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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### CLOSINGS

**City:** During New Year's week, city of Plymouth offices will be closed Dec. 29, 30, 31 and New Year's Day. The treasurer's office will be open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 29 and Dec. 30 for tax payments.

**Township:** The township of Plymouth offices will be closed New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Friday, Jan. 2. The treasurer's office will open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve for tax payments. A drop box is also available.

**Schools:** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrative offices will be closed throughout New Year's week and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5.

### MONDAY

**Game:** The Plymouth Whalers are playing the Erie Otters at 2 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena on Beck Road, just north of M-14. The match is an Ontario Hockey League Game of the Week. For ticket information, call 313-453-8400 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. weekdays only.

### TUESDAY

**Hurry:** You may be running out of time to place your reservation for any number of New Year's Eve get-togethers, including at the Water Club Grill, Fox Hill Golf Club, as well as the West Side Singles, which may be contacted at 981-0909.

### WEDNESDAY

**Party:** Happy New Year's Eve! Be safe. Don't drink and drive and be sure to buckle up.

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In time: The new fountain that graces Kellogg Park is ready in time for the 16th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular Jan. 14-19. There were some delays in finishing the new fountain, which was brought to Plymouth, thanks to a hefty donation from Charlotte and Calvin Perry and the Plymouth Rotary.

## Fountain is ready to go



BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Just in time for the ice show, the new improved Kellogg Park fountain is ready.

Work to improve the fountain started

Some parts that weren't quite right and poor weather caused delays in finishing the new fountain in Kellogg Park. But it is ready to go for the annual ice festival.

ed in September. Architect David Schaff predicted it would take a few weeks to erect the new three-tiered fountain and make other improvements.

But after the fountain kit arrived from Stoneware Magnalite in Neva-

da, some parts weren't quite right. "The pumps that were shipped were of the wrong voltage. There were a couple other parts like that," Schaff said.

"None of us who were involved ever put together anything like this," Schaff said. "We made a lot of phone calls back and forth to Nevada to Stoneware Magnalite."

"Part of the time the weather was-

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## Library still to move March 1

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Work on a new Plymouth District Library next to Plymouth City Hall on Main Street is on track.

"I'm still looking at March 1 to move," said Library Director Pat Thomas.

### NEW

### CONSTRUCTION

One key to construction being completed on time is enclosing the new library interior before serious winter weather arrives.

"I don't see that that's a problem," said Gary Toney, site superintendent for Ellis Don Construction, general contractor for the job.

"The brick work is progressing very well, the roof is 95 percent complete," Toney said. "Those are the two big items to open up all our work on the inside."

"They're still putting the bricks on all the widows and the walls, they're finishing the roof," Thomas said. "Meanwhile they've been working along inside, partitions are in, the dry wall is not up."

"They're installing electrical service boxes, then they'll turn on the heat. Pretty much the rough stuff is done but they've got all the finished stuff to do

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## French cuisine whips up good business

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Business has been better than expected at Cafe Giverny, since downtown Plymouth's newest restaurant opened Dec. 20.

That's what owner Neb Brankovic reports, one week after opening his crepes and coffee restaurant on Main Street across from Kellogg Park.

"The Health Department inspected us at 4:30 on Friday," Brankovic said, just hours before the new restaurant

was to open.

Because perishable foods couldn't be brought in before the inspection, Brankovic, his staff and wife Celeste who has a daytime consulting job - scrambled around to bring food in and get the restaurant ready to open the

next day.

Cafe Giverny replaces the Chameleon Gallery. The new restaurant's walls are done in a warm yellow-brown cream color, with canopies

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## MADD Liferides available

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is hoping its annual Project Liferide will help produce a third consecutive year of no drunk driving fatalities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties New Year's Eve.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

For the 13th year, MADD is the main force behind Project Liferide, which provides cab rides for anyone too impaired to drive after ringing in the new year.

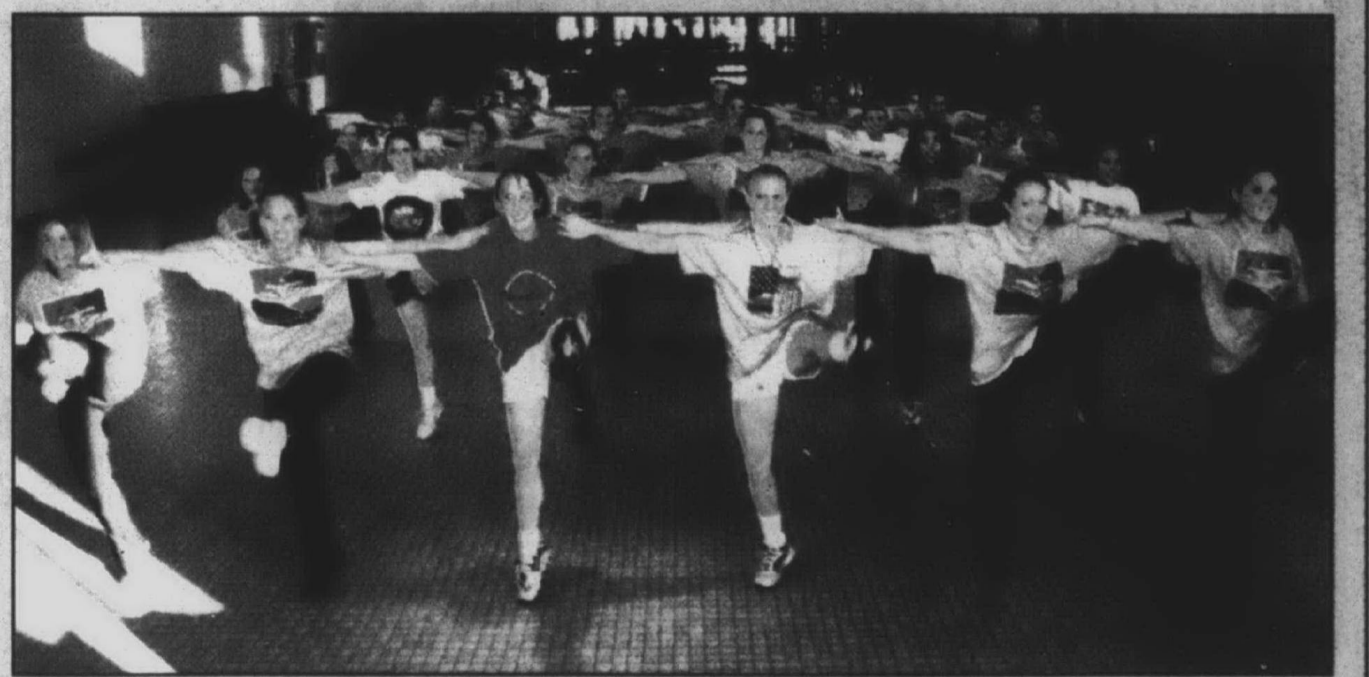
Hosts of private parties will be able to call the lifeline for guests who have had too much to drink. Restaurant, lodging and bar establishments in the tri-county area will be able to arrange a free ride home for their customers who may be too intoxicated to safely drive.

This year, MADD has a toll-free number for Liferide, 1-888-398-6233 (MADD). Operators will be taking calls for free cab rides from 9 p.m. New Year's Eve to 5 a.m. New Year's Day. Last year, there were 549 requests for rides, with 1,144 people transported. Sponsors picked up the tab, which was about \$7,000.

The number of calls is almost double what it was 10 years ago. As a result, MADD is encouraging drinkers to plan for rides home, or have a designated driver.

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### High stepping



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Stepping up: The Canton High School Chiefettes (above) and the Salem High School Rockettes are the two best pom-pom squads in the state, following the Mid-American Pom Pon Dance Competition earlier this month.

## Salem, Canton step to the top

BY RENE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Ready? One, two, three, kick ... one, two, three, kick ... one, two, three, kick, kick, KICK!

When it comes to soaring kicks and great dancing, the Canton Chiefettes and the Salem Rockettes have all the right muscles and moves. They're two of the best pom-pom squads in the state. At the Mid-American Pom Pon Dance Competition at Cobo Hall Dec. 7, the

Chiefettes placed first not only for high kicks but first for best overall squad. The 33-member team scored 96.25 out of 100 points.

The Rockettes, who have 24 members, won first place for their dance choreography for the fourth year in a row. Both teams went up against 14 other squads from the large-school division.

Kelly Frader, 17, of Canton, one of three Chiefettes captains, recalled the moment: "They called second

place and we started shaking. We worked so hard. It was nice to get the recognition."

Kristy Davis, 17, of Plymouth Township, another captain, said the activity is addictive. "It really is. We're all such good friends. It's like they're my family."

The Rockettes claimed their share of pulled muscles in preparation for the competition during their two-

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A real kick: Olivia Wofford (back row, third from left) practices her number with members of the Rockettes. The Canton girl won the dance lesson in a local television station promotion.

# Rockettes

## Canton girl takes a lesson from high-stepping dancers

BY RENE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Olivia Wofford, 9, of Canton has taken dance lessons for four years, and now - thanks to her mother and FOX-TV Channel 2 - she's had a lesson from the world-famous New York Rockettes.

A few weeks ago, mom Christine was in her husband's home office when she caught a blurb on Channel 2 announcing a contest for children to win dance lessons with the Rockettes. The world-famous high-kickers currently are starring in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Inspiration bright as a Christmas tree light flashed in her head: Olivia.

Without telling her daughter, Christine dashed off a picture of her daughter

dolled up in a pink dance costume to Channel 2. "I thought, oh well, that would be great if she won."

Well, Olivia was one of 15 children randomly chosen from over 300 entries. Lessons were scheduled before showtime on Dec. 11 in the Fox Theatre's lobby.

Five Rockettes, dressed in red velvet and white fur, instructed the 14 girls and reluctant one boy in steps from the show's famous "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" number. The lesson lasted 45 minutes.

"It was fabulous, everyone (maybe not the boy) was in awe," said Christine. "The older girls were just giddy beyond all means. Olivia did great. She's not one to jump up and down in public, but I could tell by the gleam in her eye she



A winner: Olivia Wofford's lesson lasted 45 minutes.

was excited."

Olivia may not be able to kick as high as the Rockettes - she said she kicks higher than her kitchen table but not as high as the counter - but she

thinks her costumes are just as pretty. Especially the one she wore in the picture her mom sent to Channel 2.

"It was like a fairy kind of thing. It had pink sparkles and a skirt with it and a cool headband and that's it," she said.

Olivia, a fourth-grade student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, really aspires to be a science teacher but says dancing is fun, especially "the moves." She patiently explained her favorite move, which she said requires just the right amount of balance:

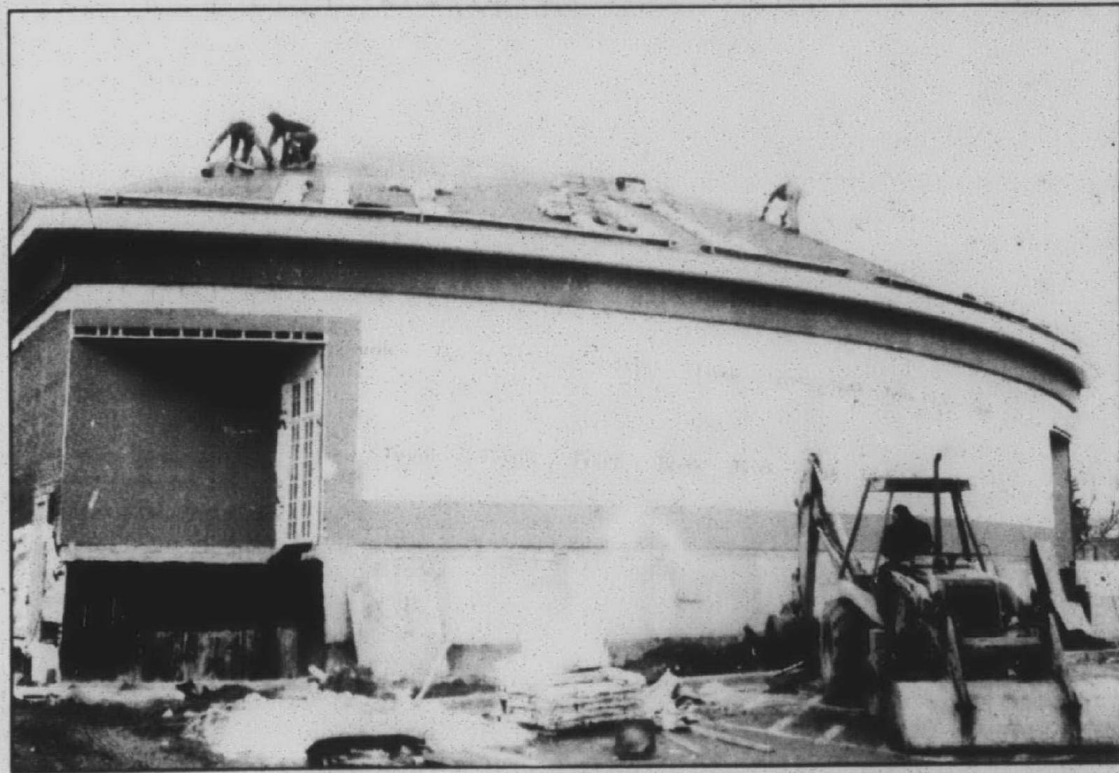
"You take your foot and put it beside you. It doesn't touch the ground. Then you put the foot you didn't use behind you. And then you do it with the other foot. And then you do it with the other foot and the other foot."

■ 'It had pink sparkles and a skirt with it and a cool headband and that's it.'

Olivia Wofford  
—Young dancer

Olivia, who's kind of quiet, didn't say if her favorite move came in handy during her lesson with the Rockettes. She simply enjoyed the entire experience. After all, how many 9-year-olds get to high-kick with the best?

Christine Wofford, who said she's always been fascinated by live performance, admitted to being a bit stage-struck during the lessons and the show. "It was almost like first-row seats to the Miss America Pageant," she said.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Violations: Following a crane boom mishap in October, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act inspectors visited the new library site and issued some violations. But the library appears to be on track.

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inside yet," Thomas said. "We should have permanent electrical power within another week or so," Toney said.

Following a crane boom mishap Oct. 2 when a load of lumber was dropped on a worker - he was treated and released from the hospital and back on the job that day - Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act inspectors visited the site and issued some violations to subcontractors, Thomas said.

Toney declined comment on the violations. Greater Plymouth voters have approved nearly a half-mil for library construction and another half mil for operating millage.

Thomas said decisions on buying books and computer

equipment and additional staff won't happen until four to six weeks after the new library is open. "We're waiting for things to shake down to see what we need. The rule of thumb for a new library is if building activity increases 20 percent. If that happens we will have to have more staff."

Pat Thomas  
—Library director

more staff," she said. The library currently employs 10 full-time staff and 20 part-time employees.

New library hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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**PHYLLIS ROSE GOLTZ**  
Services were held for Phyllis Rose Goltz, 78, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Plymouth, on Dec. 27 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Saline, Mich. Arrangements

were made by the Robison-Bahn-miller Funeral Home in Saline.  
She was born April 16, 1919, in Plymouth. She died Dec. 23. She was a food service employee for Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor. She was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth for more than 35

years.  
She is survived by two sons, Eldean Goltz of Plymouth and Brian Goltz of Summerville, S.C.; a daughter, Carol Jensen of Belding, Mich.; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the

Killarney Lutheran Camp, in lieu of flowers.

**LEONA M. HOFFMAN**  
Services were held for Leona M. Hoffman, 88, of Livonia, on Dec. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard I. Peters officiating.

She was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Johnsonburg, Pa. She died Dec. 23 in Westland. She was a home-maker and a member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. She came to Livonia from Detroit in 1940.  
She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Speight of Oregon

and Emily Hillbush of Texas; a son, Benjamin Liece of Westland; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and three sisters.  
Memorials may be made to the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

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"We would rather have people plan ahead to get rides home if they know they'll be drinking," said Michele Compton, chapter administrator for MADD in Oakland County. "However, if they haven't, we certainly would encourage them to call us instead of getting behind the wheel."

"I can't imagine not being able to find someone to drive if you've been drinking," said Carol Nalepka of Westland, who runs the Wayne County chapter of MADD. "However, Project Lifeline gives you a viable alternative, so there is no reason to be on the road after drinking."

Tom Peterson, the owner of Northwest Transport in Livonia,

has been with Project Lifeline since day one.

"I work New Year's Eve myself to make certain everything is safe," said Peterson. "Our job is to make sure everyone gets home. Without the rides, people will have a tendency to try and drive their own cars when drinking."

ABC Cab in Livonia, which also covers Farmington Hills, has been part of Project Lifeline for 10 years.

"I think the program is great," said Val Duarard, office manager. "We get about 35 MADD calls during that evening."

Both cab operators say they don't have many problems with those who have had too much to

drink.

"We're kind of used to drunks and how to handle them," said Duarard. "However, we've had no problems during all these years."

Peterson notes "most drinkers are happy-go-lucky and don't cause any problems. One time a woman did take off all her clothes and throw them out the window. We ended up in Farmington Hills, before finding out she lived in Canton."

A recently released poll by EPIC/MRA of Lansing shows about 8 percent of Michigan adults will drive at least once after drinking during the holiday season.

**Visiting:**  
Stephanie MacDougal and Thelma Halsted sit on Santa's lap when kids from Tanger Center stopped by Plymouth Inn for their annual holiday visit. For the winter holidays, kids sing carols and gave seniors crafts they made. And everyone got a chance to visit with Santa.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Younger and older celebrate**

There's nothing better than when younger and older get together to share special moments.  
"Our seniors enjoyed them so much," said Betty Wobst, activity director at Plymouth

Inn on Haggerty. Children from ISEP (Tanger School) entertained senior citizens at Plymouth Inn for more than an hour with Christmas carols and joined them for refreshments and a celebra-

tion of the season. The students also gave the seniors crafts, gifts they made for the occasion.  
"Every year we have a Christmas party with the children," Wobst said.

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hour practice sessions before school. But it all came together during their dance routine to a song from "West Side Story," which captain Robyn Novak, 17, of Canton said was "more lyrical" than past performances.

"I like performing, just knowing everybody is looking at you. We've been so successful these past four years. It makes you want to keep coming back," said Stacey Barboso, 17, of Plymouth.

One, two, three, kick. Way to go, girls... and, uh, guys.  
"It was intense waiting to see if we won," said Canton senior Christopher Porman, 17, of Canton. Porman, like the rest of the males on the Chieftettes' team can do some stupendous mid-air toe touches.

"That's athleticism personified," said Matt Marcos, 17, of

**'I like performing, just knowing everybody is looking at you. We've been so successful these past four years.'**

*Stacey Barboso*  
—Pom pon member

Canton. When asked just what the guys on the team do, he replied: "We boogie down."

"We just go out and have a great time," said Rob Schmitt, 16, of Canton.

In the guy-girl part of the competition, the guy Chieftettes lost by a mere six-tenths of a point to their Rockettes counterpart. "It felt good knowing we lost to

Salem," said Marcos. (What a good sport.)

Marnie Holdefer's daughter, Katy Tolbert, has been a Canton Chieftette for three years. She said she is impressed by the girls' - and guys' - "precision, showmanship, smiles and all of their energy."

Holdefer, a Canton resident, admitted to being somewhat of a stage mother as she watched the competition. She held her breath as the judges announced the five place winners then started announcing fifth, fourth, third and second place. "At that point I started crying because I knew they won," she said.

She shouldn't have worried. The Chieftettes and the Rockettes were destined for glory. Just ask guy-Rockette Schmitt. "We rocked Cobo," he said.



At the top: The Rockettes, who have 24 members, won first place for their dance choreography for the fourth year in a row.

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# Valassis repeats as one of best places to work in America

Valassis Communications, Inc., headquartered in Livonia, has been named one of the 100 Best Companies to Work for in America by Fortune Magazine.

This was the second time in less than seven years that Valassis has made the list. The results will be published in the Jan. 12 issue of Fortune Magazine which will be on the newsstands later this week.

Companies were evaluated using multiple criteria, such as employees' trust in management, pride in work and company, and camaraderie. Workplace practices were also evaluated, and an extensive survey was randomly administered to employees to obtain their confidential opinions.

Valassis employees are proud of the ranking. Barney Bourgeois, senior insert publishing specialist said, "I'm proud to be a Valassis employee. I've always known that this is a great place to work; now all of America does, too."

"Our workplace environment of respect and caring makes this a place that we want to come to every day. And on top of that, we're saving Americans billions of dollars every year by providing them with our products — coupons," said Bourgeois.

"Employee pride and morale is

at an all-time high," said David A. Brandon, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Valassis Communications.

"This terrific accomplishment was a total team effort and demonstrates that a corporation's success is not best achieved at the expense of employees. Rather an atmosphere of respect, empowerment and positive energy produces the best customer service, product quality and the excellent financial results that increase shareholder value," said Brandon, who has been president of Valassis since 1989.

The last study conducted by Levering and Moskowitz in the early '90s resulted in a book "The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America." That study was conducted in a similar fashion and ranked Valassis Communications high in the areas of opportunities, job security and openness/fairness — areas in which Valassis remains strong.

Valassis Communications, Inc. has grown from a company with a single printing press to one of the nation's largest producers of free-standing inserts. It is the leading company in the sales promotion industry, offering a broad array of consumer promotion techniques.



Selected: CEO David Brandon (center) surrounded by employees at the company's Livonia headquarters, said being named one of the top 100 best places to work in America was a "total team effort" that will "serve to inspire our organization to continue to achieve great results in 1998."

The company prepares and prints billions of inserts each year at its printing/production facilities in Livonia and Plymouth, Michigan; Wichita, Kansas; and Durham, North Carolina. In addition, eight regional sales offices are strategically placed across the country.

In a speech earlier this before the Canton Economic Club, Brandon said the financial performance of the Livonia-based company goes hand-in-hand with his belief in building a

workplace culture that draws — and holds onto — top talent in the field.

Who you hire, how you hire them and how you treat them once they're on the job are keys to success in any business, Brandon said.

"We really believe in this thing called culture, the environment we create for our employees to do business," said Brandon, 45, Valassis president and CEO since 1989 and a Plymouth Township resident.

On the economic side of the ledger the now publicly held company has a net worth of \$1.3 billion, triple from 1979, when Brandon left Proctor and Gamble to return to Michigan, where he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1974.

Valassis was trading at a 52-week high of 33 1/8 on the New York Stock Exchange at mid-month December.

Brandon's half-hour talk was filled with anecdotes and personalized business bromides includ-

ing two favorites illustrating his management style: "Change is good" and "If it ain't broke, break it."

Brandon is a strong believer in employee participation at all levels. "Let employees participate in your success to get the idea across that they can take ownership in what you're doing," he said. "A company of 'owners' will behave differently."

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGOFFEL

## S'craft hosts aid night for college bound

Schoolcraft College personnel will help students explore the mysteries of financial aid on Wednesday, Jan. 21 during its Regional Financial Aid Night.

The program is designed for college-bound high school students and their parents and will be helpful to students who are transferring from a community college to a university.

Program topics include the types of financial aid available, eligibility, how to complete an application and how to conduct scholarship searches. There will be a question-and-answer period following the formal presentations.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Center. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275.

## Rivers to meet with residents

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-13th District, invites residents of that Congressional district to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation in Northville, Inkster and Wayne.

Rivers will be at Rebecca's on Center (formerly Murphy's), 134 N. Center St., in Northville 8:30-10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, for coffee with her constituents.

On Jan. 15, Rivers will be at the Early Bird II, 27412 Michigan Ave., in Inkster from 8:30 to 10 a.m. On Jan. 16, she will visit Rex's Family Restaurant, 35111 Michigan Ave. in Wayne during those same hours.

For information, call Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor at (313) 741-4210 or Wayne (313) 722-1411.

## UM-D sells land

The University of Michigan-Dearborn has sold eight acres of its land at Mercury and Hubbard Drives for \$1.8 million. UM-D Chancellor James C. Renick said the proceeds will go into an endowment to support student scholarships.

Buyer Tri-Mount, a real estate development firm, will build condominium housing on the site, UM-D said. UM-D acquired the property in 1974 in a swap with Ford Land Development Co.

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## HEALTHIER APPETITE



KEELY WYGONIK

### The best weight-loss is gradual

The thought of stepping on a scale right now is as scary as waking up realizing you're late for an important meeting, or not being able to find your purse, wallet or keys.

"I hate the word diet," said Juliane Steenkamer, a clinical dietitian at Garden City Hospital. "Michigan has one of the highest obesity rates in the country, and it's a long winter. People tend not to exercise."

Steenkamer works a lot with cardiac patients who have no choice but to cut the fat from their diets. On monthly grocery tours at Kroger's in Garden City, she shows them how to help reverse the progression of heart disease by changing their choices.

"Watching fat is the most important part of your diet," she says. During the holiday season, which begins with Thanksgiving, some of us count Halloween, and ends New Year's Day, the average person gains five to 10 pounds.

#### Burn to lose

"You have to burn, or cut 3,500 calories to eliminate one pound of weight," said Steenkamer. "Eating an additional 500 calories a day adds up. Remember those five cubes of cheese you ate at the last party? That was about 500 calories, add six Ritz crackers for another 125 calories."

Nuts are also high in fat. Ten peanuts equals about 45 calories, and forget about cashews — six cashews also equals 45 calories, but can any of us eat just six?

There's no time like the present to make changes in your diet and lifestyle. Why wait until Jan. 1 to begin. Little changes do add up.

"If you love nuts, only have nuts in the shell at home. You'll eat them slower, and it's more of a challenge to get them out of the shell," said Steenkamer.

Dilute juice and wine with club soda, munch on assorted veggies, and dip them in fat-free salad dressing. Use I Can't Believe It's Not Butter spray on vegetables and to make garlic bread instead of butter or margarine.

For flavorful sweet potatoes, skip the butter, and mash them with a half can of drained, crushed pineapple.

"If you're going to a friend's house, bring a low-fat dish," suggests Steenkamer. "Forget the all or nothing-mind set, gradually introduce new low-fat dishes. Pick up your exercise. If you beef up your physical exercise you can splurge a little bit."

Incorporate more lean cuts of beef, poultry and fish in your diet. Don't eat the dark meat, or the skin of chicken, or turkey.

Start changing your focus to fruits, vegetables and grains — "they'll fill you up, without filling you out," said Steenkamer. "Meat shouldn't displace foods that are more healthy for you. Most of us eat more than a normal serving size of meat, which is 2 to 3 ounces cooked, about the size of a deck of cards. When we eat this much meat, we're not as likely to eat as many nutrient-dense vegetables, fruits and grains."

#### Read labels

Make a resolution to start reading labels when you grocery shop. "One half cup is the standard serving size of ice cream, but how many of us eat only half a cup," said Steenkamer. Cut your intake of saturated fats — those that are solid at room temperature. Unsaturated fats are liquid at room temperature and better for you.

When reading labels, compare fat content per serving size. Try different fat-free products until you find ones you like.

Fat-free cheese doesn't melt. "Sprinkle it on top of tacos or sandwiches," said Steenkamer. "Skip fat-free cream cheese, use jam or jelly."

Please see HEALTHIER, B2

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Focus on Wine



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Too big: Sandra Dalka-Prysbys shows how much weight she lost by putting on a pair of her "fat" pants at the Beverly Hills Raquet Club where she regularly works out.

# GET FIT FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM SLOW BUT SURE

Looking back: When this photo was taken of Sandra Dalka-Prysbys in 1995, she was at the half-way point.



#### Editor's Note:

With her sunny personality, and can-do attitude, Sandra Dalka-Prysbys is the type of person who lights up a room when she walks in. We met three years ago when she called to talk about her weight-loss plan and the possibility of doing some freelance writing for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Concerned about her health as she approached her 50th birthday, Prysbys wrote to "Family Circle" magazine, and asked for help. Besides being overweight, she was a smoker. Sandra quit the cigarettes right away, but losing weight was harder. She stuck with it, and reached her weight-loss goal this year. In fact, she exceeded it and lost more than 175 pounds instead of the 150 she set out to do. Sandra's a joy to work with and an inspiration. — Keely Wygonik

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Forget making the usual New Year's resolutions to lose weight. It's time to get ready for the new millennium and there's no better time than now to get started.

I used a "Slow but Sure" philosophy to lose more than 175 pounds. It took me 3-1/2 years, and with the same diligence, and a lot of effort, you too can succeed in being healthier and more fit when the calendars turn over to 2000.

"Slow but Sure" is not only my creed, it's the title of a book on my weight-loss due to be released by Doubleday in January, 1999. You don't have to wait until then to learn some of my secrets for success. I'll share them with you now.

When I tipped the scales at 325 pounds in January, 1994, it was because of my high-fat diet and lack of exercise. This unhealthy lifestyle changed when "Family Circle" magazine

agreed to follow my weight-loss progress and arranged for nutritional help from Muriel G. Wagner, a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist who practices in Southfield. She's also a regular contributor to "Taste."

Muriel put me on a 1,800 calorie a day high carbohydrate food plan. In addition to 8-10 ounces of protein, 10 starches, and two dairy and fat servings, the plan called for three fruits and four daily servings of vegetables. Immediately, I began to lose weight.

With an offer of the use of the facilities and a trainer at Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, I began a regular, four-times-a-week exercise program. This program has been expanded to seven days a week with aerobic workouts (walking, biking, water aerobics and step classes) intermixed with free weights and toning exercises.

As important as exercise has

Please see FIT, B2

## Celebrate New Year's simply with good food and friends

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

You know other people who copped out, and didn't make plans for New Year's Eve.

"I'll invite them over and make a simple New Year's Eve dinner," you say to yourself. Do it!

Molly O'Neill, food columnist for *The New York Times Magazine*, is one of the most "with it" cookbook authors. She delivers the best whimsical guide to preparing and orchestrating a dinner party, keeping a host sane in the effort.

In "The Pleasure of Your Company: How to Give a Dinner Party Without Losing Your Mind," (Viking, 1997, \$26.95,) the chapter "Nan Does New Year's Eve" is now relevant.

From the chapter, we've organized a "grazing" menu. Nothing formal. Don't even set the dining room table. Sit around a coffee table or by a cozy fire. Drink champagne or an inexpensive California bubbly such as Domaine Chandon Brut \$17.

Your starter is Herb-Marinated Chicken Wings Stuffed with Scallion Goat Cheese followed by Spicy Shrimp, Bacon and Date Skewers; then Middle Eastern Lamb-Stuffed Wontons.

### HERB-MARINATED CHICKEN WINGS STUFFED WITH SCALLION GOAT CHEESE

6 ounces goat cheese, softened  
2 scallions, finely chopped  
24 chicken wings  
3 large cloves garlic, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
1/2 cup olive oil

Stir together the goat cheese and scallions. Separate chicken wings at the joint and save tips for another purpose, like stock. Loosen skin over the top of remaining portions, making a pocket between the skin and meat. Fill each pocket with about 1 teaspoon of the goat cheese mixture, do not overfill.

Combine garlic, rosemary, salt, pepper and oil in a large bowl. Add chicken wings and turn to coat well. Refrigerate for several hours.

Preheat broiler. Place chicken wings on broiler pan with a drip tray and broil until the skin is browned and chicken is cooked through, about 8 minutes. Serves

12 as an hors d'oeuvre.

Note: Chicken wings can be stuffed and marinated a day before. They must be wrapped well and stored in the refrigerator and are best if broiled shortly before guests arrive. They can be served sizzling hot or at room temperature.

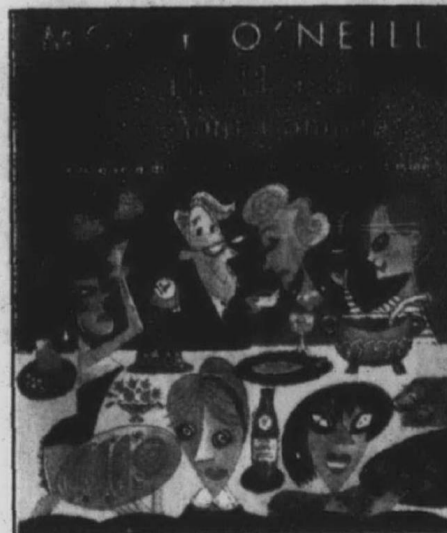
### SPICY SHRIMP, BACON AND DATE SKEWERS

Skewers can be assembled the day before, wrapped and refrigerated. Broil them just before serving.

1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
1/4 cup olive oil  
36 large shrimp, peeled and deveined  
18 pitted dates, halved crosswise  
18 strips bacon, halved crosswise

Place cumin and cayenne in a small heavy skillet over low heat and stir constantly for 2 minutes. Place in a large bowl and whisk in lemon juice and olive oil. Add shrimp and toss to coat well. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Place 1 piece of date in the curve of 1 piece of shrimp, wrap a piece of bacon



around the shrimp, and secure all together with a toothpick. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Preheat the broiler. Place skewers on a broiler pan with a drip tray and broil until shrimp are just cooked through, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. (Serve hot or at room temperature. Serves 12 as an hors d'oeuvre.)

Please see CELEBRATE, B2





# Festive salad sure to please Michigan fans

Everyone at Ardo's thought a unique, Michigan inspired Rose Bowl Salad would go a long way to win over party guests and cheer the team to victory. The recipe was created by Chef Jeff Crank, owner of Ardo's Grill & Chill, 27900 Hoover in Warren.

Ardo's is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Sundays are reserved for parties and banquets. For more information, call (810) 582-0080.

Ardo's is designated to the memory of Jeff Crank's late friend and mentor, John "Ardo" Arduino, who passed away from leukemia.

"All of our recipes were developed by Ardo and me in our mother's kitchens," said Crank who plans to designate a portion of restaurant sales in Ardo's name to support bone marrow transplants for leukemia patients.

Crank's Catering operates nine kitchens and cafeterias in Southeast Michigan including Little Crankers in the Insignia Group Building in Bingham Farms. In 1992 he created the

Second Chance Foundation. "We wanted to give others suffering from catastrophic diseases, drug or job related problems a 'second chance' on life," said Crank.

Last year Crank's Catering was the largest contributor to the Forgotten Harvest food bank. Crank's Catering can be reached by calling (810) 977-5858.

**MICHIGAN ROSE BOWL SALAD**

- 1 bunch white Kale
- 1 head lettuce
- 2 heads red leaf lettuce
- 1 cucumber (sliced thin)
- 2 cups red cabbage (blanched until color turns blue)
- 1 cup Feta cheese
- 1/2 pound smoked bacon (chopped fine)
- 6 large tomatoes
- 2 yellow bell peppers

**Dressing**  
3 cups olive oil  
1 cup tarragon vinegar  
1/2 cup Balsamic vinegar  
1/2 cup red wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons basil  
4 tablespoons granulated garlic

- 3 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon oregano
- 3 cups sun dried cherries

Take oval platter and arrange white kale around outside of platter. In bowl toss chopped red leaf lettuce with chopped head lettuce. Set lettuce mixture into center of platter. Top with Feta cheese, sliced cucumber, blanched red cabbage and cooked chopped bacon.

Take individual tomatoes, one at a time, and cut skin off in one long piece using a knife to cut around entire tomato. Take tomato skin and roll into rosebud shape. Set tomato roses just inside white kale to surround base of salad. Top mixture with yellow bell pepper sliced into a giant "M" for Michigan.

**Cherry Vinaigrette Dressing:**

In a separate bowl, combine olive oil, vinegars, basil, garlic, salt & pepper, sugar and oregano. Pour over top of salad mixture and top with sun-dried cherries.



**Go Blue:** This salad, created by Chef Jeff Crank, owner of Ardo's Grill & Chill, is a savory blend of greens and vegetables topped with a cherry vinaigrette dressing.

# Steamy cup of tea chases January chills away

In the chill of January, nothing beats a cup of hot tea. And, while our tea traditions are steeped in black tea, health researchers suggest you make your next "cuppa tea" green tea. A substance found in green tea appears to inhibit cancers of the skin, stomach, colon, liver, pancreas, lung and breast.

Green tea is a staple of Asian diets, and some scientists believe it could be a reason why the Japanese have half the incidence of lung cancer as Americans, even though they smoke nearly twice as much. In addition to its cancer preventative powers, green tea is also being tested as a cancer therapy, because it seems to prolong the survival of some cancer patients.

While green tea was once hard to find outside Asian markets, many major American tea companies have responded to growing demand by producing their own varieties, making them available in grocery stores across the country.

Supporting this growing interest in tea's health benefits has been the revival of the tradition-

al "teatime" ritual in many parts of the country. Taking tea provides a way to relax and renew the spirit and body. Modern tea-goers can maintain tradition and get the full health benefits of the ritual by preparing finger foods to accompany their beverage that are nutritious as well as tasty and attractive.

Tea time treats can be scrumptious, but should never be heavy. Thin slices of angel's food cake, low-fat spice cake or poppy seed cake can satisfy a sweet tooth without spoiling dinner.

Fresh fruit is always a welcome addition to this afternoon repast when appetites are small.

The sandwiches often found at traditional teas are not the thick two-handed meals you'd find at the local deli but thin, crust-less triangles that can be held easily in one hand and eaten in one or two delicate bites. Try roasted turkey, curried chicken salad, or minced shrimp with dill vinaigrette, as well as the traditional cucumber, watercress and jam sandwiches.

Use flavorful whole grain breads for added fiber and nutri-

ents. The best tea time snacks are small, visually elegant fare that bring delicious flavor to the table. Mini pita pockets can be broiled lightly to puff them up, and filled with chopped pear and a tiny bit of crumbled blue cheese. Ginger snaps spread with orange marmalade are a spicy-sweet treat that compliments the subtle flavors of tea.

Those with more traditional tastes can bake a low-fat zucchini or oatmeal carrot cake bread, spreading small squares of it with a thin layer of light cream cheese.

**OATMEAL CARROT CAKE BREAD**

- 1 cup oats
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups shredded carrots (3 medium)
- 1/2 cup raisins

- 1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice
- 4 egg whites
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat the oven to 350°F. Lightly spray the bottom only of a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine oats with milk; mix well and set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Stir in carrots and raisins.

Combine reserved oat mixture, pineapple (including juice), egg whites, vegetable oil and vanilla; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 60-75 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean and crust is golden brown. Cool 10 minutes and remove from pan. Cool completely.

Each of the 12 slices contains 246 calories and 5 grams of fat

*Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.*



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**Time for tea:** Oatmeal Carrot Cake Bread is a delicious tea time treat.

# Toast the New Year with tasty alcohol-free sips

Take the alcohol out of your New Year's celebration. In a "Salute to Sports" here are some drink recipes featured in "The Great Pretenders party Guide," published by AAA of Michigan.

**BROWSER BOILER**

- Microwave-safe coffee mug
- 6 1/2 ounces apple cider
- 3 heaping teaspoons unsweetened whipped cream
- 8 white miniature marshmallows
- 3 ounces Faygo Rock-n-Rye or

**Cherry Coke**

In coffee mug, microwave apple cider on high for 2 minutes. Remove mug from microwave. Scoop whipped cream on top of cider, then sprinkle marshmallows on top of whipped cream. Do not stir. Pour Rock-n-Rye or Cherry Coke over the top and watch it start to boil. Serve immediately. One serving

*Recipe created by Allan Goci of Rochester Hills*

**MOCHA MEGABYTE**

- 1 teaspoon instant coffee

**granules**

- 1 Tablespoon hot water
- 1 Tablespoon cold water
- 2 Tablespoons whipping cream, unwhipped
- 2 ice cubes
- 3 Tablespoons chocolate instant pudding powder
- 3/4 cup nonfat chocolate frozen yogurt (Haagen-Dazs preferred)
- Sweetened whipped cream for garnish

Pour instant coffee granules into blender. Add hot water. Blend a few seconds until coffee is dissolved. Add cold water, whipping

cream and ice cubes, and blend until ice is crushed. Add chocolate instant pudding powder and blend until powder is dissolved. Add chocolate frozen yogurt, blend until smooth. Pour into stemmed glass. Garnish with dollop of sweetened whipped cream. Yield 1 serving.

*Recipe by Dion Frischer of Ann Arbor, first place winner, Birm-*

**ingham Regional Contest.**

**SANTA'S CYBER SIPPER**

- 1/2 cup cranberry/raspberry juice
- 8 frozen strawberries
- 1/2 frozen banana
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup 7-Up

Process the first five ingredients in a blender until smooth. Add 7-Up. Turn on and off just enough to mix. Serve in a tall glass. Garnish with a strawberry. One serving.

*Recipe compliments of Gloria Emde of Benton Harbor, second place, Grand Rapids Regional Contest*

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# Oh thank heaven for 7-Eleven stores

7-Eleven stores can save the holidays if you've forgotten any essentials. Millions of Americans rely on 7-Eleven to be open holidays for those easy-to-forget essentials like film, batteries, milk, and bread.

But in recent years, the convenience-store chain has realized that in addition to servicing last-minute errand-runners, there are plenty of shoppers looking for an easy place to get unique holiday gifts and avoid the crowded malls.

This year, 7-Eleven has an expanded line of holiday items, which range from hostess gifts to wrapping paper, to holiday party platters and even Hickory Farms gift sets.

"Since 1962, when the stores first began to operate round-the-clock, about 95 percent of the 5,400 U.S. stores have stayed open on Dec. 25," said Wendy Barth, the company's vice president of sales and marketing. "It's also the company's busiest sales day of the year."

And while the company expects to sell a lot of staples like milk and bread, there are plenty of frantic holiday shoppers searching for that perfect gift for hostesses and friends.

Here are a few gift items at 7-Eleven that are sure to be a big hit with kids as well as adults:

■ "Santa Switchboard" phone card, which allows children to phone Santa and leave their wish list. Parents can then use the phone card to call and hear the child's requests. There's also 10 minutes of long-distance talk time on the card.

■ Festively-decorated 15- and 30-minute holiday pre-paid phone cards are perfect gifts for college students, military personnel, relatives and friends far from home.

■ Pagers continue to be hot this year, and 7-Eleven has the Motorola Pronto numeric pager for a suggested retail price of \$39.95, which includes activation val-

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ued at \$20. The pagers come in colors of teal, blue and black.

■ Back by popular demand are 7-Eleven's hand-painted porcelain holiday tree ornaments — free with any 8-gallon gasoline purchase. Customers can collect all five and even purchase three additional ornaments for a suggested retail price of \$4.99 each.

■ Perfect for men (and women) — new cigar gift packs, which include ash trays, cigar cutters and lighters. There's also a black leather cigar carrying case and humidor for storing cigars.

■ 7-Eleven expects to sell 35,000 of its 1997 limited edition toy trucks — one is a 1928 Chevrolet truck, and the other a 7-Eleven/Citgo truck and carrier with working lights and motorized sounds that includes a removable NASCAR racer inside the carrier. Both are made of die-cast metal. Some stores began taking orders for the trucks in November. Each truck is numbered for collectibility.

■ You won't see the Coca-Cola bean-toys plush bear, seal and penguin anywhere but 7-Eleven. The popular animated advertising characters come with a small plastic bottle of Coke in one hand. Beanie collectors will want these items because of their high quality, uniqueness and limited availability.

■ Hickory Farms gift sets. One includes a beef stick, crackers, two cheeses, herbs and spice cheese spread

and hot mustard. The other has four varieties of meats and sausages.

### Where's the party?

For parties and get-togethers, 7-Eleven stores will offer three varieties of holiday platters: spicy chicken wings, assortment of meats and cheeses and a vegetable medley with dip. The platters can be pre-ordered and picked up the following day.

■ 7-Eleven's wide array of premium wines and champagnes make great hostess gifts, and the stores also carry festive holiday gift bags made especially to fit a wine or champagne bottle.

■ If sweets are preferred, there's a selection of Whitman and Russell Stover chocolates in boxed gift sets just waiting to be gobbled up.

■ Plenty of stocking stuffers like Barbie clothes and accessories, a Micro Machines collectible mini 7-Eleven store, Hot Wheels cars, Nintendo hologram wrist watches (only available at 7-Eleven stores), colorful holiday beanbag soft plush toys, festive socks for men and women, red and green glitter nail polish and an assortment of holiday earrings and matching pendants.

■ Lottery tickets and crisp bills from the automated teller machines make great stocking stuffers, too.

■ 7-Eleven even has an assortment of wrapping paper (sorry, you have to wrap it yourself), gift bags, bows and tissue.



**Saved by 7-Eleven:** Presidential chef Matthew Antonovich, who has cooked for five of the last six commanders-in-chief, faced a promotional challenge from 7-Eleven recently, and created holiday recipes from items at the 24-hour convenience store. Here's his recipe for **Savory Stuffed Apples:** 4 apples, 1 pound pork sausage, 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese grated, 3 teaspoons bread crumbs. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut apples in half and core. Remove 1/2 apple pulp, chop and knead into the sausage. Stuff each apple half with the sausage mixture. Sprinkle each apple with 1 oz. of cheese. Top with bread crumbs. Bake 1 hour until apples are soft and sausage is cooked through.

## Where can I find?

### What we found:

- Clean shower was spotted at Target in Westland or Oakridge Market on Crooks in Royal Oak.
- Xia-Xiang perfume can be found in the Beauty Boutique Catalog 6836 Engle, P. O. Box 94520 Cleveland, OH 44101 (440) 826-3008.
- The card game **Flinch** at The Barn, 8 Mile and Beck.
- Readers offered the talking Cookie Monster and Oscar for Linda.
- The Shirley Temple is at **Village Hidden Treasures**, in downtown Farmington, Grand River/Farmington roads. (248) 477-3388.
- Tatiana by Diane Von Furstenberg is on the Home Shopping Network (800) 284-1300, The America Store on T.V. (800) 284-3400, and QVC (800) 345-1515.
- We found the Arthur Godfrey album for Sue, the Lone Ranger board game for Linda, the Apple II C monitor with hard drive and Word and Excel programs for Richard, Sea Chanty albums for Cindy and her dad.
- The rust spot remover *Magica Cleaner* is on QVC (800) 345-1515.
- *Clairol Color lite ash blonde* for Kathy, call Clairol (800) 252-4765.
- *Pfaltzgraff Christmas Heirloom dishes*, try (800) 666-4899 customer service of Pfaltzgraff.

### We're still looking for:

- A race track game from the 50 or 60's called *Tric Trax* for John.
- A picture of all the Santa Bears.

- The correct address for E.J. Danish modern chair cushions.
- Debbie is looking for a Mary Mag power doll house from the early-mid 60's on magnetic stilts in its entirety.
- Fuzzy Wuzzy soaps.
- Lori is still looking for a card game from the 70's *Millie Bourne*.
- Denim bib overall for men 36 length for Kathy in Garden City.
- Revlon Lactol conditioning lotion for nails, cuticles, grey gone detergent.
- Linda of Troy is looking for a Barbie Bride doll with dark brown hair.
- 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.
- Jill Sanders cologne for men for Darryl.
- The game *Hotels* for Barb.

- A recording by Bing Crosby and David Bowie of *Little Drummer Boy* for Steven.
- The Royal Doulton Coronet pattern in *White for Fay*.
- The Sesame Street by Vetex cartridge in green for Kim. She has the yellow and blue.
- 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, too.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Class traces 'Herstory of Art'

**D**eborah Lubera-Kawsky challenges men and women alike to look through any art history textbook for images created by or for women.

Although women's contributions to the arts have been significant throughout history, explains Lubera-Kawsky, that has not been reflected in the teaching of art history. The majority of photographs found in the textbooks are representations of women.

Lubera-Kawsky, a Plymouth resident who graduated with a doctorate in art history from Princeton University, is about to change that. She will teach a new class, "The Herstory of Art: Women and the Visual Arts," beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. For more information, or to register, call (248) 644-0866.

"How many women artists can you name?" asked Lubera-Kawsky. "In the art history textbooks you do see more images of women, than created by women. In Renaissance times, women were more to be seen than heard. Women were considered more objects than subjects. Elaborate dresses in the portraits represented importance of the family not the woman."

According to Lubera-Kawsky, the lack of images by or for women is an oversight often explained by the lesser social and economic status of women, by the perishable nature of the arts frequently practiced by women such as textiles and ceramics, and by the categorization of these arts as "minor arts."

Slides shown during the classes will document the history of women in art while examining a range of topics from portraits of women in Italian Renaissance art to contemporary art as political statement. She will also cover the achievements of women in the arts from the prehistoric era to the present time, highlighting women as subjects, patrons and artists. For the final session, Lubera-Kawsky plans to bring in a contemporary woman artist for her perspective on the state of women artists today. The class will also take a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view works.

"Up until our own century, there were so many rules placed on women in society," Lubera-Kawsky. "It's inspiring to see how many obstacles they overcame."

Investigating the topic has been illuminating for Lubera-Kawsky.

"I wanted to do the class because I wanted to know about this myself. I ended up doing a lot of research on not only artists but historical background and placing the works in historical context. You need to know the history of how and why things were represented."

Some of the earliest self-portraits were created in the Middle Ages by women artists who were transcribing manuscripts.

"In the Middle Ages you either got married or joined the convent, and if women wanted to be artists, the monastery was the main center of learning where they could be trained and receive education."

Up until the Middle Ages, there is not much documentation of women creating art except for textiles.

"During the Renaissance and Middle Ages, we first started knowing the names of artists, but women weren't major figures in influencing the art of

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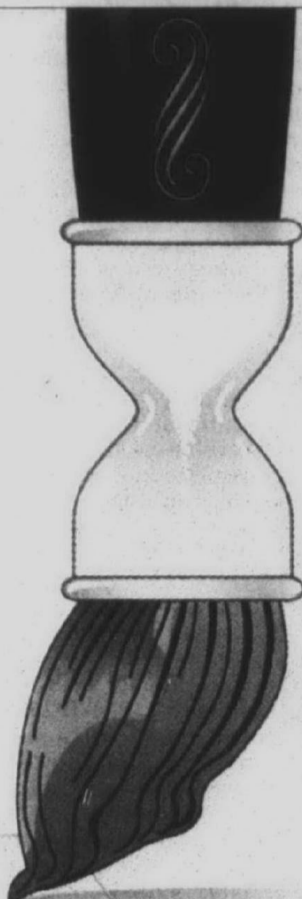


**Women in art: Mary Cassatt created this pastel on paper titled "Women Admiring a Child" in 1897.**

## Artists draw on future

### Creative leaders resolved, wishful, determined

BY FRANK PROVENZANO • STAFF WRITER



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

The annual rite of making New Year's Resolutions is upon us.

Raise a glass to the impeccable timing of the eternal calendar makers, those Dionysian comics who've combined year-end festive cheer with a dash of guilt.



After binging on food, sweets, family and football for the last week — and the biggest celebration ahead — we'll soon enter the push

and pull post-holiday season. Also known as the rest of our lives.

Get a notepad to consider a few resolutions of your own. It's a good way to jump-start those slumbering brain cells.

Follow along as members of the local arts community cogitate on their prospective course for 1998.

Some have made resolutions, and of course, some have assembled a wish list. But then, this is the arts, a world where having a dream is not idle reflection, but a prerequisite.

#### Building the arts community

"My resolution for the DIA is to build a stronger financial base for the museum and to expand the opportunities for people to experience art."

— Maurice D. Parrish, interim director  
Detroit Institute of Arts

"To continue building on the popularity of opera among a young audience; to pay off the Detroit Opera House mortgage well in advance; and, to remain healthy so that I can meet the challenges that lie ahead."

— David DiChiera, general director  
Michigan Opera Theatre

"I'm resolved to get the message out that Meadow Brook is here and the artistic standard is rising; to increase the audience by 4,000; and, to make a lot of noise."

— Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director  
Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester Hills

"We're resolved to find a generous soul who'll donate the funds (\$2 million) to complete Phase III and Phase IV of the BBA's building project."

— Janet Torno, executive director  
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association

"Our hope for 1998 is that the arts will find a place in every home in our community and every person is reached by the PCAC and its programs."

— Jennifer Tobin, executive director  
Plymouth Community Arts Council

"To bring more activities to make this the center of arts in the area; to introduce new programs in theater, dance and ethnic classes; to get more exposure so people known we're here."

— Helen Gale, programmer  
Southfield Centre of the Arts

"To continue to increase the interest in the arts by spreading the word through information (via a newsletter and cable), good publicity and leadership."

— Bob Sheridan, chair  
Livonia Arts Commission

"To help foster a feeling in the community that celebrates the spirit that's central to the arts."

— Maury Okun, executive director  
Detroit Chamber Winds, based in Troy

"To create full houses. Of course, the \$64,000 question is how to do it. On a personal level, I'm resolved to begin playing piano again."

— Bob Bennett, president  
Livonia Symphony Orchestra

#### Proverbial search

"To find a visionary with deep pockets who can help us double the size of the museum."

— Gregory Whittkopp, director  
Cranbrook Art Museum

"To expand the funding base and explore more partnerships; and, to take time to enjoy the arts as we're administering them."

— Betty Ruedeselli, executive director  
Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester

"To encourage the acceptance of the public sculptures (around Livonia); to enhance any of our existing city (arts) facilities."

— Lee Alanskas, vice chair  
Livonia Arts Commission

"To reach into the schools more meaningfully; increase the size of our audience and develop a broader base of support."

— Russell Reed, music director  
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

"To show the kind of art that is open and expressive and will invite viewers to get in touch with their own feelings and to come away with new ideas."

— Alan Cary, Director  
Cary Gallery, Rochester

"To educate our customers about Native American art and artists; to encourage people to seek out art by visiting a museum or gallery."

— Annette Horn, owner  
Native West, an art gallery in Plymouth

"To continue to bring extraordinary cultural events to our community enriching the human soul and spirit through music."

— Ginka Gerova-Ortega of Bloomfield Hills  
artistic director, Musica Viva  
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#### Smell the roses

"To be more organized and to work more efficiently. I always say I want to work harder, but then I always say 'Don't work so hard and smell the roses.'"

— Laurie Eisenhower, director  
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, Rochester Hills

"Eat more healthy food; attend more movies at the DIA with my new husband; stop nagging my 29-year-old brother to clean his apartment."

— Laurie Landers Goldman of Birmingham  
violinist, Detroit Symphony Orchestra

"To focus more on my own work; to work less on boards and community activities. I'd like to complete 20 new works next year."

— Sergio DeGiusti, sculptor  
Redford resident

"To find ways to revive spirituality in my work, and to get back to the basic relationships of why an audience is moved."

— Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director  
Meadow Brook Theatre

"To be instrumental in creating an awareness of the value of art in our society and in each individual's life."

— Janet Torno, executive director  
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association

"To promote what the late Walter Buhl Ford II said, 'Art in all its forms and manifestations of expression is the soul of living.'"

— Alan Cary, director  
Cary Gallery, Rochester

#### Lift your resolution

And lastly, Ginka Gerova-Ortega, artistic director of Musica Viva, perhaps best articulated the spirit of those who seek artistic expression as a way to understand themselves and appreciate the vast differences among the people of the world.

"Live your dream and god-given talent to the fullest," said the renowned Spanish-born flutist. "Radiate love. Believe in the miracle of goodness."

"Take a moment. Raise a glass. Lift your resolution. And believe."

## EXHIBITION

### Painter highlights city, village life

#### Littorio Del Signore

**What:** An exhibition of approximately 30 oil paintings by the artist born in Italy and now living in Montreal.

**Where:** Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway, (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in Park West Plaza, Southfield. To R.S.V.P. for receptions with artist or for more information, call (800) 521-9654.

**When:** Friday-Sunday, Jan. 16-18, with receptions to meet the artist 7-9 p.m. Friday, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Littorio Del Signore has been painting since he was 6 years old. "I have the need inside to express myself in painting," said Del Signore, who was visiting his cousin John Del Signore and wife Lina at their restaurant Fonte d'Amore on Dec. 18 to check last minute details for his one-man exhibition Jan. 16-18 at Park West Gallery in Southfield. "I paint what I think in my heart and my mind; it's very romantic."

Created in post-Impressionist style, the 30 oil paintings distinguish the 59-year-old Montreal resident as an artist of the people as Del Signore portrays men, women and children engaged in everyday activities. Each city, village and market scene is bathed in golden morning light or sunset rose.

Lina translated for Littorio Del Signore who speaks Italian and French but little English as they met with Park West Gallery president

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**Impressionistic light: Littorio Del Signore, an artist of the people, creates everyday scenes such as this painting titled "The Break."**











TRAVEL

# Livonia couple stake out their paradise in Hawaii

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

George and Sharon McConnell have staked out their place in paradise. The McConnells of Livonia had their honeymoon in Hawaii, their fifth anniversary in Hawaii and, a year ago November, their 10th anniversary in Hawaii. And they plan to go again. And before she was married, Sharon, who works for United Parcel, had already been to the 50th state twice.

"It's a tropical paradise, but in this country," said George, who works at General Motors Hamtramck plant. "You feel safe. In Cancun or the Caribbean, you're still traveling outside your country. There you don't need a passport."

The McConnells had done Oahu and Kauai on past trips. This time they went to Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii, where

an active volcano has been spewing a steady flow of lava.

Hawaii is a place where you can relax on a white or black sand beach as you watch 8-foot waves carry surfers into shore or it's a place you can participate in a variety of activities.

The McConnells did a bit of both.

"Neither of us had been snorkeling before," said Sharon.

So she bought a throwaway, underwater camera for a snorkeling adventure off Hawaii Island. The snorkelers gathered in the bay at Captain Cook's monument.

"The water was crystal clear and the colors there were the colors of the rainbow," said George.

The snorkeling was an all-day adventure with a barbecue lunch in between snorkeling.

"It was all ages, they didn't push anyone, but they encouraged everyone," George said.

And Sharon's underwater pictures came out surprisingly good.

The McConnell's took helicopter rides over both islands. On the day they explored Hawaii there was a heavy fog and the active volcanoes were erupting and spewing steam making it impossible to fly to the peaks.

"Lava covered the roads in places. And we were close to where it flows into the ocean," Sharon said, showing pictures of billows of steam along a winding beach.

As seasoned Hawaiian travelers, the McConnells have some tips for those who want to go.

On Maui, they had stayed in the Kaonpali area but after being checked into a hotel they didn't like, they were moved to the Wailea area, which they proclaimed superior in every way.

"Stay away from Waikiki (on Oahu), it's just another big city. Go to the Big Island of Hawaii if you want to get away from people," George said.

"Take half of what you think you'll need. We packed too much," said Sharon.

"Go to Pearl Harbor at least once, make it a side trip. Go to Maui and Kauai," George said.

Other prime Hawaiian activities include parasailing, scuba diving and submarine rides to view tropical fish, beautiful golf courses and bicycling.

Seafood is the top cuisine of the island, but every hotel plays host to a luau where a pig roast takes center stage in a show that includes hula dancers and native Hawaiian music. The McConnells said they went their first time but have steered clear since. The island restaurants range from McDonalds to Planet



In paradise: George and Sharon McConnell took their Observer along on their trip to Hawaii.

Hollywood to expensive seafood and Oriental restaurants.

The McConnells admit that Hawaii can be expensive.

"It's expensive, but not as out of reach as some people think. We usually ate just one major meal a day and grabbed snacks the rest of the time, because we were always on the move," said Sharon.

"You can go there pretty cheap because there is a wide range of hotels," said George.

The McConnells said their vacation was somewhere in the middle at around \$3,500.

And they definitely plan to go again.



Undersea theater: Sharon McConnell captured this underwater parade off Hawaii Island with a throwaway waterproof camera.



Jungle vista: This lush vegetation is a hallmark of Hawaii's beautiful islands.

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### WINTER DRIVING TIPS

As winter brings on rain, fog, snow and ice, AAA urges motorists to use caution when driving in wet and hazardous conditions.

"Winter can be a dangerous driving season for motorists," said Ron Kennedy, a AAA Northern California spokesman. In California last year, 224 people were killed and 14,050 were injured in weather-related crashes, according to the CHP.

To help motorists avoid wet weather collisions, AAA recommends the following:

**WET WEATHER SAFETY TIPS:**

Slow down. Your car needs

three times the distance to stop on slick roads. Maintain six to eight seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Cloudy weather reduces visibility, so use extra caution when passing vehicles.

Be deliberate in maneuvering your vehicle - most skidding is caused by sudden stops and turns.

If your vehicle skids, don't panic. Ease off the accelerator and steer into the direction of the skid.

Do not speed up when navigating through standing water. Doing so may cause the tires to lose contact with the road, causing the vehicle to hydroplane. If this happens, avoid braking hard or turning sharply. Hold the steering wheel steady, and lightly apply the brakes. After the wheels gain contact with the road, slow down until you have full control of the car. After making it through standing water,

lightly pump the brakes to restore normal braking capacity.

Be prepared. Have tire treads, brakes and wipers checked.

If you are having car trouble, turn on your hazard lights and pull off the road as far to the right as possible. Ignite flares or signal for help. Stay in your car unless it is in danger of being hit by other vehicles.

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### WEATHER CONDITIONS ON WEB

New this winter on Travel Michigan's web site at [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org), are road conditions reports, provided by the

Michigan State Police, updated twice daily.

"During the winter months, when Michigan's weather conditions can change from clear and dry to clouds and significant

snowfall in a matter of hours, drivers are encouraged to check out weather and road conditions before traveling," said Richard Czuba, director of Travel Michigan. "It is our goal that every-

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# Sports & Recreation

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Soccer refs

New soccer referee training will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 7, 14, 21 and March 7 at Canton Township Hall. Those interested in becoming a soccer referee must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12-years-old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to: P.O. Box 700280, Plymouth, MI, 48170-0945.

For further information, call (313) 464-7855. Class size is limited.

### Tennis Tournament

Steven Thomas, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, won the boys 18 and under singles title at the Huron Valley Tennis Club Tournament Dec. 21. He defeated Ramsey Trix from Ann Arbor Greenhills High, 6-3, 6-3 in the finals.

### Team USA

Plymouth Whalers forwards David Legwand and Jesse Boulerice are playing with Team USA in the World Junior Championships in Finland.

The Americans dropped a 4-2 decision to Russia Tuesday. Legwand and Boulerice played in the game, but failed to score. The tournament runs through Jan. 3.

### Racquetball League

A men's winter racquetball league will begin Jan. 14 at Body Rocks-Racquetball in Livonia. Players will be divided into divisions based upon ability level. Registration is under way and the cost is \$100 per person. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the league. Players can register at the Canton parks and rec office located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

### Recreation Basketball

A men's recreation basketball league will begin Jan. 7 at Field Elementary School in Canton. Games will be played Wednesdays from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. The league lasts for 10 weeks at a cost of \$25 per person. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the league for Canton residents only. Register in person at the park and rec office at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

### 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.

### Skaters needed

The Southfield Ice Company is looking for skaters to perform in its 1998 production.

Arguably one of the top ice shows in the metro area, Ice Company 1998 takes place Wednesday, May 13, through Sunday, May 17, at the Southfield Sports Arena (26000 Evergreen Road, just south of I-696). Wednesday and Friday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday shows are 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday performances are 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

The auditions are open for skaters ages 5 years and over. Following is the audition schedule: Saturday, Nov. 8 from noon to 2 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 10 from 4:15-5:50 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 17 (for soloists only) from 4:15-5:50 p.m.

For more information, call 354-9357.

## Lopez shines at Madonna

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Behind every good young basketball player there's usually a devoted parent. Someone that teaches their child the fundamentals of the game and how to be a good sport. In that regard, Andres Lopez isn't much different than other players.

But it wasn't always his dad that did the tutoring.

"I use to shoot a lot with mom and dad," said the Madonna University forward. "But mom worked on my jump shot with me."

Andres, who graduated from Plymouth Salem last June, learned his

lessons well.

The freshman is playing about 10 minutes per game and making solid contributions for the Division II Crusaders. Coach Bernie Holowicki said Lopez has a bright future.

"He's a very smart player, an intelligent basketball player," he added. "You tell him something once and he knows it."

Holowicki, in his third year with Madonna, thinks the Plymouth product could start within a few years.

"It's possible, yes," he said. "Andres is a worker, not a shirker."

Lopez knows that he has a long road to travel before getting those major

minutes, however.

"I see myself as a starter," he said. "But I have to work for it."

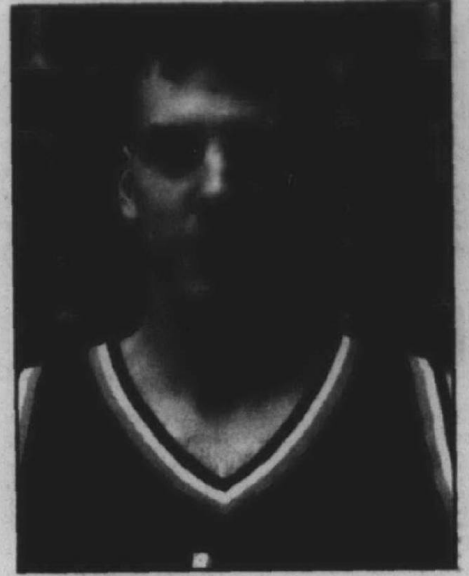
Basketball, you might say, is in the 18-year-old's blood.

His maternal grandmother played hoops back in the 1920s. Lopez' father played high school ball, too, and later encouraged his son.

Still, Andres credits his court prowess to "my mom's side of the family."

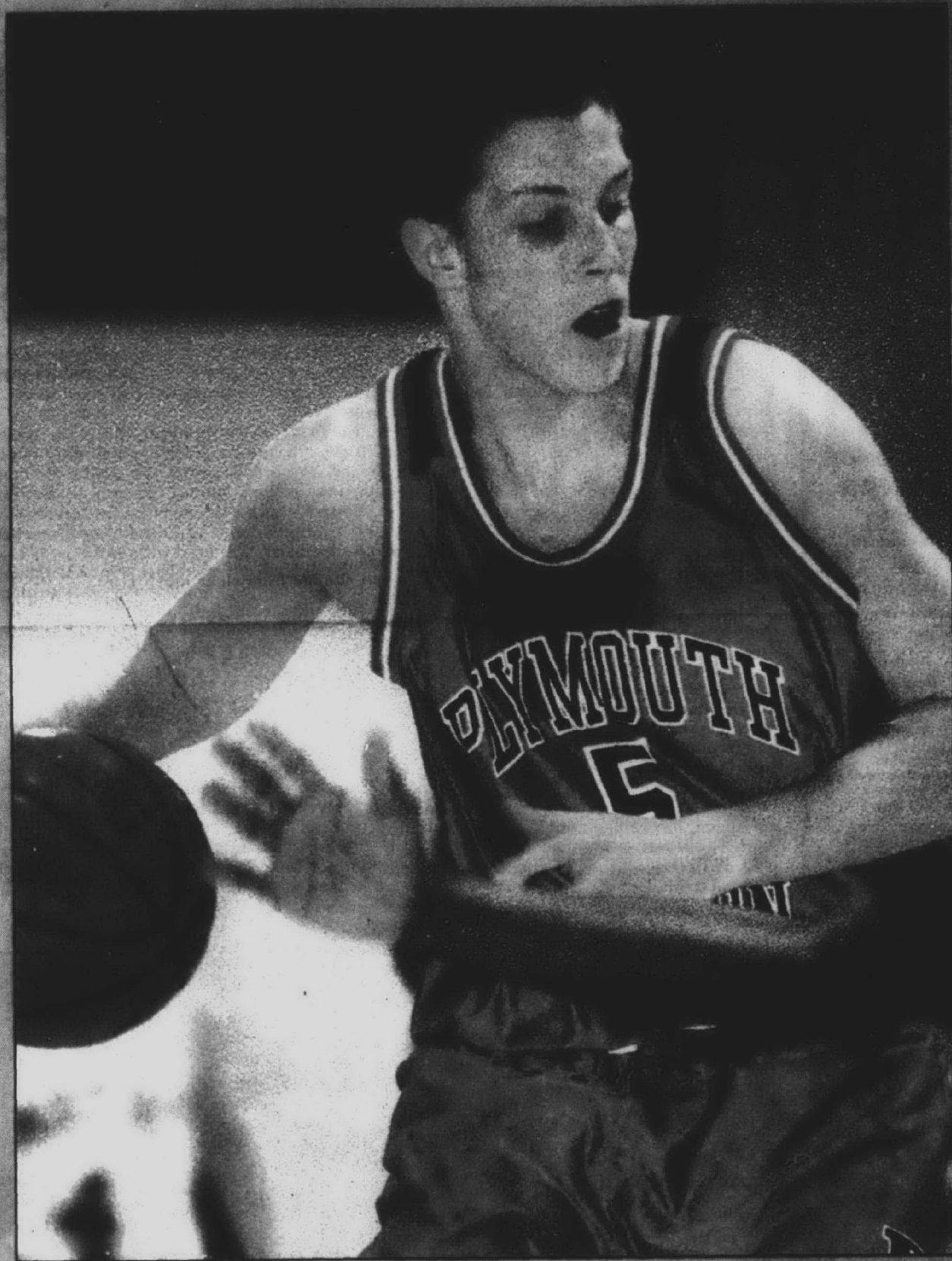
He began playing early, first with his parents and then in town recreation leagues. Lopez needed just a year's experience before joining Salem's varsity-

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Andres Lopez

## Tourney Time



**Straight ahead:** Scott Saulski and the rest of Plymouth Canton return to the hardwood tomorrow night in the Traverse City Tournament. The Chiefs play two games and then take a week off before facing Ann Arbor Huron at home Jan. 6. Campus rivals Plymouth Salem played in the Grosse Ile Tournament last night and will test its luck tomorrow. Read Thursday's Observer for complete details.

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## DePorres beats CC by four

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit St. Martin DePorres made it two for two against Catholic League Central Division boys basketball opponents, beating Detroit Catholic Central in the first round of the River Rouge Holiday Tournament Friday night.

The Eagles, members of the AA Division, led most of the way and settled for a 67-63 victory over the Shamrocks.

DePorres, which beat another Central Division team, Redford Bishop Borgess, in the season opener, took a 3-0 overall record into the championship game Saturday night against River Rouge. The Shamrocks were to play Ecorse, Rouge's first-round opponent, in the consolation game.

The loss was the first of the year against two victories for the Shamrocks.

CC's 6-foot-11 senior center Chris Young, bound for Michigan, was held scoreless in the first half and finished with 10 points.

Senior guard Joe Jonna helped the Shamrocks keep it close, scoring most of his team-high 17 points in the first half.

Junior guard Nick Moore had 10 of his 12 points in the first half, but DePorres coach Derrick Owens was even happier with the defense applied to Moore than on Young.

Junior guard Marc Sturdivant guarded Moore and junior center Aloysius Anagnonye was responsible for guarding Young with help coming from both sides as well.

"Our first key was Nick Moore," Owens said. "Everything goes through him. You kill the head, the body dies. We're still doing too much lunging for me, though. We can't be playing that 'Olay' defense."

Junior guard Jason Owens, the coach's son, and Anagnonye led DePorres with 15 points each. Sturdivant contributed 12.

Anagnonye had some impressive dunks off passes in the paint from his teammates.

"He's going to be a force to be reckoned with," Owens said.

The Shamrocks were outbounded by the Eagles. Justin Ockerman, a 6-10 freshman center expected to help Young on the boards, didn't play after picking up two quick fouls in the first

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## Coming up Roses

### Former Harrison star dreams of national title

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

If the University of Michigan wins the Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day, the victory will complete a big year in sports for the Bryant family of Farmington Hills.

Kevin Bryant is a redshirt sophomore playing for the No. 1-ranked and undefeated Wolverines, who are on the verge of winning their first national championship in 50 years.

His younger brother, Ricky, played a key role in Farmington Harrison winning the Class A high school title a month ago and posting a perfect, 13-0 record.

A former Harrison star himself, Kevin helped the Hawks win back-to-back state titles in 1993-94 and watched his brother in this year's final game against Midland Dow at the Silverdome.

"That was the only game I saw and I was nervous for him, but I was so proud of him," said Kevin, who spoke via the telephone Friday from Pasadena, Calif. "A lot of people say he's going to come up here and take my position."

"We talk all the time and tease each other. I tell him I have two rings and am about to have three; he just got his first."

Bryant began his college career as a defensive back but is now a backup wide receiver who also plays on special teams.

Senior Russell Shaw is ahead of him on the depth chart, but Bryant hopes to see the ball Thursday against Washington State and make the starting lineup next season.

"The last half of the season I was working a lot at wide receiver," he said. "They were trying to work me in with the first group."

Bryant, who goes against Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson every day in practice, caught passes in the Indiana and Notre Dame games. He'll be on the field Thursday for both kickoff teams as well as punt returns.

"I'm happy with (his U-M career to date), because each year I've moved up, and next year I hope to be taking over the wide receiver position," he said. "I'm growing and learning a lot and getting a good education."

"I was expecting to see more (playing time), but I wasn't mad at what happened this season. I'm happy with my contribution, and the coaches are happy with it."

Bryant has as his personal motto the Latin phrase "carpe diem," which means to seize the day, make the most of it.

"Every chance I get to practice or play in a game, I



# Sports movies get unfair shake from windy critics

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

I always get a kick out of reading movie reviews. Many critics, it seems, are more intent on impressing readers with their vocabularies, knowledge of film making and brilliant insights rather than telling a bit about the movie and its stars. Critics' final ratings often seem to be skewed, too.

Movies with certain actors and actresses always get a higher rating. When's the last time a Susan Sarandon film got one star?

Sports movies, on the other hand, always seem to start out with a strike against them. So what if *Rudy* got bad reviews, I loved it.

I'll bet many other of you sports fans feel the same way. To paraphrase a famous line from *Network*, we're mad as heck and we're not going to take it any more.

With that in mind, I began thinking about sports movies.

There have been more of them made in the past few years than before. That's good, I believe, because there are many good stories about athletes and sports in general that have yet to be told.

But it also brings up another question. What are the best sports movies of all time?

*Raging Bull* is at the top of many lists. Everyone has their opinion, though.

That being the case, I've come up with a list of my 10 favorites. See if you agree with my picks:

### Field of Dreams

It's a little sappy in parts, I'll grant you. But it's a great story.

For many baseball fans, nostalgia makes the game what it is. This movie revolves, at least on the surface, around one of the game's most nostalgic figures, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

Along with seven of his Chicago White Sox team-

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mates, Jackson was kicked out of baseball for throwing the 1919 World Series. Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) builds a field on his farm-land for these players and others to once again compete.

Burt Lancaster gives a wonderful performance as Doc Graham. James Earl Jones and Amy Madigan are the film's other stars.

### Hoosiers

Gene Hackman plays a high school basketball coach in rural Indiana. With is fiery and disciplinarian style, he guides his small town squad into the state finals.

The movie is based on a true story. It's underdog appeal is simple, but no less gut-wrenching and upbeat. It's David versus Goliath.

Hackman makes you believe he's an old hand at coaching. Dennis Hopper also gives a strong performance as an alcoholic father of one of the players.

### Slap Shot

It's rank. It's raunchy. It's downright fun.

Made in 1977, it's the story of a minor league hockey team stuck in a losing streak. Paul Newman is the coach, player and leader of the squad.

The Hanson brothers, of course, have made a living off their appearance in the movie. Spouting their "old-time hockey" credo, the trio help revive the team.

Not for the faint of heart.

### The Natural

As you can see, my list has a bias towards baseball. But, hey, it's my list.

Anyway, *The Natural* is a touching story. Robert

Redford plays Roy Hobbs, a player of unbelievable talent whose youth is stolen by a psychotic older woman.

After being out of baseball for more than a decade, Hobbs returns in his late 30s for one final shot as a pro. Despite the reluctance of a manager played by Wilfred Brimley, he earns a spot on the New York Knights and leads the team to glory.

The movie gives a somewhat romantic portrayal of baseball in the old days, but it's well worth renting if you haven't seen it.

### Rocky

Forget the sequels, which were pieces of trash. The original remains a classic.

Sly Stallone plays Rocky Balboa, a club fighter that gets a one-in-a-million shot at glory. Before the viewers eyes, Rocky is transformed from a down-and-out bum to a courageous warrior.

Burgess Meredith plays his crusty old trainer. Carl Weathers is the heavyweight champ that gets more than he bargained for.

### Bull Durham

Costner and Tim Robbins star in a comedy about minor league baseball.

Costner is Crash Davis, a hard-hitting, hard-drinking veteran catcher. Robbins is a rookie pitcher with a million-dollar arm, but two-cent head.

The movie has numerous hilarious moments. None are better than Costner explaining to Robbins how to give a press interview.

"If a reporter asks how the team is going to do, here's what you tell 'em. 'We're gonna take it one game at a time. I just want to help the team and give 110 percent.'"

Priceless.

### Major League

In hopes of moving the Cleveland Indians to Florida, the owner puts together a team of has-beens, retreads and never-weres to kill attendance.

The Tribe spoil those plays by making the play-offs and putting fans in the seats. Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen and Charlie Sheen star.

It's not Oscar material, but it's funny and you do pull for the players.

### Jim Thorpe - All-American

Now here's one you probably haven't heard of.

Made in 1951, the movie stars Burt Lancaster as Jim Thorpe, a great multi-sport athlete from around the turn of the century.

The story runs the gambit of emotions. It shows Thorpe's rise to Olympic fame and his fall to side show attraction.

By today's standards, the movie is primitive. But it doesn't diminish the strength of the story.

### Brian's Song

This one goes in the tear-jerker hall of fame.

It's the true story of Chicago Bear Brian Piccolo and his battle with cancer. The movie chronicles his friendship with running great Gale Sayers and how that bond is tested by illness.

James Caan and Billy Dee Williams star in what was a made for TV movie.

### North Dallas Forty

Nick Nolte plays a burned-out NFL wide receiver battling his failing body and team management. Mac Davis plays his quarterback friend.

The film is good for plenty of laughs and also provides a look at the personal costs of playing professional football. Oakland Raiders' great John Muszkak co-stars.

Scott Daniel is a staff writer for the Observer newspapers.

## Outdoor Calendar

### DATES/DEADLINES

- BASS**  
Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31.
- DEER**  
The second archery season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. A special late antlerless only firearms season runs through Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.
- GOOSE**  
The special late Canada goose season runs Jan. 2-Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been changed this year and are now the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl season. The entire south zone is open during the late hunt with the exception of the five GMU's.
- SQUIRREL**  
Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.
- RABBIT**  
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

### CLASSES

- FLY TYING**  
The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Birmingham Continuing Education will offer a 10-week fly tying class beginning at

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration begins Jan. 5. Call (248) 203-3800 for more information.

### ARCHERY

- JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.
- JUNIOR ARCHERS**  
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

### OUTDOOR CLUBS

- SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

### FISHING CLUBS

- CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. The next meeting is slated for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.
- METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.
- MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.
- FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.
- FISHING BUDDYS**  
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club

- meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.
- BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.
- SHOOTING RANGES**
- BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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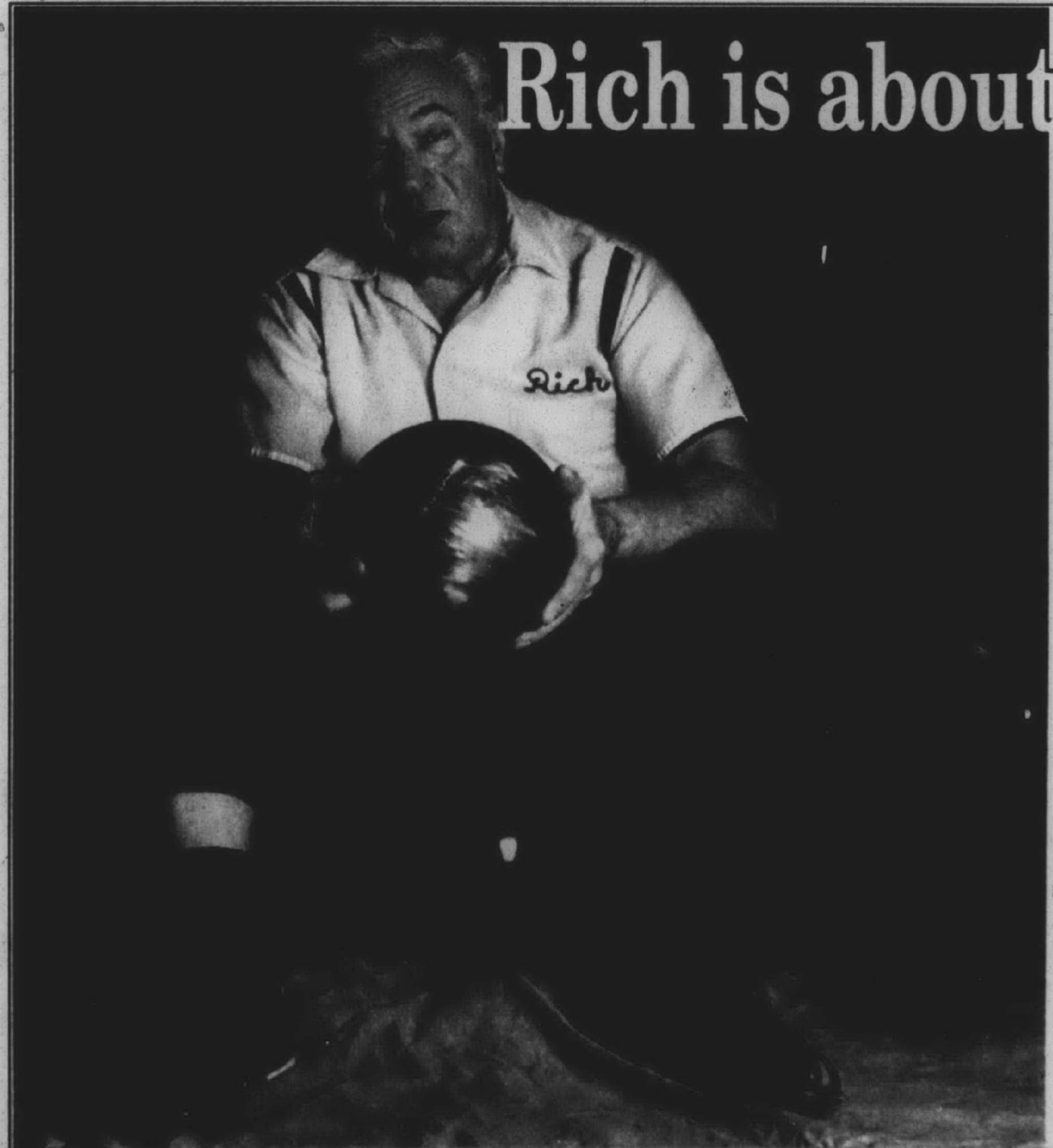
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