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THE WEEK AHEAD

New Year: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has new officers: Bob Seestadt, president; Bill Pratt, president-elect; Carl Schultz, vice president; Michele Ruppel, vice president; David Siegrist, vice president; Tony Welsh, ex-officio.

MONDAY

Back to work: The city of Plymouth, the township of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reopen today.

Open: Schools in the Plymouth-Canton area reopen today.

Meet: The Plymouth City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in city hall, 201 S. Main.

TUESDAY

Study: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will have a study session at 7:30 p.m. at township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Workshop: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey. The topic will be the five-year financial projection.

WEDNESDAY

Upcoming: Start making plans to attend the 16th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular beginning a week from today, Jan. 14, in downtown Plymouth.

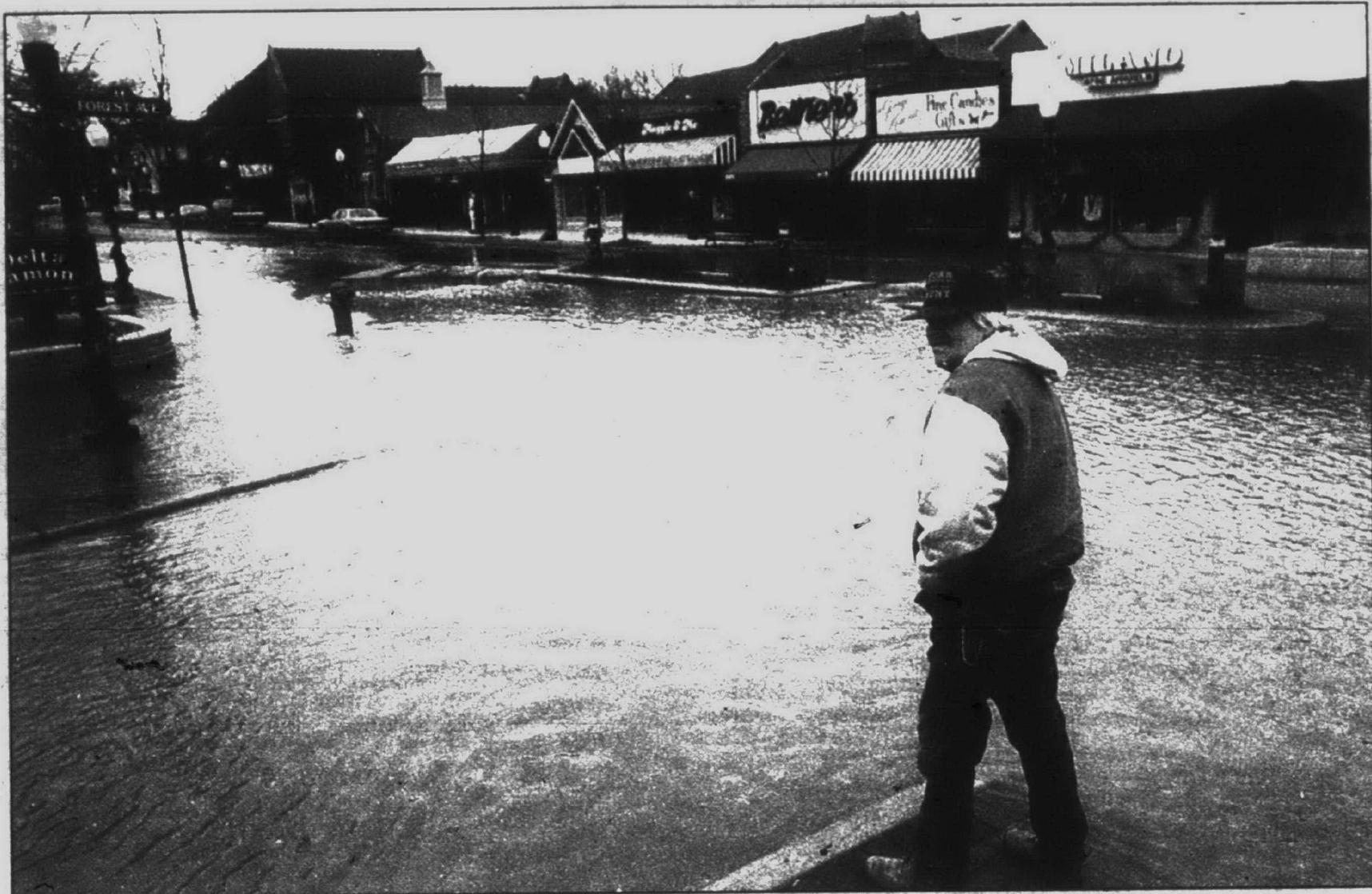
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Waterlogged



A river runs through Plymouth

■ As the fourth in two weeks, Friday's water main break was the biggest, putting Ann Arbor Trail under water.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

'Tis the season for water main breaks in Plymouth. When you combine the freeze and thaw cycle with the age of Plymouth's water system, water main breaks can happen, explained city Municipal Services Director Paul Sincok on Friday. Municipal services crews were called at noon Friday to the scene of the latest water main rupture downtown, the fourth in the past two weeks.

The results of this water main rupture were more spectacular than some, as a six-inch-sized piece blew out of a 12-inch water transmission line which provides water to other mains. The break occurred along Ann Arbor Trail, just east of The Cozy Cafe.

Before crews could seal the break, Ann Arbor Trail east of the break became a fair-sized pond and traffic was closed to Ann Arbor Trail at Main and Harvey streets.

At nearby Kennitz Fine Candies and Gifts, "just a little bit of water got in, we used towels," one employee said.

Sincok said the break will force some sidewalk and brick repair. Several nearby businesses were without water after the break. Sincok said water service was to be restored by early Friday evening.



On the rise: Ken McLain (above) watches the waters rising at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Forest, following a water main break in the late morning Friday. At left, shoppers and store employees gathered to watch the water creep toward doorways.

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Popular: John Kwiczen of Trader Jack's displays a Rose Bowl sweatshirt.

Victory

U-M collectibles in demand

After the University of Michigan's big Rose Bowl victory - and U of M's first national college football championship in 50 years - there was a surge of customers Friday at John Kwiczen's Trader Jack's sports collectibles store on Forest Avenue.

"We've had all kinds of people

already today calling in and looking for stuff," he said early Friday.

Kwiczen said he had plenty of items on order proclaiming U-M's national championship - beer stines, banner flags, car flags, shot glasses, coffee cups, hats, T-shirts and sweatshirts.

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Oil-gas production facility now on hold

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plans for an oil and natural gas production facility in Plymouth Township are on hold, at least for now.

Already operating oil wells in Plymouth Township is the West Bay Exploration Co., headquartered in Traverse City.

The company has plans for a production facility in Plymouth Township in an area zoned for industrial use north of the Unisys facility. But those plans are on hold after the Farmington Hills City Council on Dec. 15 denied a plan to drill two oil wells in that city.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

"We can't go ahead until someone overturns their decision," said Tim Baker of West Bay. "We're looking at the options right now on how to proceed."

Baker said if approval eventually comes, a pipeline running south along Haggerty Road would carry oil and natural gas to a Plymouth Township facility.

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Dinersty is the first one

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Dinersty Restaurant on Forest Avenue is the lucky first downtown Plymouth restaurant to win a new liquor license.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission on Dec. 29 approved the issuing of a license to Dinersty, said Sharon Martin, secretary to the commission.

The license is one of 50 to be issued to restaurants in developing downtowns around Michigan.

While not exactly free - fees of around \$1,200 are required annually to be paid to the state - they are plenty cheaper than typical licenses which cost in the tens of thousands of dollars.

Of those 50 licenses, "there have been five approved," Martin said, statewide.

She said there have so far been 48 applications made throughout Michigan for the licenses. Martin said more restaurants can still apply.

Eight Plymouth restaurants including Dinersty have applied. Martin said the remaining restaurants "are all in the investigation process."

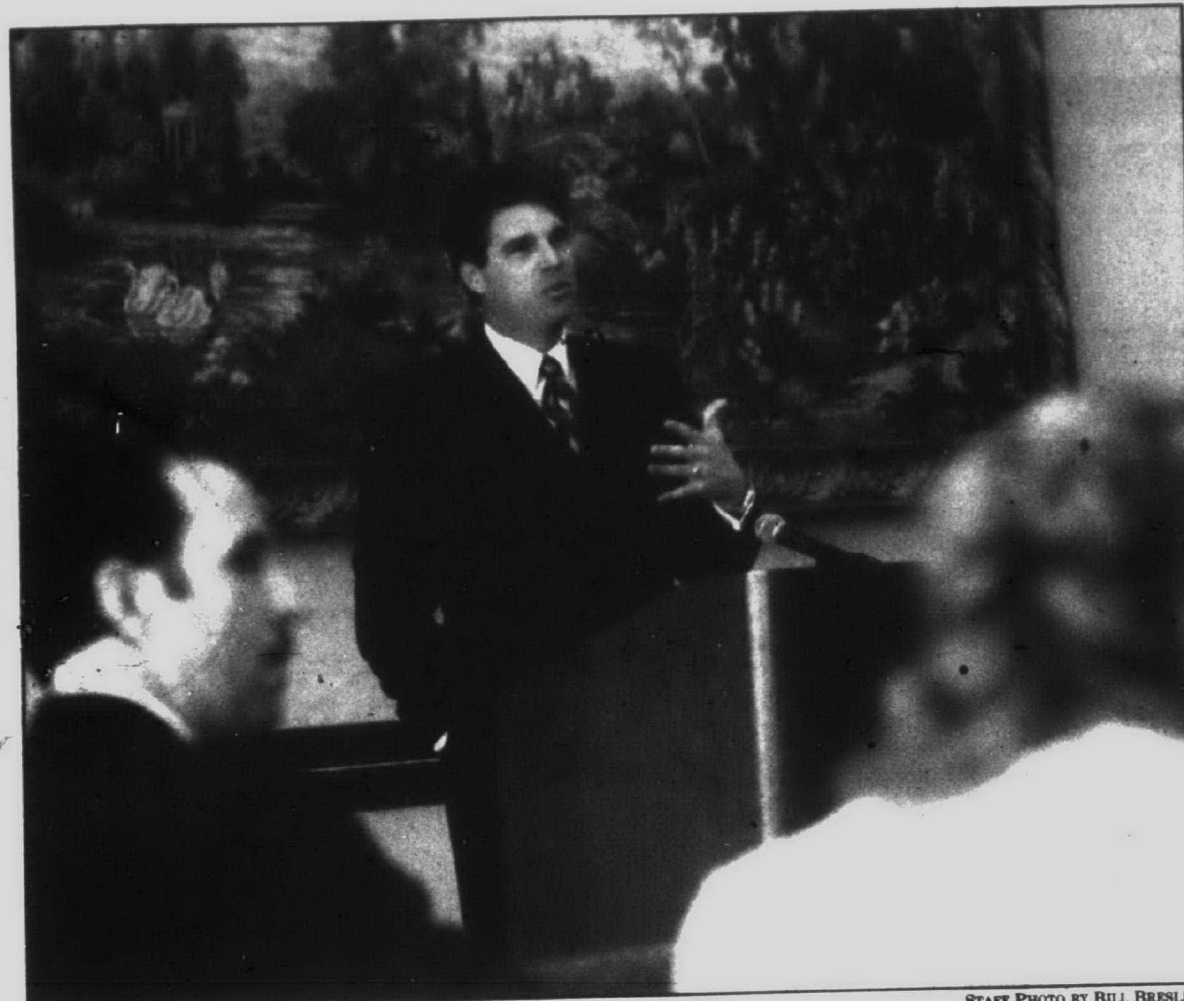
"It's not on a first come, first-served basis. They can still apply, and the commission does not need to review those in the order which they are received," Martin said.

She said the requests go before the LCC after local approval is granted and after background investigations are completed.

The liquor control commission has no set schedule on considering more licenses for approval. "I don't know if it will be January or February," Martin

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Brandon: Let employees share in your success



Speaking: David Brandon, CEO of Valassis Communications, says employees should participate in all levels within a business, which allows them to share in success.

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Spend time with David Brandon and you might get the idea that profits are way down on his list — coming in behind the happiness of 1,200 employees at Valassis Communications.

No so. The financial performance of the Livonia-based coupon printer and supplier goes hand-in-hand with Brandon's belief in building a workplace culture that draws — and holds onto — top talent in the field. Who you hire, how you treat them and how you treat them once they're on the job are keys to success in any business, Brandon told about 125 guests recently at the Canton Economic Club's quarterly luncheon.

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

That's why when you walk into Valassis' new corporate headquarters in the I-275 corridor you'll find lots of open space and premium views for employees, along with atypical office amenities including a 24-hour teller machine, health club, "family room" and even areas for a doctor's office and hair salon.

Valassis has been included for a second time by "Fortune Maga-

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zine" in its list of 100 best companies to work for in America. The company also made the list when it was first published in 1993.

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 Procter and Gamble to return to Michigan. (He is a 1974 University of Michigan graduate.) Valassis was trading at a 52-week high of 33 1/8 on the New York Stock Exchange at Wednesday's close.

Brandon said the company seeks the top 5-percent of applicants to fill any opening. There is an eight-step hiring process. He said Valassis has experimented with psychological testing but he doesn't believe it is reliable.

Brandon's half-hour talk was filled with anecdotes and personalized business bromides including two favorites illustrating his management style: "Change is good" and "If it ain't broke, break it."

Brandon said once you hire the right people, a goal is to develop a workplace that represents the mid-point on the "stress curve," where there is enough creative tension to promote productivity but not create a negative atmo-

sphere. He 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."

Mark McCauley, a senior vice president at Staples, said he was generally impressed with the speech. His office supply company already practices some of what Brandon preaches, McCauley said.

"Little things like sending out employee birthday cards. It's nice to see that kind of thing reinforced as something that will pay dividends in the long-run," he said.

Attorney Bob Thompson, who advises area foundations and other non-profit groups, said developing that kind of relationship with employees makes sense.

In addition to his duties at Valassis, Brandon has established the David A. Brandon Foundation, a Michigan charitable organization that provides grants and other assistance to needy organizations. The foundation has provided funds for U-M projects; equipment and facilities for educational and social service organizations; and money for annual holiday programs for needy families.

Oil from page A1

Baker said West Bay has 24 oil wells in the Kensington Metro Park, Novi, Sterling Heights, Northville Township, Washington Township and a few in Plymouth Township.

Local wells are found south of Schoolcraft and west of I-275.

"Michigan is a basin," Baker explained, with oil producing reefs in a circle along the rim. "It's like a bowl. The deepest part of the basin is toward the center, near Mount Pleasant."

'We haven't had any problems to make us aware of them.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Township supervisor

West Bay sells oil to the auto companies and to Total Petroleum, for sale in Michigan, Baker said.

To find oil, "we run seismic

lines. That involves setting a series of geophones at specific intervals in the ground. They send a signal," he said, to determine if oil is present.

In Michigan, Baker said, "we use way more than we produce. The oil that we extract in this area is good usable oil."

According to the Farmington Hills resolution denying oil and gas drilling, information submitted by the Michigan Land Use Institute — an economic policy research center — shows "accidental and intentional releases of hydrogen sulfide from oil field installations have occurred in Manistee and Mason Counties in Michigan."

"Hydrogen sulfide is a toxic, explosive gas that attacks the nervous system of humans and animals ... The risk of hydrogen sulfide release is one which council cannot ignore or minimize," the resolution continued.

"We haven't had any problems to make us aware of them," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy of township oil wells. "To my knowledge, we've not had any incidents or concerns whatsoever."

Baker responded to Michigan Land Use Institute concerns: "We presented a lot of information that the gas in this area, what we call sweet gas, doesn't contain measurable amounts of hydrogen sulfide."

"They simply refused to believe any scientific evidence that was presented," he said.

Baker said the company would comply with all safety measures.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

Bobby Martin, 12, is the Plymouth Observer carrier of the month. His route is in the Lake Point subdivision, which he started in June 1996.

Bobby is the son of William and Eileen Martin. He has a sister, Mary, 10, and son, Patrick, 14.

He is in the seventh grade at St. Robert Bellarmine. He is an A and B student. His favorite subjects are vocabulary and English.

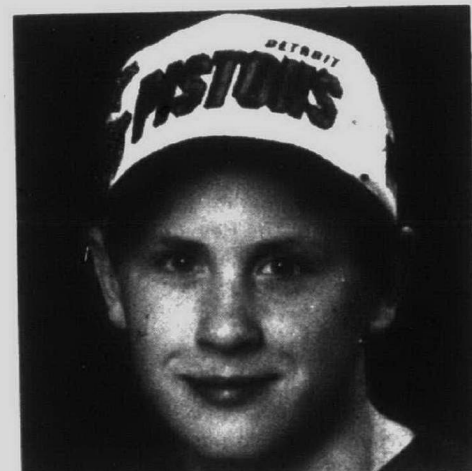
Bobby would like to become a dentist and con-

siders winning carrier of the month one of his outstanding achievements.

Saving up money for college is what Bobby likes most about his newspaper route and he believes it has taught him to be organized.

Bobby also says that other young people could benefit from a newspaper route because it teaches how to be responsible.

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Bobby Martin, Carrier of the Month

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Earnings up

Interest earnings were up \$300,000 in 1997 for Plymouth Township government.

Township accounts, Treasurer Ron Edwards reported.

While township government interest bearing accounts earned around \$800,000 in 1996, interest earnings in 1997 were over \$1.1 million. "We took advantage of some better interest bearing accounts," Edwards said. He also transferred the township's accounts to Standard Federal Bank, to take advantage of higher rates paid to municipal accounts.

"The higher interest rate



Township Treasurer Ron Edwards

was between three and four-tenths of a percent. They're in the market for that kind of money," Edwards said.

Standard Federal also offers a service by which township funds are moved from interest-bearing savings to checking accounts right when the check is to be paid. That way, checks don't languish for weeks in a typical checking account, earning no interest for the township, Edwards said.

Have a heart

If you received a present you're not going to use, consider donating it to the Tonquish Creek Yacht club in January for distribution on Valentine's Day.

This "Plymouth has Heart" project is coordinated by Eunice Terch. Drop off locations are the Pen and Ink Print Shoppe, 531 S. Mill at Ann Arbor Trail; the Plymouth Township treasurer's office at Mill and Ann Arbor Road; and the home of Warren and

Eunice Terch, 14410 Huntington Drive in Lakepointe subdivision.

Items will be distributed to families in need. During January agencies will be contacted to see which can use collected items.

Check this out

At the halfway point of the season, the Plymouth Masters over 40 hockey league standings show Adistra in first place with 37 points.

Ed's Sports is in second place with 35 followed by R.P.D. and Critter Control with 31; Infinity, 27, Dive Shop, 26; Key Plastics, 23; R.O.C., 21; Lee Wholesale, 20; and Sportswear 19.

Top scorers are Tom Predhomme with 35 goals and 31 assists for 66 points, Chris Cook with 22 goals and 23 assists for 45 points, and Rick Merrick with 15 goals and 30 assists for 45 points.

Victory from page A1

While those items weren't in stock Friday, customers still went for U-M football collectibles, and especially for items commemorating the 1998 Rose Bowl — shot glasses, coffee mugs and even a Matchbox model semi-truck commemorating the event.

"A lot of people are looking for

hats players wore. They just want to show they're a Michigan fan," Kwiczen said.

Trader Jack's is moving Feb. 1 from Forest Avenue to Ann Arbor Trail, in the spot now occupied by Maggie and Me.

Kwiczen said he plans to open an art gallery-home decor shop at his current location.

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Plymouth lawyer seeks to split party tickets

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Those who vote for candidates seeking Wayne County elected offices must vote for candidates of one party or the other, without splitting votes between parties.

That's wrong, says the group Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries.

Plymouth lawyer Michael Muma serves on the executive committee for the group, which announced its campaign in November.

Muma said the problem for Plymouth area voters, most of them registered Republicans, is "they can't vote on the Democratic side for countywide

offices."

Muma said that Democrats usually dominate Wayne County politics. Republicans are prohibited from deciding which Democrats they might prefer in some elected county positions — because current rules don't allow split-ticket voting.

The group has petitioned the Wayne County Commission for a ballot proposal to amend the county charter to permit split ticket voting in primary elections for county executive, sheriff, prosecutor, county clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and county commissioner.

Non-county offices would not be affected. County commission-

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Michael Muma

—Member of Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries

ers turned down the request Dec. 18.

The group has yet to determine its next strategy, to allow ticket splitting.

"By converting to the home rule form of government, Wayne

County got the right to draft its own rules for the conduct of county elections and to assure access to every registered voter in the selection of county officers," said John Hand, a former member of the county charter

commission and chairman of the citizens' group.

"That's what home rule means. In the home county, everybody counts."

The group says that if a contested state or national primary coincides with contested county primaries, Wayne County voters who participate in the state or national election are excluded from a choice of county officers.

Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries maintains that if the county commission doesn't act, the group will begin a petition drive to gather the 63,000 signatures needed to place a proposal allowing split-ticket voting on next year's primary ballot.

County Commissioner William O'Neil, D-14th District, is also a member of the citizens' group.

"It's futile to complain about low turnouts at primary elections and then do nothing about the frustration felt by voters who do turn out but can have no vote on matters which affect them most directly," he said.

"Split-ticket voting in Wayne County primaries is not only 100 percent consistent with the idea of home rule, but we who serve on the Wayne County Commission have a duty to our constituents to end the unfairness which deprives so many of them a voice in their home county," O'Neil added.

OBITUARIES

EDWIN C. BECK

Services for Edwin C. Beck, 82, of Canton were held Dec. 31 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, with the Rev. John C. Streit officiating. The burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Beck was born April 2, 1915 in Detroit. He died Dec. 27 in Ann Arbor. He worked as a tool and die maker and was a member of the Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

His survivors include his wife, Vera Ann of Canton; a daughter, Barbara Barrel of Novi; a son, Ronald C. of Canton; a brother, Clarence of Detroit; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Risen Christ Church, Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Mich. 48170-3446.

OMER DEBEAUDRY

A funeral Mass was held for Omer DeBeaudry, 80, of Canton, on Jan. 3 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were handled by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. DeBeaudry was born Jan. 19, 1917 in Detroit. He died Dec. 31 in Ann Arbor. He was a member of the St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church, the Motor City Traffic Club and was the past president of the Propeller Club in Detroit. He retired from Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company after 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Crystal M. of Canton; two daughters: Diane Forbes of Jackson and Carol Proffitt of Canton; a son, Thomas of Dallas, Texas; two brothers: Enos of San Diego, Calif. and Lambert of Wyandotte; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be in the form of mass offerings or to the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

VINCENT P. GEOFFREY

A funeral Mass was held for Vincent P. Geoffrey, 87, of Livonia, on Dec. 29 at St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church, with the Rev. Timothy Mazur officiating. The burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, Mich. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Mr. Geoffrey was born Feb. 8, 1910 in St. Joseph, Ontario, Canada. He died Dec. 27 in Farmington Hills. He was a member of the St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church and worked as a tool maker. His survivors include three sons, Stephen C. of

Plymouth, David C. of Flushing, and Mark W. of West Bloomfield; two brothers, Alphonse Jeffrey and Gerard Geoffrey; two sisters, Cherie Jeffrey and Doris Mernovage; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, Mich., 48075 or in the form of mass offerings.

BERNARD MCKEOWN

A funeral Mass for Bernard McKeown, 62, of Plymouth, was held Dec. 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. Stan Tokarski officiating. The burial was in Bannockburn Cemetery in Bannockburn. Arrangements were handled by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. McKeown was born March 26, 1935 in Avia, Scotland. He died Dec. 18 in Sarasota, Fla. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. His survivors include his wife, May of Plymouth; three daughters, Kathleen Keck of Clinton Township, Elaine McKeown, and Maureen Eisbrenner of Shelby Township; three brothers, William, Frank and Thomas; a sister, Margaret of Chicago and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, Mich. 48025.

PAUL R. NOEL SR.

Services for Paul R. Noel Sr., 80, of Fenton, Mich. formerly of Plymouth, were held on Jan. 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Kathleen A. Groff officiating.

Mr. Noel was born July 23, 1917 in Pennsylvania. He died Dec. 29 in Fenton. He retired in 1973, after 30 years of working for the Reading Railroad. He came to the Plymouth community in 1983 from California and moved to Fenton in 1994. He was a member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112, Almatia Grotto in Dearborn, the Shriners and also the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He was the past worshipful master of the Zulu Lodge on Chino, Calif. He maintained a dual membership of the Masonic Lodges in Michigan and California.

His survivors include a son, Paul of Oakford, Pa.; four daughters, Lillian Wahl of Chino, Calif., Dona Daniels of Bristol, Pa., Linda MacDermid of Fenton and Kathleen Hornback of Fenton; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

VIRGINIA A. PICHITINO

A funeral Mass will be held for Virginia A. Pichitino, 84, of Plymouth, on Saturday, Jan. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were handled by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

She was born Aug. 20, 1913 in Leed, S.D. She died Dec. 24 in Westland. She moved to the Plymouth community in 1979 from Redford. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth as well as the Volunteers of World Medical Association in Detroit. She worked as a secretary at General Motors for 40 years. She is survived by a sister, Mary McNeely of Plymouth, several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Our Lady of Good Counsel Building Fund.

MAUREEN THERESE STOCKER

A funeral Mass was held for Maureen Therese Stocker, 62, of Plymouth, on Dec. 31 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. The burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were handled by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stocker was born April 28, 1935 in Alpena, Mich. She died Dec. 29 in Ann Arbor. She worked for Better Homes and Gardens as an Associate Broker and for many years at Robert Bake Real Estate. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Her survivors include her husband, Robert S. of Plymouth; three sons: Michael R. of Plymouth, Mark K. of Southgate and John M. of Naperville, Ill.; four daughters, Mary Jo Peck of Plymouth, Patti A. of Plymouth, Margaret Michalek of Novi and Monica N. Jarrett of Northville; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Frances Dumsch, Marguerite O'Callaghan and Kathrine Schmanski; and three brothers, Patrick O'Callaghan, Paul O'Callaghan and John O'Callaghan.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010 or in the form of mass offerings.

JULIE CHRISTINE GREGOR

A funeral Mass was held for Julie Christine Gregor, 30, of Plymouth, on Jan. 3 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Ply-

mouth, with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. The burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Arrangements were handled by the Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gregor was born Sept. 9, 1967 and she died Dec. 29 at her home. She worked as a co-administrator. Her survivors include her husband, Ken of Plymouth; her son, Paul; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanCleve; her father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gregor; a sister, Sarah VanCleve; and a brother, Fred VanCleve.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

MARTHA B. AGE

Martha B. Agee died Dec. 25 in Westland.

Born Nov. 22, 1925, in New Kensington, Pa., she was a retired nuclear medicine technician.

She began her career as an X-ray technician at Sinai Hospital and later became an isotope technician and then a nuclear medicine technologist.

She worked at Harper Hospital and then retired at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. She lived in Detroit and Bloomfield before moving to Northville.

She is survived by a sister, Rose Jean Swisher of Canton, a brother, Richard Agee of Colorado, and a niece, Janet Sockolosky of Plymouth.

She was a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

A memorial is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at First Presbyterian Church in Northville, with the Rev. Kent Clise and the Rev. James Russell officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute or First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

VIOLA M. AVERY

A funeral was held for Viola M. Avery, 74, of Canton on Dec. 23 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Robert Allmann officiating. The burial was in Parkview Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home.

She was born May 1, 1923 and she died Dec. 20 in Wayne. She was a homemaker. She is survived by four daughters, Bonnie Burlett, Connie Eberline, Debbie Gray and Pam Stouse; two sisters, Alice Harvey and Shirley Deacons; 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St.

Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies Aid.

LOIS H. RANDALL

Services were held for Lois H. Randall, 73, of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, on Dec. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. The burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

She was born Jan. 18, 1924 in Lincoln Park. She died Dec. 22 in Livonia. She was a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Schools for 20 years. She moved to the Northville community in 1989 from Plymouth. She was a member of the Michigan Education Association and received her bachelors and masters degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Her survivors include her husband, William E. of Northville; three sons, Dale of Plymouth, Bill of Canton and Gary of Northville; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Disease Association or the Angela Hospice.

GRACE MULHOLLAND

Services for Grace Mulholland, 91, of Bloomfield Hills, were Dec. 31 at A.J. Desmond & Sons, Troy, with the Rev. Timothy Babcock of St. Andrew Church, Rochester, officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Mulholland was born April 10, 1906 in Alexandria, Scotland, and died Dec. 26 at the Georgian Bloomfield Nursing Home, Bloomfield Hills. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Mulholland was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, in 1986. She is survived by son, James (Phyllis) of Plymouth; daughter, Connie McEwan (Ian) of Bloomfield Hills; grandchildren, Craig and Rob Wall, Karen Sanford, and Amy Mulholland; one great-grandchild, Collin Sanford.

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Candice Miller kicks off new Economic Club

Candice S. Miller, Michigan's first woman Secretary of State, will address the Tonquish Economic Club at its inaugural lunch meeting noon Jan. 28 at Plymouth Manor.

Miller began her public service career in 1979 when she was elected Harrison Township trustee. She was elected supervisor in 1980 and was elected Macomb County treasurer in 1992.

"The response to our opening program with Secretary of State Miller has been outstanding," said Sheila Friedrich, president of the Tonquish Economic Club. "We are approaching 150 reser-

vations for her presentation."

"(State) Sen. Robert Geake (R-Northville) will be introducing her and we expect a large number of state, county and local elected officials to be on hand," she said.

Reservations for the program and future programs can be made by calling the club at 455-1166.

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Conrad Mallett is the Feb. 18 speaker.

The Tonquish Economic Club seeks to provide a forum for communities along the I-275 corridor. Standard Federal Bank is a club sponsor.



On tap: Candice Miller, Michigan Secretary of State, will kick off the Tonquish Creek Economic Club.

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OBITUARIES

LLOYD C. FRANSON

A memorial service for Lloyd C. Franson, 83, of Livonia, will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 3 at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, with the Rev. Thomas Badley officiating. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Jan. 3 at the church. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Mr. Franson was born Jan. 1, 1914 in Duluth, Minn. and died Dec. 26 in Plymouth. He was a deputy clerk with the United States District Court for six years. He retired from Hoskins Manufacturing Company after 37 years of service.

He came to Livonia from Spokane, Washington, in 1929. He graduated from Central High School in Detroit and attended the Business Institute D.I.T. and received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Wayne State University.

Mr. Franson was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia and belong to the Senior Citizen Sunshine Unit, the Western Wayne Parkinson Support Group, Livonia Sportsman Club, Western Wayne Sports Club and the Republican Party. He enjoyed reading, fishing, walking nature trails, target shooting, photography and travel. He also enjoyed children and youth groups and worked with the Boys Scouts and Methodist youth fellowship groups.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Livonia; son, Lloyd Jr. (Beverly) of Texas; daughter, Ruth Anne (John) Zimmer of Northville; grandchildren, Paul (Evelyn) Zimmer of Waterford, Eric (Claudia) Zimmer of Livonia; Becky (Jeffrey) Miebach of California and John C. Franson of Texas; great-grandchildren, John and Geoffrey; sisters, Edna Franson of Westland, Mary Ann Markert of Portage and Betty Tomion of Port Huron.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, Alzheimer's Disease Association or the Newburg Methodist Church.

DR. J. DONALD GREEN

Services for Dr. J. Donald Green, 76, of West Bloomfield will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the White Chapel Cemetery, Chapel of Memories, 363 Long Lake Road, Troy. Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Friday, at the A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Burial will be at the White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Dr. Green was born March 11, 1921 in Detroit and died Dec. 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. He was resident of West Bloomfield since 1989 and is formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

He was a graduate of Central High School in Detroit, as well as Wayne State University in 1941 and Wayne State University Medical School in 1944. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, who served during World War II.

Dr. Green served his internship at Grace Hospital in Detroit. After working in general

practice in Birmingham with Dr. J. Paul McConkie, he returned to the Navy as a Lt. Senior Grade during the Korean Conflict. He served his residency in internal medicine at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He also was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University. He returned to private practice in internal medicine in 1957. He was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1960, was a member of the American College of Physicians and retired in 1986 after 40 years in private practice in Birmingham.

Dr. Green was a member of the American Diabetes Association, Oakland County and Birmingham Medical Society and Birmingham Lions Club. He also loved music, chess, dancing and spectator sports.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Taylor Green; children, Douglas B. (Diane) of Nashville, Tenn.; James D. (Lisa) of Nashville, Tenn.; Brett Feola (Mary) of Beverly Hills, Mich.; daughters, Constance E. (James) Garza of Lake Angelus, Mich.; and Kim Theodore (Toby) of Plymouth, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; sisters, Edith Bankwitz of Dearborn and Elizabeth (Bud) Mann of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, or the Birmingham Lions Club.

GLORIA J. HEINS

Services for Gloria J. Heins, 68, of Northville, were Dec. 31 at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Knudsen II officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, Mich.

Mrs. Heins was born Feb. 20, 1929 in Detroit and died Dec. 26 at Harper Hospital in Detroit. She died from complications following a short, but determined fight against adult leukemia, said her husband, Ed.

Mrs. Heins was an avid sports enthusiast and served as a hospital volunteer and member of the Bloomfield Women's Club.

She is survived by her husband, Ed; daughter, Wendy (Dave) Fosick of Canton; son, Douglas (Ann) Heins of Howell; four grandchildren; brother, Gerald White of Waterford. She was predeceased by her son, Gregory E. in 1986.

INEZ R. PULKER

A memorial service was held Jan. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth.

Mrs. Pulker, 75, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died Dec. 10.

She was predeceased by husband, John E. She is survived by a daughter, Ruth Inez of Wixom; three sons, John Edwin of Ladue, Mo. Theodore Arthur of Walled Lake, and Howard Allen of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Emma Nicolette of Grand Rapids; a brother, Arthur L. MacAdams of Petoskey; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College. Please call, 734-462-4443 for details.

VIOLET ROSE FISHER

Services were held for Violet Rose Fisher, 85, of Plymouth, on Dec. 28 at the Tobacco Township Cemetery in Beaverton, Mich. with Pastor David Sprang officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Mrs. Fisher was born Oct. 2, 1912 in Detroit and died Dec. 25 in Saline. She was retired from the housekeeping department in the Detroit Public Schools. She loved gardening and cooking, and lived in Beaverton and Detroit before moving to Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, David W.; son, Douglas (Gail) of Westland; and was preceded in death by son, David C. and daughter, Rose M. Mitchell.

Memorials may be made to the Saline Evangelical Nursing Home, 407 Russell, Saline, Mich.

LOUISE BELL

Services were held for Louise Bell, 79, of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, Dec. 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton.

Mrs. Bell was born Jan. 8, 1918 in Carbondale, Ill. and died Dec. 26 in Howell. She was a homemaker and moved to Howell from Plymouth in 1991.

She is survived by sons, David (Ginhee) of Howell, and Ronald, of Illinois; as well as four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MARIE THERESA ESTEY

Services were held for Marie Theresa Estey of Northville, Dec. 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Father Andrew J. Forish officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mrs. Estey was born in Butte, Mont. and died Dec. 26 in Plymouth.

Mrs. Estey was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Sacramento, Calif. before moving to Plymouth in 1997. She was a member of the St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Sacramento.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde of Northville; son, William (Lynda) of Plymouth, grandchildren, Stephen and Jill; great-grandchild, Megan; sister Gladys Randall of California.

RICHARD MICHAEL KURKOWSKI

A funeral Mass was held for Richard Michael Kurkowski, 68, of Canton at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with Father George Charnely officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

Mr. Kurkowski was born June 14, 1928, in Detroit, and died Dec. 25.

Mr. Kurkowski was a retired police officer with the Detroit Police Department. He recently worked as an investigator for AAA.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Richard, Karl, Glenn; daughter, Jennifer; brother, Thomas.



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License: Dinersty Restaurant on Forest Avenue is the first statewide to receive one of 50 new liquor licenses issued by the state.

Licenses from page A1

said, before more licenses are up for consideration.

What criteria are commissioners using to approve requests? "They don't have any written guidelines, it's what's in the best interest of the Downtown Development Authority," she said.

"Every commissioner I imag-

ine uses their own criteria to assess them."

Martin said that while Dinersty has been approved for a liquor license, a final site inspection must occur before it is issued.

Randall Whately, an attorney who represented Dinersty before

the Plymouth City Commission in December, said the restaurant has lost money for months.

He told city commissioners the business had remained open in anticipation of obtaining the liquor license. Whately was unavailable for comment Friday.

Metroparks

'98 to be record year for capital improvement projects, recreation plan

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Huron-Clinton Metroparks will invest a record \$136 in capital improvements in 1998, mainly because three major projects were delayed politically in 1997.

This will be "the first year of the authority's five-year recreation plan," said controller David L. Wahl as he submitted a \$18.6 million budget that the board approved.

The 13 Metroparks serving Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Macomb and St. Clair counties drew nine million visitors last year, despite bad August weather that hurt pool revenues and continued Lake St. Clair pollution problems at Metro Beach.

Property owners taxed 22.36 mills or \$16.77 a year on a house with a market value of \$75,000 and taxable value of \$75,000 provide \$22.1 million or a little less than half the total budget.

Major breakdowns: 45 percent for park operations, 28 percent for park capital improvements, 10.5 percent for equipment, engineering, and administrative office.

With one major exception, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's budget is aimed at developing recreational capital rather than land acquisition. It will add one full-time employee - to 188 - over last year.

HCMA carried over a whopping \$9.6 million it couldn't spend last year. During 1997,

delays were encountered in getting major construction projects off the ground," said Wahl. Among them:

■ "The temporary injunction against the Family Aquatic Center at Indian Springs prevented \$7.2 million of construction projects from being let." Located in Springfield and White Lake townships northwest of Pontiac, Indian Springs will see the \$9.9 million aquatic center become a reality this year.

■ "Political uncertainties with Harrison Township officials created a delay in awarding construction contracts for the \$1 million Metro Beach West Boat Launch." That highly publicized battle was over HCMA's plan to place a boat launch on the shores of Lake St. Clair. The present boat launch is upstream. The state will put up a \$750,000 recreational grant.

■ "Delays were encountered in obtaining appropriate permits from Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the \$500,000 Lake Erie Shoreline Trail." With its wave pool, Lake Erie has leaped into third place, just behind Metro Beach, as a revenue-producer for HCMA.

■ HCMA also carried over \$200,000 for upgrading Maltby Road leading to Huron Meadows, in Green Oak Township of Livingston County. The newest Metropark, Huron Meadows has jumped into the middle of the revenue pack with its 18-hole

golf course.

The major new acquisition will be Northbrook Golf Course near Wolcott Mill Metropark in the middle of Macomb County. An application for a state grant fell through, so HCMA will use its own funds.

Here are capital improvements planned for nearby popular Metroparks:

Kensington, in Milford and Green Oak townships - \$318,000 for upgrading a comfort station near the east boat launch, pesticide storage building, lighting at the farm center and general equipment. The most popular Metropark, Kensington, starting its 50th year, provides nearly 20 percent of HCMA's operating revenue.

Stony Creek, northeast of Rochester in Oakland and Macomb counties - \$256,000 for a fishing pier walk, picnic shelter, boat piers, and general equipment.

Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron and Delhi on the Huron River northwest of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County - Hudson Mills will see road and tennis court repairs, a pesticide storage building and general equipment; Dexter and Delhi have planning money.

Lower Huron and Willow, straddling I-275 in southern Wayne County - completion of a 3.2 mile hike-bike trail started last year. Willow will see \$262,000 in landscaping, picnic shelter and equipment improvements. Lower Huron will see

repairs on the pool deck and waterside flume, along with a gypsy moth suppression program.

Oakwoods, downstream from Lower Huron and Willow - \$10,000 for a new canoe launch. The Huron meanders through wetlands in this largely natural area.

Entry fees are unchanged. For vehicles they will be \$15 for a season pass, \$8 for a senior citizen annual, \$3 for a one-day pass on weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays but free on Wednesdays. For boat launching, fees are \$18 for a season pass, \$9 for a senior citizen season pass, \$4 for weekends and holidays, \$3 for weekdays but free on Wednesdays.

The eight-member board has seen only one change in the last year: Maxine Perry of Southfield vacated her Liquor Control Commission job to take a gubernatorial appointment. The other gubernatorial appointee is Macomb County board chair John C. Hertel.

Representing county boards are banker James Clarkson of Oakland, businessman William E. Kroger of Wayne, professor Robert Marans of Washtenaw, James Young of Livingston and Thomas Welsh, a Macomb County official.

HCMA was formed in 1939. The next year, voters approved a 0.25-mill property tax, which has been pared down to 0.236 by the Headlee tax limitation amendment.

Families needed to host students

Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) is seeking families interested in hosting a high school foreign exchange student for the 1998-99 school year.

The program accepts hosts who have young children, no children or teenagers. If you can provide a bed, a place to study, meals and a loving heart you can be a host, said Lynne Levenbach. She and her husband, Gideon, of Plymouth Township are local contacts for the PAX program.

Teen-agers from all over the world dream of coming to America to spend a year as a exchange student with an American family and attending an American high school.

Students take English tests, undergo personal interviews, save their money, prepare an appli-

cation, gather references and then hope for an American family to open its home and heart, said Lynne Levenbach.

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The Levenbachs work with each volunteer family to help select the student who is the best match with the family's interest and lifestyle.

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"At the same time, your family will learn and grow as you exchange ideas and compare lifestyles," added Gideon Levenbach.

For more information, call the Levenbachs at (734) 453-8562 or (734) 453-6851.

CAPITOL CAPSULES

Pain management

The House has passed 103-0 bills to create a pain management education program for patients and doctors. The bills will be taken up by the Senate in January.

"Persons living with chronic pain will benefit from this legislation because it gives them access to complete information about treatment options," said Rep. Joseph Palamara, D-Wyandotte, chair of the House Health Policy Committee.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, was sponsor of the bill to set up a 17-member commission to make recommendations to health care providers on pain management. Law sees pain management as an alternative to the assisted suicides by Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Other bills will require insurers, health maintenance organizations and the "Blues" to disclose information to policyholders about how benefits apply for the treatment of intractable pain.

The Michigan Health Purchas-

er Coalition at first opposed the bills but switched to support after they were amended because they "avoid language in prior versions that involved legislative direction of how health care should be provided in ways not generally accepted by the medical professions."

All area lawmakers supported the package.

Advisory boards

Engler has appointed:

■ Kathryn Bacon, Garden City, to a new term representing consumers on the Developmental Disabilities Council, which receives federal funding to help developmentally disabled. The appointment runs to Sept. 17, 1999. Bacon was formerly employed by CPP Security for Northwest Airlines and is active in the Spina Bifida Association.

■ Thomas F. Gahan, Canton, to a new term on the Controlled Substances Advisory Commission. He is vice president of pharmacy purchasing for Arbor Drugs.

2 file for commission seat, deadline Tuesday

A South Redford school board member has filed to run for the Wayne County Commission.

Kathleen Husk, a Republican from Redford Township, paid a \$100 filing fee on Dec. 22 at the county's elections division office to declare her candidacy. Husk is Edward Playewski Sr., a Democrat from Dearborn Heights, who filed his candidacy in early December.

Playewski, a former UAW activist and local official, was appointed by county commissioners on Nov. 20 to fill the commission seat vacated by the resignation of Michelle Playewski and elections can be held this winter. Edward Playewski Sr., 75, is the grandfather of Michelle Playewski.

Husk, 42, resides on Woodbine in Redford Township. Husk has served on the South Redford school board for 12 years.

If elected, Husk hopes to research ways to ease the financial burden of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Redford Township must pay for retention basin construction to help control combined sewer overflows that empty raw sewage into the Rouge. The first basin cost \$20 million, and Redford may need to build two more.

"This is just a terrible financial burden on the communities," Husk said.

On current county issues, Husk supports the commission's

approval of an increased budget for the auditor general and believes commissioners do not need county financed lease cars.

On her tenure on the school board, Husk said, "I thought I represented parents, students and teachers, and brought the community into the school board meetings. I think I've listened to their concerns, and it has helped inform the school board, which has resulted in better schools."

Husk also has been a water safety instructor for 14 years.

Deadline is Tuesday

Registered voters who reside in the Ninth District can run for the commission seat, but they must file nominating petitions or

pay the \$100 filing fee by 4 p.m. Tuesday. Candidates who file nominating petitions must turn in a minimum of 183 signatures if running as a Democrat, or 289 if running as a Republican.

Candidates also have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the race if they change their minds about running, but the \$100 filing fee is not refundable, county officials said.

The district contains Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and part of Livonia east of Middlebelt.

A primary election will be held in those communities on Feb. 10 and a general election on March 10.

Historian to speak at WSU's King celebration

Wilson J. Moses, history professor at Pennsylvania State University, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon Jan. 19 at Wayne State University in celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Moses is the author of four books and his fifth, *Afropop: Roots of African American Popular History*, will be published in June 1998. He has edited three books, written 33 chapters in scholarly books and numerous journal articles.

Prior to joining the faculty at Penn State, Moses served as professor of Afro-American Studies and American Civilization at

Brown University and also was professor of English and history and director of Afro-American studies at Boston University. He was Fulbright guest professor at the University of Vienna.

The luncheon begins at noon and will be held in WSU's Community Arts Gallery. Tickets

cost \$25. His speech will be televised free at 1 p.m. in the Community Arts Auditorium.

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Read label fine print to know quality

What makes a \$50 merlot that much better than a \$10 merlot? The grape is the same, so how can you judge quality? According to Agustin Huneeus, president of Napa Valley's Franciscan Estate Selections, you can best judge wine quality by "the place where the grapes were grown."

For the past few years, California wineries have operated with short supplies of grapes and wine. This was caused by low crop yields and replanting due to phylloxera, the vine louse that attacks a grapevine at its roots. In the same period, consumer demand for wine has grown, due in part, to reports about health benefits associated with wine consumption.

With the large 1997 harvest in California and new vineyards bearing

fruit, projections indicate the supply of wine will double by year 2000.

What worries Huneeus is that a large part of the increase will come from California's hot, high-yielding Central Valley. He's also concerned about the number of wines labeled chardonnay and merlot from places such as Australia, Chile, Argentina, France and even Bulgaria. This surge of imported wines increased 35 percent in 1997 due to California's short supply, growing market demand and a world-wide wine glut.

How can premium producers combat this double edged sword? By emphasizing where the wine was grown.

Place is everything

"Since ancient times, wine's hierarchy and pricing has been related to its place of origin," Huneeus explained. "What sets apart a \$10 cabernet sauvignon from a \$50 wine, both from a quality standpoint and in the



Wine Picks

In Wine Picks, we try to guide you to the best wines that have most recently entered the market. We judge wines based on quality within their price range. We do not offer extensive notes because, as people, we are not genetically equipped to smell and taste the exact same things. But we all recognize quality and it originates in special places.

■ Pick of the Pack: 1994 Dry Creek Vineyard 25th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley \$32 made from more than 100 small lots of the finest cabernet and merlot the vintage offered. Limited quantity and worth a search.

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consumer's mind? Simply, it's the place where the grapes were grown. By putting emphasis on varietal (grape name) rather than appellation (place), the California wine industry has left the door open to the dragons. The use of varietal as a point of distinction, without due importance given to appellation, can be used by any winery anywhere in the world."

Using chardonnay as an example Huneeus explains that California developed a special style that producers around the world copied and then used to enter the lucrative American market. He warns that it is now happening with merlot.

Please see WINE, B3

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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DINNER WILL BE HEAVEN IF YOU PLAN AHEAD

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK



Good cooks are good planners. "Take time once a week and sit down with your cookbooks," said Mollie Katzen best known as the author of "Moosewood Cookbook." "Pick out three or

four things. Make a list, and get the groceries."

The time to think about food is not on your way home from work, but when you're not busy. "People make time to jog, but not cook," said Katzen who helped mainstream vegetarian cuisine in 1977 with her "Moosewood Cookbook," which was revised in 1992. "Plan to cook, and write down what you like in a book. You can make sauces and soup one week ahead, cut up vegetables the night before."

Katzen's goal is to make good food accessible to people, not complicated, joyful and good, so "they'll want to do it again."

Her newest book, "Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven: Over 200 recipes for uncommon soups, tasty bites, side-by-side dishes, and too many desserts," (Hyperion, \$27.50) is a companion text to "Mollie Katzen's Cooking Show 200: Vegetable Heaven," which airs on public television nationwide. The series features 26 menus created from recipes found in her newest book. Locally, WTVS Channel 56 is considering it for their lineup, but has not scheduled it yet. The series started in October; check your cable listing for out-of-town public TV stations which might offer Katzen's show, and stay tuned for an update from WTVS.

"It's really a cooking class," she said in an interview during a recent visit to metro Detroit.



TERENCE MCCARTHY

Author: Mollie Katzen shows readers that vegetables can really taste heavenly in her newest cookbook, "Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven."

"I can't stand it when there's dead time. I talk about the origins of onions, and give people a lot of information about why I do what I do. I hope to teach people how to cook the way everyone is telling them to eat, to fit food into their lifestyle, that's beautiful and delicious."

Besides being a cook and writer, Katzen is a pianist and artist. She studied at the Eastman School of Music, Cornell University, and San Francisco Art Institute where she earned a fine arts degree with honors in painting.

This book, like others that preceded it, "The Enchanted Broccoli Forest," (1982), "Still Life with Menu" (1988), and "Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes: A Cookbook for Preschoolers and Up" (1994) is beautifully illustrated with 55 of her vibrant paintings of vegetables, herbs and fruits and appetizing still-life paintings with culinary themes. Cooking tips and suggestions for hard-to-find ingredient substitutions accompany each recipe.

"I find that most of my readers don't identify

themselves as strict vegetarians," said Katzen. "Forget the labels. Most people just want to eat good food, some with meat, some without. I have tried to keep time, cost, and labor to a minimum without compromising the quality and novelty of the results. I know that many of us are seeking simple pleasures, attempting to live well within our means and the constraints of our daily lives."

Married, and the mother of a son and daughter, Katzen knows it's difficult to please everyone. "Pizza is a really good way to make dinner for a family where everyone wants something different," she said. "Everyone can customize the toppings."

Katzen suggests keeping a supply of pizza dough in the freezer, and a few topping ingredients such as canned artichoke hearts, grated Parmesan or pecorino cheese, and ripe tomato slices on hand. "Take the container out of the freezer before you go to work, and it will be ready to roll, so to speak, when you get home."

Please see HEAVEN, B2

Diet rich in fiber, fruits, veggies won't tip the scale

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

There is no time like the present to consider getting off that 1,200 calorie, low-fat diet, eat sensibly, lose weight, and still enjoy what you're eating. Consider the following types of foods you should never eat when planning your New Year's Resolutions:

■ A diet too low in fat - The problem with very low-fat diets is they stimulate sugar cravings. Many of my clients were overdosing on refined carbohydrates such as white rolls, white rice, noodles, snack crackers, fat-free cookies, and candy, particularly jelly beans and licorice. This led them to an overconsumption of calories, and therefore, weight gain.

Your body has a built-in sensor that knows what kinds of nutrients you are eating. When you feed your body natural, wholesome foods, its needs are satisfied. When you feed your body candy, processed foods, and fat-free junk, it doesn't sense any nutrients coming in. It then urges you to continue eating.

Eating a high refined carbohydrate

diet stimulates your body to produce insulin which in turn activates your fat storage mechanism. Eating a moderate amount of fat can alter this mechanism causing you to use more calories for energy. Also, consuming whole grains in place of the refined variety creates a feeling of fullness and satiety which helps you to consume less calories. In addition, with very low-fat diets, you may not be eating enough fat to absorb fat-soluble vitamins such as A, D and E.

■ Fat-free cookies - If you take a look at the ingredients on most brands of fat-free cookies, they are loaded with sugar, filled with preservatives and chemicals, and contain small amounts of hydrogenated fats, which are detrimental to you. Most of all, they lack fiber so you have no sense of fullness when you're eating them. You may rationalize that you can eat two, fat-free 50 calorie cookies in place of a 100 calorie apple, but you will end up eating more cookies in the long run, which adds up to extra calories.

Nutrition Secret: If you want a treat, look for whole grain, fruit juice sweetened, high fiber snacks made by Health Valley or Auburn Farms. They are tasty and filling. Your best bet is to

grab fruit (fresh or dried) or raw vegetables as an in between meal snack. It's almost impossible for fruit and vegetable calories to turn into fat. If everyone ate the recommended five or more servings of fruits and vegetables, the overall cancer incidence rates could decline by 20 percent.

■ Traditional pasta dishes - Many people think they are eating healthy when they are actually harming themselves by eating traditional pasta dishes made with white flour noodles. In the refining process, 23 different nutrients, including fiber, are stripped away with only four added back (this is called enriched). In addition, the lack of fiber in white pasta makes it hard to tell when you're full, so you just keep eating until you have consumed too many calories. Just one cup of cooked pasta contains about 200 calories, and those can add up fast.

Nutrition Secret: Try a nutritious and tasty pasta dish made with buckwheat pasta. The whole grain pasta will fill you up quickly.

■ Big bagels and other breads - Many bagels weight six ounces and contain approximately 480 calories, and that's with nothing on them! There is very little nutritional value in most



bagels as they are made with white flour. They contain no fat, which is why people are flocking to bagel stores.

Nutrition Secret: Look for 100 percent whole grain bagels, and small bagels, which are whole grain as well.

■ Chicken and fish - Eating chicken and fish instead of meat isn't as good for you as you think. Many people switch to these when trying to lower their cholesterol only to find little or no change in their blood values and weight. Another problem is that all animal protein, including chicken and fish, causes calcium loss, which increases your risk of osteoporosis.

Please see DIET, B3

Sample a taste of 'Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven'

See related story on Taste front.

Here are some recipes from Mollie Katzen's newest book, "Mollie Katzen's Vegetable Heaven: Over 200 recipes for uncommon soups, tasty bits, side-by-side dishes, and too many desserts." (Hyperion, New York)

PIZZETTAS

- 1 cup wrist-temperature water
- 1 package (2 teaspoons) active dry yeast
- A pinch of sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (plus extra for the bowl)
- 3 cups unbleached white flour (1/4 cup may be whole wheat or rye)

Extra flour for kneading
Cornmeal for the baking tray
Toppings of your choice

Place the water in a medium-large bowl. Sprinkle in the yeast and sugar, and stir to dissolve. Let it stand 5 minutes, or until the mixture begins to bubble.

Stir in 1 cup of flour, the salt, and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Beat for several minutes with a wooden spoon.

Add the remaining flour 1/2 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. The dough will be soft, but should not be sticky.

Turn out onto a floured surface, and knead for several minutes. Place in an oiled bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and let the dough

rise until doubled in bulk. This will take about 1 hour.

Punch down the dough, and return to the floured surface. (This is the point at which you can freeze the dough for future use.) Divide it into six equal parts, knead each piece for a few minutes, then let the balls of dough rest for about 10 minutes. (This allows the gluten to relax, so the dough will stretch easily into shape).

Preheat the oven to 500°F. Patiently stretch each ball of dough into a 6-inch circle. Sprinkle two thin, noninsulated baking trays with cornmeal, and place two circles on each. Sparingly top each pizzetta with whatever your heart desires.

Bake one tray at a time in the

lower half of the oven for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the edges are crispy and brown. (If you're not sure whether or not it's baked through, you can take one pizzetta out of the oven and cut it in half. If it is still a little doughy on the inside, return it to the baking pan and bake a few minutes longer.) Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature.

Yield: Six 6-inch pizzettas.

Some topping suggestions

Canned artichoke hearts, drained, and sliced
Olives (any kind), pitted and sliced
Ripe tomato slices
Crumbled feta cheese
Arrange everything on the pizzetta; bake and serve

AFTER-WORK BULGUR SPECIAL

- 1 cup coarse bulgur
- 1 3/4 cups boiling water
- 2 tablespoons fresh minced dill (or 1 teaspoon dried dill)
- 3 scallions, finely minced
- 1/2 cup lightly toasted pine nuts
- A small handful of currants
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (or more to taste)

Black pepper to taste
A drizzle of extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (or to taste)
2 or 3 medium-sized red or yellow bell peppers, optional

Before You Go to Work: Place the bulgur in a large bowl. (Make

sure it's large enough for the bulgur to expand, which it will greatly do). Pour in boiling water, cover tightly with foil, and go to work.

When You Get Home: Remove the foil; fluff the bulgur with a fork. Add the remaining ingredients; mix and serve. It's good at room temperature, but you can also reheat it, covered, in a 350°F oven for about 30 minutes - or in a microwave.

Optional preparation: Halve and hollow out 2 or 3 medium red or yellow bell peppers and fill with the bulgur mix. Cover and place in the microwave (high power) for 2 minutes. Viola! Dinner.

Yield: About 6 servings (easily doubled - just make sure you use a large enough bowl)

Wine from page B1

Producers in Sonoma County have attempted to increase awareness of place by creating eleven separate appellations within the county, from Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys in the north to Carneros in the south. But to many consumers this has only added complexity to a topic they prefer to keep simple. We understand your confusion about Sonoma County, the city of Sonoma in that County and the wine appellation known as Sonoma Valley, also in Sonoma County!

The erosion of geographical distinctions has been exacerbated by the producers themselves in a practice whereby the winery changes the place name on its labels from one vintage to another. Caught short of product in a growing market, California wineries sometimes purchase grapes from other, less desirable growing regions, use them in their wine and change the appellation on the label. Some California wineries have included foreign juice in their blends. Others have converted complete-

ly to making wine from juice or grapes purchased outside of the United States, and still others have created new labels under which they market wines grown and produced overseas. "The message to the consumer seems to be that it really doesn't matter where the grapes are from," lamented Huneeus.

Huneeus' bottom line: "By focusing on appellation, we (premium California wine producers) will differentiate quality levels. We must hold on to our 'somewhereness' and make it the pre-

Message to the consumer: If the price of the wine appears to be too good to be true, it probably is.

dominating factor in marketing our wines."

Message to the consumer: If the price of the wine appears to be too good to be true, it probably is. Learn to read front and back labels, and especially the fine print. It will tell you much about a wine's origin and there-

fore about its quality. It is up to you to learn about the best appellations, the best producers and the taste characteristics of their wines.

Wine Seminar: From 7:30-9:30 p.m. on consecutive Mondays, Jan. 19 through Feb. 9, at

Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, we will offer "What's Old is New Again," a comparison of old and new world wines. Merlot, fumé blanc, Rhone styles and Sangiovese are among wines to be tasted and compared. \$120 per person. Call (248) 644-3443 for registration or more details.

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.

Heaven from page B1

Whether you're the picture of good health, or a work in progress, Katzen's book will help you fill in the details with appetizers and salads, "Uncommon Everyday Soups," "A Dozen Tasty Bites," and dishes made with beans, grains and vegetables.

Her "Tidy Little Main Dishes," such as Pizzettas, are great dinner solutions for busy days, and "Pastas for Real Life" are "great one-dish meals for a person who lives alone, but also perfect for a

family of diverse tastes and needs."

There's "Never a Bland Moment," when you dress up vegetables pasta, casseroles and other dishes with "Condiments and Sauces."

And while we all know it is possible to have "Too Many Desserts," Katzen's recipes are a sweet ending for "Vegetable Heaven."

Diet from page B1

Nutrition Secret: Eating only chicken and fish makes you lose out on other powerful cholesterol lowering and weight loss foods such as tofu and other soybean products, beans and lentils. Switching to a plant-centered diet will help lessen your risk of

heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis and other diseases. As a bonus, studies have shown that people who change to a vegetarian diet become about 10 percent leaner.

If you follow these tips your natural mechanism for deter-

mining hunger and fullness will return, and you will lose and maintain your weight once and for all. Happy New Year.

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practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health." (Tall Tree Publishing Company). Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Black bean and veggie wraps ready in 20 minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
No time to cook? With or without

salsa, Black Bean & Veggie Wraps are ready to serve in about 20 minutes.

The secret to the speed of this recipe can be found in the ingredients: frozen vegetables, canned beans and taco seasoning mix.

BLACK BEAN & VEGGIE WRAPS
Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 4 minutes

- 3 cups frozen vegetable combination (broccoli, green beans, pearl onions and red peppers)
- 15-ounce can black or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix or 2 teaspoons chili

- powder plus 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup regular, light or non-fat sour cream
- Six 8-inch flavored or plain flour tortillas, warmed
- 3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

In 12-inch nonstick skillet place frozen vegetables and 1 tablespoon water.

Cover, cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crisply tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low.

Stir in beans and taco seasoning; continue cooking until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in sour cream.

To serve, spoon 1/2 cup of the bean mixture onto warm tortilla; sprinkle with about 2 tablespoons cheese. Fold opposite sides of tortilla in over filling (sides with slightly overlap).

Starting at bottom, tightly roll up tortilla. Place seam side down on plate or wrap in plastic food wrap or parchment paper. Serve with salsa and additional sour cream, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Cook's Notes: For Beefy Black Bean Wraps, add sliced deli Italian roast beef to bean mixture. To warm tortillas, wrap each tortilla in damp paper towels and cook on high (100 percent) power in a microwave oven for 10 to 15 seconds.

Nutrition facts per serving, using regular sour cream: 290 calories, 13 grams protein, 34 grams carbohydrates, 12 grams fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 390 mg sodium.

Nutrition facts per serving, using light sour cream: 270 calories, 13 grams protein, 36 grams carbohydrates, 9 grams fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 400 mg sodium.

Nutrition facts per serving, using nonfat sour cream: 270 calories, 13 grams protein, 37 grams carbohydrates, 8 grams fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 400 mg sodium.

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Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous DWF, 36, 5'8", dark/brown, Hawaiian, part-time college student, mom, enjoys bowling, billiard, dancing, sunbathing. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving SWM. **8517**

LET IT SNOW
Attractive, fun SWF, 35, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium-build, seeks friendship, romance, and someone to share the winter and skiing, snowball fights, and hot chocolate by the fire. **8313**

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SUV owner wanted 5'10", N/S no dependents, 39-50, enjoys nature, outdoors, up north, log cabins, dogs, blue jeans, spontaneous, college-educated, has town/country style and old-fashioned values. Serious about settling down. **8300**

LET'S LIVE
Attractive, SWF, 5'10", 29, fit, outgoing, enjoys traveling, sports, music, dining out and laughing, seeking SWM, 30-42, tall, fit, employed, very responsible, but not married to his job, and a good sense of humor. **8312**

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FROM THE HEART
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SEEKING ROMANCE
I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young looking 5'11, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking gent who's 50-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. **8775**

GEMINI GIRL
DF, 43, 5'8", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outdoorsy type of guy, who's sincere, fun, romantic, financially secure, who likes kids, for friendship and possible romance. **8781**

BLUE EYES, FULL LIPS
SF, 5'7", enjoys "Northern Exposure", travel, current events, entertaining, attractive, good cook. Seeking male, 40-60, with big ego. Self-respecting and kind-hearted only apply. **8782**

161 WAYS
SWF, Mom, Big Beautiful Woman, seeks N/S man, 40-65, who is into a little bit of everything. **8783**

WHAT IT TAKES
Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous SF, 44, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy gent, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. **87819**

NEW TO THIS, ARE YOU?
Humorous SWFF, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys golfing, cooking, going up North, boating, amusement parks. Seeking humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, Catholic SWPM, 29-38, 5'10", physically fit, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR, with the right man. **87780**

A GOOD WOMAN
Intelligent, attractive DWF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. **87846**

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWF, 70, feels younger, seeking WM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. **87849**

OLD-FASHIONED
Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, older mals, all winter activities. Seeking caring, tall, romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. **87853**

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE
Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. **87864**

ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde/hazel, home owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock cars, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, animal lover, with passion for life, for romantic, monogamous LTR, possible marriage. **87824**

PRETTY, PETITE, BRUNETTE
DJF, 40ish, N/S single mom, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking romantic, caring honest SOUL, 40-49, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. **87902**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn/blue, hopeless romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 26-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, music, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. **87907**

SPECIAL WOMAN
Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, outgoing, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, N/S, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship. C&W dancing a plus. No games please. **87935**

LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE
DBF, 5'4", 120lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks SO Indian M, with long hair, 7'5"-7'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, kind for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. **87936**

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I didn't think it would be hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired, in shape, college-educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman - me. Please help me and my search - quick! **87937**

54 AND PRETTY
Two lives can be joined together in friendship. Pretty SWF, short blonde/blue, sometimes shy, but always honest, enjoys fine dining, and casinos. **8042**

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Attractive SWF, 25, 4'10", 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, late evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. **8044**

NORDIC SKI ENTHUSIAST
Attractive, fit, petite SWF, 40 plus, seeks ski partner for weekend trips, North, Lower. Up if you know difference between "free style/skiing" and "classic" can ski 20K plus (both styles), call me. **8046**

FUN-LOVING, PRETTY, CULTURED
Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciate kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, secure, tall gentleman, 45-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. **8050**

FAST, CHEAP, OUT OF CONTROL
That's not me! Humorous, honest, intelligent DWF, mid-40s, N/S, seeks fun, romantic, financially secure gentleman, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games I'll play are monopoly and pinball. **8059**

PRINCESS NEEDS PRINCE
Playful, fun SWF, 27, 5'2", medium build, brown/brown, enjoys outdoors, sports, camping, dancing, and much more. Seeking SWM, 24-35, with similar interests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. **8061**

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE...
professional DWF, with a passion for love and life, enjoy jazz, the arts, fine dining, some sports, outdoors. Seeking tall, handsome, confident, N/S PM, 40-53. Race open. **87958**

KIND-HEARTED
DWF, 40, Auburn/green, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, antiques, art. Seeking tall, HW proportionate, N/S, N/D, for friendship. **87961**

A LITTLE SHY
42, 5'7", reddish, honest, loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. **87962**

CAN YOU GIVE 110%?
If treated the same, you get it all: loving, caring, passionate, blonde/blue, 41, no one believes it, love hockey, bowling, 4-wheeling, sledding. Seeking Mr. Wonderful, 30-42, attractive, loving kids, you won't be disappointed. **87964**

LUCKY YOU
Pettie SWF, N/S, outgoing, senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 65-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. **7981**

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
Young 62 year old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship/friendship of a man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, dining in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. **7985**

HAPPINESS IS A...
cute, petite, blonde/blue SWF, 27, down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. Seeking friendship, possible LTR, with the right man. **7995**

CASINO ROYALE
DWF, 39, full-figured, shy, hard worker, smoker, enjoys bingo, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality unimportant. **7999**

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

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

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH
Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA, degreed, into hiking, reading, antiquing, giggling, seeks SWM, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. **7998**

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES
Attractive DWF, young 49, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. **8083**

SEEKING THE MAGIC AGAIN
Are you? DWF, young 54, varied interests. Seeking older soulmate, social drinker only, who'll treat a lady like a lady, for special relationship. Loves warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. **8023**

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED...
you're looking for a petite, creative, sensitive, very attractive, multi-degreed SPF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and rollerblades on her feet. Seeking intelligent man, 45-60. Physical fitness important. **7821**

SPECIAL LADY
Sensuous, attractive DWF, 5'5", 135lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, seeks tall SWM, 45+, to share fun, romance, and adventure in re-inventing LTR. Serious only reply. **8033**

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

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN
Non-smoker, AF, 36, seeks active health-conscious, dependent-free WM 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. **8040**

PROTECTIVE GENTLEMAN ONLY
DWF, 29, 5'7", Auburn hair, mother of two, college grads. Seeking tall, large SWM 35-55, to find out what life is really about. Kids are great! **8053**

FIRST TIME AD
DWF, 50s, seeks confident, tall SWM, financially secure, 50s, who enjoys traveling, dining in/out, movies, sports, for friendship first. **80475**

SWEET BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Pretty intelligent SWF, 22, 5'7", college student, seeks sweet, honest, funny, intelligent, attractive SWM, 22-30, who enjoys music, travel, hockey, travel, romance, for friendship first, maybe more. **80476**

ATTRACTIVE MAN WANTED
SF, seeks handsome SM, 6' slim build, who enjoys going out, and having fun, for LTR. **80519**

GREAT COMBINATION
Classy, vivacious, energetic SWFF, 23, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, theater, travel, conversation, Pistons, and the Red Wings. Seeking SWPM, 30+, to share same interests. **8037**

I HAVE ELAN
Eclectic, attractive, active, classy, slender SF, 5'7", brunet/hazel, N/S, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, music, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking a tall, special, loyal, active flexible, fun gentleman, 50+, **8086**

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

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

HAVE HERPET?
SWF, 38, smart, attractive, fun-loving, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, travel and more. Seeking a humorous, honest, marriage-minded, N/S man with herpes, to build a relationship. **8130**

FUSSY BUT FUN
Pettie SWFF, 45, enjoys reading, movies, sports, concerts, and late living, seeks "normal" PM, 43-52, average height/weight. **8273**

LOOKING FOR THE SAME!
Let me introduce myself. I'm a 49, N/S, DWF, with red hair. I only have one natural high and that's life! I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon. **7953**

OUR TURN NOW
why not, DWF, late 40s, seeks degreed, N/S, for life's finer moments, let's journey through life together, enjoys diners, plays, stimulating conversation, travel, and antiques. Now that the kids are raised, it's our turn to enjoy life. **8090**

ONE-OF-A-KIND
SBM, 34, 5'10", slim, dark, handsome, financially secure, attentive, caring, fun-loving, passionate, family-oriented, sincere, romantic. Seeking attractive, independent, energetic, honest, secure, N/S SF, HW proportionate, for LTR. Race open. **8225**

DON'T LOOK BACK
Handsome, fit, sensitive, spiritual, romantic, fun DWM, 45, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys blues, blades, dinner, movies, dancing, candlelight, cozy times. Seeking down-to-earth SF, 35-42, 5'5"-5'8", slim, knows where happiness starts. **8520**

HONEST AND SINCERE
Coccolate DWF, SM, 5'11", 160lbs, smoker, social drinker, manager, enjoys sports, dining in/out, movies, being out with friends. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere SF, who enjoys having fun. No games. **8521**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Handsome DWFPM, 30s, N/S, ND, businessman, body builder, runner, seeks attractive, intelligent, open-minded, athletic SF, HW proportionate, for possible relationship. **8564**

BROADEN MY HORIZON
SWM, 35, 6' 200lbs, sometimes a church-goer, gym member, seeks SF, for fun times, and sharing life's twists and turns. **8565**

ANYTHING ONCE, TWICE...
if it's outdoors, Athletic SWM, 32, 5'8", 175lbs, teddy bear physique, brown/tan hair, enjoys spending time with family/friends. Seeking petite SWF, 25-40, slim, for open, honest relationship. Kids ok. **8566**

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"
Attractive, humorous, honest, educated, never married, Catholic WM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blonde/blue, N/S. Appreciates: classically, walks, five sides, music, and small towns. LTR. No games. **8566**

RELATE, THEN IT'S A DATE!
Slim, sensual, Taurus, spiritual SM, 44, 5'9", 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SF, soulmate, 33-43, who enjoys boating, beach walks, volleyball, tennis, art, dancing, coffee houses, ethnic dining. **8567**

SEEKING COMPANION
DWM, 40, 180lbs, european, homeowner, enjoys outdoor life, soccer, movies, and traveling, seeks attractive, loving, considerate, sharing woman, 30-45, kids welcome. **8569**

WHY BE ALONE?
Good-looking, thoughtful, caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. **8562**

SPIRITUALLY MINDED
Intelligent, philosophical SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys nature, quiet meditation, long walks. Seeking very secure, non-materialistic SF, for companionship, possibly more. **8563**

SINGLE IN DETROIT
Honest, down-to-earth, SBM, mid-30s, like to meet special SF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship like movies, concerts, special times together. **8564**

JERRY SEEKING ELAINE
Open-minded SM, young 53, 5'10", brown/blue, enjoys activities that most people enjoy. Seeking warm, caring, monogamous SF. Hope to hear from you soon. **8567**

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL?
Handsome, romantic, athletic, big-hearted SWM, 24, 5'11", clean-cut, dark-haired, seeks slender, active WF, beautiful inside/outside and it means one special in her life. Age unimportant. **8568**

MISSING INGREDIENT
Romantic, caring SWM, 28, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music, and romantic times. Seeking sincere, honest SWF, 21-32, for possible LTR. **8573**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Self-reliant, honest, romantic SWM, 25, college graduate, financially independent, never married, enjoys cooking, movies, outdoor activities, hiking and fishes now and again. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who is interested in developing a possible LTR. **8574**

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, 28, 5'10", 155lbs, professional, dark hair and eyes, considered good-looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sports, events, good conversation, humor, and trying new things. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. **8578**

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
SWM, late 30s, 5'11", 180lbs, former EWS impersonator, loves dancing, walking, sports, and romance. Seeking woman, 30-45, for serious relationship. **8544**

MY FIRST AD
DWM, 40, ND, N/S, likes working out, rollerblading, taking walks, movies, quiet evenings around the house, with my dogs, seeks female, 35+, height/weight unimportant, but must have nice personality, and similar interests. **8546**

SEEKING
SWPM, 50, ND, N/S, successful, professional, good career, healthy, fun-loving, Seeking attractive, petite female, 28-38, for quality good times and Florida travel. Race unimportant. **85216**

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU!
Attractive, outgoing SWM, 46, very caring, giving, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking sincere in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. **85220**

INTERNATIONAL
SWM, 31, 6', 165lbs, boyish good looking, professional, enjoys good food/drink, black and white photography, music. Seeking trim, unpretentious, Asian, Persian or Hispanic female, 25-35, 5'4", **85221**

THE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP
Would consist of honesty, friendship, trust, communication, romance, passion, adventure, fun. Handsome, articulate, confident, athletic SWM, 44, 5'11", enjoys music, people watching, biking outdoors, seeks sincere, pretty, slender SWF, 18-34, **85228**

PREFERS BLACK FEMALE
Handsome, athletic, honest, romantic, sincere, Italian SWM, 24, 6', dark hair, enjoys music, working out, having fun. Seeking slim, attractive, sexy, romantic SF, 18-30, for friendship, fun, possible relationship. **85115**

CHILD OF UNIVERSE
Spiritual, growth-minded SWM, 41, seeking stable, proportional SWF, 32-42, **85118**

A GOOD CATCH
SWM, 5'9", 175lbs, 48, offers kindness, security, good sense of humor. Seeking sincere, loving female. All responses answered. **85119**

RED WINGS RULE!
The Stanley Cup is pure! Handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 24, loves sports, rollerblading, music, movies, romance, outdoors. Seeking attractive, athletic, sincere, outgoing SWF, 18-28, for friendship, summer fun, maybe more. **85127**

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
Loving, caring, honest, sensitive SWM from overseas, 26, 5'6", 170lbs, black/blue, seeks same in an attractive SWF, 18-35, **85128**

QUIET GENTLE SINCERE
DWM, mid-40s, 5'8", 155lbs, seeks companionship for dining out, movies, theater, comedy clubs, sporting events, romantic evenings at home, age/looks not as important as friendliness and compatibility. **85131**

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, caring, slim SWF, 20-40, for friendship, with the possibility of something more serious. **85132**

FIRST-TIME AD
Seeking SWF, 27-30, under 5'4", N/S, HW proportionate. Profession or social status unimportant. Will return all calls. **85175**

HAPPINESS COUNTS
SWPM, 33, 5'10", never married, nice-looking, enjoys dinner, dancing, sports and companionship. Seeking SWF, 25-33, down-to-earth, for meaningful relationship. **85177**

NORMAL GUY
Active, hard-working SF, 39, 5'5", 150lbs, considered good-looking, honest, open, principled, outgoing and romantic. More interested in who you are, than what you do. **85136**

TALL
WM, 60, 6'1", 195lbs, handsome, college graduate, good health, financially independent. Seeking WF 45+, pretty and slender. **85137**

DOES ANYONE READ THESE?
SWM, 35, N/S, HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover, HW proportionate for friendship, relationship, marriage. **85138**

S.O.S.
Please save this somewhat shy, professional, slim SWM, 29, from being sure, enjoys racquetball, music, computers, and trying new things. Seeking SWF, N/S, for friendship leading to LTR. **85139**

TIED OF BARE SCENE?
Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, romantic, sincere, SWM, 24, 5'11", black/green, enjoys outdoors, music, animals, hiking, rollerblading, people watching, parks, movies, making people laugh, seeks, slender SWF, 18-28, with similar interests, and characteristics. **85141**

LOOKING FOR A LADY-FRIEND
Honest, intelligent, open-minded SBM, 28, seeks honest open-minded SF, 18-24, who would like a commitment. **85210**

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Relax: These products from Carol Lewis Skin Care, 386 East Maple, Birmingham, may help perk you up when you're stuck in bed. They include a heart-shaped warm bag that helps relieve neck and shoulder pain, mosaic powder compacts to add some color to the face. (248) 642-1570.

Chase away the flu blues

Sometimes, the best cure for whatever ails you — especially if you have a cold or the flu — is bed rest. Here are some blankets, beverages, soups and books to help you get through a day spent under the covers.

If you're in the market for a new blanket, you might want to check out those made by Dakota with Malden Mills' Polarfleece fabric.

These blankets are very soft and come in a variety of colors. But what sets them apart is their thermal efficiency. In other words, they're lightweight and yet have a very high insulating value. According to tests conducted by U.S. Testing Inc., Polarfleece (which is 100 percent polyester) has a higher thermal efficiency than cashmere, acrylic, washable wool and thermal cotton.

Polarfleece bedding is available at Hudson's. Throws are regularly priced at about \$60 on up, and bed blankets start at about \$130 (for a twin), but they may be on sale. They were about half price the week after Christmas. A hot cup of coffee or cocoa is nice to have when you're under the weather. Why not try a Marshall Field's Frango coffee or cocoa sampler? The coffee sampler includes caramel, pecan praline, mint chocolate and cappuccino flavored coffee, each in a 2-ounce bag. The cocoa sampler includes mint-chocolate, caramel, raspberry chocolate, and cappuccino chocolate flavored cocoa, each in a 2.5-ounce bag, \$12 at Hudson's.

Soup is also good to have when you're sick. For something different, you could try a gourmet soup mix, like the Frontier Soups carried by Jacobson's, or Canterbury Cuisine soup mixes, which I found at the Merchant of Vino, Birmingham. Frontier Soup's Connecticut Cottage Chicken Noodle soup makes six cups of soup, is ready in about 30 minutes and costs about \$6. Canterbury Cuisine's Chicken 'N Noodle Soup costs about \$4.50, serves 10.

Speaking of soup, what about a little "Chicken Soup for the Soul" (a New York Times #1 best seller) or any of the other books in the widely popular Chicken Soup series. Published by Health Communications Inc., the books are written by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and in some cases additional authors. The books are in paperback and cost about \$13 each.

Each of the books features 101 short, inspirational stories to, as the authors put it, "Open the hearts and rekindle the spirit." Some of the stories are from celebrities.

If you prefer a good mystery, Mary Millington, a bookseller with Little Professor Book Store in Plymouth, recommends any of the "Alex Cross" mysteries by James Patterson (the latest is "Cat and Mouse," published by Warner, or "The Last Family" by John Ramsey Miller, by Bantam).

For a humorous book, I recommend "Letters from a Nut," by Ted L. Nancy, with a forward by Jerry Seinfeld and published by Avon Books. It's a compilation of hilarious letters — filled with absurd comments and questions — that Nancy sent as a consumer to various corporations. The responses he got back are so polite and serious that they're funny. I roared.

Mall walkers register for supportive clubs



It's time to walk off all those holiday cookies as mall walking clubs hold registrations for programs offering incentives and perks to shoppers who want to keep fit.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

Walking programs at the area's larger shopping centers allow you a free fitness workout in a climate-controlled environment and the chance to earn prizes for your efforts.

And since the neighborhood medical center usually co-sponsors the walking club, you get free monthly health tests and information seminars as an added bonus.

At Twelve Oaks in Novi, the mall even arranges for low-impact aerobic classes for its walkers each Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Lord & Taylor court. The class is instructed by staff from the University of Michigan's Health Education Department and is well-attended by regulars who have incorporated the morning program into their weekly routine.

As walkers keep track of their "miles," many malls reward them for milestones reached with fanny packs, T-shirts and water bottles.

The malls with organized walking clubs urge interested shoppers to register for membership now, through the management office or Information Desk. An identification badge is usually issued to members along with a newsletter and outline of the program. You may be requested to sign a waiver.

Fairlane: Southfield Fwy./Michigan Ave. Dearborn. Doors open to walkers at 8 a.m. near movies entrance. Walkers club co-sponsored by Oakwood Hospital. (313) 593-3546.

Lakeside: M-59 & Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Four main entrances open to walkers at 8 a.m. Sundays 10 a.m. The Inside Track walking club is co-sponsored by St. Joseph's Healthier Image. Sign up at the agency's "store," lower level Sears Court. (810) 247-4131.

Laurel Park Place: Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. Doors open to walkers at 8 a.m. Max & Erma's Entrance off Six Mile. The Walking Club includes blood pressure screenings by Botsford Hospital staff, 4th Monday of each month near Jacobson's. (313) 462-1100.

Livonia Mall: Seven Mile/Middlebelt. Doors open to walkers at 7:30 a.m. through Entrance G. Walkers Club is co-sponsored by Botsford General

Hospital. Blood pressure screenings 8-10 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. (248) 476-1160.

Meadowbrook Village Mall: Walton/Adams, Rochester Hills. Main entrance opens to walkers at 7 a.m. No formal walking club. (248) 375-9451.

Oakland Mall: 14 Mile/John R. Troy. Doors open to walkers at 8:30 a.m. through glass canopy off 14 Mile or entrance near movies. Sign up for Club Tread at the lower level Information Booth. (248) 585-6000.

Northland Center: Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. Doors open to walkers at 8:30 a.m. through Entrance C near T.J. Maxx. Pacers is the well-attended formal walking club. (248) 557-0460.

Somerset Collection: Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. Blue Cross co-sponsors Walk About Club, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily with incentives and communique for members. Through main mall entrances. (248) 643-6360.

Summit Place: Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. Doors open to walkers at 7 a.m. near Picnic food court. All other doors open at 8 a.m. No formal walking club. (248) 682-0123.

Tel-Twelve Mall: Telegraph/12 Mile, Southfield. Opens for walkers at 8 a.m. through entrance nearest Kmart. No formal walking program. (248) 353-4111.

Twelve Oaks: 12 Mile/Novi Roads. Novi. Opens to walkers at 8 a.m. Fitness Over 50, a low-impact aerobics program, Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. in Lord & Taylor Court area. (248) 348-9438.

Westland Center: Wayne/Warren Roads. Doors open to walkers at 7 a.m. use Olga's Entrance. Westland Walkers program meets second Wednesday of each month with health programs. (313) 425-5001.

Wonderland Mall: Plymouth/Middlebelt in Livonia. All doors open to walkers at 7:30 a.m. Sunday 10 a.m. Wonder Walkers Club offers free blood pressure screenings by St. Mary's staff 8-10 a.m. near Information Desk, second Monday of each month. (313) 522-4100.

Promoting AirTouch



Scoring a goal: Christine Buckley, 14, of Birmingham, is elated to get an autograph from Detroit Red Wings center Kris Draper, while right wing Darren McCarty takes a phone break at Air Touch Cellular's Easy Store, 128 South Old Woodward in Birmingham, recently. About 150 hockey fans lined up to get the players' signatures on everything from pucks to hats, to the shirts off their backs.

TIPS BEFORE YOU START A WALKING PROGRAM

- Consult your physician before starting any walking program
- Choose the proper walking attire. Shoes should have thick, flexible soles that cushion and absorb shock.
- Choose a partner to walk with to make walking more enjoyable and help you stick with your program.

— Courtesy of Laurel Park Place, Livonia and Botsford General Hospital

HOW TO FIND YOUR TARGET HEART RATE ZONE

- To condition your heart and lungs, you must bring your heart rate to a certain point called the Target Heart Rate. This is measured by taking your pulse.
- To calculate your target heart rate zone, subtract your age from 220. This is your maximum heart rate. (Example 220-50=170)
- Now multiply your maximum heart rate by 60% to 75% to find your target heart rate zone. (Example 170 x .60=102 & 170 x .75 = 127.50) The target heart rate zone in this example is from 102 to 127.5.
- To measure your pulse, place the tips of two fingers on your neck (carotid arteries) located to the left and right of your Adams Apple. Count your pulse for 10 seconds and multiply by six. (Example 18 beats x 6=180).
- Measure your pulse five minutes into your walk and again just before you finish.
- While walking, stay within your Target Heart Rate Zone.

Downtowns enjoy strong year-end sales

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

The Main Street shopping districts urged area residents to "Come Home for the Holidays," and year-end sales figures show — they did! Most downtown retailers saw gains up to 20-percent over last year.

On New Year's Eve, gift shop owner Larry Bird looked over the empty shelves at Gabriel's in downtown Plymouth and enjoyed a deep sigh of satisfaction.

"Wow," said the proprietor of his 15-year-old business. "My inventory is at an all-time low. Sales were up 18-percent over 1996 this November-December. My candle sales alone were up 80 percent. Point-of-sale tracking showed about one-third of our customers came from Plymouth. I guess when you take care of your customers, they take care of you."

Down the street at card and gift shop, sideways,

manager Sharon Peu said holiday sales "were very solid and up from last year."

"Anything to do with snowmen flew off the shelves," she said. "And the more elaborate gold and silver decor items, plus products from our gourmet shop, fared very well."

On the other side of town, Richard Astrein of Astrein Jewelers in downtown Birmingham, also let out a sigh of relief when he reviewed holiday sales figures.

"Last year we took a hit from Somerset North opening, but this year we got it all back," he said. "Our sales were up 20-percent. The big sellers were diamond pendants and diamond earrings at price points that were healthy — in the \$500 to \$2,500 range."

Down the street, Elizabeth Harp of Harp's Linerie, was also toasting a 20-percent sales increase.

"What a wonderful holiday shopping season this year," she exclaimed. "We sold our share of bras, body slimmers and peignoir sets. Business was very good."

In downtown Rochester, Sherrie Tattire of Bellissima, a unique home decor store, said holiday sales were excellent. "We have very little merchandise left," especially candles, candle holders and picture frames.

"I can't say sales were up over last year," she said.

"They were about the same, but shoppers seemed to be in a very 'up' mood, enjoying the experience of shopping in our store, appreciating our impressive packaging, and all the personal service. I think that's why they come downtown instead of the mall."

Monty Mitzelfeld of Mitzelfeld's Department store in Rochester, said year-end sales were better than last year's with men's sweaters and leather jackets, and women's sleep wear and lingerie leading the best-selling categories.

Randy Norman of Eli's Menswear in Troy said he was disappointed in this year's holiday sales, "which were down from last year, but still good."

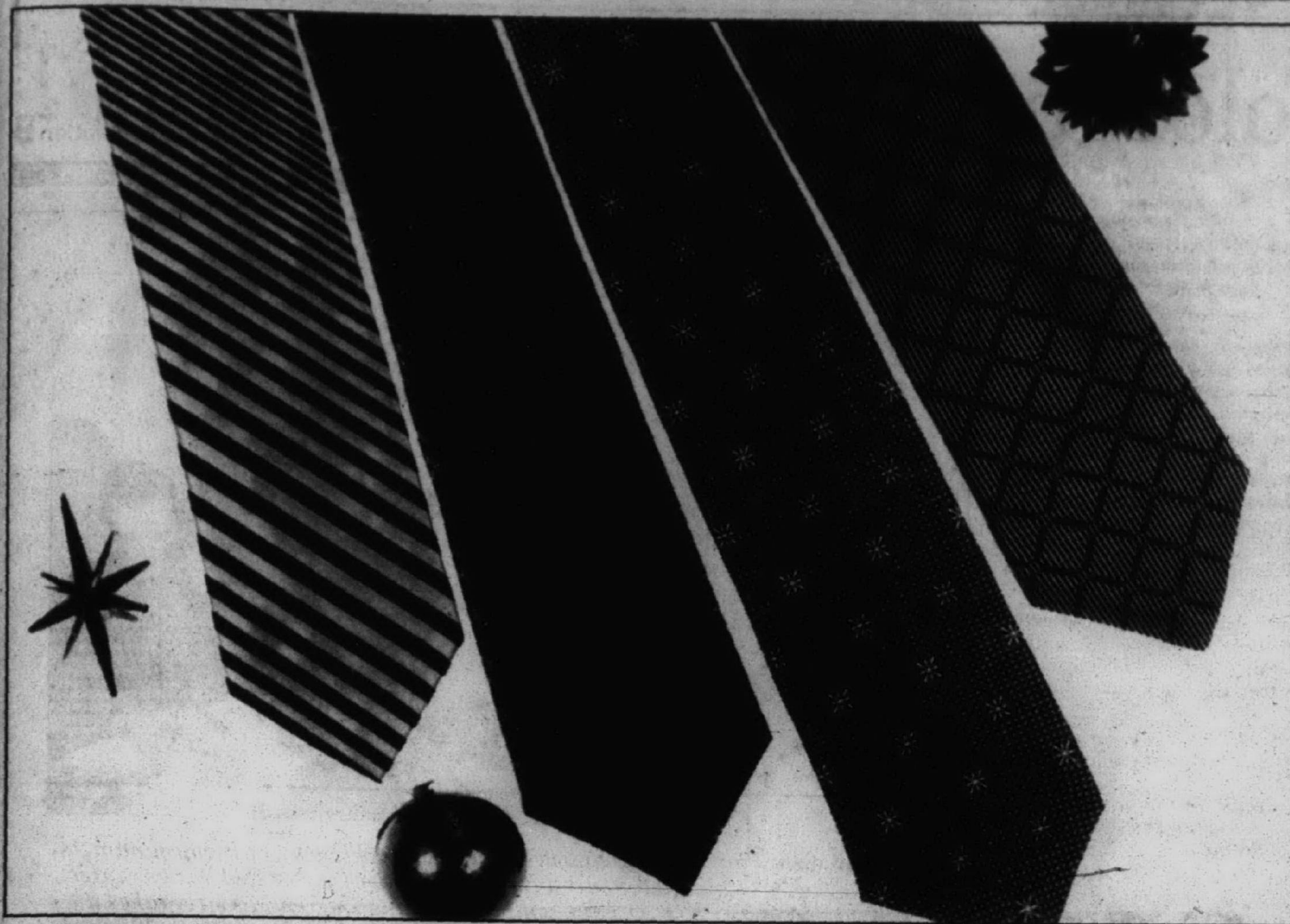
"We sold a lot of casual clothing like sweaters, shirts and slacks, but suits were dead. I guess guys are just not dressing up like before."



Perfect fit: Carrie Lipsitz of West Bloomfield gets help picking out shoes from store owner Jayme Leib at Imelda's Closet in downtown Birmingham during the city's Mid-night Madness sale in mid-December.

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Tie one on: Shown from left, a classic woven silk stripe in silver and black; an all over pattern printed on silk in shades of rust, blue and ecru; a printed silk star and check motif in putty, brown and gold; a richly textured woven silk grid design in silver, gray and blue.

There are some tricks to buying the right tie

Men are from Mars and women are from Venus even when it comes to neckties.

Some 20 million ties will be purchased as gifts this holiday season, according to the Neckwear Association of America. Most will be purchased by women and given to men. Some will be worn infrequently.

The reason, according to the Neckwear Association of America, is that men and women view ties differently.

"A man sees a tie as an extension of his personality. A tie has a lot of ego involvement. He wants a tie that says something about himself," Gerald Andersen, executive director observes. "Panel studies indicate that women opt for a tie that is bolder... that takes a man out of himself and expands his boundaries. But, this is dangerous territory for most guys," he continues.

This season's tremendous diversity of tie patterns and colors — ranging from elegant and conservative to bold and colorful — allows for greater expression than ever. "The old give-it-and-he-will-wear-it-days are over," Andersen says. "A tie gift that is not an expression of his taste, interests or personality is headed straight for the bottom of the sock drawer."

With a little care and forethought, a tie is

a great gift. Ties are fun to shop for; one size fits all, and the right tie is the most personal and satisfying gift a man can receive.

The NAA offers a few tips that can assure gift giving success:

- Buy a tie that fits his taste, not necessarily yours. Stay away from that great looking tie if it looks like nothing you have ever seen him wear before. If you want to expand his boundaries, do it gradually. For example, if he favors stripes try the new horizontal woven stripes in bright colorations.

- Check out his wardrobe. Start with his tie rack, of course, and determine if there is a color and pattern theme that runs through his collection. If so, something in the same feeling will surely be welcomed. Is an old favorite looking a little worn? A close match will surely become a new favorite. Take a look at what's at the bottom of the rack or has a little accumulation of dust. Avoid repeating these mistakes.

- His shirt drawer, can also give you important clues. Button down collars are best accessorized with traditional designs or more casual neckwear such as conversationals. Fashionable spread collars go better with dressier looks, such as the beautiful wovens popular today, and designer ties.

Has he been adding the new deep tone dress shirts to his collection? If so, today's bright toned neckwear in shades of gold, red, purple and lime coordinate perfectly with the new shirt colors. If he is wearing denim shirts on Casual Friday, try a tie in a retro look or conversational in cotton or wool.

- Check his clothing wardrobe. Does he mainly wear suits? If so, today's elegant wovens in horizontal or vertical stripes; geometrics, or textured solids in iridescent shades are a good bet. If he is wearing mainly sport coats and blazers, more relaxed looks like conversational charity ties and updated traditionals would be a good choice.

- Check his labels. If he has a favorite brand or designer name, this is a safe choice.
- Consider his interests. A tie that reflects a hobby or interest is always a safe bet. Today, there is a wider selection of such ties available than ever with golf and cigar motifs leading the way this holiday season. However, everything from architecture to zebras is illustrated on neckwear today.

- A final note: the fashion color pallet this holiday season tends toward bright tones like reds and French blue and somewhat unusual colors like lime, purple, gold, copper and rust.

Where can I find?

(248) 901-2555

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

What we found:

- Correction! Tetra D can be found at the Crescent Continental Co. (313) 867-5675.
- Mille Bourne, the French card game, was spotted in Toronto's Eaton Center and at the Noodle Kidoodle, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.
- Old albums and records can be found through Collectors Choice, 1-800-923-1122, or the Music Search, 1-900-737-6647.
- Galore cologne by Germaine Montell can only be purchased in Europe these days.
- A wonderful reader sent in a photo of all the Santabears along her stairs and we passed it along to the searcher, Maggie.

We're still looking for:

- A selection of 36-inch, short-rise, wool dress slacks, plus an old-fashioned sock darning tool (a stump?) You stretch a sock over it and sew it for Myron Stein of Southfield.
- Someone who can crochet a cover (from a model) for a Tabasco bottle, like a sombrero and serape with bottle cover for Clare Reading of Bloomfield Hills.
- A Batman and Robin bath mat or a small rug for a little boy's bathroom for Corey Katz of Northville.
- The game Hotel, and Kismet dice.
- A silver Christmas tree and revolving color wheel, plus the Don't Go With Strangers book for Sally.
- A Mrs. Beasley doll for Shannon of Garden City.
- Janet would like dresses by Chez. Once they were carried at SYS on Southfield but they are no longer in business.
- A microwave turntable that comes apart or cleaning for Shirley.
- Edwin jeans for girls and Big Ben jeans for boys for Karen.
- Bottom Better diaper rash cream for Cheryl of Westland.
- Kathy needs all solid color borders including black. She saw them on display but can't remember where.
- The book and record from the late '60s Shy Truckee. It's about an elephant.
- John wants a race track game from the '60s called Tric Trax.
- The address for E.J. Danish modern chair cushions.
- Debbie is looking for a Mary Mag power doll house from the mid '60s on magnetic stilts in its entirety.
- Fuzzy Wuzzy soaps.
- Denim bib overalls 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 publication Two Cute Sock Dolls for Kathy.
- The old board game, Call My Bluff, for Joe, Livonia.

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 Newspaper's 805. E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

New jeweler in town

Richard Grinstein is selling designs at 162 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The master goldsmith studied at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and has been an international design winner executing his pieces in high karat gold and gemstones. He welcomes inquiries at (248) 647-4414.

Hudson's announces personnel changes

Debbie Harms of Minneapolis is Hudson's new regional visual manager and Michelle Shulman of Ann Arbor is the company's new public relations manager.

Harms has been with the Dayton Hudson Co. since 1988, serving as display manager in several locations across the country. Shulman comes from a six-year stint with Campbell & Co. in Dearborn where she handled accounts with Ford Motor Co.

Plymouth Chamber elects 1998 officers

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has elected its 1998 officers: President Bob Seestadt of NBD Bank; President-Elect Bill Pratt of General Business Services; Vice presidents: Carl Schults of Sealant Equipment

and Engineering, Michele Ruppel of DiverseyLever and David Siegrist of Horizons Planning. Tony Welsh of AAA Michigan is ex-officio member. Newly elected to the board are Annette Horn of Native West, Wes Smith of E&E Manufacturing and Gary Bonnell of Skyway Precision.

Princess Di beanie bears will help local charities

Livonia Mall is holding a silent auction for a special edition Princess Diana Beanie Baby Bear (donated by Animation Station) to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The mall will accept bids through Jan. 25 via the mall management office, 29514 Seven Mile, Livonia, 48152. For more information call (248) 476-1160. (Bidding started at \$200.)

M.T. Hunter of Birmingham and Northville, also donated a shipment of the treasured bears to local charities to auction off. Owner Martha Twomey said the bears are selling for \$750 on the Internet.

Mall honors tree decorators

Winners of Livonia Mall's annual tree decorating contest include Alyssa MacDonald, 5; Michael Rose, 5; Danny Loughran, 3; Austin Wal, 6; Mary Rose Schmitz, 6; Joe Darga, 7; Lynne Schulz, 9; Michael Keskinen, 11; and Adam Blaszkiewicz, 9.

Shop closes after 30 years

Ralph and Jeanne Graham, owners of the Orthogonality store at 205 N. Woodward in Birmingham, announced plans to close on Jan. 29 after a

month-long inventory clearance which is under way.

The couple plans to retire, and expressed regrets at leaving behind the many loyal customers who have shopped at Orthogonality since it opened in the early '70s selling contemporary gifts, housewares and home furnishings.

"Much of what Orthogonality offers today is available in the area," he said. "We hope our sale will be beneficial to our many customers and friends and they will stop in and say good-bye."

For more details call (248) 642-1460.

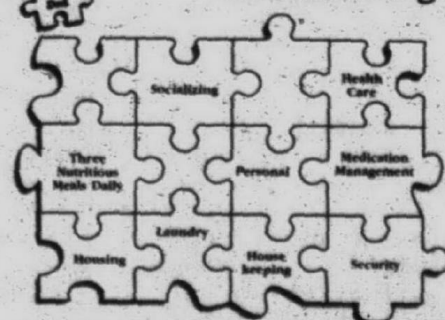
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Carrots bring color and flavor to every meal

Carrots are a valuable source of a wide variety of substances in foods called carotenoids with exotic names like cryptoxanthin and zeaxanthin. Carotenoids provide a wealth of health benefits, including protection from the damages of free radicals that have been linked to cancer. As antioxidants, they can help fight cancers of the bladder, larynx, esophagus, stomach, colon/rectum and prostate.

For carrots with the best nutrition, look for bright, even orange color and smooth skin. Avoid limp carrots. Select medium-sized, tapered carrots, which are sweeter and more flavorful than small ones, and more tender than larger, more mature carrots. Clip off any greens before storing, since they can sap moisture. Storing carrots in a perforated plastic bag in your crisper drawer will help them stay crunchy for several weeks.

Carrots are delicious served raw in salads or as crudites for dips, but winter is the perfect time to use them in warming, vegetable soups. Add chopped onion, celery, garlic, green beans and carrots to de-fatted chicken stock and simmer until the vegetables are tender. Season the mixture with salt, pepper, nutmeg, parsley and dill. Mix in spinach, peas and mushrooms and cook a few minutes more. For a richer-tasting thicker texture, puree all or part of the soup and heat through before serving.

Carrots can bring color and flavor to every part of a meal. When an eye-catching starter is needed, make a colorful carrot puree filling for zucchini boats, made by cutting cooked zucchini in half length-wise and removing the seed-filled centers to form a boat-shaped shell. As a savory side dish for baked fish or grilled chicken, pair sliced carrots with turnip cubes, sliced celery, chopped garlic and onion. Simmer the vegetables, covered, in chicken stock until they are tender. Uncover the pan and cook until the liquid is reduced to a glaze before serving.

Chinese stir-fries would be lackluster without the colorful crunch of carrots. Combined with chopped onion, broccoli florets, mushrooms and black beans, seasoned with a soy garlic-ginger cooking sauce, and served over steamed brown rice, they make a satisfying and nutritious meatless entree. Ginger-Roasted Carrots is a full-flavored dish that complements the lighter flavor of poultry and fish.

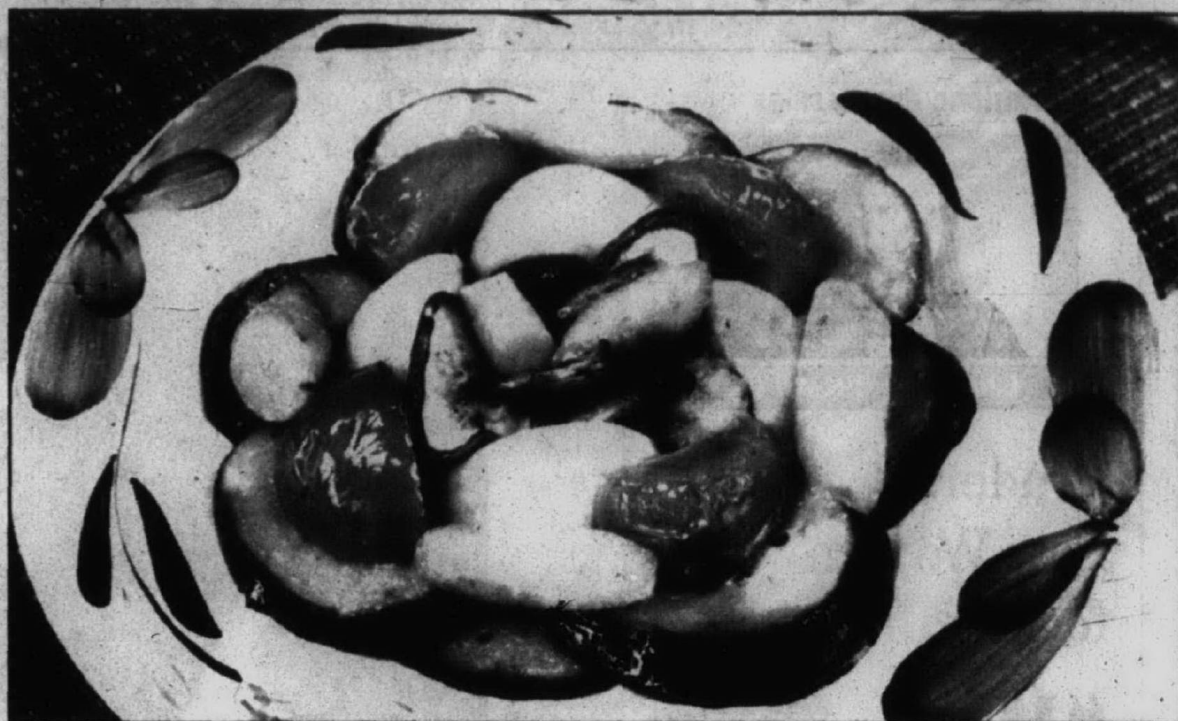
1 medium onion, quartered
1 medium tomato, quartered
1/4 pound mushrooms
2 large carrots, cut into thick diagonal slices

Preheat the oven to 425°F. In a large bowl, stir together maple syrup, sesame oil, ginger and red pepper sauce. Toss the vegetables with the ginger mixture, coating them evenly. Arrange the vegetables in a baking dish coated with non-stick cooking spray, pouring any remaining marinade over them.

Bake 30-35 minutes, until all the vegetables are browned and tender. You may wish to sear them briefly under the broiler to intensify their color. Serve immediately.

Each of the 4 servings contains 73 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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SPINACH DIP

1 package frozen chopped spinach thawed and drained well
1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts
1 cup non-dairy sour cream
1 cup low-fat non-dairy mayonnaise
1 package Lipton vegetable soup mix
1 round rye bread loaf

Combine ingredients and mix well. Chill for at least 2 hours. Cut out the center of a round rye bread loaf. Take the center piece of bread and cut it into cubes.

Fill the hollowed out bread bowl with the dip. Use the cubed pieces of bread as the garnish and serve together. Serves 56 (1 tablespoon each)

Per serving: 86 calories; 3g fat; 0g protein; 14g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 33mg sodium; 0g fiber.

BUCKWHEAT AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

8 ounces buckwheat pasta
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 cups cooked black beans or 1 (14 ounce) can black beans, drained
1 large red pepper, cut into chunks
6 to 12 black olives pitted and thinly sliced
1 tablespoon drained and minced capers
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Cook and drain pasta according to package directions. Plunge into cold water to stop cooking.

To make dressing: In a small bowl combine balsamic vinegar, oil, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Whisk well.

In a large bowl mix pasta, black beans, red pepper, black olives and capers. Pour dressing over pasta

and vegetables, and toss well. Garnish with fresh parsley. Serves 4.

Per serving: 416 calories; 12g fat; 14g protein; 63g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 495mg sodium; 8g fiber.

CANDY CARROTS

1 pound small baby carrots, cut in half
1/3 cup unsweetened apple juice concentrate, thawed
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine carrots and apple juice in a large saucepan and stir well. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook over moderate heat for 15 to 20 minutes, until carrots are tender-crisp. Add cinnamon and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Serves 6.

Per serving: 39 calories; 0g fat; 1g protein; 9g carbohydrate; 0mg cholesterol; 26mg sodium 3g fiber.

STUFFED MANICOTTI

Sauce
4 cups no salt added tomato sauce

1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons basil
2 teaspoons oregano

Filling

1 (10.5 ounce) package firm tofu, drained
1/2 cup grated soy mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup green onion, chopped
2 teaspoons basil, crushed
1/2 cup parsley, finely chopped
4 manicotti shells or 12 jumbo shell macaroni (4 ounces dry weight)

Combine the first 4 ingredients; set aside. In a small bowl, crumble tofu with a fork. Add mozzarella cheese, onion, remaining basil and oregano and parsley. Mix thoroughly. Gently stuff mixture into partially cooked manicotti shells (shell should be firm).

Spray a small casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place half of the tomato-herb sauce in the dish. Spread evenly. Place stuffed shells on sauce. Pour remaining sauce over the shells. Bake 30 minutes at 350°F. Serves 4.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Traders Pow Wow to form gallery

"We're still here" is a favorite saying at the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center. In fact, that's the premise behind the Dec. 16 opening of the business led by the Woodland Indians Trading Company — to let the public know that North American Indians are alive and making art.

Thanks to a group of traders (Karen Rossi, an Ojibwa living in Redford; Joyce Tinkham, an Ann Arbor artist; Niaga'a Indian and owner of Trillium Treasures in Dixboro; Andrea White (Ojibwa) and husband Truman (Oneida) owners of Turtle Island Living Art; Ruth Maracle (Mohawk), Ga-Weh-Ni'You Gallery, and Cherokee photographer S. Kay Young, art works by tribes ranging from Apache to Seneca and Potawatomi are for sale in the gallery.

Woodland Indians Trading Company board president Geo Fuhst (Ojibwa), one of the guiding forces behind

North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center

What: A gallery and gift shop featuring paintings, jewelry, pottery, and a variety of crafts created primarily by Woodland Indians.

Where: 17321 Telegraph, north of Six Mile, Suite 207.

Hours: Presently by appointment only. Call (313) 535-7602 or reach them at their Web site: <http://www.indian-world.org>

the first metropolitan Detroit outlet for North American Indian art, crafts and trade goods along with board vice president Adrienne Brant James (Mohawk), invites the public to visit the gallery.

"There's a big interest already in Native American art work," said Fuhst, a Redford Union Schools board member. "We have a good mix of traditional and contemporary.

If they come in, they may learn some new information. We're not just all feathers and horses. We're still around and we're here."

Located on Telegraph, north of Six Mile Road, the gallery offers authentic beaded works, drums (from hand-held to Pow Wow size), paintings, soapstone carvings, medicine wheels, kachina dolls, music, books, dream-catchers, pipestone pipes, ceramics and photography.

If you're looking for information on genealogy or a book on Indian Cooking, or "The Birds of Algonquin Legend," you're sure to find it here. If not, the staff will track it down for you.

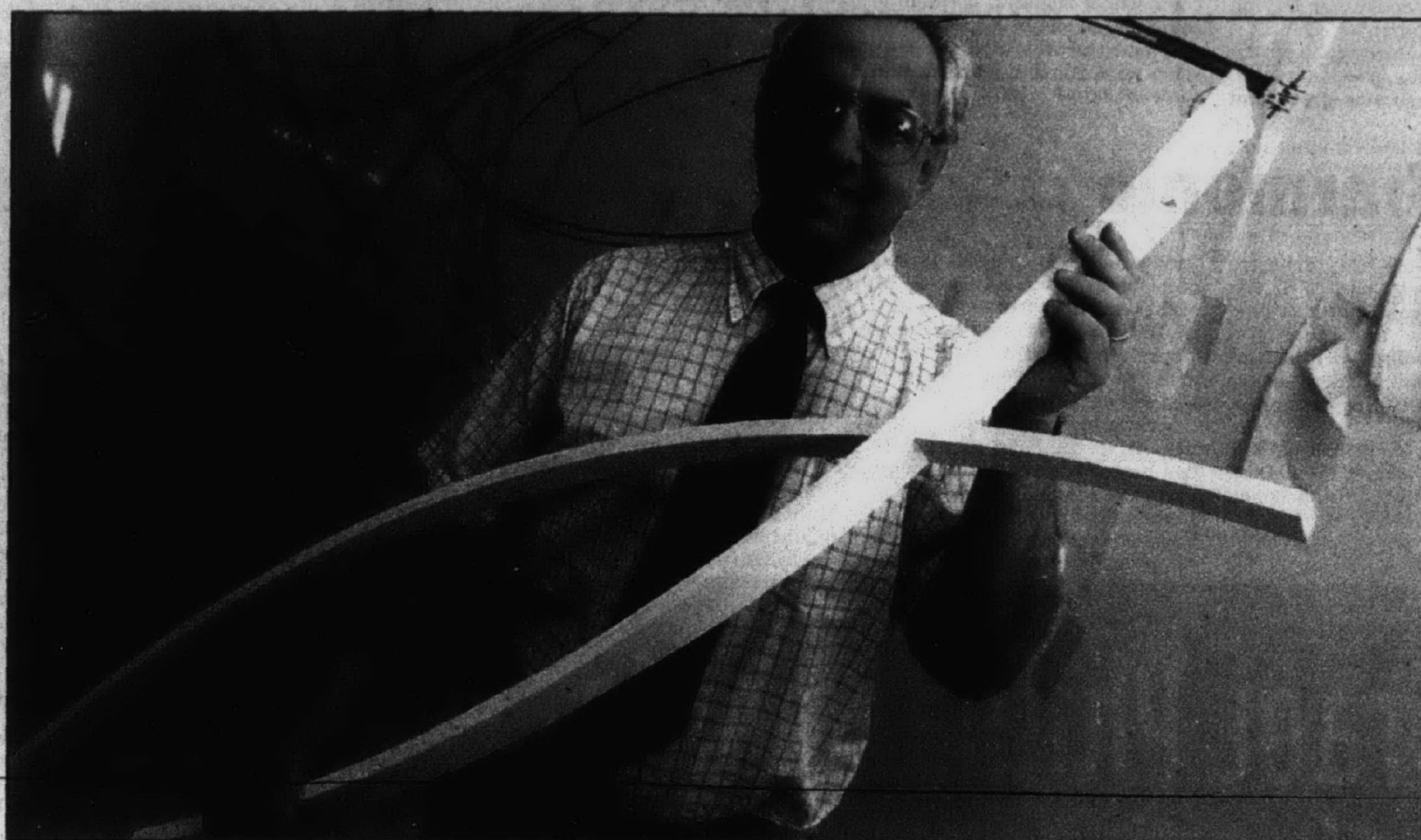
Opportunities for artists

"I think, the thing about Indian art is it's so culturally based; it comes out of our history," said James. "We opened the art gallery to try to provide opportunities for our people to make their work available. I want to

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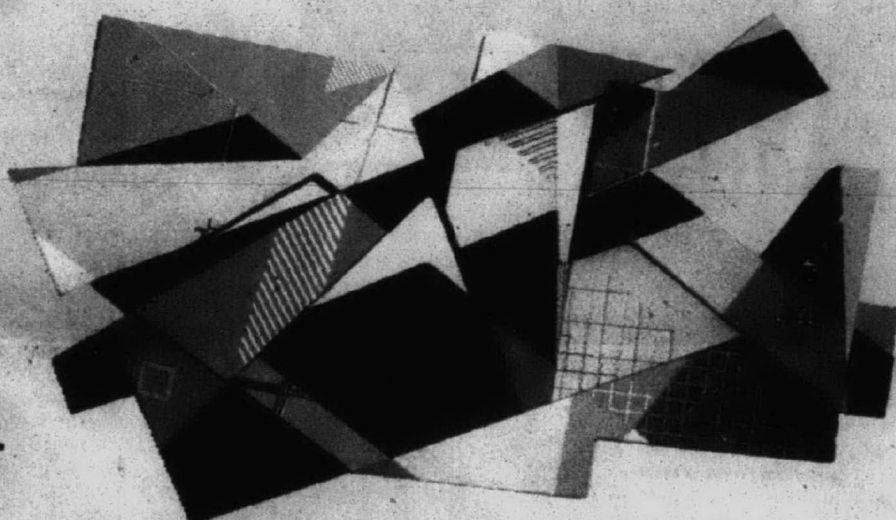
Native art: The North American Indian Art Gallery spotlights a variety of items including images by Cherokee photographer S. Kay Young, an instructor at the Turtle Island Learning Circle in Redford.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Colorful vision: Harold Linton of Farmington Hills, an internationally renowned colorist, seeks to increase awareness of how the application of color can enhance perception.

Artist colors our world with many hues



Engaging: Linton's fine art paintings, such as "Out in the Light," are distinguished by highly animated color schemes.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

The natural light in Harold Linton's Farmington Hills studio streams through the skylights and into a monochromatic work space.

There's no semblance of a trendy avocado hue or warm harvest gold. Just a few soft blue and violet splashes from a series of abstract watercolor paintings tacked to a white wall.

For a painter and color theorist whose advice on color schemes is sought internationally by architects and designers, Linton's studio is conspicuously without much pigmentation.

Similar to his decisively Piet Mondrian-like abstract paintings, Linton's neatly organized studio reflects a disciplined approach to illuminating a somewhat obscure field of study — color design.

Blessed with equal parts fine artist and methodical academician, Linton has both an aesthetic sensibility and practical explanation about those stimuli that make the optic nerve throb with pleasure.

"My goal is to define (the application of color) as a profession," said Linton, chair of the Department of Art and Design at Lawrence Tech University in Southfield. "I'm trying to build awareness of color and how it relates to perception and optical art."

For the last 15 years, Linton has written and published extensively — arguably, more than anyone — about the effect of color relationships on retail, design and architecture.

As proven by da Vinci, Rembrandt, Velazquez, Van Dyck and later by the Impressionists, capturing the subtleties of light illuminates and enhances the essence of a subject.

Linton puts it more directly: "Color is the subtext of life."

As the wheel turns

After his presentation at the first international conference on color education three years ago, Linton was invited to establish the first master's degree program for colorists in Europe at the University of Art and Design in Helsinki. Last year, Linton spent on sabbatical in Finland to initiate the program.

Besides teaching at Lawrence Tech, he's currently finishing his eighth book, "Color in Architecture: Design Methods for Buildings, Interiors and Urban Space," to be published next year by McGraw Hill.

Linton's other books include color forecasting for the design industry, a survey of color design in marketing and the use of color in three-dimensional design.

From computer-generated color schemes, to new palettes being created by the European fashion industry, Linton justifies and forecasts the colors used by marketers, interior designers, architects, graphic designers and product designers.

Hardly coincidental, the increased fascination over the last 40 years with color design emerged along with abstract painting, advertising and niche marketing.

"We're more sophisticated," said Linton. "To get our attention, more complicated hues and nuances of color have been created. You see it in automobile systems from year to year."

The breakthrough research on

the subject can be found in Josef Albers' 1960 classic, "Interaction of Color."

Albers is credited as laying a visual framework for color design, according to Linton. Investigating how light affects the perception of seeing, Albers examined the effects triggered by optical elements.

Until Albers, the field of color theory was largely shaped by da Vinci's proclamation there were only six simple colors, and Sir Isaac Newton's notion of seven hues corresponding with the tones in the harmonic scale.

To some, color theorizing may seem superficial, but the proper color design can lead to significant breakthroughs.

For instance, by changing the color scheme in industrial environments in post World War II factories, one of the first color gurus, Faber Birren, helped to reduce accident rates while increasing productivity.

Nancy Kwaliek, chair of the division of interior design at the University of Texas, has contributed to changes in office-interior design.

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MUSIC

Israel Philharmonic is heart of nation's culture

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

For violist Yuri Gandelsman it was an easy decision to leave his native Russia and emigrate to Israel in 1990.

"When I emigrated I was a principal with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra. But Israel is the country of my family. I think I have to live here," he said. "And the orchestra is so wonderful."

The "orchestra" is the Israel Philharmonic, which brings its January tour of the United States to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium Jan. 10 under the direction of Zubin Mehta. It is part of the University Musical Society series.

Gandelsman is one of a long line of Russian emigres

to take positions in the IPO.

"This is one of the biggest parts of the orchestra, something like 30 percent," said Gandelsman by phone from his home in Tel Aviv. "Some people came in the '70s, some in the '80s and some in the '90s, really three generations. There are a lot of good musicians who have achieved important positions, first chair positions."

The IPO began as the Palestine Orchestra in 1936, 12 years before Israel became a nation.

Arturo Toscanini led the first concert of an orchestra composed of first chair musicians from Germany and Eastern Europe, who had lost their positions due to Nazism.

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Dedicated maestro: Zubin Mehta has led the Israel Philharmonic through some of the most turbulent history of recent times.

JACOB ANTRAM

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rior settings after studying the psychological effects of worker performance on environmental color. Kwaliek also helped design interior color schemes for the space shuttle.

Most obviously, said Linton, the subliminal impact of color design can be realized when considering the impact of product packaging on consumer buying habits, said Linton.

When used strategically with a design, cool blue, passionate red, mellow yellow, warm green and

vibrant orange can induce a range of emotions from calmness to a hyperactive desire to buy.

Basically, the evolution of color design is derived from the creative use of colors on the color wheel, which is made up of variations of red, yellow and blue.

Working with primary colors, triads and complements on the color wheel register, a range of combination can be achieved.

While the use of color may seem scientific and learned, Linton's work as a painter proves

that color design still appears to be more art than science.

Color of the times

Linton doesn't distinguish his work consulting clients on the use of color from his work as a fine artist.

Last November, Linton's playfully organic shaped canvas was placed in the Muskegon County Airport. The Yale-educated painter was awarded the commission after winning a

statewide competition.

Next month, he'll be a guest speaker at the international conference, "Color and Design: 21st Century Technology and Creativity," sponsored by the University of Art and Design in Helsinki.

The conference features lectures on a range of topics affecting color, including virtual reality, electronic imaging, digitalization, reproduction and special

effects in film.

"Color is a self-fulfilling prophecy," said Linton. "Color design has to do with people seeing things in greater detail than in previous years."

The search for new palettes isn't anything new. Through sophisticated diagnostic tools, archeologists are realizing that past cultures also sought a broader spectrum of colors.

The Parthenon built in 400 B.C., for instance, was believed to have been created in stark

white. Today, the temple built in honor of Athena is considered to have had an original polychromatic design, said Linton.

Ironically, Linton's research seems to recall the days when color design went beyond pleasing aesthetic sensibilities and served a functional purpose.

Like his ancestral colorists, for Linton, inspiration rides on a streaming beam of light coming from above.

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Over the years, the orchestra has been a vital part of the nation's life, continuing to play during wars and terrorist attacks, traveling to all cities within the small Middle Eastern country, and taking its music around the world.

"I think the orchestra plays a very important part in the cultural life of Israel," Gandelman said. "Our concert hall is for 3,000 people. We play the same concert five or six times in Tel

Aviv and every concert is sold out. I don't think there is an orchestra in any other country, including the United States, where an orchestra can play the same program five or six times and sell out."

Mehta, born in Bombay, and a member of the Parsi community, has been the orchestra's musical director since 1968, and was named director for life in 1981 because of his dedication to Israel and the orchestra. During

the 1967 Israel-Arab war Mehta left a tour of the Metropolitan Opera to join up with the IPO, and during the Yom Kippur War of 1973 he held special concerts for soldiers in the field. He also led performances during Scud missile attacks during the Persian Gulf War.

"It's difficult to talk about him," Gandelman said of Mehta. "He's one of the great conductors of our time. We enjoy working with him very much."

When he's here we are always working. We do concerts, record. Nobody knows how he has the power for everything."

And what about a Parsi's dedication to the Jewish nation? "It's very funny," Gandelman said with a hearty laugh, "he has an Indian heritage, but he's more Jewish than anyone else."

Mehta also served long tenures as musical director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.

Gandelman had established a solid career as a member of the esteemed Moscow Chamber Orchestra and as a soloist in Russia.

"My whole family is musical. My daughter has a position in orchestra, she plays violin. My son is studying music in Philadelphia and has played with the orchestra. My wife is a pianist," he said.

The Gandelman family has given concerts throughout Europe, England and Japan. He said they have performed fundraising concerts for the orchestra and for hospitals around the world.

The current IPO tour, marking Israel's 50th anniversary, begins Jan. 6 in San Francisco and ends Jan. 24 in Philadelphia. The concert in Ann Arbor will feature performances of Beethoven's

Symphony No. 3 (the "Eroica"), Richard Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," and a new work by Israeli composer Tzvi Avni, "Communion." In New York, the conducting baton will be passed to Kurt Mazur, musical director of the New York Philharmonic, for a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

"We are always working with other conductors," Gandelman said. "It's always challenging, different music all the time. We have a circle of conductors who we know, they come every two or three years. But we also welcome new names. We're always interested in doing music with others."

Playing with others is a hallmark of the IPO which is testified to by the special concert marking the orchestra's 60th anniversary in 1996 in Tel Aviv. The concert, released as a two-

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

What: Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica"), Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel," Avni's "Communion"

Where: Hill Auditorium, on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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see Indians gain the benefit. The idea is to make ourselves self sufficient, to benefit from our own work instead of others benefiting. It's a continuous struggle for us. We want the world to know we're still here and what our art stands for."

James pointed to a print by Indian artist Arnold Jacobs showing a steel worker walking high atop a skyscraper. An eagle placed directly behind the hardhat makes him look as if he has wings.

"It's terribly important to the Iroquois for people to know skyscrapers and bridges like the Penobscot Building, and Ambassador and Mackinac bridges were built by Indians," explained James, whose own interest in art sprang from her mother, a Mohawk painter.

Since Fuhst and James were instrumental in founding the Turtle Island Learning Circle, a native-based public school academy in Redford, a percentage of profits from the gallery benefits the school and other Native organizations such as Indian World, a nonprofit dedicated to serving the metro Detroit Indian community.

"There aren't many stores if people want to buy Indian products," said James. "We want people to know Woodland Indians art is every bit as beautiful as art by southwest Indians although the gallery does carry some southwest art."

Woodland Indians Trading Company began selling herbal products, teas, liniments and salves about a year ago. The gallery blossomed from there.

Temporary location

The location, however, is temporary as the partners are attempting to buy a location in Redford. They hope to move some time in March. The expanded space will allow the gallery to host demonstrations by artists as well as seminars on healing and wellness.

Traders Andrea and Truman White represent artists living all over Turtle Island, the Indian name for North America. They look for hand made silver jewelry, beaded purses, turtle bags, feather wrist bands and hair ties, black ash Woodland Indians baskets, and sweet grass barrettes at art shows and on the Pow Wow circuit.

"For Woodland Indians, the winters are very cold but in the southern areas, there's a lot of long sweet grass," said Andrea White, a Belleville resident and staff member at the Turtle Island Learning Circle. "Sweet grass is one of our four sacred plants and is used as a medicine."

After 10 years of exhibiting Indian art on the Pow Wow circuit, White is a wealth of information about the black ash bas-

kets and quill-covered boxes made from birch bark, porcupine quills and other natural materials.

"Not many people know basket makers have to ask the tree's permission before making a basket from it," said White. "One of the things I appreciate about these is that they're used; they're durable, practical. Things you use every day should be attractive. The baskets just last and last. I still have some baskets my grandmother made in the 1960s."

Local artists shown in the gallery include Joseph Smith of Southfield. The 24-year old started making his own dance regalia almost 10 years ago after learning from master native artists. Smith's chokers are made of faceted glass and natural bone, dyed with tea.

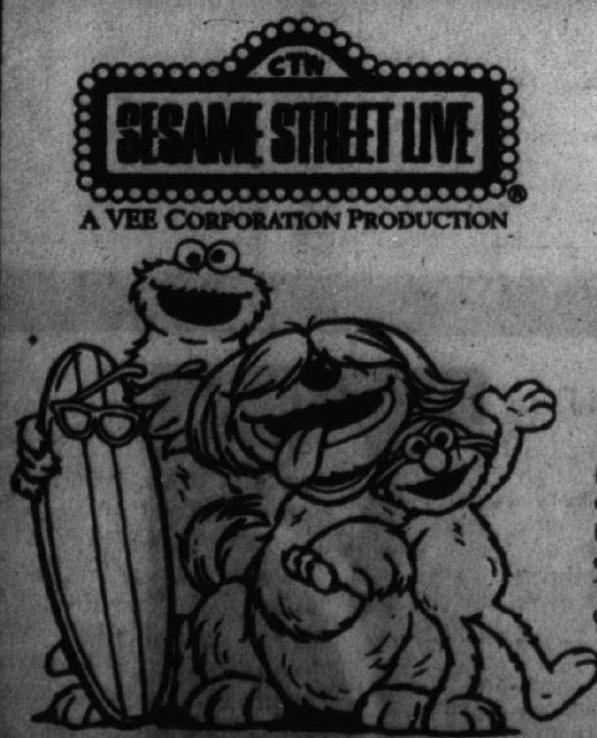
S. Kay Young, a graduate of Center for Creative Studies, began taking photography seriously 20 years ago. She worked in the photography department at the Detroit Institute of Arts for 10 years and has been published in numerous magazines. She teaches photography at the Turtle Island Living Circle. The DIA recently purchased a (digitally-imaged) Giclee print on watercolor paper by Young who favors Native Americans and nature as subjects.

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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Intricate art: The skills needed to make hand beaded accessories are usually learned in Indian communities.

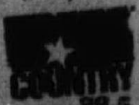


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AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ENTRIES

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS
Auditions for spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 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.

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

MICHIGAN DRAWING BIENNIAL '98
Hand deliver entries to Room 106 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University by 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Opening reception Tuesday, Feb. 3, exhibit through Feb. 20. For information, contact Eastern Michigan Art Department.

BREVARD MUSIC CENTER 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 Johnson, (704) 884-2975.

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.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN
Call for art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Highway, 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 Concert 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.

PARK PLAYERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, and 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.

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.

HARBOR BELLS
English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept.-June. (248) 681-6453.

BLUES

ROBERT JONES

2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 as part of the opening ceremonies for the exhibit, "Dust-Shaped Hearts: Photographs of African-American Men" by Don Camp. University of Michigan Museum of Art Museum, Museum of Art Apse, 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

CHORALE

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, the Polonaise Chorale in a concert of Polish Christmas songs. St. Barbara, 13534 Colson, Dearborn; (313) 863-6209.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera in one act by Gian-Carlo Menotti, the story of shepherd boy and the mysterious Magi. 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, St. Joan of Arc, 21620 Mack Avenue, St. Clair Shores; (313) 882-0118.

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Internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma will be accompanied by pianist Kathryn Stott in a recital featuring Brahms' Sonata No. 2 and Stravinsky's Suite Italienne, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$55 to \$15 (box seats \$75), call (313) 833-3700.

temporary classics. Tickets: \$12 & \$20. Shrine Chapel, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-0521.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

PCAC WINTER CLASSES

Plymouth Community Arts Council open registration for art, music and theater classes for all ages. Classes start week of Jan. 12-April 1. Offerings include pottery, photography, batik, printmaking, beginning strings and more; (734) 416-4278.

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Jingle BEL, Inc. of Rochester Hills offers members of Rochester and neighboring communities a program to expand skills to build self-confidence through participation in the arts. Winter classes: 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13-April 1, "Live Wires," the basics of vocal, drama and choreographic techniques; 4:15-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 1, "Broadway Brigade," instruction in music and theater; 3:15-4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 1, "Short Circuit," a children's class covering basics of drama, singing and movement with emphasis on developing listening skills; (248) 375-9027.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Winter classes: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, "Landscape in Pastel," \$120/10 weeks; 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, "Ceramics," \$50/8 weeks; 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, "Painting & Drawing," \$75/6 weeks; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, "Experimental Watercolor Workshop," \$40/1 meeting; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, "Introduction to Watercolor," \$75/6 weeks; 1-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, "Advanced Watercolor," \$75/6 weeks; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, "Chain Making Workshop," \$35/1 meeting; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, "Basic Bead Stringing," \$10/1 meeting; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, "Vintage Beaded Knitted Bags," \$15/1 meeting. Southfield Centre for the Arts; 24350 Southfield Road.

HUMANITIES SERIES

Registration: Jan. 5 for Jan. 29-March 19 class, 1-3 p.m. Thursdays, Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Winter classes begin Jan. 13, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes include drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 5 - 10 a.m. to 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.

PCCA WINTER CLASSES

Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (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.

WINTER CLASSES WITH KAREN HALPERN

January and February classes with noted Bloomfield Hills artist. Class offerings include a range of media. Locations include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Ferndale and Petoskey. Schedules and information, call (248) 851-8215.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4 - "Operatic Favorites," featuring music of Mozart, Korngold, Respighi, Strauss, Heuberg, Lehar; 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8-10 - Conductor Neeme Jarvi, featuring pianist Terrence Wilson in a program of Mahler, Liszt and Dvorak; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 - Yo-Yo Ma in recital; 8:30 p.m. Saturday & 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17-18 - Conductor Neeme Jarvi, featuring trombonist Christian Lindberg, in a program of Kabalevsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Sandstrom and Sibelius. \$17-\$60. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-3700/(313) 962-3610.

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, DSO violinist Hart Hoffman and pianist Arvi Sinka. Free admission.

DANCE

SWAN LAKE ON ICE

7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, and 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet performs the elaborately costumed production: Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp.; (810) 286-2141.

LECTURE

HISTORY OF THE BLUES

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, jazz historian and musician E. Howard Nelson presents a lecture on "The History of the Blues," presented in conjunction with Meadow Brook Theatre's production, "Thunder Knocking on the Door: A Bluesical Tale of Rhythm and the Blues." 500 Old Town, Rochester; (248) 370-3321.

DIA EDUCATION PROGRAMS

2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, "Video: The Many Faces of Fontainebleau," featuring the political intrigue and private lives of French royalty. Lecture Hall; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, "Gallery Tour: Italian Gothic Paintings," featuring speaker George Keyes, Elizabeth & Allan Shelden, curator of European Paintings, Gallery W242; 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, "Lecture: Lorna Simpson," an artist who challenges

racial and gender-specific stereotypes. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue; (313) 833-7899.

ART OF CHINA

Six-week survey of Chinese Art begins 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12. Professor Michael Farrell will trace the development of Chinese art from Neolithic origins through the 19th century with attention to the sculpture, scroll painting and decorative arts. Fee: \$80 six week course; \$15 per lecture. Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 424-9022.

BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES

Noon, Thursday, Jan. 15, featuring Bob Gaylor, curator of rare books at Oakland University, to discuss book collecting and appraise books. Information Technology Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road; (248) 858-0415.

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Balthazar Korab, renowned architectural photographer in conjunction with an exhibit of his work, "Traces." Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road; (248) 644-0866.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY MUSICALS OF PONTIAC

1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, monthly meeting. Following meeting entertainment by soprano Dorothy Berry and flutist Dorothy Pelton. Guests and new members invited. Nominal guest fee. Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford; (248) 673-6568.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

7 p.m. second Wednesday every month. September-May. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Chris Unwin. Admission free. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 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.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

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.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

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.

MUSEUMS (OPENINGS)

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Jan. 24 - "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point," an exhibit of Monet's work around 1880 in the small village on the Seine. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thurs., noon-5 p.m. Sunday. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Jan. 31 - "Best of Both Worlds: Human and Divine Realms of Classical Art from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston," a collection of 81 objects of marble, bronze, terra cotta, limestone, ceramics from ancient Greece and Imperial Rome, from 6th century B.C. to 3rd century A.D. Through March 15. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint; (810) 234-1695.

READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, "Books at lunch," a reading series meeting the first Wednesday of the month. Works to be discussed include "Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time" by Dava Sobel and Kate Atkinson's "Behind the Scenes at the Museum." No registration required. 300 West Merrill, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 2.

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Third Wednesday of each month. Caribou Coffee, Walton & Livernois; (248) 544-4657.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Jan. 6 - 5 p.m., "A Retrospective: Zuhair Shaaouni," Past photographs and enhanced imagery inspired by the art of Mesopotamia. Shaaouni, a native of Iraq, immigrated to the US in 1977 and has exhibited throughout Europe. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

A.C.T. Gallery

Jan. 9 - 6 p.m., "Ashes to Ashes," featuring Jeanne Bieri, Anne Fracassa, Preston Prout and Jack Summers. Through Feb. 13. A.C.T. is an artists' cooperative. Hours: noon-5 p.m. Friday-Sat. 29 E. Grand River, across from north side of the Hudson's building on Woodward Avenue; (313) 371-6522.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Jan. 9 - 6 p.m., "New Works from Susanne and John Stephenson," two nationally recognized ceramists. Their latest works explore manifestations of nature through their abstracted, tactile sculpture. Through Feb. 8. 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 122.

C POP GALLERY

Jan. 10 - 7:30 p.m., "SANDpaperSALLY," retro-futurist Tom Thewes. Through Feb. 6. 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

Jan. 11 - 2 p.m., "The Birth of Israel," color photographs taken half a century ago of Israelis struggling to survive while creating a Jewish state. Through Jan. 29. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Focus on Islam," works of Islamic art, Middle-Eastern crafts and traditional calligraphy. Through Feb. 21. The University of Michigan Dearborn, Third Floor of the Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

BBAA

Jan. 16 - "Traces," architectural photography of Balthazar Korab, through Feb. 13. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

JACOB/COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Jan. 16 - "Laughter Ten years After," an international touring exhibit of contemporary art by women artists. Through Feb. 21. Community Arts Auditorium, 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University; (313) 577-2423.

NETWORK GALLERY

Jan. 16 - 6 p.m., "Money Nuts," an exhibit of new works by six former students of Cranbrook Academy of Art. Site specific and multi-media work by Katrin Asbury, Matt Garland, Michael Goodson, Kelley Roberts, Joe Ruster and Ahmed Salvador. Through Feb. 14. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

CARY GALLERY

Jan. 17 - 6 p.m., "Transition," the watercolors of Donna Vogelheim. Through Feb. 14. Main Street, Rochester.

SUSANNE HILBERRY

Jan. 17 - 4 p.m., "Pottery by Warren MacKenzie," one of the foremost functional potters. Through Feb. 28. 555 S. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 842-8250.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

GALLERY BLUE

Through Jan. 4 - "Art and Artifact," a student exhibit under the direction of fiber artist/sculptor Susan Aaron-Taylor. 568 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through Jan. 5 - "Richard Jerzy: New Paintings," 162 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

NETWORK GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "New Work" by Susan Goethel Campbell, and "Enclosures," an exhibit of picture frames. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes, Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper," 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "Sculpture" by Susan Martin. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Jan. 15 - "New Works by painter Nancy Wolfe. 117 W. Liberty. Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 15 - "New glass work by Pavel Hlava. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (810) 333-2060.

POSHER GALLERY

Through Jan. 16 - Group exhibit of new works by Marianne Hall, Annie VanGelderens, George Snyder and Paul Jacobson. 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

REVOLUTION

Through Jan. 17 - Sculpture by James Shrobsbree, including wall mounted and free-standing sculpture; and "On Paper II," prints and drawings of Frank Auerbach, Dara Walker and Sue Williams. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY

Through Jan. 17 - "Six Views: New work by Susan Beiner, John Gargano, Adelaide Paul, Betsy Rosenmiller, Bonnie Seeman, Deborah Sigel." 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Through Jan. 17 - "Transforming Visions," an international exhibit based on the theme of the "need for peace." 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 25 - Stephen Magisc: Urban Landscape Paintings. Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 - "National Horse Show," an invitational featuring 45 artists. Thru Jan. 31. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Through Jan. 31 - Dianne Zyskowski's antique and collectible glass collection dating from 1825 to 1910. Main Level, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 - Group show of Center for Creative Studies students and gallery artists. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

SENIORS ART

Through March 16 - "Visions of Dimension," works by metro area senior citizens. Hannan House Gallery, 4750 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-1300

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>General Cinemas Bargain matinee daily plus \$3.25 (Two-Lite) show daily</p> <p>Canton 6 Ford Rd. 1 Mi. west of I-275 (313)941-1900 Advanced same-day tickets available *Denotes VIP restrictions</p> <p>GIFT BOOKS NOW ON SALE</p> <p>AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00 @ \$3.50; 7:00, 9:50 THE BANNED WOMAN (PG13) 9:45</p> <p>AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN PARIS (R) 2:25, 4:50 @ \$3.50; 7:20, 9:30 TITANIC (PG13) 1:00 (5:00 @ \$3.50) 9:50 SCREEN 2 (R) 2:30 (5:00 @ \$3.50) 7:35, 10:00 TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13) 2:30 (5:00 @ \$3.50) 7:30, 10:00 FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13) 2:15 (4:40 @ \$3.50) 7:15</p> <p>Hunt Town Center 8 Now Rd. 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BOOKS

'A Dance in Deep Water' shows insight into state

A Dance in Deep Water
By Doug Allyn
(St. Martin's Press, \$22.95)



VICTORIA DIAZ

"The sun was just creeping over the horizon, glowing gold through the forested hills to the east like a distant fire. The woods were damp and dappled with shadows. A perfect day for skull-duggery."

Though it's a bit flawed, "A Dance in Deep Water" is a tale worth spending some time with. One of the reasons is this Montrose writer's knowledge of the Wolverine State and its brand of people. Another is his seductive gift for storytelling, his ability to draw a reader into his story, apparent in such passages as the above.

Though labeled "A Mitch Mitchell Mystery" on its front cover, don't open up this book expecting the traditional whodunit, in which a murder occurs early on and a clever somebody tracks down the killer in ensuing pages.

Anticipate, instead, something of who-am-I-and-where-did-I-come-from tale. Some deadly crimes do figure in, but so late in the game that they seem slightly secondary, making the focus of this book a little wishy-washy from start to finish and blunting its ultimate impact.

Michelle "Mitch" Mitchell - single mother, diver, owner of an unpretentious bar on Lake Huron's shore - finds herself in deep water and deep trouble again in this, the third novel in the Mitchell series. (Others were

"Black Water" and "Icewater Mansions.")

Much of her trouble stems from the fact that her son, Corey, who is entering adolescence, seems to be turning into one, a stranger and/or, two, his long-gone, heartless father. Mitch isn't sure which is the less appealing prospect. In a kind of semi-destructive attempt to bond anew with the insular boy, she decides on a short trip together before the summer ends. As the story opens, the two are traversing the wilds of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in Mitch's Jeep Cherokee.

Somewhere between the Lake of the Clouds and the Porcupine Mountains, mother and son turn off the woody road and come to a stop before a little curio shop that resembles something out of the Twilight Zone. Inside, an aging artisan works at "a small totem." He is alone except for the strange cross-wolf at his feet, nursing a brood of squirming cross-wolf pups.

"I know you," insists the old man, as he comes forward and begins to take a closer look at Mitch. And, though she is certain she has never once seen him, he will soon prove that he not only knows who she is, but where (and who) she came from. Eventually, he will unravel something deeply disturbing about her past.

He doesn't know everything, however, and reveals only enough to represent a kind of Pandora's box, as yet unopened.

As it turns out, it will be up to Mitch and Corey (with the help of a few devoted pals) to delve into what may or may not be the truth about their "awfully short family tree." We shall see that this will involve some probing beneath surfaces in more ways

than one, as crack diver Mitch explores long-deserted mine shafts in the UP, vividly illustrating an extremely harrowing way of conducting genealogical research. (Her resiliency in diving tight spots gets to be downright cartoonish after awhile.)

Above ground, she and her cohorts find themselves entangled with a couple of extremely down-and-dirty, chain-wielding bikers and a militia group who call themselves The Third Coast.

Significant others in the adventure include Red, the big-boned, big-hearted lesbian bar-keep who can always be counted on when things get rough for Mitch. Not exactly a beauty ("If Jack Palance had a tough sister, she'd probably look a lot like Red") and certainly "not everyone's cup of tea," she's nevertheless one of the liveliest and most memorable characters in the Mitchell series.

Series regular, Sheriff Charlie Bauer ("a linebacker in his college days at Michigan State"), adds to the action, but the teddy bearish lawman isn't exactly the most riveting character in the world. Though it may be true, as Mitch believes, that "nice guys are... a rarity," that doesn't necessarily add to their interest as characters in fiction, of course.

Allyn's depiction of a militia group, though not complimentary, does provide some food for thought on how ordinary (extraordinary) citizens find such organizations attractive, and come to make them an integral part of their lives.

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Book spotlights regional beers

The Great Lakes Beer Guide (Eastern Region)
By James MacKinnon
(The Boston Mill Press, \$14.50)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

For those who love beer, here's another guide.

James MacKinnon must have been delirious with joy with the recent news that moderate alcohol consumption is healthy for you. (In fact very healthy, as recent research suggests that moderate drinkers are 20-percent less likely to have a heart attack.)

MacKinnon is quick to argue the health benefits of beer in his book and now he has science to back him up.

The Canadian author loves beer - real beer, beer rich in malts and hops, beer with character. He has equal disdain for the watery, pale yellow, overly bubbly stuff turned out by major breweries (including the national brews Molson and Labatt).

It is MacKinnon's strong views that give his guide book the satisfying body of a fine ale.

MacKinnon offers some interesting perspective on beer and beer culture. He provides essays on the history of beer, the special

qualities of beer, the types of beer from pilsner to stout and the finer points of being a beer connoisseur (including a lexicon of words you can use to describe the taste of your beer other than "Yeah, it's pretty good"). Indeed, MacKinnon suggests that it's as easy to be a beer snob as it is to be a wine snob.

After soundly criticizing the major breweries for everything from the poor flavor of their brews to their marketing and distribution practices, MacKinnon launches into the heart of the book - a trip through five states and two provinces (New York, Michigan, Vermont, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Quebec) to sample the brews of several micro-breweries and brew pubs. He provides a five-star rating system, from "A classic, hinting at heaven" to 1/2 star for "Awful. Thoroughly noxious; should not be called beer."

Michigan beers featured include the Traffic Jam's Motor City Brewing Works with a 4-1/2 star rating for the Nut Brown Ale and Duster's Microbrewery which gets four stars for its Imperial Oatmeal stout. Other Michigan brewers listed are the August Brewing Co., Big Buck Brewing, Boyne River Brewing,

King Brewing and Traverse City Brewing. Surprisingly, Bell's Brewing out of Kalamazoo and some of the recent brew pubs in Ann Arbor are not listed.

MacKinnon stretches the Great Lakes to include Vermont and Quebec so he can include some beers he truly loves including several brews from Unibrew Incorporated in Quebec which has two five-star beers. MacKinnon describes each beer, and his description of the Blanche de Chambly is especially poetic. He also explains the ingredients of the beers, alcohol content and style.

Some of MacKinnon's views on beer might offend some people. Though he makes a case for promoting responsibility rather than prohibition and argues that beer is a common, legal, family-centered drink for the young everywhere but in North America, he doesn't address the growing problem of excess drinking by teenagers. He is much too flippant about a very real problem. But then, prohibitionists don't address the problem very realistically or helpfully either.

If you're thinking of taking a trip and want to sample some local brews, this is a good place to get the basics and compare your palate with MacKinnon's.

Do these words sound familiar?

Things My Parents Said ... For My Own Good
By Jeffrey Parsons
(Erin Layne Books, \$8.95)

Writer Jeffrey Parsons has compiled an amusing compendium of parental bon mots that prove beyond questions that nothing new has been said in generations - centuries - ages.

This tiny book features illustrations by Ken Taylor of a freckle-faced, brush-cut haired young boy as he reacts to the latest admonition from on high. As a parent you'll hear the echo of your own voice in these phrases. As a child or former child you'll hear your parents' voices. Isn't it scary to realize how alike those voices become over time?

Some examples: "Don't press your luck, mister" (with visions of luck getting ironed); "You

broccoli and beets); "Believe me, it's for your own good."

The book contains 160 sayings, pared down from an original list of 400 considerations. And you've probably heard or used everyone of them at one time or another.

Though the author dates these phrases to a simpler time (the '50s), they continue to have currency with parents. Though some parents might harken back to the '60s with a phrase like, "In my day, young people stood for something." The idea is still the same.

The book, published in Bloomfield Hills, is an amusing reminder of how we use language and how we pass language, phrases and a common set of core values from one generation to the next, almost subconsciously.

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.

ART COURSES FOCUS ON FAR EAST

Learn about the art and architecture in the art course "Asian Art: India, China, Japan" beginning 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Sessions studying paintings, sculptures and garden designs continue through Apr. 23. Cost is \$285.

Students will try their hand in the studio course, "Oriental Brushwork" starting 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. For a fee of \$190, students learn the ease and mystery of Chinese and Japanese ink brush painting.

For more information, call (734) 432-5731.

STAINED GLASS IN SPOTLIGHT

D & M Studio's Once Upon An Easel is featuring stained glass art by Joe Slezak in the Artist Gallery, 8691 North Lilley and Joy, Canton. Call (734) 453-3710.

A retired Wayne County firefighter and a Plymouth resident, Slezak studied his craft at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Linden Art Glass, Plymouth. An award winning artist, he took first place at the Livonia Arts Commission's arts and crafts show at Greenmead Historical Village several years ago. This spring, Slezak will have a book published on original stained glass patterns.

D & M's Artist Gallery also features the work of Hugh Burley of Ann Arbor, Sharon Dillenbeck, Canton; Carol McCreedy, Westland, and Sig Skundberg.

DANCES OF EARTHSKYWATER

The Eastern Michigan University Dance department will present a program titled "Dances of EarthSkyWater" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 in the Quirk Theatre on the Ypsilanti campus.

Tickets are \$8, \$5 students/seniors/children under age 12 and available by calling (734) 487-1221.

Choreography includes "After the Fall" by Adam Clark, artistic director of Jazz Dance Theatre and an instructor at Miss Harriet's School of Dance in Livonia.

The work explores similarities between nature and civilization. Clark uses rain to represent its cleansing, life-restoring effects on men and women.

In addition to other dances choreographed by Angelo Lemmo, resident choreographer of the Canton Ballet in Ohio, and Joann McNamara, EMU dance professor, the Tree Town Singers, a Native American drum group, who sing in traditional Great Lakes style, will perform.

FROM BACH TO BARBER

Madonna University will host a music recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

Mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks, chair and associate professor in the university's music department, on the piano. The two will perform a program recently given at Carroll College in Helena, Montana and features works from Bach to Barber.

Wiltzie, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, is a two-time regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions. Wiltzie, a recent winner of the National Opera Association Vocal Competition and the Friedrich Schorr Memorial Performance Prize, is a voice instructor at Macomb Community College.

Popoff-Parks joined the faculty at Madonna University in 1978. She received a bachelor of music degree from Marygrove College and a master of arts degree with a double major in piano performance-accompanying and theory-literature from Eastern Michigan University.

For more information, call (734) 432-5709.

ARTIST'S WAY CAFE

Are you interested in fun, conversation, networking and connection to your inner artist? The Ann Arbor Art Center's Artist's Way Cafe is just the gathering place for you. Sessions take place 7-9 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month from Jan. 21 to April 15 at the Jewelry Studio, 220 Felch Street, Ann Arbor.

Based on Julia Cameron's book, "The Artist's Way" and its philosophy and practices, this

drop-in gathering for creative people touches upon visualization, playing with color, goal setting, and creative U-turns. No registration necessary.

The cost is \$7 per session. Call the Art Center for more information, (313) 665-0409.

Also of note:

Enhance a walkway or mark a special spot with one-of-a-kind garden vessels made in the Art Center's six-week ceramic workshop 1-4 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 22.

Hand build planters of various sizes, shapes and textures to suit your garden. Slab and coil construction, integrating color and texture stressed. Lab fee includes 15 hours of free out-of-class studio time, 25 pounds of stoneware clay, and all firing and glazing.

The cost is \$72 members (\$81 nonmembers); \$20 lab fee. To register, call (313) 994-8004.

VOCAL COMPETITION

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan (based in Canton) and the Italian American Cultural Society is looking for Michigan high school students to compete in its' fourth annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition." Ten finalists will be selected.

Deadline for submitting tapes is Feb. 15.

The aim of the competition is to encourage and develop young amateur vocal talent and to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language.

Each of the 10 finalists receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. The American Italian Professional Business Women's Club is sponsoring one of the top prizes.

Last year's winners were Ryan Kelly of Traverse City High School, first prize; Ruth Crismley, Bethany Christian High School, Troy, second prize; and Allison Baty, Traverse City High School, third prize.

For additional information, call Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan president John Zaretti at (313) 455-8895.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Eastern Michigan University's art department is offering Michi-

gan artists the chance to win cash prizes and display their works Feb. 3-20 at the Michigan Drawing Biennial '98 Art Competition and Exhibition.

Ellen Sharp, curator of graphic arts at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will juror the contest. First prize and purchase award is \$1,000, second prize \$500, and third prize \$300.

Deadline for turning in entries at Ford Hall's Ford Gallery is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 9-10. Call (734) 487-1268.

Winners and all accepted entries will be exhibited at EMU's Ford Gallery Feb. 3-20.

All drawing media, including mixed media, are eligible but artists must be at least 18 years of age and currently live and work in Michigan. Entries should be original drawings completed within the last two years. Work previously exhibited at Eastern Michigan University will not be accepted.

To enter the contest, obtain an entry and jury results card from Eastern Michigan University's art department in 114 Ford Hall. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 entitles each artist to submit up to three works.

SINGERS WANTED

The Whistlestop Players needs singers, actors and dancers for their spring musical, "When Character Counts," an original work focusing on the six pillars of character embraced by the nationwide initiative Character Counts Coalition.

Auditions take place 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Jan. 11-13 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 747 North Sheldon at Junction.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Also of note:

The arts council begins classes for all ages in theater, music and art the week of Jan. 12. For a complete listing, call the arts council.

OPENING RECEPTION

Eastern Michigan University's "The Powerful Object: Fetish Works" sculpture exhibit, opens with a reception 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 in Ford Gallery. The show continues to Jan. 30.

David Greenwood, David Page and Richard Washington, who's exhibited at Madonna University are the featured artists.



Music recital: Linette Popoff-Parks, chair of the music department at Madonna University, will accompany mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie on piano.



From Bach to Barber: Mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltzie, will perform Sunday, Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall at Madonna University.

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COUNTRY 98.5

TRAVEL

Take vacation without leaving home on luxury ship

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Dennis Wolf, president of Hall & Hunter Realtors of Bloomfield Hills, is well acquainted with the first law of real estate.

"When you think about real estate, you think location, location, location," Wolf said. "You can't think of anything better than a condo that becomes part of the most charming and historical cities in the world."

Imagine if your home traveled and you went along for the ride. The "location" would be anywhere in the world where things were happening - Mardi Gras in Rio, Olympics in Sydney, the running of the bulls in Spain, America's Cup in Auckland.

That's the concept behind the World of ResidenSea, a cruise ship with all the comforts of home, at least the home of any upstanding multi-millionaire. This is not your typical closet-sized cruise cabin. These are luxury condominiums ranging from about 1,100 square feet up to 2,152 square feet (and more if you combine units).

Hall & Hunter is acting as metro Detroit marketing agent for Christie's Great Estates, a division of the famous Christie's Auction House.

"The idea was born by ship architects Petter Yran and Bjorn Strobraaten and shipbuilder Knut Kloster in Norway," Wolf said.

The proposed ship, which recently got the go-ahead to begin construction, will be about

1,000 feet long with 250 private residences and 180 guest suites (also bigger than the typical cruise cabin at 215 to 484 square feet).

"Each unit will be fully furnished and the owner would be able to bring in his own designer and decorator at this stage," Wolf said. "The furniture, a sound system, all kitchen equipment, televisions in each bedroom, a balcony overlooking the sea are all provided. The smallest units start at \$1.2 million and they're already sold out."

The largest, three-bedroom units go for as high as \$5.3 million. The builders have already received more than \$100 million in commitments and sales.

To qualify for ownership you must show a net worth of \$5 million. It costs \$5,000 just to fill out a reservation form. And all deals are cash.

"It's meant to be a second home to take the place of those other second, third and fourth homes the wealthy have," Wolf said. "The makeup of the residents will be 40 percent American, 40 percent European and 20 percent from other parts of the world."

Technically, the units are not condominiums, in which a buyer purchases the space within the walls of a property, but, according to Wolf, you purchase the right to use the space. In addition to the purchase price you pay a maintenance fee similar to that at a condominium development. The fees will range from



Home afloat: The World at ResidenSea is a more than a cruise ship, it's really a floating city with luxury apartments.

\$61,500 to \$241,300 annually. The fee covers ship operating expenses (including salaries for the 450 staff members), daily maid service, port charges, dry docking and maintenance. On the plus side, there are no real estate taxes, property insurance (the ship is insured), club dues or utility payments.

Of course, you could live aboard all year long if that's your choice or you could rent out your unit for part of the year, or allow the ship's concierge to rent it for you. Then when the ship is going somewhere you want to go,

you can meet up with it and take up residence again.

The ResidenSea offers the usual amenities found on a luxury cruise ship including swimming pools, a health club, seven restaurants, a gallery of lounges and bars, a casino, a 300-seat theater/cinema, a nine hole putting course and a golf simulator, a library, an art museum with exhibits from around the world and a business center so that executives can keep in touch with their businesses while on the high sea.

"The offices will have the latest technology," Wolf said. "And guest suites will be available for rental as offices."

The ship also provides such practical services as a beauty salon and a hospital.

The lounges and theater will feature operas and live cabaret style entertainment. Also historians, naturalists (such as Jean Michel Cousteau) and other specialists will provide seminars before each port stop.

The itinerary for the first three years has been set by the builders; after that the owners will decide together where the ship will go.

"The ship will be circumnavigating the world once a year, hitting the high spots such as the Olympics in 2000 and Carnival in Rio, all the major events of the world," Wolf said.

The builders expect to have the ship completed by early or mid 2000, though they had hoped to complete it by the end of 1999.

Planned stops the first year, in

addition to Sydney, include the Cannes Film Festival in France, Sri Lanka, the Great Barrier Reef, Easter Island and the Caribbean in December. Unlike a typical cruise ship which pulls into a port for an 8-10 hour stay, the ResidenSea will stay a minimum of two days and up to three weeks for major events such as the Olympics.

Wolf said he has sent out mailings to 250 people believed to have the finances to afford a residence. He said he has received several inquiries, including from two corporations with an interest in purchasing for corporate use.

Anyone wanting more information can contact Wolf at Hall & Hunter, 1(800)390-RELO or (248)647-8100.

Comfort at sea: Here are two of the ship's residence floor plans. The 2,152-square-foot, three-bedroom penthouse is at left; a 1,365-square-foot, two-bedroom unit at right.



GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI GUIDE

The "Cross Country Ski the Lakeshore Guide" for Holland and Grand Haven is now available. The guide provides information on cross country skiing in the Ottawa County, Grand Haven and Holland area. The brochure features a descriptive guide to 12 cross country ski areas, an Ottawa County map showing ski areas, a trail map and information on Pigeon Creek Park, an accommodations guide, a snow condition hot line and information on ski equipment rentals. To receive a copy, call (800)506-1299 or e-mail at info@holland.org or write to Ottawa County Tourism Council, 76 E. Eighth St., Holland, MI 49423.

HAWAIIAN GARDEN LECTURE

Matthaei Botanical Gardens's Art of Living with Nature luncheon and lecture series continues with the second offering on at noon Thursday, Jan. 15. Dr. David Michener will present "The Other Michener's Hawaii: Private Gardens of Island Paradise." The luncheon will feature genuine Hawaiian fare prepared by Chef Jeff Hannah. Seating is limited and early registration is required.

Tickets for the lecture and luncheon are \$30 per person, \$25 for Members of the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens. To register, call (313)998-7061.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens is at 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor.

VEGAS TALK

Travel writer Mary Quinley will speak on "Las Vegas: What's Beyond the Casino Walls," 10

a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the Alfred Noble Library in Livonia. For information, call the library at (313)421-6600.

WINTER ELVIS FESTIVAL

Huntsville, Ontario, is holding its first Canadian Winter Elvis Festival, Jan. 8-11. The festival will feature Elvis impersonators, a traveling Elvis museum, and an "Elvis on Snow" parade.

Canadian Pacific's Deerhurst Resort will be transformed into the Heartbreak Hotel during the festival and will be the center of activity. The indoor pavilion will be headquarters for the Elvis Fan Club, house the museums and memorabilia displays and will hold the "Night of Champions" show and dance on Jan. 9 featuring guest impersonators. The hotel is offering a special overnight package starting at \$218 Canadian.

For more information on the Winter Elvis Festival package, call 1-705-789-6411.

ITALY TOUR

Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth is sponsoring a tour of Italy which will include a viewing of the Shroud of Turin and a Papal audience in Rome, May 24 to June 4. David Guerin will host.

The tour will include stops in Milan, Turin, Venice, Florence, Bologna, Pisa and Rome.

The tour is priced at \$2,995 per person and include roundtrip airfare from Detroit, land transportation on motorcoach, transfers, accommodations in 4-star hotels, continental breakfast each day, a lunch and seven dinners, city tours, insurance, entrance fees and hotel and airport taxes.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Floor Hockey

A youth floor hockey skills clinic will be held at Canton's Summit Park beginning Jan. 26. The clinics will be from 4 to 5:50 p.m. at the community center Jan. 26, 27 and 28. Games will be played on Saturdays. Boys and girls in grades one through five are eligible. There is a \$35 fee per child. Canton Parks and recreation, in conjunction with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring the clinics and games. There will be six skill clinics and five games. Emphasis is placed on participation and fun. Registration is Jan. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation office, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Whalers' Notes

Plymouth Whalers' forward Jesse Boulerice scored a goal in Team USA's 4-1 victory over Switzerland Dec. 30 at the World Junior Championships in Finland.

Boulerice opened scoring in the game with a goal at 16:42 of the first period. Michigan State's Mike York added a pair of goals for the Americans.

Team USA finished the tournament's preliminary round with a 2-2 record, which was good enough to qualify for the quarterfinals round.

Besides Boulerice, the American team features four other Whalers: goalie Robert Esche, forward David Legwand, defenseman Paul Wara and Nikos Tselios.

Motorsports Expo '98

Appearances by NASCAR Winston Cup drivers Mark Martin and Kyle Petty, along with drag racing stand-out Shirley Muldowney, will be the top attractions at the Motorsports Expo '98 Friday and Saturday at the Novi Expo Center, located at I-96 and Novi Road (Exit 162).

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The fan fair includes all forms of motor racing, with famous vehicles and corporate displays in the 106,000 square feet of space. In addition, a major collectibles area will offer sales of unique die cast vehicles, posters, wearables, books, photos and driver memorabilia.

Tickets are \$5, which includes entrance to show and free admission to museum. Proceeds will benefit the non-profit Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Also scheduled to appear are Mike McLaughlin (Busch Grand National), Ron Capps (NHRA Funny Car), Jay Springsteen and Scott Paker (AMA), Bob Keselowski (NASCAR SuperTruck), Mark Weber and Mark Tate (Miss Bud hydroplane) and Paul Gentilozzi (SCCA Trans-Am).

Among the other attractions are Cyber Sweepstakes, with grand prize package of premium tickets to the 1998 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, including complimentary limousine service and formalwear; live radio control racing competition; Micro-Reality racing; four-lane slot car racing, and prize giveaway "treasure hunt" to facilitate show traffic.

For exhibitor or sponsorship information, call (248) 349-RACE.

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 700260, Plymouth, MI, 48170-0945.

For further information, call (313) 454-7335. Class size is limited.

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.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279.

Salem wins Grosse Ile tourney; Canton falls

The Michigan Wolverines weren't the only team in blue to win a championship this week. Plymouth Salem captured the Grosse Ile Tournament title Monday by crushing the host Red Devils 75-51. Coach Bob Brodie was happy with the win and a chance for his team to play over the long

Christmas break. "Anytime you can play a game it's a bonus," he commented. "It keeps morale up and the players sharp." Salem improved to 3-2 with a pair of wins in the

tournament.

The Rocks dominated from the opening tip in Monday's championship. Salem led 20-13 by the end of the first period and took an 18-point advantage into halftime.

Grosse Ile simply couldn't handle the Rocks' up-tempo, pressure-defense style.

"We were able to rotate players early," said Brodie. "We didn't use a lot of our (starting) lineup."

Andy Power led the Rocks with 19 points while Aaron Rypkowski, a junior forward, added 11.

Salem downed Allen Park Cabrini 66-40 in the tournament opener on Dec. 27.

The Rocks led by seven after one quarter and went ahead 28-12 at the half. Brodie said his team was in control the entire way.

"We went out and took care of business," he added.

Despite the early lead, Salem wasn't particularly sharp in the opening minutes.

"Both teams were sloppy early," Brodie said. "But as the game progressed, we got better and better."

Nine players scored for Salem. Jeff McKian led the way with 15 points and Power added 13.

The Rocks return to action Tuesday at Milan then kick off the Western Lakes Activities Association sea-

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Abraham heads to Holy Cross

Salem star going east to play basketball

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

One of the best athletes in Plymouth Salem history is moving on.

Two-sport star Amanda Abraham will attend Holy Cross University in the fall and play basketball. The 6-foot 2-inch senior will give up volleyball after the current high school season to concentrate on hoops.

"It would be really hard to play two sports," Abraham said. "But I'm going to miss volleyball a lot."

According to Salem volleyball coach Brian Gilles, she's talented enough to do just about anything she wants.

"I think Amanda could've played Division I in either sport," he commented. "She's a very smart volleyball player."

Abraham received a full ride scholarship to attend Holy Cross. The "Crusaders" compete against schools such as Boston College and Colgate in the Patriot Conference.

"I'm excited to go on to the next level," said Amanda.

She chose Holy Cross, which is located just outside of Boston, because of its strong academic record, among other reasons. She said she also liked the campus and the basketball team's head coach.

"They have a very competitive program," Abraham said.

Several other schools showed interest. Central Michigan, Ohio University and Bowling Green were among Abraham's suitors.

Besides her athletic abilities, Abraham is also gifted in the classroom. She carries a grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.

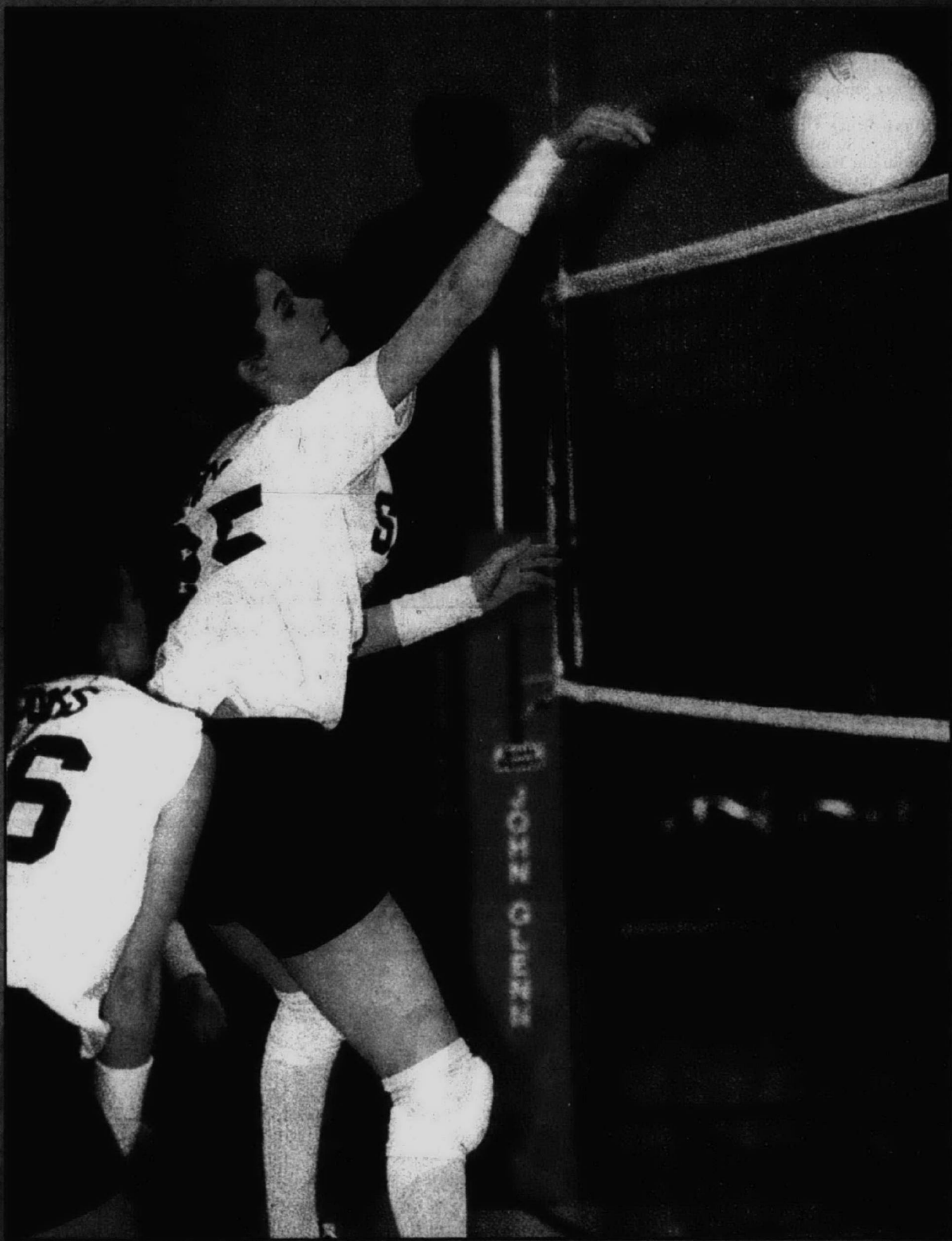
Abraham is considering a major in accounting.

"I'm kind of undecided," she said.

Before she turns all of her energies on college, she still has a Salem volleyball season to focus on. Amanda believes it will be a good one, too.

"I think we'll have a lot of success," she said. "I think this is one

Please see ABRAHAM, E3



Staff Photo by Scott Daniel

College-bound: Amanda Abraham will attend Holy Cross University in the fall on a basketball scholarship. She will likely give up volleyball, a sport she earned all-league honors in last year.

Rising Star?

Livonia product Sauk aims for pro grid career

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in Livonia, Matt Sauk lived next door to Greg Haeger, a former star pitcher for the Detroit Catholic Central and University of Michigan baseball teams.

Haeger taught Sauk some of the finer points of throwing, but perhaps more importantly, put the fear of God in him.

Haeger played football, basketball and baseball at CC and later pitched in the Detroit Tigers organization. He is now the baseball coach at Madonna University.

But few knew of his passion for hockey better than Sauk.

Haeger looked like Steve Yzerman shooting pucks at the pint-sized Sauk years ago in their neighborhood near

Stevenson High School.

Think Sauk appreciates that now, just finishing a standout career as a quarterback at Utah State where he had to set up in the pocket and elude 300 pound defensive linemen?

A piece of cake compared to some of Haeger's blasts.

"Greg always knew something about something in all the sports," recalled Sauk, over the phone from his parents' home in Mission Viejo, Calif. "He'd always play with me. We'd throw the football, he taught me how to throw a curve ball. He'd take slap shots at me in hockey."

Haeger must have been aiming at

the five hole, because Sauk's right arm is not only still intact but as strong as any quarterback's in the land.

That's including Tennessee's Peyton Manning and Washington State's Ryan Leaf.

Sauk's pro prospects are considerably lower because he stands only 6-foot-1 and 215 pounds and his mobility is questioned.

But watch him throw a football nearly 80 yards and with accuracy.

"People look at me and don't see the quarterback in me," Sauk said. "They think I'm a linebacker."

About his speed, Sauk says "It's all right. It gets me around."

Enough to finish 18th in the NCAA in total offense as a senior after finishing 14th in 1996 despite making only seven starts.

A junior college transfer from Orange Coast Junior College near Los Angeles, Sauk was a second-team All Big West choice and finished his career fifth on the USU career passing list with 5,385 yards.

He had three 300-plus yard games as a senior, completing 190 of 378 passes for 2,896 yards with 16 touchdowns and 10 interceptions in the regular season.

Sauk ended on a disappointing note, completing 12 of 30 passes with three interceptions in a 35-19 loss to Cincinnati in the Humanitarian Bowl last Monday in Boise, Idaho.

The game was on ESPN 2, which allowed some of his friends and relatives he left behind in Michigan to watch. An old friend from Livonia, Joe

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of the best team's in Salem history.

The Rocks are off to a 3-2 start, which doesn't sound great. But the two losses came against state powerhouses in Pinconning and Temperance Bedford.

"We played really solid against Bedford," Gilles said. "I wasn't disappointed with that match. If you can play with Bedford you can play with anybody."

The Rocks were due for another big test this weekend at the Portage Northern Invitational. Top teams like Bedford, Comstock and host Northern make it one of the top tournaments in the state.

"Everywhere you look there's a good team in that tournament," Gilles said. "All the good teams will be there. Our goal is to win it."

Salem opens its Western Lakes Activities Association season Jan. 14 against Livonia Franklin. The Rocks had won

three straight league titles before falling to Walled Lake Central a year ago.

In order for the Blue and White to regain that crown and compete with the state's elite, Gilles said Abraham must lead the way.

"Amanda has played very well so far," he added. "She's getting better and better. We expect a great year from her."

As does Abraham. An All-WLAA selection as a junior, she's very aware of her strengths and weaknesses on the volleyball court. She knows how to use her size, too, but recognizes smashing the ball over the net isn't always necessary.

"I think my accuracy is better than my strength," Abraham said of her hitting. "But it doesn't matter how hard you hit it if somebody's there to block it."

She's hoping Salem's chances for a great season won't be blocked.

While losing to Walled Lake last year was tough to take, Abraham said it may have been beneficial for her team in the long run.

"Sometimes it's good to lose," she commented. "You can learn a lot from it and it puts things in perspective."

Central, Livonia Churchill and Canton will be Salem's main obstacles to reclaiming the WLAA title.

"I think we'll have a good chance of winning the conference," Abraham said.

The Rocks have even greater ambition than a league title, though.

"We expect to make to state (finals)," Amanda explained. "This is our best chance. We have a very complete team. We're very strong at all positions."



Amanda Abraham

Rainko establishes himself at MSU

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's not a wise idea to have Johnnie Walker as a constant companion while attending college.

Michigan State University sophomore tight end Brad Rainko might argue that as he and Johnnie Walker, the football player and not the bottle of liquor, have benefited from being teammates.

Rainko, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound junior from Farmington Hills and Detroit Catholic Central, Walker and Julian Bernadel are one-time walk-ons who earned scholarships this season.

Walker is formally known as Jonathon Walker, a fullback from Muskegon, but teammates call him Johnnie.

Rainko's so enthused about the next campaign, he's heading back to East Lansing on Monday to get a head start on the Spartans' weight lifting program.

"I feel more confident, without a doubt," said Rainko, who caught six passes, including two for touchdowns in his sophomore season, which ended with a 51-23 loss to Washington in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day in Hawaii. "I no longer have a 'walk-on' tag. I can put that behind me and play ball."

Rainko is 6-3 and 210 pounds, small by Big Ten standards, graduating from CC in the spring of 1995.

After a fine senior season, in which he made first-team All-Observer, Rainko turned down scholarship offers to Hillsdale College and Northwood University. Carrying a 3.4 grade point average, he also could have played football at one of the Ivy League schools.

But he always wanted to attend MSU.

His sister, Dana, already was a student there and he had other friends who also were MSU students.

"I just wanted to go where I felt comfortable," said Rainko, majoring in pre-medicine and business. "That's where I wanted to go in the first place and I figured why not give football a shot? If I'm going to do it I might as well do it big time."

"A lot of the work ethic, the disciplined way I approach the game is a lot of what I got at CC."

Rainko's patience and hard work paid off as he earned significant playing time this year, sharing the second-team tight end duties with sophomore Kyle Rance behind starter Josh Keur.

Rance and Rainko shared the starting job for the Aloha Bowl after Keur, a senior from Muskegon, injured an Achilles Heel the week of the game during a simple drill in practice.

Rance caught two passes against Washington and the only pass intended for Rainko turned into an interception, one of two returned for touchdowns against the Spartans.

The Spartans, who started the season with five straight wins, finished 7-5 in Nick Saban's third year as coach.

"Josh is a great guy, always willing to give us help when we needed it," Rainko said. "It was the first time I've ever seen him like that, because he's a big, tough guy. I felt real bad for Josh, knew that me and Kyle had to step up as a preview of next year - a game earlier than we thought it would be."

Rainko's first days as a freshman were tough.

And that was only when the freshmen were at camp. Imagine how it was when the upperclassmen arrived.

"I couldn't read defenses, got yelled at all the time," he recalled. "You get used to what happens for when the real bullets start flying."

"It was a trying time. In high school, you just ran the route you're supposed to but in college you have to see what the defense is doing and adjust to that."

The scholarship players weren't hard on Rainko his freshman year, he said.

Rainko practiced with the team daily, dressed for all the home games and made the trip to the Independence Bowl, where the Spartans lost to Louisiana State, 45-26.

"If they see you working hard, think you can play, it's usually not a problem (gaining

respect from the scholarship players)," Rainko said. "But it was tough getting my brains beat in every day. I wasn't used to the speed of the game, strength of everybody playing."

Rainko made more strides as a sophomore, making the traveling roster for regular-season games at Nebraska and Penn State, and playing sparingly in home games.

Rainko's first career catch came this year in a blowout win against Western Michigan. He scored the first touchdown against Memphis State and the last against Minnesota, both blowout wins.

His grandmother, Sophia Rainko, was in attendance for each touchdown. Maybe she should have gone to the Aloha Bowl as well.

Rainko's family, including parents Dan and Linda, attended all his games, including the one in Hawaii.

Brad had some free time but not nearly as much as most tourists in Hawaii.

"It's beautiful down there," he said. "We got a couple hours free time a day, snorkeled and tried to surf, all those Hawaiian type things. If it rained it rained for five minutes. There are rainbows all the time."

Rainko is glad to hear Saban has taken his name out of consideration to be the next coach for the Indianapolis Colts of the NFL.

"I think he's a great coach, brings a lot of discipline and has a lot of assistants who know how to teach football, know the game," Rainko said.

The Spartans bring in Blue Chip prospects every year, but that's fine with Rainko.

"It helps prepare you a little bit more, you run and lift for a purpose, not just to be cozy," he said.

Rainko spent New Year's Day watching Michigan beat Washington 21-16 in the Rose Bowl. The Wolverines beat the Spartans this year and gained his respect but not a fan.

"I usually cheer for the team that's playing Michigan," he said. "It all goes to hard work, I guess. They got some breaks, but they're a very good team."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 6
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Luth. East at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Milford, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Det. Loyola at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Westside at Canton Agape, 6:15 p.m.
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
Churchill at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
DeLaSalle at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. St. Field Christian at Lawrence Tech, 7:45 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 5
Oakland at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Schoolcraft at Delta, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at St. Clair, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Cornerstone, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Tri-State at Madonna, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 5
Oakland at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Schoolcraft at Delta, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 8
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10

Alpena at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
Madonna at Tri-State, 3 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Churchill vs. Stevenson, Franklin vs. Dearborn at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Franklin vs. Redford Union at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Redford Union vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Churchill at Birmingham, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. A.P. Cabrini at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Ply. Whalers at Erie, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Ply. Whalers at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 11
Ply. Whalers at Barrie, 2 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 5
Benedictine at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 6
Huron Valley vs. Mich. School-Deaf at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m.
Regina at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Stevenson at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 8
Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 5:30 p.m.
Mercy at Bishop Foley, 5:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Hamtramck, 5:30 p.m.
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Salem Festival Invitational: 8 a.m.
Bay City Central Tourney, 8 a.m.
Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m.
Ply. Christian Tourney, 1 p.m.
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son Friday with a home game against Livonia Franklin. Both games are at 7:30 p.m.

• **TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 67, CANTON 40:** Playing in the finals of the Traverse City Tournament, the Chiefs fell to

host Central.

Jake LeMieux, a junior center, scored 18 points while Justin Howell and Derek Dillon each had 10 points for Traverse City (2-2).

Joe Cortellini led Canton (1-4) with 13 points.

Crusaders fall to SVSU

A late first half rally pushed Saginaw Valley State University to halftime lead and the Cardinals went on to beat Madonna University 100-77 Dec. 30 in Livonia.

The Crusaders (8-5) fell behind by as many as eight points in the early going of Tuesday's contest. Led by Chris Dietrich, Madonna rallied to take a 38-33 advantage with 6:30 to go before halftime.

But Saginaw Valley came

roaring back in the final minutes to outscore the Crusaders 21-5 and take an 11-point lead into the locker room. Madonna never got closer than eight to The Cardinals (11-1) in the second half.

Dietrich led four Madonna scorers in double figures. She finished with 17 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Dawn Pele scored 13 points while Lori Enfield added 12 and six rebounds.

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Chefon leads Chiefs' spikers

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

No matter how tough or how well respected a coach is, every team needs a player or two to stand up and take charge.

A player that'll get on their teammates if need be and make sure the coach's rules are followed. Michael Jordan has held that role with the champion Chicago Bulls for years.

On Canton High's volleyball squad, Amy Plagens and Stephanie Chefon are the unquestioned leaders. According to Chefon, it's kind of like being a parent.

"Amy's the mom coach," Stephanie said. "I'm more of the dad coach."

"It's my job to make sure our players don't get an attitude or get down. It's my job to make sure they have fun. If you're having an awful time, it doesn't matter how well you play, you'll lose."

Thus far, losing isn't something the Chiefs have done much of.

Canton played well in its lone tournament of the season at Allen Park last month. The Chiefs also beat Ann Arbor Huron in a dual match before Christmas break.

First-year coach Cynthia Montgomery thinks her team will continue to do well despite its relative youth. The Chiefs graduated eight seniors from a 34-10 team that won the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It's a great possibility," Montgomery said of repeating as division champs. "It's a strong league, but we're a strong team."

The Chiefs got an opportunity to show that strength yesterday at the Walled Lake Central Invitational.

Montgomery knows a good showing in that tournament and the rest of the season, depends in large part on a good year from Chefon. She said the senior hitter has the ability to be one of the area's best.

"She's a great player," the coach commented, "with a great attitude. She's very consistent. We count on her a lot."

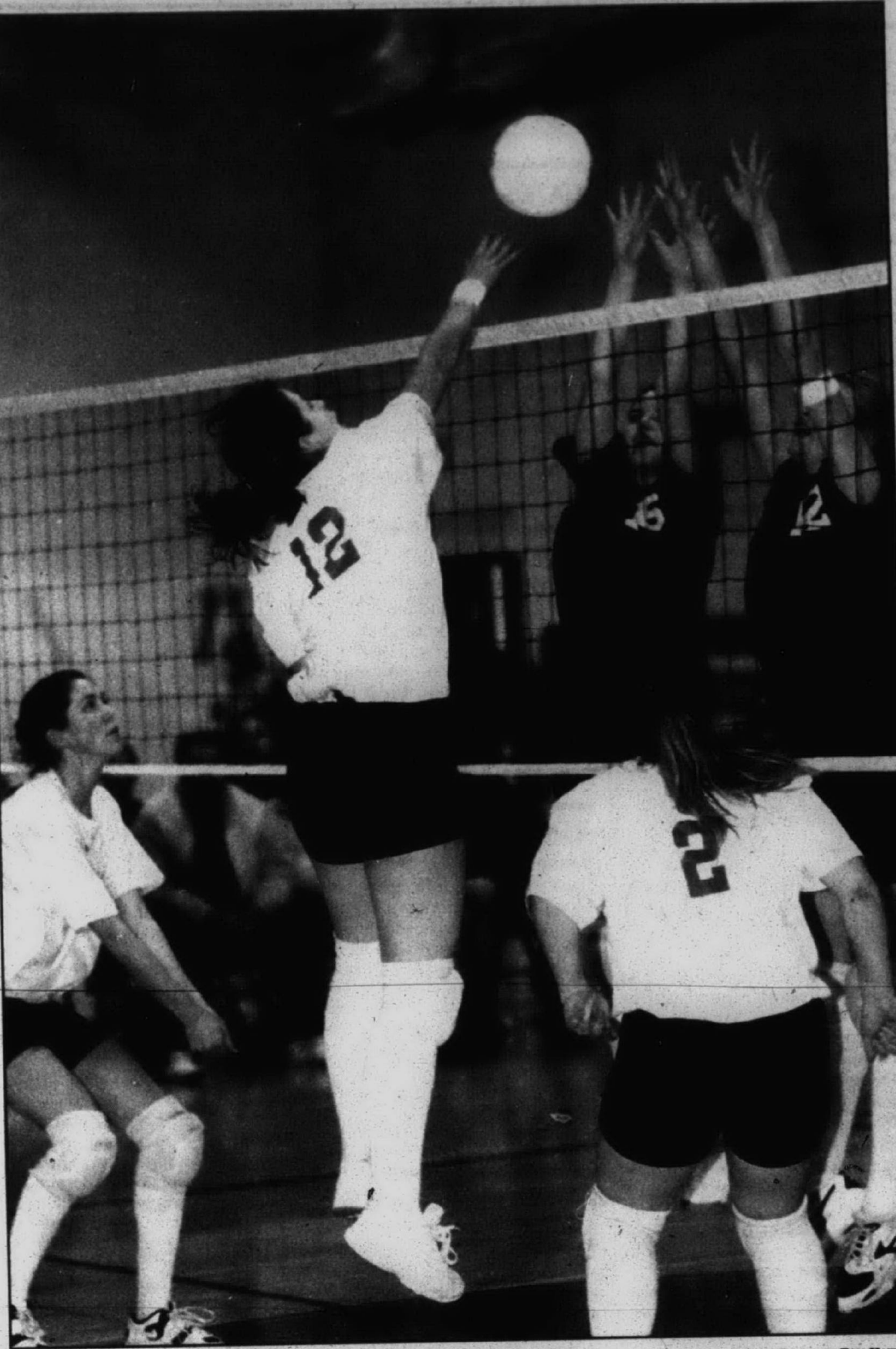
For her part, Chefon is determined to get even better this year.

"I want to get my back row as good as my front row play," she said.

Hitting is the co-captain's specialty. Not many people can return one of Chefon's spikes.

"I'm a power player," she admitted. "But if it comes down to it, I'll put the ball where they aren't."

And she has been doing that for a long time. Chefon joined



Leader of the Pack: Stephanie Chefon (center) is a three-year varsity player for Canton. She tries to keep volleyball fun for her teammates and herself

the Chiefs varsity lineup full-time as a sophomore.

She's played mostly in the front at middle blocker/hitter. She'll be expanding that role this season to include back row and outside hitting.

Playing such a prominent role with the Chiefs hasn't come without a lot of hard work for Chefon. She has played nearly year-around since her freshman year.

Much of that time was spent playing AAU ball. As a member of the Sova squad, Chefon has competed with and against the best players in the state.

"It's very intense," said Stephanie. "We have a lot of three-hour practices."

AAU is a notch above high school volleyball, she added.

"I think it has improved me

more than school ball," Chefon said.

As much as she loves the sport, the senior almost decided not to play for the Chiefs this winter. Two factors came to mind.

First of all, Chefon said she needs to save for college in the fall. The only way to do that is by working and volleyball would take valuable hours away.

Secondly, the loss of coach Steve Anderson to the program was tough to take. After playing for Anderson for so long, Chefon wasn't sure she could adjust to a new coach.

"I wasn't going to play," said Stephanie. "But I decided to give Cynthia a try."

She's glad she did.

"Things are working out well," Chefon said.

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Danyluk, watched in person.

Sauk probably considering reimbursing him for his flight.

"The first half I didn't do that well, and that's what lost the game," Sauk said. "When you go three and out, five times in a row, give them good field position at our 40, you're not going to win."

The bigger disappointment was knowing Cincinnati wasn't the best team Utah State played, according to Sauk. The Aggies beat Western Athletic Conference member Utah 21-14 and were competitive in losses to major bowl teams New Mexico (25-22) and Colorado State (35-24).

The Aggies also lost in a shootout at Brigham Young, 42-35.

"Cincinnati wasn't even close to the best," Sauk said. "You're glad you got there but it's a game you want to forget."

This also was the last game at Utah State for coach John L. Smith, who recently accepted the head coach's job at the University of Louisville.

"He put everything he could into it," Sauk said. "He loves us. It was a great game plan. We just didn't go out and execute it."

Sauk hopes his strong arm lands him a free agent tryout in the National Football League or Canadian Football League.

"I'm just an unknown waiting to get a chance," Sauk said. "If anything happens it will be just another dream come true. I want to prove I can play in that league (NFL). I look on TV and think I'm better than some of the backups now."

The fun and sun of California was the easiest adjustment to make for Sauk when he moved there seven years ago.

"I left a lot of close friends and my cousin (Tony Calo)," Sauk said. "I was close with my aunt and uncle too (Mary and Roger Calo) and that made it real tough. I had to concentrate on making new friends but the sadness went away pretty quick."

Sauk's playing career began in the fourth grade at St. Michael in Livonia, where he played for Jerry Rioux of Redford Township. St. Michael have won several Catholic Youth Organization championships over the

years, including a couple with Sauk at quarterback.

One of Sauk's favorite receivers there was Jeff Lance, who went on to earn all-state honors at Redford Thurston. Sauk attended Marshall Elementary through sixth grade before moving to St. Michael in seventh and eighth.

"Coach Rioux was a real nice guy," Sauk said. "He taught me to be a winner. I never lost from the fifth grade to the eighth grade."

"They have great coaches over there. They yell at you if you make a mistake but are always there to back you up. That's pretty important for a little kid, to get the teaching and also be loved. He loves the kids. I know that for a fact."

Sauk attended Detroit Catholic Central as a freshman before the family moved to California upon a job opportunity for his father, Mike Sauk.

Sauk was always tiny for his age and didn't hit a growth spurt until about his junior year at Woodbridge High School in Irvine, Calif., where he sprouted from 5-6 to about the size he is now.

Sauk was surprised to hear CC passed a lot this year. He played on the CC freshman team in 1990, mostly as a cornerback and backup quarterback.

"That is amazing," Sauk said. "When I was there, it was usually 'Wham' left and 'Wham' right."

Sauk started his senior year at Woodbridge High School but a 2.4 grade point average and no four-year scholarship offers placed him in Orange Coast Junior College, where he made for a tough combination with Washington State standout receiver Chris Jackson.

Most of the brains in the family went to Sauk's older sister Bridget Cummings, a Madonna University graduate who still lives in Livonia with her husband and seven month old son Jake.

"School was always kind of tough for me," Sauk said. "I know if I really try I could get good grades. I never put 110 percent into it like I do for football. I'm still working on it."

Detroit Denby tops Wayne 66-64

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Losing streaks are rare for the Wayne Memorial boys basketball team, but the Zebras find themselves mired in a three-game slide after defeating Detroit Public School League champion Detroit Denby pulled out a 66-64 win Tuesday at the Superintendents Tip-Off Classic held at Cobo Arena.

The loss dropped Wayne to 2-3 overall, while Denby evened its record at 3-3.

After beating Plymouth Canton and Westland John Glenn to open the season, Wayne has dropped close games to Ypsilanti (55-51), Birmingham Brother Rice (57-56 on a last-second shot) and Denby.

"All three games are parallel in the sense that we'd get behind early, make a gallant comeback with a chance to win and then come up short," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "The kids were excited to play and didn't lose because lack of effort. They wanted to do well."

Wayne trailed 31-26 at half-time and by as many as nine in the third quarter before charging back in the final quarter. The Zebras made a 21-14 run as 6-foot-7 center Quentin Turner, who controlled the boards with 14, scored 15 of his 17 points during the surge.

And the Zebras appeared to be sitting pretty with just 50 seconds left when Jamar Davis converted a layup to make it 64-61 after Turner's hoop with 2:15 had given his team its first lead since midway through the second quarter, 62-61.

But Wayne turned the ball over two of its last three possessions and Denby answered with a off-balance three-pointer with 39 seconds left by Steve Monroe, who led the Tars 20 points, and the game-winner by Rashad Lee with only eight seconds remaining.

"That was our 'Call Five' or Kentucky play," Denby coach Reuben Washington said of the game-tying three-pointer. "We wanted to shoot the 'three' and be ready for the long rebound."

Wayne's Shomari Dunn's three-point attempt to win it missed as time expired.

"We've had spots of encouraging play this season, but we're looking for a consistent quarter-by-quarter performance by our top eight guys and that hasn't happened yet," said Henry, who guided the Zebras to two Class A semifinal games and three regional titles in last three years. "We missed five of our first 15 shots from three-feet and in."

"But they (Denby) are quick and they're constantly jumping

out at you, so sometimes tend to rush your shot a bit."

Wayne, led by senior guard Brian Williams' team-high 20 points, made 28 of 62 shots from the field (45.1 percent).

Denby actually had lesser field goals (25 for 52), but made eight triples to Wayne's one. Monroe, a 6-foot junior, had five himself.

"We knew a little bit about them going in and that they have different heroes each game," Henry said. "We knew the type of offense and defense they play, and that they like to crash the boards."

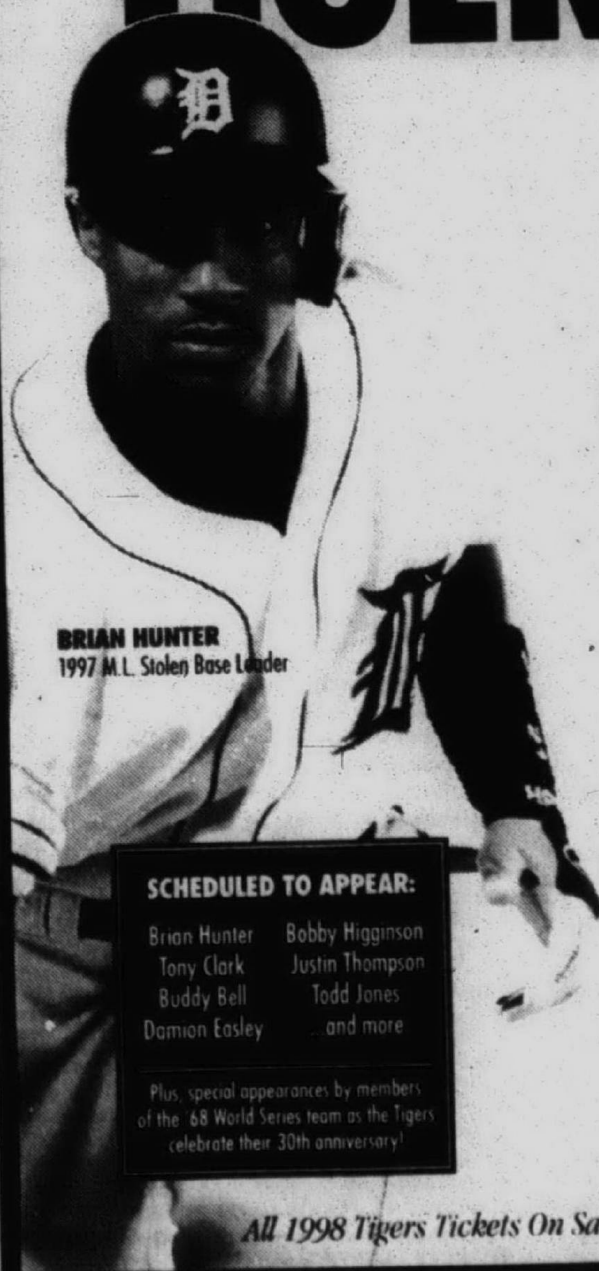
Lee added 13 points for the Tars, who recently returned from the Benton Harbor holiday tournament with a split, losing to the host Tigers in the opener before beating Wayne's Mega-Red Conference rival Belleville in the consolation game.

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Squirrels nutty over calories

We all have our likes and dislikes when it comes to food. Some people like sweet potatoes, others like twice baked, some like squash, others like broccoli.

Our tastes are based on our background and age to a certain extent. If you watch animals feeding you will notice they have preferences too. Sometimes those choices are more subtle than you think. Consider squirrels.

We all know they like to eat nuts. Acorns and hickory nuts are commonly eaten, along with beech nuts. But if given a choice, squirrels prefer hickory nuts over acorns. Hickory nuts have twice as many calories as an acorn. Animals need to eat the best food they can get in order to maintain their health and adjust to environmental changes.

It takes more calories to survive in winter than it does in summer. Though it may take a few more bites to open the shell of a hickory nut, the extra work is more than compensated for by the extra calories.

Not only do squirrels know which nut has the more calories, squirrels know which tree produces nuts that have more calories than other trees of the same species. How do they know that? That has yet to be answered, but they have been observed consistently going to a particular hickory tree before other trees.

When nuts from that tree were analyzed they had more calories than surrounding hickory trees. Chickadees selecting sunflower seeds from feeders are making decisions about which

seed to eat. They frequently grab one and discard it and select another. I've always suspected that they were evaluating the size of the seed inside, or the presence of a seed inside, or the weight of the seed. One article I read recently indicated that they are evaluating the weight of the seed compared to others.

Evidently when there is an abundance of food animals tend to be picky about what they eat. Squirrels at the Independence Oaks Nature Center take kernels from the cob corn and eat only the embryo. Discarded kernels show a precise extraction of the embryo with no tooth marks anywhere else.

Those discarded parts do not go to waste, deer and other animals eat them, but the squirrels already got the "fillet mignon" of the corn seed. Maybe we are such picky eaters because we have too much to choose from.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Wright stuff: All-Star rolls 300

Julie has just joined a very exclusive club. It was a little over a week ago that Julie Wright of Farmington Hills rolled her first 300 game in the All-Star Bowlerettes League at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

She becomes the fifth member of the league to roll a perfect game this season in their Monday night competition. The other 300s in this league were rolled by Gwen Finley on Oct. 27, Rose Edwards on Dec. 1, Aleta Sill on Dec. 1, and Peggy Smitley on Dec. 15. It was also the first 300 game for all except Aleta, who has a lot of them.

It is always a big thrill to go all the way, especially since Julie's Dad, Ed Wright, was among the spectators and was able to holler out "You did it!" and give her a great big hug.

Her series was a whopping 767 with her first two games of 222

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

and 234. Teammate Pam Jones said "Julie's smile was the biggest I have ever seen."

The team, Hall of Fame Grill/ProAm Bowl/Stables Bar, was pretty well inspired by Julie that night as they had a team game of 1204 and series of 3363 in winning all three games in an unforgettable night.

Julie Wright started at age 5 under her dad's coaching and went into the Sunday Youth Classic when she was 12.

Ed Wright happens to be the director of that league, and Julie honed her skills very well. A 1990 graduate of Farmington Harrison High, she takes her bowling very seriously and will no doubt use this perfect game as one big building block for a long and illustrious bowling career.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will hold its semi-annual meeting on Jan. 11 at Sunnybrook Lanes located at 7191 Seventeen Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

Every sanctioned league should have representation. Nominations for directors and

officers will be held, and the past years financial report will be reviewed.

Each league should send one delegate. The delegate is usually a league officer, however, any member may be selected if no officer is available.

This is the time for every league to have a voice in the GDBA and to see first hand how the portion of the sanction fees are used. Refreshments will be served and there will be a gift for each delegate in attendance.

If you are a bargain hunter and looking for bowling equipment, many pro shops are having specials at this time.

I received two such mailings from David's Right Line Pro Shop and The Right Approach. Both offer some very good deals on balls and other items including shoes.

The Right Approach is located in Merril Bowl Lanes and David's Right Line is at Cloverlanes, both in Livonia. Many other good proshops around town are having sales, too; so now is the time to buy all those neat things.

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

GOOSE

The special late Canada goose season runs through 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.

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) 623-6444 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 and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-8192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Ten Oakland County Parks will be recycling Christmas trees through Jan. 11. Trees may be dropped off 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week. Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 25.

FULL MOON CROSS COUNTRY SKI

Experience an evening of cross country skiing under the light of the full moon during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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Lyme disease support

Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. The first meeting will be Jan. 20, 1998. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (734) 326-3502.

Yoga class offered

The Unity of Livonia, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts Yoga classes from 10:11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout the months of January and February. The class is available on an offering (donation) basis and is taught by Linda Haught. For more information, call The Unity of Livonia, (313) 421-1760.

Smoke Stoppers

In combination with the patch or by itself, this program can help win the battle against smoking. Group and individual session available at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor and Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call (313) 712-4141.

Nutriway series

A 10-week weight and cholesterol management series available at Canton Summit on the Park in Canton. Includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival and more. For information, call (313) 712-5110.

Child immunizations

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Urgent Care in Plymouth will be offering a number of immunization clinics through March to help keep their children's immunizations up to date. No pre-registration is required and clinic hours have been set to help parents bring their children at times most convenient for families. There is a \$5 fee, which covers all immunizations. Clinics are offered: Jan. 6, from 4-7 p.m.; Feb. 10, from 4-7 p.m. and March 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Urgent Care is located in the Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (313) 414-1000.

Lean Italian cooking

Love Italian food but are wary about all those calories? Here's the session for you. At 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN) will host this popular class for a \$6 registration fee. Call soon, class fills up quick. HDN is located at 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Breathers support

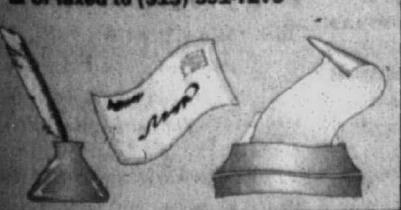
For those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building-Plymouth. For information call, (313) 712-5367.

Stop smoking, 7 days

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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THE BREATH OF LIFE

Neonatal Resuscitation Program helps cut Ukraine infant death toll

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"Babies are babies no matter where they are," said Christine Newman, neonatal nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist of Henry Ford Hospital.

Newman helped establish the Neonatal Resuscitation Program for Ukraine as a nurse consultant through a partnership with the American International Health Alliance and Henry Ford Hospital since 1993.

The NRTC's focus was to train health care workers in assessment, prevention, and newborn resuscitation protocols and a model Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and regional neonate transport system.

In the last four years, she and physician Sudhakar Ezhuthachan, head of the neonatology division at Henry Ford, have traveled to L'viv, a city in western Ukraine, to improve overall neonatal care as well as providing education, training and equipment through a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development and AIHA at L'viv Oblast Clinical Hospital.

According to Newman, Henry Ford has a large number of Ukrainian physicians on staff. Michigan's largest population of Ukrainian-Americans live in Warren (north of Detroit), so it seemed only natural to choose a regional hospital counterpart of Henry Ford like L'viv.

Earlier this year, their diligent international efforts came to fruition when a resuscitation training center opened where more than 400 pediatricians, obstetricians, nurses and midwives have been certified in neonatal resuscitation.

Mortality decline

Statistics indicate a 40 percent decline in mortality — consistent with the four-year partnership. Newman said the experience has been both personally and professionally rewarding.

"When Dr. Ezhuthachan and I first went to L'viv, our initial visit was more of a fact finding mission,"

Christine Newman: A profile

Christine Newman, neonatal nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist of Henry Ford Hospital's Neonatal-Intensive Care, Development Assessment Clinic, is a Livonia resident.

The mother of two children, Newman has been in the medical field since 1981 and was named one of the Top Nurses of Michigan by Metropolitan Women's Magazine during their Fourth Annual Salute to Nursing program.

Praised by her peers for her work with families and newborns, Newman has developed two informational manuals for families coping with an ill, hospitalized baby and the other about preparing to take their baby home. The literature has been translated into Arabic and Spanish and distributed through the Department of Pediatrics.

Presently she serves as an adjunct faculty member for the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and a clinical preceptor at Wayne State University's School of Nursing. Newman also acts as a pediatric consultant for Metro Home Care in Dearborn and as a regional faculty member of the Academy of Pediatrics - American Heart Association Neonatal Resuscitation.

As a result of her international efforts with the establishment of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program for Ukraine at the L'viv Oblast Clinical Hospital, she has jointly facilitated presentations in the United States and in several western countries on topics such as: "A Partnership to Improve Quality of Health Care in Western Ukraine," "Transformation of the Role of the Bedside Nurse," "Transport of High Risk Infants," and a teleconference on the "Physical Assessment of the Newborn," from Detroit to Moscow, Russia.



Christine Newman, R.N.



On tour: Christine Newman, R.N., a neonatal clinical nurse specialist at Henry Ford Hospital (left), and Sudhakar Ezhuthachan, M.D., head of the neonatology division at Henry Ford Hospital (second from left), visit with the first lady Hillary Clinton during her tour of the L'viv Regional Clinical Hospital.

said Newman. "We knew they had a high infant mortality rate so it was our goal to improve the overall care of babies and the education of the medical staff and parents."

What the Western doctor and nurse team found was a medical community practicing methodologies and techniques dating back to the 1940s. Advancements and technologies were few and far between at the L'viv Oblast Clinical Hospital where improvements could be made in both training, equipment, prenatal care, medical laws and education.

"The only role nurses played in the care of babies was to feed them and keep them warm," said Newman.

It was obvious to the Livonia nurse that the success of the project would not be achieved without expanding the nurses' role. Nurses in L'viv were not included on rounds with physicians or collaborating bedside with patients and were therefore less knowledgeable about follow-up treatments and patient status.

Newman and her colleague found problems outside the hospital that enlarged their focus to "improve care in the whole region." For instance, there was a public health law that prohibited the transportation of newborns until they were seven days old.

Newman said in western Ukraine many babies are born in rural "maternity houses" or hospitals where technology is less than sufficient and its often necessary for the baby to be transferred to a regional hospital similar to L'viv.

The high mortality rate could be attributed to the week-long wait infants had to endure before they could receive more advanced medical attention. Many of them died en route to the hospital because of cold, stress and a lack of oxygen. A high number of developmental disabilities were also occurring as a result of oxygen deprivation in the first minutes of life.

Positive changes

In the last three years, public health regulations have been revamped and at risk babies can be transported on the day they are born, within an 80-mile radius, to L'viv Oblast.

As a result of the international partnership, a \$27,000 ambulance was donated in November on behalf of Ford Motor Co., Ford's national importer Winner of Ukraine, and Henry Ford Health System. The ambulance features an infant transporter islette donated by The Ukrainian Village (a not-for-profit housing corporation based in Warren).

Before the donation of the transporter, Newman said critical care babies often arrived by car, days late because of a limited gas supply or reliable transportation, suffering from exposure and other effects of the long, harsh trip in the arms of a doc-

tor or parent.

Another improvement is the statistical reporting of all babies that die in the L'viv region. Previously, newborns that weighed less than 1000 grams or 2.50 pounds were not considered live births and were therefore not included in medical statistics.

"Today, every baby regardless of size is counted and has an autopsy performed to determine the cause of death," said Newman. "So we could only conclude the infant mortality rate was even higher considering the statistical exclusion of that population of babies."

The American team also knew the mortality rate could not be reduced if parents continued to lack the education to properly care for their babies.

Helping hands

While supplies and equipment were not part of the initial plan, Newman and Ezhuthachan knew they could continue to teach the nurses and physicians, but without the proper supplies, their new techniques and treatments would be of no use. As a result, in the last four years Henry Ford has collected and gathered equipment and supplies for the western hospital.

"We could teach them its necessary to keep a baby warm to reduce cold stress and all the benefits of that, but if they don't have a blanket or an incubator — what's the point?"

The most recent trip Ezhuthachan and Newman made to L'viv provided them with the opportunity to introduce first lady Hillary Clinton, to the progress and success of the international partnership. They accompanied her on a tour of the NRTC and NICU units of L'viv Oblast, skill demonstrations, a brief description of education courses and data on the results of the training.

Building on every trip, Newman and Ezhuthachan return every six months. Newman said they have been able to make great strides with the L'viv Oblast Clinical staff and the community at-large. They set up an Internet e-mail program to facilitate questions from physicians and nurses who needed help with new equipment, training or medical situations.

Funding for the joint endeavor through the USAID ends in September 1998. In the meantime, Henry Ford has been involved in training staff from Kiev, Odessa, Dnysk and Kharkiv where similar neonatal resuscitation centers are being implemented.

"We established an initial work plan and haven't deviated. In fact we have been able to successfully expand the neonatal resuscitation training and overall health care of newborns and their mothers," said Newman, "and hope to mirror that program in other areas of the Russian Federation."

Smoke detectors save lives, property

Last year in Michigan, more than 200 people died as a result of fire. Almost 50 percent of those occurred in residences where there were no smoke detectors in use. Statistics indicate that occupants of a house with a smoke detector are twice as likely to survive a fire as those without one.

"Smoke detectors provide an early warning which can allow residents to escape before the house is fully engulfed in flames," Leanne Snay, executive director of the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC), said. "Most fire victims die

from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, rather than flames."

Aside from saving lives, smoke detectors also reduce fire injuries and help hold down property losses. Many insurance companies offer property insurance discounts for installation of smoke detectors. Check with your insurance agent to see what is available.

It is vital, however, that the devices be properly installed and maintained. According to Snay, smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month to ensure that they are working properly. Under most circumstances it is

recommended that batteries be changed annually.

Alarms should be installed on each level of the dwelling. The most important locations are near bedrooms and stairs, in hallways and in the living room. The units should be affixed to the ceiling at least four inches from the point where the ceiling meets the wall.

The State Fire Marshal Office of Michigan recommends the use of smoke detectors, rather than heat detectors. The latter respond to a certain temperature, however, smoke alarms detect the visible as well as the

invisible products of combustion.

"Normally, there is detectable smoke before there is detectable heat," said Snay. "Therefore, smoke detector units almost always provide a faster warning."

The insurance industry spokesperson also suggest planning and practicing use of alternate escape routes in case of fire. Also, family members should agree upon a safe place to meet once they are outside the burning structure.

For more information about smoke detectors and the best place in your home or apartment the device can offer the most benefits contact your local fire department.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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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, (734) 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, (734) 458-3242.

TUE, JAN. 6

SURVIVING CANCER

A program for young adults ages 20-40 facing cancer treatment and recovery will meet 6-7:30 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Lathrup Village office, 18831 W. 12 Mile, west of Southfield Road. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. For information, call (810) 294-4432 or Karen Ruwoldt, (248) 543-6330.

FREE SPINAL SCREENINGS

A complimentary spinal analysis will be given using the Paraspinal EMG. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine - from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 35600 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 458-7100 to register.

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 (734) 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 (734) 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 (734) 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, (734) 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, (734) 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 Conference 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 (734) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

THUR, JAN. 8

LIVING CANCER 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, (734) 458-3311 for information.

JAN. 8 & 10

WEEKEND CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION

A weekend course for expectant parents with busy schedules. The course offers information on the third trimester of pregnancy, labor and delivery, coach's role, breathing and relaxation techniques, newborn care and postpartum care in a weekend format. First session meets at 6 p.m.; second at 8 a.m. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330 to register.

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 (734) 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, (734) 466-2540.

Skateathon to benefit terminally ill kids

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Elysia Pefley Foundation will hold its second annual Skateathon at Joe Louis Arena to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the McCarty Cancer Foundation; Friday, Jan. 23, from 2-8 p.m. You have one more opportunity to preregister, Jan. 10 at three local hockey arenas in the area who will be accepting pledge forms and donations.

Approximately 1,800 skaters will have the opportunity to take the ice with the Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings along with other notable sports and media celebrities.

The Elysia Pefley Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting seriously ill children and their families, was established in honor of Elysia Pefley, a young girl fighting cancer who lost her battle two years ago.

Elysia was a huge Red Wings fan and a special friend to Wings team Captain Steve Yzerman. As a private tribute, the Wings shut the scoreboard lights off the night Elysia died.

"We believe the momentum of the Stanley

AREA FUND-RAISER

Cup win will be in our favor," said Bob Dubey, executive director of the Elysia Pefley Foundation. In addition to the celebrity skate, participants will receive an Elysia Pefley Skateathon T-shirt along with food and refreshments. Any person raising \$50 or more in donations will have the opportunity to skate at the "Joe."

On the concourse throughout the day of the event, individuals and families will have free access to a huge sports memorabilia auction, referee dunk tank, hourly 50/50 raffle, face painting, clowns, games, cake walk, special Darren McCarty lithograph sale and more, said Dubey.

"You do not have to skate in order to enjoy the festivities on the concourse," said Dubey.

To participate in the Skateathon, collect donations and submit them Jan. 10 at the last preregistration event as ice-time preference will be given to those who turn in pledge sheets on a first come, first served basis. Once registered, you can still collect donations and turn them in on the day of the

event.

If you were unable to make it to the preregistration locations, you may mail your pledge sheets and pledge donations to: The Elysia Pefley Foundation, 32900 Five Mile Road, Suite 9, Livonia, Mich. 48154. Please include your telephone number so that a volunteer may contact you to explain which skate times remain open and register you for an available skate time.

The top six individuals who raise the most in donations, as well as the top money raising team, will be given special prizes. Also, an autographed item provided by Yzerman will be given to anyone who raises donations of \$300 or more.

Make checks payable to: The Elysia Pefley Foundation (Tax I.D. 38-3329919). If you have any questions, please call (888) 583-9914 or (734) 522-7199, Auto Pro Services, Bob Dubey, executive director.

To ensure a preferred ice time pledges can be turned in Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at these locations: Devonaire Arena in Livonia; Fraser Arena in Fraser; and Compuware in Plymouth Township.

High-tech phones become personal

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cator, a lot like we see in Star Trek reruns.

Think I'm having a high tech hallucination? If so, you clearly haven't heard of PCS.

You will. The television ad campaigns are about to be unleashed, the billboards are being erected and the hype is happening. Right here in the Motor City.

PCS, for Personal Communications System, is here big time. What is it? For starters it's the replacement for cellular telephones. Within three or four years tops, I predict the standard analog type cell phones most of us carry around will be replaced by PCS phones.

In fact, I did just that this week, signing up for a new PCS-based phone and handing my trusty old analog Motorola handheld cellular over to my wife, Mrs. PC Mike.

Much more than analog

But PCS is really much more than a new-fangled phone. It uses digital wireless technology that employs new communication efficiencies to squeeze more data onto the radio signal. That means that besides making telephone calls on your PCS phone, you can receive pages, get e-mail and text-messages, even have such extra services as caller ID to let you know who is calling you.

They come with built in address books and will soon even be able to show you your daily appointments.

In addition to all that, PCS phones are much clearer. They sound terrific. There's little drop-out, or static noise interference.

PCS phones are digital. That means your voice is encoded or broken down into a series of numbers which are then translated back into audio signals on the receiving end. Thus, PCS conversations are secure and private, not nearly as susceptible to eavesdropping or cloning as the analog cell phones we're used to that can be clearly monitored by radio scanners.

There's one other big improvement with PCS. You get much longer battery life. The Qualcomm PCS telephone I'm using, for example, gets about five hours of talk time and up to 70 hours of stand-by time. Telephone companies across the country are jumping on the PCS bandwagon. In the Detroit market, for example, AT&T, Ameritech and Sprint are all investing mightily. I've tried out all three systems over the past week and have been impressed.

I really like the idea of getting my e-mail over my phone. Most advanced in that regard is AT&T. You can directly send e-mail to an AT&T PCS customer by using the phone number as the address in a regular e-mail program or by accessing the messaging area of the AT&T Web site (www.attws.com).

Ameritech calls its PCS system "ClearPath" and has a similar option through its Web site (<http://clearpath.acswireless.com>) and Sprint (www.sprintpcs.com).

All the bells, whistles

How about price? That's another plus. Because digital systems are new, all three companies are doing all they can to lure charter subscribers with great rates. Sprint has an \$89.95 a month price that gives 800 minutes of airtime with no long distance charges. Their normal rate is 20-cents a minute when calling in the PCS service area.

Ameritech offers free PCS phones with a two year contract and rates as low as 22-cents a minute, depending on how much airtime you use every month. AT&T has a flat \$69.95 monthly fee for 750 minutes of airtime.

Those prices are for using the

carrier's digital PCS system.

And you shouldn't let those prices or free phones be the major determining factor in deciding on a system.

First, you better check out the PCS coverage area. Make sure you're in range of a digital cell at work, home and other locations where you're most apt to be making wireless calls.

A normal analog cell phone tower has about a 12-mile range. PCS digital antennas cover smaller areas, typically from six to eight miles. So for saturation coverage, more PCS digital antennas are needed. And each carrier has to have its own antenna on its own tower.

That's cause for lots of controversy throughout the suburbs as communities begin to complain about landscapes cluttered with towers from all the competing wireless carriers.

All three companies are scrambling to get digital antenna towers installed and running throughout Southeastern Michigan. Some companies are even trying such innovative approaches as putting the digital antennas atop light poles and power line towers. In my tests over the past week, I found scattered holes in all three systems throughout the metro area.

Usually, these were small little pockets. You drive out of them almost before you realize you had lost digital service. All three carriers say they know exactly where these dead zones are and are working to fill them in by summer.

Generally, though, reliable digital coverage now extends from just south of Detroit to Ann Arbor on the west, Pontiac on the north and Mt. Clemens on the east. By the end of 1998, solid coverage is promised to extend to Lansing, up towards Saginaw and over to Port Huron.

When you are outside of a PCS tower's coverage, the phone looks for an analog cellular signal and switches to that mode.

But that can be a major cost consideration. Sprint and AT&T have considerably smaller cellular systems in place in Southeastern Michigan than

Ameritech's. Thus, they've had to negotiate roaming rates with other providers to link up with their analog, or traditional service. Those roaming rates can add up. If digital service isn't available and the PCS phone switches over to analog cellular, you could get stung with as much as a 69-cents-a-minute charge.

Established systems

Because Ameritech already has some 270 cellular towers up and running around metro Detroit, it was pretty easy for them to add the digital antennas on their existing towers, thus giving them a quick edge over the other two services. Ameritech also charges the same for analog and its "ClearPath" PCS, at prices as low as 22-cents-a-minute, depending on what package you select.

I ended up signing on with Ameritech's ClearPath. I tried AT&T for two days and decided it wasn't for me. I found AT&T's coverage in the Detroit area to be most spotty of the three. To be fair, AT&T has only been up with PCS here for a month. But I don't want to wait for them to put new towers online.

Traveling from one end of the metro area to another, with identical Qualcomm PCS phones in hand -- one on Ameritech's ClearPath system, the other on Sprint's PCS system -- I found Ameritech consistently had the strongest signal in the most places.

But, again, AT&T and Sprint are adding new sites fast. And their introductory prices are very appealing.

So, make your choice based on your own travel patterns and situations. However you choose, it's hard to go wrong with PCS.

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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.

Manager returns

Dan Schultz of Plymouth recently rejoined the staff of Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia after a 17 year absence. He will head the Business/Finance Department - previously selling cars during 1977-81.

Born and raised in Livonia, Schultz has over 22 years of experience in the automotive industry as well as being licensed in life/health insurance, series 6 securities licensed and registered with NASD.

He currently resides in Plymouth with his wife Elisa and daughter Jessica.

Consultant named

William "Greg" Jones of Canton has recently joined Munro & Associates Inc., as an associate consultant. Jones brings to Munro & Associates more than 17 years of design experience and management expertise covering a wide variety of industries including automotive, telecommunications, computers and housewares.

He will help manufacturing companies achieve and sustain long-term success through implementation of Design for Assembly (DFA) and Design for Manufacturability (DFM)

strategies and provide special expertise in concept selections, pre engineering design development, plastics processing and materials selection.

Manager promoted

Keith Lang of Tennyson Chevrolet - Livonia, was promoted from business manager to general sales manager. Lang has been a part of the Tennyson team for the past 10 years. Beginning his career in sales, he was quickly promoted to business manager after only two years.

A Canton resident, he and his wife are raising three children.

New sales rep

Marla Bigelow has joined Labconco Corporation as North Central Sales Representative based in Plymouth. She is responsible for managing the sales and marketing activities in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. She reports to the National Sales Manager.

Prior to joining Labconco, Bigelow was a technical sales representative for Canton Analytical Laboratory.

Miller attends school

James Miller, of Padgett Business Services of Livonia, completed a five-day school in Atlanta as preparation for this tax season. This annual educational seminar provided participants from across the United States with up-to-date tax laws and issues relevant to their clients.

"There have been significant changes in tax laws that can impact both individuals and small business owners," said Miller. "With this recent training, I feel better equipped to help my clients with their business and tax planning needs."

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

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BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Business Network International will host a regular meeting of the Laurel Park Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road & Newburgh. For more information call BNI regional offices at (734) 397-9939.

JAN. 7 & 14

ENTREPRENEURIAL WORKSHOPS

Have you had dreams of opening your own business? Being your own boss? Making more money? Then turn your dreams of entrepreneurship into a reality at "Starting Your Small Business," a free workshop being held on consecutive Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. at Detroit College of Business (DCB). Reserve your spot by calling Sherri Kelsey at (313) 581-4400 ext. 379. Space

is limited.

THUR, JAN. 8

EDI INTEGRATING

Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will host a seminar at Schoolcraft College in Livonia from 8 a.m. to noon for \$105. This course will focus on the basics of integrating EDI with your automotive customers as well as realizing the benefits of implementing EDI with your suppliers. Topics will include AIAG's MAP project, OEM supply chain requirements and EDI implementation guidelines. To register call 800-292-4484 ext. 4165.

FRI, JAN. 9

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Business Network International will host a regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. For more information call BNI regional offices at (734) 397-9939.