contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017; (800) FIGHT MS.

CHOIR/CHORUS

NOVI CHORALAIRES
Novi's Community Chorus presents music for Christmas celebration - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Donation: \$5, purchased at Novi Parks and Recreation office, or at the door. (248) 347-0400.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR
"Alleluia, Rejoice!" featuring Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham. Dates: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street, Plymouth; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia; (313) 462-4435.

A CAPELLA
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, "The Grunions," perform extensive repertoire including seasonal music. Sponsored by the Fair Lane Music Guild, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, U of M Dearborn, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road; (313) 593-5330.

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF PONTIAC
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, "Annual Christmas Concert," Central United Methodist Church, Waterford; (248) 673-6568.

CANTATA ACADEMY
"Holiday Favorites" - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, St. Hugo of the Hill, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 546-0420.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, featuring nine choirs of the church along with brass and percussion. Proceeds benefit Farmington Families in Action, Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860.

VANGUARD VOICES
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "Christmas Concert," featuring Repigli's sequence of carols, "Laud to the Nativity of the Lord." St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, south of Ford Road, Dearborn; (313) 317-6566.

HOLIDAYS REVISITED
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, the

Farmington Community Chorus presents its 18th annual winter concert. Traditional holiday favorites and contemporary seasonal selections performed by 80-voice choir. Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, west of Orchard Lake Road. Tickets: \$8, adults; \$5, seniors/students; (248) 788-5322.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

PCCA WINTER CLASSES
Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 5 - 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art," Holley Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., "Drawing for Adults," Studio and Galleries; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, "Altering Spaces: Installation Art," Holley Room; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7, "From the African Loom to the African American Quilt." Fees vary. Classes and workshops require preregistration. To register call (313) 833-4249.

CLASSICAL

DSO'S BAROQUE HOLIDAY CONCERT
8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring conductor/violinist Jaime Laredo. Tickets: \$17-\$60. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-3700.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
"Handel's 'Messiah'" - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$25 preferred; \$18 general; \$10 students. (248) 650-2655.

UMS CHORAL UNION
"Handel's Messiah" - 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring conductor Thomas Sheets, soprano Nicole Heaston, countertenor David Daniels, tenor John Aler and bass Nathan Berg along with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$10-\$18. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (313) 764-2538.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Song and Style," featuring the Living Christmas Card Vocal Quartet. Tickets: \$30. At the home of Dr. William Kupski of Grosse Pointe. For details, call (248) 357-1111.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Annual Christmas Concert," featuring Mercy High School vocal ensembles, the Mercy Orchestra and the Mercyaires. 29300 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8020.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
"Holiday Brass," an annual seasonal celebration for large brass choir, including works by Handel, Mancini, Bizet and Gershwin. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook. Tickets: \$20 general, \$16 students/seniors, \$10 children under 12.

DETROIT BRASS SOCIETY
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 546-2503.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Holiday Celebration," conducted by Judith Premin and accompanist Eleanor Whelan, including carols and seasonal songs featuring soprano Grace Ward, Joan Chandler Bowes and John Muller. Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver at Adams Road, Troy. (248) 475-5978.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "Classics on the Lake," featuring holiday favorites and jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic and a Detroit gospel choir. Tickets: \$12 & \$20. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-1750.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, The Beaux Arts Trio. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets: \$5-\$40; (313) 833-3700.

CCC'S COMMUNITY CHORUS
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, Vivaldi's "Gloria," for chorus and orchestra, conducted by Thomas Sheets of the University Musical Society Choral. Also, a holiday sing-along. Tickets: \$5, adults; \$3 students. 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farmington Hills; (248) 540-1540.

CONCERT BANDS

B'HAM CONCERT BAND
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Concert," featuring seasonal favorites and inspirational music. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

NOVI CONCERT BAND
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long." Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile Road, west of Novi Road.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Spectacular." Tickets: \$6-\$10. Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3013.

FLAMENCO
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Flamenco without Limits," featuring Omayra Amaya and her dance company. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET
"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Rose Marie Floyd, with New York dancer Alexander Schlempp, and Samantha Shelton, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at Warren Woods Middle School auditorium, East 12 Mile, west of Schoenher.



Hot steps: Omayra Amaya and "Flamenco Without Limits" display the passion of Spanish flamenco at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Detroit Institute of Arts Theatre. The concert is presented by Musica Viva International; (313) 833-2323.

Warren. \$8 at the door, (248) 641-9063/546-7484. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 (presented by Valley of Detroit-Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$5 at the door. (248) 476-8020.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With principal dancers Evelyn Cisneros and Anthony Randazzo from the San Francisco Ballet, and Kimberly Glasco and Aleksandar Antonijevic from the National Ballet of Canada, along with members of Jacob Lasca's Dance Detroit perform "The Nutcracker" ballet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$14-\$53 adults, \$10-\$24 children and seniors. (313) 833-3700.

ERIC JOHNSTON'S DETROIT BALLET
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the State Theater on Wayne Road in Wayne. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 children and available by calling the theater at (313) 721-7400; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills. \$8 adults, \$5 children. (248) 473-9570. The 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and Friday, Dec. 19 productions are set to the music of the Detroit Ballet Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher Keen.

FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF DANCE
With the Detroit Dance Collective, and members of the WSU Dance Company, Michigan Classic Ballet Company, Stardust Ballroom Dance Studio, Annette and Company, Main Street Dance Company, Barbara Hatch School of Dance, Michelle Millman, Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Company, and the O'Day School of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Farmington High School auditorium, 32000 Shiawassee (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. \$5, \$2 seniors and children. (248) 473-9570.

THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER
Donald Byrd's jazz version of the holiday tale featuring a live jazz orchestra, regional gospel choir and children's casts, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10-Friday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (800) 221-1229.

HURON CIVIC THEATRE
"The Nutcracker," with the Taylor Ballet Americana and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the theater, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$14, \$10 children ages 10 and younger. (313) 782-5380.

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET
"The Nutcracker" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at West Bloomfield High School auditorium on Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$8.50, special rates available for community organizations purchasing 15 tickets or more. (248) 666-1971.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET
The official ballet of the city of Livonia, presents "The Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-9, \$6 each for groups of 12 persons or more. (313) 427-9103/(248) 477-0520.

MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE

The company (under Cornelia Sampson) joins the Warren Symphony for "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, with guest artists Michele Wiles, 1996 Gold Medal winner of the International Ballet competition in Varna, Bulgaria, and currently with American Ballet Theatre II, Sergio Brindusa, a Romanian dancer who freelances and trains at the prestigious Kirov Academy in Washington, Sean Stewart of the American Ballet Theatre, and Casey Herd, American Ballet Theatre II, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall Road (M-59) and Garfield, Clinton Township. \$22, \$20 seniors and children under age 12; \$18 for groups of 20 or more for main floor seating, \$17 for balcony. Call (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666.

PLYMOUTH CANTON BALLET COMPANY
"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Dawn Greene, featuring principal dancers Dawnell Dryja and Mark Nash of the Cincinnati Ballet, and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road (at Canton Center Road), Canton. \$15 adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12. A Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, where children will have a tea party with the Sugar Plum Fairy and other performers, will be held after the Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14 concerts. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (313) 451-2112.

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Numerous performances through Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. This week's performances: 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11; and 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666.

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MACOMB CENTER
Through Dec. 8 - "Macomb Arts Council Prestige Art Show," 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CENTER
Through Dec. 8 - "Collective Visions," a group exhibit, 30055 Northwestern Hwy. at Inkster Road; (248) 865-4000.

BOOK BEAT
Through Dec. 10 - "Gods of the Spirit: Haitian Vodou Flags and Objects." 26010 Greenfield; (248) 968-1190.

ARTSPACE II
Through Dec. 11 - "Gold: Sculpture and Painting by Barbara Kovacs." 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 258-1540.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Dec. 11 - "Platters That Matter," works by 30 artists. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Dec. 12 - 7 p.m., "Graduate Works in Progress." Wayne State University campus, 150 Art Building, Detroit; (313) 577-2203.

WETSMAN COLLECTION
Through Dec. 13 - "Metals & Stone, Common & Uncommon," works of Wendel Heers, Tom Madden, Hiroko Pijanowski, Karen Miller Thomas. 132 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-6212.

HILL GALLERY

Through Dec. 15 - 6:30-8 p.m., "Carl Toth: Recent Works." 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 19 - "Fiber, Clay, Metal," alumni invitational exhibition. Ford Gallery Art Dept., 114 Ford Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti; (313) 487-0465.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through Dec. 19 - "Functional Things: Objects by Lisa Norton," associate professor of metals at the School of Art Institute in Chicago. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

WETSMAN COLLECTION
Through Dec. 19 - Exhibition of four metalmiths from metro Detroit: Wendel Heers, Thomas Madden, Hiroko Pijanowski, Karen Miller Thomas. 132 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-6212.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 20 - Watercolors of Karin Klue. 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Dec. 20 - "From Nature's Mould," featuring eight artists from Michigan's Thumb area. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

ROOM WITH A VIEW
Through Dec. 20 - "Photography of Russ Marshall." 803 N. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 548-1446.

MATRIX GALLERY
Through Dec. 21 - "Near and Far: Recent Landscape Paintings by Lauren Kingsley," thru Dec. 21, 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 663-7775.

U OF M - DEARBORN
Through Dec. 24 - "People Figures: Puppets, Robots, Transformers and Dolls," an assortment of vintage and contemporary toys and sculptures from several regional private collections. The Art Museum Project, UM-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, 1165 AB, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 - "Holiday Exhibition," featuring metal artist Darcy Miro. Show runs concurrent with "Downes, Phelan, Morley: Recent Paintings." 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 27 - "Earth in Search of Water: Pastels by Sky Mikinak." 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 27 - "A Moveable Feast," featuring works of Breivik, Celmins, Crawford, Guston. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Dec. 27 - "Tyronne Mitchell: Recent Works." 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Dec. 28 - 6 p.m., "The Christmas Show," featuring works by Diana Garmann, David Mandiberg, Virinder Chaudhry. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

C POP GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - "Nocturnal Planet: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Glenn Barr. 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Threads," an exhibit and sale of quilts, fabric art, textiles and tapestries. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

KNOLLWOOD GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Food Art of David McCall Johnston." 6447 Inkster Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-9844.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Dec. 31 - "50th anniversary exhibit of the Michigan Weaver's Guild." 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Second Floor, Executive Office Building, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY/PERFORMANCE VENUE
Through Dec. 31 - "The Hi & Goodbye Show," paintings by Jacques Karamanoukian and sculptural woodcuts and prints by Karl Schneider. 2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-9192.

EXHIBIT OPENINGS

IMAN
Dec. 7 - 5:30 p.m., "Muslim Women Artists: An exhibit of contemporary and traditional artwork," thru Dec. 21. Oak Park Public Library, 13600 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park; (248) 377-2266.

URBAN PARK GALLERY
Dec. 12 - 5:30-9 p.m., "Celebration of Color," by Michele Roorda. 508 Monroe Street, The Alley, Greentown Detroit.

ART LEADERS GALLERY
Dec. 13 - 10 a.m.-7 p.m., the Holiday limited print collection of Thomas Kinkade. 33216 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 539-0262.

FESTIVALS

GUILD OF ARTISTS AND ARTISANS
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Art Fair," presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who organize the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Tickets: \$4 adults; free for children under 12. Oakland Community College, Bldg. H, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills. (313) 662-3382/(248) 548-3779.

HOLIDAY ART GIFTS

GIFT GALA
10 a.m.-8 p.m., featuring tiles, paper shells, stained glass, beads, furniture. Royal Oak Women's Club, 404 S. Pleasant, corner of Fourth Street, Royal Oak; (248) 549-4099.

HOLIDAY SALES SHOW

Through Dec. 13 - "Gifts of Art," featuring ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, toys, wearables, ornaments. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

POTTERY SALE
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 18-20, "14th Annual Pottery Sale," student and professional potters featuring functional ceramic pieces. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Dec. 20 - "RED," two and three dimensional work inspired by the color. The gallery is an artists' co-operative. 20 E. Grand River, Detroit; (313) 831-2862.

PAINT CREEK ART CENTER
Through Dec. 20 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, "Holiday Gift Gallery Party." Proceeds go to nonprofit art center. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

TOUCH OF LIGHT
Through Dec. 24 - Hand-blown glass show, featuring work of John Fitzpatrick, including ornaments. 23426 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 543-1868.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Dec. 26 - Holiday Gifts show, featuring 28 artists. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

SILK PHOTOGRAPHY
Through Dec. 28 - "Annual Holiday Photo Sale." 14261 Nadine, Oak Park; (248) 544-1203.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM
Through Dec. 29 - Holiday exhibit, featuring Manel Anoro, John Asaro, Sohoh Hohn and Rick Laney. 390 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 540-8505.

CHRISTIE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments. 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Through Dec. 31 - Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES
Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. 70th Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "African Gift Items," including baskets, batiks, dolls, masks and jewelry. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 64-SHONA.

PARK WEST
Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Knief. 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show. "Earthly Treasures." 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

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TWO SCREENS
2:10 (4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:40)
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MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
1:45 (5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:40)
\$1.50 (5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:40)
***ALIEN: THE RESURRECTION (R)**
2:00, 2:30 (4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30)
7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
***I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)**
1:50, 9:50

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"THE JACKAL (R)
2:00 (4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:40)
MORTAL KOMBAT II (PG-13)
12:50 (SUN) ONLY, 3:10 (5:25, 5:50, 7:40, 9:55)
1:00 (SUN) ONLY, 3:15 (5:30, 5:55, 7:40, 9:55)
FULL MONTY (R)
12:10 (SUN) ONLY, 2:25 (4:40, 5:00, 5:30, 7:10, 9:25)
***MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE (PG)**
12:05 (SUN) ONLY, 2:20
MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
12:00 (SUN) ONLY, 1:15, 6:30, 9:45
***FLUBBER (PG) 2 SCREENS**
12:00, 12:30 (SUN) ONLY, 2:15, 3:00 (4:30, 5:20, 5:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00)
DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R)
(5:00, 5:30, 8:00)
HOME ALONE III (PG-13)
SUN. ONLY
5:20

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682-1900
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KISS THE GIRLS (R)
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MON-THURS 7:00
IN AND OUT (PG-13)
SUN. 5:15, 7:30
MON-THURS 7:15

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ALIENS 4 (R)
11:00, 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15

ANASTASIA (G)
12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00, 9:15, 11:45, 1:50, 3:55, 8:00, 10:00 (SUNDAY ONLY)
HOME ALONE 3 (PG)
SNEAK PREVIEW SUNDAY
AT 4:00 PM

RAINMAKER (PG-13)
10:50, 12:20, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20

MORTAL KOMBAT (PG-13)
12:40, 1:10, 2:50, 3:20, 5:00, 5:30, 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:10

MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
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DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R)
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EVE'S BAYOU (R)
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DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R)
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BEAN (PG)
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ANASTASIA (G)
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SNEAK PREVIEW
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SUNDAY 4:00 PM

THE JACKAL (R)
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MORTAL KOMBAT (PG-13)
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MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
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ANASTASIA (G)
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BEAN (PG-13)
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THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE (PG)
4:40, 9:15

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R)
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MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
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THE JACKAL (R)
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STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
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STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
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BEAN (PG-13)
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THE JACKAL (R)
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STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
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NP I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)
SUN. 9:00 PM ONLY; MON-THURS 8:30 PM and 10:50 PM ONLY

THE JACKAL (R)
SUN. 12:25, 3:20, 7:30, 8:40, 10:30; MON-THURS 11:20, 12:20, 2:15, 5:00, 6:00, 7:45, 8:45, 10:30

STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
SUN. 12:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:55; MON-THURS 11:00, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

BEAN (PG-13)
SUN. 7:50, 10:15; MON-THURS 10:35, 1:10, 3:30, 6:05, 8:20, 10:45

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE (PG)
MON-THURS 11:50 AM and 6:30 PM ONLY

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SUN. 8:30; MON-THURS 11:05, 1:35, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

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THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE (PG)
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I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)
11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 9:15

FAIRY TALE: A TRUE STORY (PG)
2:50, 5:00, 7:10

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THE RAINMAKER (PG-13) NV
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& 2:30, 5:30, 8:30

STARSHIP TROOPERS (R) NV
1:25, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25

SOUL FOOD (R) NV
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:05

THE WINGS OF THE DOVE (R) NV
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7:15, 9:40

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SWEET DREAMS

If you missed the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's performance of "The Nutcracker," there's still time to experience Tchaikovsky's enchanted tale.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet Company, the official ballet of the city of Livonia, presents "The Nutcracker Ballet" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-9, \$6 each for groups of 12 persons or more. (313) 427-9103/(248) 477-0520.

■ For a seventh year the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company join together to tell Tchaikovsky's classic story of "The Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road in Canton.

Tickets are \$15 adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12, and available by calling the symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

A Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, where children will have a tea party with the Sugar Plum Fairy, the King and other performers, will be held after the Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, concerts. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door.

■ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra with principal dancers Evelyn Cisneros and Anthony Randazzo from the San Francisco Ballet, Kimberly Glasco and Aleksandar Antonijevic from the National Ballet of Canada, and members of Jacob Lasu's Dance Detroit perform "The Nutcracker" ballet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sun-

day, Dec. 21, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$14-\$53 adults, \$10-\$24 children and seniors, and available by calling (313) 833-3700.

This is the second year, gymnasts Hillary Bracht of Plymouth and Laura Hamilton, Northville will take the stage as acrobats in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Nutcracker."

FREE CONCERT

Pianist Louis Nagel will present a lecture/recital focusing on the "Fantasie in C Major, Opus 17" by Robert Schumann at noon Wednesday, Dec. 10 in the Recital Hall of the Forum Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Nagel, a performer and faculty member at the University of Michigan School of Music, is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music. He has appeared in New York City recitals, at the National Gallery in Washington D.C., and on numerous college campuses.

Nagel has performed internationally in Jerusalem, St. Petersburg, Taichung, Sydney, Vienna, and Berlin. As the artistic director of the Detroit-based Lyric Chamber Ensemble, he performs with the group in extensive chamber music programs throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. He has recorded the Bach Partitas for Educo Records, Inc., and his CD "Four Centuries of J.S. Bach" on the SKR label has received critical acclaim.

HOLIDAY SALE

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual Holiday Art Exhibit and Sale Dec. 8-13 in The Art Gallery/Studio at 29948 Ford Road, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt (in Sheridan Square), Garden City.

An opening reception and awards presentation takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 at the gallery.

A variety of mediums including paintings, drawings, and three-dimensional art will be on hand. Don't forget to cast your ballot for the People's Choice Award.

Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For

more information, call (313) 261-0379.

"KIDS ONLY" FINE ARTS WORKSHOPS

Preschool sessions to make fine arts gifts ranging from watercolors to printmaking, and woodcraft begin Dec. 9 at D & M Studio's Once Upon An Easel, 8691 North Lilley Road at Joy in Canton.

Sessions for students and teens have already begun. For more information or to register, call (313) 453-3710.

While you're at the studio take a minute to view a display of student work. Portrait artists include Aaron Tone, a senior at the Center for Creative Studies. Tone works in pencil, pastel and watercolor and does portraits of pets and celebrities. Also view work by Shandy Buffington, an Eastern Michigan University student.

D & M's Artist Gallery features the work of owner Sharon Dillenbeck, Hugh Burley and Carol McCreedy. Also on display are hand painted ceramic ornaments by Sidney Boyce. The bulbs are painted green ware which is fired then coated with a mother of pearl glaze. In addition, visit the Studio Students Gallery where holiday art such as handmade cards, ornaments made from paper bags, and paintings are displayed.

CREATIVE GIFT WRAPPING

It may be a "riddle wrapped in mystery inside an enigma" or it might just be a toaster. Either way, all gifts, great and small, benefit from creative gift wrapping. Taught by Lisa Gleeson, owner of Gift Wrappers, Inc., this class shows you how to create great gifts using festive bows, decorative boxes and the latest wrapping papers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road, east of Farmington Road. Gleeson will also show you how to make a florist bow.

The cost is \$12 for West Bloomfield residents, \$15 for nonresidents. Advance registration is required, call (248) 738-2500.

HOLIDAY SAMPLER

The Lucile B. Conger Alumnae Group of the University of Michigan hosts its fourth annual market featuring over 30 artisans 9



Gymnasts: Hillary Bracht (left) and Lauren Hamilton perform handstands in their role as acrobats with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Nutcracker" Dec. 12-21 at the Detroit Opera House.

a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Road.

Ann Arbor.

Admission is \$2. For information, call (313) 662-2746.

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DANCE

Dancing in the neighborhoods

'Festival of Dance' spotlights emerging Farmington area

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

On the fifth floor gymnasium above Christ Church on Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit, Barbara Selinger conducts a group of dancers slinking to a bewitching zydeco beat.

Selinger's Detroit Dance Collective has found a home in a rather strategic location in the heart of the region's burgeoning entertainment center, not to mention halfway between heaven and those who cast their spiritual appeals upward.

Back in suburbia at Eric Johnston's Dance Studio in Birmingham, the familiar swell of Tchaikovsky's sugar plum melody rattles the thin walls. It's a conspicuous sign that the former principal dancer of the London Ballet Company is preparing another production of "The Nutcracker."

By dancers' standards, Selinger, 50, and Johnston, 41 — both of Farmington Hills — are past their prime. By any other measure, however, they're not only hitting their stride, they're bringing a community of dancers along with them.

This week, their talent along with other dancers, choreographers and teachers will be on display during the First Annual Festival of Dance in Farmington, a celebration of ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, folk and ballroom dancing.

"There just isn't much recognition of dance, yet we have more and more people interested in dance," said Johnston, who pro-

vided the original idea for the festival. "I want the art to be accessible. It's the only way to build an audience for dance."

The festival will showcase a range of dance while providing a public venue for local dancers. Ten local dance companies, including more than 50 dancers will participate at the Friday evening concert at Farmington High School.

"Some people feel you have to 'understand dance,'" said Selinger. "You just have to open yourself up and let the movement speak to you. It's like looking at an abstract painting. Everyone will go away with a different interpretation."

For those awaiting a sign of a dance revival, take note: prayers answered.

Now listen to the movement.

From the grassroots

The weeklong celebration of dance includes an open dress rehearsal of the Detroit Dance Collective and their concert, "Space, Time and Energy," which combines performances and teaching to students from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Berkley and Waterford school districts.

The festival culminates on Friday with performances by dancers from throughout the Farmington area, highlighted by an appearance of the Dance Collective, featuring Selinger, named 1997 artist of the year by the Farmington Arts Commission.

"The (festival) offers a paradigm for how cities can get together with schools and arts groups," said Steve Weikal, director Oakland County Arts & Humanities Council, which provided a minigrant to the festival.

"In a big city, the cultural

Farmington Festival of Dance
Where: Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, (between Orchard Lake and Power Roads, one block north of Grand River).

Highlights:

■ 5 p.m. — Monday, Dec. 8, "Open dress rehearsal of the Detroit Dance Collective, directed by Barbara Selinger

■ 10 a.m. — Tuesday, Dec. 9, "DANCEABOUT 1997," by the Detroit Dance Collective, a teaching-performance concert for students of Farmington, Berkley and Waterford schools, sponsored by Hudson's Corp.

■ 9 a.m. — Thursday, Dec. 11, a master class in modern dance

■ 8 p.m. — Friday, Dec. 12, a dance concert featuring the Detroit Dance Collective, and dancers from ten studios in the Farmington area, Farmington High School Auditorium.

Tickets: \$5, adults; \$2, students, for information call (248) 474-3174.

activities usually come from art institutions," said Weikal. "In Oakland County, we have a strong community base, people from neighborhoods forming arts groups."

With the Festival of Dance along with Farmington's annual Festival of the Arts and City Founders Parade, the Farmington area is transforming its image as a suburban enclave.

"Farmington, just now, is finding its identity," said Johnston. "Can we make Farmington as artsy as downtown Royal Oak? Definitely."

Already, it seems, the Festival of Dance has become a catalyst for discussions about other art festivals in Farmington, including a film festival. On a pragmatic level, the Festival of Dance offer further proof that there isn't a central cultural district in Oakland County, but "areas of culture," such as Birm-

ingham, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Rochester and the Farmington area.

Participation and interest in the arts throughout the county, according to Weikal, is thriving. He cited 11 community theater groups, 12 art councils and over 100 historic preservation organizations in the county.

For more than two decades, the Farmington area has been home to many arts groups, including community symphonies, theater, dance and fine arts associations. In the mid 1970s, the success of the Farmington Arts Council inspired the state to establish the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Included in the 1976 Farmington Hills charter, for instance, was the establishment of an arts commission, a provision not present in the founding documents of many other municipalities.

Today, the Arts Commission, a



Rehearsing:
David Guzman (left) and Susan Clayton practice their parts for the Farmington Festival of Dance.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

nine-member board, works alongside the restructured Arts Council, composed of representatives from 22 local arts groups with about 1,500 members.

Besides improved communication and networking among the various groups, the collaboration represents a growing populist trend in the arts.

"We have thousands of people saying, 'We want more cultural services in our community,'" said Nanette Reid, who serves on the Arts Commission and the Arts Council.

In the Farmington area, according to Reid, they're building culture from the grassroots.

A master plan

"Many of the community bands, orchestras, choirs and arts groups were here before we were a city," said Dan W. Potter, director of special services, who oversees the parks and recreation department. "The nucleus for the arts has been here. But now, we're speaking with a unified voice."

Apparently, voters are also responding with a unified appeal.

With the overwhelming passage of a millage in November, \$1.6 million will be designated for senior and culture activities over the next 10 years, including funds for a full-time arts coordinator position to be filled in

1998.

Currently, preparations are being made to draft a master plan for the arts in the Farmington area. Once in place, the plan would offer additional art instruction and public facilities. The criterion for drafting the plan includes circulating a community wide survey, conducting focus groups and holding public hearings.

Many Farmington area residents believe there's a need for a community arts center, in addition to the William Costick Activities Center, where many programs are currently held. Reid called the master plan a "first step in working toward an arts center."

A proposed performing arts center at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue is under consideration by the City of Novi, said Reid, who noted that partnerships in the arts could extend beyond city boundaries.

Considering that a new art center may cost as much as \$30 million, Potter is cautious about the possibility. "People aren't in a mood to support additional taxes," he said. "It might be down the line, but right now we're just in the walking stage."

For this week, Potter might want to change his assessment. Clearly, the current stage is all about dancing.

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THEATER

'Shiva Queen' is no Dolly

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Shiva Queen," by Rebecca Ritchie, continues through Dec. 31 in the Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range from \$13 to \$23, discounts available for seniors ages 65 and older, and students, call (248) 788-2900. Special New Year's Eve Performances 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Tickets for the 7 p.m. New Year's Eve performance are \$35, includes champagne and hors d'oeuvres; 10 p.m. performance tickets \$50 also includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres and breakfast. Call for reservations/information.

BY BARBARA MICHALS
SPECIAL WRITER

Despite its intriguing title and billing as a comedy, the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's world premiere of Rebecca Ritchie's "The Shiva Queen" is neither clever nor funny. Instead, a very fine cast does its best with very mediocre material.

Act One is the exchange of letters between two singles who meet through a "personals" ad and write to each other's P.O. box numbers. Lee (Charles McGraw) is a hypochondriac geneticist so afraid of commitment that he hesitates to even give out his name to his pen pal. Shirl (Michelle Mountain), anxious to find a mate, is so wishy-washy that she offers to make herself into anything Lee wishes.

Five years later Act Two finds Shirl has been married and widowed. She now earns a living organizing the shiva, the traditional Jewish ritual period of seven days of deep mourning, for those too grief-stricken to handle the details themselves.

She has been called in to help Roger (John Michael Manfredi),



World premiere: Charles McGraw (left to right), John Michael Manfredi, Michelle Mountain and Joyce Feuring in a scene from "The Shiva Queen."

REVIEW

a successful endodontist who has just lost the wife he adored and turns into a helpless child when pounced upon by his overbearing all-business mother Bess (Joyce Feuring).

Turns out that Bess is some sort of famous fatal expert, and when Lee calls at the house in pursuit of genetic research on the deceased, Bess's domineering personality brings out his devoted servility. Meanwhile, Shirl now has enough self-confidence to quietly stand up to Bess and thus earns Roger's gratitude and affection.

If there is a point to all this, it seems to be suggesting that one should be neither too weak nor too strong-willed. Perhaps there is comic potential here somewhere, but on opening night "The Shiva Queen" drew only an

isolated chuckle now and then. A "Hello Dolly" it is not.

All four players are very talented actors who make their characters as believable as possible, with Mountain meeting the greatest challenge in giving substance to Shirl. Under director Joanna Hastings Woodcock, nearly all aspects of the production seem as fine-tuned as the material allows.

The costuming is sometimes questionable, though. Putting Roger in his pajamas certainly enhances the image of him as a floundering child, but would a man really wear this on his way home just because he'd been staying overnight at the hospital with his dying wife? It's appropriately symbolic that Lee wears a facial mask to keep him apart from the families he interviews, but why a pointed mask that makes him look like a clown?

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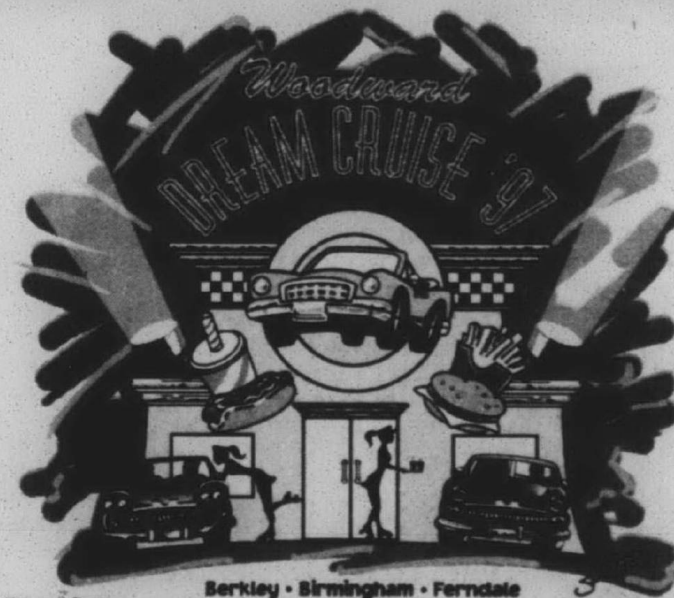
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Cruises take worry out of family trip

BY BETTY SWARTZ
TRAVEL AGENT

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Do we take them or leave them when we choose to cruise.

We're not talking about clothing - we're talking about children, families. Is a cruise appropriate for a family? By all means, so much so that those land vacations of past years may seem like nightmares.

Brochures do a great job of selling romance on the seas and all of the frills to ignite the spark. Yes, cruising is romantic but just imagine having the romance as well as having your children with you and sharing this great vacation experience with them; the memories will last for years to come. Today's families lead a lifestyle that is so demanding, which results in an absence of conversation around the kitchen table. Guilt may at times invade the mind when you're not able to be together, as a family, for any length of time. Consequently, the family vacation is an important event. However, a cruise may not come to mind to fulfill this need but it should be at the top of the list.

Cruising is no longer for older adults waiting in line for the shuffle board. Cruising is for everyone. Most major cruise lines, today, position themselves as family experiences. The extensive programs for children, geared to age groups 3 to 17 years, is indicative of the need to serve the younger set as well as adults. Playrooms, computer rooms and teen discos are just a few of the designated areas for children.

Parents may feel that their children will always want to be with them - just like home. Not so, once they see and meet their peers they will join in the fun provided by trained counselors. In fact, parents may feel abandoned by the children! That's the time they can enjoy being alone and being satisfied knowing the kids are having a great time - as the saying goes, "We're happy when our kids are happy."

Remember those land vacations when everyone wanted to eat at a different fast-food restaurant - those times certainly did not make for a happy

experience. In contrast, a cruise is great for a family - children don't have to eat gourmet food, as in the olden days of cruising. Today, children's menus are available to satisfy the young palate. Pizza parlors and buffet dining (not only for breakfast and lunch but also for dinner) are available in a casual atmosphere enjoyed by children and adults as well. Casual dining on board is becoming quite popular. Mom and Dad can accompany the children to a casual dining area, even prepare for a more formal dinner and get a sitter for the evening, if the ship does not provide evening activities for the kids.

Cruise lines have gone so far as to plan shore excursions geared to families. In fact, one cruise line has Alaskan shore excursions for "children only." Imagine the dinner conversations that night - everyone trying to get a word in about their day!

Yes, cruising is for families. Take the opportunity to expose your children to different places and different surroundings. A cruise will give them all of those experiences and more - watch their independence blossom. You're together but each is enjoying his or her own thing.

Prices are reduced for a third or fourth person sharing a cabin (sometimes a standard cabin will accommodate a fifth person, depending on the cruise line. Many of the new ships have family suites; they are not plentiful, so booking early is a must for those accommodations.

Don't forget the extended family. How long has it been since you were all together with Grandma and Grandpa, aunts, uncles and cousins? A cruise is a perfect vacation to get the family together for a happy and memorable time. Let the fun begin and start planning for that hassle-free vacation - a cruise.

Betty Swartz is a master cruise counselor with Cruise Selections Inc. of Troy. She can be reached at (248) 643-6868 or on the web at <http://www.cruiseelections.com>

Families enjoy kid-friendly cruises

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When someone mentions going on a cruise, the first thought might be of a romantic get-away - just the two of you. Or, maybe, if you're single a cruise is a chance to meet a stranger across a crowded deck.

But many people are finding that a Caribbean cruise makes the perfect, all-inclusive family vacation.

"We've never vacationed without him and didn't consider not taking him," said Suzanne Colvin, explaining why she and her husband, Dan, took their 3-year-old son, Thomas, on a cruise.

The Colvins of Farmington Hills sailed for four days in April on the Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Sea to the Bahamas and Key West. And while they enjoyed adult activities, Thomas had his own appointments to keep.

"They had a kids program every evening from 8 to 10 p.m. There was a special room where he could go and play just for 3- to 5-year-olds. They did crafts and talent shows. He looked forward to it. He got to play with other children," Colvin said.

Cruise lines have always emphasized that they take care of everything from dining to recreation to sleeping arrangements for a worry-free vacation. But the marketing has usually been directed toward couples, singles and older travelers.

Recently the trend has moved toward promoting family excursions (see the accompanying article by travel agent Betty Swartz). Even DisneyWorld offers a cruise ship/resort package.

"Every evening he went to the kids program was the perfect time for us to take in the show," said Colvin. "We had an early dinner, went to the show and picked him up."

For older children, like Julie and Scott Feintheil, going to the floor show was part of the fun.

Carol Feintheil of Bloomfield Hills treated her family to a cruise on the Sovereign of the Sea in February as a Christmas present. The family included Julie, 10, Scott, 12, husband, Jerre, and Jerre's parents, Gene and Lucy Feintheil.

"It was wonderful," Carol Feintheil said. "One entire level was devoted to children. There was a game room with ping-pong, a billiard table. There were activities all afternoon and evening, so if parents wanted to shop or take a nap they could, the children were under teen supervision, and the teens came from all over the country."

She said the children chose their own activities and made some new friends on board.

And when the children wanted to join the adults, they could.

"They took in two shows. The early shows were at a family level, no profanity, the jokes were understandable," Feintheil said. "There were jugglers and a unicyclist. It was fun and nicely done."

The children were also invited to attend the Captain's Dinner where they were served non-alcoholic drinks.

Marc Alent of Farmington Hills said his family enjoyed their first cruise in 1995 so much they went again in 1996.

"It was wonderful," Alent said. "We loved it so much we went again and will go again this year if prices are right. We had never been on a cruise before, but Carnival was offering a special deal, adults were about \$700 apiece but children free and the second year the kids were only \$129."

Alent, his wife, Grace, and children, Jeffrey, 9, and Diane, 7, sailed on Carnival's Sensation both times. Like Royal Caribbean, Carnival offers special programs appealing to children, called Camp Carnival.

"They would wake up and didn't want to be with us, they wanted to get to the programs," Alent said. "They ran from 6 a.m. to 10 at night. Certain other nights were sleepovers. The kids enjoyed it. It was well supervised and well organized."

Alent said his children also enjoyed the floor shows. He said the first two shows were "clean enough we could take the kids." A third, midnight show, was identified by Carnival as for adults only.

Children can also take in the shore programs.

Colvin said Thomas loves the water and Beach Day at Royal Caribbean's private island was his favorite. He also enjoyed the port stop at Nassau.

"We made the mistake of not bringing a stroller. But we went to an aquarium in Nassau and there was a lot of stuff for him to do," Colvin said.

She was expecting Thomas' brother, Jimmy, at the time of the cruise and she said when Jimmy, now 3-1/2 months old, is old enough she would consider another cruise.

The Feintheils also took a tour of Nassau by taxi and visited the zoo and botanical garden. But the Feintheil children also enjoyed the all-day beach party on Coco Beach best of all.

The Alents took different routes on each cruise - Jamaica, St. Martin, St. Thomas, Cozumel and Nassau were stops.

"They enjoyed it, but they had more fun on the ship," Alent said. "Ocho Rios (in Jamaica) was good for kids because they



Family affair: Carol Feintheil, left, treated her family to a trip on the Sovereign of the Sea. Pictured, left to right of Carol, are husband Jerre, Scott, Lucy, Julie and Gene Feintheil.

climbed on the waterfall."

24-hour pizzeria, just in case.

And for those who worry if their children will eat on a cruise ship, Alent said he encouraged his children to try something different every day, and they liked it. But the Sensation also had a

For information on family programs by Royal Caribbean, Carnival and other cruise lines, contact a travel agent.



Sensational time: The Alents enjoyed their trip on the Carnival Sensation. Mark and Grace Alent and children, Diane and Jeff, liked it so much they went again.

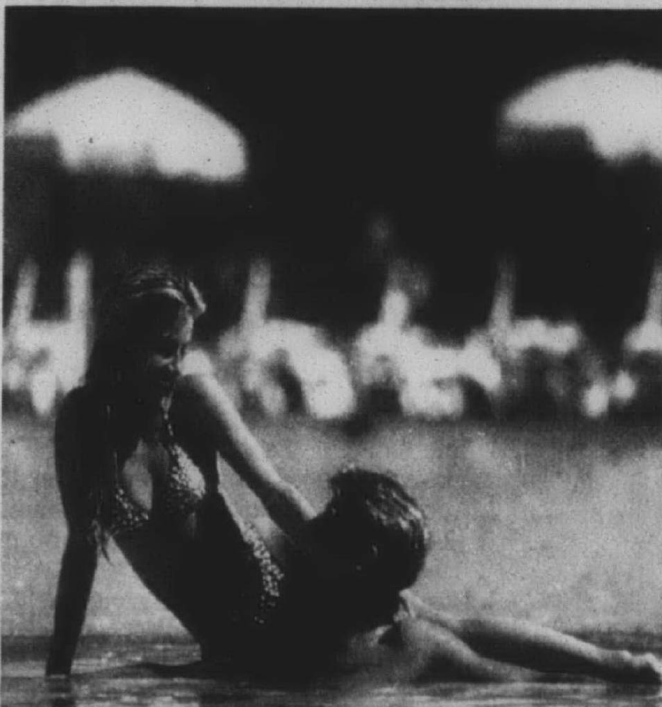
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

New coaching post

Kim Miller, a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem HS, has been named as an assistant gymnastics coach at Bowling Green State.

A standout at Eastern Michigan, where she will earn her Bachelor of Science degree this month, Miller was honored as a Mid-American Conference senior gymnast. At Salem, she was the first state all-around champion in gymnastics from either Salem or Canton HS.

Miller has worked at Splitz Gymnastics Center in Canton this past summer, improving her skills in communication and behavior while working with children of all ages.

At Bowling Green, she will work with gymnasts on the balance beam and floor exercise; she will also take an active role in recruiting while she pursues her Masters degree in communication technology/graphic design.

On top

The under-19 Livonia Youth Soccer Club United girls team, members of the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League, collected the first-place trophy for the fall season. LYSC United allowed just four goals all season.

Team members are: Colleen Scanlon (West Bloomfield); Olivia Nellums (Farmington Hills); Claire Lockhart (Northville); Christine Broda and Lisa Reissenweber (Plymouth); Nicole DeDominicus, Kristen Esparza, Liz Krawczyk, Jenine Lawson and Luba Steca (Livonia); Lindsey Erickson (Brighton); Meg Gorsline (Milford); Shannon Konarski and Tracy Moore (Highland); Cheryl Luther (Flat Rock); Tracy (Mac) McIntyre (Woodhaven); Abby Muysenberg (Saline); and Pam West (Canton).

The team is coached by Mike Esparza, with Malcolm Pledge and Larry Moore as team trainers and Bill Erickson as team manager.

•Anyone interested in playing for the LYSC United under-19 girls team, with a birth date between Aug. 1, 1979 and July 31, 1983, and would like to be notified regarding next season's tryouts should call (313) 464-9114.

Going strong

Siena Heights men's basketball team continues to pile up the wins, and Dan McKian, a 6-foot-6 junior from Plymouth Salem, continues to be a main contributor.

The Saints won five-straight games against some pretty formidable foes before losing, 84-83, to Wayne State Nov. 29.

In a 99-90 win over Saginaw Valley State Nov. 25, McKian had 16 points (on 7-of-9 floor shooting) and six rebounds. In the loss at Wayne State, he led Siena Heights with 19 points and nine boards.

For the season, McKian is averaging 13 points (third among the Saints) and 7.3 rebounds (second) while converting 61 percent of his floor shots (first) and 79 percent of his free throws (second).

Siena Heights was 7-2 going into last weekend's games.

Wolves wanting

The Waco Wolves, an 10-and-under boys travel baseball team, will be having tryouts for the 1998 season throughout the winter.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

Floor hockey sign-up

The Detroit College of Business Athletic Booster Club is seeking teams to compete in its indoor floor hockey league on Sunday afternoons, starting Jan. 18.

All games will be played at the Sheridan Recreation Center, on Pardee in Taylor.

Cost is \$550, which includes all expenses for a 10-game regular season plus playoffs, including referees fees, gym rental and trophies.

For further information, call Kevin Brazell at (313) 581-4400, ext. 389, or at (313) 562-5033.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Returning veteran: Bhavin Patel saw plenty of playing time last year as a junior. As a senior, he'll help lead an experienced group of Rocks toward their collective goal: a WLAA title.

Rebuilding job facing Canton could take time



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Time's up, Dan Young.

The Plymouth Canton basketball coach is entering his fourth season as head coach, and for the first time he's doing so without a proven, dangerous

Those were the days . . . and not so terribly long ago (last year, in fact), when Canton challenged for the WLAA basketball crown. This season, it could be a challenge for the Chiefs from start to finish.

lineup.

"We're kind of redoing the whole thing," said Young, who has taken Canton to one Western Lakes Activities Association championship, three-straight WLAA Tournament titles (they've won four in a row) and a pair of state district tournament champi-

onships.

In his three previous years, six players have gone on to play college-level basketball.

What the Chiefs lack this year is that stand-out kind of talent. Only one player returns from last year's top seven: Joe Cortellini, a 5-foot-11 junior guard who averaged about seven points a game, with a high of 21 vs. Farmington Harrison.

"He's a good shooter and a smart player," said Young.

Six seniors have graduated. One who's back is Eric Larsen, a 6-4 post

player who saw limited playing time last season. "He's a good rebounder and a good athlete," said Young.

Replacing those six graduated players, from a 16-7 team, will not be easy. Young admits it will take time to develop his team and determine roles.

"It's a new group, but they're working hard," he said. "I have a lot of young kids. They're good players, they just haven't been through it yet."

"I think we'll see a real lot of

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Madonna still rolling

Madonna University's women's basketball team continued its stellar play, jumping on top of visiting Albion College by 20 points by halftime Thursday en route to an 85-53 non-conference triumph.

The win pushed the Lady Crusaders' record to 5-2. Albion is now winless in five games.

Again, junior guard Katie Cushman — who was named Wolverine-Hoosier

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Athletic Conference player of the week after averaging 28 points and 7.5 assists in two victories — helped jumpstart Madonna.

Cushman scored 15 points (on 6-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-4 on three-

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Borgess reaches C final

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Kalamazoo Christian basketball coach Bill Hoffman could stand watching the film of Redford Bishop Borgess' Class C state quarterfinal game against Sandusky.

He probably won't ask to see reruns of Friday's semifinal between his team and Borgess, played in Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

Borgess sprinted to a 31-9 halftime lead and cruised in the second half to a 77-36 victory before 1,310 fans.

The win put the Spartans, 26-1 overall, in the finals for the fourth time in the last five years. They played the winner of Friday's other semifinal between Hancock and Shelby in the championship game Saturday.

This wasn't the same Borgess team Hoffman saw on film methodically beat Sandusky, 41-26, three days earlier.

"I thought coming in we had a shot based on what we saw on film," Hoffman said. "What we saw tonight. They didn't shoot a lick against Sandusky and tonight they shot the way they're capable of every night. We also saw tenacious half court defense."

Borgess made 30 of 47 (64 percent)

and limited the Comets to 10 of 44 (23 percent), including 2 of 14 in the first half.

Borgess enjoyed a 34-25 rebounding edge and had 14 steals that led to fast break points. Junior forward Tiffany Simon had a game high 19 points and senior forward Koren Merchant had 18 points on 8 of 9 shooting.

Senior guard Christina Anderson had 12 points and six assists and junior forward Shermaine Drake had nine points and six steals.

The Borgess attack was so strong it needed only six points and five rebounds from Miss Basketball Aiysha Smith.

Borgess has now beat its six playoff opponents by an average margin of 35.7 points. A 19-point win over Riverview Gabriel Richard in the region semifinal was the closest margin.

"I think we're the best team in the state so we should beat everybody by 35.7 points, I guess," said Merchant. "In practice, coach (Dave) Mann told us our motto was, 'in defense we trust.' If we don't make our shots its alright, just make sure they don't make one."

Candace Kool scored 11 points for the Comets, which finished 23-4 overall.

Frontrunner?

Hopes high for Salem

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Ever get that feeling someone's staring at you?

Ever get that feeling a whole bunch of people are staring at you? In fact, did you ever have that feeling so bad that you thought for sure there was a bull's eye tattooed on your backside?

By now, the Plymouth Salem basketball team must know what it's like. For most of Bob Brodie's 13 previous years as head coach, and for most of the time his predecessor (Fred Thomann) spent in the same position, the Rocks have been on top of the Western Lakes Activities Association — or at least very near it.

So the pre-season revelation that, geez coach, everyone's going to be gunnin' for you came as no big surprise.

"Salem's always someone to shoot at," admitted Brodie.

This season promises to be no different. If there were a pre-season coaches' poll in the WLAA, the team most would pick to succeed defending champ Walled Lake Central would be Salem.

With only two players — graduated seniors Andres Lopez, now playing for Madonna University, and Nate Gray — missing from last season's 18-6 squad, the Rocks seem a good choice.

But Brodie's not one to take things for granted. "The mark of a good team is meeting the expectations other people have of you," he noted.

Or maybe surpassing them? It's possible — after all, Salem was second in the WLAA a year ago, and the

Rocks defeated Plymouth Canton in the state district tournament, to move up to the regionals, where they lost to Detroit Central.

Can they go even further now, with a highly experienced team? "In my opinion, they've got to stay focused," Brodie said. "They've got to stay determined. They can't live on past laurels."

"Don't be distracted; stay focused."

The WLAA isn't shaping up as a league that will make such objectives easily procured. But Salem has the stuff to gain a title.

It starts with six returnees, all of whom saw some starting time last year. Indeed, Brodie has six three-year varsity veterans on his current squad.

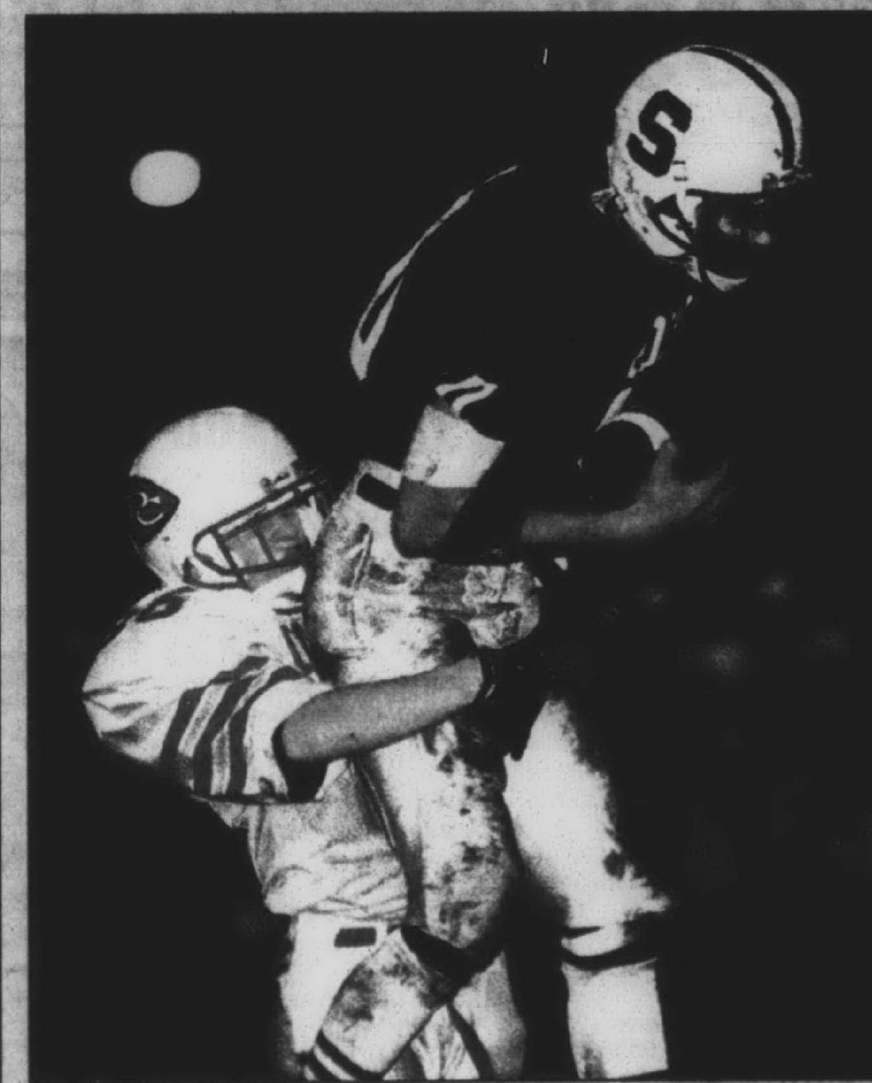
The leader of the pack is 5-8 senior point guard Andy Power. As a junior, Power averaged 13 points, four assists and four steals a game while garnering all-Observer and all-conference honors.

Other seniors who could fit into a starter's role are Jeff McKian, a 6-4 forward who averaged nine points, six rebounds and three assists a game; Matt Mair, a 5-11 guard who averaged seven points and two assists; Bhavin Patel, a 6-2 guard who averaged seven points and five rebounds; and Tony Bernhardt, a 6-2 forward.

Those five give Salem a solid nucleus, but there are others. Like Ben Szczepanski, a 6-7 returning senior center, and juniors Mike Korduba, a 6-5 forward (six points, four rebounds), and Tony Jancevski, a 6-9

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Salem star: Plymouth Salem safety/wide receiver Jeff McKian, seen catching a pass while defended by Canton's Jason Carson applies the tackle, was named to the all-Observer football team as a first-team defender. For more on McKian and the rest of the all-Observer selections, turn to E6.

OBSERVERLAND BOYS BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

CC could emerge as Observerland power

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

There are no 'Guessing Games' in area boys high school basketball for the first time in four years.

Lorenzo Guess, and his twin brother LaVelle, have gone on to college from Wayne Memorial high school.

That's a loss for fans of quality play and good kids, but feel no pity for Coach Chuck Henry of the Zebras.

Henry has coached more than 300 winners during his superlative high school career and a good two-thirds of them came before the Guess brothers appeared on the scene.

"This is the first year without Lorenzo in four years," said Henry, who loses four of five starters to graduation. "The first year in three without the others. They played as sophomores."

"We'll coach the kids who are here, and hopefully teach them some good things. The greatest thing is to see them succeed when they go on."

"You love to see them get degrees and be successful in whatever they chose."

All of Wayne's departed starters have gone on to college ball, not surprising since the core of the team produced some 60 victories in three years and were habitually regional champions.

With Lorenzo Guess now apparently in line for some significant playing time as a fresh-

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man at Michigan State, the mantle of the area's best player falls to Michigan-bound center Chris Young of Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks have a nice mix of size, speed, post play, inside strength, experience and youth. They should be a poll power all season long.

Whether they emerge as a state power won't be known until March. Because CC is in the state district at Detroit Redford again this year and Redford has four starters back from the team which bumped them off last year.

Livonia Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson are in the second seasons for new coaches Rick Austin, Dan Robinson and Tim Newman, respectively.

All three must replace 3-5 starters but all three report positive things happening in their programs as they seek to restore Livonia basketball to a place of prominence in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I think Romulus is just loaded," said Henry, who is in the highest level (Red Division) of the Michigan Mega Conference. "I'm sure Plymouth Salem is looking for a big year with all the returning people they have."

"You have to start with who has the most coming back. Those are two that I know of."

"Our (WLAA) conference is going to be very strong again," Franklin's Robinson said. "I think Salem has to be a front runner. Walled Lake Central and Farmington Harrison will both be very tough as well."

"It's going to be a competitive league. We're really going to have to play well and play as a team to be successful."

"There are a lot of good programs in our league, where coaches do a good job of teaching the kids, teaching fundamentals. That's what we're trying to establish at Franklin."

Churchill's Austin believes "Salem has got enough to run away with the conference title, but it's going to be real close for the next few spots."

"It's going to be interesting. Our kids feel they can play with anybody now."

Stevenson's Newman feels the WLAA is blessed with "quality teams and quality kids. Walled Lake Central has to be the front runner. They've got just about everybody back."

"The Plymouth schools, Canton and Salem, will be tough and Westland John Glenn has good athletes."

"You've got to be ready every night. And that's fun."

Westland John Glenn has the talented Eric Jones, a sophomore who after just one season has become one of the area's top talents.

The Rockets will have guards and young frontcourt personnel

and might be a team that will be a lot tougher by February. John Glenn suffers from being in the same division of the WLAA as Salem and Walled Lake Central but that could be a blessing by season's end.

Rick Coratti at Detroit Catholic Central has the same goals his WLAA counterparts have — a conference title, post-season tournament and the state tournament.

"We take it a step at a time and build it from there," he said. "The Detroit Catholic League is important to us. And we're the three-time defending champions. The state tournament is important to everyone. You build to that."

Part of that building is putting some meat in your pre-conference schedule. This year Coratti has CC in the River Rouge holiday tournament (Dec. 26-27).

"That should be tough. River Rouge and (Detroit St. Martin) de Porres are in and we play de Porres in the opener."

"Redford Bishop Borgess is

going to be very good. (Warren) DeLaSalle is supposed to be pretty good and Birmingham Brother Rice is a big rival for us — besides all the others."

In the Metro Conference, Lutheran Westland's Ramthun believes "Hamtramck will probably be the favorite again. (Grosse Pointe) University-Liggett and (Harper Woods) Lutheran East will probably be right up there also. That looks like the top three."

Bill Ohlsson takes over for Tod Bartholomew at Huron Valley Lutheran. He tabs Fairlane as the team to beat in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

He has 18-point scorer Jeremy Zahn, who holds the school single-game record of 43 points, as his key returnee.

"It should be different this year," Ohlsson said. "There is a new attitude and the guys are working hard. We're a balanced team with nine players. We're fast but not big."

Rules changes of note include not permitting players to

encroach on the paint area (the lane) during free throws until the ball touches iron.

Teams also had a full timeout taken away, replaced with a pair of 20-second timeouts, during which players must remain on the floor.

"I don't think the rules changes are going to matter," Coratti said. "The biggest one is the free throw rule."

"It's going to be interesting with the 20-second timeout. It could be a momentum changer. There are a lot of times in game where you want to stop the game. That's going to be nice."

The new free throw rule, Austin said, could aid quickness.

"We enforced it at summer camp," he said. "It livens things up in the key on free throws. It used to be that the defensive team challenged for most of the rebounds."

"It's not going to be that way. Guys with quick hands and quickness will be getting a lot of buckets off free throws."

"Kids will learn. They're flexible and they adapt."

TEAM-BY-TEAM ANALYSIS

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Chuck Henry, 21st season.
League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (Red Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, vs. Canton.

Last year's overall record: 24-2 (District, Regional champions).

Notable losses to graduation: Lorenzo Guess (MSU), LaVelle Guess (Kalamazoo Valley CC), Richard Rashad (Saginaw Valley), Rodney Hurst (Albion).

Leading returnees: Karl Calloway, 6-2, forward; Brian Williams, 6-2, guard.

Promising new starters: Quentin Turner, 6-7, forward; Shomari Dunn, 6-3, swing; Reddick Borkins, 5-8, guard; Alf Williams, 6-2, forward.

Henry's 1997-98 outlook: "I think it's going to be a fun season. There's a challenge. It's almost like a mystery — even I don't know what's going to happen."

"We're an untested team. And our schedule is the toughest it's been since I've been at Wayne."

"Our early schedule includes two of the top five teams in the state — Romulus and River Rouge. Plus we play Belleville, Ypsilanti, Willow Run and Inkster."

"It's going to be fun from the standpoint that every game is going to be a challenge."

"I say it's going to be fun. I hope it's going to be fun."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Rick Coratti, fourth season.
League affiliation: Detroit Catholic League (Central Division).

Season opener: 7:30 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

Last year's overall record: 15-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Marc McDonald (Loyola, Ill.), Matt Martinez (Madonna), Brian Teesey (Wayne State football).

Leading returnees: Chris Young, 6-11, center (transferred to Michigan); Joe Janna, guard; Nick Moore, 6-1, junior, guard; Dave Lusky, 6-2, junior, guard/forward; Don Slankster, 6-3, forward.

Promising newcomers: Rob Sparks, 6-2, sophomore, guard; Justin Ockerman, 6-9, freshman, center.

Coratti's 1997-98 outlook: "We have a chance to be a pretty good team, if things fall into place. If all the young kids come along."

"With Chris, Nick Moore and Joe, they played almost 32 minutes a game last year, so the kids have a lot of experience. And everybody's healthy."

"It's going to be spread around a little more with Marc McDonald gone but we'll probably go to Chris a little more. He was our second-leading scorer and should emerge this year."

"Chris improved between his sophomore and junior years and he's improved again. He's getting stronger. He's finishing up almost everything inside now."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Mike Schutte, fourth season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, at Ann Arbor Huron.

Last year's overall record: 9-13.
Notable losses: David Jarrett, John Becker, Brad Wilde graduated. Returning starter Justin Berent will miss season with a football knee injury.

Leading returnees: Jason Crofton, 6-1, forward; Reggie Spearman, 5-10, junior, guard; Eric Jones, 6-0, sophomore, guard; James Harden, 6-2, forward.

Promising newcomers: Ty Haygood, 6-4, junior, forward; Yahu Moton, 6-7, sophomore, center; Cornelius Murray, 6-3, junior, forward; Devin White, 6-0, junior,

guard; Stevon Lawson, 6-0, junior, guard.

Schutte's 1997-98 outlook: "The kids have worked real hard. They're doing a real good job in practice and seem to be coming together real good. They're working together well."

"There's a brand new attitude. We should be competitive this year."

"We'll be quick. We'll run. We'll get it down the floor real quick with our guards. And we should be able to do a good job under the boards."

"The key to our season is how well we stay together. If we play as a team and hustle, create some mistakes and capitalize on them, we'll do all right."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Rick Austin, second season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, vs. Dearborn.

Last year's overall record: 3-18.
Notable losses to graduation: Shawn Woloszyn, Kevin Renaud, Matt Van Buren.

Leading returnees: Corey Cook, 6-3, forward; Dale Smith, 6-2, forward; George Keithas, 6-3, junior, guard; Lamar Smith, 6-1, guard; Eric Uhlinger, 6-0, guard.

Promising newcomers: Randall Boboige, 6-0, sophomore, guard; Ryan Kearney, 6-1, junior, forward; Michael Kennedy, 6-5, junior, center; Ryan Vickers, 5-10, junior, guard; Justin Jakes, 5-11, junior, guard; Jeff Palazzo, 6-0, junior, forward.

Austin's 1997-98 outlook: "We're a lot more athletic than we were last year."

"We've developed a nice core of athletes. Our seniors, led by Corey Cook and Smith, will be excellent post-up players."

"I think so far they've done an excellent job in the low post, screening and blocking out and doing the fundamental things."

"Our best outside threat, Lamar Smith, has really improved his jump-shooting ability."

"Randall Boboige looks to be a good offensive threat as well. He's got great range and jump shooting ability."

"Right now the kids want to work hard. They believe they can finish in the top three in their (WLAA) division. Their goal is to make the conference tournament at the end of the season, be one of the top eight teams."

"Defensively, we'll continue to be aggressive: Our defense kept us in games last year."

"Now that we've developed some offensive firepower, we look to be much more competitive."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dan Robinson, second season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, at Garden City.

Last year's overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Matt Bauman, Pete Sosa, Paul Terek, Mike Kilz.

Leading returnees: Nick Mongeau, 5-8, guard; Brian Facione, 6-3, guard; Eddie Wallace, 6-0, guard; Jay Fontaine, 6-3, forward.

Promising newcomers: Dustin Kuras, 6-4, junior, forward; Jacob Goedde, 6-3, forward.

Robinson's 1997-98 outlook: "We lost a lot from last year, of course, by losing a Division I player plus several other key players."

"We're definitely not as big as we were last year. However we should be quicker. We need to use that to our advantage."

"We're inexperienced, so I've been telling people we're teaching an old dog new tricks."

"We can't really play the way we have in the past. The faster we pick that up, learning the new styles, the more successful we can be."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Tim Newman, second season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, vs. Wyandotte.

Last year's overall record: 6-14.
Notable losses to graduation: All five starters — Scott Babinski, Ed Szumanski, Tyrone Davidson, Wayne Bowers, Mike Potempa.

Leading returnees: Mike Blazaitis, 6-0, guard; Bill Bauer, 6-1, guard; Bryan Schief, 6-3, forward; Mike Voutsinas, 6-4, forward.

Promising newcomers: Dave Stando, 5-11, junior, guard; Matt Freeborn, 6-0, junior, guard; Ryan Tobin, 6-2, junior, forward; Brett Koch, 6-2, junior, forward; Paul Bowers, 6-4, junior, forward; Brian Vermillion, 6-4, junior, forward; Marty Kennedy, 5-10, junior, guard; Brad McCrory, 6-0, junior, forward; Keshia McChristian, 6-0, sophomore, guard.

Newman's 1997-98 outlook: "We just want to keep improving."

"The league itself was a little bit more balanced last year. There seems to be a bigger split this year. There are a lot of teams with a lot of kids returning. We're not one of them."

"It's how quickly they can buy into what we're doing and improve, so we can be competitive. That's what we're looking for at this point. Our kids are working real hard right now, and that's encouraging."

"We'll pretty much do what we did last year — go up tempo when we can, picking and choosing our spots. We'll run a variety of defenses, depending upon whom we play, what we need to do."

"We have very little game experience, so we don't know how quickly these kids are going to come around."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Dan Ramthun, second season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Season opener: 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, vs. Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Last year's overall record: 11-10.
Notable losses to graduation: Joe Pruchnik, Kevin Wade, Ben Meyer.

Leading returnees: Brad Woehike, 6-5, forward; Jake Hatten, 6-0, guard.

Promising newcomers: Scott Randall, 5-9, guard; Tom Habitz, 6-2, junior, forward; Jason James, 6-0, center; Dustin Campbell, 5-8, guard; Brian Spoljarick, 6-0, guard.

Ramthun's 1997-98 outlook: "We're a smaller, inexperienced team than a year ago."

"But overall we're a quicker team. We could be a better overall ball-handling and shooting team. Hopefully our team quickness and speed might allow us to do some different things from a defensive standpoint."

"If we get there (11-10) again, it would be a pretty good accomplishment."

"But we've got a lot of seniors, they've been working pretty hard and they're pretty good leaders. So who knows?"

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Bill Ohlsson, first season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Season opener: 7:30 p.m., Tues., Dec. 9, vs. Taylor Light & Life.

Last year's overall record: 1-18.
Notable loss to graduation: John Nielson.

Leading returnees: Jeremy Zahn, 5-10, senior, guard; Tom Husby, 5-10, senior, guard; Jared Ridenour, 6-0, senior, center; Nick Wisniskie, 5-8, senior, guard; Jason Bytner, 6-1, junior, forward; center; Adam Davidson, 5-10, junior, guard; Brian Johnson, 6-4, junior, center; Pat Hoepner, 5-10, junior, guard.

Promising newcomers: Alan Kleinke, 5-11, sophomore, forward/center.

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High roller indeed: Bowler gets back-to-back 300 games



AL HARRISON

Everyone knows that it takes 12 strikes in a row to bowl a 300 game. Easy to say, but not very easy to do.

A perfect game requires a lot of skill, concentration and perhaps a certain amount of luck. The long string of consecutive strikes creates an excitement in this sport that is truly unique to bowling.

Even with the high-tech equipment available to bowlers, the 300 game is still quite a feat — but what about two in a row? It happened last week at Bowl One Lanes in Troy by 63-year old Hurston "Wally" Wallace.

Wally started play in the Frank Gave Supply Senior Classic League with a 220 game, and yes fellow bowlers, that is a decent game. Now the rest of the story.

Wally finished the first game with three strikes and went the rest of the day without having to make a spare for he kept throwing strikes — 27 in a row.

He admitted he was just hoping to achieve his first 800

series, which he did with an 820, but around the middle of the last game, he started thinking about another 300.

Wally credits Bud's Pro Shop in Waterford for setting up his Columbia "Boss" just right. The right equipment at the right time can do some amazing things on the lanes.

Wally, a Lake Orion resident, does not know if his feat set any records for a senior league bowler, or for any bowler at the tender age of 63.

•The All-Star Bowlerettes at Cloverlanes in Livonia also had some 300 games to get excited about as Hall-of-Famer Aleta Sill rolled a perfect game last Monday in the first game.

When asked how many perfect games she had recorded, Sill responded "about 26 or so, I think." Even with that many 300 games the thrill is still there and it makes for an exciting evening.

The evening became more exciting when Detroit's Rose Edwards fired her very first 300 game. Edwards, who is a fifth grade teacher, is a veteran bowler and this was her greatest thrill.

Edwards is a member of the Riverside Ford Team which had enjoyed a perfect game several weeks earlier, courtesy of team-

mate Gwen Finley.

Edwards was averaging 191 in the league, but her 724 series will boost that average up a bit.

Lisa Bishop gave the gals a run for the money with 279 and 278 games and a 763 series, but that was topped by Karen Hagan's 783 series, which included a 269 game. Other top games were turned in by: Mickey Webb, 279; Consuela Cleveland, 269; Lisa McLennahan, 256; and Carmen Allen, 256.

It was a hot time on the lanes last week.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Super Bowl (Canton): Super Tuesday — Todd Spitz, 299/748; Rick Lang, 290/764; Jim Jenson, 270/726; Dennis Archer, 269/784; Jack McGrall, 267/734; Mickey Higham, 269/715; Terry Edwards, 258/718; Mike Troy, 244/725.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth): Powertrains — Dale Ling, 277-198-214/689.

Waterford Men — Tom Truxal, 266-266-233/765; Mike Langston, 254-233-226/713; Andre Roy, 244-204-243/691; Russ Belanger, 279-255-227/761; Rich Planko, 266-205-255/726; Jon Demeter, 237-243-224/704; Bob Healy, 245-267/703; Chuck Morris, 235-235-225/695.

Keglers — John Turseil, 248-245-256/749; Den New, 247-231-233/711; Jim Griffin, 208-247-233/688.

Guys and Dolls — Josh Lanning, 242-258/691.

Burroughs Men — Glen Kime, 258-229-237/724.

St. Colette's Men — George Cadovich, 257-278/728; Greg Meister, 244-245-203/692; Ted Bushey, 242-247/683.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford): Good Neighbors — Stella Samocki, 199-196/553; Gail

Galitz, 220/552.

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic (Nov. 26) — Bill Britton, 279/629; Phil Horowitz, 238-217-227/682; Roy Lince, 246-255/693; Howard Davis, 215-238-212/665; Tom Pawlowski, 268/648.

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic (Dec. 2) — Walt Arsenault, 214-245-266/725; Jim Hunt, 245/604; Ted Kress, 234-215-223/672; John Bierkamp, 246-225/652; Phil Horowitz, 247-255-269/771.

Friday Seniors — Owen Southard, 229/655; Gene Pike, 235/650; Chet Zajac, 239/632; Roger Dinsmore, 243/603 (85 pins over avg.); Stan Wesner, 235/600.

Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland): Intercity Mixed — Chris Brezovsky, 261; Kelly Rusinek, 649.

Saturday Night Mixed — Tiffany Harvey, 703.

Thursday Gals — Tammy Wilbur, 600.

Men's Friday Night Invitational — Robbie Cook, 300; Bill Reynolds, 300.

Wednesday Merchants — Derrick Jasper, 300.

Men's Junior Classic — Rick Arbogast, 300; Kurtis Paul, 298.

Thursday Night Men's Trio — Jim Gaines, 300/801.

Saturday Morning Teens — Evan Relich, 644; Chad Campbell, 244/637; Darrin Turner, 224/649; Jason Horden, 245/628.

Saturday Morning Preps — Jamie Garrett (age 6, 65 avg.), 154; Brittany Burke, 107.

Westland Bowl: Tri-City Invitational — Rich Spautinn, 300/593; Mike Mitchell, 279/803; M. Anderson, 259; P. Coshatt, 255; J. O'Donnell, 289; N. Domingues, 257; John Hurley, Jr., 845; Lew Ansara, 300; Lee Snow, 300.

Coca Cola Majors — Mike Hiltunen, 224; Andrew Copland, 221; Thomas Hislop, 212/559; Crystal Trongo, 194; Amber Trongo, 175.

Garden Lanes (Garden City): St. Linus

Classic — Ron Latimer, 280-279-279/838 (his first 800 series, 31 strikes); Jim Barina, 237-228-224/689; Matt Dailey, 223-236-222/681; Mark Williams, 216-214-235/685; Mike Tomiak, 255/659; Frank Bollinger, 205-258-215/678; Darrin Bollinger, 236-235/670; John Adomitis, 205-246-208/659.

Cloverlanes (Livonia): All-Star Bowlerettes (Nov. 24) — Mickey Webb, 276-201-267/744; Julie Wright, 253-214-225/692; Sandy Winbigler, 258-227/681; Tina Barber, 237-246/679; Rose Edwards, 202-212-257/671.

All-Star Bowlerettes (Dec. 1) — Rose Edwards, 300; Aleta Sill, 300/734; Lisa Bishop, 279-278/763; Mickey Webb, 279; Consuela Cleveland, 269.

St. Adrian's Men — Dave Golen, 243; Tony Kaluzny, 216-244/651; Mike Polasky, 218; Joe Naujokas, 220-212-209/641; John Schickwe, 224.

FeMoCo Thursday — Wayne Walters, 276/727; Bill Freeman, 256/741; Keith Hall, 266/717; Cull Collins, 255/720; Dave Diomed, 241/710.

Redford Rollers, Women — Marie Burg, 206; Bridget Pletcher, 199/538.

Alley Cats — Jan Milian, 242/619; Debbie Morgan, 204; Estelle Wozniak, 201.

Monday Detroit Edison Mixed — Annette Wilson, 265/658; Sue Deneau, 256/609; Connie Krawczyk, 245/595; Scott Bruning, 279; Larry Stier, 278.

Telcom Men's — Ken Nikkila, 695.

Northwest Teachers — Lois Hosmer, 217; Syl Taylor, 211/524; Alice Andre, 205/529.

Thursday Junior House — Erik Okerstrom, 300/760; Lou Rup, 289; Tony Golchuk, 289; Sam Johnson, 288.

Ladies of Moslem — Barbara Guteskey, 230/557; Robin Grover, 230; Rose Morgan, 227/573.

Moslem Shrine Men — S. Guteskey, 279/724; C. Garack, 267; Dan Turner, 267/652; Tom Kelly, 267.

Bowlerettes — Kathy DeLuca, 257/639; Colleen Baranowski, 242; Tammy Terzano, 232; Susan Maynarich, 232/588.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Ford Parts — Dennis Weatherford, 268-279-236/783; Mark Wenzel, 678; Pete Rizzo, 675.

Jacks and Jills Mixed — Joe Morge, 688; Nathan Olli, 277.

Senior House — Dennis Weatherford, 203-265-259/727; Chris Niemiec, 268-258-270/796; Ed Grace, 736; Mark Payne, 736; Doug Spicer, 722.

Midnight Mixed — John Hurley, 242-236-236/714; Gene Piotrowski, 672; Phil Puczkowski, 654; Eric Schmitt, 263; Steve Hatch, 289/712; Shawn Stanchina, 248/701; Tim Rose, 650.

Gay 90's (seniors) — Cliff Parker, 248; Olga Kwasniuk, 237/585.

Friday Kings and Queens — Don Chambers, Sr., 712.

Saturday Mixed Doubles — Dave Krivits, 739.

Men's Trio — Jim Knoll, Sr., 299.

Bator's Bar — Mike Hitchcock, 300/760; Jim Gagleard, 279/726; Jim Strange, 266/706; Tom Sturza, 267/699.

Merri Bowl (Livonia): Tuesday Delphi — Bob Truskowski, 245-278-257/780; Jason Dillaha, 241; Larry White, 246; George Finer an, 269; John Wilamowski, 278/717; Rich Biegas, 246.

K of C Daniel Lord — Wayne Lanning, 246-264-237/747; John Stephens, 236-246/673; Al Bushaw, 202-234-289/725; Al Deslippe, 252-236-675; Paul Zimmerman, 201-254-219/674.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia): Night Owls — Wally Szul, 242/704 (170 pins over avg.); Darrin Liptow, 243/671; Ken Hawk, 258/664; Doc Pepper, 645; Jerry Medlinski, 644.

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WRESTLING RESULTS

Plymouth Salem 57 Monroe 21
Dec. 4 at Plymouth Canton

103 pounds: Rob Ash (PS) won on void; **112:** John Mervyn (PS) pinned Eric Nowitzke, 5:40; **119:** Dan Morgan (PS) p. Joe Carte, 1:101; **125:** Kyle Leask (M) p. Justin Bruner; **130:** Josh Henderson (PS) p. Scott Larey, 2:34; **135:** Greg Petrovich (PS) decisioned Nate Booch, 15-6; **140:** Dan Hamblin (PS) p. Adam Pete, :30; **145:** Sam Boyd (PS) p. Mark Cotter, 4:52; **152:** James Greene (PS) d. Josh Braden, 12-5; **160:** Anwar Crutchfield (PS) won on void; **171:** Dave Baker (M) won on void; **189:** Teono Wilson (PS) p. Richard Hoffman, 1:05; **215:** Ken Szydlowski (PS) p. John Ushman, 1:01; **heavyweight:** Leroy Johnson (M) d. Charlie Hamblin, 3-0.

Plymouth Salem 66 Plymouth Canton 18
Dec. 4 at Canton

103 pounds: Rob Ash (PS) p. Kyle Pitt, :54; **112:** John Mervyn (PS) p. Jason Farnsworth, :22; **119:** Dan Morgan (PS) p. Renee Allen, :30; **125:** Justin Bruner (PS) p. Matt Bush, 3:02; **130:** Josh Henderson (PS) p. Scott McKee, :30; **135:** Brent Buttermore

(PC) p. Greg Petrovich, :40; **140:** Dan Hamblin (PS) p. Kevin Stone, 2:18; **145:** Brian Musser (PC) p. Greg Smith, 5:10; **152:** Sam Boyd (PS) p. Dan Shelton, 3:31; **160:** Robert Demisch (PC) p. James Greene, 3:41; **171:** Anwar Crutchfield (PS) p. John Peter, 3:45; **189:** Teono Wilson (PS) p. Larry Anderson, :43; **215:** Ken Szydlowski (PS) p. David DeMoss, 2:24; **heavyweight:** Charlie Hamblin (PS) p. Jared Chapman, :38.

Salem's overall record: 2-0.

Redford Thurston 48 Livonia Franklin 31
Dec. 4 at Dearborn Fordson

119 pounds: Lawrence Haddad (RT) pinned Adam Hughes, 1:23; **125:** Matt O'Neill (RT) decisioned Dan Hughes, 22-8; **130:** Derek Azopardi (LF) p. Justin Nomura, :46; **135:** Aaron Haddad (LF) p. Eugene Antonelli, 2:00; **140:** Jeff Usher (RT) d. Dave Fry, 9-4; **145:** Ryan Shiplett (LF) p. Alex Aguis, 2:20; **152:** Jeremy Rockwell (RT) p. Al Duff, 2:51; **160:** Eric Toska (LF) d. Hazen Longthorne, 12-10 (overtime); **171:** Mark DeLaFuente (RT) p. Brad Tibus, 3:15; **189:** Tim Baron (RT) d. Steve Myslinksi, 7-5; **215:** Bryant Lawrence (RT) won on void; **heavyweight:** Andy Garbacz (RT) won on void.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 8
Farmington at Wat. Mott, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.
(PCA Eagle Kick-Off Classic)
Franklin Road vs. Westside, 5:30 p.m.
Zoe at Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at Luth. W'sid 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farm. at Lapeer West, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Gallagher, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Fairlane Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Light & Life at Marshall Jr. High, 7:30 p.m.
(PCA Eagle Kick-Off Classic)
Ply. Christian W. Highland, 5:30 p.m.
Det. Academy vs. Macomb, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
PCA Eagle semifinal, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Dearborn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Fordson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
L'Wsd at Annapolis, 7 p.m.

Lakeland at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Monroe at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
PCA Eagle semifinal, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at MLHS Tourney, TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Andover at Farmington, 2 p.m.
PCA Eagle championship, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at MLHS Tourney, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Madonna at Wayne State, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Owens Tech, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
OCC at K'zoo Valley Tourney, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
OCC at K'zoo Valley, 2 or 4 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 11
Wayne State at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Madonna at Lake Superior, 5:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Dec. 7
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
Ply. Whalers at North Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Ply. Whalers at Sudbury, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 14
Ply. Whalers at Toronto, 1:35 p.m.

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Coup for Michigan baseball: Trzos signs letter of intent

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

One way or another Jeff Trzos is headed for a dream team.

The 6-foot-5 North Farmington left-handed pitcher has signed a national letter of intent to throw baseballs for the University of Michigan next fall.

"Over 130 colleges were recruiting Jeff to play baseball," said his father, Ron Trzos. "All the top 20 that you hear about all the time. The southern schools were really after him."

"Ninety offered him a complete education. He really had a choice."

It's that way when you're left-handed, buzz a fastball in excess of 90 miles per hour — with control — can break off a nice curve and mix in a changeup.

But first the multi-talented athlete must negotiate his senior year of high school ball. And maybe a professional baseball contract after that.

The major league teams are more than a little interested.

Right-handers who throw in the 90s can be found on every big-league roster. Lefties who can bring it are as rare as January sunshine in Fairbanks, Alaska.

"I'll listen, definitely," Trzos said. "I'm anxious. You're not really sure where you're at until the draft comes around."

"It would be hard to turn down a college education, though. That would be a tough decision. Luckily, I've got a couple of months to make it."

Coach Geoff Zahn of Michigan, who last year lost recruit Ryan Anderson to the pros, has a bundle of hot prospects in his bid to make the Wolverines a national power in collegiate baseball.

"He's made the recruiting coups of the century," Ron Trzos said. "He's telling people if football equals Pasadena, baseball equals Omaha (site of the College World Series)."

Among the recruits Zahn has allegedly assembled are Andy Brown, a southpaw similar to Trzos from Bloomington, Ind., and possibly another North Farmington southpaw, Kirk Taylor.

David Parrish, a catcher like his famous father Lance, has a shot to start as a freshman this spring, and the Wolverines reportedly have a hotshot shortstop, Scott Touse, a junior college transfer.

Brighton's Drew Henson signed a

football tender, but his pitching and hitting credentials probably will get him drafted in the first round by some team.

"I hope the pros don't get too many of them," Ron Trzos said. "I'd like to see them take Michigan back to its former glory. But the money is just incredible."

Trzos has gotten a lot of help from Jeff Kaiser, former Major League pitcher who now helps kids out of the Downriver Baseball Center.

Kaiser is a left-hander who's seen the ups and downs of major- and minor-league life. He pitched with Oakland, Detroit and Toronto as well as in the Tigers minor-league system.

"He's really a nice guy," Ron Trzos said. "Jeff started seeing him some time ago. He really made some very demonstrable strides."

"He helped me with my mechanics overall," Trzos said, "my balance, weight transfer, arm motion, making sure I'm square to the plate when I follow through."

Trzos has made the necessary adjustments at every level to get where he is today. Now he's got to push even harder to continue his climb.

Coming from a family of athletes and scholars should help there.

Ron Trzos played baseball as a youngster but couldn't get anywhere with it, because "I ran in the same spot too long, as they say."

Older brother Bill preceded Jeff at North Farmington and is majoring in criminal justice, with an eye on an FBI career, at Michigan State University. An older sister also went to MSU, graduating in microbiology and psychology.

Staying close to family is one of the things that influenced Jeff to stick close to home with his choice of a college.

Michigan won out over UCLA, Pepperdine, Stanford and Florida Atlantic.

"The Florida schools all said, 'You're going to be playing the top teams in the country if you sign with us,'" Ron Trzos said. "The Texas and California schools all said, 'You're going to be playing the top schools in the country if you sign with us.'"

"But Zahn said, 'We're going to play the best schedule we can (in the spring), then come back and play in the Big Ten and try to get to the College World Series.' They're going to play all the

teams he would have been playing anyway."

"It's a great school, academically. A degree from Michigan means a lot," said Trzos, who intends to major in sports management or communications if he ends up with the Wolverines.

"The money will be there after college," he said. "Look at (Michigan right-hander) J.J. Putz. He'll get a lot more money after three years of college."

Trzos started banging whiffle balls at the age of 3 in the backyard of his family home in the Kalamazoo area.

"We had a blue chalk line," Ron Trzos said. "And a home run fence. Every night we played home run derby. Eventually, we had to move into the front yard."

"I always loved it," the son said. He was at the U-M baseball camp Saturday, getting a jump on spring ball. Not that he isn't already an employee at the Sports Academy, a job that allows him the luxury of using its batting cages and being able to work out indoors.

"I've got to keep working," he said. Good way to stay ahead of the game.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

DATES/DEADLINES

BASS

Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31.

DEER

The second archery season runs to Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading seasons are Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will be held Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

DUCKS

Duck season runs through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs through Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

MUSKIE

Muskie season ends Dec. 15 on Lake St. Clair the St. Clair River and the Detroit River.

PHEASANT

A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan through Dec. 15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

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BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE

The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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BIRDING BASICS

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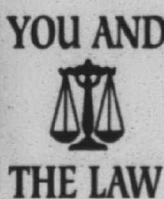
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FOOTBALL

1997 ALL-OBSERVER FOOTBALL TEAM

LINEMEN

Sr. Brian Lewis (6-1, 250) Farm. Harrison
Sr. Noah Swartz (6-5, 288) John Glenn
Sr. Matt Lawson (6-6, 290) Liv. Franklin
Sr. Mike Fisher (6-3, 255) Farm. Harrison

TIGHT END

Sr. Don Slankster (6-3, 225) Redford CC

WIDE RECEIVER

Jr. Ricky Bryant (6-1, 155) Farm. Harrison
Sr. Justin Villanueva (6-4, 190) Clarenceville
Soph. Eric Jones (5-11, 183) John Glenn

QUARTERBACKS

Sr. Jared Hopkins (6-3, 200) Harrison
Sr. Adam Tubaro (6-2, 198) Redford CC

RUNNING BACKS

Jr. Reggie Spearmon (5-9, 175) Wd. Glenn
Sr. Chris Dueweke (6-1, 225) Redford CC
Sr. Anthony Grech (5-9, 185) Liv. Franklin
Sr. Kirk Moundros (6-2, 205) North Farm.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Jr. Brett Foster (6-1, 205) Farm. Harrison
Sr. Chuck Spolsky (5-11, 200) Redford CC
Sr. Matt Struble (6-2, 195) Farm. Harrison
Sr. Mike Carroll (6-1, 215) Redford CC

LINEBACKERS

Sr. Sean Heard (5-10, 225) John Glenn
Jr. Mike Hoad (6-1, 200) Farm. Harrison
Sr. Sean Clark (5-11, 215) N. Farmington
Sr. Joe Sgroi (6-0, 215) Redford CC
Sr. Brett Wells (6-2, 215) Liv. Churchill
Sr. Brett Burleson (6-0, 190) Ply. Salem

SECOND TEAM

LINEMEN

Jr. Rob Alderton (6-0, 210) Redford Union
Sr. Mike Davidson (6-0, 215) Redford CC
Sr. Chris Gadjew (6-0, 240) Farm. Harrison
Sr. Ben Yowell (6-1, 235) Farmington
Sr. Tim Baron (5-8, 205) Red. Thurston
Sr. Kyle DiFatta (5-11, 172) Lutheran Wld.
Sr. Kevin Mroczka (6-1, 240) Ply. Canton

TIGHT END

Jr. Ryan Tobin (6-1, 175) Liv. Stevenson

QUARTERBACK

Sr. Justin Berent (6-6, 200) John Glenn

RUNNING BACKS

Sr. Chris Ghanam (5-7, 175) Harrison
Soph. Mike Macek (6-0, 215) Red. Union
Sr. Chris Opalka (6-0, 230) St. Agatha
Jr. Walter Ragland (6-1, 195) Clarenceville
Sr. Jake Hatten (5-11, 172) Lutheran Wld.
Sr. Kevin Jordan (6-0, 180) Red. Borgess
Jr. Cameron Mingo (5-9, 175) Wayne
Sr. Nick Dedeluc (6-0, 190) Red. Thurston

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Jr. Bryan McGhee (6-1, 235) Harrison
Sr. Anwar Crutchfield (5-7, 175) Salem
Jr. John Ashire (6-1, 190) Redford CC
Jr. Lou Willoughby (6-0, 230) Redford CC

LINEBACKERS

Jr. Casey Rogowski (6-3, 215) Redford CC
Sr. Matt Walker (6-2, 200) Farm. Harrison

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Sr. Kareem Smartt (6-0, 165) Harrison
Jr. Dave Lusky (6-2, 195) Redford CC
Sr. Charlie Leverenz (6-0, 185) Wayne

PUNTER

Sr. Jason Hamilton (6-1, 180) Redford CC

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jim O'Leary-North Farmington High School

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Stevenson: Chris Goins, Dave Tuer, Jason Sarge, John VanBuren, Dan Shay, Chris Dattolo; **Franklin:** Bryan Regner, R.J. Tibus, John Furmanski; **Churchill:** Vinnie Asclone, Nick DePerro, David Derigiotis, Ryan Kearney, Corey Cook; **John Glenn:** Jake Tharp, Louis Krause, Ryan Franks, Matt Biddinger, Chet Rees, Eric Goldston; **Wayne:** Terry Turner, Jim Colainne; **Clarenceville:** Tim Atkins, Josh Fritsch, Craig Rose, John Schiffman, John Wallace; **Lutheran Westland:** Scott Archer, Jason James, Matt Meyer, Bob Fox; **Farmington:** Todd Richardson, Nick Colson, Steve Economy, Mark Ostach; **Harrison:** Jason Sharp, Joe Ghanam, Tom Salley; **N. Farmington:** Matt St. Charles, Amran Gowani, Kent Taylor, Tom Moran, Nathan Boji, Lance Sitto; **Salem:** Charlie Schmidt, Eric Peterson, Teono Wilson, Jason Lukasik, Matt Fair, Tony Bernhardt, Andy Kocoleski; **Canton:** Mark Popejoy, Nick Allen, Eric Frazer, Brian Musser, Corey Reardon; **Thurston:** Nick Murchison, Hazen Longthorne; **Scott Genard:** Redford Union: Eric Newton, Adrian Beaver, Nick Vaghy, Clint Stroble, Matt Rigley; **St. Agatha:** Tyuan Maddox, Tim Kennedy, Wesley Shaw, Shaun Manar; **Redford CC:** Nick Berezinski, Joe Saah, Justin Cessante, Brocc Nay-smith; **Garden City:** Mike Wrobel, Chris Barner, Matt Carson.

BY DAN O'MEARA
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North Farmington's football program had struggled through losing seasons in recent years, but the Raiders came roaring back in 1997.

After finishing 1-8 a year ago, North Farmington rebounded with a 6-3 record this year.

It was the school's first winning season since 1991 and a fitting farewell to coach Jim O'Leary, who retired after 15 years as head coach.

O'Leary has been named Observerland Coach of the Year for the job he did getting the



Jim O'Leary
N. Farmington

Raiders turned around this year.

"I couldn't have written a better script unless we had won one more game," O'Leary said. The Raiders would have made the Class A playoffs if they had. "We had a winning season with a team no one expected to have a winning season. The kids played as hard as they could and believed in themselves. It was a great group of seniors to graduate with."

O'Leary, 55, will continue to teach biology classes at North. He coached football there for 33 years and had a 75-61 record as a varsity head coach.

Observerland can boast of having the Class A and AA state champions, and the coaches of those teams, John Herrington (Farmington Harrison) and Tom Mach (Redford Catholic Central), deserve recognition, too.

Herrington's Hawks (13-0) won the Class A crown and their eighth state title. Mach's Shamrocks (12-1) are the AA winners and five-time state champions.

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Brian Lewis, lineman, Harrison: Lewis was a three-year starter on the offensive line, playing center the last two years, and called all of the blocking schemes.

He also started two years on defense, moving from end to tackle this year. Lewis had 63 total tackles and led the team with eight sacks. His last game, in the Silverdome for the state championship, might have been his best. He had eight tackles, stole the ball from a Midland Dow back to set up a TD and recovered another fumble.

"He was a great team leader; we could always count on him," coach John Herrington said. "He was a leader on and off the field. He always knew who to block and was very tough to move when playing defense."

Noah Swartz, lineman, John Glenn: Swartz was a devastating blocker and dominating player at offensive tackle. He made nearly every post-season honor team and will play college ball. Toledo has already offered a scholarship.

"He's one of the best linemen we've ever had at John Glenn," coach Chuck Gordon said. "He has good balance, quick feet. He just keeps getting better and better."

Matt Lawson, lineman, Franklin: Lawson was a two-tackle for the Patriots and a repeat selection on the All-Observer first team. He carries a 3.3 grade point and is destined to play college ball. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Toledo and Michigan State have expressed interest.

"He was the No. 1 guy on our team and one of the reasons we did have some success," coach Rick Lee said. "He was a lot more aggressive this year. He got after people; he was quicker and stronger."

Mike Fisher, lineman, Harrison: Fisher was a three-year starter at right tackle on offense and a major reason the Harrison offensive line was so effective and highly regarded by opposing coaches.

He was a force on defense, too. As a two-way tackle, Fisher helped make the Hawks strong against the run. He was fourth on the tackle chart (67) and third in sacks with six.

"He's a big-time prospect," Herrington said. "For a lineman, he could operate in the open field whether blocking or tackling. He was a captain who led by example, a very solid player."

Don Slankster, tight end, Redford CC: Slankster wasn't just a blocking tight end. He caught 28 passes for 485 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was second in scoring behind Chris Dueweke.

"He probably made more big plays for us as a receiver than anyone I can remember," Mach said. "He made tremendous catches when we needed them. When we got down, we usually went to him; he was so reliable. His speed and hands really made him a threat."

Ricky Bryant, wide receiver, Harrison:

Bryant was Harrison's big-play, deep-pass threat. A three-year starter on offense, he had 42 receptions for 858 yards and nine touchdowns.

He also returned punts and kickoffs. He had a punt return for a TD and one rushing touchdown. He was third in scoring with 72 points.

Bryant has also started for two years at free safety. He was first in interceptions (five) and fifth in tackles (65).

"Overall, Ricky is the most talented player on our team," Herrington said. "I think he has a chance to make All-America next year. That's saying a lot, I know, but he has the talent. He'll be a four-year starter, and not even John Miller did that."

(Miller played four years on the varsity from 1981-84 but didn't start as a freshman.)

Justin Villanueva, end, Clarenceville: He caught 26 passes for 919 yards and eight touchdowns. He also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and averaged 27 yards per kick return, 19 on punts.

Villanueva was an outside linebacker on defense and made 36 tackles.

"He's an electrifying football player," coach Chuck Donaldson said. "He was a threat to go all the way every time he touched the ball. He mixes size with speed; he's 6-foot-4 and runs well."

Eric Jones, wide receiver, John Glenn: There was no such thing as a sophomore jinx for Jones, who made 38 catches for 597 yards and six touchdowns.

"He was excellent at catching the ball in traffic," Gordon said. "He was a key guy on our team; he was a game-breaker. He just got better as the year went along."

Jared Hopkins, quarterback, Harrison: Hopkins was a three-year varsity player who became a starter this year and performed as well as Harrison quarterbacks before him, leading the Hawks to an eighth state championship.

He completed 59 percent of his passes (100 of 169) for 1,691 yards and 19 touchdowns. His TD pass to interception ratio was nearly 3-to-1 with just seven picks.

"He had an outstanding senior year, and he was a good team leader," Herrington said. "He was very good at throwing out of the pocket. He handled the offense well and made some excellent automatic calls."

Adam Tubaro, quarterback, CC: Tubaro also stepped into a starting role as a senior and led the Shamrocks to a state championship. CC was more of a passing team, too, with Tubaro throwing for 1,229 yards and 17 touchdowns with only five interceptions. He completed 86 of 163 pass attempts for 53 percent. Tubaro also rushed for 223 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's like an extra coach on the staff," Mach said. "He does such a fine job of leading and setting an example for the rest of the team. He has all the qualities to become a good quarterback in college. He made plays when we had to have them."

Reggie Spearmon, back, John Glenn: Spearmon carried the ball 219 times for 1,259 yards and 11 touchdowns. It was his second-straight season over 1,000 yards. He also caught 13 passes for 100 yards. Spearmon played defense, too.

"We ask an awful lot of our tailback," Gordon said. "He rarely came off the field. He played well all the way around for us."

Chris Dueweke, back, Redford CC: Dueweke duplicated the role of the hard-running back in CC's ground-oriented offense and was the go-to guy for most of the season. He rushed for 1,025 yards and 13 touchdowns on 233 carries.

"Chris gave us a strong, inside running game," Mach said. "He upheld that tradition of a strong fullback at CC. He did a tremendous job, showing toughness, getting an extra yard when we needed it."

Anthony Grech, back, Franklin: A three-year varsity player, Grech broke six school rushing records. He set career standards for rushing attempts (527) and yardage (2,563), season marks for carries (218) and yards (1,141) and single-game records for carries (36) and yards (222).

He has the third-longest touchdown run in school history (80 yards). Grech rushed for seven touchdowns this year and had one receiving touchdown. He also had 1,432 all-purpose yards.

"He was our most explosive back since Joe Ransley," Lee said. "He worked hard to get ready for his senior year and was very dedicated."

Kirk Moundros, back, N. Farmington: Moundros set a single-season rushing record with 1,399 yards and 13 touchdowns on 226 carries, breaking Todd Anderson's mark of 1,353 yards.

He also returned kicks and punts, caught 16 passes and set another single-season record with 2,041 yards in total offense. His two-year total of 3,254 all-purpose yards is a career record, too.

"He was the difference this year on offense," O'Leary said. "After the first game, everybody knew who was going to get the ball, and teams still had a difficult time stopping him."

"He was a great team player. He never cared about individual stats; he had no idea," until the end of the year, he was close to any kind of record. He just went out and played the game like it's supposed to be played."

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Brett Foster, lineman, Harrison: Foster, the strongest player on the Harrison team, started at left guard and defensive end.

He's a former fullback who volunteered to fill a need on offense as a sophomore.

Foster was tough against the run, finishing third with 71 tackles. He also recovered a fumble for a key touchdown in the WLA championship game and had an interception.

"He was outstanding at pulling and blocking on the corner," Herrington said. "As a defensive end, he was very tough to move. His technique was excellent."

Chuck Spolsky, lineman, Redford CC: Spolsky was a two-year starter who played offensive guard and defensive tackle. He had 58 tackles (20 solos) and five sacks. His interception in the state final led to CC's first touchdown in a 23-7 victory.

"He was a great two-way player," Mach said. "He has great quickness and tenacity; a couple times he almost dominated the game. He played much bigger than he was. He did a heckuva job against people who outweighed him."

Matt Struble, lineman, Harrison: Struble became a two-way starter this year and played well on both sides of the ball as an offensive guard and defensive end.

He made it difficult for opposing backs to get upfield, stringing out a play to the sideline. He made 65 tackles and was second in sacks (seven).

"He comes from a family of good football players," Herrington said. "He was the smallest of our linemen but did an outstanding job. He could stop the screen pass and was a good pass rusher. He stayed home to handle the reverse and counters."

Mike Carroll, lineman, Redford CC: Carroll was a tough, aggressive player at defensive end and a major reason the Shamrocks were so good on defense again. He made 82 total tackles (21 solos), including six sacks.

"He has great speed, a nose for the ball and great tenacity," Mach said. "He doesn't know when to say quit. You've got to love a guy like him who wants to get to the ball that bad. He chases guys down and does whatever is necessary to get the job done."

Sean Heard, linebacker, John Glenn: Heard was his team's leading tackler for the second year in a row with 61 first hits and 63 assisted tackles.

A three-year varsity player, he also played some fullback on offense, rushing for 126 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's a very smart player who really knows the game," Gordon said. "He's tough, physical and a good blocker."

Mike Hoad, linebacker, Harrison: Hoad was his team's leading tackler with 95 total hits (56 solos) and three sacks. He also had two interceptions.

Hoad has started for two years at tight end, making 15 receptions for 326 yards and five touchdowns this year.

"We think he's one of the best linebackers we've ever had," Herrington said. "He has tremendous sense for where the ball is going. He's one of our toughest hitters on defense — and he's coming back!"

Sean Clark, linebacker, N. Farmington: Clark was the leading tackler in Oakland County with 70 solo stops and 61 assists. His 268 defensive points broke a 25-year-old team record (210).

He also had five sacks, blocked two kicks, caused four fumbles, recovered two fumbles and had one interception. He started for three years on the offensive line.

"When he steps on the field, he's totally different," O'Leary said. "He's not the mild-mannered kid I see in the hallway or classroom. He's totally focused."

"He's probably the best linebacker I've ever coached because of his dedication. His knowledge of football, the amount of time spent studying film, is beyond anything we've had."

Joe Sgroi, linebacker, Redford CC: Sgroi was the heart of the CC defense at middle linebacker, leading the Shamrocks with 102 tackles. He was a blocking back on offense but also carried 23 times for a 7.1 average and one touchdown. Sgroi was CC's long snapper, too.

"When he hits you, he hits you with great authority," Mach said. "He was the emotional leader on defense. He's also a very intelligent player. He made the calls on the field and the adjustments to different formations teams would give us."

Brett Burleson, linebacker, Salem: Burleson was a three-year starter and a three-time, all-division player. He led the Rocks with 98 total tackles from his middle linebacker position. As a fullback, he rushed for 264 yards on 56 carries.

"He's one of the few three-year starters we've had (in 25 years)," coach Tom Moshimer said, adding Burleson was the captain of the front seven. "He had to read formations and get us in the right places. He'll certainly be hard to replace after three solid years."

Brett Wells, linebacker, Churchill: Wells was his team's leading tackler with 53 first hits and 30 assisted tackles. He also played tight end and made 12 receptions for 223 yards and three touchdowns.

Wells caught the attention of recruiters and will likely play some college football. "Any improvement we made is largely attributable to Brett," coach John Filiatrault said. "He anchored our defense and was our go-to guy on offense."

Zack Cornwell, back, Harrison: Cornwell, who played quarterback as a freshman and golf as a sophomore, returned to football as a junior and became a two-way starter as a senior.

As the monsterback, he had 38 tackles and four interceptions. As a fullback, he



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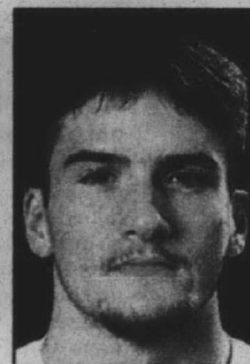
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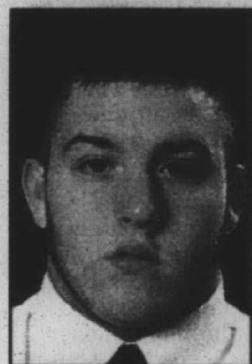
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finished a lot of scoring drives. He rushed for 582 yards and 17 touchdowns on 81 carries. He was the leading scorer with 154 points, which included three field goals; he was 31-of-34 on extra points.

"He's one of our toughest hitters," Herrington said. "He's probably, pound for pound, the meanest kid on the team. He's a tremendous competitor. We call him Bulldog in baseball, and that's what he is in football."

Joe Jonna, back, Redford CC: Jonna did a little of everything for the Shamrocks as a defender, receiver and return specialist, and he could have played quarterback if needed. He had six interceptions, 18 solo tackles and 17 assists. He also caught 20 passes for 304 yards and three touchdowns.

"Joe is one of those very, very smart athletes, always in the right place at the

right time," Mach said. "On defense, he wasn't the fastest or quickest guy in