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THE WEEK AHEAD

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MONDAY

Giving season: Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate \$25 to the adult or youth collection. A book-plate will help identify your donation. Call the library, 453-0750, Ext. 213.

TUESDAY

Think ahead: The city recreation department will take soccer registration for the spring season beginning in January at the recreation office, 525 Farmer St. Call 455-6620 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

Closings: The city of Plymouth offices will be closed today, Christmas Day, and the day after, Friday, Dec. 26. The township of Plymouth offices will be closed today, Christmas Day and Friday, Dec. 26. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrative offices will be closed beginning Christmas Eve and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5.

Be reminded: Your Plymouth Observer will be delivered today, a day earlier.

THURSDAY

Merry Christmas: But keep it safe by avoiding drinking and driving during the holidays. And be sure to buckle up when you're visiting family and friends today.

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Cliques tell their story

BY RENEE SGOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Six Salem seniors dressed in black, all humanities students, sat on the floor talking in front of the Michelangelo display they had just set up. They wore black to identify with the artist and advertise the display, not to affiliate themselves with any clique, they said.

At the Park, dress often defines clique members. Black leather, for instance, may mean you're a Marilyn Manson Kid. Part choice and part stereotyping, cliques are part of adolescence.

A student perspective

"My friends and I are the 'hard asses,' and we hang out in the Pit," said Kelli Zink, 18, of Plymouth Township, one of the humanities students. "This is how we're perceived, the 90210's, like ditz."

Zink, a cheerleader, admits her group likes to dress preppy - skirts, dresses and jeans and sweaters - but she says she's more than what she wears. "I'm a nice person. People generalize about us, but we're individuals. Some girls may be snotty and mean, but we're all individuals, nice, intelligent."

Nicole Nauman, 18, of Canton has played lots of basketball and volleyball at Salem. Her friends are into sports. "We have our own little lunch table. We like to show off our letter jackets."

Canton seniors Brandon and Trevor Anulewicz, both 18, of Plymouth Township, like being involved with school and getting good grades. Brandon painted a scene from Michaelangelo's "The Creation" on the white sheet that makes up the display's ceiling.

Brandon likes to do "something crazy and wild" but "that doesn't mean drugs." His friends are into skiing, mountain climbing and lifting weights. "I don't know what we're called," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNegie

Identification: Adam Cruz (left) says he's stereotyped because he wears lots of black, while friend Marcie Gottschalk says her clothes mean "comfortable."

The group says there are definitely cliques at the Park. They're quick to offer personal observations on a few, like the "Tree People," the smokers who hang out by a large tree on campus. "They're very inconsiderate," said Trevor Anulewicz. "They spit in the halls. It's an example of their inconsideration."

Canton senior Megan Maczko, 17, of Plymouth Township adds some leverage to the conversation about Tree People. "It's not by any means the entire group. If you talk to these groups, they'll say some negative things about us."

The group concludes that "everyone needs a spot to fit in." Trevor Anulewicz adds that cliques have a positive value if students can transcend the stereotype images. "If you can go past that face value it can teach you to be more accepting of others. It can teach you about yourself. Very few kids make that effort."

Please see CLIQUES, A4

Budget hauler likely to continue

■ The city will negotiate a new contract with budget trash hauler Painter-Ruthenberg, which means the \$1 bag-tag system is likely to continue.



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The \$1 bag-tag trash system is likely to continue, as city officials have begun talking about

a new garbage contract.

Municipal Services Director Paul Sincok said the bag-tag system has encouraged residents to recycle and has kept trash-hauling costs down.

"Is this the best system that you know of?" Commissioner Joe Koch asked.

BAG-TAG SYSTEM

"The bag-tag system is expanding nationally. It has in essence reduced disposal costs," Sincok said.

But Koch and some other commissioners said residents have told them that the city's budget-priced trash hauler sometimes tosses recyclables into garbage trucks along with regular trash.

"Is that happening? Yes," Sincok said. "When we get complaints we notify the contractor."

"If it has happened it's an isolated situation," said Robert Matzo, Painter-Ruthenberg general manager.

He said that trash trucks would pick up recyclables during construction this summer, if it was hard to get a truck

Please see TRASH, A6

Township woman claims racial bias at U-M

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A white Plymouth Township woman who claims racial discrimination against the University of Michigan won't likely get her day in court until 1999.

But that's not unusual for such a court case, said Terry Pell of the Center for Individual Rights in Washington, D.C.

He's representing Barbara Grutter in her suit against U-M.

Grutter maintains the university violated her constitutional rights by accepting minority students for admission to U-M's Law School based on race, while denying her admission even though her test scores were higher.

Pell said Grutter thought about filing suit after she read an article about four state legislators and their opposition to U-M's admission practices.

She called Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, one of the legislators, and eventually contacted the Center for

Individual Rights, Pell said.

"I believe myself to be a highly qualified candidate by all admission criteria so naturally I was disappointed," Grutter said. "It was particularly disturbing because the evidence suggests that I did not receive equal treatment in the admission process and that I wasn't accepted because I am of a non-preferred race."

The suit was filed in federal court Dec. 3.

"The university has 28 days to

answer. We'll probably spend roughly a year in discovery," Pell said.

Grutter's suit follows one filed Oct. 14 by the Center for Individual Rights on behalf of two white suburban Detroit students. They maintain they were unconstitu-

Please see BIAS, A6



Betty Grutter

Interest: Gary Phillips (right), who owns Backyard Birds in downtown Plymouth, believes interest in birds never waned. Shoppers aren't waiting until spring or summer to feed birds anymore. Winter has become a popular time, especially as suburbanites seek a return to nature.

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Cold doesn't deter bird feeders

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Winter is for the birds - literally.

If you're one who takes care of our fine feathered friends during the winter, nowadays you aren't alone. Area stores report that business in the

winter booms as more and more people are setting up feeders and baths in their back yards to help those birds who don't head south for the winter.

"Interest is definitely growing in bird feeding," said Marj Ferguson, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Farmington Hills. "We are more

urbanized, but many people want to get closer to nature."

That theory is echoed by Terri Bennett, owner of Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth Township.

"From the first time we opened our doors 18 years ago, people have been asking for birdseed and bird feeders,"

Please see BIRDS, A2

New lights installed

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Four new traffic signals have been approved for Plymouth Township.

The new signals, and possibly even more, are needed due to continuing home building and business growth, township officials say.

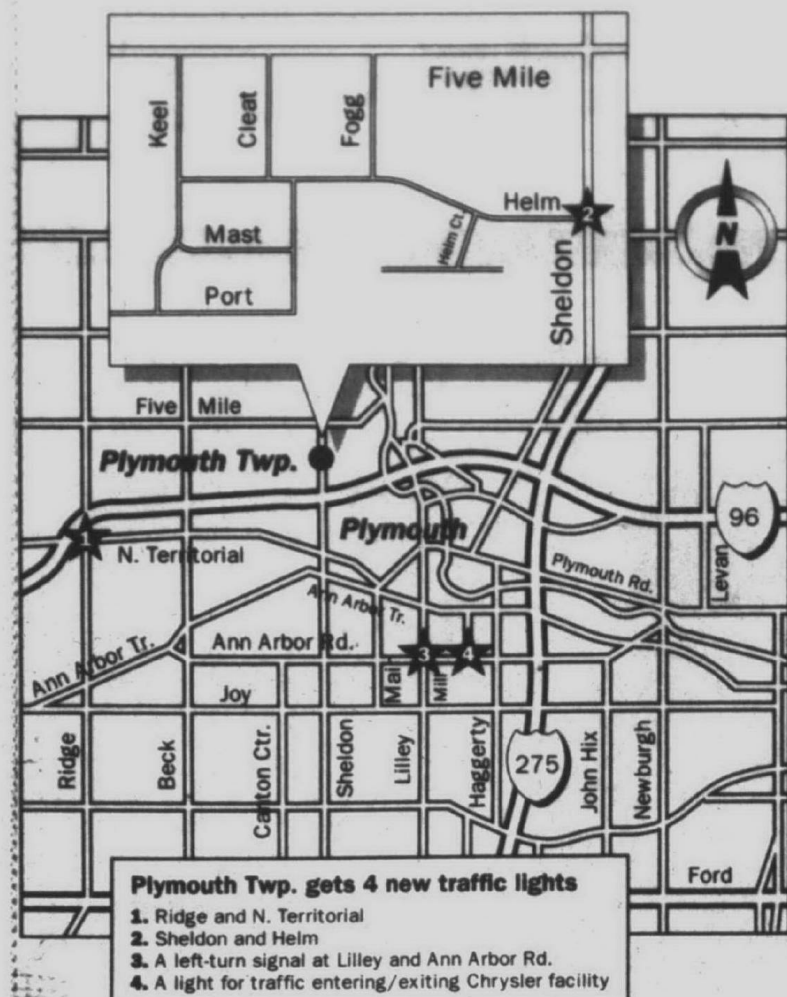
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Here's a rundown on the four approved traffic signals:

■ Wayne County crews on Dec. 9 installed a four-way traffic light at Ridge and North Territorial roads. Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said the light was installed in time for the first Christmas concert of the season at Temple Baptist Church.

The light made for the quicker clearing of traffic following the concert. It took only 20 minutes for traffic to clear Dec. 6 following a show, McCarthy said.

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Birds from page A1

and Bennett. For all ages At one time, bird feeders were thought to be for retired people who had nothing better to do than watch the birds. However, it has become big business because young and old, and

those in-between, are making it a hobby. "A lot of children who have science in school are studying full units on birds and their habits," said Ferguson. "Kids are becoming more interested at a younger age." "Every age is into bird feed-

ing," said Bennett. "Some people think along environmental lines, but for most of us it's for enjoyment. It's nice to hear them in the morning, and it catches on." Gary Phillips, who owns Backyard Birds in downtown Plymouth, believes interest in birds never waned.

"There has always been a love for birds and nature," said Phillips. "I think what has happened is that people have noticed."

No matter what the reason, bird feeding in winter has increased. And, that means more money for area feed stores and pet shops.

"Bird feeding is 15-20 percent of my business in the winter-time," said Craig Eardley, owner of Chaps Feed Store in Livonia.

"We carry a lot of different mixes of bird seed, and this time of year we keep a big supply of bird feeders on hand."

Big business

And if you don't think bird feeding is big business, consider this.

Phillips' Backyard Birds and Ferguson's Wild Birds Unlimited are mainly dedicated to birds and bird supplies. Phillips carries more than 150 different styles of bird feeders, and Ferguson says her count reaches more than 100.

"We not only cater to function, but also to aesthetics as people have different tastes," said Ferguson.

"If somebody wants something slick and sophisticated, I've got

it," said Phillips. "If they want an old country look, I've got that too. And, if they want a high-tech look, I have that as well."

If you're just getting started, bird feeders can range from about \$15 to more than \$200. The top-of-the-line feeder includes a monitor, much like a baby room monitor, so you can hear the birds chirping while feeding.

Food, for one feeder, will cost approximately \$25-\$40 a month.

"There are a lot of different mixes of bird seeds out there as manufacturers see more of a market for it," said Eardley. "We sell a dozen different suet cakes, which contain the fat and energy birds need for the winter. They can be made with berries, hot peppers, peanuts, cherries

and apples."

Seed mix is key

"However, it's not as simple as just saying 'I want to feed the birds,'" said Phillips. "Anyone can throw seed on the ground and attract a lot of birds, but you won't like what you see. You have to know what kinds of birds are attracted by a particular seed mix. And it has to be fresh. The birds will know if it is just filler."

"You can have the greatest bird feeder in the world, but if you don't have the proper bird feed, it won't matter," Phillips added. "Good food, good feeder, good location ... it's not rocket science."

Store owners also report an increased interest in bird baths, fountains and ponds.

"There are not a lot of sources in the winter for birds to get water," said Ferguson. "They can't drink the cold snow or bathe in it, so bird bath heaters and pond heaters are selling well."

A good heater can cost \$30-\$60.

"Bird feeding is more popular because people are really getting into it, and it's enjoyable," said Bennett. "And, once you start, you can't stop because you feel guilty."

Donna McGurk lives on 10 acres in Salem Township, and spends a few dollars at keeping birds coming back.

"I've been doing it ever since I can remember," said McGurk. "I spend about \$25 a month on food. My bird feeders get replaced every other year, at about \$65 each. I probably spend \$600 a year on the birds, but you don't know how much enjoyment we get out of it."

McGurk attracts gold finches, full headed woodpeckers, orioles (which are rare), and hummingbirds (she recognizes the same family) every summer. In the winter, she sets up her feeders for cardinals and blue jays.

Besides bird supplies, there are some related sales that can be attributed to the increase in bird watching.

Lights from page A1

A traffic light was activated Dec. 18 at the Chrysler-Jeep engineering facility on Ann Arbor Road east of the railroad overpass. "Nobody asked us for our input," said Acting Police Chief Robert Smith, adding township officials believe the light isn't warranted.

Still, the Michigan Department of Transportation OK'd Chrysler's request for the light, as the company maintained it was needed to allow employees to safely turn into the facility during peak traffic times. Chrysler paid for it, which sped up installation.

"It's an actuated light," Smith said. "It will be flashing yellow or amber until enough cars stack up to turn left in or out."

After years of asking, township officials are finally getting a left turn signal light at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads. Smith said the light is to be installed in late winter or early spring, when the ground has thawed enough to put new support poles in place.

"That will have a big impact in helping to reduce accidents," Smith said. Work is also

"When people wait too long they become impatient sometimes, they take unnecessary risks. The signal will help alleviate that."

Lt. Bob Smith
—Acting police chief

planned to widen Ann Arbor Road to create right turn lanes onto Lilley in front of township hall and in front of Fox Hills Chrysler.

A traffic light is scheduled for Sheldon Road at Helm Street north of M-14, leading into the Metro West Technology Park. This will ease traffic backups to enter and exit Metro West, Smith said.

"When people wait too long they become impatient sometimes, they take unnecessary risks. The signal will help alleviate that," he said.

Smith said a date for installation hasn't been set, but a work order has been issued, signifying



New: A light on Ann Arbor Road was requested by Chrysler Corp. so employees could turn safely.

the signal will be installed.

Township officials are also seeking traffic signals for both the north and south sides of the

railroad tracks at Beck north of M-14. "The traffic coming in and out of there is huge in the mornings," Smith said.

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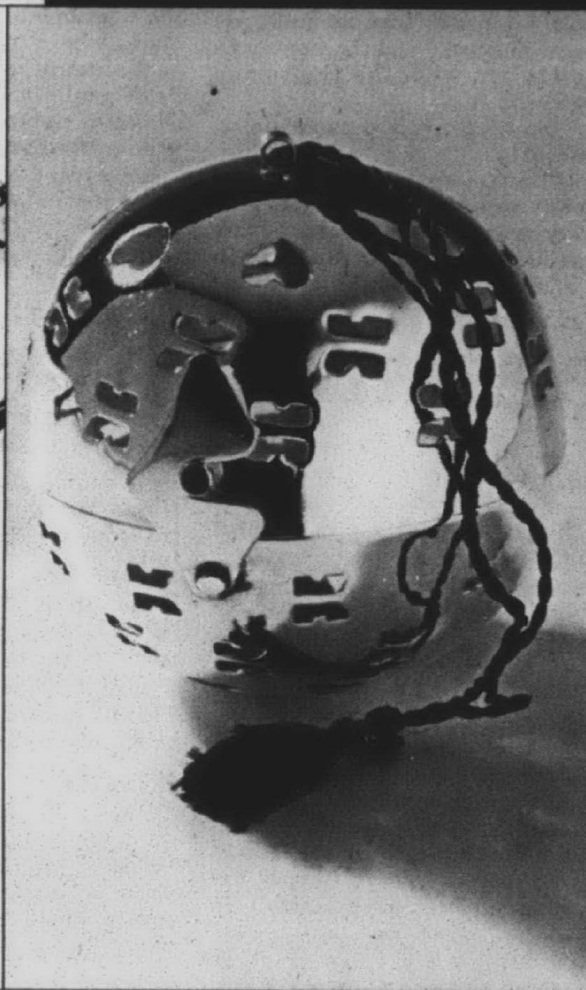
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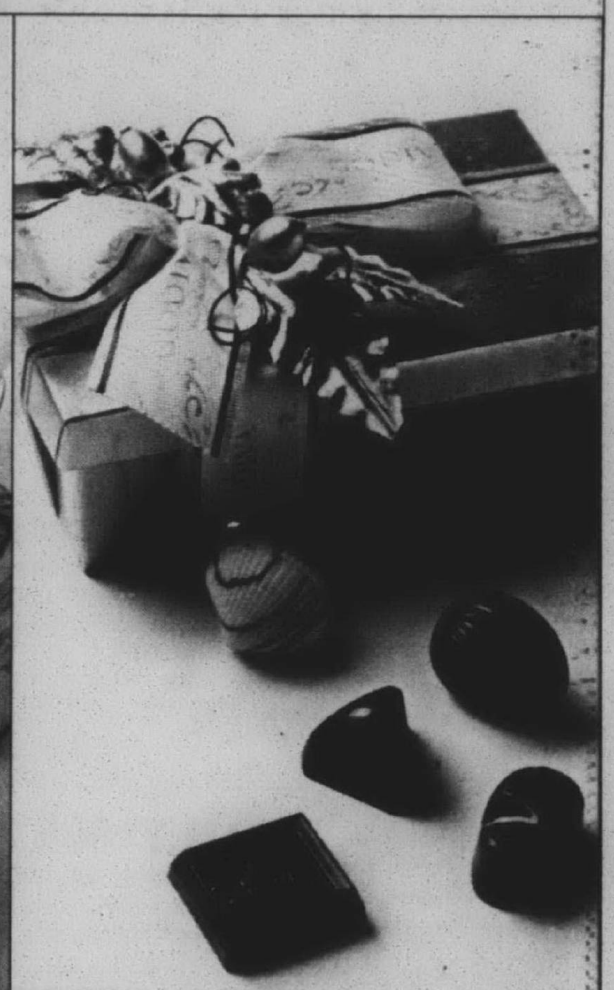
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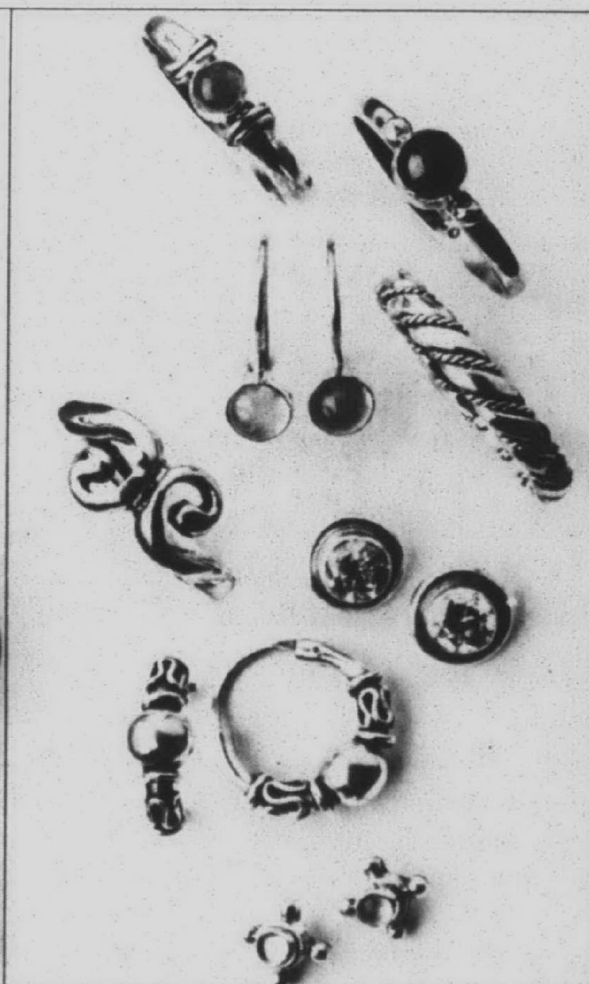
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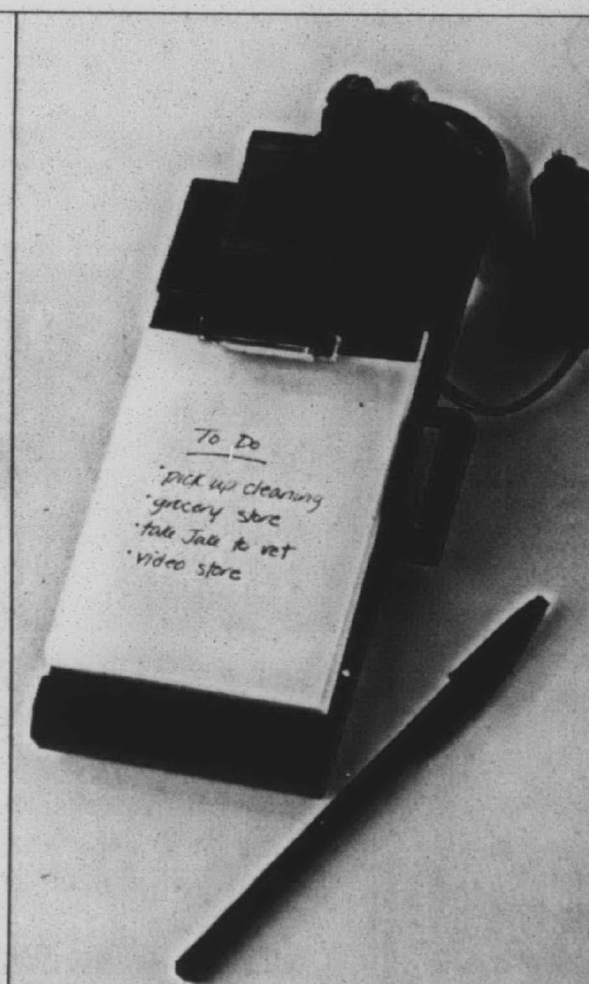
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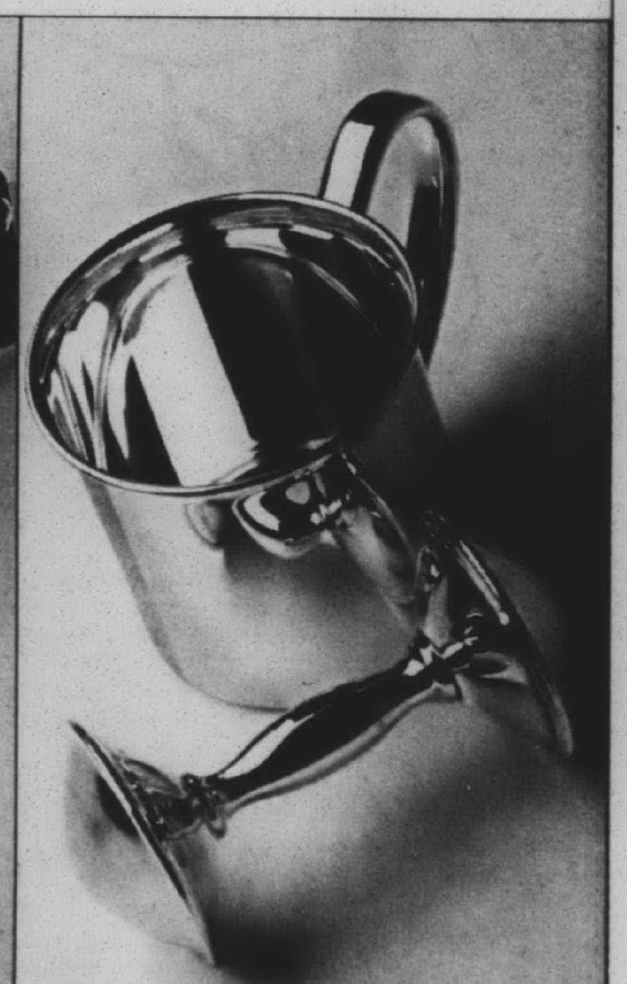
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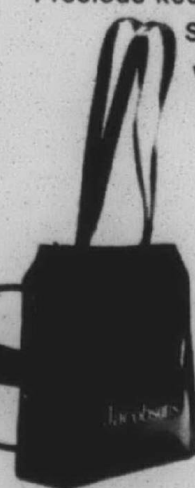
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Cliques from page A1



Belonging: Kira Asher (left) says she has friends in lots of groups, while Alma Seaton says cliques are more of a social pressure than a problem at the high schools.

Telling it like it is

The PCEP Perspective, the high schools' student newspaper, ran an article on Nov. 14 titled "Clique" into place at PCEP. The reporter, Ashley Bowsman, wrote that cliques result from "human nature," the tendency to seek like-minded people. She provided a synopsis on the dress code and attitudes of some of the most common cliques at PCEP. The article was not written as a serious social commentary.

Editor-in-chief Erica D'Angelo received many letters, both positive and negative, about Bowsman's article. She replied in the Perspective's Dec. 5 issue stating she thought Bowsman's article to be "accurate" and "funny." She wrote:

"I walk through the halls and look around at the groups of people; I'm pretty sure the jocks are with the jocks and the Contempo girls are with the Contempo girls.

"So what are you complaining about?"

"Do you really deny the fact that you hang out in cliques? Perhaps Ashley is right: Look around you. You must be in your own little world if you feel

that you are not part of a clique. At least 85 percent of you are."

A drop-in visit

Kira Asher, 16, of Canton, must be in the 15 percent of students not in a clique. "I have friends in a bunch of groups," she said. "I have my own set of friends, just my friends who I go out with on weekends."

Alma Seaton, 17, of Canton, said cliques at the high schools represent more of a social pressure than a problem. "It's more like your clothing. You can identify the clique by how they dress."

Judging someone by a dress code isn't always accurate, said Adam Cruz, 17, who was talking with some friends outside the cafeteria. They were waiting for the class bell to ring. Cruz wore black, lots of it, along with long pendulum necklace. His hair is dark and long. He said his choice of clothes has something to do with self-confidence.

However, Cruz said he is perceived as a "druggie" and a "slacker." Not true. "I hang out with mainly normal kids, but I'm stereotyped." When asked who

he is, he replied: "I don't know."

Marcie Gottschalk, 16, of Canton described her clothes as meaning nothing more than "comfortable." She said she has a variety of friends. About Cruz, she added: "Oh, he's a nice guy, a real sweetheart."

Dress code

"Most of our students just dress comfortably," said Lynne Lonigro, an assistant principal at Canton. "Some students use their clothes as a means of self-expression."

However, not all self-expression is acceptable.

Lonigro said the school's dress code allows no clothing that promotes drugs or alcohol or that may cause a "disturbance," such as bare midriffs. She also said that more overt paraphernalia — anything promoting a racist point of view — is forbidden. In such cases, parents are notified.

For the most part, students' choice of clothing hasn't been a problem at PCEP, according to Lonigro. "Clothing styles change. It's their search for identity. Kids are kids."

Who's who in Plymouth-Canton high school cliques

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Cliques, love them or leave them ... but try to ignore them? You can't. They're a permanent, and sometimes colorful, part of the high school scene.

Here's The PCEP Perspective student reporter Ashley Bows-

man's take on a few of the most common cliques found at PCEP:

■ Marilyn Manson Kids:

Chains, black leather, and eyeliner. Scowling faces. Their music makes them brood. Smirks make them mad. Seriously sensitive.

■ Jocks, Cheerleaders, School-Spirit Kind of People:

Either pro-Canton or pro-Salem, these kids stay at school long after the last bell. Into sports, sweaty practices, student council and school clubs. Concerned about what looks good on their college application.

■ Band Groupies:

Laid back, not showy, totally dedicated to band. Practically live in the band room. Don't mind being at school on Satur-

days.

■ Contempo Chicks and Polo Boys:

The girls read YM, while the boys golf. Well-groomed "mall rats." Live in the pit. Like to be or hang out with School-Spirit Kind of People.

■ Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad "Jocks:"

Earn varsity letters pretending to play Jeopardy. Hard workers who mesh well with Band Groupies. They live in the library and do homework in

classrooms between passing time. Kind, gentle and sometimes shy. Great earning potential.

■ Skaters:

Baggy jeans and bleached hair. Skate in the alleyways of Plymouth. Tend to be slackers. They're nice and look cute with beads around their necks.

■ Loners:

Who knows what they're thinking. Eccentric.

The Salem humanities students offered insight into a few more groups:

■ Wiggers:

A racially derogatory term. "White suburbanites who try to be in a gang." A fondness for Bass jeans and Tommy Hilfiger clothes.

■ White Supremacists or Skinheads:

Black boots with white laces, Nazi paraphernalia. "They push the line and get the message across." Not many of these guys around.

■ Dorks or Geeks:

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For one week only (Jan. 5-9, 1998) leaves and yard waste may be placed curbside for collection on your regularly scheduled collection day.

Yard waste must be separated away from your regular rubbish and placed in paper yard bags or containers (not to exceed 30 to 32 gallon size with sturdy handles) labeled with a large "C" or "X".

The Township's Compost Program will resume weekly curbside collection of yard waste again beginning April 6, 1998.

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Madonna student commutes to class from Minnesota

Madonna University student Teri Shingledecker kept a bag containing a blow dryer and hair spray at a residence hall on campus.

But she doesn't live there. Shingledecker commuted to campus once a week.

But not by car. Instead the reservation agent for Northwest Airlines flew from St. Paul to Detroit on Sundays each week during the fall semester, then returned home every Tuesday after attending classes at Madonna.

She flew here for one purpose — to take classes with hopes of obtaining her four-year degree in Sign Language Studies. Madonna University remains the only four-year independent university to offer a bachelor of arts in sign language studies in the United States.

"Initially, I thought I would move to Livonia, but this arrangement has been working out good so far," said Shingledecker. "I first became interested in sign language when I started working at a restaurant.

There seem to be a lot of deaf people who came in there.

"Eventually, I began taking some sign language courses at a technical school in St. Paul."

Shingledecker put her name on a waiting list to get into a two-year program in St. Paul but concluded that she did not want to wait to start her degree.

"I decided to look at other schools that offered sign language programs. Important factors for me were the size of the school, if it offered a four-year degree and if Northwest was a hub," Shingledecker said.

"In some of the materials Madonna University sent, there was a publication (Madonna Now) and it had an article about a Northwest flight attendant who went through the sign language studies program at Madonna and that kind of triggered something in me."

As a reservation agent for Northwest, she can travel unlimited times on the airline and the only thing she is required to pay are the taxes.

"Without working at North-



A long commute: Ken Rust, chair of the Sign Language Studies program at Madonna University, talks with student Teri Shingledecker. Shingledecker commuted from Hastings, Minn., to Madonna during the fall.

west I couldn't afford to fly every week. Northwest is definitely a family-oriented company."

Each Monday of the 16-week semester of the fall term, Shingledecker flew out on the 6 a.m. flight from St. Paul to Detroit. She arrived in Detroit at 8:30

a.m. and attended classes from 1 to 10 p.m. That night, she stayed in the residence hall on campus. On Tuesday, she went to one class from 9 a.m. to noon and returned to the airport to fly back home to St. Paul.

"Carol Rzemkowski, the resi-

dence hall director, has been real good about my situation. She lets me keep a big bag of stuff at the residence hall such as a blow dryer and hair spray. The residence hall has commuter rooms already set up for students who don't live on campus during the semester."

Shingledecker's situation is unique, but it is not unusual for students to come from different states to study sign language at Madonna University.

Students attend from Texas, Massachusetts and Virginia, said Ken Rust, chair of the sign language studies program.

Madonna University has been offering courses and programs of study in American Sign Language, deaf culture, deafness and interpreting since 1975.

Shingledecker works about 30 hours a week and took 13 credit hours this past fall.

Shingledecker learned something new every day in Rust's class which she found ironic. Because she had some sign language classes before coming to Madonna University, she was

hoping to test out of SLS 100.

"Ken said I could not, I was a little upset at the time and didn't understand why. Reflecting back, I now understand. Before I took that class I had a lot of misperceptions."

"I get upset at the public misconceptions of deaf people, that sign language is no different than signing the English language and that deaf people should be able to understand and not need interpreters."

Shingledecker will not be commuting during the winter term but will return to Madonna for the spring term and at the end of that term, she is planning on re-evaluating the commuting and determining if she will put in for a transfer at Northwest.

Her short-term goal is to stay with Northwest and serve as an interpreter for deaf people who are flying. Her long-term goal is to work in education. But for now her plan is to continue to commute and pursue her degree.

"My only regret I have is I wish I would have done this a whole lot sooner," she said.

Area choral groups perform at Metro Airport

Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport will be filled with more than just the usual sounds of the holiday hustle and bustle this week.

A variety of choral groups and musicians from local high schools, churches and community organizations will be spreading their holiday cheer at Detroit Metro through Dec. 24.

A choral group from Livonia Churchill High School and a band from the Wayne-Westland branch of the Salvation Army will be among groups from Dearborn, Detroit, Lincoln Park and Taylor caroling for the enjoyment of passengers and airport visitors.

This 6th Annual Holiday Music Program will treat airport visitors with performances by the Eastern Michigan University Gospel Choir, the Seaway

Chorale, the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, the County Connection, and the Detroit-based "4 Love" organization.

Groups performing in the Smith Terminal can be heard by the Christmas tree between Concourses A and B. The Davey Terminal groups can be heard at the Northwest Airlines' baggage claim entrance near Concourse E. Passengers arriving and departing at the international terminal will be entertained from the departure level on the third floor.

Special appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus will be made as they stroll through the decorated terminals delighting children with candy canes and coloring books.

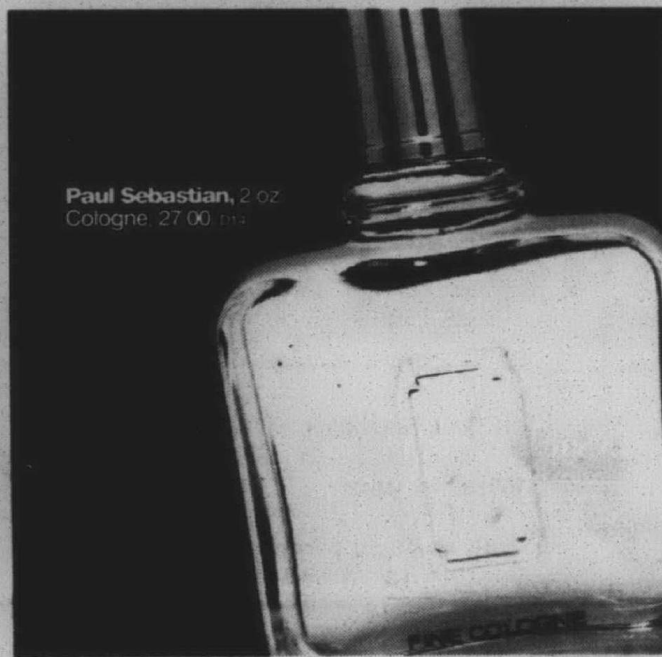
Churchill will perform Christmas Eve from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the Smith Terminal.

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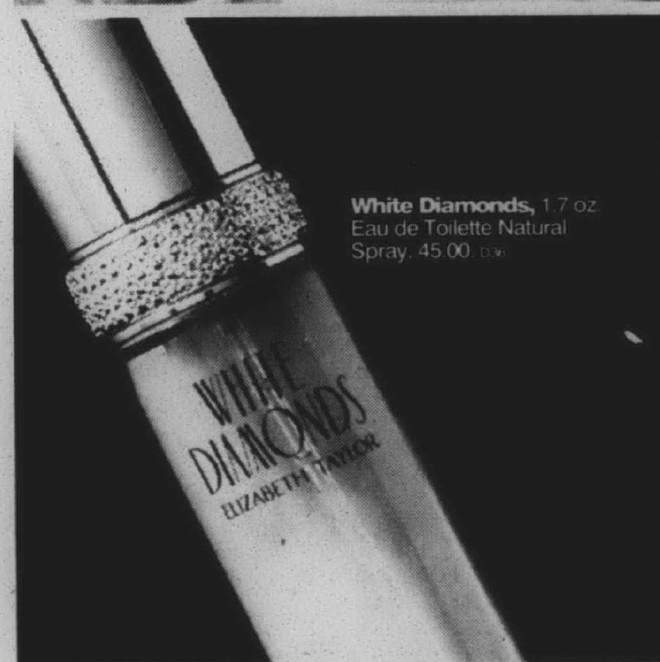


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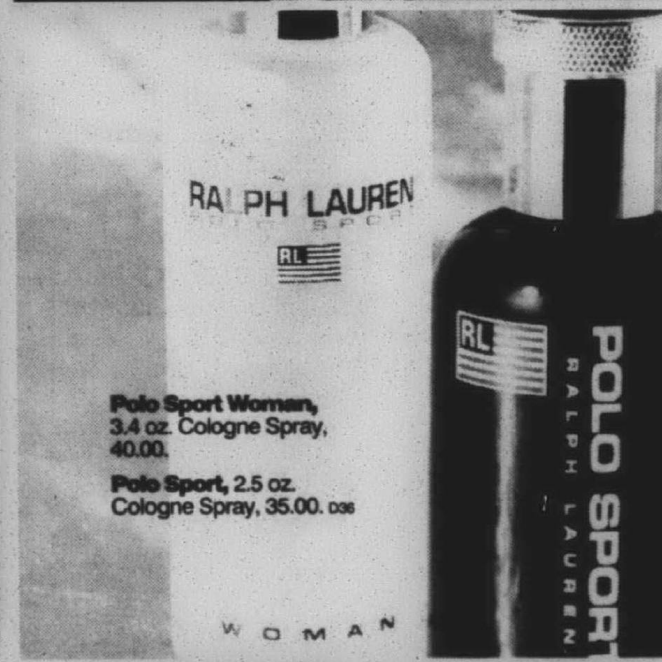
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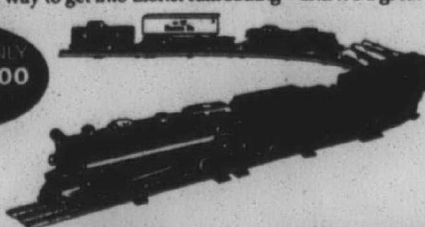
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tionally denied admission to the university because less-qualified minorities were admitted instead, based on race.

"We're not bringing this on behalf of whites, some of our clients are in fact minorities," Pell said.

"According to the Constitution, government can not make distinctions on the basis of race. If that does not hold true for some, then it does not hold true for all," he said.

In recent years, the Center for Individual Rights won the Hopwood case which challenged the University of Texas' use of different admission standards for various racial groups.

In response to Grutter's lawsuit, the University of Michigan said it confirms its commitment to maintaining a racially diverse student body.

The university "uses race as a factor in admissions, as part of a broad array of qualifications and characteristics of which racial or ethnic origin is but a single though important element,"

'We are confident that our admissions policy is constitutional.'

Jeffrey Lehman
—Dean

according to a U-M statement.

Jeffrey Lehman, dean of U-M's Law School, said, "We are confident that our admissions policy is constitutional." He cited the 1978 Bakke case in which the U.S. Supreme Court backed similar admission policies.

"We believe that the Supreme Court should not, and will not, use this lawsuit to change the law and prohibit what is now permitted," Lehman said.

"We as many others do teach our children that discrimination is wrong, that all Americans have the right to equal treatment, and that hard work pays off," Grutter said.

Central Middle School girl missing

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A 13-year-old Canton girl has been missing since Dec. 8, when she was last seen by a Central Middle School teacher about 3:15 p.m. as she and a friend walked along Plymouth Road, near Unisys.

A Canton police report originally listed Jennifer McCraw's disappearance as that of a runaway, although after almost two weeks, her guardian and police are concerned something may have gone wrong.

"A runaway usually comes back, or has contact with someone within 24 hours," said police spokesman Officer Leonard Shemanske.

"But to say there was foul play involved, there's no way I can answer that," he added.

"We do not have any fresh information at this point," he said.

McCraw's friend, a 13-year-old from Plymouth, was also reported missing by her par-

ents. The Observer was unable to confirm the Plymouth girl's whereabouts Friday.

Family members said McCraw still hadn't contacted them as of 7 p.m. Friday.

According to Statewide private investigator Jerry Borycz, there have been sightings in Livonia and Westland of the two girls. There was one call made by McCraw to a friend, who said she could hear yelling in the background.

"They took no clothes, no money. That's strange. Whatever happened, happened that Monday in school," he said.

The two girls were supposed to be in detention after school Dec. 8 as punishment for cutting second hour, said McCraw's aunt, Patricia Surret, who is her legal guardian. The two girls never showed up.

Physical education teacher Jean Pritchard saw the girls on Plymouth Road, near Unisys, but didn't think much of it at the time since many kids walk

home from school, said principal Barbara Church.

"We've asked a lot of questions (of the students) at the request of the families. We broke into small groups and nobody knew where she would be. I think her friends were concerned enough that they would have told us," Church said.

McCraw's teacher Kathy Meyers said, "Jen is always somebody I look forward to seeing. She's very affable and outgoing." Meyers did notice a slight change in her behavior recently, but nothing out of the ordinary for a middle school student.

"She's been an angel until the last month. She was happy, laughing all the time," said her aunt. "She changed from night to day."

She did not know what caused the change in the teen's behavior. A week prior to her disappearance the Surretts filed a police report claiming

she ran away from home. She had returned several hours later, Surret said.

In addition to hiring Borycz, the Surretts have been busy with the help of friends hanging fliers at area businesses in hopes someone may have seen her.

McCraw is described by her aunt as looking much older than her age. She is 5 foot 7 inches tall, weighs 135-140 pounds and has natural wavy chin length brown hair and hazel eyes. There is a scar over her right eyebrow.

Surret described their relationship as "very close."

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton police at 397-3000.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-03 CHAPTER 20 SUMMARY OF BUILDING CODE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 20, BUILDING CODE, THIRTEENTH EDITION, 1996, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS THE BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, MOVING MAINTENANCE AND USE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1

This Section amends Chapter 20, the Charter Township of Plymouth Building Code, as follows:

20.010. **Adoption of Code.** The BOCA National Building Code, Thirteenth Edition, 1996, is adopted by reference, with the additions, deletions, insertions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 20.020, et seq. of this Ordinance, as the Building Code of the Township.

20.020. **Changes in Code.** This Section provides for insertions, amendments and addition to the Code, including title, the appointment of the Building Official, the organization of the Building Department, the appointment of a Deputy Building Official, the making of reports, the preparation of rules, the establishment of a fee schedule, including a Building Clean Up Bond, and provides for prosecution, violation and penalties, and punishment for unlawful continuance, and provides for existing structures.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-03 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number 453-3840 X 224.

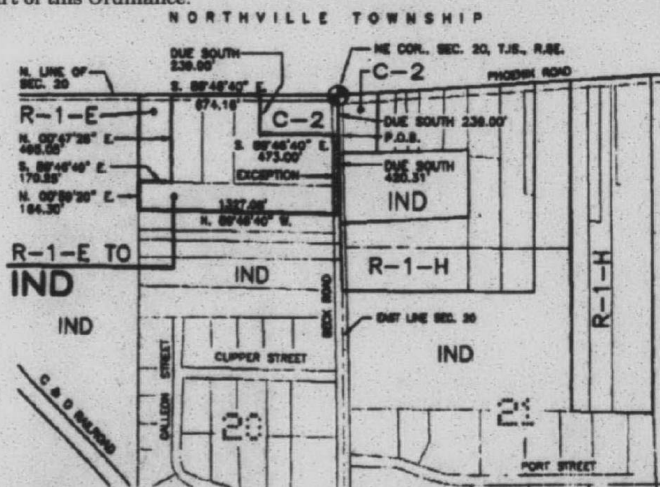
MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 8391

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 96, attached hereto, and make part of this Ordinance.



TAX I.D. No's
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of the N.E. 1/4 of Section 20, T.1S., R.8E., Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan described as beginning at a point on the East line of Section 20, distant due South 239.00 feet from the NE. section corner and proceeding thence due South 420.31 feet along said Section line, thence N. 89°46'40" W., 1327.08 feet; thence N. 00°59'20" E., 164.30 feet; thence S. 89°46'40" W., 170.25 feet; thence N. 00°47'28" E., 495.05 feet to the North line of Section 20; thence S. 89°46'40" E., 674.16 feet along said section line; thence due South 239.00 feet; thence S. 89°46'40" E., 473.00 feet to the Point of Beginning except the East 60.00 feet of the South 420.31 feet thereof. Containing 14.901 acres more or less including the right of way of 5 Mile Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 8391
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 96
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or part of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on January 16, 1998.

Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on the 16th day of December 1997, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 16, 1997

Effective Date: January 16, 1998

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-3840, ext. 209.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Phone number: (313) 453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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Remember your pet with a gift this holiday season

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Christmas is going to the dogs ... and cats ...
Area pet supply stores say gifts for dogs and cats are high on the priority list for many families.

"Our business will jump 70-80 percent during the holidays," said John Agge, assistant store director for PetsMart at Six Mile and Haggerty. "I think a stocking for pets is almost standard anymore. It's very similar to marketing for children's gifts."

The situation is similar at Superpets in Westland.

"It gets absolutely crazy during the holidays," said Sasha Swanger, customer service manager. "It's amazing to see how much money people spend on their pets during this time of year."

Pet store operators say most of the gifts go to dogs and cats, with some others given to birds in the form of cages and treats.

"Business is great this time of year," added Gene Greed, director of sales and advertising for Pet Supplies Plus from his world headquarters office in Livonia, where he oversees stores in Livonia, Canton, Redford and Farmington Hills. "There are a lot of last-minute gifts for pets, just like for adults and kids, and people buy extra treats and toys for the holidays."

Many of the stores have entire aisles with holiday gifts, includ-



Looking good: Feline Fantasy Brush aims to spruce up your cats while they play.

ing candy-cane-striped rawhide bones, stockings full of pet goodies, Santa squeaky toys, and for cats, toys with catnip.

"Many people think about their pets first," said Greed. "They're attached to their pets because they are part of the family."

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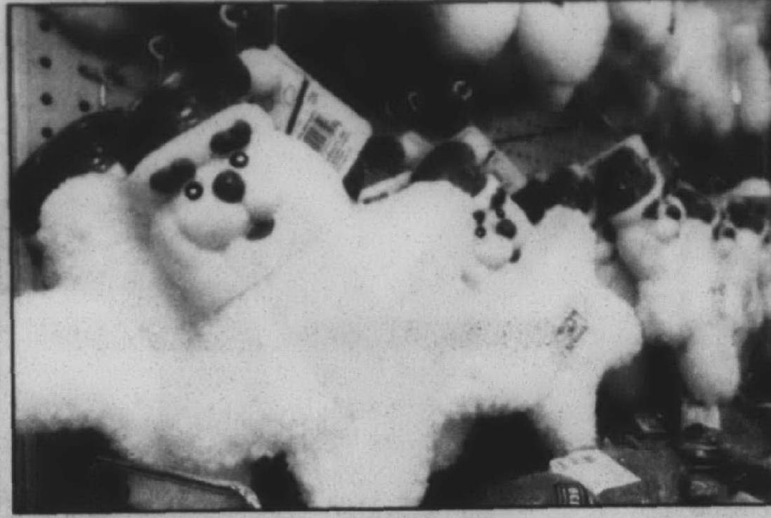
Not only are local pet businesses thriving because of the holiday season, so are mail order catalog companies which cater to pet owners and their dogs.

"Pets have become more a part of the household," said Linda Krehmeyer, marketing media manager for Doctors Foster and

Smith, a dog-oriented mail order gift and supply company. "Many dogs used to live outside, but now most have become part of the family. They're treating them more like people."

The company, based in Rhinelander, Wis., has a holiday gift section for pets in its brochure, and Krehmeyer says dog owners tend to buy what the owners like.

"Many people tend to buy flavored treats and toys they would like," said Krehmeyer. "If we show a picture of bacon with the bacon-flavored treats, and the owner likes bacon, many times they'll assume the dog will like it, too."



Gone to the dogs: This holiday Santa Claus toy that squeaks is available at Pet Supplies Plus in Livonia.

"Over the past two or three years, especially with our holiday insert, sales at this time of year boom," said Krehmeyer. "Many people buy out of love, and don't even consider price a factor."

During the holidays, the scale seems to tip in favor of the dogs.

"Cat buyers usually spend less on their companions," said Krehmeyer. "Cats are more independent and generally have little interaction, as compared to a dog. Did you ever see a cat beg for treats?"

Karen Berger, owner of Pet Pourri in Farmington Hills, says the holidays bring out the best in pet owners.

"I'm amazed at what pet owners will buy during Christmas, and how much money they'll spend on stockings and treats,"

said Berger. "Many owners will buy the little Santa hats and beard costumes, reindeer antlers or angel halos for their dogs to wear during the season."

Smile for the camera

At least two pet store chains have plans for Santa Claus to take pictures with your pet.

PetsMart is taking pictures of pets with Santa Claus at the Northville store, with the proceeds going to the PetsMart Foundation which funds various charities.

Pet Supplies Plus is teaming up with the Michigan Animal Adoption Network at several of its locations, taking photos for a \$5 donation.

"We generally have a huge line when Santa comes in for pictures," said Cindy Schnoor, manager of the Pet Supplies Plus in

Canton. "People will do anything for their animals, and kids especially enjoy the experience."

Schnoor pointed out that while most of the several hundred animals are dogs and cats, Santa does get to see guinea pigs, ferrets and many other creatures.

Dogs will get a brown bag of treats donated from Oink Oink, manufacturer of over a hundred different kinds of dog treats, founded by Miles Handy of Redford Township.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, dogs who get their picture taken will get a 6-ounce turkey roll, a bag of porky puff, a dessert treat, and a cow's hoof to clean their teeth.

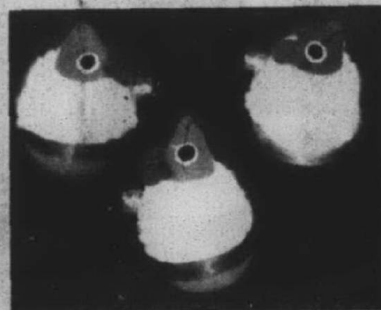
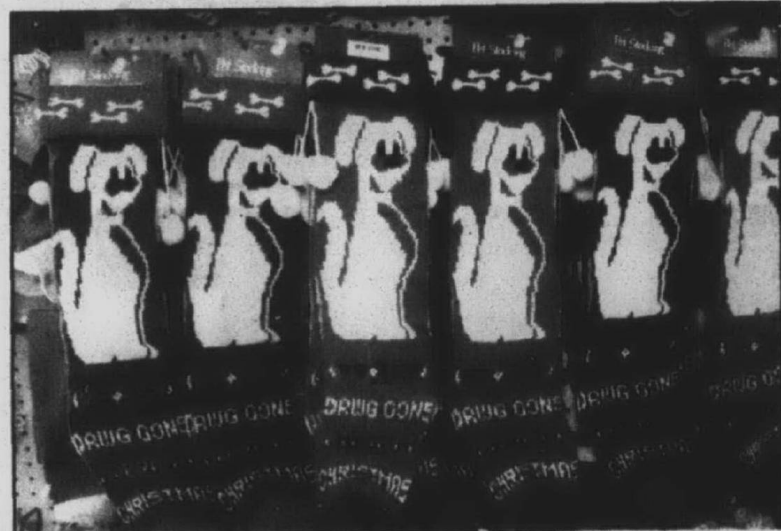
Julie Girard, marketing coordinator for Oink Oink, says the seven-year-old business is growing, but the Christmas season is even busier.

"Business is booming, and we've certainly picked up this time of year," said Girard. "People like to pamper their pets and make them a part of the holiday season."

Oink Oink makes holiday stockings and a Hickory Farms-like box with various treats, which are big sellers this time of year.

The bottom line ... pets, especially dogs, are big business during the holidays.

"Industry-wide, the holiday season brings in millions of extra dollars for the retail pet industry," said Greed. "It's also the most fun time of year for us, as we see happy pets and pet owners."



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Gift ideas: Stockings for your dog (left) and catnip toys for your feline friends are available at Pet Supplies Plus stores.

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FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD



RICK HALBERG

Simmering soup warms and soothes

What is it about soup that we have always loved? Is it the slow process of creating soup that gives it its magic? The warmth with which a pot of simmering soup fills a home? I think it's these things and a whole lot more. Soup is the food we want when we are not feeling well, it is the food we reach for after coming in from the cold, what we make when we want to use up veggies that aren't quite fresh anymore. It is the quintessential "one pot meal."

Chicken soup

In my home, chicken soup has always had a magical medicinal quality. You may have heard the term "Jewish Penicillin." There have actually been scientific (I think) studies on the healing qualities of chicken soup. Although I'm not sure what the results were, it has always worked for us.

Soup is something that even the least proficient cook can have some success with. My wife, Karen, who is not particularly well known for her cooking, does best with food when she puts it all into one pot and adds some liquid. It can be as simple as that, or as complex as clarifying a difficult consommé. Soup can be made from just a couple of simple ingredients for a carrot soup or a long list of things to make a wonderful Minestrone.

Soup can be found in all cuisine, in all parts of the world. They can be clear, pureed, chunky, vegetarian, cheesy, with beans, pasta, rice, thick, thin, healthy, or loaded with fat. Wow, and they can all be great.

Soup can be a light appetizer or a hearty one pot meal. You can prepare soups ahead and freeze them, or put them up in jars. You can make really elegant soups finished at the last minute for a truly fine dinner. They can be the most economical of meals or made with a bevy of fancy, expensive ingredients put together to impress your guests.

We are serving a particularly elegant and seasonal soup now at my restaurant Emily's, it is a silky puree of butternut squash that we serve with a rich yet light porcini mushroom and juniper infused flan with a few drops of cranberry coulis for added zing and color.

Now soup is finding new fame as shops on the East and West coasts open to specialize in just soups. The sitcom "Seinfeld" is widely given credit for this food phenomenon because of a mention of a zany soup shop owner in one of its episodes.

"Newsweek" magazine is calling soup "hotter than coffee." I think we have been waiting for a place to sit with friends, or alone and enjoy something warm and more fulfilling than coffee. I think it takes us back to our childhood when we were fed warm, soft food by a loving parent. Soup is more than food, it's nurturing and can be either healthy or give the illusion of health. They say bread is the staff of life, I think that bread was invented just to "sop" up soup.

Resolutions

Some early New Year's Resolutions. I will -

Continue to support as many small, independent businesses as possible, for if I don't all too soon all we will have left will be mega-bookstores, super-sized restaurants and drug stores that sell everything except what I'd expect.

Try to instill the spirit of Slow Food to as many people as I can. Aren't we in too much of a hurry anyway?

Search out as many local food sources as I can for my restaurant, and encourage these people to use self-sustaining means of agriculture. After all we have only one Mother Earth.

Attempt to give some real quality time to one or two causes that really need the help.

May you and yours have a safe and happy new year!
See recipe inside

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Get Fit for the New Millennium

PIPER-HEIDSIECK'S RED HOT LOOK HAS HOLIDAY APPEAL

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Supporting a stunning new red label, Champagne Piper-Heidsieck makes a dramatic holiday presentation. Pouring this champagne through the holidays will get you attention not only for the unique, contemporary look of the bottle, but for the quality of the wine.

If you've purchased champagne as a holiday gift before, then searched around for an attractive bag, you'll appreciate that with a bottle of Piper-Heidsieck you get the bag free!

Offered in red, green and grey, it comes with an elegant gold cord. It's insulated, to keep a chilled bottle cold for up to three hours.

For more than two centuries, connoisseurs have regarded Piper-Heidsieck as one of the great champagnes. Its presence in our market has been downplayed, but if its quality, red hot packaging and great pricing you're looking for, then Piper-Heidsieck fills the bill. Over the years, Piper-Heidsieck has maintained respect for centuries-old champagne traditions while tuning into the times with a sense of fashion and style.

Both the Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32 and Extra Dry \$32 sport the red hot look. Because of the exuberance of both, they can be billed as extrovert champagnes. Fresh and fruity upfront, the Brut finishes with crispness, elegance, toasty notes and the hallmark of a great champagne, creaminess. If you prefer more fruit characters from start to finish, then choose the Extra Dry.

Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rosé \$32 has an undeniably attractive salmon-pink color that is most compelling with food. If you're serving turkey for a holiday dinner, make a cornbread stuffing and include dried cranberries as an ingredient. The match with the Rosé champagne will get rave reviews.

Piper's California sparkling wine program Piper-Sonoma has two wines, lower in price, yet very flavorful values. A Brut and a Blanc de Noir



are both \$18.

We didn't get stuck on the Heidsieck name, but in trying to give you different options this holiday, we rediscovered both Piper Heidsieck and Champagne Charles Heidsieck. It, too, is an established champagne house, dating to the 1850s. There's a marked youthfulness in "Cham-

Holiday treat: Champagne Piper-Heidsieck decked out for the holidays in new red hot packaging.

CHAMPAGNE PICKS

In addition to the champagnes and sparkling wines singled out in the wine column, we also highly recommend:

French champagnes

Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut \$36; 1989 Bollinger Grande Année \$70; 1988 Bollinger Rosé \$84
Champagne Louis Roederer: Brut Premier \$43

Sparkling wines from California

S. Anderson: Napa Valley Brut \$25 and Blanc de Noirs \$23
Iron Horse: 1994 Wedding Cuvée \$28.50; 1992 Brut \$26.50; 1992 Brut Rosé \$28.50; 1992 Vrais Amis \$28.50
J Wine Company: 1993 J Sparkling Wine \$25
Roederer Estate: Anderson Valley Brut \$18

pagne Charlie." And this is unusual, since the Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve \$43 typically includes a high percentage of reserve wines in the blend. This distinction also makes it a more expensive bubbly.

Compared to other champagne houses, Charles Heidsieck is small and concentrates on quality. Uncompromisingly, it holds back stocks equivalent to no less than four years' sales. This ensures a high degree of dissolved carbon dioxide in the wine, evidenced by the small bubbles that ever-so-delicately rise in the glass and break with great finesse in your mouth.

To show champagne off, serve it well-chilled in tall, slender glasses that are either flute or tulip shaped.

Several premium spirits have impressed us lately. Their enjoyment during the holiday season will only enhance a festive atmosphere.

■ Johnnie Walker Gold Label \$67.50, produced in limited quantities, is a skillful blend of 15 renowned whiskies, such as Clynelish, Royal Lochnagar, Cardhu and Talisker, each matured no less than 18 years. Rich yet refined with a smooth as silk finish, it is a truly inspired blend.

■ The Glenrothes \$57, is one of the finest Speyside single malt Scotch whiskies we have tasted. The Glenrothes, 1982 vintage, was selected by the distillers of the world-famous Cutty-Sark Scots whisky to be offered in a strictly limited quantity. It is a whisky connoisseurs single malt with elegant roasted grain aromas and delicate peat notes that only improve when sipped by a warming fire!

■ If you enjoy cigars, Hine Cigar Reserve Cognac \$99 creates a unique taste partnership with a fine hand-rolled cigar. Aged an average of 15-20 years, the various cognacs in the Cigar Reserve blend come from the finest Cognac districts. Rich, woody, hazelnut and spicy elements of the full-bodied cognac pair favorably with tobacco leaf.

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.

Chef wants to put a little spice in your life

SPECIALTY FOODS



KEELY WYGONIK

Food is easy for Chef Zachary Smith, and he wants to make it easier for you.

"I've been cooking all my life," said Smith who has created six gourmet spice blends - Mediterranean Magic, Soft Herbs, Blackening Spice, Chelsea Spice, Ziggy's Gumbo and Shana Spice, which he says will turn "ordinary foods into extraordinary, and boring into brilliant with just a shake."

"These spice blends are like the difference between a Cadillac and a Neon," he said. "Spices can help people change unhealthy habits. It's a lighter way of cooking."

Smith is an artist who uses spices to color his food presentations, and his goal is to help you do the same. Each spice blend reminds him of special people in his life.

Chelsea Spice, a blend of paprika, garlic, onion, chili pepper, fennel, white and black pepper is named after his daughter. "She's the most precious thing in my world," said Smith. "She would come into the kitchen while I was blending spices and wanted to help."

Chelsea Spice is a "colorful spice, decorative as well as flavorful and makes pale dishes more attractive." The Shana Spice is like little girls - "sugar and spice and everything nice." This dessert spice blend was named in honor of Chelsea's friend, Shana, who is the daughter of Robin, "a guy I've known since high school," said Smith. Chelsea and Shana designed the

colorful label with help from Smith.

"Ziggy" is Smith's nickname, and his spice is a blend of 28 different peppers, spices and herbs that's best used in gumbo's jambalayas, sauces and soups.

Soft Herbs - a blend of chives, dill, parsley, tarragon, chervil and cilantro enhances the flavor of many dishes including chicken, fish, sauces, and omelets.

Try Mediterranean Magic - oregano, basil, rosemary, thyme, marjoram, anise and parsley with vegetables, soups, steaks and classic Marinara sauce.

Blackening Spice - Cayenne Pepper, white and black pepper, kosher salt, thyme, rosemary, marjoram, chili powder, paprika and sage, was the blend that started Chef Zachary's Gourmet Blended Spice Line.

One day they ran out of blackening spice at One23 in Grosse Pointe Farms where he was the executive chef, so Smith went home did some research, and made up his own version. Blackening Spice was a key ingredient in an appetizer he created "Blackened Trio" - shrimp, chicken and beef seasoned with blackening spice, sautéed in butter and served with a salad of melon, rice and fresh mint. It was a best-seller, and before long, customers and friends were asking him to mix up some blackening spice for them to use at home.

In 1995, after hearing over and over that he should bottle his spices to make a few pennies, Smith decided to go into the gourmet spice business.

"I grew up using seasoning spices and things like Lawrey's," said Smith. The idea of making a product



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Spicy: Chef Zachary Smith is helping people put a little more spice in their lives with his flavorful blends.

Please see SPICE, B2

Chef Zachary shares recipes

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from Chef Zachary Smith.

VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
- 1 medium Spanish onion, large dice
- 8 cloves garlic sliced thin
- 1 healthy tablespoon Mediterranean Magic (spice blend) or Italian seasonings
- 1 small zucchini large dice

- 1 small yellow squash large dice
 - 1 medium eggplant large dice
 - 2 ounces tomato paste
 - 2 ripe tomatoes peeled and seeded large dice
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 8 ounces grated Mozzarella cheese
 - 4 ounces grated Parmesan cheese
 - 4 ounces plain bread crumbs
- Cut all vegetables the same size. Sauté onions, mushrooms, garlic

in olive oil, add herbs, squash, eggplant. Add tomatoes and tomato paste, toss well.

Put in casserole dish, top with blended cheeses and bread crumbs. Bake at 425°F until golden brown. Serve with garlic bread and/or noodles.

LEMON SOLE

- 2 portions of sole or any white fish
- 1 tablespoon butter or mar-

- garine
- 1 tablespoon white wine or water
- Juice of half a lemon
- Soft Herbs (spice blend) or your own blend of favorite herbs such as parsley and dill

Sprinkle fish with soft herbs. Place in pan. Add water or wine, squeeze lemon juice over fish. Chip butter or margarine over fish. Bake in oven at 425°F until done. Pour juices over fish.

Hearty soup warms, comforts on chilly days

See related For the Love of Food column on Taste front.

Rick Halberg chef/owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville lives in Farmington Hills with his family.

He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Rick is an extensive traveler, and is known for his fine French inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine.

Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in

Taste.

RIBOLLITA

- 2 1/2 cups diced savory cabbage
- 2 cups diced red onion
- 3/4 cup diced carrot
- 1 1/2 cups diced green beans
- 2 large stalks celery with leaves, diced
- 2 1/2 cups cleaned, shredded spinach
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 cups shredded basil leaves

- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 ounces olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped canned tomatoes
- 1 1/2 quarts chicken stock
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3/4 cup cooked Cannellini beans
- 3/4 cup diced, cooked potatoes
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the olive oil in a suitable soup pot, and sweat the onions, garlic, carrots, celery and cabbage

until softened. Add the tomatoes, chicken stock and diced potatoes, bring to a boil and cook at simmer until potatoes are tender.

Add the tomato paste, basil green beans, spinach and parsley. Pass the cooked potatoes and cooked Cannellini beans through a medium plate of a food mill into the soup and stir until blended.

Cook until green beans are tender, add the grated cheese, season with salt and fresh cracked pepper. Serve with grilled bread and a drizzling of extra virgin olive oil.

Spice from page B1

people could use at home was exciting. My career helped open a lot of doors. I can talk and do what I say I can do. Merchant of Vino gave me a shot, and let me demonstrate my product in their stores."

For the past 20 years Smith has served as executive chef at many outstanding restaurants including Benbow Inn in northern California, Harrah's at Lake Tahoe, and the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco.

His ultimate goal is to help people change the way they eat. "We're behind times," he said. "We need quicker cooking techniques with a healthier focus."

He'd like his gourmet spice blends to become a household name, and make a cooking video to share his knowledge with others. "I would also like to open a restaurant," said Smith. "I'm waiting for the right opportunity."

In the meantime, he's busy

knocking on doors, trying to convince merchants to carry his gourmet spices. He just added Kroger to the long list of specialty stores, and grocery stores including Shopping Center Markets and Farmer Jack, that carry his gourmet spices.

"You can't give up," he said. "Like when I was trying to become an international chef. I studied 10 years to become a chef and didn't call myself a chef until they called me a chef."

When things weren't going his way, Smith said he realized there was something he needed to learn to open the door. "I've adopted the philosophy that you can always improve," he said.

If you can't find Chef Zachary Smith's spices, which range from \$4.50 to \$4.99 at your market, call (313) 730-4287. Each spice has a colorful label, the flavorful contents are sure to bring out the culinary artist in you.

Add a citrusy twist to meals

(NAPS) - Consider sweetening your holiday table by adding a little twist to your meals.

"Orange" you interested in experimenting with new recipes for your family and guests? Try wrapping candied citrus orange peels around cinnamon sticks and use them as stirrers in cups of hot tea or mugs of warm, spiced cider.

The thicker skins on navel oranges which make them easy to peel also make them ideal for candying. Navels are at their peak of flavor in the winter months, and while they are the favorite eating orange, the experts at Sunkist suggest using the grated peel to flavor or garnish.

Candied Citrus Peel Spirals make a great gift wrapped in any decorative container. The spirals also can be tied onto the tree with festive ribbon. For a tangy treat, dip them into melted chocolate.

CANDIED CITRUS PEEL SPIRALS

- 3 to 4 oranges or lemons
- 3 cups boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- Plastic straws, cut in half
- Sugar

Using a 1-hole (1/4 inch) metal

citrus peel stripper, remove citrus peel in long continuous strips, starting at stem end and peeling around fruit in close concentric circles (peel may break occasionally). Save the peeled fruit for other uses.

Add strips of peel to 3 cups boiling water in medium saucepan and gently boil for 10 minutes. Drain and gently pat dry. In same saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water and corn syrup; bring to boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add drained peel strips and gently simmer for 15 minutes. Drain strips and reserve syrup.

Cool peel enough to handle and cut into 8- to 12-inch-long pieces. To form spirals, wrap each piece of peel around a straw snugly, but not tightly. Place on wire rack over wax paper-lined cookie sheet; let dry 1 to 2 hours. Roll each spiral in sugar; replace on wire rack and let dry 8 hours or overnight (candied peel should be firm but not hard). Gently remove straws.

Store in plastic bags. For longer storage, freeze in airtight containers.

Reserved syrup is very flavorful and can be served cold over fresh fruit or warm over pancakes and waffles.

Recipe from Sunkist: www.sunkist.com

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A delicious twist on the traditional

(NAPS) - One of the most delicious ways to celebrate the season with family and friends can involve creating interesting twists on the traditional.

One excellent example which you and your guests may enjoy is a deliciously different Christmas

Bread Pudding made with one of the premium cognacs.

CHRISTMAS BREAD PUDDING

- Stale bread: about 3/4 of a loaf of French bread
- 1 pint milk
- 3 whole eggs

- 6 or 7 teaspoons of sugar
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup cognac
- 2 teaspoons butter

Boil the milk and sugar. Then add the cognac. Crack the eggs into a salad bowl and beat well. Pour the milk over them, little by little at first to avoid cooking the eggs, beating vigorously all the while. Alternate cut pieces of bread and raisins in a well-greased, deep baking dish.

Pour in the egg, milk and sugar mixture. Wait a minute, until the bread has absorbed all the liquid. Then crush with a fork and pack loosely. Dab with butter on top and bake in a 400-degree oven for about 40 minutes.

Serve the pudding warm.

Recipe by Rémy Martin

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Entertaining is a traditional part of the holidays. As such, it should bring joy and not stress to this special time of year. If you plan to play host to friends and family this holiday season, you'll be glad to know there are ways to have an elegant party without a lot of effort.

Start with a menu that's easy to prepare. Today's low-stress entertaining relies on a mix of homemade and store-bought food. When you need a spectacular centerpiece to a meal, pick up some Cornish hens, which have been roasted and are ready to stuff with wild rice stuffing. You might also choose to buy something that seems lavish, but need only go into the oven to prepare, such as a rack of lamb or turkey breast.

Most shops selling prepared foods also feature delicious side dishes, such as roasted potatoes and vegetable medleys. Heat them in the microwave and add a personal touch by serving them garnished with fresh, chopped herbs.

Another way to give a party maximum impact without a lot of effort is to serve a substantial hors d'oeuvres as the dinner's first course. An assortment of smoked fish canapés is a classic way to begin a meal. Roll paper-thin strips of smoked salmon into rosettes, placing a caper in the center of each piece. Arrange them on a plate covered with plastic wrap, and refrigerate up to 24 hours.

Before serving, set the salmon

on rounds of toast. A bit of smoked trout can be mixed with low-fat sour cream and minced chives and served inside cherry tomatoes to make a delicious, eye-catching meal opener. For convenience's sake, the trout mixture can be made in the morning and kept in the refrigerator with the pre-scooped tomatoes.

Streamlining the menu lets you focus on dessert. Venetian Chocolate Fantasy is a showpiece dessert guests will long remember. It is a triple-chocolate extravaganza served in a pool of dark, chocolate sauce. Although making this dessert takes a significant amount of time, you can start two days before your dinner party and do it in stages.

CHOCOLATE VENETIAN FANTASY

Cake
1 cup bleached, all-purpose flour
1/4 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
Pinch salt
5 eggs, separated
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons hot water
1 teaspoon vanilla
Filling
1 envelope (2 teaspoons) unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup dark rum or 1/2 teaspoon rum extract
1/3 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder

1 cup sugar
2 egg yolks
1 cup evaporated skim milk
1/4 cup strong coffee
1 cup fromage fraise or fat-free cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
Confectioners' sugar, for garnish

Heat the oven to 350°F. Line a 11 by 16-inch pan with wax paper coated with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, sift together the cake ingredients - flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks with the sugar until thick, about 5 minutes. Add the water and vanilla. Beat the mixture until it thickens and the sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes.

Beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Fold the whites into the yolk mixture. Turn the batter into the pan and spread in an even layer. Bake until the cake feels springy when pressed in the center, about 20 minutes. Let it stand for 10 minutes.

Turn the cake onto a dishtowel and lift off the paper.

For the filling: In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over the rum and let sit 10 minutes. In a heavy-bottomed, medium saucepan, combine the cocoa, sugar, egg yolks, coffee, and evaporated milk. Add the softened gelatin mixture. Cook over medium heat until the mixture is thick enough to coat the spoon, stirring frequently, not let-



Rich dessert: Venetian Chocolate Fantasy is a triple-chocolate dessert guests will long remember.

ting it boil. Remove the pan from the heat and transfer the mixture to a medium mixing bowl. Let cool 10 minutes. Mix in the fromage fraise and vanilla. Chill until the filling begins to thicken.

To assemble the cake, cut a 9-inch square from the cake. Line the bottom of a 9-inch square baking pan with this portion, placing

the shiny side up. Set the remaining cake aside. Pour the filling over the cake in the pan. Top with the remaining cake, with the smooth side down, and pierce it as necessary. Cover the cake and refrigerate until the filling is set, about 1 hour, or up to 8 hours. To serve, unmold the cake and dust with powdered sugar.

To serve, pour a little chocolate syrup such as Hershey's, on plate, put cake in center, garnish with fresh sliced strawberry if desired.

Each of the 9 servings contains 374 calories and 5 grams of fat

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research

Wrap it up for the holiday with easy appetizers, sweet endings

AP - Wraps are miniature hors d'oeuvres and desserts wrapped in puff pastry, and they're easy to prepare and serve for the holidays.

"Wraps are an easy way to combine different flavors in a way that not only tastes great but looks terrific, too," says Diane Phillips, author of "It's A Wrap!" (A Griffin Trade Paperback Original, \$14.95).

Using prepackaged, ready-to-use frozen puff pastry, home cooks can select their favorite ingredients, wrap them all up and bake.

"You can prepare ahead, cover, refrigerate and then bake wraps when you're ready to serve," Phillips says. "That way, you can spend time with guests and not in the kitchen."

Mini Wraparound Appetizers can be made with your favorite fillings. Phillips suggests filling puff pastry with prepared pesto. Or, if you prefer spicier Mexican flavors, try pairing cream cheese with slices of jalapeno pepper. For dessert, fill puff pastry with chocolate, jams, fruit or miniature semisweet chocolate chips.

MINI WRAPAROUNDS

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes
1 package frozen puff pastry (2 sheets), thawed
1 egg
1 tablespoon water
Assorted fillings (see below)

Thaw pastry sheets at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix egg and water. Set aside.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured

surface. Roll each sheet into 12-inch square and cut into sixteen 3-inch squares. Place filling in center of square.

Brush edges of square with egg mixture. Fold two opposite corners to center over filling and pinch to seal. Place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until golden. Makes 32 appetizers or mini desserts.

Use one or any of the following fillings:

Appetizer Fillings: 1 teaspoon chopped ham or pepperoni; 1 teaspoon cream cheese (plain or flavored) and a jalapeno pepper or green olive slice or chopped ham; 1 teaspoon prepared pesto or chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes and 1 teaspoon cream cheese; a small, marinated mushroom or 1-inch piece marinated artichoke heart; 2 teaspoons prepared deli seafood salad.
Mini Dessert Fillings: 1 teaspoon peanut butter, chocolate

chips, chopped dried fruit, chopped nuts, miniature chocolate peanut butter cup or caramel.

To prepare ahead: Make and assemble mini wraps on baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bake as instructed and serve warm.

CHOCOLATE CRESCENT WRAPS

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

1/2 package frozen puff pastry (1 sheet), thawed
1 egg
1 tablespoon water
6-ounce package semisweet miniature chocolate chips
Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature for 30 minutes.
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix egg and water. Set aside.

On lightly floured surface, roll pastry to a 16-inch square. Cut into eight 8-inch by 4-inch rectangles, then cut diagonally into 16 triangles.

Arrange 2 teaspoons chocolate chips in a line down the center of each triangle. Starting with the wide end, roll each one up and place seam side down on an ungreased baking sheet. Bend edges in. Brush with egg wash. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 16 servings.

Tip: For best results, bake crescent wraps on a nonstick baking sheet.

To prepare ahead: Make and assemble crescent wraps on baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bake as instructed and serve warm.

Recipes from: Pepperidge Farm

Blueberry oatmeal breakfast cake

AP - Blueberry Oatmeal Breakfast Cake is made with frozen blueberries and quick-cooking oats.

BLUEBERRY OATMEAL BREAKFAST CAKE

1 1/3 cups flour
3/4 cup quick-cooking oats
1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup milk
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 cup frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease an 8-inch round baking pan; set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In a 1-cup measure, stir milk, oil

and egg. Pour at once into flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter will be lumpy). Fold in firmly frozen blueberries; spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake until cake is golden and pulls away from sides of pan, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on a rack, 5 to 10 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe from: North American Blueberry Council

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Winter skin needs TLC

Don't hate me because I winter in Florida. Last December and January, I was in Michigan so I am well aware of how cold it can get. But who knows, with a bit of luck and a touch of El Nino, perhaps this will be a mild winter for you.

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Nevertheless, it will come as a surprise to no one that winter conditions have adverse effects on your skin, hair, etc. So it is always timely to remind you of the extra or alternate care you should be taking to get through the season with minimal damage.

The skin is the most obvious victim of the extremities of winter. Skin dehydrates more quickly in the cold dry winter air. Not only that, but it has to adapt to central heating in homes and offices, causing natural moisture in the skin to evaporate.

Cold air holds less moisture, and if the skin stays cold, it can be damaged by cracking and flaking. Make your moisturizer your best friend. Don't leave home without it, in fact don't ever be without it. You need a barrier between your skin and the elements.

Car legs
The drier the skin becomes, the less elasticity, and that can lead to unwanted lines and wrinkles. Don't forget that while you are in the car you have dry hot air blowing on you. You may want to put moisturizer on your legs as well since most of the air is blown from floor level.

Another trick is to put oils in your bath rather than bubbles, because they can coat the skin and give protection. Bubble bath, on the other hand, is basically a detergent and so dries the skin more. You can obviously reverse this in the summertime.

The heating systems in most areas are so good that we tend to forget how cold it is outside, and consequently don't prepare properly. Or we say "I'm just going to the car/mail box/mall — whatever. I don't be in the cold for long." If left unprotected too long, capillaries constrict, and eventually can lead to tissue damage, itching, and sore red patches. Those of you with eczema tend to suffer more in the winter. Watch out for chilblains, too.

The nose, knows

Let's face it, your nose is in the forefront, if you'll pardon the expression. You're always warned to take care of your extremities, well the nose is the extremity of the face. Often red and sore, it has to deal with the elements as well as being a disposal unit for the side effects of a cold. The cold dry air prompts the nose to react by using its glands to produce warmth and moisture and hence the irritating winter drip.

Next on our list are the lips. They have their own specific problems. Since they do not have any sebum (the skin's protective oil), they are vulnerable. Also when constantly wiping your nose, the lips can become involved. So you need at the very least some Vaseline. For those who refuse to wear lipstick, then carry a Chapstick — buy them by the dozen. Those using lipstick can combine lip gloss to give you extra protection.

Don't forget that your hair is also prone to winter damage. The oils that keep your hair lubricated are reduced, oils that when missing cause the hair to become dull and lifeless. Your best defense is a good conditioner.

Maintenance is constant, but you are really going to appreciate the difference to your skin that a little time and planning will accomplish. For those of you who participate in winter sports, particularly skiing, remember that the wind can cause more damage than cold or the sun. For those of you who head south for some well earned tropical heat, do not neglect (in your rush to thaw out) the usual precautions of summer.

My best for a wonderful holiday season. See you in 1998! Now if you'll excuse me I'm off to the beach.

I am truly sorry that I will not be doing personal makeovers at The Townsend in Birmingham until February. I extend a personal thank you to Townsend general manager Greg Alloway, for his invaluable assistance in making the year a sellout.

And yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. I have just scheduled my February dates at the hotel for personal makeovers. For more information, please call 1-800-944-6588.

Retailers offer last-minute perks



As the clock runs down on the holiday shopping season, some malls and department stores are adding free gift wrapping and valet parking to their list of customer services.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

With just three-and-a-half shopping days left until Christmas and Hanukkah, last minute gift gatherers will find these perks a blessing.

Laurel Park Place, Livonia: Spend \$200 or more and your receipts earn you a free, hand-blown jewel-toned ornament. See the Information Center for details.

Wonderland Mall, Livonia: A comfortably furnished shoppers lounge awaits near the Information Desk, complete with television and gift wrapping by the Girl Scouts for a donation.

Somerset Collection, Troy: VIP Suite on first level of the south side, with a coat

check, free gift wrapping, and hot drinks from Gloria Jeans.

Northland Center, Southfield: Trolleys run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Dec. 23, offering a free, boxed lunch with shuttle service for nearby office workers. To book, call (248) 443-5311.

Westland Center: Free valet parking through Dec. 24. Each \$150 spent results in a blanket donated to The Salvation Army in the shopper's name at Customer Service Desk. Free gift wrap with purchases over \$100 on Monday, Dec. 22. Free photo with Santa for purchases over \$100, on Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 6-9 p.m.

Tel-Twelve, Southfield: Gift wrapping by Southfield Music Boosters for a

donation.

Meadowbrook Village Mall, Rochester Hills: Rainbow Connection volunteers wrap gifts near Mrs. Field's Cookies for a donation, noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oakland Mall, Troy: Coat check in Sears wing. Holiday Helpers directing, suggesting and carrying packages.

Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn: Five, free gift wrapping stations with couches and samples of coffee and chocolates provided (four-package limit per visit.) Free valet parking weekdays after 6 p.m.

Twelve Oaks, Novi: Free valet parking when you show an American Express receipt.

Lakeside, Sterling Heights: Free coat and package check. Free hot chocolate and shopping bags at the gift wrap center. Up to three packages wrapped free when you show your American Express receipt.

Livonia Mall: Charities staff a gift

wrapping station near Crowley's for donations.

Nordstrom: Coat and package check at Concierge Desk. Will make dinner, theater and taxi reservations for shoppers. Valet parking.

Hudson's: Gifts to go come pre-wrapped or ready-to-serve from The Marketplace and Cosmetics. Holiday Service Centers at all stores provide wrapping for \$2, gift certificates, coat check. Package pick-up available.

Jacobson's: Complimentary gift wrapping all departments, all stores. Free silver picture frame with purchases of \$100 or more. Sunday hours extended from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Packages will be carried to cars. Valet parking free at Birmingham store with any purchase.

Saks Fifth Avenue: Free gift wrapping. Free valet parking with purchase. Free Santa photos, noon to 6 p.m. A donation to Make A Wish Foundation yields a photo button.

Unique shops earn respect of town teens

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

Because everything old is new again, Birmingham's Shops at The Top are doing well, moving merchandise popular during the '60s and '70s.

It's the teens grabbing up the bead curtains, lava lamps, sticks of incense and hemp chokers that are scattered through-

out the six stores that make up the second floor of the building at S. Woodward. Up the narrow staircase from the street, comes a steady stream of young people in search of the counterculture paraphernalia they find "so cool."

Dayna Flory, 15, and Kate Brennan, 15, both of Royal Oak explained the attraction on a recent shopping trip.

"We're going to the Hip Hut because they have cute accessories and the murals along the walls are so cool," Flory said. Added Brennan "These shops have the neatest stuff."

The Hip Hut is co-owned by 30-somethings Ron Magaw and Mary Beth Johnson of Novi. Magaw said the shop is a six-figure gold mine, and more main-

stream than the other five shops — Shakin' St., Purple Haze, Alphabet St., 13th Hour and The Silver Hut, another shop he owns.

"Our big challenge is keeping this a safe, clean, happy place to shop for all the good kids," said Magaw with a wide grin. "That's why we painted the murals, removed all graffiti, maintain a trash patrol, and filled a troublesome gathering space from the floor to the ceiling with tropical plants."

Cmdr. Don Stut of the Birmingham police department said "We've not had any recent problems with the Shops at the Top," although they used to get complaints about kids congregating and loitering around the premises. Stut said order is maintained by laws regulating the kinds of merchandise that can be sold legally.

Along with tobacco accessories, shoppers browse amid racks of vintage clothes, rock posters, picture frames, candles and stickers.

While Magaw insists he sells "seven times the national average per square foot," and plans to open a second Hip Hut in Ft. Myers, Fla., 13th Hour owners Caroline and Kelli, announced plans to close their shop for a Going Out of Business Sale, Jan. 2-4.

"We came from Ferndale and found the Birmingham experience is just so different," Caroline said.

Shakin' St. co-owners Brian Muncie and Carolyn Masnori of Birmingham sell subway-size rock posters, sterling silver jewelry and are venturing into pre-owned CD's and vinyls.

"There aren't many places that sell vintage items in other small towns around Detroit," Muncie explained. "So Shops at the Top serve as an oasis of sorts, pulling customers from Lake Orion, Grosse Pointe, Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor. It really amazes me."

Editor's note: Also included under The Shops at the Top banner, is the Paul Tytschkowski Watch and Clock Repair.



PHOTO BY JERRY ZOJNYSKY

Setting the mood: Hip Hut owner Maribeth Johnson poses with local artist Marc Christy who painted the murals around the Shops at the Top in Birmingham.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

Doll Show

Dealers, artists, collectors and hobbyists show and sell their wares from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Teddy bears, miniatures and doll houses too. Adults \$4, kids \$1.

Plymouth Cultural Center. 525 Farmer. (313) 455-2110.

Last days of silent auction

Livonia Mall hosts silent auction to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation through Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. Bids begin at \$500 for a highest bidder to receive a cornucopia of gifts valued over \$1,000 — including a basket of beanie babies, diamond ring, bracelets, pocket watch, pearl necklace, CD's, Gucci watch, sweatshirts, plush toys and \$100 mall gift certificate. Bid at the Information Booth.

Seven Mile / Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160.

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 admission.

Summit Place Mall.

Elizabeth Lake / Telegraph. Waterford. (248) 663-5299.

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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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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. Santa visits and photos through Dec. 24. Snow Village by Dept. 56.

Oakland Mall. 14 Mile / John R. Troy.

(248) 585-6000.

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 car 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.

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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.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile / Novi.

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Snowflake Express

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

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile / Telegraph. Southfield.

(248) 353-4111.

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.

Lakeside. Hall Road. Sterling Heights.

(810) 247-4131.

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.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve and Hanukkah

Shopping centers close at 5 p.m. today for the holidays.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas!

All shopping centers closed for the holiday.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26

Returns and exchanges

Shopping centers return to normal business hours.

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Steppin' out: Lord West, a leading formalwear manufacturer, demonstrates how one tuxedo and a simple change of "parts," permits a man to create a variety of striking fashion images. (Left) A banded collar shirt with button cover worn with a Domino vest in silk. (Center) A wing collar shirt with a satin Euro tie and Red Roses silk vest. (Right) a wing collar shirt worn with a black silk bow tie and Tuscany Gold silk vest.

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.

Hudson's cultural fund on its way to the goal

With seven weeks left in the campaign, Hudson's Team 500 drive to raise \$1.5 million for the Detroit Cultural Center, is closing in on its goal.

Hudson's director of Community Relations, Susan Kelly, conceived and executed the program. Hudson's donated \$500,000 on June 1, 1997 to kick-off the drive, and promised to match each \$1 donated by Hudson's shoppers to a \$500,000 goal, to produce a million, additionally.

As of Dec. 16, shoppers have given \$388,000 to benefit: Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Historical Museum, Public Library, Science Center, Symphony Orchestra, Museum of African American History, International Institute, the Art Institute and Heritage House.

The campaign ends on January 31, 1998. Shoppers who want to participate should look for the kiosks with maps and envelopes near the escalators at each store. They can drop in dollars, or make donations on their charge cards.

Rochester has a secret
Crumb Studio, established

in 1977, sells museum-quality porcelain art pottery by Michael and Michelle Crumb of Detroit who now reside in Rochester Hills.

The gallery is at 1415 Tienken in Rochester Hills, (248) 650-8904. Michael called the studio "Rochester's best-kept secret." He has been a studio potter for 20 years, studying at Pewabic Pottery. Michelle studied at the American School of Paris in St. Cloud, France.

"Our work is fired to cone 13 which makes it harder than all other fired ceramics and great for kitchen use," they explained. "It is microwavable, lead-free, dishwasher and food storage safe."

Holiday 'carts' do a brisk business

Holiday carts and kiosks have grown from less than a \$20 million business in 1986 to a nearly \$2.6 billion industry today, according to industry analysts. Because it costs less to lease a cart in the mall than a store front, retailers use them to test new concepts. Mall officials like "temporary tenants" because they extend merchandise selections for shoppers.

CD benefits cerebral palsy

A Little Holiday Spark Ignites Detroit, recorded by area stars including Marshall Crenshaw, Mitch Ryder, Caravan Winans, Smokey Robinson and the DSO, is being sold by Harmony House stores to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

It was produced by Dan Yessian with AC Delco. For more details call Yessian Music

at (248) 553-4044.

Retailer marks 20th year

Thom Leffler Great Designs for the Body and Home is celebrating his 20th year as a designer/custom tailor in downtown Birmingham. He recently held an Open House at the shop, 227 South Old Woodward, and announced plans for a year of customer-oriented events.

"Business has been wonderful," he said. "And the reason is because we've been able to grow and change the business with the times."

In addition to selling custom clothes of fine, imported fabrics, Leffler deals in antiques and decor design. He welcomes inquiries at (248) 642-0548.

Downtowns offer shoppers year 'round gift certificates

Both the **Plymouth** and **Birmingham Chambers of Commerce** are selling gift certificates for the holidays which will be treated like cash at the town's stores.

Plymouth boosters will also want to buy sweatshirts promoting the town \$30-\$34 through the Chamber of Commerce at (313) 453-1540. The number to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is (248) 644-1700.

Home cooked meals to go

The Sural family of Wolverine Lake opened Colorado Carryout in downtown Walled Lake. The western-themed restaurant is at 1152 East West Maple in the Maple Plaza. Specialties include roast chicken, meatloaf, ribs, soups, chili and sandwich-

es.

The eatery opens daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (248) 624-3439.

Wrap dresses return

Neiman Marcus introduces several exclusive wrap dresses from designer Diane Von Furstenberg. A sensation in the 1970's, graphic print dresses became the uniform-of-choice for working women as well as socialites.

Their immense popularity led to a 1976 Newsweek cover story on the sale of more than five million dresses. The 90's versions are a bit shorter and cut closer to the body and fashioned from seasonless silk jersey.

They're \$190, in sizes 2-14, in the Galleria Collection, NM the Somerset Collection, Troy.

Find the missing pieces

Hostesses will appreciate a new edition of the Discontinued Tableware Replacement Services Directory (8th edition).

To receive a copy, send \$5 (includes postage) to JV Directory, P.O. Box 5297, Ocala, FLA., 34478.

Where can I find?

(248) 901-2555

What we found:

- Pleated rainbonnets at **Marlo Beauty Supply**, 13 Mile/Hoover, Warren or T.J. Maxx, Hoover/11 Mile.
- The **Norelco filter** can be found by contacting Norelco P.O. Box 3135 Wallingford Ct. 06492 or **Schaefer/Time World** in Redford (313) 534-0736 or **McNichols Electric Service** (313) 342-6070. They are Norelco dealers.
- **Sega Genesis Shining Force One** at **Funcoland** in Westland, (313) 728-5740.
- **Clairol haircolor light ash blonde** at **Levin Beauty Supply** on Coolidge, **Oak Park** (248) 851-7323.
- **Rust Spot Remover** for cars or anything metal, use rubbing compound found at any **Murray's Auto** or **Meijer** auto department.
- **Bugle Boy elastic waist, Velcro closures with zippers, elastic ankles, no small, medium, or large just sizes like 4 or 6 and up at Bugle Boy Birch Run outlet mall.**
- For Mary, you can contact **Apple on the Internet** and download what is needed, or find out where to get an instruction manual.
- **Bell and Howell #850 slide projector** at **Rence Camera Service and General Repair**, Little Mack, St. Clair Shores (810) 772-8344.
- The **TV tuner adapter for Game Gear** at **Funcoland** in Taylor on Eureka.
- We found readers who have **Coty Lilly of the Valley** cologne, **Toni permanent hair curlers**, **Talking Cookie Monster** and **Oscar**, 6-cup **Corningware** teapot, plastic popcorn bowl with red stripe, **Emmett Kelly** doll.
- **Good Food Company**, Ford/Lilly, Canton, has food for diabetics.
- For china replacement dishes: call **China Matching** 800-564-8257 or **Replacements** 800-428-0570.
- **Tetra D** can be found at **Crescent Continental Co.** (313) 867-8257.
- **Tim Allen signature hammer**, **Restoration Hardware**, **Somerset Collection North** in Troy.
- **John Wayne memorabilia** at **Franklin Mint**, **Somerset North** in Troy.

We're still looking for:

- Men's denim overall 36-length for **Kathy**, **Garden City**.
- **Under the counter toaster** and **Clean shower** for **Joanne**.
- **Intrigue perfume** by **Mary Kay** cosmetics for **Carol**.
- **Revlon Lactol conditioning lotion** for nail, cuticles, and gray-gone detergent.
- **Linda** of **Troy** is looking for a **Barbie Bride doll** with dark brown hair and a **Shirley Temple doll** with a gingham dress, white pinafore, straw hat and purse.
- Dishes from **A&P** bought in 1979 called "Diane."
- A **video transfer box** that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for **Douglas** of **Farmington Hills**.
- **Word-of-mouth spaghetti sauce** for **Rose**.
- An old **Arthur Godfrey Christmas album** for **Sue**.
- **Jil Sanders cologne for men** for **Darryl**.
- The publication **Two Cute Sock Dolls** for **Kathy**.
- The games **Hotel** and **Flinch** for **Barb**.
- An **Apple IIC monitor** for **Richard**.
- **Revlon's Xia-Xiang** and **Diane Von Furstenberg's Tatiana** for four women in **Canton**.
- A **recording** by **Bing Crosby** and **David Bowie** singing **Little Drummer Boy** for **Steve**.
- The **Royal Doulton Coronet pattern** in white for **Fay**.
- The **Sesame Street Vetex cartridge** in green for **Kim**. She has the yellow and blue.
- **Spoolie rubber curlers** and a loose leaf that opens on the top not sides for **Lafarn**.
- **Ruth** needs a distributor who sells the cleaner "Swipe."
- **Jean** is desperately trying to come across a **Cary Grant** recording of **Red Roses** for a **Blue Lady** from many years ago.
- Two more callers said they want to locate a **Drowsy Doll** with pull string.
- The **Lone Ranger board game** for **Linda** of **Garden City**.
- The old board game **Call My Bluff**, for **Joe** of **Livonia**.

A good thing



Yummy designs: Martha Stewart's copper cookie cutters were used to create these colorful cookies. Available exclusively at Nordstrom, in the Somerset Collection North, Troy. Enclosed with each cutter, is a recipe and decor ideas.

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Group to petition for open primary

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A citizens group seeking open primaries in county elections may begin a petition drive after Wayne County commissioners rejected the group's request Thursday to place a ballot proposal before voters.

Commissioners rejected a request from Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, to place a proposal on the August 1998 ballot, that with voter approval, would amend the county charter to allow any elector to vote to nominate one candidate for each county office, regardless of party.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland; Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; and Commissioner Edward Plawewski Sr., D-Dearborn Heights, oppose such a ballot proposal.

Before the vote, O'Neil said the proposal addressed the fair-

ness of elections in Wayne County. More than half of his constituents are excluded from voting in county elections involving Democrats if they vote Republican in national races, O'Neil said.

John Hand, chairman of Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries and former member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, said the state Legislature "had put a number of rocks in the road" regarding county elections. "The public should have the right to choose the best and brightest for elective office," Hand said.

But Ben Washburn, the commission's legal counsel, said the charter commission did not have the option for a nonpartisan election because state law called for partisan elections. "It would be unenforceable," Washburn said.

McCotter, who also represents Plymouth, added: "State law supersedes the charter, party

rules supersede the charter." Still, he encouraged commissioners to discuss the merits, not the legality, of the proposal.

After the vote Beard, who also represents Garden City, called the request an "exercise in futility."

"Wayne County cannot make a change in this, because it violates state law," Beard said.

Patterson called the proposal a "sound-good, sound bite" by "well-intentioned" people, but believes it won't work.

"It will drive more voters away from the process because it will result in a change (for parties) to go into caucus, which I am not advocating," Patterson said.

"Democrats would cross over into Republican races, and Republicans would vote in races for Democrats, just to be mischievous."

Patterson said commissioners could not put something on the ballot that would violate state law. "Why go to the polls and

waste the money on an election?" Patterson asked.

Plawewski, who also represents Redford Township and a part of Livonia, believed the current nomination process of candidates worked well and should not be changed. Opening up a county primary in a supposed nonpartisan race raises the potential for people voting for candidates just to knock out party favorites, Plawewski said.

"Too many people have played games with this in the past," Plawewski said.

Hand was not dissuaded, however. Hand said he found it "hard to believe" that state law would be interpreted to "frustrate the will" of the people who want to open the ballot, if the question was raised in a legal battleground of a courtroom.

"At this point, we'll take a look at a petition drive," Hand said. "We'll probably need about 63,000 signatures — 70,000 just to be safe."

Plawewski to seek commission seat

Edward Plawewski Sr. will run for election to the county commission.

Plawewski, a Democrat who was appointed by commissioners in November to fill the vacancy on the commission created by the resignation of his granddaughter Michelle Plawewski in the Ninth District, paid a \$100 filing fee Wednesday to officially declare his candidacy at the Wayne County elections division office.

The Ninth District consists of Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and a portion of Livonia east of Middlebelt Road. The primary election will be held Feb. 10 and the general election conducted March 10.

People who wish to be

nominated as candidates can pay the \$100 filing fee or collect signatures on nominating petitions and file them with the county elections office.

If the candidate wishes to run as a Democrat, they must collect a minimum of 183 signatures of registered voters within the district. If running as a Republican, they must collect at least 289 signatures. Independents must collect a minimum of 943 signatures.

Petitions must be turned in or the filing fee paid at the county elections division office inside the City County Building in Detroit before 4 p.m. Jan. 6.

As of Friday, Plawewski was the only candidate to file.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

BELLEVILLE

Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Sept. 19.
(800) 677-7800

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LANSE

Class of 1987
March 21 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 360-7004, press 2
Class of 1978
Aug. 1 at Somerset Inn, Troy.
(248) 366-9493, press 3

CHERRY HILL

Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August 1998.
(734) 729-6783

DETROIT CASS TECH

Class of 1968

Looking for classmates for a reunion in 1998.

Pam Yee Gianola, 1243 Smith Road, Beulah, Mich., 49617-9493 or e-mail at mie-nai@aliens.com

Classes of 1980-82

Are planning a reunion.
Stephanie Bradford Wright '80, 1753 Cornell, Southfield 48075, (313) 945-8473; or Dylan Warmack '81, 2131 Bryanston Ct., Detroit 48207, (313) 963-7665

Class of 1988

Is looking for names and addresses of classmates.
(313) 896-0736, (313) 859-0261 or (313) 882-1632

Class of 1978

Is planning a reunion.
(248) 442-9320, by fax at (248) 442-8830 or Sharon Law-Williamson, 28479 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia 48152

DETROIT KETTERING

Classes of 1971-72
Is planning a reunion.
Send names, addresses and telephone numbers to Ron or Pat (Tish Mack) Matthews, P.O. Box 7647, Bloomfield Hills 48302, or call (810) 745-8422, (248) 696-6342 or (248) 857-6043.

Class of 1978

Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Chrystal Esaw, 27930 Berkshire Dr., Southfield 48076, or call (248) 358-5236, (313) 526-8667, (313) 839-9858 or (313) 372-3159

DETROIT PERSHING

Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
(248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244
January-June classes of 1952
A fall 1998 reunion is being planned
(248) 623-2454, (810) 771-9810 or (810) 979-4594

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN

50th anniversary
May 30 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Cost is \$50 per person with checks payable to Audrey (Laird) Poole, 1640 Oxford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods 48236.
(248) 879-9779, (313) 884-2462 or (248) 546-3500

DETROIT WESTERN

Class of 1949
Is planning a 50th reunion.
(313) 274-3214

FARMINGTON HARRISON

Class of 1988

A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.
(248) 442-2862

FRASER

Class of 1972
A reunion is being planned for Fraser Steffens Park.
(810) 293-2160

GARDEN CITY

Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for October.
(810) 765-1380 or (734) 513-6071

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Aug. 8.
(800) 677-7800

HAZEL PARK

Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
(800) 677-7800

HIGHLAND PARK

Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201
Class of 1978
Planning a 20-year reunion for July 1998. Seeking classmates.
Fax info to C. Jones (313) 836-5302 or write to HPCHS reunion

committee, c/o P.O. Box 760484
Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

MADISON

Class of 1948
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 548-5470 or (810) 264-9191

OAK PARK

Classes of 1957-59
Is planning a reunion for November 1998.
(248) 559-1746 or (248) 354-0092

PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM

Classes of 1988
A joint reunion will be held June 20.
CEP Class of '88, P.O. Box 5356, Plymouth 48170

ST. ALPHONSUS

Class of 1958
A reunion is being planned for 1998.
(513) 878-7483 or (734) 455-1277

ST. HEDWIG HIGH

Class of 1958
Is planning a reunion.
(734) 953-1011

ST. JOSAPHAT

Class of 1943-46
Are planning a reunion.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

STERLING HEIGHTS

Class of 1978

July 25 at Gino's Surf Restaurant, Harrison Township.
(248) 360-7004, press 6

STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON

Class of 1988

Is planning a reunion.
(800) 677-7800

WARREN

Class of 1978
July 25 at the Fernhill Country Club.
(248) 644-3545

WARREN WOODS TOWER

Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 790-4214 or (810) 771-7328

WATERFORD KETTERING

Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 628-3926, (248) 681-1768 or (248) 623-6057

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 1

YPSILANTI

Class of 1988
Aug. 8 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 366-9492, press 1



It's been said so many ways, so many times before, in so many languages - Happy Holidays!
Let us add our sincerest wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, and our thanks for your support and patronage during the past year. We look forward to serving you again in the coming year.
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SINGLES DANCE

■ West Side Singles Friday night dances are held every Friday at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission is \$5. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older welcome. Music by professional DJ. Top 40 current hits. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

■ Suburban Singles presents a "Singles Mingle Dance" every Wednesday and Sunday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile in Redford. Admission is \$4. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Fashionable attire (no jeans). For more information, call (313) 849-5275.

■ West Side Singles presents a Christmas Dance Friday, Dec. 26, at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and over. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

■ A New Year's Eve Dance will also be hosted by the West Side Singles on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event is from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., with a cash bar. A DJ will play Top 40 Music, and there will be party favors, balloon drop and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

AROUND TOWN

UNIQUE GIFTS

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offers gift ideas for year-round. Gift certificates for over 40 Plymouth area retail shops and eateries as well as Plymouth sweat-shirts. Call 453-1540.

BUILD BOOK COLLECTION

■ Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate to the adult or youth collection with \$25. The staff will help select a title and a bookplate will identify your donation to honor a friend or family member. Call 453-0750, Ext. 213.

BET CHAVERIM

■ Congregation Bet Chaverim will be having their monthly service 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the United Methodist Church in Canton. The Hannukah party planned for Dec. 28 has been cancelled. Call 480-8880 for the CBC hotline.

TAI CHI

■ Botsford Center for Health Improvement is offering an introductory course in Tai Chi beginning Jan. 7. This class meets every Wed. through Feb. 24, from 7-8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. Call (248) 473-5600 for information.

WINTER BALL

■ Canton Community Foundation is hosting its fourth annual Canton Winter Ball on Jan. 9 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening includes a gourmet

dinner, open bar, and live music. Reception begins at 6:30, dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Attire is semi-formal, tickets are \$60 for and individual, corporate sponsorships are available. This is the largest fund-raiser for the Foundation. Call (313) 398-5000 for reservations.

ART CLASSES

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council is now accepting registrations for Winter 1998 art classes and workshops for all ages. Classes start Jan. 12. Choose from photography, batik, printmaking, music, pottery, basketry and children's theater. Call (313) 416-4ART.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

■ Fox Hills Golf Club will be hosting this event 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$79 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, free drinks, live music, desserts and noisemakers. Call 453-7272 for required reservations.

LIBRARY EVENTS

■ The Plymouth District Library is hosting many exciting events this month: a holiday card display, Internet youth classes and book discussions. Call 453-0750.

ART WORKSHOPS

■ D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel in Canton is offering a variety of holiday art workshops for adults and youths. Call Sharon, 453-3710.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

ADULT CPR

■ St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Basic Life Support Adult Heart-Saver Course 1-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B, near the South Entrance on Levan Rd. The cost is \$20 per person. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

■ Madonna University's open registration for winter term continues through Friday, Jan. 2, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with some exceptions. All offices will be closed for Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

YOUTH SOCCER

■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration during the month of January, at the Recreation office, 525 Farmer St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A birth certificate is required, \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-



New home
Now open: The 35th District Court has moved to its temporary quarters on Plymouth Road across from the former Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, which was destroyed by fire July 2. The court will remain in the modular, bolted-together facilities until a new courthouse is finished in some 18-24 months. The new court will be built on the site of the former court.

residents. Call 455-6620.

FUNNIEST VIDEOS

■ Enter "Michigan's Funniest Videos" at East Lansing's first annual Film Festival on March 29. Tapes should be acceptable for family viewing and no longer than 10 minutes. Deadline is Feb. 10. Send them to: Michigan's Funniest Videos, P.O. Box 025035, Lansing, Mich. 48909-5035. Call (517) 336-5802.

SALVATION ARMY

■ Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

■ The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

STOCKING STUFFERS

■ Stocking stuffers are available for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors. The parents' committee, helping to plan the 1998 Senior Party part of graduation festivities, will be offering the early sale of 1998 Senior Party tickets.

Information, Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.

HOT FAMILIES

■ Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American holiday during Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in learning more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428.

SUPPORT GROUPS

DIABETES

■ St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group will be having a meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the hospital auditorium. There is no charge or registration required. Call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

EMPOWER

■ One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situations, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment 981-3039.

HIV/AIDS TESTING

■ The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) offers free walk-in testing at a variety of locations throughout Washtenaw, Livingston

and other counties. Call (313) 572-9355.

NEW BEGINNING

■ The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ A seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child will be offered by Arbor Hospice. Groups will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor. The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child, regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

LIFE MINISTRIES

■ Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

LEARNING DISABLED

■ Joe's Group is a group for the learning disabled

and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MDDA

■ MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

SUBURBAN WEST

■ Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. Information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

■ Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

BEAUMONT HOSPICE

■ Beaumont Hospice invites you to become part of its hospice team by volunteering your services to support the care of patients with terminal illnesses and their families. Information, (248) 828-9514.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

CAREER WOMEN

■ The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth; from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call

Judie, (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

GOODFELLOWS

■ The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the City Hall on Main Street. Call 455-8611 or 451-3554.

BNI

■ Business Network International will not be holding the regular chapter meeting Jan. 1.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

TOASTMASTERS

■ Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

■ One of Michigan's premier choirs, the Plymouth Community Chorus, is looking for people who love to sing. Auditions will be held Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Auditions by appointment on Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Rehearsals will begin Jan. 13. Male voices, especially tenors are needed, female openings are also available. (313) 455-4080.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

■ The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Chorus will be holding auditions on Jan. 6 and 13 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, on 11 Mile Rd, east of Middlebelt. All sheet music and practice tape is provided, auditions begin at 7:30 p.m. for those who enjoy music, 18 and older. (248) 471-4516.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth and Canton Observers, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon. Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

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Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honors or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Tiffany Lacey, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten, to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

EMPLOYEES HONORED

Lawrence Technological University honored employees for their dedication during a special

luncheon, with service pins and honors. Plymouth is the home to six of those who were recognized for their service: Louise Garrett and Richard Srodawa for five years; Glenn Greenfield and Betty-Lou Stover for 10 years; Douglass Koch for 15 years; and Richard Hall for 20 years.

GRADUATED

Madonna University recently graduated more than 700 students. There were nine bachelor's degrees given to Canton residents: George G. Daraban, Erin T. Ford, Angela N. Klenn, Robert A. Kowalski, Lori A. Kuschel, Meghan L. O'Keefe,

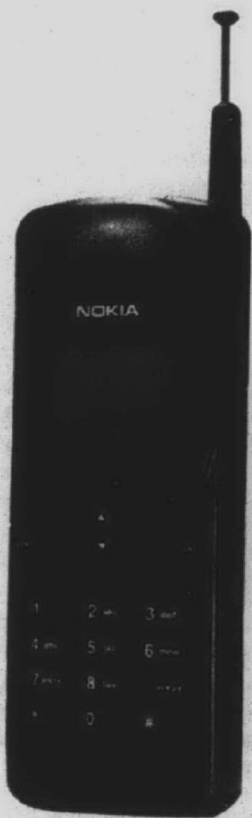
Kimberley A. O'Malley, Margaret M. Shields and Jennifer M. Weiss. Associate degrees were awarded to Jill M. Balush and Diane E. Brooks, both of Canton. Tracy Q. Massel of Plymouth received a master's degree in administration-education leadership. Three Plymouth residents received bachelor's degrees: Kelly M. Geiger, Elizabeth A. Miller and Marilynn M. Peterson. Jennifer J. Szary of Plymouth received an associate degree.

AMBASSADORS

Sara Madsen and Tracy Huth, both of Canton, were selected to serve as Central Michigan Uni-

versity homecoming ambassadors. They were selected for their leadership skills, campus involvement and service activities. Madsen is a senior in health fitness and therapeutic recreation. She is involved with the Mortar Board senior honor society, Order of Omega and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is the daughter of James and Patricia Madsen. Huth is a senior in psychology, with a minor in interpersonal and public communication. She is a member of the Panhellenic Council executive board, Order of Omega and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Richard and Carole Huth.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Fibromyalgia - WPON

Fibromyalgia specialist Dr. Martin Tamler speaks on the challenge of living with and understanding fibromyalgia Jan. 9 on WPON radio, 1460 AM from 10-11 a.m. and again at 6 p.m.

Red Cross blood drive

The holidays are a very busy time — they are also a dangerous time for the holiday blood supply. Show your holiday spirit, donate blood with Garden City Hospital, on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garden City Hospital is located at 5245 Inkster Road in Garden City. To make an appointment to donate, call (313) 458-4267.

Giving blood is safe and easy — the entire donation process takes about one hour, the actual blood donation lasts for 6-10 minutes. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health.

Tai Chi at Botsford

Are you feeling a little frazzled? Maybe it's time to think about beginning the new year off right with a little stress management. Botsford Center for Health Improvement (TRACC) is offering an introductory of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese martial art which is often referred to as 'meditation in motion.' The class meets for eight consecutive Wednesdays from Jan. 7-Feb. 24, 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70. Space is limited, preregistration is required. For more information call (248) 473-5600.

Rite Aid openings

Two new Rite Aid drugstores are expected to open in Livonia in 1998. The chain will also expand a third Livonia Rite Aid store adding to the already 10 stores in existence. "Livonia is a very viable and growing market, and we plan to continue our presence there," said Paul Toombs, Rite Aid market manager.

The two new Rite Aid stores will be located at the intersections of Eight Mile and Merriman roads, and at Six Mile and Newburg roads. The latter is a relocation of an existing Rite Aid store located in the Newburg Plaza. In addition, Rite Aid will expand and remodel its drugstore at 33480 Seven Mile Road at Farmington. When complete, the store will boast an additional 3,012 square feet as well as an expanded merchandise mix.

St. Mary blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the West Addition conference rooms A & B. This is an important time of year to give blood as supplies are down after the holidays. The Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Hospital employees and volunteers to give a special "post-holiday gift" by donating blood.

St. Mary Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan. To schedule a time to donate, call Cheryl Delaney at St. Mary Hospital (313) 655-2980.

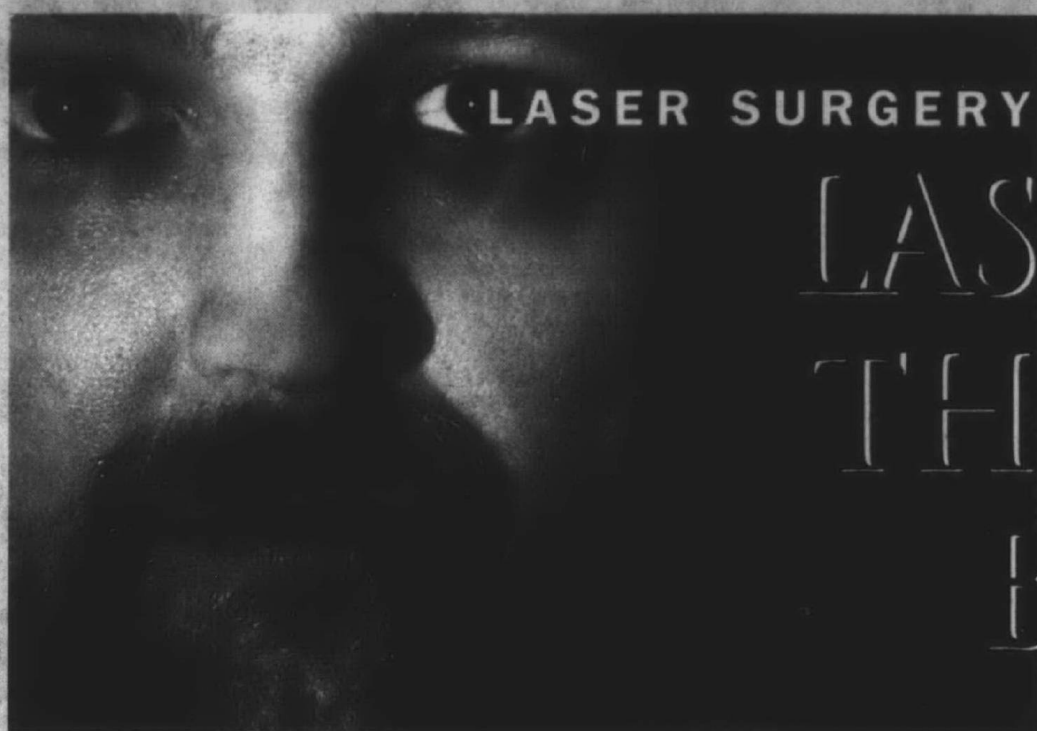
Psoriasis research

Henry Ford Hospital is seeking patients with scalp psoriasis to participate in a research study. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and have at least ten percent of their scalp affected by psoriasis.

The study will require nine visits over 24 weeks. Subjects will be reimbursed for their time. The study's medications, skin exams and parking are provided free-of-charge. For more information, call Henry Ford Hospital Department of Dermatology at (313) 556-9759 or (313) 556-8847.

Items for Medical Briefs 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 Briefs
c/o The Observer Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150
Or faxed to (313) 591-7279



LASIK patient Dr. Jeff Van Hook

At times, life is nothing more than one big nuisance surrounded by little annoyances. At the best of times, little annoyances linger near the surface to disturb the moment's delight. So why not get rid of a nuisance permanently, given the chance?

For almost 40 years now, I've carried my nuisance on the ridge of my nose, because like millions of Americans, my nearsighted vision and astigmatism requires glasses. And my 40-year pain-on-the-ridge has gotten worse since entering the bifocal generation and having to learn the precise angle to tilt my head to focus in on my book, television, computer monitor or Caller ID panel.

Glasses are the pits! I wear them for two, and only two, reasons — to see better, and because I am too much of a chicken to slide contact lenses under my eyelids. So I wake up in the middle of the night and have to go fishing for my glasses on the floor to find out what time it is.

When I go cross country skiing, my glasses fog up. And when the baseball game gets boring on TV and I tilt back in my recliner, I have to slide my glasses down my nose to refocus on the screen.

Anyone who wears glasses suffers from the same nuisances and could probably add his or her own list of annoyances that matches or exceeds mine.

Other patients

Other patients I talked with described the results of LASIK surgery as a "miracle" and I would use the same adjective. The persons I talked with included attorney Marty Brennan, Debbie Hurst and Kathy Yiannou of the Windsor Police Department, Dr. Jeff Van Hook, a Westland dentist, John Harkins, a pilot and outdoorsman from Macomb County, and Cathy Thompson, who works for NBD at the Warren-Cowan bank in Westland.

Van Hook, a Canton Township resident and eyeglass wearer for 23 years, said he suffered from a severe astigmatism that was corrected within a day of the surgery. Van Hook, 35, wore contacts in high school and as an undergraduate, but relied mostly on glasses because of the nature of his occupation.

"I had to wear glasses anyways when I worked because of all the dust and contacts would not have been possible," said Van Hook.

He went on to say his decision to have the surgery was furthered after his sister-in-law had the procedure done by the same doctor three years earlier. "I always thought it would be neat to go without glasses but I didn't want to risk losing my sight considering my profession."

Following his Aug. 8 surgery, Van Hook said he could see without his glasses within 30 minutes and was fully recovered with minimal use of anesthetic drops by the next day.

Van Hook says he will continue to wear reading glasses, something he was told ahead of time, and will undergo an enhancement procedure within the next few months to complete the correction of his astigmatism.

"I would do it again," said Van Hook, "and I'm not worried about having the additional enhancement because I know what to expect and I was told about it upfront. I have no complaints."

Take action

So one day I woke up and decided there are enough annoyances in life to tolerate that glasses should not be one of them. So one morning I drove from my home in Westland over the Ambassador Bridge into Canada to visit The Windsor Laser Eye Institute. My mission was to learn about a laser refractive surgery technique unavailable in the U.S. that eliminates the need to wear glasses for farsighted and nearsighted persons alike.

I returned to Windsor on a Tuesday to have my eyes checked to determine the prescription of the glasses I was wearing and to examine the physical condition of my eyes.

I "passed" and was declared a candidate for LASIK surgery. The procedure was fully explained, including a rundown on all possible side effects, what would happen during surgery, and how I might feel that day, the next day, and for the days after. Then I had a topographical map of my eyes made, with full colors showing the high and low spots of my cornea. This topographical information, and the figures from the dilated exam, would help the surgeon know how to set the laser equipment so as to exactly reshape my cornea as needed. The information was passed on to my surgeon, Dr. Fouad Tayfour, who assured me there would be no problems.

What takes place is really quite simple when performed by someone as knowledgeable and skilled as Tayfour. The technique might be simple but the results are more than remarkable.

Outpatient procedure

That Saturday morning, upon arrival, some numbing drops were put in my eyes. After a short wait, I was ushered into the surgery to experience firsthand what I now consider to be a medical miracle. Everything that happened was exactly as had been described during the consultation visit.

First, the eyelids are clamped open. Then a metal piece with a circular opening is placed over the cornea. At this point, my vision blacked out for a brief moment. Then a cutting tool called a keratome passes over the cornea, making a micro-thin cut of the surface layer of the cornea. The keratome, which functions just like a carpenter's plane, leaves uncut a small section of the cornea at the end to act as a hinge.

On the surgery table, I then watch as Tayfour takes a small tweezer-like instrument to fold back the freshly-cut layer. The excimer laser, preset for my right eye, is then aimed and turned on. I see a pattern of dark red dots with a green dot in the center. I become preoccupied with the red dots and green dot, which seems to fade and reappear.

The laser is done before I know what's happened. I then watch as Tayfour picks up the corner of the still freshly cut flap and places it back over the cornea. He irrigates underneath the flap and I can see the water pass over my eye. Then with a small spatula-type tool, Tayfour carefully applies pressure around the flap so it returns to its original position. Just like that, it's over.

The procedure is repeated on my left eye without incident. In about 10 minutes, both eyes are corrected for farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism. A nurse leads me to a nearby room, although I could easily have walked away unassisted.

LASER SURGERY REJUVENATES VISION

LASIK BREAKS THE GLASSES BARRIER

BY EMORY DANIELS
SPECIAL WRITER

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ed. She explains the post-operative care procedures and hands me a brochure.

In a short time, Tayfour invites me into an examination room, looks over both eyes, puts in some eye drops, puts a patch over my right eye, offers instructions, and asks me to return the next day.

On my right eye, the flap was cut without a hinge to expose all of the cornea because this was the eye with astigmatism and more of the surface had to be reshaped. So the patch was an added insurance to keep the "unhinged" flap in place. I was handed a "fanny-pack" with a pair of sunglasses.

When I left the institute my vision was near normal out of the left eye. I had no idea, of course, about the right eye.

Immediately after surgery, and for the weeks ahead, it is critical that I not rub my eyes. Rubbing my eyes might cause the cornea surface layer to shift which would complicate recovery and require

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Dr. Fouad Tayfour

In less than a decade, Dr. Fouad Tayfour has become one of the world's leaders in refractive surgery and a pioneer in the LASIK surgical procedures to correct farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism. Tayfour, 43, is medical director of The Windsor Laser Eye Institute in Windsor, as well as serving as ophthalmologist in-chief of the Windsor Regional Hospital. He founded The Windsor Laser Eye Institute in 1991 and since then has performed more than 10,000 refractive procedures for more than 5,000 patients.

Tayfour completed his medical training in ophthalmology at University of Toronto in 1987 and studied excimer laser surgery with Dr. Theo Seiler of Berlin, Germany, a pioneer in the field.

Tayfour is one of the first refractive surgeons to adopt LASIK in 1993 as the primary treatment for nearsightedness. More recently, Tayfour began offering treatment for farsightedness using the Nidek laser, also using the LASIK technique.

His knowledge, expertise and command of technology allow him to offer procedures in Canada which are not yet widely available in the United States.

With four years experience using LASIK, Tayfour is visited regularly by eye surgeons throughout the world to learn his technique. Tayfour also has attained the largest solo cataract practice in Canada in less than nine years, during which time he has performed more than 20,000 cataract surgeries.

If you would like more information or a free video regarding LASIK from the Windsor Laser Eye Institute, call 1-800-663-4733.

Sober is smarter this holiday season

There's another reason not to drink and drive this holiday season. Yes, you certainly already know that driving after drinking alcohol dramatically increases your risk for accidents. In fact, driving while under the influence of alcohol is still this nation's leading cause of auto fatalities.

Our reason for not drinking and driving is a little more long term, but certainly one you want to add to your list of reasons to practice moderation during holiday celebrations. It has to do with cutting cancer risk.

Well, OK — maybe the driving part has nothing to do with cancer risk, but there's no question that drinking alcohol does. Alcohol increases the risk for liver cancer and cancers of the head and neck, and probably increases the risk for breast and colon cancer. The new guidelines from the American Institute for Cancer Research say that if you drink at all, you should limit alcohol consumption to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men.

Beyond practicing moderation in your own consumption of holiday drinks, you may also want to do

your guests a favor if you're hosting a party this holiday season. Consider these suggestions:

- Offer a wide choice of non-alcoholic beverages, including fruit punches, juices, bottled water, soft drinks and flavored seltzer.

- Always serve food when serving liquor.

- Don't feel that the perfect host or hostess must always be "freshening up" guests' drinks.

- Never serve "one for the road." Never allow a guest who is intoxicated to drive.

Your holiday guests may be more likely to skip the alcohol if they're offered a creative and appealing non-alcoholic drink, aside from the typical soda or seltzer. Try serving these easy-to-make, non-alcoholic drinks at your next holiday party:

SPARKLING MOCK RED WINE

Choose stemmed wine glasses or tall slender glasses. Pour each glass half-full of very cold diet lemon-lime carbonated beverage or similar beverage. Fill the glass with very cold cranapple juice. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

SMART CHAMPAGNE

Choose stemmed champagne glasses. Pour each glass half full with very cold diet ginger ale. Fill the glass with very cold apple cider. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

HOLIDAY PUNCH

Combine unsweetened apple, pineapple, and cranberry juices, orange slices, and seltzer or ginger ale; to serve hot — omit the seltzer or ginger ale and add a dash of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves.

By keeping your alcohol intake to a minimum this holiday season and all year round, you and your loved ones can toast to good health this year with a better chance at having it.

For a free brochure send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. TT, P.O. Box 97167 Washington DC 20090-7167.

Health-conscious at holidays

Many of us think of the holidays as a time when, as far as our diets are concerned, all is forgiven; our sins of the palate are overlooked. But if we take a little time to plan our holiday foods wisely, we can end up with great-tasting, nutritious meals that leave us with nothing to feel sorry or guilty about.

The American Institute for Cancer Research recently published a new study emphasizing the need for plenty of vegetables, fruits and grains in our diets, along with physical activity and weight control, for cancer prevention overall good health. While many of us already serve vegetables at our holiday meals, we often prepare them with much more calories and fat than is needed.

Drowning vegetables in heavy cream sauces or serving potatoes dripping with butter adds unnecessary, unhealthy fat to our holiday table - calories and fat that can be easily skipped without being missed.

Try these calorie cutting suggestions:

HEALTH TIPS

Creamy corn casserole - each of the four servings has only two grams of fat. Melt two teaspoons of margarine in a nine-inch glass pie plate and blend in 1 1/2 tablespoons of flour. Stir in 8 ounces of evaporated skim milk, two cups of cooked corn and salt/pepper to taste. Bake at 350 degrees until creamy and thick - stirring occasionally about 25 to 30 minutes. Serve immediately.

Instead of preparing deep-fried appetizers for this year's holiday guests, try serving fresh colorful vegetables, like sliced red and green bell peppers, with a low-fat dip made with non-fat yogurt and light sour cream.

As an alternative to baked potatoes, to which we're usually tempted to add high-fat toppings like butter, sour cream and cheese, try serving wild rice with raisins and mushrooms. Boil one cup of water with two cups of chicken broth in a covered saucepan. Then add one cup of wild rice, 1/2 cup seedless raisins and four ounces of canned mush-

rooms. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until tender, about one hour.

It's easy to incorporate more healthful foods in your holiday meal while preparing the stuffing for your turkey. Try adding raisins or diced apples for something different, and season with onion, garlic, chives or scallions. Sweet potatoes also taste great with raisins, dates or chopped apricots mixed in.

When it comes to dessert, give family and friends the option of a rich dessert or a platter of fresh, seasonal sliced fruits like oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and pears. You may be surprised at how many people opt for the healthier, lighter meal finale.

By incorporating these simple changes into your cooking, not only will your holiday foods taste delicious, they'll be packed with nutritious ingredients that you can feel good about serving to the whole family.

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a return visit to the surgery table. The sunglasses were to be worn both to protect the eye from sensitivity to the sun and to keep me from rubbing my eyes. Also, persons who wear glasses are not used to having the eye exposed to the wind. Until I adjusted to this change, the wind blowing directly on my eyes would cause dryness. So the sunglasses also act as a "wind-breaker."

Minimal side effects

I was supposed to go directly to bed when getting home and sleep off the side effects. I experienced in a wakened state some of the "side effects" other patients sleep off. I did feel a little grittiness in both eyes, like I had been on the beach and had sand blown in my eyes.

The next day, my wife drove me back to Windsor for the post-op check (I would have driven except for the patch on my right eye). Tayfour removed the patch, examined both eyes, pronounced them perfectly healthy, and then had me read an eye chart. I was one line away from having 20-20 vision restored, so I left with 80 percent normal vision - without glasses!

I drove home that Sunday, able to see as well as I could

three days before with glasses.

Healing would take place over the next 30 days or so. I could not read and the words on my computer monitor were blurred. So I went to Arbor Drugs on Monday and picked up a pair of reading glasses (1.5 magnification) for \$14 to get me through the healing process.

On Monday, I also went to the Secretary of State's office to get my driver's license renewed and to ask that my license state that I didn't need glasses to drive. I passed that vision test with flying colors.

Some readers are interested in a full account of side effects and complications. I'm sorry, but this is all there is. Tears for 30 minutes, a feeling of sand in my eyes for an hour, and a couple weeks of wearing reading glasses until my close-up vision is restored.

There was no pain at any time, during surgery or afterwards. No headaches, no swelling, no scars, no burning sensation.

What's left for me at this point is to wait for complete healing to take place. The worst scenario is that my near vision may not return without the aid of glasses in which case I will keep a pair of reading glasses at my side. I'm told that is very unlikely,

that complete healing will restore close-up vision without glasses. That happened to everyone I talked with and surely will happen to me also.

Success story

On a recent Sunday, I leaned back in my recliner while watching the Lions on TV and watched Scott Mitchell throw interceptions without having to slide my glasses down my nose.

I fell asleep in the chair before the third quarter ended and upon awakening looked across the room at the VCR and read the time.

I drive without glasses, walk in and out of the house without my glasses fogging, and enjoy several other conveniences that more than half the population in the U.S. does not.

Yes, laser eye surgery is great. LASIK is not for everybody, of course - it's for those who wear glasses or contacts but don't really want to.

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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. 22

PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Canton at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

TUE, DEC. 23

SNOWPILE FOR DMC
For some 200 child-age patients at the Detroit Medical Center, this year's holiday season will be spent in the hospital. In an effort to bring cheer to hospitalized kids, Children's Hospital is hosting SNOWPILE! With the help of volunteer elves, personal shopping assistants and expert gift wrappers, parents can shop for their child, choose age-appropriate gifts, and have them wrapped all for free. If you want to help this donation-funded program, bring unwrapped toys and gifts to Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit. Some suggestions are: baby rattles, baby mirrors, pop-up toys, university apparel/accessories, tapes, CD players, headphones, and books. The collection date is Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 2-8 p.m. For more information call, (313) 745-0064.

MON, JAN. 5

HEART PALS - CARDIAC SUPPORT
Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-3242.

JAN. 5 & 15

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
This six week course provides information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Weekend classes and a two session refresher class are also available. Register early in your pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, 458-

3242.

TUE, JAN. 6

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call Garden City Hospital 458-4330 for registration information.

JAN. 6 & 8

'MOMS ON THE GO' FITNESS
An alternating land and water exercise program designed for the special needs of the pregnant and postpartum women which starts during pregnancy and continues until your baby is six months old. Presented by the Perinatal Education Program of Garden City Hospital and Wayne-Westland YMCA. Physician's approval required. Meets from 6-7 p.m. Call 458-4330 for additional information.

JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Members meet at 6:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Call 458-4330 for registration.

WED, JAN. 7

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for information.

CHILD & INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 7 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for information.

JAN. 2 - FEB. 11

PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-postnatal Exercise class that meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. Class dates are Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 and 11 in the Pavilion Confer-

ence Room A from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost is \$35 per person. The class includes warm-ups, stretching, low-impact aerobics, cool-down and relaxation techniques. Registration is required by calling MWC at (313) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

THUR, JAN. 8

FOCUS ON LIVING SUPPORT
A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Groups meet in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital and is free of charge. Call, 458-3311 for information.

JAN. 8 & 15

INFANT CARE CLASS
Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class from 7-9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes. This will be held in the West Addition Conference Room A. The first class, taught by a registered nurse, will be Getting to Know Your Newborn and the second, Caring for the Sick Infant. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference A (second session). To register call 655-1100 or toll free 800-655 1615.

JAN. 8, 12-16, 20

BREATH-FREE STOP SMOKING
This seven day stop smoking program has helped more people in the Detroit metro area kick the cigarette smoking habit. Join the Livonia Breath-Free Stop Smoking Program (join the non-smoking majority) Jan. 8, 12-16 and 20th of 1998 at the Livonia City Hall Complex, Library Auditorium, 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. All classes start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call, (313) 466-2540.



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Christmas, Santa sites abound in cyberspace



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If you've ever stood in one of those long lines at the shopping malls waiting for your kid to visit Santa, you'll be delighted to know that the Internet is full of opportunities for your little ones to visit with the jolly old elf.

Granted, nothing takes the place of a personal visit and a seat in that comfortable red lap. But boot up your PC, put a youngster on your own lap and start surfing. The Internet offers some great opportunities for you and your kids to spend quality time together this holiday season.

My AltaVista search revealed 229,111 mentions of Santa Claus in Cyberspace. Sorting through them all is a daunting task and, if you let the kids surf unsupervised, they'll run into some inappropriate material. So, to give you some fun places to visit online with your good little boys and girls, I've put together some of my favorites.

Expect some delays. All the Christmas sites are getting plenty of visits. The Santa.Net site, for example, (<http://www.santa.net>) claims it receives about 250,000 visitors a day. But if you persist, you'll eventually get through to all of these sites. And, by clicking on the various Christmas and Santa links you'll find suggested on many sites, you'll find even more places to visit.

There's a delightful Web site from Finland that calls itself the Santa Claus Home Page (<http://www.mofle.fi/santa/>) that bills itself as the oldest Christmas site on the Internet. It offers a fun-to-read "Interview with Santa Claus" and sections on the various traditions of the season and variations on all the different Santa stories from Kris Kringle to St. Nick.

Another Finnish site is well worth checking out, too. It's called "Radio Santa Claus" (<http://www.nettiradio.fi/test/santa/eng.html>) and it offers a Christmas calendar. Click on a date and up pops a short, perfect-to-read-aloud story from Santa.

The Santa Claus Home Page also lets your child send Santa an e-mail letter, delivered by "Rudolph, the Virtual Flying Red Nosed Reindeer" and, the site tells us, we can expect a personal answer back by return e-mail from Santa himself.

Another quick and easy place to send an e-mail to Santa with a guaranteed reply is the "Dear Santa Claus" page (<http://www.choicemail.com/holidays/letter.html>). While part of an online shopping mall, the letter page can be accessed directly and the form is straightforward enough that youngsters can fill it out themselves with adult supervision.

Wanna hear from Santa himself? Besides an e-mail service, the "Santa Claus Online" site (<http://www.santa-clausonline.com/>) offers a RealAudio

reading to the classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The audio is scratchy in parts but kids will get a kick out of it anyway.

You can hear Santa wish kids a Merry Christmas with a distinctively Australian accent on the "Christmas Down Under" site (<http://www.gil.com.au/ozkidz/Christmas/>). There's also a collection of Christmas music audio files.

The "Christmas Around the World" site (<http://www.christmas.com/christmas.html>) offers a clickable tour of dozens of nations and regions of the world where you can learn about the way Christmas is celebrated in different cultures.

Sometime before Christmas Eve, you should visit the "Tracking Santa" Web site (<http://www.eaze.net/~citius/dlist.htm>) and download their free little program that keeps track of Santa's whereabouts on the big night. The program only takes a few minutes to download over the Net. It's shareware. They'll ask you to send them a check for \$6.99 but you're not forced to pay to use the software.

Open the program up and you can visually "track" Santa's progress. It features a world tracking view, satellite view, customizable messages from Santa, Christmas music, Santa sounds, and lots more. Send them the money. It's worth it.

On a similar note, the Weather Channel has put on a North Pole weather

(http://www.weather.com/north_pole/) and a page that predicts the probabilities of places that will have a white Christmas.

For lots of fun Christmas audio clips (I used a bunch of them on my PC Talk radio show the other day) visit "Christmas Playhouse" (<http://www.xtranex.com/scott/xmas.htm>).

For Christmas ideas, recipes, an online message from Santa and some simple ornaments kids can make and parents will treasure forever, try the "Greetings from the North Pole" site (<http://www.netm.com/eh/christma/santa.htm>).

Here's a few more of the Net's more interesting and fun Santa sites:

"Merry Christmas from Santa Claus" (<http://www.merry-christmas.com/>)

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town" (<http://users.aol.com/chamhtml/AndSanta.htm>)

"Christmas All year" (<http://yule.com/>)

"North Pole.Com" (<http://www.the-north-pole.com/>)

"Mr. Claus.Com" (<http://mrclaus.com/>)

"Santa.Com" (<http://santa.com/>)

"Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus" (<http://www.barricksinsurance.com/virginia.html>)

For the skeptics and cynics out there, or for indulging in some "what if" calculations, adults may want to check out the "Is there a Santa Claus?" site (<http://www.lookup.com/Homepages/72935/santa.html>) to learn just

how fast it would take Santa to do his Christmas Eve work. The answer? He'd have to make 822.6 visits per second. Don't share this with the kids, though. It's a bit too snarky for youngsters. The "Is there a Santa Claus?" site is not for kids, or the young at heart.

But just in case you may need to counter the cynicism at least two sites have cropped up refuting the implications that Santa may somehow be a myth. Log on the "There IS a Santa Claus!" site (<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/members/russell.farr/abof/santa.html>) and the "Rebuttal Of Analysis" site at (<http://www.tiac.net/users/barrywel/dece>

member/santarebuttal.htm).

I hope you visit and enjoy all these sites.

But, what I really hope you'll do with all your loved ones Christmas Eve is, after surfing cyberspace, turn off the PC, open your family Bible and turn to the Gospel of Luke and read your kids the real Christmas story. You'll find in Chapter two.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

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>

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.

Low vision solutions

Low Vision Solutions of Livonia is a new company that sells equipment such as video magnifiers and daily living aids for persons with extremely low vision. Other products include hand-held magnifiers, large print software, talking calculators and watches and a showroom with approximately 10 different models of the video magnifiers.

New equipment ranges in price from \$1,800 to \$3,500 and used from \$500 to \$1,500 - and magnifies words and pictures up to 70 times their normal size to restore a person's ability to read, write and see photographs again.

Low Vision Solutions is located at 27520 W. Seven Mile Road, one block west of Inkster Road. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and evenings and Saturdays by appointment. For more information call (313) 387-1100 or 1-800-685-8802.

Talking Book World

Talking Book World, the largest retail chain of audio book stores, recently opened **Talking Book World of Livonia** located at 20245 Middlebelt Road. Hours

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Metro mortgage division

Rick Shaffner, president of Metro Mortgage Corporation, announced the opening of its new division, **Home Loan Specialists Inc.** HLS Inc. will operate as a d/b/a of Metro Mortgage. Craig Olmsted of Farmington Hills is the president of HLS.

Olmsted joins HLS with 12 years of mortgage banking experience most recently with Mutual Finance Services Inc. as vice

president.

HLS is located at 17000 S. Laurel Park Dr., Suite 202, Livonia. For more information call (313) 953-5626.

Boeing awards contract

J.S. Alberici Construction Co. Inc. an international construction firm with an office in Livonia - in a joint venture with The Austin Company of Cleveland, has been selected by The Boeing Company to design a focused factory for rocket manufacturing in Decatur, Alabama. The first contract to be released to the Austin Alberici Joint Venture is for completion of final design.

Absopure earns award

Absopure Water Company of Plymouth is sparkling with excitement at the news that its

CAP10 brand of flavored effervescent mineral water has received the prestigious AQUA Award from the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA). Dan Yessian Music of Farmington Hills was involved in the development of the CAP10 jingle for Absopure Water Company as music producer.

New construction

Ilmore Engineering, the race-engine building arm of Mercedes-Benz is building a new 26,000 square foot technology center in the Plymouth Oaks Business Park by Campbell/Maniz Inc. a Southfield based firm that designs, engineers and constructs industrial and commercial buildings.

The facility will centralize its American engineering and business management activities.

Construction completion is expected in the spring of 1998.

Sears dental opening

Family Dental Center recently opened a new location in the Sears department store of Westland Mall. Office manager Tamara Carmany said she is not surprised appointment books have been filling up since the store opened. "This Sears location was built because the community requested it," said Carmany. "The public demanded it and we are filling that need."

The Family Dental Center office at Westland Shopping Center is located at 35000 W. Warren Road. Patients can call (734) 466-9665 for appointments.

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 manager

Michael Glaser has joined the N.A. Mans team in Canton as General Manager for the Kitchen and Bath Division.

An Ypsilanti resident, Glaser is a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD) and comes to N.A. Mans have been a manufacturer's representative for Wood-Mode Cabinets for the past nine years.

Cooke promoted

Canton resident **Robin Kay Cooke** of Youth Living Centers has been promoted from

finance director to business development officer. Cooke will now coordinate program expansion, build and strengthen community relationships, and identify and evaluate new business ventures.

New quality director

FCI Automotive appointed **Charles Thompson** as quality director for the company's North American division - Framatome Connectors Interlock Inc. of Livonia. His new position will require him to be responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating quality programs consistent with customer requirements as well as preventing or eliminating defects in all new and existing products.

25th anniversary

Timothy J. Jahn a long-time Livonia resident, will be celebrating 25 years with General Cinema Theatres in February. Tim started his career as an usher at the Livonia Mall Cinema, and is now the General Manager of the Canton Cinema 6. In addition to his responsibilities as GM, Tim also holds the position of Marketing Coordinator for General Cinema Theatres in Michigan.



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BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L. There will be no regular chapter meeting of the Business Network International in December.

FRI, JAN. 2

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L.

There will be no regular chapter meeting of the Business Network International.

TUE, JAN. 20

MICHIGAN PRINT AWARDS The Michigan Print Week Association will honor the patron saint of the printing industry, Ben Franklin at a dinner and awards banquet at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by keynote speaker Mort Crim. Two individual and one Corporate Ben Franklin award will be also be presented. The individual

awards will be presented to John Wickett Jr. of Seaman-Patrick Paper Company and John A. (Jack) Briegel of McNaughton & Gunn Inc. The corporate award will be presented to Westcott Paper Products. Tickets are \$50. Call Harry Brookes, (313) 871-3357 for information about purchasing tickets.

NAT'L ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN

The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter continues to build a strong networking environment by scheduling the 1998 season with both creative and dynamic programming. All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of

each month at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For further information call Judie at 453-7272 ext. 223. 1998 programs include Jan. 20: Making the Tax Law Changes Work for You - (Jim Palazzolo, CPA); Feb. 17: Persist to Succeed (Carol Lewis); March 17: Do You Know Who You Are Really Hiring (Julie Van Ameyde).

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BUSINESS EXPO '98 Don't miss your chance to reach over 9,000 potential customers

in southeast Michigan at the largest business-to-business marketing event sponsored by Valassis Communications of Livonia and Q95.5 radio. The event at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia will feature over 4,000 visitors; 120 exhibitors, exclusive opportunities; and educational seminars. To register and to schedule booth selection - call (313) 427-2122.

APRIL 30, 1998

SWCCC BUSINESS EXPO

The Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce (SWCCC) is currently accepting reserva-

tions for booth space at the 1998 Southern Wayne Business Exposition, scheduled to take place at Yack Arena in Wyandotte. The event will open with a Black Tie Preview Party on Thursday, April 30, 1998 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This evening features a fabulous array of delicious entrees from over 30 of the area's finest restaurants. The business exposition will open May 1 from noon to 7 p.m. and will continue May 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Businesses interested in participating in the show can contact Cindy Travis at the chamber at (313) 284-6000.

Democrats demand product liability reform, legislation in motion

Corporations which knowingly manufacture defective products will no longer be able to hide under the cover of product liability reforms designed to benefit responsible businesses, under Democratic consumer safety legislation approved by the Michigan House of Representatives.

"The laws of this state protect corporations which harm innocent people by cutting corners,

skirting safety standards, and covering up evidence of product defects," said Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) House speaker. "That's wrong, and should be changed."

The Democratic legislation passed demands responsibility from corporations for the products they put on the market, and strengthens legal protection for consumers who are injured by defective products.

LEGISLATION

"This legislature should be endorsing responsibility, not negligence," said Rep. Ted Wallace (D-Detroit), chair of the House Judiciary Committee. "We should be on the side of innocent people who are harmed by unsafe products, not on the side of irresponsible corporations that put people's lives in danger."

The package of bills includes:

■ Legislation sponsored by Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos) which would prevent companies that knowingly manufacture or distribute defective products from taking advantage of Michigan's new product liability laws

to protect themselves in court. The 1995 reforms included caps on monetary damages, statutory reforms which removed discretionary power over lawsuits from judges and juries, and presumptions that products are safe if they meet bare minimum government standards.

■ Legislation sponsored by Rep. Wallace allows juries to award punitive damages to injured parties in circumstances where the conduct of the manufacturer was found to be intentional, malicious, fraudulent or done with a conscious and deliberate disregard for the interest of others.

■ Legislation sponsored by Rep. William J. Callahan (D-St. Clair Shores) which would make

pharmaceutical companies accountable for dangerous drugs they manufacture. Currently, Michigan is the only state in the nation that provides total immunity to drug makers for drug products which are approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

"People who put their trust in new drugs may not see harmful side effects for years," said Callahan. "How can we live with ourselves knowing that Michigan alone denies its citizens the ability to hold drug companies accountable for the harm their products inflict?"

"It is important that our system of laws not reward negligence," said Baird. "We should not be giving special favors to anyone who risks people's lives for profit."

'This legislature should be endorsing responsibility, not negligence. We should be on the side of innocent people who are harmed by unsafe products, not on the side of irresponsible corporations that put people's lives in danger.'

*Rep. Ted Wallace
— D-Detroit*

A briefing on the legislation is available on the House Democratic Caucus Internet site at www.housedems.com

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-07 CHAPTER 27 SUMMARY OF PLUMBING CODE (REPEAL)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE C-94-06, CHAPTER 27 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. THIS SECTION REPEALS THE PLUMBING CODE.

The plumbing Code, Ordinance C-94-06, Chapter 27 of the Township Code, and all sections and subsections thereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or voided, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-07 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-04 CHAPTER 21 SUMMARY OF ELECTRICAL CODE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ELECTRICAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF 1996, AS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1995, BY REFERENCE, AS THE ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This Section amends Chapter 21 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code as follows:

21.010 **Adoption of Code.** The National Electrical Code of 1996, as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association on September 1, 1995, is adopted by reference as the Electrical Code of the Township.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-04 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE1997 CDBG FUNDS:
PROPOSED REPROGRAMMING

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Plymouth City Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 5, 1998, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, to consider reprogramming certain 1997 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as follows:

CURRENT PROJECT	CURRENT AMOUNT	PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED AMOUNT
Senior Citizen Services	\$40,000	Senior Citizen Services	\$32,000
Old Village Development	21,000	Old Village Development	24,000
General Planning Studies	-0-	General planning Studies	20,000
ADA Building Compliance	15,000	ADA Building Compliance	-0-
TOTAL	\$76,000	TOTAL	\$76,000

The reduction in the Senior Citizens Services allocation does not reflect a change in the level of service, but rather an adjustment in the amount of the annual cost being charged to the 1997 CDBG Contract.

The allocation for general planning is for neighborhood development studies for Old Village. The proposed 1997 allocation restores a program originally scheduled for the 1996 contract year.

ADA building compliance projects were completed with 1996 CDBG funds, for less cost than originally projected, and therefore the 1997 allocation is not needed.

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed reprogramming.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-05 CHAPTER 25 SUMMARY OF MECHANICAL CODE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 1996, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP; TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARDS GOVERNING THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AGAINST THE HAZARDS OF INADEQUATE, DEFECTIVE OR UNSAFE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTALLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This Section amends Chapter 25 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Ordinances, as follows:

25.010 This Section adopts, by reference, the International Mechanical Code of 1996 as the Township Mechanical Code.

25.020 This Section provides for periodic inspections, a fee schedule, penalties and prohibits unlawful continuances.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

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SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-05 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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Read Arts & Leisure in the Sunday Observer

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of three copy machines.

Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 9, 1998.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

JACK F. FARROW, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-06 CHAPTER 26 SUMMARY OF ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 26 TO ADOPT THE CABO ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE, 1995 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS, INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, AND THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL, AS THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, PREFABRICATION, EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCE INSTALLATION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, USE AND OCCUPANCY LOCATION AND REPAIR OF DETACHED ONE OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT; TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

This Section amends Chapter 26 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Ordinances to read as follows:

26.010 **Code Adopted.** This Section adopts, by reference, the CABO One and Two-Family Code, 1995 Edition as the Township One and Two-Family Dwelling Code.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-97-06 considered for first reading at the December 16, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 455-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Christmas wish list gives 'paws' for thought

Asking Santa for something can be dangerous. You just might get what you want. I know because two years ago I asked for an Irish Wolfhound puppy and my woes began.

Last year at this time, I was saying "Santa, that puppy's a bundle of trouble." But another year has passed and Shamrock and I have become the best of friends.

That brought me to wondering what local artists and arts supporters were asking Santa for this year. Of course, grownups know the heart of Santa exists in each of us.

Lee Alanskas and the other Livonia Arts Commissioners' request for Santa is a tall one.

"We wish we could have our own city cultural center that would be a venue for all the visual and performing arts, one that would benefit not just the arts community but the citizens of the community as well," said Alanskas.

Unfortunately, the Livonia Arts Commission's wish is nothing more than that right now. Hopefully, one of the members will take up the reins and lead the project to fruition. It would be nice if the nonprofit organization's annual arts and crafts show and a fine arts exhibit at Greenmead Historical Village as well as artist-of-the-month shows at Livonia City Hall and the Civic Center Library were all located in one place.

It took the Plymouth Community Arts Council 25 years to finally achieve their goal. Now, board member Frank Kuszak has a new wish for Santa as the arts council prepares to dedicate the Joanne Winkleman Hulse Center for the Arts 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth.

"I wish that everybody would stop by the new facility and see what the Plymouth Community Arts Council contributes to the community and while they're at it to buy two tickets for our Mardi Gras dinner or an ad in the program," said Kuszak.

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 21 arts council patrons will enjoy a New Orleans style dinner, music by the New Reformation Dixieland Band, and an auction of items including art and a jersey signed by Detroit Red Wings player Sergei Federov all at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Tickets are \$50 and available by calling (313) 416-4ART.

While Kuszak is also wishing for more artists and businesses to donate merchandise for the auction, Westland artist Sandra Weed is asking Santa for crayons. A watercolor instructor at Schoolcraft College and the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Weed and her students will exhibit paintings at Livonia City Hall Jan. 19-30.

"I'm asking for crayons because I feel like being a kid again," said Weed. "Even the smell of crayons means art work to me. I'm going to elevate the lowly crayon to fine art."

Weed will probably pass on the skills she learns to her students which is a lot better than the gift of ice skates and a broken ankle, she received for her ninth Christmas.

The greatest gift of all

If Santa thought of everyone but you this Christmas, Weed suggests giving yourself a gift by enrolling in art classes at any one of the several locations around town. It's a lot safer than asking for an Irish Wolfhound puppy.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins classes in drawing, painting, music, and theater on Jan. 12 and a string program for youth ages eight to 12 on Jan. 14. For more information or to register, call (313) 416-4ART.

The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a slide taking workshop for artists 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22 and 29 at the center, call (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

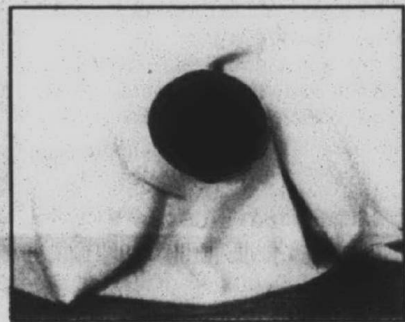
Deborah Kawsy of Plymouth explores the role of women in art from

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Comfort or threat: (Above) Chris Burden created this installation of police uniforms meant to fit officers eight feet tall. Some people find it scary, some find it comforting. It's all in your perspective. (Below) This untitled work by Anish Kapoor plays with simple shapes and bright colors. Part of an installation by Kapoor in the DIA's "Changing Spaces" exhibit, it's fun to guess what it is. Some visitors think it looks like an eyeball.

Installations reveal fabric as part of life



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

"Changing Spaces" just might change your perception of fabric art. Using fabric, fiber or processes like weaving and painting, six leading artists of the late 20th century confront viewers with installations that evoke emotion and provoke thought in an exhibition continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Organized by The Fabric Workshop and Museum, a non-profit arts organization in Philadelphia and developed by Mary Jane Jacob (a former DIA staff member) in collaboration with the artists, "Changing Spaces" deals with such weighty and timely issues as race relations, and the power of police. The imagery ranges in intensity from a whimsical room-size black cat that rises in the air to an overwhelming installation of oversize police uniforms, one of which was lent by Gilbert and Lila Silverman of Bloomfield Hills.

"Changing Spaces" will be presented in two consecutive exhibits. Part I includes works by American artists Chris Burden, Beverly Semmes, Renee Green, Carrie Mae Weems, Jim Hodges, and Anish Kapoor who was born in India and now lives in London.

"This is not your traditional fiber show," said Mary Ann Wilkinson, DIA curator of 20th century art. "The idea was to invite artists who don't usually work in fabric - the result is Changing Spaces."

Kids as well as adults will love Beverly Semmes' big black cat. At first look, the feline appears at rest in a nest of black velvet. In slow motion, the cat rises from the floor to the ceiling and back down again.

Titled "RISEANDFALL," the cat miniaturizes the viewer. This element is nothing new for

Semme who in the past crafted a large scale coat with the intent of making viewers feel small.

"Beverly's interested in what happens when familiar things are in large scale," said Wilkinson. "People immediately get the idea that it's a cat as soon as it begins to move."

Comfort or threat? Chris Burden leaves the interpretation to the viewer in "L.A.P.D. Uniforms" as he confronts viewers with a room full of large scale police uniforms, authentic down to the disarmed 92F Beretta handguns. Created in response to the 1992 Los Angeles riots sparked by the acquittal of Los Angeles Police Department officers accused of beating Rodney King, the exhibit alludes to the violence of the incident and the power of the police to protect us from violence or to inflict it.

Burden gained fame 25 years ago for performance pieces during which he had himself shot, crucified on the back of a car and nearly electrocuted.

"Chris is always interested in social problems," said Wilkinson. "The uniforms are exact except they're meant to fit a police officer eight feet tall. It's interesting. Some people find it scary to walk into the room; some find it comforting. Chris wants us to think about whether they're a threat or a comfort."

Whether the viewer realizes it or not, fabric warms the body as well as the soul and touches nearly all parts of our lives. Unlike the traditional museum, The Fabric Workshop and Museum is dedicated to producing works of art because of the belief that fabric is a viable art material. As a result of its collaboration with artists, The Fabric Workshop and Museum now boasts a collection of more than 4,000 art works.

"Most people don't stop and think about what fabric means to our lives," said Wilkinson. "Fabric is kind of an invisible part of our lives. It sort of insinuates itself into our life. Our clothes are

made of fabric, the seats in our car, even in works of painting there is canvas, a fabric."

Marion Boulton Stroud's founding of The Fabric Workshop and Museum in 1977 allowed artists to experiment with the material beyond its use as canvas. Until that time, fabric was commonly associated with craft or industry, but in most instances, not the fine arts. Thanks in part to The Fabric Workshop artists, who true to form are usually ahead of their time, now search for ways to incorporate fabric into their works.

"In the last 10 to 20 years, artists are not so confined as to what you can use for art like found objects," said Wilkinson. "Artists are more accepting of the mediums and using it in different ways. People should see this show. We don't have the opportunity to do a lot of contemporary exhibits. Every one of the projects is different. It's fun to look at. It makes you think. It makes you laugh."

Renee Green, one of whose first exhibits dealt with the Kent State shootings and the Vietnam War, used upholstered fabric and wallpaper to depict slavery with a spin.

"Contemporary Toilette additionally has scenes of upper middle class or aristocratic life," said Wilkinson. "The darker scene is where she includes life of 18th century African American culture, except Green reverses the roles. A black man hangs a soldier; another black person is teaching whites."

"She makes the African Americans heroes or somehow rising above the condition of slavery. It looks like a period room so visitors get a sense of what life was like in those days. Some are difficult images but in each case it's the black person who is the hero or in the position of authority."

A wine case full of top-of-the-line spirits also includes Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill and

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UPDATE

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

In mid-December, nearly a month after the change of format at WQRS-FM (105.1), former program director Dave Wagner is back at the station where he was summarily dismissed along with other on-air talent.

But on this day, Wagner is not scheduled for the studio. He's picking up his mail along with other mementos of his 20-year career at the Southfield-based radio station.

For many classical music listeners outraged at the decision by station owners, Greater Media of New Jersey, to play head-banging rock music instead of Rachmaninoff, the radio veteran Wagner is a cause celeb.

"I've become the poster boy for classical music," said

Wagner, who is busy searching for a new job and playing the organ at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe.

The listenership at the former classical music station, said Wagner, may not be plentiful by Arbitron standards, but they are loyal.

And looking for answers.

In recent weeks, rumors have swirled about which station would fill the void left by WQRS.

Speculation has included a change in format at local commercial stations WWBR-FM, WGPR-FM and WCHB-FM. With the classical music format perceived as a failing format, however, any commercial station would be hard pressed to gamble on a change to Bach

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STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Different key: WQRS-FM (105.1) has gone from a classical music format to "the edge" of rock. Former listeners continue to search for a new home.

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Thunderbird wines. Again, the work provokes viewers to ponder differences in histories and perspectives.

"It illustrates we're closer to each other than we think," said Wilkinson.

Carrie Mae Weems' installation, "The Apple of Adam's Eye" debuted in 1983 at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Photography, text and a fiber screen, the installation's focal point, has very strong feminist overtones with wry comments on the place of women.

"She wasn't going to let Eve take all the responsibility," said Wilkinson.

Anish Kapoor intermingles felt with fiberglass inserts in his installation that appears as so many body parts. One of the pieces make you think of an eyeball. Another work, "Body to Body," well, use your imagination. According to Wilkinson, though "it's very erotic."

The final installation, "You" is a wall of flowers by Jim Hodges. It's interesting because of the fact Hodges used flowers. In American culture, flowers take on a variety of roles from celebration, to commemorate a birthday, or to show respect for a person in death.

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prehistoric to modern times in a class entitled "The Herstory of Art: Women and the Visual Arts" beginning Jan. 3 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. For more information, call (248) 644-0866.

Weed, who equates herself to a music teacher instilling basics before students are able to play a piece, will teach classes in acrylic and oil painting beginning Jan. 7 at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. VAAL offers a variety of classes and workshops including a new drawing class for young adults with Alice Nichols. For a catalog, call Marge Masek at (313) 464-6772.

Weed teaches a fabric jewelry and fabric collage painting class 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Quilt Works in Plymouth. Call (313) 207-8708.

Classes (taught by Weed) in beginning and advanced watercolor begin the week of Feb. 2 at Schoolcraft College, call (313) 462-4448. Weed teaches these same classes beginning Jan. 12 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, call (248) 424-9041.

Weed will also teach a workshop in Sumi brush painting at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills (248) 471-7561 and at Millers Art Center, Fern-

Changing Spaces

What: An exhibition of Artists Projects from the Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia.

When: Part I continues through Sunday, Jan. 4; Part II runs Friday, Jan. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 22.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Call (313) 833-7900.

Cost: Free with (suggested) museum admission of \$4 adults, \$1 students/children, Founders Society members free.

Related activities:

■ Artist Lorna Simpson, an African American artist who blends provocative text with photographs challenging conventional notions of gender and race, discusses her work in the Lecture Hall 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

■ Mary Ann Wilkinson, DIA curator of 20th century art, hosts a tour of "Changing Spaces" 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24.

■ Australian artist Narelle Jubelin uses geographic place, memory and history to inform her work, discusses her installation 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Lecture Hall. Co-sponsored by Cranbrook Academy of Art and the Friends of Modern Art.

"This is the work everybody responds to, it's so gorgeous," said Wilkinson. "Jim uses manufactured silk flowers that he separates. Hodges thinks of it as an abstract painting. This waterfall of flowers is lush. He thinks of it as a form of architecture. The kids love it."

The exhibit is a fun way to introduce kids to art even though it has its moments of heaviness.

"The kids don't need an introduction to art. They don't know it's art. They have such an open mind." Later in the interview Wilkinson added, "but it's a good way to introduce them to art because there is so much to talk about with all of these projects."

Part II of "Changing Spaces" opens Friday, Jan. 16, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 22. It features work by international artists.

dale, (248) 414-7070.

"Just like a music teacher who teaches scales and timing, if students learn drawing skills and techniques first, they reach a level of competency more quickly and then they can apply them," said Weed.

That sounds easier than training an Irish Wolfhound puppy. Thank you, Santa.

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.

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and Beethoven.

As the format change at WQRS proved, radio isn't solely about music. At the time of the change, WQRS had one of the lowest ratings in the market but was reportedly operating modestly in the black.

"I don't know if the (classical) format isn't profitable, or just not as profitable as they'd like it to be," said Wagner.

Classical music at WDTR-FM?

Perhaps the most realistic place on the airwaves for a re-emergence of classical music is WDTR-FM (90.9), owned by the Detroit Board of Education.

The station's recent decision to broaden its appeal and the hankering for a new classical music station has sent rumblings through the local radio market.

In recent weeks, the grapevine has been abuzz with WDTR's imminent sale, estimated at a market value of \$20 million, and an unconfirmed report that the station will air regularly a classical music bloc in early January.

"We haven't made up our minds about classical music, and we are not for sale," said Dr. Arthur Carter, deputy superintendent for governmental and community affairs for the board of education.

Carter noted that revenue from a possible sale of the station would only cover expenses for about four days in the school system.

In markets throughout the United States, however, public radio stations are being purchased by communications conglomerates moving aggressively in the deregulated industry mandated by the Telecommunications Act, passed in June of 1995.

WDTR is not only in the nation's fifth largest radio market but has the wide-range frequency (from London, Ontario, to Fowlerville to Sylvania, Ohio) that many buyers find alluring.

But the board of education, said Carter, isn't budging.

In fact, WDTR commissioned a study to find ways to broaden the appeal of their educational programming mission. The inde-

COMMENTARY

Remembering WQRS

In order to become more self-sufficient, public radio stations have taken the cue from commercial stations.

After all, listeners attract both advertisers and donations.

"Public radio has become more market-driven," said Dave Wagner. "Everyone in radio realizes that you have to have listeners."

And when it comes to classical music, that's the rub.

Radio is an open-air democracy where ratings, not critically significant works of music, determine the agenda.

Unless there are huge public subsidies, it's unlikely that a format can be sustained that can't be justified by the marketplace.

To their credit, the on-air talent at WQRS found ways to break through the stuffy, didactic ramblings about the great composers to make listening to classical music an informative, compelling experience.

Unfortunately, their on-air work may be a waning art.

But their many listeners have not forgotten.

—By Frank Provenzano

Where are they now?

Current activities of former WQRS-FM on-air talent:

■ Charles Greenwell — a pops conductor with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

■ Paul Russell — pursuing a career in photography

■ Dave Wagner — playing organ at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe, and performing with Alexander Zonjic

■ Dick Wallace — professional voice talent and public relations consultant

pendent consultant's report calls for expanding broadcast hours from 12 to 24, improving the station's outdated transmitter, offering a wider range of education programs and building alliances with other local public broadcasting stations.

Recently, the station hired a new program director, Cliff Russell, a former WWJ reporter and press secretary for Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. The move is seen as a step toward further legitimizing the new direction at the least listened to station in the market.

"We are reinventing ourselves," said Carter. "Classical music certainly would fit under our scope of educational issues. If we can fit a community educational need, form a partnership, focus on education, then we are definitely interested."

Currently, only CBC-FM (89.9) offers a full-time classical music format in the metro region. University of Michigan's WUOM-FM (91.7) and Wayne State's WDET-

FM (101.9) play classical music as part of their programming. But in recent years, both university operated stations have cut back on the amount of classical music programming.

While talks about classical programming continue with many interested individuals, Carter is looking for broader support and deep pockets. Ideally, he said, corporations or foundations would need to pick up the additional costs of a classical music program at the station already burdened by a \$500,000 annual budget and few revenue sources.

"With our new format, we see ourselves as narrow-casting, rather than broadcasting," said Carter. "Eventually, we'd like to be the C-Span of public education issues."

Where classical music fits within WDTR's educational broadcasting mission, emphasized Carter, could be determined "very, very quickly" if a sponsor or donor emerges.

Familiar authors on this year's best seller's list

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Along with the certainty of death and taxes, add the proverbial claim about the passing of the novel.

Whether it's Tom Wolfe decrying the lack of social relevance, or ardent Internet surfers asserting that being online make books passe, the novel is as entrenched in book stores as

celebrity tell-alls, self-improvement and how-to selections.

Despite claims of its imminent demise, the novel is not only alive, it's thriving. And interestingly, several well-known, critically acclaimed authors seem to be doing quite well.

In the past year, some of these authors have drawn critical attention:

American Pastoral by Philip Roth — A surrealistic investigation by the author's alter ego, Nathan Zuckerman. The allegory of how and who influences the soul of a person, and how much can a person reveal before he loses his own soul.

Critics have characterized Roth's latest works as among his best. Readers might find the prose beautiful, but the story somewhat convoluted.

A suggestion: patience will pay off.

Mason & Dixon by Thomas

Pynchon — One of the finest stories from the reclusive novelist of such other post-modern classics as "Crying of Lot 49" (1966), and "Gravity's Rainbow" (1973).

Commonly obtuse, but uncommonly funny, "Mason & Dixon" is a comedic tale of astronomer Charles Mason and the surveyor Jeremiah Dixon, and the somewhat arbitrary drawing of the infamous Mason-Dixon Line, separating north from south.

Toward the End of Time by John Updike — Few other writers display the blend of poetry and prose as Updike. After his past several amorphous novels, Updike again proves that he's not only a great stylist, but up to the task of tackling philosophical questions.

In his recent novel, Updike translates the journal of a 66-year-old who feels freed from time. His entries reveal his psychological wanderings about personal fears and a world disintegrating into the antithesis of Thoreau's vision.

Underworld by Don DeLillo — An encyclopedic trip through the last half of the 20th century.

Since the end of the Cold War, few other writers have grasped the dimensions of the moral void left in the ruins of the assured mutual destruction theory.

Symbolically, the protagonist is an entrepreneur of garbage, looking to piece together the world of distortions and sound bites.

The massive novel may take

months to disseminate. But to date, it's stands as DeLillo's literary opus.

Briar Rose by Robert Coover — One of the inventors of the post-modern novel translates the fairy tale, "Sleeping Beauty," into an intricately irreverent variation with some adult-only themes.

The Complete Stories by Bernard Malamud — Author of such classics as "The Natural" and "The Fixer," in a compelling collection that reflects the Jewish-American experience, from tales set in the urban world, to survivors coming to grips with guilt and meaning, to glimpses into the lonely underside of the American melting pot.

Timequake by Kurt Vonnegut — More time travel with Vonnegut's second self, Kilgore Trout.

In typical Vonnegut fashion, the book is set on a precarious perch: On February 13, 2001, according to Trout, the universe will tire momentarily of expanding forever.

Probably Vonnegut's best work

since "Jailbird" (1979).

Other books of note:

Six Early Stories by Thomas Mann — Early writings from the German novelist and author of such 20th-century classics as "Death in Venice" and "The Magic Mountain."

Flying Home and Other Stories by Ralph Ellison — Arguably one of the least productive and one of the most important American writers.

Ellison, author of "Invisible Man" (1953), struggled throughout his life to match the depth and spiritual resonance of his ground-breaking novel about alienation and the problems of identity.

These short stories represent many of the same themes in which he articulated in the "Invisible Man."

Women With Men: Three Stories by Richard Ford — Past Pulitzer winner for "Fourth of July" and "The Sportswriter," Ford explores the awkward side of American manhood.

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Auditions for spring session 7:30 p.m. January 6 & 13. Chorus performs two major shows each year, a holiday concert and a spring concert. Must be an area resident, at least 18 years old. Farmington Hills Activity Center, 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-4516.

NAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT & ART & APPLES 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. PCCA seeks applications from artists in fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival, Sept. 12-13, 1998. Slides must be received by March 6, 1998. Entry fee: \$20. For prospectus and application form write or contact PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-4110.

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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

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Hand deliver entries to Room 106 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University by 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Opening reception Tuesday, Feb. 3, exhibit thru Feb. 20. For information, contact Eastern Michigan Art Department.

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.

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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.

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.

PARK PLAYERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 & 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, open audition for Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." All roles open for casting. Prepare 16 bars of a song to demonstrate vocal range. An accompanist will be provided. Scheduled performances March 21-23, 28-30 and April 3-4, 1998. North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit; (313) 459-2332.

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AUDITIONS

Regional auditions 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, University of Michigan, Room #2043. Brevard Music Center is a summer music festival in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The program runs June 24-Aug. 9, 1998 for advanced instrumentalists ages 14-35, and for opera students who have completed at least one year of college study. Auditions will serve both admission and scholarship purposes. To schedule an audition, and for more information, call Lynn



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Johnson, (704) 884-2975.

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.

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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.

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BBAA WINTER CLASSES

Registration for Jan. 5-March 28 classes, new offerings include Women and Visual Arts, Color Theory and Application, Experimental Basketry with Paper, Introduction to Printmaking, Steel Sculpture Workshop. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

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.

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Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 7. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, call (248) 651-4110.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 12, including garden vessel workshop, painting landscapes, figurative painting. 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

CHORALE

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

"Making Spirits Bright," a holiday

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RENAISSANCE VOICES

Holiday concert features "Festival of Lessons and Carols" service which is performed annually at King's College in Cambridge, England, as well as "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military (at Cherry Hill Road), Dearborn. \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. (313) 317-6566

HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Wonders of His Love. Highland Park Baptist Church Chancel Choir and guest concert pianist Michael Faircloth, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, 28600 Lahser Road, Southfield. Tickets complimentary, but recommended, call (248) 357-5464.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, the Polish Choral in a concert of Polish Christmas songs. St. Barbara, 13534 Colson, Dearborn; (313) 863-6209.

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, "Between the Holidays Spectacular," conducted by Felix Resnick, guest artist pianist David Syme. Program includes Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Op. 30. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile at Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-BBSO.

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LECTURES

CHANGING SPACES

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, a video presentation on the current exhibit, "Changing Spaces," in the Detroit Institute of Arts modern gallery, DIA, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

MEETING

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ART MUSEUM

Through Dec. 14 - Sephoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents of Culture, the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and Art Museum; through Jan. 4 - "Glances and Gazes of the Social Fantastic: Early 20th-Century French Photography; through Jan. 4 - "Fifteen Visions: Books by Contemporary Regional Artists. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0395.

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Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects. 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Dec. 12 - "1997 Winter Degree Show," featuring Mary Preston, metalsmithing, and Mark Kolodziejczak, architecture; through Jan. 4 - "Photography and Site," an exhibit of nine contemporary photographers; "Fragments Toward a City: Architecture and Photography," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

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Through Jan. 4 - "Seasons Lab," a featured attraction at the Experiment Gallery, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3324.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Jan. 4 - "Changing Spaces, Part I," "Splendors of Ancient Egypt;" through Jan. 16-Feb. 22 - "Changing Spaces, Part II." Suggested admission: \$4 adults; \$1 students/children; Founders Society members free; (313) 833-7900; 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Through Feb. 1 - "The Mars Show," a planetarium presentation of the red planet narrated by Star Trek's Patrick Stewart. 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0478.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

CHASE THE BLUES NIGHT 9:30-11:30 p.m., Dec. 31, featuring Little Sonny and the Detroit Rhythm Band, First Baptist Church, next to Jacobson's, downtown Birmingham, between Willits and Bates streets. Admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children; (248) 644-0550.

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WFUM. Power Center, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. For information, (313) 764-9210.

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, "Light and Laughter." Corinne Stavish tells popular seasonal Jewish stories, including Isaac Bashevis Singer's "The First Schlemiel." Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

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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 Manuel 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.

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MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES

Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

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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.

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SUN-TUE 12:00, 2:30 (5:00 @ \$3.50) 7:30; SUN-TUE ONLY 10:00

FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
SUN-TUE 2:30, 2:15 (4:40 @ \$3.50) 7:15, 9:45; WED 12:00, 2:15 (4:40 @ \$3.50) 7:15

Novi Town Center 8
Novi Rd., South of I-96
(810)344-0077
Advance same-day tickets available

GIFT BOOKS NOW ON SALE

TITANIC (PG13)
SUN-TUE 12:00, 1:00 (4:00 @ \$3.00) 5:00,
8:00; WED 9:15, WED 12:00, 1:00 (4:00 @ \$3.00) 5:10

HOME ALONE 3 (PG)
SUN-TUE 12:00, 2:30 (5:00 @ \$3.50) 7:30; SUN-TUE ONLY 10:00

THE JACKAL (R)
SUN-TUE 12:15, 2:45 (5:15 @ \$3.50) 7:35; SUN-TUE ONLY 9:50

MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
SUN-TUE 1:45 (5:20 @ \$3.50) 7:50; SUN-TUE ONLY 9:20

FLUBBER (PG)
SUN-TUE 12:15, 2:50 (4:45 @ \$3.50) 7:00; SUN-TUE ONLY 9:30

Keego Twin Cinema
Orchard Lake Rd. at Cass Lake Rd.
682-1900
Sat. & Sun. only All Seats
\$1.50 before 6 pm, \$2.50 after

MAD CITY (PG13)
SUN 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
MON-TUE 7:00, 9:20
RED CORNER (R)
SUN-TUE 9:00
IN AND OUT (PG13)
SUN 5:00, 7:15; TUE 7:15

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

National Amusements
Showcase Cinemas

Showcase
Auburn Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
810-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

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11:00, 2:45, 6:30, 10:15
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TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
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MOUSE HUNT (PG)
11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:10

AMISTAD (R)
12:00, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40

SCREAM (R)
10:45, 11:20, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:10, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

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FLUBBER (PG)
10:50, 1:00, 3:00, 3:30, 5:15, 7:25, 9:35

ALIENS 4 (R)
4:40 PM

ANASTASIA (G)
10:45, 12:40

BARNMAKER (PG-13)
12:10 AM

THE JACKAL (R)
11:10, 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45

LITTLE MERMAID (G)
11:30, 1:20

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Dearborn
313-561-3449
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

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FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
11:00, 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 9:55

AMISTAD (R)
11:30, 12:00, 2:45, 3:15, 6:05, 6:35

9:40, FLUBBER (PG)
11:25, 1:35, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:45

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph Sq., Lake Rd. W. Side of
810-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
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SCREAM 2 (R)
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ANASTASIA (G)
11:30, 1:30

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of
810-334-4777
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

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TITANIC (PG13)
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Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
853-2360
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
No one under age 6 admitted for PG 13 & R rated films after 6 pm

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Star Southfield
12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern off I-696
248-353-STAR
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

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ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

ANIMAL ODYSSEY

If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind present for your favorite animal lover, stop by the Animal Odyssey Gift Gallery, 971 North Mill in Plymouth.

Porcelain tiles by Diane Dunn of Livonia; wildlife photographs by Axel Fisser and stained glass by Jenna, Plymouth; whimsical animal sculptures, Trina Rioridan; duck sculptures, Bob Perish; painted rocks by Cathy Petix; handmade ceramic cat dolls such as "Purr Noel," and a cat angel doll, make for special gifts.

Other items, though not by artists, are still unique-stuffed dogs and cats which sing Christmas carols, fox and zebra shaped backpacks for kids, a variety of jewelry in the shape of animals from pigs to frogs, animal figurines, purses shaped like flamingos and cows, and t-shirts that change colors when you go out in the sun.

Animal Odyssey, which carries several products benefiting ani-

mal organizations, also promotes local animal groups by making donations and holding special promotions.

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ART AFTER ARTIFACTS

Inspired by history and anthropology, local Center for Creative Studies students Lora Watson of Westland; LaQuineso Hopkins, Bloomfield Hills; Michelle Fournier, Rochester; Laura Cohen, Franklin, and LaShir Alexander, Southfield created art on display at Gallerie Blu in Birmingham. The exhibit continues through Jan. 8.

The class, Art and Artifact with professor Susan Aaron-Taylor, fiber design section chair of the crafts department, required students to select and study a prehistoric or historic object then create an art piece or series of works in any medium inspired by that object. Before registering for the class, each student was interviewed by Aaron-Taylor. They had to show they were interested in archeological research and anthropological objects as well as having established their own personal artistic direction.

The students were given access to the non-exhibited collections of Cranbrook Institute of

Science, a science and natural history museum in Bloomfield Hills. Wearing white gloves, they sifted through old post cards, shrunken skulls, and Egyptian amulets.

Watson, a junior at CCS, created an interactive chair inspired by hand-carved, hand held wooden dance puppets called Ehuya crafted by the Kuyu tribe from the Congo in Africa.

"I was attracted to these puppets because they require someone's imagination and movement to give them life and a voice," said Watson. "When danced, they are a vehicle for the imagination. But without participation from a puppeteer, they are inanimate."

"I am encouraging people to interact with the chair; many of the parts of the chair are movable," she said. "Much like the puppets, the chair is lifeless until someone 'dances with the chair' and gives it life."

Hopkins was inspired by the traditional Japanese garment, the kimono, particularly a white wedding kimono. Drawing on the Japanese art of kite making and similar marital themes of the kimono between Eastern and Western civilizations, Hopkins created a wedding dress in the form of a kite, using the lace and chiffon of an old wedding dress.

NOCTURNAL PLANET

Glenn Barr, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Franklin High School, is exhibiting his latest paintings, prints and drawings in a show titled "Nocturnal Planet" through Dec. 31 at C Pop Gallery, 515 South Lafayette, Suite D, in Royal Oak.

Barr, a graduate of Center for Creative Studies, is known for his comic/animation work (Ren & Stimpy, Bjork MTV video) as well as for his paintings. He has also designed graphic and comic book covers, CD covers including "Soul Assassins" and "Saturday Morning: Cartoons Greatest Hits," and the covers of monthlies such as Orbit and Hour. For the 1994-95 season of the Fox TV network series "Home Improvement," Barr assisted with the animated intro. Barr also developed the set design for the soon to be major motion picture "Starburst," which was partially filmed



Glory Days: Glen Barr, a graduate Livonia Franklin High School and Center for Creative Studies, painted this acrylic titled "Hines Drive."

in Hamtramck.

A profile on Barr was featured in the national art magazine Juxtapoz earlier this year.

For more information, call (248) 398-9999.

HUDSON'S GIFT TO THE ARTS

In June, Hudson's announced its Team 500 campaign intended to raise \$1.5 million to aid Detroit's arts and cultural institutions.

To kick off the campaign, Hudson's made an initial gift of \$500,000. At the same time, Hudson's announced it would set out to raise an additional \$500,000 from the public, and would match each dollar raised toward the goal of \$1.5 million.

With seven weeks to go in the

campaign, the public effort has raised \$388,000. Combined with the initial outlay, the total campaign has netted to date \$1,227,600.

The cultural institutions participating in Hudson's Team 500 include Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Public Library, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Museum of African American History and Your Heritage House.

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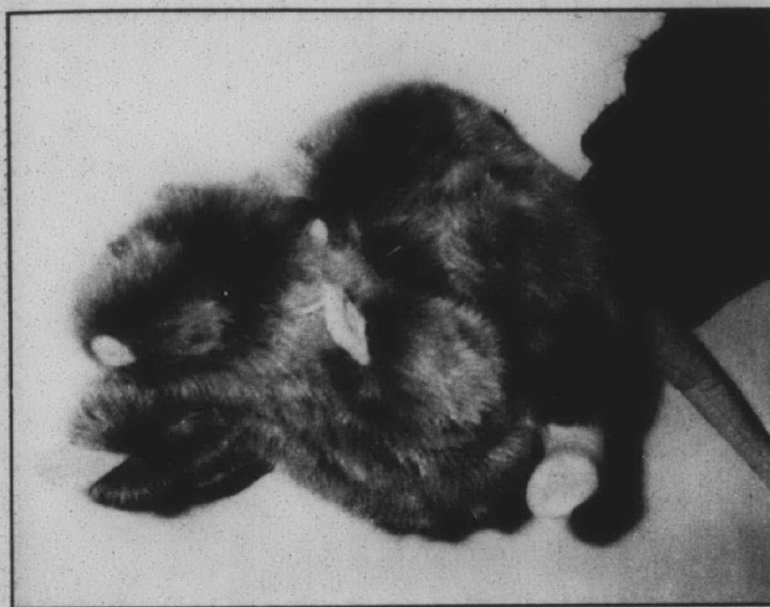
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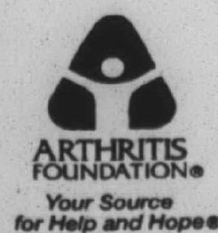
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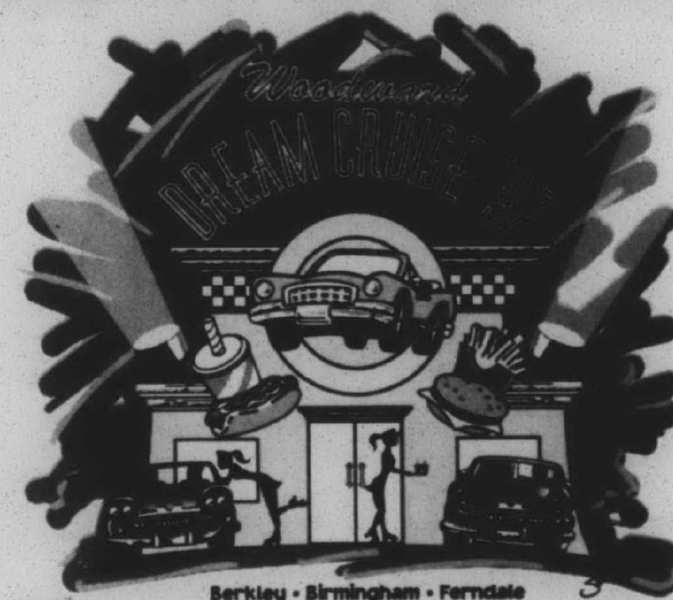
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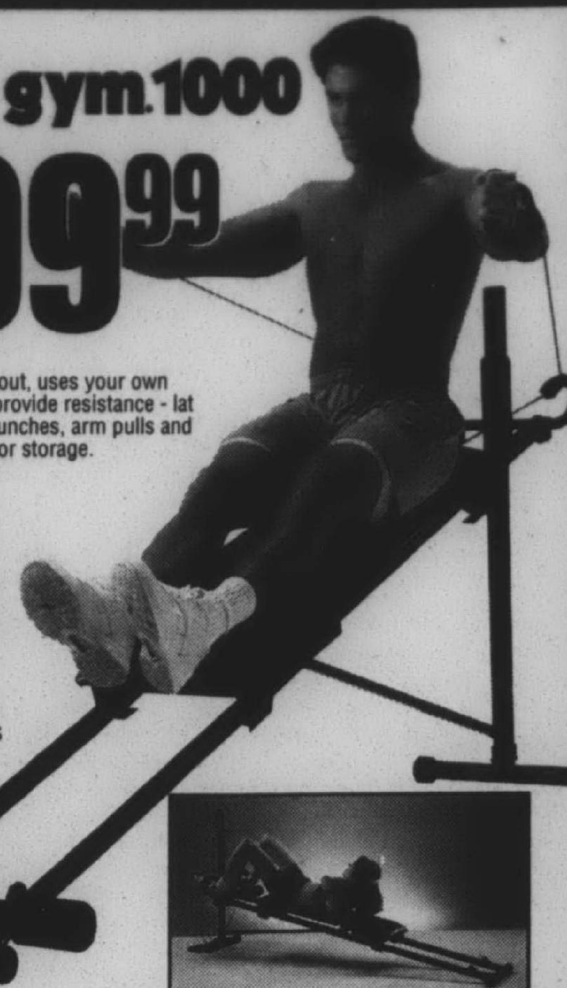
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On stage it's all 'bah humbug,' but not off for Scrooge

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BY ANDREA BURMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

Ebenezer Scrooge is a mean and nasty Grinch. Despite his unpopularity, everybody loves Booth Colman who portrays the old miser in Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

This season marks the 600th time this veteran stage, Broadway, movie and TV actor will portray Scrooge at Michigan's largest regional theater.

"Mr. Colman is as appealing on-stage as he is off," said Mike Vigilant, Meadow Brook Theatre's public relations manager. "If he wasn't, the audience wouldn't demand that he come back every year."

After playing crotchety old Scrooge every year except one since 1982, Colman has become synonymous with the part for area theatergoers. But, like Scrooge, this is more to the 74-year-old Los Angeles resident than meets the eye.

He's acted in 50 motion pictures ranging from MGM's "Julius Caesar" to a John Wayne western. There have also been featured roles in several hundred episodes of TV series such as "Bewitched" and "I Dream of Jeannie." Most recently he did an episode for "Star Trek Voyager."

Colman has also made a slew of TV commercials and has dabbled in the soap operas. For many months he was a professor on "General Hospital" and a doctor on "The Young and the Restless."

Colman looks like a grandfatherly type, save the distinguished air about him. He wears a jacket and tie, his gray hair is neatly combed, and he sits with his legs crossed. His hands are folded neatly in his lap, except when he uses them to talk animatedly. He is alert, relaxed, peaceful.

"If I'm in a play that I don't like much, I would rather in a picture, or even on junk TV," said Colman. "And vice versa. But usually when you're an actor you have to take what comes to you, unless you're a great professional."

Terry Carpenter, Meadow Brook Theatre's stage manager for nine years, said Colman usu-



Christmas classic: Booth Colman (left) and Paul Hopper in Meadow Brook Theatre's 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

ally plays a doctor, a lawyer, or a scientist.

"He always plays an educated man," said Carpenter. "He's never played the truck driver."

Colman began his acting career when he was 9 years old with, ironically, Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield." He read the part of Copperfield for a radio show in Oregon where he was born and grew up.

Colman studied acting at the University of Washington and Japanese for a year at the University of Michigan. It wasn't until after serving in the army during World War II that he moved to New York City to act on Broadway.

He made his Broadway stage debut in Irwin Shaw's war drama, "The Assassin." During his stay in New York from 1943-1951, Colman acted on Broadway with the likes of Sir Noel Coward, Fredric March and Basil Rathbone.

Yet despite all the charming and talented actors of his day, Colman's most admired actor is not one of his contemporaries. It is silent film star Lon Chaney, Sr.

"He was an American original," said Colman. His eyes sparkling behind gold-rimmed spectacles. "And a great artist."

Colman often reminisces about roles he has played and the people he has worked with. Vigilant describes Colman as a "walking treasury of entertainment information," and said he's a great

storyteller.

"Mr. Colman is extremely congenial," he said. "People just wait for him to start telling stories. But he is also interested in what other people are doing. His relationships are not one-sided. It's give and take."

Most of Colman's long-term friendships have come from people he's worked with in the theater, either on tour or on stage. "But you really can't make long-term friendships working on a movie," he said. "Pictures are things of the moment."

It was through one of his friends, Terry Kilburn, that Colman landed his first job at Meadow Brook Theatre in 1971. Colman acted with Kilburn in "The Andersonville Trial" in Los Angeles in 1961. Ten years later, Kilburn was Meadow Brook Theatre's Artistic Director, and he sent for Colman to play Captain Wirz in the Meadow Brook production of the same play.

During one of the show's performances there was a man with a gun in the audience. Someone sitting next to him noticed the fun and the man was escorted out of the theater before he could do any harm.

"As it turned out, he was a Civil War buff, a Union supporter, who was not particularly fond of Captain Wirz," said Colman laughing, the smile lines around his eyes deepening. Save that episode, no other attempt has ever been made on his life.

Carpenter said it's evident

Colman is from the "old school" of acting.

"He shows up for work every day in a jacket and a tie, even for rehearsals," said Carpenter. "He's always done that. Booth has an old black and white picture of him on the set of 'Casablanca' with the film's stars, and there is Booth, in his jacket and tie, standing off to one side."

Colman likes the way things were in the past, but he adapts to the present.

"I enjoy what I'm doing today, instead of reliving the past," said Colman. "There is no profit in that. You have to deal with what's happening now. You can't live in the air. That's dreamland," he clarified.

There is one thing Colman has not adapted to however, driving in Michigan.

"He drives in LA all the time, but he simply refuses to drive in Auburn Hills," said Carpenter. "If he wants to go somewhere when he's here, he relies on the kindness of strangers."

When Colman is in town for "Christmas Carol" he usually stays on Oakland University's campus, along with the other out-of-town actors. He usually fills in his free time reading in the campus library or listening to public radio. Colman enjoys reading biographies of theatrical subjects and mystery stories.

Though an avid stage actor, Colman does not go out to see many plays, he does, however,

watch a lot of movies, especially in January, February and March. He is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture of the Arts and Sciences and votes for the Academy Awards.

Colman may judge a lot of movies, but he does not consider himself judgmental of the actors he works with.

"I'm fair," said Colman. "I approach people slowly and try not to make snap judgments." He does admit, however, that he is impatient.

"He is impatient, but he gets more upset with himself than with other people," said Carpenter. "For instance, if he forgets a line or something, he'll get made at himself for messing up."

Vigilant said that the kids on the set of "A Christmas Carol" love Colman.

"After they've grown up, they still remember and talk about their experiences with Mr. Colman," he said.

Colman has spent the last 16 Thanksgivings and Christmases with Meadow Brook Theatre crew and actors. Many of them always spend Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day together.

"People become a family after a certain length of time," said Colman. "We feel we're a family."

Carpenter likens Colman's presence in the "family" to that of Ebenezer Scrooge's "awakening" at the end of "A Christmas Carol."

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TRAVEL

Saddle up dudes for winter at the Double JJ ranch

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Winter on a working ranch is a quiet time — a time to mend fences, paint buildings and catch up on paperwork.

But at the Double JJ Resort Ranch, the activity level picks up as guests arrive to cross country ski, tube down a hill, drive a team of huskies, ride horses across snowy landscapes, hold corporate brainstorming sessions in wooded settings and then come in from the cold to warm by a fire or kick up their heels for a country line dance.

The Double JJ Resort in Rothbury, Mich., near Muskegon, is an all-year, 1,200-acre facility that combines the typical golf and water sports resort with a western style dude ranch. Since 1988, Bob and Joan Lipsitz of Bloomfield Hills have owned the resort, dividing their time between the city and country and continuously adding to the amenities and activities at the Double JJ.

"We were doing a lot of traveling, looking at different sites and getting tired of politics," said Joan Lipsitz. "We'd always worked for large agencies and

decided to forgo that and do this. It was new, looked challenging. We're used to the 24-hour mode not the 9 to 5 mode."

Both Lipsitzes had experience in outdoor activities. Bob, 45, had been executive director of Tamarack camps from 1982 to 1987 and Joan, 40, had worked as a counselor and administrator at the camps.

Bob had also formed a non-profit educational association, with Joan as director, that promoted learning through field experience. This led to formation of "Corporate Challenge," a management training company that provides outdoor experiences for corporate clientele.

The Double JJ was founded in 1937 as the Jack and Jill Ranch by George Storm as an adults-only, all-inclusive vacation resort, originally geared to singles. The Lipsitzes are the ranch's fourth owners.

"When we bought it, it was a typical ranch. Some rooms have bunkbeds, no phones, no TVs," said Joan.

In 1993, the couple opened the Thoroughbred Golf Club, north of the original ranch. The club has an 18-hole golf course

designed by Arthur Hills and once rated by Golf Digest as "best in the state." The Thoroughbred has a modern loft hotel, the Homestead Condominiums (with up to three bedrooms) and a corporate conference center.

In July, the resort will add a new and unusual feature — the Back Forty Resort, which Joan Lipsitz calls a double exclusive resort. The couple have received a state community block grant to help in the \$3 million project.

The Double JJ Ranch has been an adults-only facility. The new Back Forty will recreate a kids-only ranch for the children of ranch guests. The special ranch will feature camp sleeping units designed as conestoga wagons, teepees, tree houses and bunk houses.

"There will be lots of activities for children — horseback riding, target sports, a swimming hole, not just a swimming pool but ropes, swings, more a Tom Sawyer kind of thing and evening entertainment," Lipsitz said.

Mom and Dad will be nearby at the regular Ranch resort doing their own thing, but still able to check in on the kids.

But families can also stay together in a family-exclusive section of the Back Forty which will have family cabins.

"It's really a destination resort, everything is there," Lipsitz said.

Everything includes horseback riding (the ranch has 90 horses); canoes, rowboats and paddleboats on two private lakes; golf; miniature golf; archery; tennis; volleyball; horseshoes; biking; country-style entertainment every evening; a mechanical bull; hayrides and sleighrides; and, in winter, dog sledding, cross-country skiing; tubing and more.

In February, the Double JJ Resort in cooperation with the White Lake Chamber of Commerce sponsors a two-week SnowFest highlighted by dog



Hard riding: Horses are an important part of the experience at the Double JJ.

sled and cross country ski races. The Double JJ Siberian Round-Up sled races includes four, six and eight-dog sprints using Siberians only. The ranch has Siberian and Alaskan huskies.

The ranch gives visitors lessons in dog sledding.

"We have been so well received, no one has been truly uncomfortable," Lipsitz said about the dog sledding. "We're careful how we take care of the animals. We encourage guests to meet the dogs, meet the horses, and they're really comfortable with it. We get them to the point where they mush their own teams."

For horseback riders, the resort offers beginner, intermediate and advanced rides.

"Everyone rides at their own comfort level, of course some adults try to ride beyond their level but we restrain them because we are so safety con-

scious," Lipsitz said.

The ranch atmosphere is emphasized in the summer with a weekly Friday rodeo.

The Lipsitzes divide the time between Bloomfield Hills and the Double JJ. The couple's sons, Brian, 14, and Michael, 12, attend Bloomfield Hills schools.

"One is into horses. The oldest, Brian, he loves every bit of it. And Michael is the golfer," Lipsitz said. "There are great schools here. They like the city and they like the ranch. This is the best of both worlds. They're good kids."

The couple commute three or four times a week. Joan Lipsitz continues her corporate challenge activities, which is another major part of the resort's program.

"We can offer corporate groups exactly what they're looking for. As a ranch, it was too uncomfortable for corporate getaways, but now we can give them what they

want in the surroundings they want," she said.

The couple have more plans for the resort in the coming years, including more hotel rooms and condos, another 18-hole golf course and a "wee links" par-3 course for their young Back Forty guests.

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DRUNKS BARRED

Tough new measures to curb drunkenness by air travelers has been introduced by British Airways to support the safety and security of its passengers and staff.

The airline is empowering its ground and air employees stop passengers who appear drunk from boarding the aircraft and to stop serving in-flight alcohol to anyone who appears to be on the verge of drunkenness. In addition, the carrier is also sanctioning cabin crews to remove duty free drinks from inebriated travelers.

The British Airways "alcohol policy" follows two recent court cases in Britain where jail sentences of up to two years were passed following assaults on airline cabin crews by drunken passengers.

SNOWMOBILE POKER RUN

The fourth annual St. Ignace Poker Run is scheduled for Jan. 10, Feb. 14 and March 14.

What's a poker run? Snowmobilers register and start in St. Ignace with the option of following routes traveling north, east or west. Stops are made at participating restaurants and businesses along the routes to collect playing cards, the objective being to collect the "best poker hand." When the ride is over and everyone has settled back in St. Ignace for an evening meal, the best hands will be awarded prizes including motel lodging, restaurant gift certificates and clothing.

Registration is free at the State Street Bar & Grill in downtown St. Ignace from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on the poker run, call the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce/Tourist Association at 1-800-338-6660 or 906-643-8717.

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HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

An estimated 1.2 million Michiganders — 13 percent of the state's population — have travel plans for the upcoming holiday

period, AAA Michigan reports. Many of these travel plans include warm weather destinations. Nationwide, a record 44.5 million people are expected to travel 100 miles or more during the Christmas-New Year's period. This represents a 5 percent increase over last year's levels. Eighteen percent of those under the age of 50 said they were likely to travel, while only 8 percent of those 50 years old or older said they had travel plans. Orlando was the top destination.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ocelots on fire

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is hotter than a jalapeno pepper drenched with tabasco sauce right now — or pretty close to it, anyway.

The Ocelots were 8-2 going into Wednesday's game against St. Clair (Ont.) CCC, a game played at SC. It was the Ocelots' first Eastern Conference contest of the season.

Statistics provide all the reasons needed to explain SC's success. Kevin Melson, a sophomore from Detroit, leads the conference in both scoring average (28.6 points) and rebounding (9.3), and he's second in field goal percentage (63.1 percent).

But the mark of a good team is to have more than one weapon, and the Ocelots are a good team. They lead the conference in scoring offense (98.1 points), scoring differential (25.1 points) and field goal percentage (56.6 percent), and they're second in scoring defense (73.0 points), three-point shooting (37.6 percent) and free-throw shooting (65.2 percent).

Which is why SC has at least two players listed in the top 10 in every statistical category except assist leaders — and Pete Males (from Garden City) leads the conference in that (6.4 assists per game). Males is also seventh in three-point percentage (38.8 percent).

Another Observerland product, David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn), is tied for sixth in rebounding (7.6 per game) and ranks 10th in steals (2.1).

SC hosts its Christmas Tournament Saturday and Sunday, playing George Brown College (Toronto) at 7 p.m. Saturday, following the Owens CC-Durham College 5 p.m. game. The winners meet for the championship at 7 p.m. Sunday.

SC's women's team plays its Holiday Classic at 3 p.m. Saturday against George Brown College, with Lakeland CC meeting University of Windsor at 1 p.m. The winners meet at 5 p.m. Sunday for the championship.

Cowboy action

The wild, wild west is comin' to town, with the New Dodge World's Toughest Bulls and Broncs show scheduled to invade Joe Louis Arena Jan. 3 (7:30 p.m. show) and Jan. 4 (2 p.m.).

Touted as the most prestigious and unique rodeo to ride through Michigan and surrounding states, this year's show has four pro teams of nine cowboys each competing in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

Other attractions include a free concert following Saturday's show, featuring country singing sensation Ty Herndon; free pony rides on Sunday, with kids tickets (12 and under) half-price; and the world's smallest "cowboy": Whiplash, a five-pound monkey who will entertain audiences with his antics while he rides his "mount" — a collie — in rounding up wild sheep.

Ticket prices are \$18, \$15, \$12 and \$10 and are available at the Joe Louis Arena, the Fox Theatre Box Offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets can also be purchased by phone by calling (248) 645-6666.

For further information, call (313)983-6606.

Wildcat tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams will have a series of open tryouts next month for all those interested female players.

•**16, 17 and 18 and under players:** Tryouts for all three will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth;

•**15-and-under:** Tryouts will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•**14-and-under Blue:** Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

•**14-and-under Red:** Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•**13-and-under:** Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth.

Tryouts for 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under teams will be announced later. For further information, call Fred Thomann at (313) 459-7315 or Bob Blohm at (313) 459-1763.



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Congratulations: Amy Plagens (left) and Elizabeth Elsner celebrate a point in Canton's dual-meet win over Huron.

Chiefs top Huron

Better late than never.

That was the feeling Plymouth Canton rookie volleyball coach Cynthia Montgomery was feeling after her squad picked up its first home victory of the season.

After falling behind 9-0 early en route to dropping their first game 13-15, the Chiefs rallied to defeat Ann Arbor Huron in four games, 15-4, 16-14, 15-2.

"I was really happy with how the team responded after falling behind early," Montgomery said. "In middle of the first game, the team started getting pumped up and played great the rest of the way."

"I'm not sure why we started slow. Perhaps it was just trying to get a feel for the other team or trying to get into a flow."

According to Montgomery, the play of sophomore setter Angie

Germain, senior middle hitter Amy Plagens and senior outside hitter Stephanie Chefon made the difference. The trio played every point of all four games.

"As a team, we weren't missing our serves and Amy and Stephanie were very strong at the net," the Canton coach said. "The team looked very good."

The win was the first for Montgomery, who takes over a young Canton squad which won the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division last season with a 34-10 mark.

The Chiefs, began their season Saturday at the Allen Park Tournament, where they were the defending champs. Canton compiled a 1-0-3 record, but failed to advance out of pool play based on total points.



Optimistic: Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery liked what she saw.

New Salem coach must rebuild



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

If only they allowed player-coaches in high school gymnastics, like they do in pro sports.

Melissa Hopson, the new coach at Plymouth Salem, is bound to hear such suggestions for the rest of this season — and maybe next season, too. After all, she's just 20-years-old.

Heck, some of the present Rocks competed with her when she was an all-state all-arounder for the Rocks (three years ago).

But anyone underestimating her coaching abilities, believing Hopson hasn't the experience or maturity to handle the position, is making a mistake.

For one, Hopson has extensive coaching experience at the club level. And she's served as an assistant coach at Salem under Pam Yockey for the past two seasons.

"I like it," Hopson, a junior at Eastern Michigan who's pursuing her Bachelor's degree in secondary education, said of her new position. "It's different. Yeah, I can do that (demonstrate a skill personally).

"But just taking what I learned with the team for four years and teaching it to others — that's what I enjoy."

Hopson learned a lot during her time as a varsity member of the Rocks. Consistently a top-10 finisher at state meet in the all-around, she was instrumental in Salem's state championship run in 1993. As a senior, she tied for fifth individually in the all-around; the Rocks finished third as a team that season.

Indeed, Salem was a top-five finisher in all four of Hopson's years on the team.

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Canton's climbing toward the top

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

If you're looking for a superstar to lead Plymouth Canton in its pursuit of a state championship in gymnastics, don't bother. There isn't one.

That doesn't mean the Chiefs won't make a run. Few of their competitors will make the mistake of counting Canton out of the race before it begins — not after last season.

For those with faded memories, the Chiefs were not expected to do much after Katey Gilles, a senior in '96 who had won a state individual championship in the all-around two years earlier, decided to quit the sport.

And they weren't. Canton finished seventh out of eight teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals and won just two dual meets.

Then at the regionals, the Chiefs blossomed; they tied Westland John Glenn for third and advanced to the state finals.

It was a testament to both Canton's style and coach John Cunningham's coaching. More of the same can be expected this season, minus one important factor: The Chiefs won't be overlooked.

And with good reason. On Thursday, they competed against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Plymouth Salem and Ann Arbor Huron. Canton won all three duals, scoring 132.65 — not far off its state-qualifying score of last year (133.075).

"I'm very pleased with where we are right now," said Cunningham, his team now 4-1 in duals — doubling the number of wins it had all of last season. "It was a decent score, yeah. Technically we didn't have that great a meet."

"(Uneven parallel) Bars and (balance) beam weren't that good. The scores we got don't reflect how good we really are."

"On vault, we maxed out on our score. We haven't done our best stuff on vault yet. That's about as good a score as we could get."

"And I was very pleased with our floor (exercise). It was good, clean and well-prepared. I liked the routines and I liked the

performances."

All in all, it means Canton ahead of where Cunningham expected them to be at this point in the season.

Only one key member of last season's team was lost: Beth Muiyler. Leading the returnees are seniors Nicole Vaagenes, Natalie Wood and Holly Graham; juniors Marcie Emerick and Michelle Farnsworth; and sophomore Liz Fitzgerald.

Emerick tied for third in the all-around at last year's state regionals, while Fitzgerald took fifth. Most of the others contributed as well, with Vaagenes finishing eighth in bars at the state meet.

What it means is Canton, with a total of 31 athletes on the team, is in position for a strong run to the state tournament.

But first things first, and first there's the WLAA season to contend with. That won't be easy; the conference is certainly the toughest in the state in gymnastics, with at least six of the eight teams contenders to reach the state meet.

The Chiefs are one of those teams, and not just because Cunningham has so many impressive returnees. It helps to have newcomers like Amy Driscoll and Kristen Shilk, both freshmen.

"They're really prepped to come onto my team and contribute," the Canton coach said. "They have tremendous attitudes."

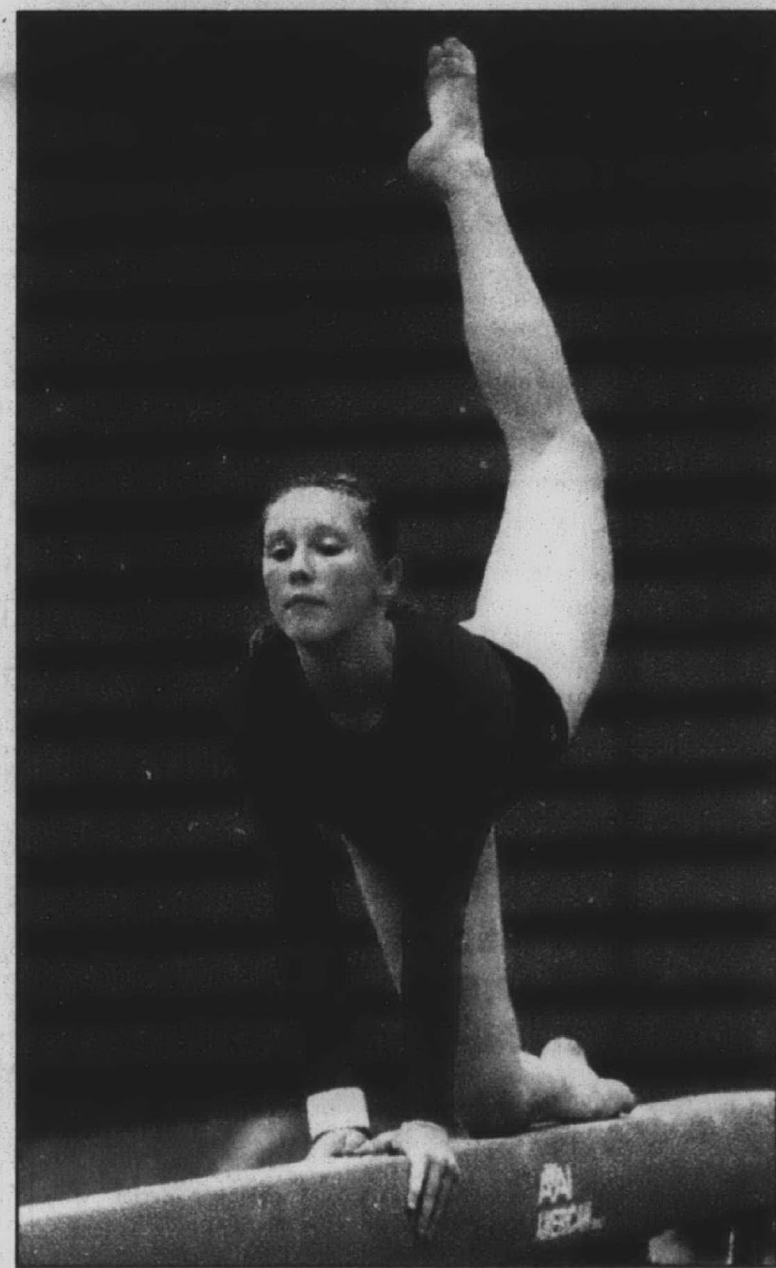
"It gives me a typical Canton team. Other than Katey Gilles, we have always been a very consistent team — no superstars, but very good performers."

Will that be good enough to take the Chiefs to the next level? "The first part of the year we'll find out," said Cunningham. "We start with a meatgrinder type of schedule."

Canton's already competed against Free-land and Pioneer, both talented enough to compete at the state meet. Hartland (Jan. 7) and four-time state champion Holland (Jan. 17) are coming up quickly.

"Because we have Hartland and Northville(-Novi) in our league, we have a tough road to hoe," said Cunningham. "Right now, I'd say we're No. 3 or 4, behind

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Bright future: Canton's Liz Fitzgerald had a strong sophomore season. This year looks equally promising.

Chiefs' comeback comes up short

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

It's hard for students and athletes to believe what their teachers and coaches tell them when their senses and the scoreboard tell them otherwise.

But those are lessons Coach Dan Young and his staff at Plymouth Canton, and Coach Brian Townsend and his staff at Ann Arbor Pioneer, are trying to teach their young basketball players.

Pioneer got some positive reinforce-

BASKETBALL

ment Friday night when it defeated visiting Canton, 68-66, in a non-league basketball game.

Yet Canton should have taken something positive away from its second two-point defeat in an 0-3 season — the Chiefs nearly overcame a 20-6 hole they put themselves into in the first period.

"Belief without evidence," Young

sighed after coming out of the locker room. "We can play with anybody. We can beat anybody."

"We learned that when the charge came, we can hit our free throws," Townsend said after his Pioneers squared their record at 2-2.

Ann Arbor has been down for several seasons. Townsend is in the process of trying to turn that around. He's got young players as his key personnel.

Fortunately for him, one of them is 6-foot-6 junior Lavell Blanchard, who

scored 32 points on 12-for-15 shooting and could easily have had more.

Curiously enough, Eric Larsen did a very good job defensively on Blanchard despite fouling out. It was a compliment to be picked to defend (with loads of weakside help) a player who has air in his legs, a shot like King Midas and the ability to pick out open teammates without seemingly looking at them.

"It's his choice (of which college to go to)," Townsend said. "He has the ability

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Can she guide the present Rocks to such a level? Perhaps — but probably not this year. The team graduated its three top scorers from last year: Kristin Kosik, Kristin Los and Brooke Kilby. All three finished in the top 30 in the all-around at last year's Western Lakes Activities Association finals; Kosik took second.

So Hopson must rebuild. It's isn't a task she's shrinking from.

"We've got a good team," she said after Salem finished third out of four teams in a quad meet the Rocks hosted last Thursday. Plymouth Canton was first (132.65) and Ann Arbor Pioneer took second (123.35); Salem scored 118.90.

"I'm impressed with that score," said Hopson. "I just wanted the girls to see what they could do. Now we've got 2 1/2 weeks to add some new skills and clean up our current skills, things like that."

One thing that has impressed Hopson about her team is its camaraderie. "They're really strong pulling for each other," she noted.

Despite the losses, the team has some positives. Two veterans Hopson will be counting on are junior all-arounders Lindsay Hawraney, who placed fourth in the quad meet with a 31.85, and Janine Schmiedding, who scored 30.85 in the quad.

Hawraney finished 13th in the Division II all-around at last season's state regional. Another all-arounder who should be a big scorer for the Rocks is Allison Bracht, a sophomore who took 14th at the state regional in

Division I last season.

Those three, combined with senior Beth Steinhilber — who scored 8.55 on the floor exercise at the quad — newcomer Mahshid Pirzadeh, a junior transfer from Dearborn Edsel Ford, and seniors Emily Gaubutz and Kate DeRoche, make up the nucleus of the team.

Gaubutz, DeRoche and Schmiedding are the teams co-captains.

How much that first meet revealed is difficult for Hopson to say. "They all have things to work on," she said. "Lindsay and Allison have a lot of talent and will do well."

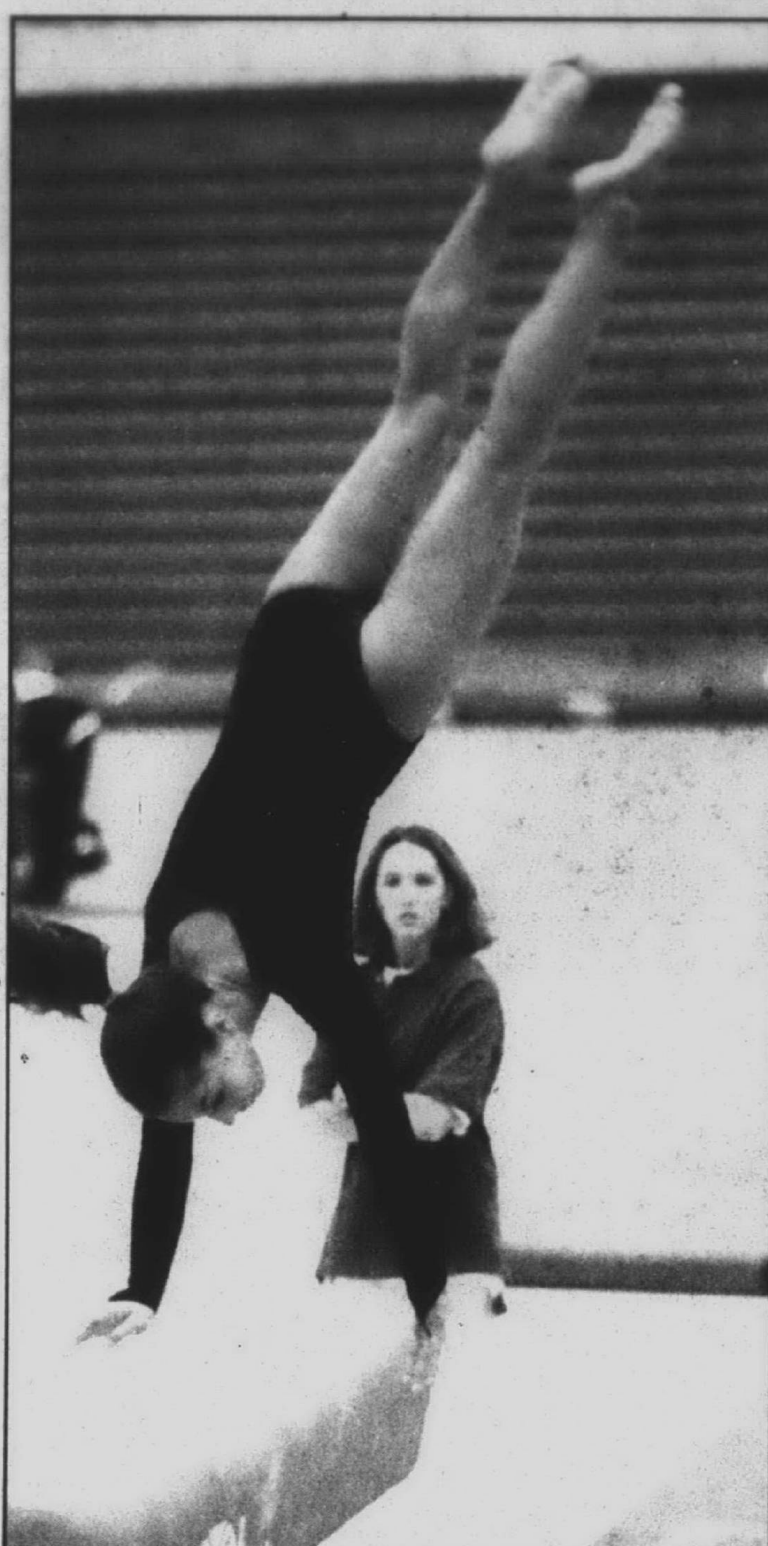
"But we have a lot of girls with a lot of talent. What we have is a lot of girls who don't have much (high school) experience. So we have a team that will grow."

Could this Salem team be the Canton team of a year ago? The Chiefs won just two dual meets and finished seventh out of eight teams at the WLAA meet, then tied for third at the state regional to qualify for the state meet.

"It's all in their determination," Hopson said. "How determined they are to succeed. I think this team can compete with every team out there. It's just a matter of pulling together as one, to get us there."

"(Uneven parallel) Bars and (balance) beam are two events that we're really going to have to work on. But it'll come. We'll do fine."

Certainly Hopson knows what goes into making a state champion, from personal experience.



Building block: One of the reasons for optimism at Salem is Lindsay Hawraney, a junior who placed 13th at state in the Division II all-around last season.

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to both post up and shoot it outside."

Sophomore Dan McLean paced Canton with 22 points, junior Scott Samulski scored 17 and junior Joe Cortellini 16.

Freshman Nick Cabauaton received the first of many significant minutes he'll play in his career with the Chiefs and went 5-for-6 from the line.

"I was very proud of our kids," Young said. "They did not give up. They kept fighting."

"Lavell Blanchard is a great player. I give a lot of credit to Ann Arbor Pioneer. They jumped on us. They were ready to play."

"And they did a nice job of hanging in there and dealing with us coming back."

Having a player like Blanchard, though, is a little like owning Superman. Any time you need him you just need to trot out the phone booth and ask Clark Kent to step inside for a minute — instant rescue.

Canton outscored Pioneer 19-12 in the third quarter to cut its deficit to 48-40. Ann Arbor, behind seven Blanchard points, upped it to 58-46 with 3:59 to go.

The Chiefs got consecutive three-point plays from Samulski

and Cortellini and suddenly were looking at 58-52 and possession, after Blanchard missed a free throw with 2:21 to go.

But a blown pass squelched an opportunity that looked even better after Ann Arbor missed two shots and Samulski came down and banked in a layup to make it 58-54 with 1:31 to play.

Pioneer made 8-of-11 free throws the rest of the way to protect its margin. The Chiefs didn't get within four until Samulski made a shot with less than a second to play.

They didn't win, but Young and his staff hope the way they came back taught the Chiefs they can play good basketball.

And by believing in themselves, can mature quicker than many might think possible.

Agape 86, W. Wayne Christian 49: Canton Agape Christian's 28-12 first-quarter scoring spree set the tone for Friday's walloping of Detroit Western Wayne Christian at Agape.

Jason Helton's 20 points led the Wolverines (3-2 overall). Rick Guttererson had 15 and Julian Wettlin 11. David Tatum got 19 for Western Wayne.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 22

King at Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 26

(River Rouge Tournament)

Redford CC vs. DePietre, 6 p.m.

River Rouge vs. Ecorse, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27

Rouge Tournament, 6 & 7:30 p.m.

Wayne at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.

(Grosse Ile Tourney)

Salem vs. Allen Park Cabrini, 6 p.m.

Riv. Gab. Richard vs. Grosse Ile, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28

Owens Tech vs. Durham (Ont.), 5 p.m.

S'craft vs. George Brown, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28

Schoolcraft Holiday Classic, 3 & 7 p.m.

Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), 1 & 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Dec. 27

(Schoolcraft Holiday Classic)

Lakeland CC vs. Windsor, 1 p.m.

S'craft vs. George Brown, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28

S'craft Holiday Classic, 1 & 5 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Saturday, Dec. 27

RU at U-D Jesuit Tourney, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28

U-D Jesuit Tourney, TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Saturday, Dec. 27

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 2 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Dec. 22

Ply. Christian at Greater Life, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27

Ypsi Lincoln Tourney, TBA.

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TBA — time to be announced.

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Brighton (in the league). But we'll see what happens."

His team's current level of ability isn't the only thing that impresses Cunningham. "This early in the season, it's surprising to see how well they get along together," he said. "It's

Dec. 18 and we don't normally see this in our team until Feb. 18, when we're really confident in what we're doing."

If the Chiefs can match last year's finish and put together another big finish — well, everyone else better watch out.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer champs

The Livonia Meteors, an under-10 boys soccer team, took the divisional title at Beechwood's Total Soccer with a 4-1 win over the Dearborn Flatfooters on Dec. 13.

Members of the Meteors, who finished 6-2, include: Alex Bokas, Jason Clements, Ben Dzierniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Ray Gonzales, Chris Hoepnes, Luke Knochel, Steve Minielli, Ryan Muzzell and Nick Reed, all of Livonia; Nick Biakeloni, Plymouth; Peter Barilovich, Dearborn.

The Meteors are coached by

Steve Barnas and Chris Nolan. The team managers are Mimi and Dave Barilovich.

Volunteers needed

Each year, more than 1,000 runners and walkers participate in the annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run. These races, however, wouldn't happen without the help of volunteers. More than 1,500 volunteers work at the event each year. They pass out water along the course, serve as course marshalls and help with registration. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt and an invitation to a post-race volunteer banquet. Volunteers are being recruited for this year's half-marathon, 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run, which will be held on Sunday, April 19, beginning at West Bloomfield High School.

To volunteer, call Judy Share-Vine, recreation superintendent for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

Soccer signings

St. Mary's College has signed brothers Nathan Karrumi and Nolan Karrumi to national letters of intent, according to men's soccer coach Tony Williams. Both players attended Madison Heights Bishop Foley and played on the Ventures' 1997 Division III state championship team.

Nathan is an outside midfielder; Nolan plays the sweeper position.

"I'm very excited about getting these two players," Williams said. "They come from a tremendous (high school) program."

Bike Trekkers

Serious bikers can get on the right track Sunday mornings by joining members of Bike Trekkers for a ride through West Bloomfield. Bike Trekkers meets at 8 a.m. each Sunday morning at the West Bloomfield Recreation Center and ride 10-15 miles on various routes through the subdivisions of West Bloomfield.

Routes include both paved and dirt roads as well as the West Bloomfield Trail Network. Bike treks may also take riders outside West Bloomfield.

The program is free and there are no residency requirements. Cyclists must be at least 16

years of age, have a bike with sturdy tires that can endure gravel roads, and must wear a helmet.

For more information call Doug McEwen at (248) 738-2500 or leave a message at (248) 788-3940. The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

Motor City Bowl

The Ford Motor City Bowl, featuring Marshall (10-2) — the Mid-American Conference champion — against Division I University of Mississippi (7-4), will be played at the Pontiac Silverdome beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26.

Tickets are \$27 and \$22.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. For every ticket the MHSFCA sells, it will receive \$10 in return for the High School Football Hall of Fame that will be built at the University of Michigan.

To order tickets, please send a check make out to the MHSFCA and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Donald G. Lessner, Executive Director, MHSFCA, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, MI 48183.

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Skaters of all skill levels are invited to take part in the auditions.

For more information, call 354-9357.

Hockey contest

Red Wing fans, take notice.

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Prizes include a trip for two to Chicago for the Wings/Blackhawks game Dec. 11; a trip to Vancouver to see the 1998 NHL

All-Star game; a bundle of prizes on Jan. 19, including three ESPN2 NHL jackets, 24 "Fire on Ice" T-shirts, and 24 ESPN2 hats; a trip for two to the ESPN world headquarters in Bristol, Conn. Feb. 19; and a trip for two to a 1998 Stanley Cup championship game April 1.

Soccer tourney

SoccerZone is currently conducting registration for its annual Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament, which will be Dec. 28-29. Age divisions will be from under-10 through under-19, for both boys and girls.

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Rays reduce rate

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Practices take place at Farmington high schools and the YMCA. The reduced swim rate is meant to encourage high school swimmers to train and compete throughout the year.

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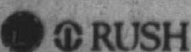
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Double-win keeps Rocks' record perfect

It was a pin-fest. And Plymouth Salem's wrestling team did most of the pinning in a double-win over St. Clair on Friday at Redford Catholic Central. The Rocks won both their meets, clubbing Clio 72-9 and battering CC 60-24.

The two wins improved Salem to 4-0 in dual meets, with a schedule pause until Jan. 3 (for the varsity), when they host their own 20-team invitational.

"We're off pretty good, I think," said Rocks' coach Ron Krueger. "We've got to go to work now because it's only going

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to get tougher."

In the win over Clio, Salem won 12 of 14 matches — 10 of them on pins and two more on voids.

It wasn't much different in the win over CC. The Rocks won 10 matches — nine on pins, one on an injury default. CC won four matches, all on pins.

Salem winners against Clio were: at

103-pounds, Rob Ash pinned Nate Smith (1:08); at 112, John Mervyn pinned Rich Cross (4:37); at 119, Dan Morgan pinned Jerry Watworth (4:48); at 125, Josh Henderson pinned Eric Gunner (1:30); at 140, Dan Hamblin pinned Jason Tomlinson (2:41); at 152, James Greene pinned Luke Kroeger (2:39); at 160, Anwar Crutchfield pinned Brad Henderson (1:00); at 171, Mike Popeney pinned Gaven Schriener (2:26); at 189, Teono Wilson pinned Josh Cusenza (1:38); and at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin pinned Dan Harburn (1:14).

Greg Smith (at 135) and Eric Greene (at 145) both won on voids.

The victory over CC was equally dominating for Salem. At 103, Ash pinned Chris O'Hara (1:58); at 112, Mervyn pinned Chris Peterson (2:25); at 119, Morgan pinned Ed Lendrum (1:28); at 125, Henderson won on an injury default over Matt Goward; at 130, Greg Petrovich pinned Jeff Wheeler (2:55); at 145, Dan Hamblin pinned Ryan Zajdel (2:36); at 152, James Greene pinned Sean Bell (2:32); at 160, Crutchfield

pinned Jeff Pasco (1:59); at 189, Wilson pinned Andy Cohlun (2:55); and at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin pinned Tom Lutka (4:28).

The Shamrocks got pin victories from Ron Sarata at 135, over Smith (4:37); from Mitch Hancock at 140, over Eric Greene (1:07); from Rob Wentworth at 171, over Mike Popeney (1:30); and from Casey Rogowski at 215, over Kevin Von Holton (1:59).

The Rocks also host the Salem 'B' Tournament this Saturday. Both the 'B' and varsity tournaments begin at 9 a.m.

SC tips St. Clair; Madonna cruises

Like the tide, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team just keeps rolling along.

The Ocelots (9-2) took an easy 113-80 home win over St. Clair (Ont.) CCC Wednesday. It was the Ocelots' first Eastern Conference contest of the season.

Schoolcraft took a 10-point lead into halftime, but coach Carlos Briggs said his team didn't play well. That changed in the second half as the Ocelots quickly mounted a 25-point advantage.

Derek McKelvey played a strong game and scored 35 points to lead Schoolcraft. Kevin Nelson added 25 points and Emeka Okonkwo had 12.

Madonna 78, Tiffin 61 (women): Madonna University's women's team ended a two-game losing streak, playing a strong first half then holding off Tiffin University to take a 17-point home victory Friday.

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Angie Negri scored 14 of her game-high 18 points in the opening stanza as Madonna took a 45-24 lead by halftime. Tiffin never got closer than 15 points to the Lady Crusaders in the second half.

Besides Negri's 18, Dawn Pelc and Katie Cushman each scored 13 points. Negri also had three assists and seven steals, while Pelc had five rebounds, three assists and two steals, and Cushman added six assists and three steals.

Madonna (now 7-4) played solid defense, making 19 steals in the game and forcing 29 turnovers (the Crusaders had 19).

The Dragons were limited to 24-of-60 floor shooting (40 percent); Madonna made 34-of-72 (47.2 percent).

Laura Goins and Tonya Swick each scored 12 points to pace Tiffin (2-8).

Chargers stampede past Stevenson for 1st win

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill found a little ray of sunshine to end the 1997 portion of the boys basketball season.

Churchill recorded its first victory of the season Thursday, 61-47, over winless Livonia Stevenson.

Both schools will take a short break and won't play again until Jan. 6, 1998. Churchill (1-3) resumes at Garden City while Stevenson (0-3) travels to Redford Union.

"The kids are probably tired of me," Spartans' coach Tim Newman said. "We'll be off a week and start practicing again Dec. 26."

Churchill forced a ton of turnovers off its pressure defense (12 in the first quarter alone) and showed good ball movement on offense.

"Offensively," Coach Rick Austin said, "we got some good penetration."

"We tell our kids the penetration makes for easy baskets. We have young guards and they're just learning the game right now."

"This was a good game to win before the break."

Justin Jakes led the Chargers with 16 points, Lamar Smith had 12 and both Corey Cook and Erik Uhlinger scored 10. Cook had a triple-double by adding 11

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assists and 12 rebounds.

Mike Voutsinas paced the Spartans with 12 points and Dave Stando had 10.

Churchill outscored Stevenson, 7-3, in the final 1:31 of the first quarter to take an 18-11 lead and expanded it to 33-23 at halftime.

The Spartans got a lift in the third period, trailing 46-29, when they abandoned their zone

in favor of pressure defense and brought in five fresh players to do it — Paul Bowers, Stando, Marty Kennedy, Matt Freeborn and Bryan Schleif. Kennedy and Schleif were starters.

"We had to," Newman said. "It was at that point of the game where we had to do something."

Churchill shot 42 percent (26-for-62) to Stevenson's 33 percent (15-for-46). Neither team was overwhelming at the line, the Chargers making 14-of-23 and

the Spartans half their 30 attempts.

Stevenson had problems against the full-court pressure Churchill put on.

"We've got good kids," Newman said. "But some are forced to play out of position. They're doing the best they can."

"I'll say this about our kids — they didn't quit."

"You have to give their kids credit. They work hard. They trap hard. They play well together."

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CC rally stops Eaglets

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Not to speak in cliché, but if Friday's prep boys basketball clash between Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Redford-Detroit Catholic Central is any indication, fans of the Catholic League are in for another exciting season.

Backed by the strong inside play of 6-9 senior center Chris Young and the backcourt tandem of junior Nick Moore and senior Don Slankster, visiting Catholic Central overcame a 48-44 deficit after three quarters and held on for a thrilling 74-66 overtime decision over the Eaglets.

Young powered his way to 19 points, 20 rebounds and five blocked shots while Moore scored a game-high 20 points to go along with seven assists and four rebounds, and Slankster registered 15 points and snagged 10 rebounds for Catholic Central.

The trio combined for all of the Shamrocks' 18 points in the fourth quarter and 11 of 12 in the extra session, where Catholic Central closed the game with 12-4 run. CC held St. Mary's to just 1-of-10 shooting and two free throws in overtime.

"We really started to play well in the fourth quarter and in the overtime. We had some guys that stepped up," said CC coach Rick Corraiti. "A lot of these guys were on the (state championship) football team and I think they really believed in themselves. They really wanted to come here and beat these guys."

It was the University of Michigan-bound Young that seemed to be the go-to guy all evening for the Shamrocks, despite being double- and triple-teamed. Young recorded eight points in CC's 18-14 fourth quarter comeback,

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including a thunderous two-handed slam with 6:06 left in regulation and a pair of free throws with 10.1 seconds left, that put the Shamrocks up 62-59.

"I like to be the go-to guy. I like to be able to help my teammates out when the game is close," said Young. "I think my teammates have a lot of confidence in me and I have a lot of confidence in them. We came together in overtime after they made that great shot at the end."

St. Mary's sent the game into overtime on an off-balanced, pro-range three-pointer by Maurice Seawright with one second left in regulation. The 6-3 sophomore guard had a fine all-around game, finishing with 19 points, seven steals, six assists, five rebounds and three blocks, but was held in check in overtime.

Moore scored on a free-throw and a runner-in-the-lane, and Slankster hit a pair of jumpers for a 69-63 CC lead in overtime before Seawright fouled out with 2:03 remaining.

"St. Mary's is a very athletic team, maybe even more so than last year," said Corraiti, whose team improved to 2-0. "They are going to be a good team. It was nice for us to get out of here with a win against a very athletic team. We have a tough stretch coming up and this was a good character builder for us."

The Eaglets, meanwhile, are a young team still searching for an identity — and its first win. Still, St. Mary's coach Dennis Butcher is pleased with his team's overall performance so far this season despite an 0-3 start.

"I think it's a little discouraging, but we have been playing very hard," he said. "We have been in all three of our ball games. All three of our games were games that we could have won. That's all a coach can ask for."

The Eaglets seemed to be out of sync in overtime.

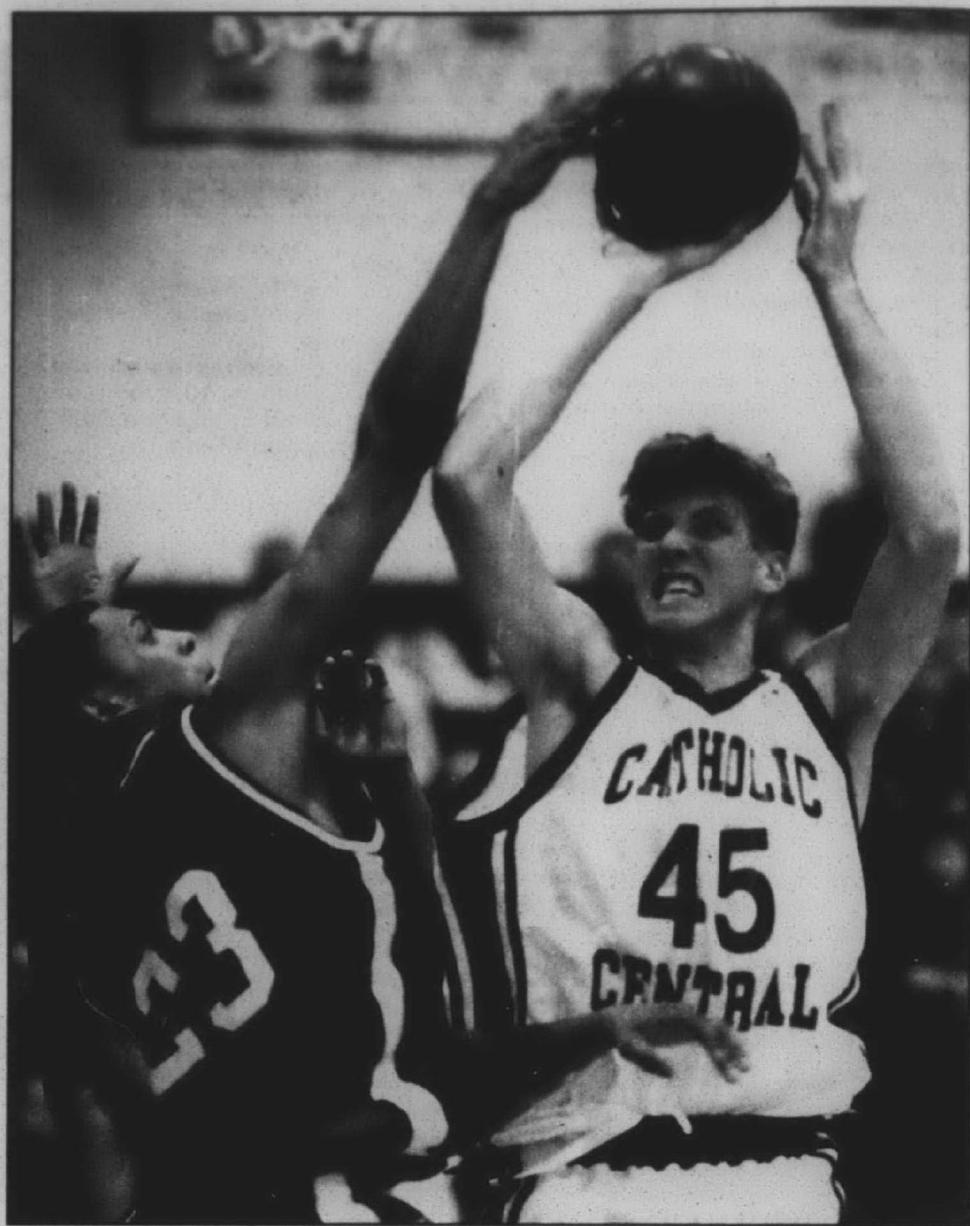
"We had some open looks at the (three-pointer) in overtime, but they didn't fall," added Butcher. "Then when CC got that seven-point lead, I think we panicked a little and our shot selection wasn't as good. But I saw some things that I liked. I think I saw some guys growing up and maturing out there tonight. We were just a little unlucky down the stretch."

Catholic Central led 14-12 after the first quarter and built a 25-14 advantage midway through the second quarter before St. Mary's senior guard Matt McDaniel (nine points) kept the game close by connecting on three straight triples for the Eaglets, who trailed 29-25 at intermission. The third quarter saw five ties or lead changes before St. Mary's built a 48-42 lead with 3:33 left in the stanza. Catholic Central outscored the Eaglets 32-18 the rest of the way to pull out the win.

Senior guard Joe Jonna added 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Shamrocks, while junior forward Dave Lusky added four points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jermaine Gonzales supplied 17 points, six assists and five rebounds for the Eaglets, who shot only 7-for-23 from beyond the arc.

Catholic Central is idle until Friday when the Shamrocks play Detroit St. Martin dePorres. St. Mary's will travel Monday to Detroit U-D Jesuit.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Dominating: When the game was on the line, CC's Chris Young came through, scoring 19 points and grabbing 20 rebounds in the Shamrocks overtime win at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Carter takes another shot as head coach at Wayne

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Carter hopes to make the most out of his second term as Wayne Memorial varsity football coach.

The 54-year-old Carter, who spent 13 years as Wayne's head coach (1972-84) before moving to Dearborn Heights Crestwood for the next 11 (1985-95), is back again with the Zebras.

He was announced as the school's head coach on Thursday.

"I'm a firm believer that God's got a plan for all us and sometimes you don't know what's in store for you," Carter said. "But all I know is that I feel blessed."

"I'm excited and elated to have the chance. And I'm thankful the committee had confidence in me and thought I had enough qualities to lead the program."

Carter replaces Chuck Howton, who stepped down after going 60-57 in 13 seasons as Wayne's head coach.

Ironically, Howton replaced Carter after the 1984 season.

FOOTBALL

During his stint at Wayne, Carter was 62-55. He was 56-44 at Crestwood, leading the Chargers to the 1991 state playoffs while earning Detroit Free Press Metro West and Tri-River League Coach of the Year honors.

Carter, a physical education instructor at Wayne who started with the district in 1969, returned to school after his stint at Crestwood to coach the JV team in 1996. Last fall he moved up as a varsity assistant as Wayne finished 1-8 overall in Howton's final year.

Carter and Wayne defensive coordinator Doug Mac, who played for Carter at Wayne before starring at Saginaw Valley State, were the only two candidates to interview for the job.

Wayne athletic director Bill Hawley conducted the interviews last week along with principal

Leo Schuster, assistant principal Dennis Healy and Wayne-Westland Schools administrator Bill Middel.

"We're looking forward to having Floyd back in charge," Hawley said. "He certainly has the experience, has a great philosophy about football and works with kids exceptionally well."

"He's a fine coach, very knowledgeable. He'll work hard and I feel real positive he'll do a good job."

Carter said he talked Thursday with Mac and is confident he will remain on the staff. Carter will also stay on as Wayne's varsity boys track coach.

"I know it's a tough job that's going to take a lot of hard work," Carter said. "It's just like what I read the other day in the paper about what Chuck Gordon (Westland John Glenn's head coach) was told by Lloyd Carr: 'There are no shortcuts for hard work.' And like he said, 'You have to come early and stay late.' I believe in that."

After the first of the year, Carter said he plans to meet individually with each returning player to set athletic and academic goals.

"I have a strong feeling about young people," Carter said. "I believe you have to demand and confront, and it has to be done daily, from the least talented to the most talented. I'm going to touch them all as far as that goes."

"I think discipline is the key. The kids want it and believe in it. I'll get after that real hard."

Already Carter is thinking about what he plans to implement for next season.

"It starts with good, sound fundamental defense," he said. "We'll fly around, but stay as close to basic fundamentals. They'll respect us for our sportsmanship and our tenacity on defense."

"Offensively, we run a lot of misdirection. I used the Wing-T at Crestwood with a three-back type offense. We run some play-

action passing and that may be a little different than what they've done."

But one thing is for certain, Carter plans on beefing up a perennial Wayne weak area — the kicking game.

"When I was at Crestwood we stressed the kicking game and we want that to be a strong suit," said Carter, who coached Michigan State's Bill Stoyanovich.

Carter has coached several outstanding players including Parade All-America running back Rick Rogers, who played at Michigan; and Pat Sheridan, who played 11 years in the Majors.

Several of his former players have gone on to coach including former Ypsilanti St. John's player Bob Sutton, now the head coach Army; Battle Creek Central's Al Slamer and Grosse Ile's Kevin Wiltson.

Carter is a 1961 Wayne High grad.

After graduating from high

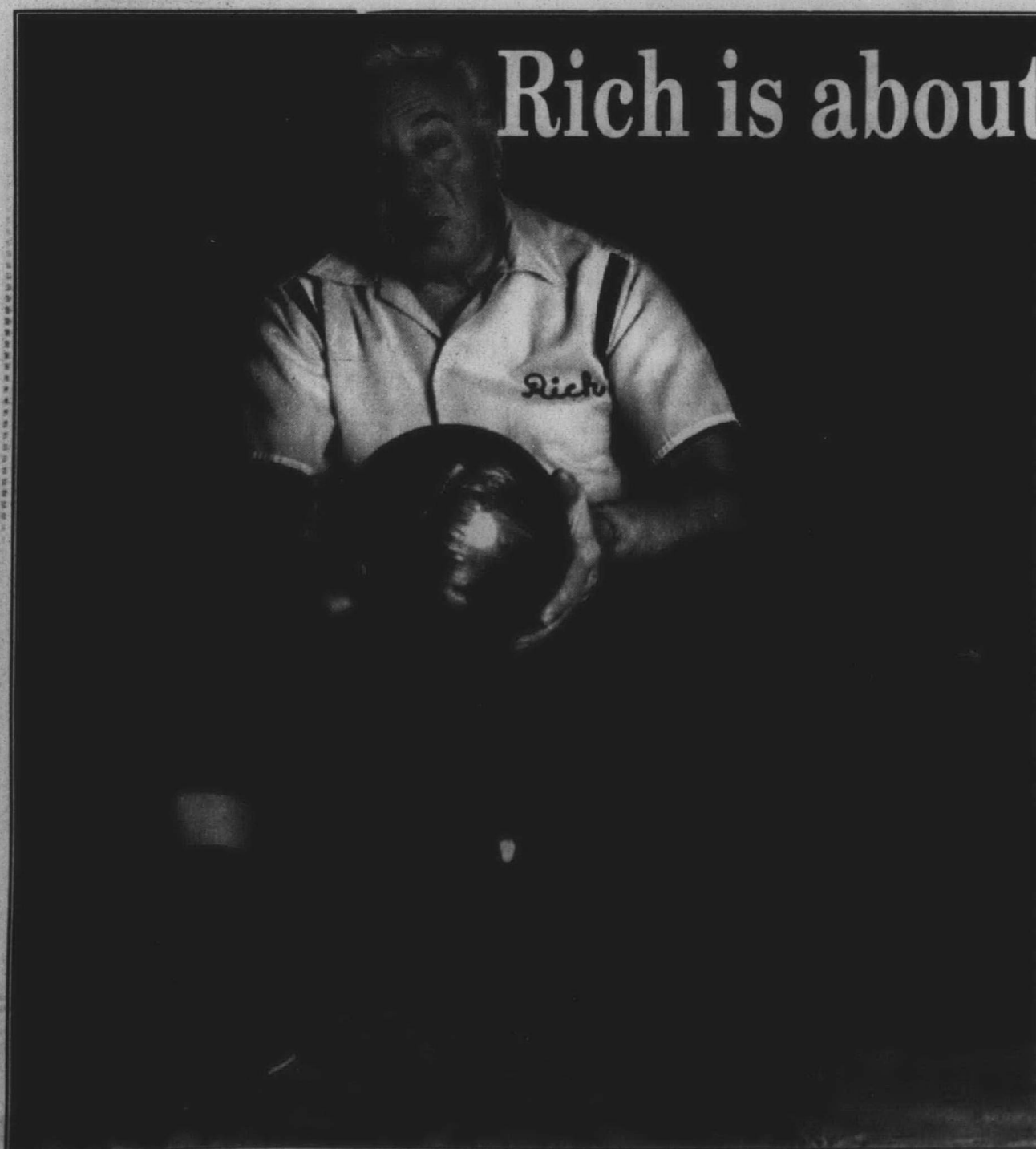
school, Carter worked 3 1/2 years at a Fisher Body plant while attending college classes.

As a 20-year-old walkon, Carter lettered three years (1965-67) as a defensive back at Eastern Michigan where he played under Jerry Raymond for two seasons and one for Dan Boisture.

"I worked in Willow Run where they made the Corvairs and Novas," Carter recalled. "I took a leave of absence from my job because I always wanted to play. I was out of it for three years. I weighed about 145 pounds in high school. I added a few when I got to college."

And it was obvious he missed football after high school.

"I believe if you have a burning desire to play the game, then there's always a place for you to play," said Carter, who began his coaching career in 1968. "We've got some great kids there. Football is in my blood. I love it. It's a sport that brings out great things in kids."



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In 1996, the American Bowling Congress gave out over 33,000 perfect rings. The rate has increased this year, by a wide margin. So which came first? Are the bowlers getting better or is it the equipment? The answer is — a little bit of both.

The final figures are in for the 1996-97 season for ABC memberships. ABC had 2,135,126 male bowlers in 86,955 leagues.

Detroit (GDBA) led the nation with 72,319, followed by Chicago's 31,651, Washington DC, third, 27,935; Eastern Long Island, fourth, 23,907.

Others, in order were Denver, Minneapolis, New York City, Cleveland, St. Louis and Rochester, N.Y.

The Ladies numbers were in about the same ratio with DWBA leading the nation with 51,471 followed by Chicago (21,843) and Washington DC (19,874).

Detroit YABA also led the nation with 12,105 members. This reaffirms the Detroit area's status as "Bowling Capitol of the World."

•The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association held their eighth annual Tournament of Champions Dec. 13-14 at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Dan Ottman of Troy nearly added more laurels to his dream season of 1997, but settled for second place and a check for \$1,100, while lefty Doug Evans of Lincoln Park came through with a fine 258 game and the \$2,200 first prize.

Others bowlers in the TV finals included Mark Corbiser, Gaylord; Bob Jawor, Westland; Nick Wissinger, Sterling Heights.

Redford's Jon Reed finished seventh; Dave Mahaz of Novi, 10th; John Bennett, Auburn Hills, 11th; Lee Snow, Farmington Hills, 13th; Dick Beattie, Dearborn Heights 14th; Fred McClain, Allen Park, 15th; Larry Franz, Redford, 17th; Terry Mariucci, Lincoln Park 18th — all worth \$175.

I wonder how it would work if Snow had made the finals, since he is also the play-by-play announcer for the TV production.

•The ladies of the All-Star Bowlerettes have done it again.

This time it was Peggy Smitley with a 300 game last Dec. 15 at Cloverlanes.

I was there watching the action when the crowd started buzzing, got in view just in time to see her with the 12th ball.

The shot came in a little high and left the 4-pin, then another pin came out of nowhere and toppled the four from behind, for another perfect score from this league, joining Aleta Sill, Rose Edwards and Gwen Finley, all of whom had 300 games in the league so far this season.

I was there to see every one of them.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Super Bowl Lanes (Canton): Super Tuesday — Mark Robey, 300/741; Ed Mintz, 300/757; Al Hansen, 279/738; Don Potts, 258/734; Gary Skladzien, 237/701; Joe Potts, 258/733; Ed Traver, 278/704; Dan Brody, 263/696; Bob Hanneberg, 278/662; Tom Olverson, 278/662; Roger Cowell, 268/653; Randy Drugacz, 255/670; Walt Zwacki, 245/673.

Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic (WWYTC) — Steve Englebrecht, 257/223/649; Mortensen, 255; Moncrieff, 254; Bill Collins, 248/644; Jason Thomas, 222/613.

Garden Lanes (Garden City): St. Louis Classic — Tony Humphrey, 278/244-255/775; Mike Baldwin, 244-223-247/716; Jim Kowalski, 247-209-258/714; Rick Borges, 234-256-212/702; Rob Fieck, 226-238-225/689.

Suburban Prop Travel (Men) — Bob Chuba, 247; Paul Butler, 243/680; Lou Vancick, 241/642; Don Vought, 232/632; Bob Hanneberg, 226.

Suburban Prop Travel (Ladies) — Viv Waldrep, 211/528; Barb Hernandez, 198/548; Dorothy Striver, 195.

Cloverlanes (Livonia): WWYTC — Joe Fuchs, 245-216-218/679; Todd Schaefer, 204-203-279/685; B. Fuchs, 246-193-235/674; C.J. Blewitt, 247-211/651; Bryan Yates, 235-248/651.

All-Star Bowlerettes — Peggy Smitley, 300.

St. Aiden's Men — Joe Naukas, 267-208/672; Dave Golen, 265/634; Bob Racey, 245/635; Tony Kaluzny, 214-203-223/640; John Drewniak, 223.

Ford Motor Men — Steve Bester, 269/709; Ernie Humphrey, 254/669; Dave Diomed, 259/703; Cal Collins, 255/657; Ron Homberg, 257/661.

Pistons-Petticoats — Chuck Badger, 299/684.

TeiCom Men — Rick Fontane, 299.

Sunday Night Mixed — Darryl Scott, 269-257/714; Quadri Stone, 258; Eugene Silverthorn, 233; Greg Smith, 257/759; Nelson, 222; J.R.W., 223.

Merit Bowl (Livonia): Tuesday Delphi — Hal Kleiss, 270.

Thursday St. Gen's Men — Louis Frederick, 298.

Sunday Lost Weekend Men's Trio — Bob Campbell, Jr., 290.

Don Lord K of C — Charlie Reed, 290-235-225/750; Gordon Gregoroff, 247-203-235/685; Steve Faydenko, 253-196-221/670; Chris Tubaro, 212-245-212/669; Rick Osler, 224-243/656.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia): Wonderland Classic — Tim Panek, 278/789; Mike Hitchcock, 277/757; Ed Grace, Jr., 751; Dick Bond, 278/751; Rich Mason, 300/746.

Night Owls — Shane Wyatt, 640; Mark Liser, 627; Jerry Modinski, 614.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia): Jack and Jill — Bob Moe, 702; Gary Fry, 654.

Men's Trio — Rick Capaldi, 277/706; Sean Severance, 264/686; Minh Grogan, 269/761; Mark Howes, 726; Monty Wannocott, 678.

Gay 90's — Paul Brewer, 246; Bob Radtke, 234.

West Chicago — John King, 710 split converted.

Swinging Seniors — Paul Brewer, 215-249.

Bators — Len Singer, 279/694; Mark Wenzel, 257/676; Dick Thompson, 691.

Pizza Lanes (Plymouth): Powertrains — Perry Yager, 256-206-254/716.

Waterford Men — Chuck Morris, 249-278-224/752; Tom Buchanan, 244-257-245/746; Andre Rey, 203-289-255/747.

Meyflower Lanes (Redford): WWYTC — Mike Pasenczyn, 227-217-236/680; B. Fuchs, 206-227-245/678; Kim Trumbull, 202-245-220/657.

Jason Thomas, 197-234-223/654; Tony Vitale, 279.

Friday Seniors — Ben Lanetta, 258/684; Jarv Woehike, 225/649; Mel Albrite, 245/643; Gene Pike, 237/640; Jim Prebe, 228/635.

Wednesday Senior Classic — Owen McGill, 235/618; Alvar Freden, 233-232/643; Paul Temple, 214-234-210/658; Tony Ballarta, 279/686; Jim Hunt, 241/585; Larry Stock, 235/572.

Good Neighbors — Stelip Sarnacki, 204; Kathy Risch, 102.

Westland Bowl: Monday Morning Men — Ward Green, 300.

Sunday Youth/Adult — Tina Barber, 289.

Ladies Classic — Zoe Anne Marsano, 300/694; Cyndi Black, 268/654; Carol Ferguson, 253/695.

Coca Cola Majors — Tom Hislop, 255/636; Steve Jones, 231; Scott Barnak, 216/610; Amber Tringo, 190; Melissa Jablonski, 169.

Bowl One Lanes (Troy): Gene Supply Senior Classic — Jack Isaacs (age 68), 256-258-267/801; John Pulice (age 68), 300 (first ever perfect game); Pete Minauda, 279; Joe Pascuzzi, 723; Gus Ponder, 276; Scotty Laughland, 280/747; Don Mitchell, 725.

925 Classic — Gerry Yeager, 298; Dale Jablonski, 300.

Business and Industrial — Robert Krakow, 299.

Tuesday Night Men — Bob Nolan, 300; Mike O'Halloran, 299.

Bowl One Classic — Jim Kachanuk, 300; Randy Malinichak, 300; Jim Perry, 300; Tom Byrd, 298/822.

Bowl One Seniors (Youth) — Autumn Eberhardt (age 16), 300.

Survivors Mixed — Matt Nolan, 300.

Bowl One Jewels — Sherman Krantz, 279/756; Joe Switzer, 300/703.

Goldsters — Brandon Camuffo, 266 (153 average).

PBA Headquarters Region Tournament: 1. Mike Kovunnam, \$4,000; 2. John Mazza, \$2,000; 3. Steve Jaro, \$1,400; 4. Kevin Taber, \$1,100.

FORD IRONMEN TRAIN FOR CANADIAN TRIATHLON

MEN WITH A MISSION



Fast competitors:
Members of the Ford Athletic Swim & Triathlon Club (from left) Andy Berry, Scott Bodjack, Ken Gutowski, Ramon Lara, Jim Petroff, Andy Tumpowsky and Tom McAllen.

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CAROLINE
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It's 4:30 in the morning, a time when almost anyone who doesn't have to be up is still slumbering away.

For Andy Berry of Farmington Hills, it's time to hit the streets to run a dozen or so miles or slog through lap upon lap in a pool. And hey, that's just the morning workout — there could be another hour or two spent on a bike before the day is done.

Berry is a man with a mission. Come Aug. 30, he and 26 other members of the Ford Athletic Swim & Triathlon club have a date with the Ironman Canada Triathlon Championship in Penticton, British Columbia.

There the morning will begin at 7 a.m. with a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride and then, just to make things interesting, a marathon (that's 26.2 miles). Like the famous Ironman contest held each year in Hawaii, the Canadian race attracts its share of professional athletes.

But the vast majority of the expected 1,600-plus entrants from around the world have much in common with Berry and the Ford Triathlon Club's (called F.A.S.T. for short) other Ironman hopefuls — they juggle families and demanding jobs and mortgages in order to put in the training they need to make it to the finish line of one of the most grueling races in the world.

The F.A.S.T. entrants range in age from early 20s to late 50s. The majority are men, but there's a handful of ironwomen signed up as well.

For many, this is the first Ironman, but there are a few veterans of previous races who have decided to take another shot. Of course, no one from the F.A.S.T. club expects to win the thing, although there's always the possibility some might earn an age group award and seize a coveted spot at the next Hawaii Ironman contest.

Goal is to finish

Most, like first-time entrant Berry, hope only to finish.

"If I get to the starting line, they'll have to wheel me off in a stretcher before I don't finish," he says.

Challenging as the race to the finish line may be, the real work for the Ironman hopefuls will be in just making it to the starting line.

For example, Ramon Lara, 37, of Canton Township, has twice been thwarted in his plans to do an Ironman.

Lara's last competitive race was in 1991, when he won the Splash 'n Dash in Youngstown, Ohio for the second year in a row. For years, he had hoped to do an Ironman event, but something always prevented him.

In the late 1980's for example, Lara says he was training for the Hawaii Ironman. He had made plans to bike with some friends, but felt tired and was just about to call and cancel when his buddy showed up at the door.

"So, I went out with a bunch of bikers, but I was dehydrated. We ended up going fast up a hill, and a guy said 'Hey Ramon, can you pull us up the hill (a reference to a biker taking the lead and allowing others to follow very close behind)?"

While coming down the hill, Lara blacked out and ended up in hitting the ground in a tangle of bikes.

Close calls

"I cracked my head open and it kept me out of the race that year," said Lara, who now reports that he wears a helmet now.

More recently, Lara had hoped to do the Canadian Ironman, but had to back out two weeks before the event when he developed plantar fasciitis, a painful inflammation of the sole of the foot. He's keeping close tabs on the state of his feet as he trains this time around in hopes that his injury won't resurface.

But even as they try not to fall into the trap of overtraining and injuring themselves, there's no getting around the fact that getting up to speed for an Ironman is a major commitment.

Ken Gutowski of Farmington Hills, one of the founders of F.A.S.T., has completed three Ironman-level triathlons and believes he's done as many as 75 other triathlons of various distances over the past decade or so.

Gutowski, 39, is one of the most competitive in the F.A.S.T. group and has done the Canadian Ironman before as well as the prestigious Hawaii Ironman for which entrants must qualify by performing competitively in some other triathlon.

Setting goals

"My advice to those who haven't done one is to write down your goals and adhere to them, month by month and week by week," Gutowski says.

He notes that the heavy-duty training needs to start by January, with what you put into it having a direct correlation with what you hope to achieve.

For example, once he managed to obtain a spot at the Hawaii Ironman.

Gutowski says he set a goal to go there and "have fun and finish."

Even to achieve Gutowski's vision of having fun and finishing

Ironman entrants

Andy Berry, Ken Gutowski, Tom McAllen, Farmington Hills; Scott Bodjack, Westland; Ramon Lara, Canton; Ken Ritter, Plymouth; Jim Petroff, Andy Tumpowsky, Livonia; Jim Austin, Darrin Bartlett, Kevin Bartlett, Drew Berger, Leslie Blackburn, Tom Demery, Enders Dickinson, Dearborn.

Also participating are Gloria Christin, Paul Piorowski, Belleville; Marcia Bennett, Dexter; Geoff and Michele Fletcher, London, England; William Hicks, Diamondale; Mike Malloy, Birmingham; Matt Myers, Wayne; Dave Riemenschneider, Kohn, Germany; Tony Schreiner, Detroit; Tim Sosnowski, Novi; and Paul Wright, Taylor.

the race, there's a rigorous schedule to follow.

Gutowski, an engineer supervisor at Ford (not surprisingly, many F.A.S.T. members are Ford employees, although the club is open to all), normally works out twice a day.

"You need to work you way up to brick, typically a bike ride followed by a run." He tells of getting ready for his last Ironman by imulating the event a bit.

"I biked 100 miles and then ran 20. I do take breaks but I'm always moving," he said.

While Gutowski believes he may be a tad behind schedule in his training plans, he's not too concerned.

"I just have to keep some discipline in each event," he said. "I'm more relaxed and not as nervous. I know what to expect and how to train, so I'll be able to finish. I train enough that I could run an Ironman distance race any day of the year. It may not be pretty, but I would finish."

Training schedule

The training that takes place day in and day out seems to

strengthen more than the triathletes' physical stamina. Many of the Ironman candidates from F.A.S.T. report that their work doesn't suffer because they learn to make the most of their time.

As Gutowski notes, "In order to do a triathlon, you have to be a good time manager, you have to learn to be more efficient at everything you do. Having those traits carry over into work, so many of the triathletes here at Ford have been promoted because they carry over those traits."

There must be something to that focus on time management. In addition to training, family responsibilities and work, Gutowski serves as webmaster for the F.A.S.T. internet website (www.flash.net/~kgutowsk/1000.htm).

The training can be used to strengthen family ties as well, if handled properly.

Lara says when he decided to go for the Ironman, he first obtained his family's commitment to the goal as well. His kids even come with him to the Summit in Canton during some of his workouts, where they swim while he trains. Nonetheless, it's not always easy.

"It's hard to do all that training with a family," he said. "I have to overcome a major obstacle, thinking I'm out here training when I could be spending quality time with my family."

Club support

While it takes enormous amounts of personal motivation and willpower to endure the training, none of the F.A.S.T. triathletes are having to go it alone. The club has about 180 like-minded members of various abilities, so there's always someone to train with and offer support.

In the winter months, for example, triathletes in training tend to back off bike riding a bit (aside from some indoor spinning) and concentrate more on the swimming portion of the program.

To facilitate swimming skills, F.A.S.T. sponsors a Saturday morning pool workout at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, where members spend an hour or two building up endurance and perfecting their flip turns as they do their laps.

The triathletes with the strongest swimming abilities and backgrounds are always willing to help those who are more comfortable in the other events improve in the water.

The pool workouts tend to attract the biggest overall group of F.A.S.T. members, but almost everyone has a small band of training partners to work out with on a weekly or even daily basis.

Lara, a designer at Ford, also is among the original founders of F.A.S.T.

The club was started back in 1983 when a handful of Ford employees started swimming together. The triathlon angle started five years later as members began developing an enthusiasm for the multi-discipline races.

FAST recruit

Tom McAllen, a Michigan State Police officer who lives in Farmington Hills, first learned about F.A.S.T. four years ago. He got fired up after seeing a triathlon on TV, then learned the club worked out on Saturday mornings.

"I went over and worked out with them," he recalls.

Since then, he has one previous Canada Ironman under his belt, plus he's done 50 or so smaller triathlons.

Last year, McAllen almost quali-

fied for the Hawaii Ironman at a triathlon in Tennessee, where he came in second in his age group, and he won the Michigan Grand Prix series in his age category.

Even as he gained triathlon awards, McAllen, 50, has lost something as well — around 30 pounds.

"Once you start running, the weight does fall off," he says, expressing no regret at losing what he calls "the golfer's build."

Like many of the Ironman hopefuls, McAllen usually does two workouts a day, six days a week.

"No doubt about it," McAllen said. "The group motivates you. During the workout for the Ironman, during July and August, I take Wednesdays off, do 100 miles on the bike and then come back and run 18 to 22 miles. If you had to do that by yourself, it's tough."

Support network

A natural offshoot of the training is that workout partners become friends as well, and social events often wind up comprising other members of the club. They understand what it takes to get ready for an Ironman-caliber race.

"You can't go out drinking Saturday night and then go run 10 or 15 miles," McAllen says.

F.A.S.T. members often carpool or make other group travel arrangements to attend race events around the state and the country.

Only a handful of the events F.A.S.T. members participate in are Ironman length. Some triathlons are called sprints and feature swims of about a quarter mile, followed by a bike ride in the eight to 15 mile range and ending with a run of three to four miles. Most of the local races are what is known as international distance, which is a 1.5k swim (about a mile), a 40k bike (about 25 miles) and a 10k (6.2 miles) run.

There's almost always a familiar face to be found, even if family members can't attend a race, to cheer on a particularly good performance or help take the sting out of an event goes bad.

Some bad days

And, as almost every athlete knows, there's going to be some bad days in with the victories. As McAllen recalls, he had hoped to do well enough at a triathlon in Chicago to qualify for the Hawaii Ironman contest, but instead found himself "running out of fuel" during the bike leg of the contest.

"I blew it," he says.

But rather than give up, he used the experience to help him make sure he drinks enough carbohydrate-laced liquids while on the bike, and he hasn't had the problem again.

And much as the Ironman poses an exciting challenge for the entrants from F.A.S.T., there's always another race. In fact, there's lots of them. Completing a marathon can be the event of a lifetime for some runners, but many of the Ironman wannabees do marathons as training runs.

Leslie Blackburn, 26, is president of F.A.S.T. and relatively new to triathlons. She was a competitive swimmer in high school, but says she gained weight while in college and joined F.A.S.T. to help drop a few pounds.

She ended up taking up running and biking, did a half-Ironman in September and ran the Columbus marathon in November. Also a Ford employee, she's set her sights on the Canada Ironman as well.

As for losing a little weight: "I ended up losing 50 pounds!"

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GOOD VALUES

DW mom, 42, 5'2", professional, Catholic, participates in bible study, youth ministry, enjoys camping, family activities, the outdoors seeks family-oriented Catholic WM, 35-49, children okay. Ad# 5515

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SWF, 47, 5'4", shy, college educated, enjoys concerts, plays, dining out, sailing, seeks educated, SWM, 45-53, Ad# 1964

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Catholic SW mom, 33, 5'1", interests are animals, horseback riding, music, movies, reading books, TV, games, seeks family-oriented SWCM, 28-42, N/S, for a serious relationship. Ad# 5564

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Catholic SWF, 48, 5'2", 118lbs., green-eyed blond, caring, N/S, enjoys barbecues, going to church, seeking spiritual, tall, active, down-to-earth SM, N/S. Ad# 6258

A BRIGHTER SIDE

Friendly WWBCF, 47, 5'6", enjoys going to church, seeking easygoing, sincere, level-headed SBF, 40+, for friendship. Ad# 2346

VERSATILE

SW mom, 24, 5'9", enjoys dancing, reading, movies, photography, seeking a SWM, 24-32, with high morals. Ad# 3237

LOVES THE LORD

Active, carefree, professional SWCF, 38, 5'11", 140lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks tall, enthusiastic SWCM, friend, to enjoy all that life has to offer. Ad# 6755

SOUTHERN BELLE

Educated SWF, 54, 5'7", 125lbs., platinum blonde, green eyes, lives in Oak Park, enjoys cooking, antiques, movies, art, seeking a SJWM, 50+. Ad# 2020

LOOK MY WAY

Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", no children at home, from Oakwood County, hobbies are dancing, long walks, candlelit dinners, the beach, concerts, hoping to meet a DWCM, 41-49. Ad# 2234

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWF, 26, 5'5", outgoing, friendly, from the Oak Park area, employed, enjoys traveling, shopping, the casino, concerts, seeks SWCM, 26-35, for serious relationship. Ad# 9811

NEW CHAPTER

SWF, 70, blonde hair, enjoys long walks, quiet evenings at home, dancing, seeks caring SWM, 62+ for companionship. Ad# 6255

SOUND INTERESTING?

Protestant SWF, 23, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, friendly, enjoys sports, movies, fishing, computers, seeking congenial SWM, 23-30. Ad# 1273

INSPIRED?

Catholic WWBF, 47, 5'5", full-figured, gregarious, from Detroit, loves Bingo, current events, singing in the choir, attending church, seeks Catholic WWBCM. Ad# 3190

ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL

DWCF, 48, 5'5", full-figured, dark hair, green eyes, bright, pretty, down-to-earth, professional, seeks sincere, sociable, fun-loving SWCM, 42-52, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 7455

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Friendly DWCF, 47, 5'6", long blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys singing, seeks SM, 35+, for friendship first. Ad# 2285

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Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 29-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 5656

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Catholic SWF, 47, 5'9", sort of shy, educated, employed, looking for Catholic SWM, under 49, who is optimistic and understanding. Ad# 2250

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Sociable DW mom, 26, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

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Catholic WWWF, 68, 5'4", honest, lives in Sterling Heights, enjoys golf, dancing, travel, easy listening music, seeks SWM, with similar qualities. Ad# 5569

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Catholic SWF, 27, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, friendly, enjoys running, camping, dancing, seeks secure, professional SWCM, 27-38, with a positive attitude. Ad# 3267

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LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS

Baptist SWF, 26, 5', sincere, honest, enjoys hockey, the theater, movies, singing, reading, seeks SWCM, 25-36, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 1526

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Catholic SW mom, 44, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8648

SWEET & CUTE

Outgoing, never-married SBCF, 23, 5'6", student, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking understanding, sensitive SCM, 25-33. Ad# 8044

LOVING AND CARING

Protestant DWF, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, warm, witty, fun, happy, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks neat, professional SWM, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3334

CLASSY

SBF, 42, 5'8", well-educated, compassionate, God-fearing, enjoys the theatre, opera, aerobics, tennis, the outdoors, ethnic cuisine, seeks easygoing, caring, loyal, non-deceptive, SWM, 40-60, with children at home. Ad# 4020

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

HAVE TIME FOR ME?

Catholic DWF, 45, 5'3", medium build, enjoys concerts, barbecues, amusement parks, dancing, museums, the beach, quiet times at home, seeks DWCM, 40-49, children welcome. Ad# 7259

END MY SEARCH

DW mom, 43, 5'6", 160lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, faithful, honest, employed SWM, 40-55. Ad# 3845

SUPER WOMAN

Protestant SWF, 59, 5'4", upbeat, loving, laid-back, kind, hobbies include walks, reading, golf, religion, seeks honest, open SWM, 57-77, integrity a must. Ad# 5557

RELIGION IS THE KEY

Baptist SB mom, 33, 5'7", outgoing, intelligent, attractive, lives in Detroit, likes movies, working out, quiet times, seeks good-hearted, compatible SBCM, 27-39, with good morals. Ad# 1936

GOD COMES FIRST

SWF, 45, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, hobbies include Bible study, family activities, seeking SWM, 46-56, for friendship first. Ad# 3257

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Professional DWF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, owner of dog and parrot, seeks SWM, 35-48, for relationship, kids okay. Ad# 3957

MEANT TO BE?

Catholic SWF, 23, 5', shy, honest, romantic, from Royal Oak, enjoys rollerblading, movies, dancing, seeks N/S, childless, Catholic SWM, 23-27, with similar interests. Ad# 4808

TIERED OF GAMES?

SWF, 24, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys camping, cooking, the theatre, children, seeking honest, sincere, commitment-minded SWM, under 30. Ad# 2572

LONG-TERM?

Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks childless, compatible SWM, 21-29, who has never been married. Ad# 3842

COLLECTS TEDDY BEARS

Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

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Catholic SWF, 50, reserved, practical, enjoys skating, walking, photography, dancing, music, theatre, looking for supportive SM. Ad# 3839

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Catholic DWM, 53, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, monogamous, likes sports, movies, walking, dining out, seeks honest, caring Catholic SWF, under 53, with similar traits. Ad# 6572

GET TO KNOW ME

SWM, 52, 5'8", outgoing, active, enjoys dancing, movies, concerts, traveling, seeks slender, SF, under 51, for long term relationship. Ad# 5094

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 21, 6'2", N/S, caring, honest, sincere, reliable, outgoing, enjoys bible study, music, biking, seeks SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities. Ad# 4653

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

SWCM, 30, 5'9", professional, educated, outgoing, honest, sincere, enjoys hockey, sporting events, movies, outdoors, seeks SWCF, 24-34, to share same interests. Ad# 3229

MARRIAGE MINDED

SWM, 40, outgoing, sincere, athletic, romantic, well educated, seeks slender, SF, age unimportant, to spend quality time with. Ad# 4567

WARM & LOVING

SWM, 43, 6', 220lbs., brown hair/ eyes, handsome, outgoing, seeks honest, sincere, SWF, 38-46, with a zest for life. Ad# 9781

BELIEVE IN LOVE

Loving, caring, sensitive, SAM, 26, 5'6", 170lbs., black hair, blue eyes, Catholic, seeks commitment minded, Catholic SWF, 18-35, children welcome. Ad# 5275

HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS

SWM, 45, 5'11", 195lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, professional, college educated, physically fit, outgoing, enjoys music, movies, theatre, dining out, seeks SF, 38-51, with good sense of humor, down-to-earth. Ad# 3639

FOR THE FUTURE

Outgoing SWM, 50, 5'10", 175lbs., professional, lives in West Bloomfield, enjoys dining out, dancing, special times, seeking SWF, 35-55. Ad# 9999

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SBM, 26, 5'6", hardworking, outgoing, enjoys church, baseball, shooting pool, movies, quiet evenings, traveling, seeks SF, 18-24, to share same interest. Ad# 9082

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Catholic SWM, 40, easygoing, open-minded, lives in Redford, employed, enjoys outdoor sports, seeks slender Protestant SWF, under 43, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2225

NEVER ENDING ROMANCE

SWM, 28, 5'11", shy, enjoys watching sports, playing saxophone, skiing, the theatre, acting, the outdoors, seeks sensitive, caring, SWF, 23-33, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 8885

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DWM, 51, 5'11", professional, outgoing, social drinker, enjoys dining out, symphony, opera, seeks SWF, 46-65, to share same interests. Ad# 7098

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Loyal Catholic SWM, 38, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, lives in Detroit, likes sports, seeks slender Catholic SWF, 28-37, without children, for loving, long-term relationship. Ad# 2037

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DWCM, 45, 5'9", lives in Brighton, likes most music, long drives, the beach, picnics, dancing, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 35-49, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 1469

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YOUNG-AT-HEART

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BELIEVE IN US

Baptist DWM, 57, 5'8", N/S, sensitive, caring, likes family events, concerts, walking, flea markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

GOOD TIMES

SWCM, 29, 6'1", medium build, student, interests include sports, the outdoors, reading, people watching, and many more, seeks SCF, under 29. Ad# 3374

SINCERELY

SWM, 25, 5'9", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes poetry, writing songs and good conversation, seeking compatible SWF, under 36. Ad# 7458

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HEART TO HEART

SBCM, 34, 5'5", perceptive, energetic, enjoys Bible study and more, from the Detroit area, seeks kind-hearted SWCF, 26-35. Ad# 1573

SOLID RELATIONSHIP

Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, lives in Plymouth, professional, enjoys walking, the theater, seeks educated, sensitive, romantic, fit SWCF, 34-45, who is down-to-earth. Ad# 7450

DECENT MAN

Protestant DW dad, 35, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, easygoing, from Garden City, participates in Bible study, enjoys bike riding, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 30-45, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1944

YOUNG WIDOWER

Catholic WWMM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs., professional, honest, educated, no dependents, home in Livonia, enjoys dining, movies, dancing, sports, seeks SWF, under 43, N/S, who has good values. Ad# 1002

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Catholic SWM, 44, 6', professional, faithful, communicating, sincere, likes weekend trips, seeking slender, attractive, relationship-minded SWCF, 32-45. Ad# 6683

Farmington starts off well

SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

So far, so good.
Farmington's combined gymnastics squad got off to a solid start Wednesday night with a 128.45-125.70 road victory over Grosse Pointe North.

According to co-coach Jeff Dwyer, the team has been sharp since the start of practice last month. He gave credit to the gymnasts' hard work in the off-season.

"A lot of the girls dedicated themselves over the summer," Dwyer commented. "I see a lot more potential with this team. If they're hungry, I think they'll do well."

Well is exactly how the combined team performed Wednesday.

Farmington posted good scores in three of four events to finish with 128 points. Dwyer, who shares coaching responsibilities with Alicia Herpick, thinks the squad will eventually tally in the 130s.

"I like this group of girls," he added. "I think we'll go far."

Marie Law and Kelly Barenie led the way in the vaulting competition Wednesday. The senior duo tied for second overall with an 8.45.

Lauren Ouellette was next for Farmington with a 7.95. Jamie Militell scored a 7.85.

On the uneven bars, Law was second overall with a 7.9. Brook Rubin placed third at 7.7. Ouellette had a 7.75 and Anna Clark a 7.45.

Rubin led a sweep of the balance beam by scoring 8.55. Law was second at 8.2. Militell third at 8.0 and Ouellette finished with a score of 7.4.

In the floor exercise, Rubin scored an 8.4, Barenie an 8.2, Law 8.15 and Liz Stoler had a 7.95. Farmington was scheduled to open the season last week in a meet with Ann Arbor, but it was snowed out.

The combined team is now off

VOLLEYBALL

until after the holidays. Farmington hosts Salem Jan. 7 to open its Western Lakes Activities Association schedule.

Dwyer said the league will be tough again this season.

"It was the hardest league in the state last year," he added. "It'll be the hardest league in the state this year, too."

Farmington finished third in the WLAA last year behind Hartland and Northville. Dwyer said those two will likely battle again for the conference championship.

"I don't think we'll be able to challenge them," he said. "We're a really good team, but they're both probably in the top five of the state."

The combined team, which boasts gymnasts from Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison and North Farmington high schools, will be comprised of 16 athletes this winter.

There were no graduations from the team. But two gymnasts, Sarah Nolan and Deenna Vacca, decided not to return.

"It hurts losing them," Dwyer said. "But when you factor in that everyone has improved, I think we'll have a strong team."

Farmington will count on senior captains Law and Barenie. Both are good bets to make the state finals this year.

Dwyer is also high on Rubin, a junior.

"She'll score in the nines on floor and beam," he said.

Law, Barenie and Rubin will score lots of points for Farmington this season.

"Those three have worked out every day since last year," said Dwyer. "They've put in a lot of time."

Stoler, a North Farmington junior, is another top gymnast.

"If she lives up to her potential," said Dwyer, "she'll help us

in all areas."

Clark, a junior, Militell, a sophomore, and Ouellette, a freshman, should figure in Farmington's scoring this season.

Other combined team members are: Erin Zajaros (junior), Courtney Wild (sophomore), Rachel Sopar (sophomore), Megan Rigsby (freshman), Alexis Johnson (freshman), Jenny Galbraith (freshman), Sarah Douglass (freshman), Caroline Dean (sophomore) and Alyson Adams (freshman).

Milford mauls Raiders

BASKETBALL

North Farmington will enter the holiday break on a down note after losing for the first time this season, 65-46 Thursday at Milford.

The Raiders (2-1) fell behind early 11-5 and trailed the entire way, as Milford eventually made it a blow-out in the fourth quarter, outscoring North 21-10.

"We didn't adjust well defensively to what they were doing,"

North coach Brian Swinehart said. "We played hard, but didn't play very smart. Milford, on the other hand, were patient with the ball and played very well."

"Milford is a senior dominated team and are well-coached so you have to give them credit."

They did a good job breaking us down. I thought we could've played better and I thought I as a coach could've done a better job making adjustments."

Sophomore center Emir Medunjanin came off the bench to lead North with 10 points. Senior guard Al Pennala added nine points.

Milford, which improved to 4-0, received 10 points from Nick Hertz.

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Christmas traditions



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Tracing roots, meanings of celebrations

The holiday season has arrived as has the quest for the perfect Christmas present. It seems at times that the meaning and the traditions of the season get lost in the hustle and bustle.

Churches around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in many different ways. While people practice those traditions, many may not know their origins.

The staff of Historic Trinity Church in Detroit, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. David Eberhard, has compiled a list of relating to those traditions and their origins, starting with Christmas itself.

The word Christmas is derived from an early English phrase, *Christes mæsse*, which means Mass of Christ. Observed on Dec. 25 in western churches to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, it also is a public holiday in Christian countries, usually marked by the exchanged of gift — tokens of the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

For most Christians, the Christmas season begins on the Sunday nearest to Nov. 30, not when retailers begin displaying their holiday merchandise. The date is the feast of St. Andrew, one of the 12 Apostles of Christ.

The nearest Sunday is the first day of Advent, a four-week period during which Christians prepare for Christmas. The word advent means a coming and refers to the coming of Jesus

on Christmas Day.

Many Christians have an Advent wreath in their homes during the holiday season. Most wreaths are made of evergreen or holly branches and sit on table or hang on the door. The Advent wreath has five candles — three are blue (or purple), one is pink and one is white.

The first four candles are placed in the wreath and one candle is lit each Sunday in Advent. The first candle is the prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle, symbolic of the Christ Child's cradle.

The third (pink) candle is the shepherd's candle which typifies the act of sharing Christ. Pink symbolizes the Advent Rose, a time to pause in this penitential season to rejoice in the Lord.

The fourth candle is the angel's candle, the candle of love and the final coming. And the fifth — white — candle is placed in the center of the wreath as the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve.

In many countries, people use special Advent calendars to keep track of the 24 days before Christmas. Advent calendars have colorful Christmas scenes and the dates are printed on flaps. One flap is lifted daily to uncover a holiday picture or a Biblical verse.

Nativity scenes

During the Christmas season, many churches display a creche, or Nativity scene, showing the figures of Mary

and Joseph praying over the infant Jesus in the stable, the Magi or Wise Men, angels, shepherds and various animals.

Historic Trinity's collection is one of the area's largest. The display, open to the public, features several hundred creches, including French Presepios, Spanish Nacimientos, German Krippes, Irish Mangers and British Cribs, and church members bring in their own to add to the decorations.

O Christmas tree

The Christmas tree that has such a prominent place in the celebration was first used as a home decoration by Dr. Martin Luther, according to the Historic Trinity staff.

While on a walk one Christmas Eve, Luther noticed an evergreen tree shining in the moonlight. He returned home with the tree, decorated it with candles and told his children that the tree should remind them of the brightness of Christmas and the messages of the Savior's birth.

By the beginning of the 19th century, all of Germany had adopted the use of the green "Christmas" tree. They added stars, sweetmeats, tiny toys and gilded nuts together with the candles on the tree.

The custom soon spread throughout Europe and then to the United States by German settlers in Pennsylvania. Today, decorations include tinsel, bright ornaments and candy canes. A

star is mounted on top of many trees to represent the star that led the Wise Men to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

The traditional colors of Christmas are red and green. Red represents the blood Jesus shed at His Crucifixion, while green represents the continuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Like the evergreens, the Christmas wreath symbolizes the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter. In ancient Rome, people used decorative wreaths as a sign of victory and celebration.

Among evergreens used in making Christmas wreaths and other decorations is holly. Early Christians decorated their homes and churches with this tree, calling it the holy tree. The name holly may have come from that.

The pointed leaves supposedly resembled the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified and the red berries the blood He shed.

Christmas carols

The word carol comes from a Greek dance called a choralein which was accompanied by flute music. The dance later spread throughout Europe and became especially popular with the French who replaced the flute with singing.

People originally performed carols on several occasions during the year.

But by the 1600s, carols involved singing only, and Christmas had become the main holiday for these joyful songs.

As for Christmas cards, the first such card was created in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an English illustrator. It resembled a postcard and showed a large family enjoying a Christmas celebration. The message on the card read, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." About 1,000 cards were sold.

By 1860, the custom of exchanging Christmas cards had spread throughout Great Britain. The first Christmas cards manufactured in America were made in 1875 by Louis Prang, a German-born printer.

And if, during this Christmas season, you're looking for a good story to read, try the "Story of Christmas." It can be found in the gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew in the New Testament of the Bible.

According to Luke, an angel appeared to shepherds outside the town of Bethlehem and told them of Jesus' birth. Matthew tells of the Wise Men following a bright star that led them to Jesus.

Historic Trinity Church is at 1345 Gratiot Ave., between I-375 and Russell near Detroit's Eastern Market. For more information about the creche display, call the church at (313) 567-3100.

Church services observe 'the reason for the season'

Christmas candy has been a part of the holiday celebration for many years, but did you know that the candy cane was created to represent the real meaning of Christmas?

According to the story, a candy maker who wanted to tell children about the birth of Jesus in a way they would remember. He created a candy cane that was white, representing the virgin birth of Jesus and His sinlessness.

The candy maker shaped it into the letter J so that people would be reminded it is by the name of Jesus that people are saved from sin. Whether the letter J, or the shepherd's staff, it would show that Jesus is the shepherd, the Savior and the Lord.

To remember the tremendous price that Jesus paid for the sins of the world, the candy maker included red to represent the blood Jesus shed. Three small stripes were added to show His scourging and a large red strip for the blood he shed on the cross because of the nails and the spear.

As the legend goes, the candy maker made the candy cane, crafted with love, to help the children remember the wonderful gift of God's love at Christmas.

And it's candy canes that is what will be given to Sunday School children at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, after their Christmas program, "Here I Am! Send Me," at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 21.

Christ Our Savior also will have its family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road. The Cherub, Choristers and Handbell choirs will perform.

At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshipers will be given a votive candle to raise during the singing of "Silent Night." The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ, handbell and instrumental music will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will begin at 10 a.m. at the Livonia campus. It will feature uplifting music with the choir and

instrumentalist.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

■ New Life Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve worship at 7 and 11 p.m. with a candlelight service of Communion. Special music will be provided by harpist D.L. Turner and keyboardist Ronnie J.

New Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville Township. For more information, call pastor Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181.

■ There will be two services of worship on Christmas Eve at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Family worship will be at 7 p.m. and will include choir anthems, a children's sermon and a Communion service.

The Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 11 p.m. will include choir anthems, a Communion service and candlelight ceremony, involving all worshipers. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

■ St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight Communion worship service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. A nursery will be provided, and the church is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-8844.

■ St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will have a family worship service with Holy Communion at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. Presented will be a cantata, "Angels of Christmas," with choir and narration. The music will be by John Purifoy, with the narration by the Rev. William Privette.

Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion will be at 10 a.m. at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of I-96. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2600.

■ Memorial Church of Christ's Christmas Eve service will feature a dramatic monologue, "Bartholomew's Tale," written and performed by Les Hardin. The service will be at 7 p.m. and will

include congregational singing and Communion. Memorial is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

■ Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve festival worship service at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Church of Today will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 and 7 p.m. The church meets at Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook south of Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

■ The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will have services with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 591-0211.

■ St. James Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

■ Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Filled with carol singing, special music and candlelight, the observance is designed for meditation and reflection and offers a moment to affirm Christian values in a not-so-Christian world. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve festival worship at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The service will include carols, the Christmas story, Communion and candlelight. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Heavily attended by family and friends of church members and community resi-

dents, participants are encouraged to arrive early. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have three services on Christmas Eve. The family service will be at 5 p.m., followed by a candlelight caroling service at 9 p.m. and a candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. The church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, east of Inkster Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will have its family celebration, featuring the Cherub and Children's Choirs, at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

The 8:30 p.m. service of Holy Communion and candle lighting will feature the Youth Choir and Bell Choir. Rev. Melanie Lee Carey's sermon will be "Don't Miss the Sign Because You're Looking for a Billboard."

The 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service will also include candle lighting and Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir will perform and the Rev. Thomas Badley will speak about "A Special Glow."

Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve family carol candlelight service at 7 p.m. at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Special music will be provided by the Salem Choir and instrumentalists.

The festival service of the Nativity of the Lord will be held at 10 a.m. and will include Holy Communion. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-5550.

■ Faith United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve service will be at 8 p.m. and will include carols, lessons and candlelighting. The church is at 6020 Denton Road, at Michigan Avenue. For more information, call (734) 483-2276.

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36520 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24 7:30 p.m.



Message
"Images of Peace, Promises
of Fulfillment"

Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen
Senior Minister



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
(313) 421-8451

The Rev. Robert A. Clapp, The Rev. Willet J. Herrington
The Rev. Alan W. Brandemihl

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Carols 7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist (Babysitting Provided)	Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. Carols 11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	December 27th 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist December 28th 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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St. John's Episcopal Church

574 South Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Family Holy Eucharist with the Story of the Nativity and Bishop Nicholas • Nursery Care Available
7:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist of the Nativity
10:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling Service
11:00 p.m. Solemn Holy Eucharist of the Nativity

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Come



O Come, Let Us
Adore Him!



Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Children's Service
7:00 p.m. Family Worship
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
Christmas Day
11:00 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church

33360 West 13 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 626-7906
Pastors Robert A. Rimbo and Donald P. Kreiss

A Christmas Festival Eucharist will be broadcast on WXYZ Channel 7, on December 25 beginning at 12:05 a.m. This worship service will be prerecorded at Antioch Lutheran Church as a production of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the National Council of Churches.

Christ Church Cranbrook Christmas Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday, December 24

5 p.m. - The Children's Service with the filling of the Creche

8 and 11 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Services. Musical preludes with carillon, the Christ Church Choirs and organ begins 30 minutes before each service.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday, December 25
10 a.m.

Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI • 248-644-5210
(one mile east of Woodward off Lone Pine)

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Traditional, Joyful
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Christmas Eve with Full Choir & Organ
Carols 10:30 PM
Festive Holy Communion 11:00 PM

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Woodward Ave. in the Fox Center
(313) 962-7358
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St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple
Birmingham, MI
248-644-0820

The Reverend Roger Tilden, Rector

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Lesson & Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24

5:00 p.m. Creche Procession & Holy Eucharist
(Especially for children. Nursery care)
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

First United Methodist
Church of Troy
248-879-6363

Livorno - brwn. Square Lake & South Blvd.
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Peacock
serving Troy and Rochester

Christmas Eve

4:30 Family Service
7:00 Candlelight and Carols
Child care and coffee hour
11:00 Communion Service

Christmas at St. Paul
165 E. Square Lake Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Phone: (248) 338-8233

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Church School classes: 9:45 a.m.

December 21

4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Sunday

Christmas Eve Worship
December 24 7:00 p.m.
Traditional candlelight service of carols, lessons, and the celebrated message.

Christmas Eve Worship
5:30 p.m. Children's Worship (Parents Welcome!)
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship & Holy Communion
*child care provided

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church

20000 W. 13 Mile Road
Beverly Hills
(corner of 13 Mile & Evergreen Rds.)
248-646-9777

Embury
United Methodist Church
1803 E. 14 Mile Rd.
(1 block east of Woodward)
Birmingham • 248-644-5708

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

7 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!
Rev. Linda J. Donelson, Pastor

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (East of Farmington Rd) 474-6573
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

4:30 pm Family Service
11:00 pm Carols and Bells
Nursery and Child Care Provided
Pastors: Dr. Wayne T. Large and
Rev. Sondra B. Willobee



ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

30450 Farmington Road
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)
248-626-3620

Pastors: Carol J. Johns,
Eric A. Stone

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m.
Family Service and Children's Christmas program
"Counting Our Christmas Blessings"
9:00 p.m.
Traditional Worship Service of Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m.
Traditional Worship Service of Lessons
Carols and Holy Communion

Nursery for Crib thru 3 years old at 5:00 p.m. only.



NEWBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI



CHRISTMAS EVE - Three Services

6:30 p.m. Special Family Worship Service, Carols and Candlelighting.
Nursery provided.
8:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion
Special music by Choirs and Organ.

Christmas Week Services

Cherry Hill
United Methodist Church

Sunday Service 10:50 a.m.
Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Marjorie H. Manger
321 S. Ridge Road
Canton, MI 48107
(313) 495-0035

ST. MATTHEW'S

United Methodist Church
30900 W. Six Mile
(btwn. Middlebelt & Merriman)
(313) 422-6038

Christmas Eve Services

7:00 p.m. Family Service/
Children's Pageant
11:00 p.m. Communion Service
Nursery up to 2 years

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

29887 W. Eleven Mile (west of Middlebelt)
Farmington Hills, Michigan • 248-476-8860

Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack - Rev. Kathleen Groff
Rev. Jane Berquist - Rev. Robert Bough - Mr. Melvin C. Rookes

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Wednesday, December 24

carol singing, scripture stories, special music, sermon, candlelighting

4:30 p.m. - a family service
with music by children's choirs
6:00 p.m. - a community service
with music by youth choirs
8:00 p.m. - a metropolitan service
with music by church choir
"The Traditional Nardin Park Christmas Eve"
11:00 p.m. - midnight communion
with brass and soloist
Come worship on the holiest night of the year!

Come Catch the Christmas Spirit

Aldergate United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
Dec. 24
7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Featuring:

☆ Mini Dramas:
"Christmas in a Grocery Bag"
"A Close Scrape"
☆ Children's Choir (at 7 p.m.)
☆ Chancel Choir
☆ Hand Bell Choir
☆ Candle Lighting

Nursery provided 5-7 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Organ & Piano Concert
By John Potter and Norm Gabel

10000 Beech Daly, Redford
2 blocks south of Plymouth
937-3170

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Family Celebration and
Candlelight Service
Sermon - "The Road Marked 'Wonder'"
- Dr. Hickey

11:00 p.m.

Worship and Candlelight Service
Sermon - "The Road Marked 'Praise'"
- Dr. Hickey

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December 24
7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Communion
& Children's Sermon

Frederick G.
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Pastor

The greatest gift this season
isn't found in any store.
Instead, it is wrapped in
swaddling clothes and lying
in a manger.

**Come! Share the
Gift with Us!**



Christmas Eve Services: 5:30 Family Service (Nursery Provided)
8:00 Candlelight and Carols
10:00 Candlelight and Carols

New Year's Eve: 7:30 (Potluck supper prior to service.
Call 644-4010 for more information)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009
(Located between Chesterfield and Cranbrook Roads
on the north side of Maple)

Celebrate the birth of the Savior at: **Faith Lutheran Church**
30000 Five Mile Rd.
(1/4 mile west of Middlebelt)
Livonia 313-421-7249

December 21st 8:15 & 10:45 worship
10:00 Children's Christmas
Program

December 24th 7:00 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Christ-mas Candle
Light Service

December 25th 9:30 Christmas Day Service

Risen Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve - "Carol & Candlelight Service"
4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - "Christ Is Here"
10:00 a.m.

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 Sheldon Rd, Canton - Sheldon/Warren Roads - 459-3333
Visit our web site - <http://www.wmnet.com/~stmikes>

Christmas Eve
Family Worship - 7:00 PM
Worship/Communion - 9:00 PM
Communion/Candlelight - 11:00 PM

Christmas Day - Worship/Communion - 10:00 AM

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Wednesday, December 24 - The Eve of Christmas
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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9600 Leverne Redford 48239 313-937-2424
south of Plymouth Rd., between Inkster and Beech Daly

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Family Worship with Carols at 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service at 10:30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY!
Festival Communion Service at 10:00 a.m.

SALEM NATIONAL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Located between Farmington & Merriman Roads.)
32430 Ann Arbor Trail Westland, Michigan

Children's Christmas Service December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Family Carol & Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.

The Festival Service of the Nativity of our Lord
December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Watch Night Service December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Luther Werth, Sr. Pastor
Come Home For Christmas...

LIVONIA 46001 Warren Rd.
(North of I-96)
Christmas Eve: 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

CANTON
(West of Canton Center)
Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m.
(313) 522-6830

LOLA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
14750 KINLOCH
Redford, Michigan (313) 532-8655
Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor (313) 261-5422

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

You are invited to Worship with us at
Living Word Lutheran Church
Candlelight Christmas Eve
Communion Services
December 24 at 4:30 PM & 10:30 PM
3838 N. Rochester Rd. (at Gunn), Rochester
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John Kassen, Pastor

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 North Adams Rd.
Bloomfield Hills

Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Children
7:30 p.m. Family
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
December 31st
7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
All-Nite Party for Youth Following
(3rd thru teens)
January 6th 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Service
The Festival of Lights

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
9083 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150
734-591-0211
The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar

Services December 24th
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist • 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Services December 25th
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Communion and Special Music
Wednesday, December 31st - 7:00 pm
Praise and Worship Service
Fellowship Following Service

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Christmas Eve Worship 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship • 10:00 a.m.
We Wish You A Blessed, Christ-Centered Christmas
NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP - 5:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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Farmington Hills

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

Christmas Eve Services
5:30 p.m. Family Service of Carols
11 p.m. Candlelight Communion

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
of Southfield**
23425 Lahser Road
one block north of 9 mile

Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Early Candlelight
10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight

248-357-1848
Barrier Free

Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.)
8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI 48150
(734)427-2290 (btwn Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Tr)

Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus
Christ with communion and candlelight!
Nursery available.

Dec. 24th, 7:00pm & 11:00pm Christmas
Eve Communion and Candlelight Services

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
Come Worship at our New Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 6:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 a.m.

Regular Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Family Learning Hour 9:45 a.m.

29200 W. 12 Mile Rd.
East of Haggerty
248/553-7170

Bradley Gee, Senior Pastor
Deborah Fergus, Assoc. Pastor

In a religion that was born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying.

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
~ Christmas Eve Worship ~
7 and 11 p.m. - Candlelight service with Holy Communion;
special music by harpist D.L. Turner and
keyboard player Ronnie J. begins 15 minutes
before & accompanies each service

New Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America which worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence
Center, 16115 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile Roads, in
Northville Township. Follow the New Life Signs to the chapel located
in the center of the complex. Pastor Ken Roberts: 734/459-8181.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Christmas Eve - December 24, 1997
 Dr. James N. McGuire, Preaching
 Candlelight Service with Brass Ensemble
 Four Identical Services
 4:00, 5:15, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.
 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan • 313/422-1150

University Presbyterian Church
 1385 S. Adams Rd.
 Rochester Hills • 248-375-0400

Christmas Eve Services
 7 p.m. Family Service
 Music by Children's Choirs
 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
 Music by Youth and Chancel Choirs

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 33424 Oakland Avenue
 Downtown Farmington
 (248) 474-6880

CHRISTMAS EVE
 Wednesday - 8 p.m.
 Holy Communion

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (USA)
 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago
 between Merriman & Farmington
 Livonia, Michigan • 313-422-0494

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1997
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
 We welcome you to a full program church
 The Rev. Richard I. Peters - Senior Minister
 The Rev. Ruth L. Billington - Associate Minister
 Visit Our Web Site at www.geocities.com/~rosedale

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 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd. • Plymouth, MI • 313/459-9550

Christmas Eve Services
 • 5:00 p.m. Family candlelight Service
 • 7:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Candlelight service
 • 11:00 p.m. Midnight Candlelight Service
 "The Four Voices of Christmas"
 Dr. William C. Moore, Preaching
 *Nursery for Infant through Pre-Kindergarten

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 9435 Henry Ruff at W. Chicago
 Livonia, MI 48150 • 421-5406
 Rev. Donald Linteman, Pastor

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 10:00 p.m.

Welcome & Merry Christmas to All!



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 5835 Sheldon Road • Canton
 313-459-0013

Special Christmas Evening Services
 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm Family Services
 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm Communion

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH
 Church and Main Street
 453-6464

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
(Special music precedes each service)
 3:00 pm God's Gang Puppets and Handbells
 5:00 pm Journey to Bethlehem with Living Nativity
 8:00 & 11:00 pm Lessons and Carols Candlelight Services
 December 28 - 10:00 am Worship

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (USA)
 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia 734/422-1470
(one block west of Inkster Road)

Christmas Eve Worship Times
 5:00 PM Family Service
 9:00 PM Carols and Candlelight
 11:00 PM Traditional Communion & Candlelight
 Wheelchair Accessible
www.sppc.org

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
 Christmas Service
 Sunday, Dec. 21st 11:00 a.m.
 Children's Program
 Sunday, Dec. 21st 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Service
 Wednesday, Dec. 24th 6:00 p.m.
 Covenant Alliance Church
 15858 E. 13 Mile Rd.
 (1 block west of Greenfield)
 (248) 644-9009

ORCHARD LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake 248-682-0730

Join us for Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Children's Pageant (Child Care Provided)
 9:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service
 Regular Sunday Worship at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
 Child Care, Full Children and Youth Programs
"Caring for Christ"

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
 280 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy
 248-8713310

December 23
 Penance Service 7 p.m.
 Christmas Eve, December 24
 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day, December 25
 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
 New Year's Eve 5:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

UNITY CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
 1038 Harding, Rochester Hills
 248-656-0120

Sunday Services, Sunday School and Nursery 11:00 am

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES
 Candle Lighting Service/ Concert
 Sunday, December 21 5:00 pm
 Burning Bowl/White Stone Service
 Sunday, December 28 11:00 am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 pm Family Service (Nursery Provided)
 8:00 pm Holy Communion Service
 10:30 pm Special Music
 11:00 pm Candlelight Service
 Corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Rds.
 248-474-6170

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 48755 Warren Road
 Canton, Michigan 48187
 734-451-0444

Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th - 4:30 & 10:00 p.m.
 CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th - 10:00 a.m.
 NEW YEAR'S EVE - Dec. 31st - 4:30 p.m.
 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Jan. 1st - 10:30 a.m.

ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 6869 Franklin (South of Maple) • 626-0840

Christmas Mass Schedule
 Christmas Eve: 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.
 Caroling at 9:15 p.m.
 Christmas Day: 10:00 and 12:00 Noon
Everyone Welcome

ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI
 (just south of Six Mile Road) (313) 464-8844

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 1997 7:30 p.m.
 Nursery Provided Wheelchair Accessible

St. Michael Catholic Church
 25225 Code Rd. (corner of Ten Mile West of Lahser)
 Southfield, MI 48034
 248-356-8787

Christmas Masses
 December 24:
 5 p.m. & Midnight
 December 25:
 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Church of St. Alexander
 27835 Shilawasee • Farmington Hills • 248-474-5748

Christmas Eve
 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Children's Liturgies
 10 p.m. Mid-Night Mass
 Christmas Day - 10 a.m.
 New Years Eve • Midnight Mass - 12:00 Midnight
 New Years Day - 10 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1669 W. Maple Road
 (between Southfield and Cranbrook)
 Ronald P. Byars, Ph.D., Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE
 5:00 p.m. - Family Service - Children's Musical
 The Christmas Story through the Eyes of the Friendly Beasts
 8:00 p.m. - Sermon and Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m. - Service with "Gloria" by John Rutter
 Chancel choir accompanied by First Brass

644-2040
 Saturdays 5:30 p.m.; Sundays 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

St. John Neumann Parish
 44800 Warren Road
 Canton, Michigan 48187
 734-455-5910

Communal Reconciliation
 Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 P.M.

Individual Reconciliation
 Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Liturgy of Christmas
 Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 P.M.
 Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

Feast of the Holy Family
 Saturday, Dec. 27 at 4:30, 6:30 P.M.
 Sunday, Dec. 28 at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

"Come celebrate with us the gift of God's Love"

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
 23815 Power Rd. at Shilawasee
 (S. of 10 Mile bet. Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)
 Farmington, MI 48336

A light will shine on us this day. The Lord is born for us

Rev. David F. West
 Rev. Artha W. Foxson

Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Husley
 Rev. Douglas J. Signell
 Rev. Louis F. O'Dea

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:	Christmas Day:
Wednesday, December 24	Thursday, December 25
3:30 p.m. Children's Pageant	6:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass with Children	9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass
6:00 p.m. Christmas Mass	11:15 a.m. Christmas Mass
11:00 p.m. Pre-Mass Program	1:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
12:00 Midnight Mass	

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD SCHEDULE
Holidays of Obligation

Wednesday, December 21	Thursday, January 1
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	9:30 a.m. Mass
	11:15 a.m. Mass