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The Idea is to make Christmas special for everybody, not just the lucky families where mom and dad have plenty to spend. So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy, or maybe a gift of warm clothing, a new hat, scarf or gloves your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donation by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor's names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. But you can be an anonymous

donor, if you prefer.

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



TODAY

Arts and crafts: The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is holding its annual Christmas arts and crafts show from noon to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

### TUESDAY

Financial Aid Night: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is sponsoring a Financial Aid Night at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Salem auditorium, 46181 Joy Road. It's open to all junior and senior parents.

### **THURSDAY**

**Nursing care:** Attorney General-elect Jennifer Granholm, state nursing home inspectors and legislators will be at a 6:30 p.m. meeting at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, to discuss nursing home reform.

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### Santa arrives!



A jolly holiday: More than 100 children brought their parents out to Kellogg Park Friday night to watch the arrival of Santa Claus. The jolly old elf (who also goes by the name Eric Stupa, a Plymouth resident) arrived via fire truck and was presented the key to the Plymouth communities by City Mayor Don Dismuke. At right, Christmas Carol (Amy LaValle, 13, of Canton) watches Santa's reaction to the crowd.

# Ford medical center to open doors Dec. 7

BY LILLY A. EVANS

Henry Ford Health System will open its larger, state-of-the-art medical facilities in Plymouth and Canton next month.

All patients that are seen at the Plymouth and Canton Henry Ford Medical Centers will be seen at new locations.

The health care provider will open its 21,000-square-foot facility at Beck and M-14 on Dec. 7, followed by a 17,000-square-foot

building at Haggerty and Ford in Canton on

The current Canton location, at Ford and Lilley, will see the last scheduled appointment at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 11. The clinic will close on Dec. 12 but will be reopen Dec. 13

for its last day of urgent care. The annex at the downtown Plymouth location will remain open for Henry Ford Hos-

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# City cutback nearly axes holiday trees

A decision to reduce city costs for servicing downtown events threatened the annual Walk of Trees' and could further result in the canceling of the Chili Cookoff.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

The city commission's decision to cut spending for many downtown festivals and events almost canceled the annual Walk of Trees and may signal the end to the Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

When Fran Toney, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's executive director, found out the city would not pay for the \$2,500 cost for city services for the sixth annual Walk of Trees in Kellogg Park, her first thought was to cancel the popular event.

"I thought we didn't have time to raise the money, and the order for the trees would have to quickly be undone," said Toney. "And, for one day the event was actually canceled.'

However, Larry Bird, the owner of Gabriala's, wasn't going to let that happen.

"My 5-year-old loves those trees. This wasn't going to be canceled because of a financial shortage," said Bird. "We made some calls, and it was a pretty easy sell. Everyone wants those trees in the park."

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# College student killed in crash

BY SCOTT DANIEL

STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.ho

As a Michigan State University senior, Tiffany Morante didn't

Her studies in merchandise management consumed much of her energies. Tragically, the 21year-old Plymouth resident will never have an opportunity to realize her career dreams.

Morante was killed at 1:57 a.m. Thanksgiving Day crossing Ford Road just east of Beck in Canton Township. According to Canton police, she was hit by a 27-year-old Northville man driving westbound on Ford.
"She was so friendly to every-

body," said mother Marcia Kenely. "Everyone loved her."

Sgt. Charles Raycraft said alcohol may have played a part in the accident. Blood-alcohol tests are being performed on the



**Tiffany Morante** 

e name is being with held by police, to determine if he was legally intoxicated at the time of the accident.

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# Pushing the envelope

Mail, package delivery costly for procrastinators

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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Sending holiday cards and packages is as much an annual tradition as waiting in line, putting up decorations, eating too many holiday cookies and wrapping presents.

Another time-honored holiday tradition for some is waiting until the last possible minute to get those packages ready for sending, despite attempts

and pleas from the nation's major delivery companies to do it early.

People who want to send packages to loved ones need to decide which company will deliver

the gift and how much they're willing to spend to make sure it gets there on time ... especially if they tend to procrastinate.

Some choices include the United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service and Federal Express. These delivery workers all become Santa's elves during the holiday season as they pile sacks of gifts in airplanes, ships and trucks and deliver billions of packages and letters between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

### Expected rush

The U.S. Postal Service is preparing for the rush by hiring 40,000 seasonal workers, opening temporary processing centers, using more planes and trucks, keeping extended hours and by heavily airing the "What's Your Priority?" advertisements for its flat-rate Priority Mail service.

This holiday delivery season will bring an estimated 16.7 billion pieces of mail into post offices, said Mary

Ellen Hayden, marketing manager for the U.S. Postal Service Detroit district.

"We expect our holiday season to be a very busy one," Hayden said. "Our holiday really begins right after Thanksgiving."

Last year, the U.S. Postal Service handled an average of 100 million letters and cards per day between October and December. This year, an estimated 150 million cards and letters per day will be processed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. A 1-percent increase in cards and letter delivery and a 10-percent increase in package delivery is expected.

### Close to home

Joe Groff, Plymouth and Plymouth Township's postmaster, said his office expects a 10- to 20-percent increase in packages, a 10-percent increase in Priority Mail and a 1-3-percent increase in letters.

The employees are on "voluntary overtime" status now, which will switch to "mandatory overtime" status at Thanksgiving. Though it's a stressful time for postal employees, Groff said they still try to keep their spirits

up.
"Our employees are geared up," Groff said. "Whatever comes at us, we're going to get delivered."

This year, Plymouth postal employees are "adopting" families through the Salvation Army and are holding daily bake sales to raise money. Holiday parties also are planned.

Average mail handling for Detroit area post offices is predicted to be 15 to 17 percent above the national average during the upcoming holiday season. Detroit is always a busy area for international mail, Hayden said. This

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# Salvation Army, police team up for blue holiday

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER

It's not necessarily the holiday season until you hear the familiar clang of bells and see the red kettles hung on hooks outside your local department store.
At least that's what the Salva-

tion Army is hoping as it heads into its busiest and most profitable time of year.

"The funds that we raise through this drive are what help us support families throughout the year," said Lt. James Spencer of the Salvation Army.

The organization kicked off the season with its 1998 Christmas Kettle Tree Lighting ceremony last Tuesday.

We do have an event like this every year to commemorate the start of the season, which began on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving," said Spencer. "The ket-tles go out at 9 a.m. on Friday and run every day from nine in the morning to nine at night until Christmas Eve."

This year, the opening ceremony was a little more personal for several people in attendance which included Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Plymouth Township police Chief Larry Carey.

The event centered around the lighting of a Christmas tree in front of the Salvation Army building on Main Street. The tree was adorned with blue lights this year, instead of white, to signify the support of law enforcement officers as part of "Project Blue Light" started by Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors.

It is a tribute to those officers who continue to patrol the streets and especially to those

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who gave their lives in the line of

"We did a special presentation this year in conjunction with the Plymouth Township Police Department commemorating slain officers, not only here, but across the state," said Spencer. "And that's represented by the blue lights on the tree this year."

Tuesday's tree lighting was in honor of fallen police officer, Steven Ruether, who was slain while serving the Milan community. He was a full-time employee of the Milan Police Department and a part-time officer for Plymouth Township at the time of his death in 1991

As part of Tuesday's itinerary, the police chaplain gave a dedication and the Plymouth Township Police Honor Guard gave a 21-gun salute and played Taps in Ruether's memory.

The Plymouth Township Police Department plans on holding a similar ceremony in his memory at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the police station. Several trees in front of the station will be decorated with blue lights and lit during the ceremony.

## **Tenor-less situation**

# Frosty holds only clue to carolnapping

A holiday prankster has caused city officials to become a bit perplexed and disturbed.

Two of the four fiberglass carolers in the planter box on the corner of Main and Penniman in Kellogg Park were taken last

"The boy and the girl carolers

were missing sometime Friday night (Nov. 20) or early Saturday morning," said Paul Sincock, municipal services director. "On Sunday morning, the girl reappeared back in place, and there was a note discovered on Frosty the Snowman that indicated the carolers had been carolnapped."

Sincock says the carolers cost \$800 apiece from Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in

on back order and most likely won't be available before Christmas, Sincock said.

Plymouth police Detective Sgt. Ed Ochal isn't amused.

"This kind of act is less than amusing, is a criminal act of theft and vandalism, and not in the holiday spirit," said Ochal. "Plymouth is a beautiful place, and this type of act won't be tol-

Ochal said the prankster could be charged with a felony, which could bring prison time of up to

This situation needs to be corrected during the holiday season, because afterward is too late for people to enjoy the display," added Ochal. "If it's not returned soon, we'll prosecute to the fullest extent."

# Suspects linked to store holdups

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER

Three suspects are in custody in connection with a Nov. 20 armed robbery at the Pilgrim Party Shoppe, at 895 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth detectives believe the trio has been working as a team and is responsible for a chain of robberies throughout the Plymouth, Canton and Livonia areas. The trio has been referred to as the "Hennessey Bandits" for requesting a specific brand of cognac during most of their holdups.

Kevin Clark, 35, and Rafiel Riggins, 19, both of Detroit, have been arraigned on armed robbery charges after being arrested by the Eastpointe and Detroit police departments last weekend. They are currently being questioned about several robberies, including the Pilgrim Party Shoppe incident. An arraignment date in 35th District Court has yet to be set.

The third suspect, Riggins' aunt, has yet to be arraigned. Her name has not been released by police.

Both men have admitted to having taken part in several robberies. Police believe they are responsible for as many as 10 heists throughout Canton, Livonia, Redford, Eastpointe, Detroit and other commu-

"They are believed to be the subjects involved," said Detective Kevin Lauterwasser of the Plymouth Township Police Department. "One has confessed for sure to a similar incident in Canton. All indications are that they are involved together."

■ The trio has been referred to as the "Hennessey Bandits" for requesting a specific brand of cognac during most of their

We named them 'The Hennessey Bandits' because they got Hennessey from everyone," said Detective Leonard Wolons of the Canton Police Department. "It was just their drink of choice, so why should they spend any of their ill-gotten gains on it when they're standing in a liquor store?"

Ironically, the Hennessey Cognac connection is what linked several of the robberies to each other and may play a pivotal role in court.

Helpful witness

Police failed to apprehend the robbers following the Nov. 21 robbery of the Eastpointe Liquor Store, at 24850 Gratiot, but a witness got the license plate number after seeing the two men get into a car outside the store, according to police.

"At that point they had gotten away," said Eastpointe Police Detective Mike Edwards. "We put out a ticker-tape and officers from the 8th Precinct took that information and went to the address (where the vehicle was registered) at which point they arrested the female and (Clark). (Riggins) was arrested two days later by the Violent Crimes Task Force of the

There is a general increase in crimes of this nature during the holidays and police hope that store owners in the area are aware of that.

"Tis the season," said Lauterwasser. Typically we see an increase around the holidays in holdups, larceny, shoplifting ... crimes of that nature. We hope that merchants realize that this is the season and ask them to report any suspicious activity to the police.

At around 3:30 p.m. Nov. 20 an armed runman made off with several bottles of iquor and a "large" amount of cash from the Pilgrim Party Shoppe in Plymouth,

After asking for their trademark Hennessey Cognac, the clerk asked for identification and the man produced a "derringertype weapon," according to police reports.

Lauterwasser said, "He made off on foot

west of there. We traced him through a dog trace to about one block west of the store where we think he had a car."

Both Clark and Riggins have admitted to holding up the Canton Party Store at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor. The store was robbed on Oct. 3 and again on Oct. 17, according to Canton

The two also admitted to the Sept. 30 and Oct. 29 robberies of the Mid-Five Party Store on Middlebelt Road south of Five Mile as well as a Nov. 5 holdup of the Bai-Lynn Party Store on Merriman Road north of I-96, according to Livonia police.

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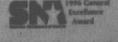
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# Symphony League hosts 'Sugar Plum Fairy Tea'

The Plymouth Symphony League will be hosting "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea" following "The Nutcracker Ballet" at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13.

At the tea, the audience has the opportunity to meet and talk with members of the ballet and orchestra as well as refreshments. Tickets are \$5.

For additional information or tickets, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets are also available at the following

Arthritis Today

NEW MEDICATIONS AND RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Those of you with an interest in arthritis, cannot help but note the

broadcast news about the new drugs coming out to treat rheumatoid arthritis. I do not want to dampen hope but must point out that the publicity comes more from Madison Avenue than the National Institute of Health.

The facts are that in tests to date the one new drug already on pharmacy shelves, does not perform any better than methotrevale, and is five times as expensive. The new drug has known potentially serious side effects to the liver. Most likely its use in a diverse population with wide variation in the state of individual health will uncover other toxicities.

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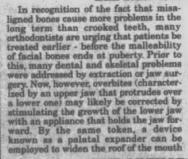
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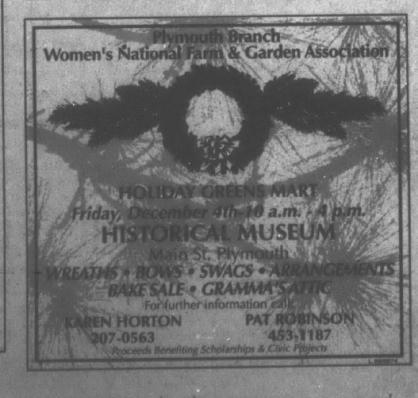
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# 'Tis the season

# Early shoppers seize the day

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

If early returns are any indication, retailers in the Plymouth community will experience a strong holiday shop-

Many businesses are expecting doubledigit increases in sales compared to last ear. And that's based on figures before Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, what is generally considered the busiest shopping day of the year.

Kmart on Plymouth Road was slated to open at 6 a.m., but manager Al Boik opened the doors 15 minutes early because of the large number of early morning bargain seekers.

"Indications are we'll have a better season than last year," said Boik. "On Thanksgiving we were open and sales were up 50 percent for the day."

Outside, Karen Wludyka of Plymouth Township was filling her minivan with a variety of gifts for which she just spent

"I didn't get out until about 9 a.m., but I was up at six planning," said Wludyka, who was shopping for two families, friends and business clients. "I'll probably spend about \$1,500 this season. But, we stay away from credit cards "

Marlene Erxleben of Plymouth had a shopping cart full of goods, but not from Christmas shopping.

"I finished my shopping a few weeks ago," she said. "I start in August looking

On the other side of town, at Sheldon and Five Mile, Dan Argonis, the owner of Venture Outdoors, said they don't get the 6 a.m. rush like the major retailers, but he's happy with sales thus far this year.

"With the weather so warm we're a little bit off as far as customers," said Argonis, whose store sells cold weather gear. "However, we're already at a 15 percent increase from last November, and expect it to reach 30 percent by the end of the month. It's been a great, great year for

And in downtown Plymouth, most retailers were seeing good foot traffic, despite the huge sales at the malls.

"We've been busy all day, excellent,"



said Kal Jabara owner of Wild Wings Wildlife Arts & Gifts. We were getting Christmas shoppers in October. so we're way up from last year."

"It's going to be a great year for us" he added. "Plymouth is the most wonderful in the world. The business climate here is just outstand-

"Business is wonderful," agreed Mary Millington, manager of the Little Professor on the Park Bookstore. "Sales are fabulous and are up from last year."

At the Animation Station, owners Teresa and Vern Mitchell were a little more reserved, saying it will be another week before they see a big wave of shoppers.

"Next week, after they've been to the malls, people will start doing their specialty shopping," said Vern. "Our business the last two weeks has picked up.

Indications are it will be a better sales season than it was last year, which was an OK year for us.'

Former Plymouth resident Chris Rose of Dearborn said she did all her shopping by catalogue, and was just browsing with her daughter, Lauren, in downtown Ply-

We like to individualize our gifts ... gift from the heart," said Rose. "In Plymouth you can find those unique type of

# Historical museum features Civil War Christmas display

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

1) A Man In Full, Tom PARENT'S CHOICE JUVENILE

Huge sales: As expected from early national news reports,

Thanksgiving, which is deemed the busiest shopping day

of the year, was no different in the Plymouth community

where retailers said they are expecting a strong holiday

look over Christmas crafts at Bed 'n Stead in the Forest

Place Mall. Above right, bargain hunters peruse sales

along Ann Arbor Trail. Right, Wild Wings attracted a

number of shoppers on the lookout for unique gifts and

shopping season based on the early sales. Above, shoppers

shoppers were out in full force Friday. The day after

The Plymouth Historical Time," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Museum is featuring a special holiday exhibit from the Petz Abraham Lincoln Collection of the museum. The collection provides a backdrop to a poignant display focusing on Christmas during the years of Lincoln's life when the nation was at Civil

good bargains.

Illustrator Thomas Nast created this first of many visions of Santa Claus during the Civil War in "Harper's Weekly" to let the nation know that Santa visited children and soldiers alike. Thomas Nast's Santa Claus and many of our other modern Christmas traditions found their beginning during the years of

Dr. Weldon Petz will premiere a new program titled, "Christ- Christmas" is on display through mas Traditions from Lincoln's Jan. 15.

Editor's note: Every week

the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers"

based on the number of

requests for titles by library patrons. The books are avail-

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3) The Vampire Armand,

4) Bag of Bones, Stephen

5) All Through the Night,

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Mary Higgins Clark

Anne Rice

at the Plymouth Historical Museum's Annual Christmas Open House. Admission is free as a gift to the community, although donations will be accepted.

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Another feature of the holiday display at the museum is the beautiful pen and ink illustrations of Lincoln and his family by Lincoln artist Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio. Ostendorf is a gifted artist and author, and Abraham Lincoln has been one of his favorite subjects for more than 60 years. He has written several books on Lincoln including, "Abraham Lincoln: The Boy, The Man" and "Lincoln's Photographs, A Complete Album."

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## Sponsors needed for trees

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER thruscato@oe.homecomm.ne

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sixth annual Walk of Trees is slated to begin Dec. 6 in Kellogg Park, and there are still opportu-

nities for sponsorship of trees.

"We still have several of the 50 trees available for groups, businesses or individuals to sponsor and decorate," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a tree for \$50 can call Toney at 453-1540.

The trees are slated to be delivered Monday, with city workers to put them up in Kellogg Park Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, high school students will help put 200 strings of lights on the

"It's a lot of fun for the kids, and helps them with their community service hours needed to pass the class," said Bill Gretzinger, Close-Up teacher. "It also gives the students a chance to interact with adults and learn from them."

Sponsors of the trees will have an opportunity to decorate them next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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"My class will be decorating a tree with plates, plastic silverware, and items relating to food," said Karen Nelson, second-grade teacher at Bird Elementary in Plymouth Township. "The class talked about a theme dealing with doing for others. It will remind people there are people going hungry."

Nelson said the tree was donated by Box Bar owner Chip Falcusan.

Pam Stratton of Plymouth Township is sponsoring a tree for All Saints School in Canton Town-

ship.
"I did it when my kids went to Smith Elementary, and I want to give the kids at All Saints the same opportunity," she said. "I would like it to become a tradition for the school."

After all the tre's are decorated, a Candlelight Family Christmas Carol Sing-Along is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Kellogg Park. Participants are asked to bring a canned good for the Salvation Army.

### Trees from page A1

Merchants and landlords chipped in \$250 apiece to pay for the city-related costs. Toney said that with the \$50 cost for sponsoring a tree, the event should be close to break even for the chamber.

"It's essential we have tradition," echoed Scott Smith of Penniman Gallery. "This is a great family event, and the children enjoy it. It also improves the appearance of Plymouth during Christmas time."

Toney said she hopes the city will change its mind and pay the costs for next year's Walk of Trees. However, city commissioners took notice it didn't take much effort for merchants to raise the money.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said the special events policy adopted a few years ago provides \$400 of in-kind services from the city. However, for many events the city had been picking up the costs of municipal services, such as set-up and trash pickup.

"From time to time we have to cally. step back as it becomes too large "T

a burden on our budget," said Walters. "We have to weed out paying for some events which are not as justified."

Downtown Plymouth has 130 downtown events a year, he said. And, one of those events the city is weaning itself from is Plymouth's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

Annette Horn, of Native West, said her cost for the chili cookoff has risen so high in the three years of the event that she's considering moving it.

"The first year the city picked up the entire \$1,400 cost," said Horn. "The next year they paid \$1,900 of the total \$3,100 cost. And for this year, the city gave me the \$400 in-kind donation, but my cost is over \$5,000.

"If I'm running an event in Plymouth, I should pay for some costs," said Horn. "But, I'm also promoting Plymouth and giving it exposure."

Horn said any money she makes goes to charity, and the donations have fallen dramatically.

"The first year I gave over the city and enhance its image."

\$4,000 to the Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation," said Horn.
"Last year the event raised \$14,000 for Make-A-Wish. However, this year I was only able to give \$2,000 each to Make-A-Wish and the Plymouth Salvation Army because my costs were so high."

Walters has a somewhat different view.

"The basic question is does it make sense for the city to give support for charity fund-raising?" he said. "The city then becomes contributors to the net

proceeds for that charity."

Horn said she still believes
Kellogg Park is the place for her
event, which has gone from a
local cookoff to a regional contest
that draws nearly 10,000 people
from all over. However, the
increasing costs may force her to
move the event.

"I need to think of options, which include other communities," said Horn. "I'd like to talk to the city and see what we can do. Maybe they need to look at what events generate benefits to the city and enhance its image."

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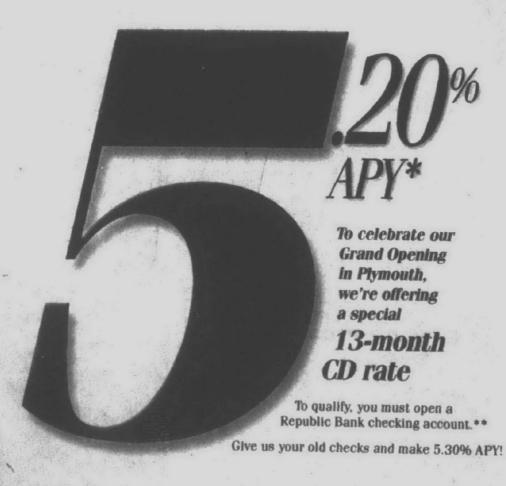
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# Senior citizen meal program needs local volunteers

Want to brighten up the holiday season or even the new year for someone?

Then you can volunteer to assist Wayne County's Meals on Wheels program.

The county's nutrition program for senior citizens needs dr. vers, kitchen workers and people to prckage the meals for distribution to Wayne County seniors. Volunteers also are

Collectible Santas \$35 or 3/990.

needed to drive and deliver liquid nutrition to cancer victims or seniors who can only ingest liq-

"We're always in need of volunteers," said Pam Dobrowolski, deputy director of the Wayne County senior nutrition program. The program has 43 distribution sites throughout western and southwestern Wayne County, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township and Westland. It is administered from the

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Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland.

Generally volunteers are needed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to gather at the dis-tribution sites. "For drivers we generally need them for two hours," Dobrowolski said. "People who work in the kitchen generally are needed a little longer. But the program can use vol-

unteers even if they only have

an hour or one day a week to spare. Of course, people can vol-unteer up to the five days a week or four hours a day if they wish.

"It's good for retirees or mothers with kids in school," Dobrowolski said. Anyone who works nights who has spare time during the late morning hours also can volunteer.

Drivers also receive reimbursement for mileage and will drive from the distribution

points to the seniors. The program always needs vola particular shortage at Wayne and Westland sites. Dobrowolski said some seniors are on a waiting list for meals, which will be delivered once a volunteer is

Volunteers also will be needed in Redford once a food distribution site opens as expected in St. James Presbyterian Church on Six Mile.

Senior luncheon centers are housed at the following sites: Canton Recreation Center, Sum-

unteers at the sites, but there is mit-on-the-Park, 46000 Summi Parkway, Canton; Maplewo Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; Ton-quish Creek, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth; and Redford Township Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford. In Livonia, meals are available at Shelder Park Senior Center, 10800 Farmington; McNamara Towers, Building II, 19300 Purlingbrook; Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington; and Brashear Tow-

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# Student from page A1

Results from the test will take one to three weeks, Ray-craft said. Meanwhile, the accident remains under inves-

"Nothing will happen as far as charges until the report comes back," he added.

Both Morante and the driv-er had been at Bailey's Pub, which is located about a mile away from the accident scene at Ford Road and Canton Center. Raycraft said they were not together, however. Further details about the

accident are sketchy. But Ray-craft did say that the man tried to avoid Morante before hitting her.

She was struck by the driver's side front fender, he added. It's unknown whether he was speeding, Raycraft

Morante was dead at the scene. The Northville man, who was alone in the vehicle. was uninjured. Morante was a 1995 gradu-

ate of Plymouth Salem High "She was a good student," said Kenely. "She was so full

of energy." Away from her studies. Tiffany liked to spend time

"She loved to go up North and swim and ski," her mother said.

It was the second fatal crash in Canton involving a pedestrian during the last 10 days. A total of four pedestri-

no later than 3:00 p.m.

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ans or bicyclists have been killed in the township this

Diane Alff was killed on Sheldon Road south of Joy Nov. 17 while out walking her dog. That case is still under

nald Cowan was killed in a hit-and-run crash Jan. 4 while riding his bike on Michigan Avenue near Beck. Police are still seeking information about the driver in that case.

Leona Ilardi was killed Feb. 4 while crossing the street on Lilley north of Cherry Hill.

In addition to her mother, Morante is survived by her stepfather, John Kenely of Plymouth; brothers John C. Kenely of Roseville, Donald O. (Kristen) Kenely of Farming-ton and Kitt M. Kenely of Pleasant Ridge; sisters Kelly and Keri Morante of Plymouth; nieces Jessica and Molly Kenely; grandfather, Walter Morante of Birmingham; and grandmother, Evelyn Caldwell of Largo, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father, Vincent A.

Funeral services are 1:30 m. Monday at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. Burial is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving in care of Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

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pice. However, the last appointment at that location will be 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 4.

HFHS is replacing the existing 3,600-square-foot building in Plymouth to keep up with the demands in the community, said Denise Robinson, administrative manager of Henry Ford Medical Center in Plymouth. "We've had a tremendous need this building hasn't allowed us to meet. The new building should allow for the growth of the community,"
The new Canton location will

replace the current 6.000-

square-foot building.
"We are hoping to expand services, and we will have more exam rooms to increase access and expedite appointments," said Diane Pawlica, manager of Henry Ford Center in Canton.

Both medical centers will offer internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, urgent care, Xray and lab services and a full service pharmacy.

The Plymouth facility will

have obstetric and gynecological facilities, The Canton location will offer dermatological ser-

"We designed this so it would be patient and staff friendly,"

III The hours for the Plymouth facility are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 7
a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday
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urgent care hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun-

Robinson said. "The waiting rooms will be more comfortable. We put sofas in it if a mom wants to lay her child on her

Another perk for children visiting the Plymouth facility will be trains.

"There are windows in the waiting room facing the tracks. We figured three trains go by an hour. Kids love it," Robinson

Also, Robinson said, there will be a business section in the wait-

New opening: Henry Ford Health System will open its 21,000-square-foot facility at Beck and M-14 on Dec. 7. The existing Main Street facility will stay open as a hospice center.

ing rooms at both facilities The urgent care hours are 7 a.m. where people can plug in their laptop computers while they

In addition, the builders put in plenty of windows and sky lights for natural lighting.

The hours for the Plymouth facility are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for regularly scheduled appointments .

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and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The hours of the Canton facility are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday the medical center will offer urgent care.

## Mall from page A1

year, 200 million holiday letters, post cards and packages are expected to travel overseas Dec. 21. Customers wary of long lines might nationally.

Deadlines are in effect for surface deliveries to international destinations, including military addresses with APO or FPO designations. Customers should check those deadlines and customs regulations with the post office. Surface rates are cheapest and cover ship and vehicle travel, while "express" air rates are higher. All overseas postcards and letters travel by air.

Procrastinators, for an additional charge, can send items abroad within a few days of

For those packages going to domestic places, Priority Mail typically takes twothree days. Quicker options are available for an additional charge. The Postal Service will deliver packages on Christmas Day.

The busiest mail day is expected to be Monday, Dec. 14, with an estimated 280 million cards and letters nationwide canceled.

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Competition

Competition from other shipping companies hasn't hurt the U.S. Postal Service but has prompted them to make some changes, officials say. These changes include keeping some branches open 24 hours, making new branches like Canton's more like stores and putting more advertisements on television

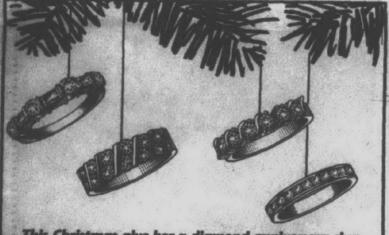
This year the slogan is "Fly Like an Eagle" and uses the Steve Miller song. Plans are also in the works to merge with 500 Mail Boxes Etc." stores. At Mailboxes, which has stores in Livonia, Canton and Farmington, customers can send packages, buy packaging supplies, use mailboxes and make photocopies, among other things. Some branches have 24-hour-accessible mailboxes.

For people not on regular clocks, there are some area post offices open 24 hours. They ■ 12245 Beech Daly in Redford Township

■ 1404 W. Fort Street in downtown Detroit

The air mail center in Detroit Metropolitan Airport (which is in a building separate from the passenger terminals).

Most post offices will have extended holiday hours. Customers should call their local branches to see when they're open.



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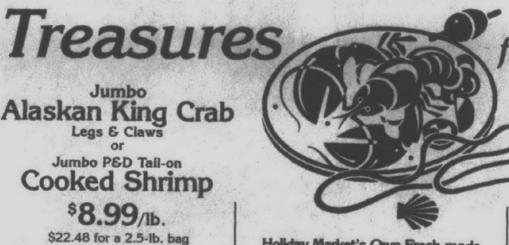
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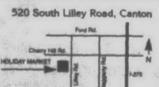
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# Audit says county computers not ready for Y2K date change

Is Wayne County ready for the

year 2000? It isn't, according to an audit resented Nov. 17 to the Wayne

County Commission by Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy. Wayne County, other govern-mental entities and private businesses "face the real possibility that many of its computer sys-tems may not operate properly or at all," Dunleavy reported.

"If computer systems do not function properly, it could ham-per tax collection, delay pension payments and even increase the risk of vehicle accidents due to malfunctioning traffic lights on county roads."

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As of August, Wayne County had spent \$2 million on "Y2K"

The problem stems from the way computers process date information. Many computer systems were designed with two-digit codes for which "97" would be interpreted as 1997.

"Consequently, the year 2000 will be interpreted as the year "00" or 1900 by the computer," the report stated. "To address the problem, software programs for date-driven activities must

be reviewed and corrected where

necessary or replaced."

While the county's plan includes the major phases described in the Assessment Guide prepared by the U.S. General Accounting Office, the lack of deadlines for completion of these activities "make it difficult to assess how much progress the county has made to date."

The county has an aggressive schedule, Dunleavy added, but it is about a year behind schedule. County officials have outlined a schedule calling for testing on all systems and operations by June 1999, but to meet that deadline, a series of tests on individual systems and operations must occur, the report stated.

"This does not mean that the county will not meet the Year 2000 deadline. However, it does indicate a risk that the county may not be able to correct all mission-critical information systems by the deadline."

Any delay in "critical" areas, such as department inventories, could delay the county in contracting to correct or replace systems. "Because of the significant demand for these services, each day that passes will undoubtedly lead to higher costs."

Carol Steffani, director of information processing for Wayne County, said the Depart-ment of Information Processing concurred with Dunleavy's report. Steffani said inventories and assessment phases have "no

endpoints."

"New equipment and applications obtained during the next 16 months must be added to the inventory to ensure that any interfaces or system dependen-cies associated with implementation are Y2K ready," Steffani

Wayne County expected to conduct information sessions with employees and work to identify other ways to inform employees, through newsletter

Dunleavy suggested commissioners may wish to consider requiring that the county's Information Processing and Y2K Project Office provide monthly updates, including how and what systems are prioritized and updated cost information. Commissioners also may want to pass an ordinance requiring all vendors be "Year 2000" compli-

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ers, 17841 N. Laurel Park. In Westland, lunches are available at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh; Kay Beard Build-ing, 30721 Michigan; Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill; and the old Whittier building,

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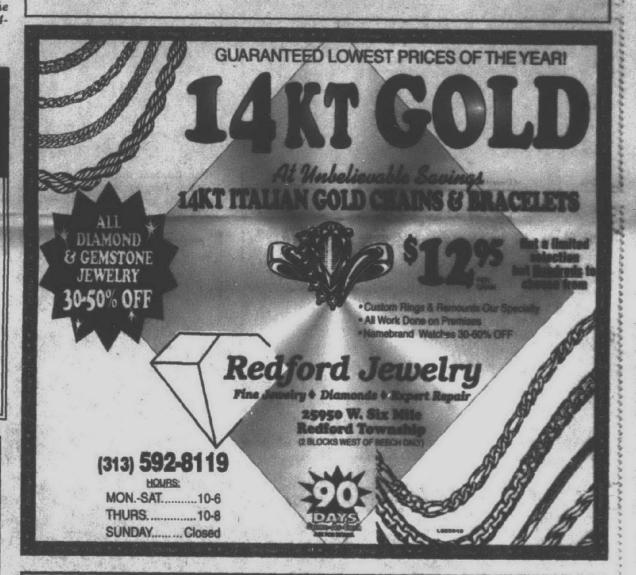


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Having juvenile rheumatoid arthritis is like "taking the will and spirit of

**EVENTS** 

"Slice of Life" 7:30 p.m. Borders Books. 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, with Chef Keith Supian from the Van Dyke Place restaurant in Detroit. M Arthritis Foundation 5K

Jingle Bell Run - 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Burns Park School, Ann Arbor and The Community House, downham. Entry fee registration 8 a.m. to just before the race. Call (800) 968-3030 for information. "Slice of Life" will be offered for sale at both runs.

a child and imprisoning it in the body of someone who is 60 or 70 years old," said Wendy Nicholls of Sterling Heights, who with Lori Lipshaw of West Bloomfield wrote "Slice of Life," a cookbook to benefit children with arthritis. "They're little kids - children cannot retire from school or life, no matter

no escape." Children who suffer from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis are ten in pain, but it's not visible and not understood that children can get arthritis too. Lipshaw's 6-1/2year-old son, Eric, suffers from the disease, as does Nicholls' 11-

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h Both chil dren were diagnosed at age 3, and are the motivation for this project.

### Moms go to work

The moms wanted to do something to help their children, and other children like them. All proceeds from "Slice of Life," which sells for \$12.95, will be used to benefit the quality of life for these children through family support groups, weekend family camp, and assisting families who wish to attend regional and national conferences.

Lipshaw and Nicholls also want to increase awareness of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that affects 250,000 children in the United

"What Leah goes through is devas-tating," said Nicholls. "She accepts pain every day. The disease can really

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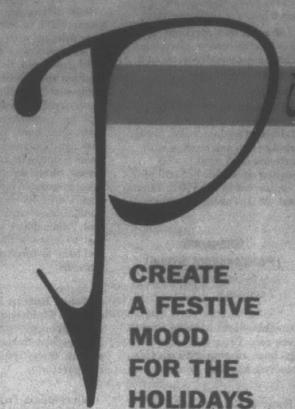


### LOOKING AHEAD

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BY ELEANOR HEALD

Pomegranates come just once a year - in time to add holiday cheer!

Need some festive new ideas to brighten your holiday cooking? Both pomegranate seeds and juice make tasty, colorful additions to many

"Pomegranates are in peak season and this year, due to weather conditions, have deeper-colored red seeds with above normal sugar levels,"

said Kosai Elsamawi, produce manager for Vic's Quality Fruit Market in Beverly Hills. Joe Azar, produce manager for Nino Salvaggio in Troy, noted that "the best way to choose a good pomegranate is by color. It should be deep red,

feel firm to the touch and have no bruises. When a pomegranate begins to turn yellow, it's over-

ripe."
Pomegranate derives from the French pomme garnette or "seeded apple" and is sometimes called a Chinese apple. It originated in tropical Mediterranean and Middle East. Over 200 years ago, the Spanish mission fathers brought the fruit to California, the principal source of pome-granates sold in the U.S. market.

A translucent scarlet pulp surrounds 800 arils (seeds), compartmentalized between shiny, tough membranes. Pure pomegranate pleasure comes from the seeds. Removing seeds and releasing juice are simple techniques. While working with pomegranates, wear an apron to protect clothing from juice stains.

### Removing seeds

Cut the crown end of a pomegranate, removing with it some of the white pith, taking care not to pierce seeds within. Lightly score skin in quarters, from stem to crown. Following score lines, firmly, yet gently, break sections apart. Bend skin back and gently scoop seed clusters into a bowl. Remove

Refrigerate seeds up to three days or freeze on trays in single layers; then pack in airtight containers to freeze for up to 6 months.

### Releasing juice

To obtain 1 cup of juice, place 1-1/2 to 2 cups of variety of preparations. It can be made into jelly



to sumptuous Pomegranate Parfait.

n a blender. Blend until liquefied. Pour through a cheesecloth-lined strainer or sieve.

Pomegranate juice, which can be refrigerated for up to 3 days, lends special qualities to seasonal preparations. It can be frozen for up to 6 months to add unique properties

to recipes, from beverages to desserts, throughout the winter months. Fill one-cup airtight containers with juice, allowing some room for expansion

as the liquid freezes. Seal and freeze at zero degrees or below. To have available smaller amounts of juice, freeze cubes in an ice tray and store in resealable plastic bags.

Pomegranate juice gives flavor and color to a

or used in marinades, salad dressings, cake, homemade ice cream or sorbet. If you enjoy Chicken Dijon, freshen up flavors with pomegranates. Make a pomegranate margarita or pomegranate pink lemonade.

Homemade grenadine (pomegranate syrup) adds distinctive flavor and festive holiday color to drinks, fruit mixtures, sauces

and desserts. For a festive aperitif, add 1 or 2 tablespoons of homemade grena-dine to sparkling wine. Drop a few fresh or frozen pomegranate seeds into each glass before serving.

See recipes inside.



Few things express the spirit of the holiday season better than a homemade gift, and what better way to directly involve children in the gift-giving process than to help them bake a homemade treat? While baking something special for grandma and grandpa, a favorite teacher or scout leader, they'll also be creating long-remembered holiday traditions.

Baby Bear Breads with Honey butter are as fun to make as they are to receive and eat. It's a recipe the entire family can lend a hand with. Older children can measure the quick or oldfashioned oats and other ingredients and put them in the correct order into the bread machine.

If the bread is prepared by hand, younger bakers can help stir together the ingredients. Then everyone, no matter what their age, can help knead the dough and roll it into the balls used to create the adorable chubby bears.

One taste of these whole grain breads and you'll appreciate that this recipe makes four bears - three bears to give away and one to enjoy at home. After cooling, give each baby bear gift a festive ribbon "tie," and wrap individu-ally in clear cellophane or plastic wrap. For an extra-special touch, present the bread on a cutting board with a spreader or small knife and a little crock of honey butter.

When time is limited, or your child

has a lengthy list of special people. bake several batches of Maple-Nut Granola. Each takes just minutes to assemble, then requires just 30 minutes in the oven. Again, young and old can help measure ingredients and stir everything together.

People on your gift list will enjoy the granola as a breakfast cereal, a delicious, nutritious snack or sprinkled over frozen yogurt for dessert.

For gift giving, pour the granola into a clear glass container with a tight-fitting lid. Or spoon into cellophane bags that can be closed with a twist tie or ribbon. And don't forget, a copy of the recipe is a nice touch.

### BABY BEAR BREADS WITH

HONEY BUTTER 3 teaspoons quick-rising yeast

- 2 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned,
- uncooked) 1/3 cup sunflower seed kernels
- (optional)
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt 1 1/2 cups low-fat milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 5 tablespoons stick butter or mar-

garine, melted Raisins and chopped dried fruits Honey butter (recipe follows)

Bring all ingredients to room temperature by letting them stand on the counter about 30 minutes

Place yeast in bread machine according to directions in manual. In medium bowl, combine both flours, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. In separate bowl, combine milk, egg and

Place dry and liquid ingredients in bread machine according to manual. Use machine's dough setting to mix and knead. (Bread will not bake in machine).

Lightly grease 2 cookie sheets. Turn dough out of breatl machine onto lightly floured surface. Knead 6 to 8 times.

To make bears, roll pieces of dough into four 2-1/2-inch balls for bodies, four 1-1/2inch balls for heads, sixteen 1-inch balls for hands and feet and eight 3/4-inch balls for ears

On cookie sheets, gently place balls together to form 2 bears on each sheet. Use raisins to make eyes, nose and other decorations. Cover; let rise in warm place 15 to 20 minutes or until nearly double in size.

Heat oven to 375°F. Bake bear breads 12 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown. Carefully remove bears from cook-

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QUAKER OATS

Tasty gift: Baby Bear Breads with Honey Butter are as fun to make as they are to receive. These chubby bears are a fun family baking project.

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Dust with powdered sugar or

**DIJON CHICKEN WITH** 

**POMEGRANATE GLAZE** 

1 (2 1/2-3 pound) chicken

2 cups pomegranate juice

1 tablespoon brown sugar

erally with Dijon mustard and

roast at 500°F for 30 minutes or

Pour pomegranate juice in a

large skillet and reduce it by half.

Stir in brown sugar and soy sauce.

**POMEGRANATE LAMB KABOBS** 

1/2 cup Pomegranate Syrup

1 tablespoon lemon juice

(recipe follows)

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/3 cup salad oil

Boil briefly and pour over chick-

until the chicken is no longer pink.

Split chicken in half, brush lib-

2 teaspoons soy sauce

Preheat oven to 500°F

pomegranate juice.

turn out on a cake plate.

40 minutes.

ing. Serves 8.

Dijon mustard

# Pomegranates are in season, enjoy

See related story on Taste front. All recipes courtesy of the Pomegranate Council, Califor-

### POMEGRANATE PARFAIT

- gelatin
- 1 cup sugai
- 3 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup water 1 cup pomegranate juice 2 tablespoons fresh lemon
- iuice 1 cup whipping cream Whipped cream for garnish Chopped pistachio nuts for
- Pomegranate seeds for gar-

Mix gelatin and sugar in a heavy sauce pan; reserve.

Whisk egg yolks and water together; stir into reserved gelatin

Cook over medium-low heat (do not boil), stirring constantly until gelatin and sugar dissolve (about 5

Remove from heat; stir in pomegranate juice and lemon

Refrigerate pomegranate mixture stirring occasionally, until mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon (about 2 1/2

When pomegranate mixture is ready, beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry; thoroughly fold into pomegranate mixture. Reserve.

Beat cream until soft peaks form; thoroughly fold into

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pomegranate mixture and divide mixture among six 8-ounce parfait glasses; chill at least 4 hours.

To serve, garnish each parfait with a dollop of whipped cream; sprinkle each with some of the chopped pistachio nuts and egranate seeds. Makes 6 serv-

### POMEGRANATE SORBET

- Juice from 6 medium-size pomegranates, or about 4 pounds of fruit (3 cups of juice)
- 1/2 cup sugar or a little more, to taste

Start this two days ahead, so you have time to chill the juice and

harden the sorbet in the freezer. Stir in the sugar until it is dissolved, and chill. Freeze juice in an ice-cream freezer according to directions. Serves 4-6.

### **POMEGRANATE CAKE**

- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cups sugar.
- 1 cup sifted cake flour 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour an 8-inch

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs until foamy and gradually add sugar. Continue beating until

mixture is stiff and full of air. Sift cake flour and baking powder, divide in three parts and fold into the egg-sugar mix-

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We apologize for any inconvenience this may have

FOOD

### 2 pounds boneless lamb shoulder or leg, cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes

Transfer batter to cake pan In a large bowl, stir together and bake at 350 degrees for 35-Pomegranate Syrup, oil, lemon uice, salt, pepper, and garlic. Add Cool for 10-15 minutes and mb and stir to coat.

Cover and refrigerate for at frost with a butter cream frostleast 6 hours or until next day.

> Lift meat from marinade and drain briefly (reserve marinade). Thread meat equally on about 6 sturdy metal skewers.

Place skewers on a lightly greased grill 4 to 6 inches above a solid bed of medium coals. Cook? turning often and basting with marinade until meat is well browned on outside but still pink in center; cut to test (10 to 15 minutes). Makes about 6 servings.

### GRENADINE

(POMEGRANATE SYRUP) 1 cup pomegranate juice

1/2 cup sugar

Combine ingredients in a small sauce pan. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved; boil for 1 minute.

Remove from heat and cool.

Cover and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks or freeze in airtight containers, up to 3 months. Makes 1-1/4 cups.

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ie sheets to wire racks. Cool completely. Store tightly wrapped up to 1 day. Freeze for longer storage. Serve with honey butter.

Conventional Directions: In large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups bread flour, whole wheat flour, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, yeast, cinnamon and salt.

Heat milk and butter until very warm (120°F to 130°F). Add to flour mixture with egg and blend on low speed of an electric mixer until moistened. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Stir in enough additional bread flour (about 1/2 to 1 cup) until a soft dough is formed and the dough begins to clear the sides of the bowl. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 5 to 8 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Shape dough into ball; place in greased bowl; turning once. Cover; let rise in warm place 30 minutes or until doubled in size. Punch dough down. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Shape into bears and bake as directed above. Yield

Honey Butter: In small bowl, combine 8 tablespoons (1 stick) softened butter or margarine and 3 tablespoons honey; mix until smooth. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

Nutrition Information: 1 bread without honey butter. Calories 700, Calories from Fat 180, Total Fat 21g, Saturated Fat 11g, Cholesterol 95mg, Sodium 810mg, Total Carbohydrates 108g, Dietary Fiber 9g, Protein 23g.

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### MAPLE-NUT GRANOLA

- 4 cups oats (quick or old-
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- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown

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- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melt-
- 1 teaspoon maple extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup coarsely chapped walnuts or cashews
- 1/2 cup natural sliced
- 1 cup golden raisins or dried

Heat oven to 350°F. Place oats in large bowl. In small bowl, combine syrup, sugar, butter, maple extract, vanilla and salt. Drizzle over oats; mix well. Spread evenly "

two large baking pans. Bake 10 minutes. Add nuts to oat mixture; mix well. Continue baking 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10

in a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan or

minutes. Remove granola from oven; stir in raisins. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Store tightly covered.

Yield 6 cups Nutrition information: 1/2 cup. Calories 340, Calories from Fat 130, Total Fat 14g, Saturated Fat 4g, Cholesterol 10mg. Sodium 45 mg, Total Carbohydrates 50g, Dietary Fiber 5g, Protein 7g.

Recipes courtesy of Quaker

cripple you," said Lipshaw. "On the outside you wouldn't know anything was wrong. Every child has a challenge, they get fatigued more easily and have regulated activities." Lipshaw envisioned a small

cookbook, something like the one her subdivision put together, and set a goal of 200 cookbooks containing a minimum of 130 recipes "We ended up with 340 recipes and printed 2,000 copies. One thing led to another. It really has been fun and rewarding for both us," said Lipshaw.

"We've gone from being distant friends to great friends who talk to each other every day," added

They began the project in-August and started talking it up with friends, family members, doctors and social workers. Everybody was interested incontributing recipes," said Lip-3 shaw. "People contributed their" favorite, treasured family recipes.'

To give people added incentive to buy the cookbook, the women asked popular metro Detroit area chefs including Chef Marcus Haight of the Lark restaurant, Executive Chef Randy Smith of Big Rock Chop and Brew House, and Chef Tim? Cikra and Pastry Chef Andy McGrath of Morels, A Michigan Bistro, to contribute recipes. They also sold ada to local businesses to help pay printing costs. "It's a great cookbook with

great recipes from people in the community that everyone canmake," said Lipshaw. "You're... getting two things for the price of one - a collection of recipes; everyone will cherish, and you're helping children with arthritis."

"Cookbook proceeds will go directly to Michigan children and their families," added Nicholls. "The money won't be for any adult projects."

### Family tested

Although the recipes are not kitchen tested, Lipshaw and Nicholls carefully proofread each one to make sure they were complete. "A friend would never give you a bad recipe, especially when their name is on it," said Nicholls. "We have some dyna." mite recipes."

From soups, salads & sauces to cakes, cookies & desserts, "A Slice of Life" offers a variety ofhomey recipes sure to make your-holidays bright, and enliven your-

weekday menus.

There are helpful cooking tips.
and recipes kids can make and. learn from, such as Fishing with Pretzel Rods and Dirt Cups. "Slice of Life" is available at

Borders, Barnes and Noble, and other major bookstores throughout the state, or by calling the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter Office in Southfield, (800) 968-3030.

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# 'A Slice of Life' helps cooks and kids alike

See related story on Taste

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Lori Lipshaw and Wendy Nicholls are members of the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, a council of the Arthritis Foundation.

Here are some recipes from "A Slice of Life" a cookbook they compiled to benefit children with

FISHING WITH PRETZEL RODS

1 package pretzel rods Peanut butter or frosting Goldfish crackers Blue plastic plates with rims

Scatter goldfish on plastic plates. Dip end of pretzel rod in peanut butter or frosting. Now your fishing rod has bait and you are ready to go fishing.

Sensory motor aspects of development addressed: Tactile play, eye-hand coordination.

### DIRT CUPS

2 cups cold milk 1 package instant chocolate

crushed

- pudding 18 ounce container Cool Whip
- 1 (16 ounce) package chocolate sandwich cookies,
- Gummy worms, and/or flowers
- 8 (10 ounce) plastic cups

Prepare pudding. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in Cool. Whip and 1/2 of the crushed cookies. Place approximately 1 tablespoon of crushed cookies in bottom of cups Fill cups 3/4 full with pudding mixture. Top with remaining cookies. Refrigerate and decorate when chilled by "planting" some worms

Variation: Sand Cups - Use vanilla pudding and vanilla

Time saver: Ready to eat pudding can be used as a quick alternative to instant pudding

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### 1 1/2 sticks butter or mar-

- garine
- 3/4 cup brown sugar 1 cup halved pecans or
- cashews
- 1 pound wide egg noodles
- 4 large eggs 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt

Halve butter and melt. Put in bottom and up sides of Bundt or tube pan. Press brown sugar into bottom; press nuts into sugar. Cook noodles and drain.

Mix eggs, remaining melted butter, cinnamon, sguar and salt and pour into pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until top is brown. Let it sit for 15 minutes before unmold-

Recipe compliments of Donna Hurshe

### APPLE CAKE

- 4 eggs 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 5 to 6 apples, cut into quar-

### CINNAMON/SUGAR MIXTURE

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Peel and slice apples and mix with cinnamon and sugar mixture. Set aside

Blend all other ingredients together. Grease a 9 by 13-inch pan. Pour half of batter into pan. Cover with apples, then pour rest of batter on top.

Combine sugar and cinnamon to make Cinnamon/Sugar Mixture and place in a jar.

Sprinkle top of cake with Cinnamon/Sugar mixture. Bake at 350°F

Recipe compliments of Trudy

### SESAME CHICKEN STRIPS 3 whole skinless, boneless,

- chicken breasts
- 1 cup sour cream 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons celery salt 2 teaspoons Worcestershire
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup seasame seeds
- 1/4 cup margarine

Grease a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan. Cut chicken crosswise into 1/2-inch strips. In large bowl, combine sour cream, lemon juice, celery salt, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and garlic; mix well. Add chicken to sour cream mixture; coat chicken well. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours or

overnight.

Combine bread crumbs and sesame seed. Remove chicken strips from mixture: roll in crumb mixture. Arrange in single layer in pan. Spoon margarine over chicken strips. Bake for 40 to 45 mintues at 350°F. Makes about 55 appetizers. Serve with Mustard Sauce, recipe follows.

### MUSTARD SAUCE

- 1/4 cup dry mustard
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 egg, slightly beaten 1/2 cup mayonnaise

In small saucepan, combine mustard, sugar and salt; add vinegar and egg. Blend well. Cook over low heat 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened, stirring constantly. Refrigerate 10 to 15 minutes; stir in mayonnnaise. Store in refrigerator. Makes 3/4 cup.

Recipe compliments of Wendy



Super leftovers: When you're hungry for something besides sandwiches, try Turkey

# Leftovers? Make turkey stew

BY DANA JACOBI

For many of us, leftovers are the best part of Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. As a longtime turkey lover, I always plan for a bird large enough to satisfy post-feast nibbling and still leave enough meat to use later for making some hash, a stir fry, shepherd's pie, turkey-studded Waldorf salad, zingy fajitas, enchilada pie, an aromatic curry, old-fashioned croquettes, or creamy turkey Tetrazzini.

This year, I plan on making a colorful stew. It will contain sweet potatoes, carrots, cranberries for tart counterpoint, an apple, and be perfumed with thyme. If unexpected guests show up the day I serve it, adding some of the turkey stock make from the carcass will turn this stew serving four into a soup for at least six.

When dealing with leftovers, you must treat them properly. Be sure to wrap and refrigerate leftover turkey within 2 hours of serving it. To accomplish this, after the turkey platter has circulated for third helpings, I package what is left in plastic wrap or in self-sealing plastic bags. While everyone pauses

before dessert is served, I remove all the meat remaining from the carcass and refrigerate

If you want planned leftovers, as a guide, figure that one pound of turkey produces three cups of diced meat. This furnishes four to six servings, depending on how you use it. If you are as fond of turkey as I am, you may elect to buy a bird with twice the amount of meat you think is needed on Thanksgiving or Christmas. As I see it, this requires no more work than what is already required for feast day, and it saves you time in preparing future meals.

### TURKEY STEW

- 1 tablespoon canola oil 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, cut crosswise
- in 3/4-inch slices 1 rib celery, cut crosswise in
- 3/4-inch slices 1 small rutabaga, cut in 1inch pieces
- 1 cups hot chicken or turkey
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 Crispin apple, peeled, cored

1 medium sweet potato or vam, peeled and cut in 3/4-inch half-moons

and cut in 1-inch pieces

 3 cups diced cooked turkey 1/2 cup fresh, frozen, or dried cranberries

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme Salt and freshly ground pep-

Preheat the oven to 375 F. In a small Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Saute the onion until it softens, about 4 minutes. Add the carrot. celery, and rutabaga.

Cover tightly and cook over medium-low heat 10 minutes.

Add the stock and bay leaf. Cover, and bake the stew for 10 minutes. Add the apple and sweet potato, turkey, cranberries, and thyme. Cover and bake until the vegetables are done and the turkey is heated through, 15-20 minutes.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with cooked noodles or rice.

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Parks said she remembered a friend had

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### Ostomy clinic

Kingsboro Pharmacy combined with ConvaTec to invite the public to attend an Ostomy Retail Clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Participants will learn about the new products now available from ConvaTec. Maria Kaza, the local ConvaTec representative will address your questions and provide free product samples. The pharmacy is at 25839 Five Mile in Redford

### **Foundation benefit**

At the Polo Fields Golf & Country Club in Ann Arborthe Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host "Cheers to Michigan - A Tasting of Michigan Wine and Beer to Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation," 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. All proceeds will help support cystic fibrosis (CF) research and patient care and education programs. Tickets are \$65 each and can be reserved by calling Rita Combest at CFF (734) 998-1234. \$40 of each ticket is tax-deductible.

### **Red Cross classes**

The following American Red Cross classes are offered at the Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile in Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787. Standard first aid, \$36; 6-10 p.m. Dec. 1; 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 26. CPR Review, \$22 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 10 and 6-10 p.m. Dec.

### **Holiday cards**

Spread holiday cheer and support cancer services by purchasing from the full-color holiday greeting card selection offered by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. For information and locations, call (800)-KAR-MANOS. Boxes contain 25 cards each and range from \$17-22.

### Lupus support

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold their Feb. 2 meeting at the Farmington Library conference room, 23500 Liberty St. The topic will be "How will my family or my significant other accept the changes in our lives?" Call Andrea Gray for information, (734) 261-6714.

### Laser approved

Recent approval of the VISX excimer laser by the FDA to treat hyperopia (farsightedness) in the U.S. opens the doors for TLC Detroit Laser Center of Farmington Hills to correct the vision of people who have difficulty seeing objects up close. For information about VISX excimer laser treatment call TLC Detroit Laser Center, (248) 489-0400.



# Contraceptive prevents unintended pregnancies

# Emergency planning

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON . STAFF WRITER



Emergency kit: The newly FDA-approved PREVEN™ Emergency Contraceptive Kit features step-by-step instructions for the patient, a pregnancy test and special dose of birth control pills.

with other birth control pills) if a pregnancy has already occurred.

"PREVEN is an insurance policy for women in case their contraception fails," said Chelian, who noted other instances when it may be necessary to use emergency contraception including unprotected sex due to a lack of planning, a missed birth control pill or nonconsensual sex.

However, said Chelian, the kit should be used as a reserve for regular contraception and users should keep in mind as with other contraceptive pills, they do not guard against sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS or herpes

With the approval of oral contraception in the United States in the 1960s, many advances have been made over the last four decades such as the reduction of estrogen and progestin levels found in today's pills that has dramatically lowered the negative side effects including nausea and weight gain. Currently, more than 11 million women rely on 30 brands of oral contraceptives as their primary method of birth control.

Gynetics Inc., a New Jersey-based women's health care company, is the first to heed the Food and Drug Administrations "call to action" to make emergency contraceptive pills available in the U.S. In an article featured in the February 1997 edition of the Federal Register, the FDA urged pharmaceutical manufacturers to make emergency contraception

For the last two decades, however, combined oral contraceptives have been used by hospital emergency rooms and private practice physicians even though no products were approved or labeled for this use until now.

### Product to offer

Chelian said as one of the first centers in the area to provide PREVEN™ to its patients, the medical staff is comforted by knowing they have a product to provide to sexually active patients to avoid unplanned

traception at home in without having to sufety they may experience in the face of an

unplanned pregnancy," said Chelian. According to Gynetics Inc., there are more than 2.7 million unintended pregnancies each year in the U.S. and emergency contraceptive pills, such as PREVEN™, could prevent half of all unintended pregnancies and abortions that occur annually.

Research indicates, when used correctly, emergency contraceptive pills may result in only two out of 100 women becoming pregnant after an act of sex.

One of the first Northland patients to use PREVEN™ was Parks, said Chelian. The 28year-old called the center to find out about the "morning after" pill and was made aware of the new emergency kit approved just weeks

"I was so thankful there was something out there," said Parks. "I expected it to cost a lot more than it did. I think every woman should have one of these, just in case, in their nightstand."

Since the failure of Parks's regular method of birth control and the use of PREVEN™, she was relieved when her regular menstrual cycle started earlier this month.

"This is a wonderful product for someone who isn't intending to get pregnant," said Parks. "Accidents happen and I'm just glad I had a choice a few weeks ago."

For more information about  $PREVEN^{TM}$ , contact your primary care physician or gynecologist. Planned Parenthood Centers, (810) 758-2100, currently have kits available for patients for \$20 in addition to the Northland Family Planning Center in Westland, (734) 721-4700. You can also visit the Gynetics Web site at www.PREVEN.com or call toll-free (888) PREVEN2.

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# Healthy diet is critical factor in disease prevention

Don't look now — but someone just added cantaloupe to the list of foods that just might help fight against can-

Obviously, one cannot live by cantaloupe alone. Moreover, one shouldn't, says Suzanne Dixon, a registered

increasingly are concluding that a healthy diet drawn from a wide variety of foods is a critical factor in chronic disease prevention.

this is the dietary pattern most associ-ated with the prevention of chronic disease, especially cancer," says Dixon. "Probably the number one thing you can do to fight cancer is to eat low on the food chain and that means eating

When is comes to natural unprocessed foods, color matters. Bright is better because this signals that the fruit or veggie contains important compounds known as phytochemicals that help reduce the risk of dis-

as many unprocessed foods as possi-

"Researchers are learning more every day about how foods affect our bodies," Dixon says. "For example, beta-carotene is probably the most well-known micronutrient of a family of compounds known as carotenoids, substances that give fruits and vegetables their bright color.

But there are nearly 600 other carotenoids found in the nature, many of them in the foods we eat. And carotenoids are only one group among the array of micronutrients that make

up the cancer-fighting phytochemicals. "We are realizing this complex interplay of vitamins and minerals that we are only beginning to study is what makes these food so nutritionally significant," she says.

In fact, some studies indicate that relying on the vitamin bottle to rescue a poor diet may prove disastrous.

Not so long ago, Dixon says Finnish researchers looked at the role betacarotene and Vitamin E play in reducing the development of lung cancer in smokers. Ironically, beta-carotene, a suspected cancer-fighting agent, did not lower the risk of lung cancer. Instead, it appeared to increase the risk of developing lung cancer in a significant percentage of the 29,133 male smokers studied. The results were so startling that researchers called an early halt to the study. A later study of 18,314 American men and women came to similar conclusions.

Poor diet, based on standard American junk-food offerings, may even damage cells in the same way that radiation does, according to one recent study. Consuming such nutrition-poor foods leave our bodies deficient in folicacid, iron, zinc and selenium and Vitamins B12, C and E.

"We don't get those valuable nutri-ents in the food we eat because we don't eat enough of the right foods. In the end, what you don't eat is just as important as what you eat."Individual diabetes assessments available A certified diabetes educator will

schedule an appointment for individual assessment which will determine the individual's needs and insurance. Meets from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 at Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734)

dietitian and epidemiologist from

Josephine Ford Cancer Center.

Dixon says cancer researchers

"You can never eat too many fruits, vegetables, legumes and grains. In fact,

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### Retirement approved

The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents recently approved the retirement of Therese Schwab of Canton, associate professor or nursing education, effective July 28, 1998, after one year of service.

### Hospital awarded

Garden City Hospital recently received an award from the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) complete both written and oral exami-Center for Health Outcomes and Eval-nations to gain membership to this uation for its continued commitment to healthcare quality improvement

efforts. Garden City Hospital was one of only nine Michigan facilities to receive this recognition. Some of the hospitals recent MPRO projects which exhibited significant improvement included: pneumonia, Acute Myocardial Infarction, congestive heart failure, cardiac catheterization and 1998 flu immunization.

### New inductee

Mark Neil Berkowitz, M.D., of Vision Institute of Michigan (three locations including Westland) was recently inducted as a fellow of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is one of only 14 physicians in the Michigan area to have this distinction. Berkowitz had to write a thesis and

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A certified Diabetes Educator will schedule an appointment for individual assessment which will determine the individual's needs and insurance. Meets from 1-4 p.m. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 458-7100.

### TUE, DEC. 1

Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C., is presenting a seminar for all individuals interested in skiing from 7-9 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center, Physicians Office Bldg., Suite B124, 47601 Grand River, Novi. The class format will be a brief lecture on concepts, a side presentation on biomechanical principles and a live demo of exercise techniques. Wear comfortable attire. There is no charge. Call (248) 380-3550.

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A program for individuals 11-15 years old to develop skills and knowledge to be safe habysitters, Cost \$30. From 5:30-9 p.m. (2, 9) and 5:30-9:30 p.m. on the 16th. Plymouth/Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Rd., call (734) 416-2937 to register.

### **DEC. 2 -JAN. 19**

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday in West Addition ference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Call (734) 655-1100.

### WED, DEC. 2

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancor patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, from 2-3:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting, call (734) 655-

### MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100.

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. December's activity will be taste sampling of holiday recipes and you must RSVP, (734) 458-4330. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

### OSTEOPOROSIS SCREEN

Oakwood Healthcare Center in Livonia will host a bone density screening from 1-5 p.m. at 37650 Professional Center Dr. To register call 800-543-WELL.

### THUR, DEC. 3

Registered dietitian teaches participants the "whats, whys and hows" of lowfat cooking. Cost \$10. Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center, from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 416-2937 to register.

### **NURSING REFRESHER COURS**

Nurses can refresh their basic physical assessment techniques and earn credits to maintain their licenses by attending Physical Assessment Refresher at Schoolcraft College. Participants should bring stethoscopes and wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$65 from noon to 6 p.m. Call (734) 462-4448 for

### DEC. 5 & 12

BABY-SITTING TRAINING

Exciting hands-on training for youths 11 years and older to prepare for caring and supervision of smaller children. Includes safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills. Course runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

### MON, DEC. 7

CARDIAC SUPPORT

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden

This course trains individuals interested in becoming CPR/Professional Rescuer instructors. The prerequisite for this course in Com-munity First Aid & Safety Instructor Course. Two-day program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 7 and 21. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-

### TUE, DEC. 8

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10-11 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

### WED, DEC. 9

DIABETES SUPPORT

Do you find it hard to stay on your diet and to follow your treatment plan while living with diabetes? St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. Call (734) 655-8940.

### THUR, DEC. 10

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads ... Childbirth and Beyond" from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

### PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Michigan law requires those applying for a marriage license to undergo education for sexually transmitted diseases. This course provides knowledge about STD's, HIV and AIDS. Course runs from 6-7 p.m. Fee, \$14 (special appointments \$20 per person). Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

Individuals with current CPR certificates can be recertified in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Certification and text is required to take this review course. Course runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$22. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

### St. Joe's guides patients with tamoxifen decisions

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital -Ann Arbor assist women who are wondering if they should take the drug tamoxifen to reduce their chances of developing breast cancer.

Through a computerized risk assessment program used by the National Cancer Institute and available at St. Joe's, women can determine, along with their physician, the appropriateness of taking the drug.
The Food and Drug Admin-

istration last week approved the use of tamoxifen as a prevention drug for women at high risk for developing breast cancer. The FDA recommends that women and their doctors carefully weigh the benefits and risks of tamoxifen before using the

Tamoxifen was found to reduce the incidence of breast cancer by up to 45 percent in women at high risk earlier this year in a landmark study by the NCI's National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital participated in this study. The drug has rare but potentially serious side effects, including an increased risk for uterine cancer and blood clots in major veins and the lungs

The computerized risk assessment, known as the Gail Model, estimates a woman's chances of developing breast cancer based on several recognized risk factors, including age, personal health history and family history of breast cancer. The assessment results will help a woman and her physician determine the appropriateness of prescribing tamoxifen. Tamoxifen is manufactured by Zeneca Pharmaceutical, Inc. under the name

Postmenopausal women ages 35 or older at increased risk for breast cancer are encouraged to consider participating in the Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene

The study will compare tamoxifen with raloxifene, an osteoporosis drug that may also have breast cancer prevention effects. STAR will enroll 22,000 high-risk women and is scheduled to begin at centers across the United States (including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital) in

### Exercise for cancer patients

A new pilot program at the Botsford Total Rehabilitative & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC) in Novi is hoping to develop a well-rounded exercise program to reinvigorate weakened bodies as well as alleviate some of the side effects of cancer treatment.

"We're hoping the program we've developed featuring strength training, and aerobic and flexibility exercises, will help cancer patients experience a discernible difference in the way they feel - both physically as well as emotionally," says Shel Levine, M.S., a certified

The pilot program, featuring individualized fitness regiments, began in September with two

cancer patients. The patients, both women in their 50s, were evaluated in the areas of cardiovascular conditioning, body composition, flexibility, and strength. They will be tested again at the end of the program's 12-week period. Each completed a checklist questionnaire surveying their physical symptoms, such as lack of appetite, nausea, physical tingling, etc.

Now past the program's midpoint, Levine is pleased with the But aside from the physical

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troversy is raging on the Internet over a new technology that allows near CDquality music to be downloaded and played over the Internet quickly and eas-

Critics say it encourages music piracy.

The growing legions of boosters of this technology say it's all about the freedom of cyberspace. They call it MP3, which stands for Moving Pictures Expert Group, Level (or version ) 3. Geek-speak aside, it's simply a very efficient way of compressing files so they can be easily downloaded and played over the Internet without losing quality.

Essentially, MP3 reduces audio signals to one-twelfth their original size by cutting out portions that are inaudible to most human ears.

That means quick-downloading files that sound almost as good as CDs. Indeed, there are some audio commentators who think the MP3 technology is the beginning of the end for CDs and the companies that prerecord and sell them.

To use MP3 you need a player. The most popular for the PC is Winamp. For the Mac, an application called Soundapp.

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### Determining what's legal

Much of it is perfectly legal. A lot of independent bands from all over the world freely make their music available over the Net. And commercial sets online sell music in MP3 form, again, per-

But there are also a lot of other places online that illegally bootleg copyrighted music. And that's against the law.

In fact, the Recording Industry Association of America has been busy in recent months snooping cyberspace, filing suits and shutting down many of the pirate

There's another thing about MP3 that scares the recording

Besides allowing users to download files, MP3 can also record music.

Shareware products legally and widely available on the Internet allow users to make their own MP3's from CDs in their computer's CD-ROM drive, and then post these files on the Net for anybody to grab. Because this is the same as bootlegging cassette recordings and the artists get no profit when their

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### Technological squabble

The controversy promises to grow hotter as more sounds are put online. But now special MP3 players are available, like the Rio, a Walkman-like devices from Diamond Multimedia that interfaces with your PC and

stores MP3 files for playback.
The Recording Industry Association of America even took Diamond to court in hopes of winning an injunction that would have prohibited the company from marketing the Rio. The trade group claimed devices

like the Rio encourage piracy.

But the court didn't buy the argument. So many MP3 sounds are on the Net, the California federal judge ruled, that stopping the company from marketing such a device was akin to locking the proverbial barn door after the horse escaped.

Here's a list of Internet resources where you can learn more about MP3:

CNET (www.cnet.com) - Do a keyword search on "MP3" and you'll be presented with informative articles about MP3 and links to the sites offering free players and accessories.

SUGARMEGS (www.sugarmegs.org) - If you're into music, this site is the place to go. It bills itself as "An ecosystem of audio streams irrigating the ears

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High Tech Holiday Seminar: My next PC Mike seminar is this coming Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at Lawrence Technological Institute, 21000 West Ten Mile in Southfield. We'll demo the latest high tech gifts and gadgets, both hardware and software. You need to reserve a spot to attend. You can do that by calling (248)

Hope to see you there.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at http://www.pcmike.com

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### TUE, DEC. 8

The Michigan Society of Enrolled Agents (MiSEA) is holding a dinner meeting Dec. 8. The topic will be "Retirement Plans" SETP, Simple & 401 K, with Jim Smith of Merrill Lynch. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Laurel Park Place, 17100 North Laurel Place in Livonia. For reservations, call (734) 261-8800.

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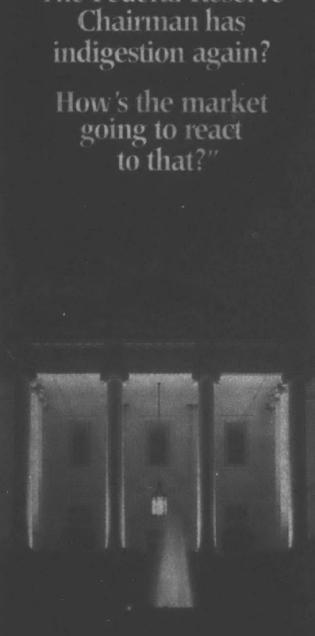


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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Concerts herald start of holiday season

f fighting the after Thanksgiving shopping crowds has left your holiday spirit as cold as "Frosty the Snowman," join the fun by singing along with local choirs and orchestras as they greet the season. You'll be surprised how fast the blues disappear when you're humming "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

John Gajec and assistant conductor Dr. Joseph W. Lewis, Jr. of West Bloomfield lead the Redford Civic Symphony in playing excerpts from "The Nutcracker," traditional Christmas carols and a sing-a-long in the opening concert of its 43rd season Sunday, Dec. 6 at Thurston High School. Guest artists are vocalists Pat Mussin and Marlyn Churchill.

Gajec has been playing many of the standard tunes for most of his 80



PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

In the spirit: Conductor/musician John Gajec rehearses for the Redford Civic Symphony holiday concert.

years and never tires of them. In fact, he can't decide which he enjoys more - conducting or playing cello with the orchestra. The group of 50 musicians began rehearsing "Sleigh Ride," "Silent Night" and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" in

"Conducting is the ultimate experience in performing the music the way I think it should be," said Gajec. "Being a conductor is a special sport. You're dealing with the music and the performers. But on the other hand as a musician, you're performing for the audience. The concert is when we give our best performance but rehearsals are when we perfect the craft.'

The holiday season is a time for music and there's plenty of it around the area. Here's where sleigh bells

will be jingling

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Redford Civic with a Christmas concert featuring soloists Marilyn Churchill and Pat

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Meadow Brook Estate, in an International Holiday Spectac-Admission is free. ular 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 in Varner Recital Hall on the cam-

pus in Rochester. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 seniors, and \$6 students, call (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster (248)

Music from the 1930s to the present day and representing the countries of Mexico, Austria and Ireland, in addition to the U.S., will be featured in the

The show choir is accompanied by Robert Sanders of Southfield on piano, Dylan Dunbar on electric guitar, and Jeremy Grenier of Troy on ass. Synthesizer is played by Philip Metzler and drums by Mike Gerbino.

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# Ideas for

holiday giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

nimation cels, Native American bear carvings, jewelry, and accessories for the home, are popular gift giving items this

addition to galleries and ift shops, non-profit art associations host a number

turday, and until 8 p.m. day. (313) 393-1770. vessels, jewelry, ornaments, and ceramic functional and sculptural ware by Pewabic and local artists as well as artists from across the country through Dec. 31 at the pottery, 10125 East Jefferson, four miles east of downtown Detroit. For collectors, Pewabic's released its fourth design of the woodland series along with a 6-by 6-inch reindeer tile, Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturdey, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas and New Years eves. (313)

When you give a gift of art, it's one-of-a-kind. You can spend as little as \$3 for an ornament or hundreds of dollars for a piece of children's story book art. For the hard-to-please on your list, a gift certifi-cate makes it nearly impossible to go

wrong.
If you're looking for hand-crafted decorations, Don Schneider's York Street Glassworks studio and gallery, 875 York St., west of Liberty, (734) 459-6419, offers a selection of round and spiral-shaped ornaments in clear and gold fumed glass. Best known for his bead making, Schneider sells a variety of indi-vidual beads, earrings, and necklaces at the Plymouth gallery.

Vessels, paper-weights, and gazing globes are lovely gift items for the home. An internationallyexhibiting glass artist, Schneider's work is currently featured along with 24 bead makers at the Glas Museum in Ebeltoft, Denmark. Schneider is also exhibiting his work in the Detroit **Artists Market Holi**day Show continuing through Thursday, Dec. 24.

From the earth

A ceramic chip n' dip set by Kathy Sandberg (Plymouth) and tiles by Nancy Guido (Livonia) are a few of the gifts available at



Into the woods: This lithograph by Jane Dyer is from the "Random House Book of Bedtime Stories" and available at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham.

the third annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Show and Sale Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5 at 340 North Main, south of Mill St. (Lilley), behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant, (734) 207-8807. Twenty members of the Guild will sell their platters, tiles, bowls, ornaments, jewelry as well as hand-built and raku decorative and functional wares. Prices range from \$3 for an ornament to \$150 for a ceramic art work. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5. For a preview of the ceramic objects visit the Plymouth Library 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov.

"With that many potters, it's going to be diverse," said Kathy Sandberg. "There'll be functional and decorative ware, raku, tiles, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, and vessels, anything from a small plate to a large serving piece, in neutrals, pastels and vibrant colors, black and white because every potter has their own trademark glaze."

Native art

Go Southwest with Native West gallery, 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 455-8838, in Plymouth. Near-ly all art works are hand crafted by Native Americans. In addition to paintings, sculpture and jewel-ry, the gallery sells decorative accessories, flutes, tiles, music, books, and sandstone coasters engraved



Functional to sculptural: The Village Potters Guild offer an array of clay art at their annual holiday show and sale in Plymouth.

with petroglyphs. Metal candleholders from El Paso feature the sun or buffalo.

"Items for the home are selling very, very well," said Annette Horn, who owns the gallery with her husband Ken. "Bears are real popular whether it's fetishes or sculptures, and we now have Pendleton

Bears made in Taos, New Mexico. The metal candleholders are great for the home because the sun means happiness to the Native American and the brings warmth to the home. The buffalo means abundance."

Ornaments ranging from a Navajo grandmother storyteller to a Santa painted on a chile pep-

der created these glass ornaments in his York traditional tree. Street Glassworks studio Great little stocking suffers and gallery in Plymouth.

Art as gift: Don Schnei-

are dot earrings set with differ-

ent stones. A peridot pair costs \$9. Horn said these are popular with people who have more than one hole in their ear.

The best time to visit the Native West is during their annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6 when the Horns bring in trader Jonathon Cox with a trunk full of jewelry. Navajo silversmith Jerry Nelson will be available throughout the show to talk about his inlay necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and rings. Michael Atkinson's art continues on display through the end of December.

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### DANCE

# Dancers trumpet arrival of 'Nutcracker'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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he Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Like Clara dreaming about the Nutcracker Prince and dancing in the "Kingdom of Sweets," Rose Marie Floyd's excitement grows with the approach of the holiday season performances of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet.

Floyd and her Contemporary Civic Ballet Company began performing "The Nutcracker" in 1956. Over the years, the company has presented the ballet, based on a fairy-tale by E.T.A. Hoffman, with a number of orchestras including the Livonia Symphony. The first "Nutcracker" delighted audiences in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1892.

This year, the Contemporary Civic Ballet will be joined by Christopher Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet who will dance the role of the Cavalier and Samantha Shelton, the Sugar Plum, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are \$5. A second performance with Stowell, and Emily Hastings as the Sugar Plum takes place 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at Troy High School. Tickets are \$8, and available for both shows by calling (248) 641-9063 or (248) 546-7484.

"It gives my advance dancers a chance to perform," said Floyd. "Many have gone on to Broadway, the Joffrey and Hous-



Sweet dreams: Dawnell Dryja, a dancer with the Cincinnati Ballet, and Tim Smola of the Peter Sparling Dance Company perform the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Nutcracker Prince with the Plymouth-Canton Bal-

timeless tale.

Local dancers from a number of companies in western Wayne and Oakland counties look forward to donning their costumes to twirl across the stage in the "Waltz of the Flowers."

Family affair

Hilari Smith played one of the mice in "The Nutcracker" when she was just three years old. Now age 13, Smith dances the role of Clara with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. More than 150 musicians from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet come together to perform this classic with guest artists Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell from the Cincinnati Ballet Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Can-

Dryja is the daughter of Dawn Green, artistic director of the company. Smith plays the young girl who receives the Nutcracker doll for Christmas from her eccentric uncle Herr Drosselmeyer. This is the eighth year the company joins with the symphony, under conductor Russell Reed, to present this

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Tickets are \$17 adults, \$10 students K-12th grade, \$5 Sugar

All in the family: Hilari Smith dances the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" performed by the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.



# Detroit Symphony wins new fans in Toyota City

cles by Detroit Symphony princi-pal flutist Ervin Monroe on the symphony's recent trip to Japan.)

BY ERVIN MONROE PRINCIPAL FLUTE DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Last week, as part of our "Northwest Airlines Friendship Tour to Japan," the Detroit Symphony Orchestra traveled to Toyota City, Japan, sister city of Detroit, to play concerts for the celebration of the opening of the new Toyota City Concert Hall. The DSO also performed six concerts for local school children as part of an educational exchange.

The new concert hall in Toyota City is part of a large new city building and is surprisingly located on the 10th floor of the structure. Concert-goers can stroll through adjacent lobbies and get a view of the entire city.

This building is unusual because it also houses the city library and drama theater as well as city offices. The hall itself is rather small, with around 1,000 seats as compared to our

2,000-seat Orchestra Hall - yet quite attractive and adorned with light woodwork.

Hanging from the lofty ceiling are two rows of conical shaped chandeliers that have flying sails. The dressing facilities are on the ninth floor; complete with heated toilet seats (no kidding).

The sound of the hall is very live, and a bit brighter than our own Orchestra Hall. The orchestra had to adjust its dynamic level for the smaller surround-

For the educational concerts, the Japanese school children dress uniformly in white and black, with white tennis shoes, and are very well behaved. I strolled through the halls, occasionally exchanging a "konnichiwa" (hello) with the curious but friendly students.

We will give five educational concerts in total, and part of our concert presentation is to have each section demonstrate their instruments at different points throughout the concert.

Already during the afternoon

concert, various sections were beginning to embellish their demonstrations in an effort to do a one-upsmanship on their colleagues. New material became more and more creative with

each rendering. One brass section presented excerpts from Star Wars. The students loved the lively demonstrations, and the DSO musicians were also amused by the unexpected offerings.

The next day, there was a special presentation and party in the evening. Our music director, Neeme Järvi, had arrived in town accompanied by Detroit's Mayor Dennis Archer. There were many, many speeches.

Mayor Archer made us proud with his usual inspirational address, and it has been a delight to all of us that he has supported us on our recent tours.

The food and entertainment thereafter was truly splendid. Our own brass quintet performed several selections, followed by Japanese folk dancers and then a Kabuki dance presen-

The banquet was deliciously prepared, with many sushi selections, and the presentation was so beautiful that only hunger permitted us to consume it.

In the morning we played our final educational concert. I passed Doug Cornelsen of Livonia, clarinetist, in the hall and he told me of a pub we should visit following the Friday evening concert. "You'll love it, Erv," he said, "it's called "The Detroit Connection."

Our members are now shopping in earnest, and we find it's not always an easy task because of language differences.

### Looking for Mommy

We have learned to seek out help from our only Japanesespeaking staff member, a student intern from the University of Michigan whose name is Mami Kato. Her first name is pronounced "mommy," which is most appropriate. It's interesting to hear so many adults asking, "Where is Mommy? I need

Our Friday evening concert, our first evening concert of the tour, was a big success, and we played two encores. Two levely young Japanese girls in traditional kimonos presented bouquets to Maestro Järvi and our Concertmaster, Emmanuelle Boisvert.

On our last day in Toyota City, my colleagues collected a few momentos. There is a het new product here - a non-dairy creamer, which has been advertised heavily on CNN. The ads are apparently effective, as several of our members purchased packages of "Creap" to take back home to the USA.

Our matinee concert went well, and was followed by another reception. Again, there are many, many speeches, followed eventually by a friendship celebration.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, we travel to the city of Otsu, which is located in the sister province of Michigan. It is a holiday weekend here in Japan, something

end, and the traffic is very

Our schedule called for a 2-1/2hour bus trip, but it takes five hours. We have a Japanese hostess on the bus that speaks as much English as we speak Japanese.

### Over the river

Toward the end of the trip, she sang a Japanese folksong about the river we would soon be seeing. It was a pretty melody, with many, many verses.

Shortly thereafter, we were again snarled in traffic and I jokingly hummed back part of her song. She told the Japanese representative from Toyota City that she was surprised I had learned the melody so quickly.

"These are musicians," he explained. She then wanted us all to hum the melody, so the entire bus rendered a heartfelt chorus for her enjoyment.

It was only when she insisted we learn the Japanese words that the group failed miserably.

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Plum Tea, and available by calling the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

The Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers will also perform in "The Nuteracker." Timothy Smola, a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company in Ann Arbor, dances the role of the Nutcracker

A special treat is the "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea" hosted by the Plymouth Symphony League following the Dec. 12-13 performances. During the tea, the audience is able to meet and talk with members of the ballet and

Dryja, formerly of Canton Township, was Junior Miss Dance of America in 1992. She

joined the Dayton Ballet for the 1994-95 season. In her third season with the Cincinnati Ballet, Dryja, after the Plymouth performances, returns to Ohio to dance in "The Nutcracker" there. Greene began her ballet training in Scotland, and eventually became a member of the Severo Ballet Company after coming to the U.S. A dance teacher for more than 25 years, Greene is past president of the executive board of the Cecchetti Council of America and a permanent examiner.

"We founded the company to give the children in the area an idea of how it would be to be in a semi-professional production instead of a recital, the long rehearsals, working a lot of time on pointe," said Greene.

Here are some other "Nutcracker" presentations that will be taking place in metro Detroit throughout the holiday

### ■ Lakes Area Civic Ballet

With guest artist James Toth of the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in Manitoba, Canada, Saturday, Dec. 12 (school group matinees Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11 (\$5) at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$8.50-\$10, and available by calling (248) 666-1971.

Livonia Civic Ballet Company

The official ballet company of the City of Livonia presents "The Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$12, \$9 seniors/ students, \$6 children ages 5-9, and available by calling (734) 427-9103.

### Michigan Classic Ballet Company

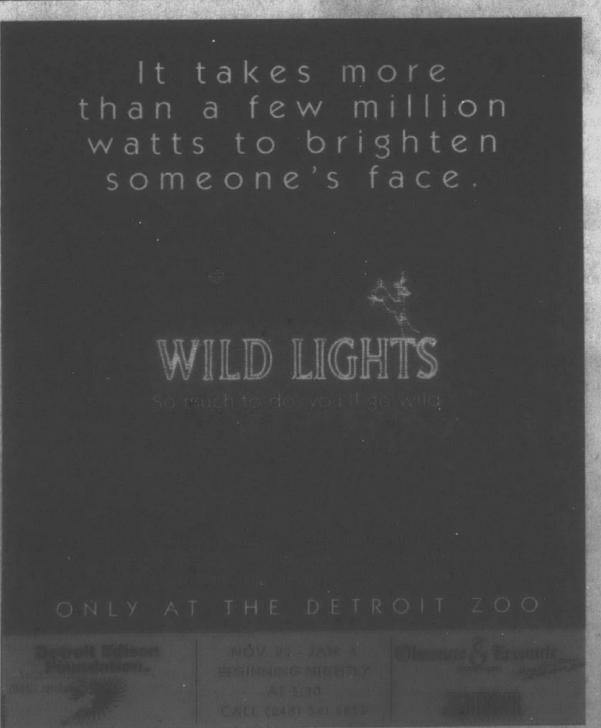
Based in Bloomfield Hills, the company performs the holiday classic 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Mercy Auditorium, 29300 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/children. In a break from tradition, the company is inviting local Girl Scouts to a special 1 p.m. performance of the ballet and a "Behind the Curtain" backstage tour. The troops and leaders will learn about such technical aspects as how the scenes change, how the snow falls and lighting works. They will also meet and visit with the professional soloists. For more information, call (248) 334-6964. **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** 

With Ballet Internationale dance Dec. 10-13 and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets range from \$16 to \$35 and are available by calling (313) 576-1111 or through the DSO web site at www.detroitsymphony.com.

### "The Harlem Nutcracker"

Performances by Donald Byrd's dance ensemble "The Group" continue through Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Detroit Opera House. The music includes Duke Ellington's arrangements of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" dances and compositions by Duke Ellington scholar and arranger David Berger. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (313) 874-SING or (734) 764-2538.







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fit for Haven, an Oakland County service agency to aid survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Holiday Inn Select, 1500 Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills; (248) 299-5144.

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Native West's 9th annual festival Dec. 3-6. Hours are 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Festival features art of Michael Atkinson and jewelry of Jerry Nelson. 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth; (734) 455-8838.

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Paradise: "Along the Garden Path," new paintings by Richard Jerzy are on exhibit through Jan. 1 at The C.R.A.I.G. GAllery, N. Old Woodward, just north of Maple, downtown Birmingham, (248) 647-3688.

round show starting Dec. 12, call (313) 897-2463.

**HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE** Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday

Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

**COMMUNITY CHOIR** Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, room 530 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road). Call Shari Clason (248) 349-8175 or the college (734) 462-4435 to schedule an

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MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE

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11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Christmas Party Fundraiser includes food, drinks, door prizes and pictures with Santa Claus. Proceeds will fund spring production of "Sleeping Beauty." Rochester School of Dance, 6841 Rochester Road: (248) 652-3117.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS **BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART** CENTER

Offers a range of art classes, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

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Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills: (248) 334-1300.

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(248) 932-8699 Longacre House - art classes Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collect-

ing pottery. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels: by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 16; fee: \$210. 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404

CLASSICAL, POP & JAZZ

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE

Violinist Carolyn Huebl and pianist Michele Cooker, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29; Aaron Siegel's Block, modern jazz. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3; Anton Nel, planist 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5; Croissant Concert featuring Today's Brass Quintet, 11 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 5, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor: (734) 769-2999.

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** 

Presents the Lanier Trio - William Preucil, violin; Dorothy Lewis, cello; Cary Lewis, piano, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 at Orchestra Hall. Tickets \$15 to \$40 (plus \$1 mandatory Orchestra Hall restoration fee), call (313) 576-5111. Pre-concert forum. Gregg Alf, violin maker, discusses "Historical Violins in Contemporary Chamber Music Ensembles: When and How?" 6:45 p.m. at Orchestra Hall. Preconcert attendees may reserve a box dinner catered by Duet to enjoy during the forum. Forum tickets are \$8 per person, \$5 students, call (248) 737-9980 for forum reservations and information.

VANGUARD VOICES

Vanguard Voices & Brass opens season 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 with an Advent concert, Guardian Lutheran Church, 24544 Cherry Hill Road, west of Telegraph, Dearborn; (734) 317-6566.

**DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS** 

Nightnotes series presents a 20th Century Soiree featuring Douglas Cornelsen, clarinet, Penelope Fischer, flute and the Sonnet String Quartet, 8 p.m. (dessert) 8:30 p.m. (concert) Friday, Dec. 4, Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham. Tickets \$16, (248) 362-9329.

FERNDALE MUSIC SERIES

Pianist Louis Nagel, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale; (248) 546-2503.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

Scott Piper, lyric tenor, will present a recital of songs and arias, in collaboration with Michelle Beaton. piano and Kathryn Hart, lyric soprano. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, (northwest corner of Cranbrook Road). Tickets \$25, available at the door 10 minutes prior to the concerts. Call (810) 751-2435 for information, or reservations. The program will feature works from Italian, Spanish, French, German and English vocal literature.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Noon concert of selections by Debussy, Ravel and Frank featuring violinist Stephen Shipps and pianist Anton Nel noon Wednesday, Dec. 9, Forum Building Recital Hall, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5218.

DANCE

TROY DANCE STUDIO

Offering Tango Workshops 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 taught by Rueben Terbalca and assisted by Lori Burton, Cost \$45 per person, per workshop. Coaching lessons available Dec. 14-19. Call the studio. 4963 Rochester Road, Troy. (248) 689-3393 for details.

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LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including oneand-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS **MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN** 

Through Jan. 3 - "The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary of the African-American solider into the U.S. Army during 1866-1912 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit: (313) 494-5800.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through Jan. 31 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land." 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900. First Friday programs on Dec. 4 continue to 9 p.m. Call for details. Fashion historian Sandy Schreier speaks about her new book "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style. 2 p.m. Saturday. Dec 12 in the lecture

EXHIBIT (OPENING)

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Nov. 29 - 1-6 p.m. opening reception for the artists. Exhibition of Greg and Tim Hildebrandt's original art from "Star Wars," continues through Dec. 26: 536 North Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248) 647-7040. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday www.esgallery.com

MENORAH ART SHOW

Nov. 29 - Preview reception at Somerset Collection South in Troy. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets \$18. call (248) 203-1471. Exhibit of 26 menorahs designed by nationally recognized artists on display. Nov 30 to Dec. 7 during regular mall hours. Admission is free. Part of the Jewish Federation and the United Jewish Foundation's centennial cele**ROCHESTER GALLERY TOUR** 

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Nov. 30 - 6-9:30 p.m., an annual gallery crawl of the galleries of Rochester. Harris Street Folk Art Gallery, 255 S. Main Street. Rochester; (248) 677-0369.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Dec. 1 - Calligraphy exhibit by Linda McVicar of Novi, through Dec. 29. In the fine arts gallery - water-colors by Ann Dase Loveland of Ann Arbor, through Jan. 2. 32777 Five Mile Road, Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 466-2490.

**ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY** 

Dec. 1 - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., community education day marks the 10th anniversary of Day Without Art, a day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS crisis. Outside the Community Arts Gallery and the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery and inside the Student Center, information tables will be set up to offer information. At the Anthropology Museum there is an exhibition called "Faces of AIDS: Reality & Responses" along with information and resources. On the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit, call (313) 577-2423 for information.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Dec. 2 - Group show by the Creative Arts Council Dec. 2-23. Opening reception to meet the artists 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Unique gifts created by artists of the Council will be available for purchase during the holiday season, 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 334-6716. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com on the web.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Dec. 3 - Champagne reception to meet the artist, 6-8 p.m. Exhibition of new paintings by Fritz Mayhew opens Dec. 3 and continues through Jan. 21. Mayhew is a Detroit area realist painter whose detailed landscape paintings exhibit a high degree of rich, atmospheric effects, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham, (248) 642-3909. Gallery hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, open 1-4 p.m. first Sunday of each month.

NETWORK

Dec. 4 - Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Network, a project of Cranbrook Academy of Art, presents photoflux. The four alumni represented in this exhibition challenge the ideas of how one experiences photography by involving sequence, digital imagery, installation and pressing the boundaries of the medium. Continues through Jan. 14 at 7 North Saginaw St. in Pontiac, (248) 334-3911. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday: noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 23, 26, 29-30; Closed

Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31, Jan. 1-2. HABATAT GALLERIES

Dec. 4 - 7:30 p.m. opening reception to meet the artists. New work by Jose Chardiet. December exhibition will also feature studio glass ornaments. New this year is a Jewelry Exhibition with work by Elizabeth Carey, Leslie Genninger and Aviva Robinson. Gallery Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 333-2060.

WINTER GALLERY CRAWL

Dec. 4 - 5-10 p.m., "14th Annual Winter Gallery Crawl," a tour of art galleries of Detroit. Tickets: \$10; children free. For information, (313)

GALLERIA

Dec. 8 - Join Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists at the Oakland County Galleria as they celebrate area talent in a group of exhibitions. Exhibition I opens Tuesday, Dec. 8 and runs through Thursday, Dec. 30. Meet exhibiting artists at an evening reception, 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 Then begin the new year with Exhibit II, Wednesday, Jan. 60 to Tuesday, Jan. 26. Reception for Exhibit II 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Galleria is on the second floor of the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. week-

THE GAIL EISNER ART STUDIO

Dec. 10-11 - Open Studio 1-6 p.m. drawings priced from \$5, 104 W. Fourth St., Suite 303, (northwest corner of Fourth and Main St.). Royal Oak, (248) 398-3480

REVOLUTION

Dec. 12 - Opening reception for artists 6-8 p.m. Exhibition by sculptor Elena Berriolo "Enclosed Gardens," recent works on paper by Gina Ferrari, and ceramic sculpture by Korean native Jae Won Lee continues through Jan. 16, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248)

541-3444.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

**BOOK BEAT** 

Through Nov. 30 - "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed" by Sandy Schreir. 26010 Greenfield Road. Southfield; (248) 968-1190.

LIVONIA ARTS COM

Through Nov. 30 - Santa Claus figurines from the collection of Gloria Hull of Plymouth; mixed-media exhibit by local arts teachers. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road; (734) 466-2490. PLYMOUTH ARTS COUNCIL

Through Nov. 30 - "Something Natural," multi-media works of Judith Braun and R. Graham. 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

GALLERIA

Through Dec. 2 - "The Ink Sings! The Brush Dances!" an exhibit of Chinese Brush Painting. Oakland County Galleria, second floor, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415. REIKO M.

Through Dec. 3 - "Oh, You Beautiful

Doll!" mannequin photographs of

Elaine Redmond, 734 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (248) 543-

5433.

**GALERIE BLU** Through Dec. 5 - The surrealistic oil paintings and bronze sculptures of Lui Liu. 568 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

**UZELAC GALLERY** Through Dec. 5 - Glass sculptures by Laurel Fyfe. 7 N. Saginaw,

Pontiac; (248) 332-5257. LEMBERG GALLERY

Through Dec. 5 - "The Elements of Pigment," works by Suzanne Caporael. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

SYBARIS GALLERY Through Dec. 5 - Ceramics of Philip

Cornelius, metals of Myra Mimiltsch Gray, and jewelry of Susan Kingsley. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388. DAY OF THE DEAD EXHIBIT

Through Dec. 18 - Casa de Unidad

Cultural Arts and Meida Center presents, "Remembering Detroit," by Alma Rosa Villalobos. 1920 Scotten, Detroit; (313) 843-9598.

SISSON ART GALLERY Through Dec. 18 - Mixed media artwork of Lisa Olson. Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen,

Dearborn; (734) 845-6490. **FOUNDATION GALLERY** 

Through Dec. 19 - "Audience Factory." David Whitney Building, 1553 Woodward, Ste. 308, Detroit.

Sol LeWitt, "Bands of Lines." Robinson Gallery, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866. PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS Through Dec. 23. - Jack Keeve:

Through Dec. 23 - Wall drawing by

Pedestrian Micro-Landscapes, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Dec. 24 - An exhibit of

jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Old

Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-

**ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY** Through Dec. 26 - "The Art of the Brothers Hildebrant." Book signing 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 & 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Through Dec. 26. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

**MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY** Through Dec. 27 - "Private Nature,"

watercolors and pencil drawings by Karen Anne Klein. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester; (248) 370-3005. ARIANA GALLERY Through Dec. 31 - "Put a Lid on

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It," an invitational show based on

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REVOLUTION Through Dec. 31 - "Recovering Lost Fictions: Caravaggio's Musicians," a project by Kathleen Gilje and Joseph Grigely; and, "Text (Rhopography Series)" by Tony Hepburn. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

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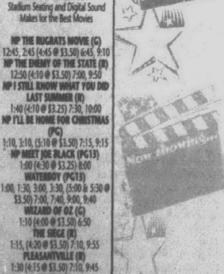
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# Father and son team tells how to retire comfortably

You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable By Ronald M. Yolles and Murray

(John Wiley & Sons, \$14.95) BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homeco

You've been putting money in an IRA or a 401(k) at work and maybe you've got a pension plan to add to it and your Social Security. Maybe you've got a vague idea about retiring to Florida. Now what?

That's the question that "You're Retired, Now What?" tries to answer with some levelheaded advice about investing and using your investments.

Ronald Yolles is a Birmingham attorney and financial analyst and his father Murray Yolles is a Bloomfield Hills tax attorney. They've combined their expertise to present a road map for recent retirees.

The book tries to alleviate some common fears. The writers warn against the twin evils of fear and greed. Fear keeps some people from investing in the stock market because they're afraid of downturns, despite overwhelming evidence that stocks do well over the long haul. Greed makes others rush into foolhardy investments that quickly deplete their resources.

The Yolleses provide common



sense advice on what to do with the retirement money you've accumulated - how to withdraw it, how to continue investing it, how to work out a long range plan to provide for your health needs and how to prepare your estate to lessen the tax burden for your beneficiaries.

The writers begin by having readers take an assessment of their risk comfort, retirement needs and sources of income including Social Security, parttime employment and investments. They then move into a discussion of investing and the psychology of investing - how

much risk are you willing to take. They point out that equity funds historically outperform bonds and money markets, but they also warn that equities still represent a risk and can result

The Yolleses recommend diversification in no-load mutual funds. They provide a chapter on how to assemble a portfolio of the "best no-load mutual funds." These funds provide a good return at a reduced risk. The Yolleses show how to balance investments and savings.

A chapter on withdrawal strategies provides a guide for how much to withdraw, how much to continue investing and how to delegate the investments.

This is a good book to settle down with just before you're ready to retire to help you understand all your options, be aware of the risks and give confidence that with proper information you can retire comfortably. It is also a good book for those in their late 40s and early 50s to help them prepare a solid base on which to build a retirement.

The Ronald and Murray Yolles will be signing their book 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Temple Israel Book Fair, 5727 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield and at the Birmingham Borders at Southfield and 13 Mile Road 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan.

### **BOOK HAPPENINGS**

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe. homecomm. net

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS) Michael Womack discusses Roth

IRAs, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30; Barbar Burris signs her children's book "Callie & Zora," 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3, at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road. Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558. **BOOK LECTURE** 

Roundtable discussion of Susan Power's "The Grass Dancer," 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Executive Classroom, Madonna University, Levan and I-94, Livonia.

**BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)** 

Thomas Kachadurian will sign and discuss his book "Views From The Sleeping Bear," 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

Farmington Hills, (248)737-0110. **BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)** 

Mystery Book Club discusses "Not A Creature Was Stirring," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty.

Northville. **CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Virginia Bailey Parker signs her book "Ghost Stories and Other Tales From Canton," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center and Heritage

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## Meadow Brook is 'Picture Perfect'

(PR Newswire) - Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall will delight guests of every age with "Picture Perfect Holidays," the 28th annual walk through one of America's largest and most spectacular historic houses aglow with priceless furnishings and holiday decorations.

More than 10,000 visitors will participate in Holiday Walk activities through Sunday, December 6.

Honorary chairs are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Way of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roettenberger of Troy "Picture Perfect Holidays" pro-

vides a warm and personal glimpse into the history of Meadow Brook Hall. Original Dodge and Wilson family photographs many seen by visitors for the first time and showcased among opulent holiday settings throughout the house - capture highlights in the lives of this exceptional family. From formal posed portraits to vacation snapshots, the photographic collection and accompanying enlargements reveal an intimate sense of the people who lived here and the era in which they lived.

Elegant holiday decor throughout the 100-room mansion is created especially for this event by Panache Designs Ltd. of Atlanta. Fresh floral displays and dozens of twinkling trees further enhance the Hall's exquisite interiors.

Santa Claus will greet the young and young-at-heart in Knole Cottage, the six-room playhouse built to 3/4 scale for heiress Frances Dodge. Designed and completely furnished in the manner of Meadow Brook Hall, Knole Cottage is also decorated for the holidays and open for touring.

Very special gift shopping can also be part of "Picture Perfect Holidays." The Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop, stocked with new and unique items, will be open all days of the Walk.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with additional evening hours until 9 p.m. on Tuesday,



Deck the Halls: The Wilson Study is just one of the many rooms featured in the Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall.

Dec. 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 2. Knole Cottage is open during daytime hours only. Admission for the Holiday

Walk is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 13, \$6 for OU affiliates with I.D. and \$9 per person for groups of 20 or more with advance reservations. Knole Cottage admission is \$1 for all ages.

### Gala Dinner Evenings

Adding to "Picture Perfect" festivities are three gala dinner evenings (black-tie-preferred) Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5. The glamorous celebrations recreate ambiance of the many lavish occasions held in past years at Meadow Brook Hall when the family lived here. / Gala Evenings begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and informal touring of the beautiful displays.

Superb candlelight dining at 8:30 p.m. is followed by an afterglow and supper club-style dancing in the Ballroom. Music throughout the house is provided by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings and includes a harpist in

the Great Hall, a pianist in the Living Room, a trombone quartet on the Grand Staircase landing and a swing band in the Ballroom. These gloriously nostalgic parties are fund-raising events for preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hall, and a portion of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation. Reservations are \$175 per person for patrons, \$250 for benefactors with seating reserved on a first-paid basis.

The annual Holiday Walk is a major fund-raising event for Meadow Brook Hall, and all proceeds are used for the preservation and interpretation of this architectural treasure. Community leaders, corporations and volunteers provide support through sponsorships, Holiday Walk Committee involvement, donations, volunteer service during the Walk, attendance and patron dinner reservations.

For additional information about "Picture Perfect Holidays" or to make reservations for group tours and Gala Dinners. call (248) 370-3140.

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ART BEAT

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The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual Holiday Exhibit and Sale Dec. 7-12 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road in Sheridan Square Shopping Center, Garden City.

An opening reception and awards presentation takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (734) 261-0379.

Violinist Stephen Shipps, accompanied by pianist Anton Nel, performs selections by Debussy, Ravel and Franck noon Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

A violin professor at the University of Michigan, Shipps has Dec. 10. The cost is \$11.

served on the faculties of Indiana University, North Carolina School of the Arts and the Banff Centre in Canada. He has performed as a soloist, orchestral musician and concertmaster with orchestras throughout the U.S., adjudicated major national and international competitions for more than two decades, and recorded solo performances in the U.S. and Europe. Nel, chairman of the U-M piano department, is an internationally acclaimed pianist who appears regularly as recitalist, chamber musician and concerto soloist.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents two workshops Dec. 10 and 15 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Plymouth. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-

Children, ages 6 to 12, will use cookie cutters and rolling pins to make a Christmas ornament, a lasting holiday momento or great gift, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, choose between sessions from 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. for a Christmas Craft Workshop. The cost per child is \$7, and includes a visit with Santa and assistance in making a holiday craft project. Photos of your child with Santa are available for \$2.

METALSMITH LECTURE

Well known American metalsmith Jon Michael Route gives a lecture 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Eastern Michigan University, 104 Briggs Hall in Ypsilanti.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, call Karen Thomas at (734) 662-1559 or Skip Hunter at (734) 487-

Route, who earned his master of fine arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, exhibits in major galleries and museum shops. He has won awards in top rated art festivals in the U.S. including the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. He presents numerous workshops throughout the country, including the two-day workshop "Making Pewter Boxes" at Center for Creative Studies in Gifts from page C1

For the food connoisseur Horn recommends a ristra. The chile peppers, strung in a bunch, that can be used for cooking or decoration. Prices range from \$16 to

\$24 depending on the sizes of the pepper and bunch.

They're thought to bring good luck to the home and good health," said Horn. "If you're not going to cook with them then they should be sprayed with a clear acrylic found at a craft

Elizabeth Stone Gallery, 536 North Old Woodward, (248) 647-7040, lulls children to sleep with the art from children's books, of which she also carries a large selection. From originals priced between \$100 to \$5,000 and lithographs from \$50 to \$225, there's a character to bring the magic into the life of every child. One of the most popular sellers at the Birmingham gallery is the print "Guess how much I love you" of two bunnies priced at

Stone doesn't just sell the art however. She turns it into an event. A "Sophie and Rose" Doll Party takes over the gallery 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Stone invites grandmothers, mothers and daughters to bring in their favorite doll to have them sketched by Wendy Anderson Halperin, illustrator of the book about a little girl and a china

For children of all ages, Stone hosts an appearance by brothers Greg and Tim Hildebrandt. raduates of Avondale High School, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov.

Star Wars fans as well as those of Superman will find the original art from the June 1999 Superman painted graphic novel for DC comic, Marvel's Spiderman, Batman, King Arthur, Aladdin, Robin Hood, and fairy tales. The display continues through Saturday, Dec. 26.

Released last year, "Rocking Horse Christmas" illustrated by Ned Bittinger is a popular tale with kids. Bittinger will sign books 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. at the gallery. There will also be

handcrafted rocking horses

priced at \$150 and \$250. The Grinch celebrates the 25th ann versary of the book that relates how he stole Christmas with a show of animation cels opening Dec. 12 at Gallery Animato 574 North Old Woodwardin Birmingham, (248) 644-8312. The 50 pieces by Maurice Noble range in price from \$250 to \$7,500. Athey said prices continue to escalate for animation art because studios did not save much of the work back then.

For the folk art lover, The Community House in Birmingham, 380 South Bates Street, (248) 644-5832, introduces its first "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show" 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and until 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Admission is \$4, and benefits The Community House.

Besides home accents such as vintage windows, needlework and folk dolls, the folk art show displays pottery, decorative tins, and garden accessories by 41 well-known exhibitors.

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The Plymouth Community Chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with holiday medleys and novelty songs at its Christmas Concert, "Joy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center. "The Little Drummer Boy," "O Holy Night," the spiritual "Go Tell It on the Mountain," and new carols "I Have Seen the Light" and "Once Upon a December" should put you in the holiday mood.

Tickets are \$9 and available by calling (734) 455-4080.

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under director Donald Stromberg, performs "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, selections from "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, and a variety of seasonal compositions by Bach, Beethoven, and Victoria at two locations in

The first concert is a 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church Street at Main Street. Tickets are \$4 and available at the door.

The second performance is 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Donations Vierne accepted during intermission For more information about the concerts, call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

Celebrate the holidays with Jane Chevalier and the sounds of her hammered dulcimer 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, south of M14, Ply-

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors, \$18 family, and available at the door or by calling the church at (734) 453-5280.

Judy Collins performs 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, call (248) 645-6666, or stop by Southfield City Hall or the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Collins will be accompanied by the Southfield-

Lathrup Madrigal Singers. Golden Mushroom restaurant is offering a pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$25 per person, call (248) 559-4230 for reservations/information.

■ The Birmingham Musicale Chorale Ensemble under the direction of Judith Premin performs Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Allegra Lilly 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Central Woodward Christian Church on the southeast corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads.

Admission is free. A festive tea follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 475-5978.

Lily, the 1997 winner of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra Concerto Competition, is an eighth grade student at Bloomfield Hills Middle School. Other performers include Victoria Begelow, singing "Cantata: O di Betlemme altera" by Alesandro Scarlatti, and Doris Hall, organist at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, performing works by Gilbert Martin, Larry Visser and Louis

### "Holiday Collage"

The Farmington Community Band opens its concert season with holiday and classic band music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Harrison High School on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills.

Several small ensembles made up of band members will also

Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 students, \$8 family, and available at the door. For information, call (734) 261-2202.

"Once Upon a December"

rus sings their holiday concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19 in Mercy High School Auditorium on the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$8 (\$6 seniors/students) in advance, \$10 at the door. Call (248) 788-5322.

A contribution to the newly established Melissa Garr Scholarship Fund, will get your name in the holiday concert program.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra rings in the "Sounds of the Season" when they perform with Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Also on the guest list is the Churchill High School Choir singing songs from the movie

Farmington Community Cho- Night Before Christmas." Also on the program are such classics as "Greensleeves" and "Pachabel in D." Zonjic and Monroe perform classic and traditional holiday music.

> Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children, and available by calling (734) 421-1111.

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble, on a different note, performs opera choruses that have a sacred theme 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Christ Church Detroit. Scenes from within the operas are set inside churches or refer to spiritual subjects. The scenes will be introduced by Dr. Wallace Peace, a frequent lecturer for the Michigan Opera The-

Tickets for "Sacred Scenes From Opera" are \$15, \$12 seniors/students, and available "Home Alone" and "Twas the by calling (248) 357-1111.

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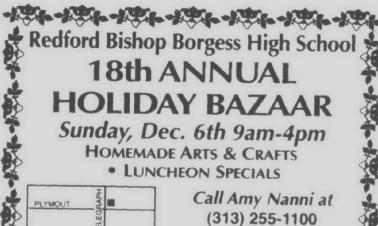
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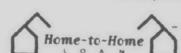
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Dazzle her with jewels, says the

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Love squared: Diamonds and rubies sparkle in Tiffany & Co.'s "Cube" pendant and ear-

is the season to shower her with diamonds and rubies. But what's a fine-gem know-nothing to do? How does a jewelry novice choose the perfect precious stone? That's a question for the Jewelry Lady, the area's expert on all aspects of fine jewels. The Jewelry Lady keeps her ring finger on the pulse of what's happening in the world gem-wise. She shares her wisdom, expertise and opinions with you in this guest column.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

Christmas is coming and I'd like to get my girlfriend something special. I know she'd like jewelry, but it's really hard to know what I could get that she'd actually love. How do I pick the right thing?

Baffled in Bloomfield

Dear Baffled, The Jewelry Lady would like to congratulate you on your sensitivity and your desire to please your signifi-cant other this Christmas. (So many of your gender would rather pick something up for her at the Home Depot on the way to the power tool section.) As a local award-winning jewelry designer once said, "Most women like their jewelry either angular with straight lines or rounded with a softer edge." Assuming that your girlfriend already has some jew-elry (and this is why you believe that she would enjoy more), take a surreptitious look at what she wears and determine if she is an angular or a rounded person. That takes care of style. Now we move on to jewelry

type and color. Does she have colored gem jewelry to match? Does she have a charm bracelet or charm-bearing pendant that you could add to? Does she have a collection of thin bracelets? If you follow the Jewelry Lady's philosophy - you can't be too thin, too rich or have too much gold or platinum jew-elry - chances are she'd love an addition to her collection. Does she change earrings often? If so, she'd probably love another pair. As you can see, this jewelry-buying thing will get easier the more you do it. So be a detective, pay attention to what she wears for a few days and then make a visit to your local jeweler. Chances are that after you've done your homework, the perfect gift will present itself. If not, take heart. Helping the baffled among us choose the right gift is what jewelry sales

Is 10kt gold stronger than 14kt or Confused in Commerce Township

staff members do best.

Dear Confused, The Jewelry Lady thinks you have a case of wishful thinking. Did you notice that 18kt gold is significantly more expensive than 14 kt gold, which is significantly more expensive than 10kt gold? Now there are rare cases, such as spotting a long-lost Renoir in a suburban Detroit garage sale, when you can find something dirt cheap that is actually superior to a more pricey purchase. But this is not the case with gold. Ten karat gold has more alloy in it, other metals that make it tougher and stronger than pure gold. (Eighteen and fourteen karat gold also have alloy, but lesser amounts.) Unfortunately, the alloys, such as copper, silver and zinc, are more likely to tarnish and corrode. This tendency actually makes 10kt gold more vulnerable to time and wear than 14kt or 18kt pieces. This is especially true if you are an allergic type prone to hives and other unpleasant skin eruptions. So stick to the good stuff. It's worth the price.

The Jewelry Lady welcomes your uestions. Please contact her at (248) 42-4012, FAX (248) 582-9223 or eer at rodgers@mich.com.

# Holiday books celebrate the best of Michigan

BY LINDA BACHRACK STAFF WRITER

he sunrise at Pyramid Point overlooking Lake Michigan. A sweeping view of the undulating shoreline from the Empire Bluff hiking trail. Unsurpassed quiet and serenity at Werner Cemetery, nestled along a ridge in Port Oneida. The intense blues and turquoises of Big Glen Lake. An inspirational campfire on the shore of Crystal River.

If these Up North scenes are familiar to you, you'll want to see them captured on color film in photographer Thomas Kachadurian's new book Views from the Sleep-

ing Bear, Photographs of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (Sleeping Bear Press, \$39.95). This exquisite collection of images by Kachadurian invites us to protect and preserve our precious natural resources. His work reveals his passion and respect for the land and water in a little corner of Michigan where he vacationed as a child and has since settled with his family.

Kachadurian is the former art director of Traverse magazine, and has photographed the vistas and structures of the Sleeping Bear Dunes area since the early 1990s. He explores the familiar, and the remote locations waiting to be discovered, like the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. Many of

these sites are hidden treasures that reveal themselves only to keen-eyed hikers and woods explorers.

"It is our experiences that define the Lakeshore," writes Kachadurian in the book's preface. "The photographs in this book are mostly made from or near public trails and access areas in or near the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. These are the places and experiences we all can share."

When you read his text and linger over the vivifying photographs, you will share the awe with which Kachadurian approached this project. And they will stir your own memories of beachside fireworks and sunset dune climbs.

Kachadurian signs his book 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Views from the Sleeping Bear joins several other books, published this season, that celebrate Michigan and Michiganians. Other titles with local interest include The Legend of Sleeping Bear, Behind the Embassy Door

tion on Sunday.

TREASURE HUNT

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Main-

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East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248)
644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publica-

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Grant Hill visits Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile

Road, to introduce his new youth bedroom collection

from Lea Industries. 5-7 p.m. Furniture priced from

Shades Optical presents an exclusive trunk show

featuring vintage eyewear from the RetroSpec col-

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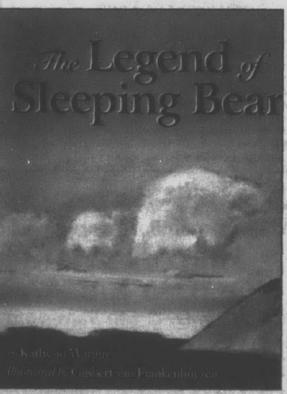
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FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Fifteen antique dealers and resident shops present Birmingham's Free Antique Show at 251 Mer-

and Sarah's Page.

· The Legend of Sleeping Bear Sleeping Bear Press, \$16.95) is an enchanting children's tale by author Kathy-jo Wargin that tells the Ojibwe story of Sleeping Bear and her cubs. The tale originated as a way to explain the sandy dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan. Legend has it that Mother Bear and her two cubs escaped a forest fire in Wisconsin and were forced to struggle across Lake Michigan to find safety. The cubs swam and swam but Mother Bear lost sight of them during the night, and she collapsed on shore, fearing she would never see her cubs again. But



overlooking the lake, waiting year after year in the hope that she would spot her cubs in the water. The winds blew blankets of sand upon her, keeping her warm while she slept, and the

great spirit of the land felt her sadness and her love and dedication. "With a tremen-

dous gust of wind, the spirit brought the cubs near shore, placing them forever within the watchful and caring eyes of Mother Bear. The cubs now stand suspended in time as the North and South Manitou Islands."

Wargin creates magic and wonder in the telling of her tale. With a decade of experience as a professional writer, her collection of published works includes poetry and non-

fiction. She and her husband, photographer Ed Wargin, recently completed a travel guide titled Scenic Driving

Illustrator Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, a former

art director for the Michigan Natural Resources Magazine, is an artist and educator who gives nature tours at his home in Bath, Mich. His illustrations brim with passionate details and brilliant color.

·Behind the **Embassy Door** (Sleeping Bear Press, \$24.95) is James Blanchard's view of politics and diplomacy at one of the most crucial periods in the history of U.S.-Canada relations. The book is the former ambassador's extraordinary account of how interna-

tional relations are conducted at the highest level. At the same time, it is a candid account of the everyday life of an ambassador abroad. Blanchard describes the coast-to-coast trip across Canada that he undertook shortly after his arrival. He recalls how President Clinton's mother charmed a thousand women and how Hillary Clinton skated on the famed Rideau

Blanchard's writing style is very conversational, with intimate descriptions of the people, places and landscapes he came to know during his tenure in Canada. You'll feel as

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**Anna Murray** 

though you're a rapt bystander as Blanchard carries his wife, Janet, over the threshold of "Lornado," the American ambassador's residence in Ottawa. And from the first day to the last, you'll be privy to the innermost thoughts and feelings of a man who fell in love with a "crazy place" called Canada.

·Here's a novel approach for a children's book: a series of e-mailed monologues between two best friends who are separated for a summer. Sarah's Page by Anna Murray (Sleeping Bear Press, \$14.95) relates the adventures and misadventures of a young girl named Sarah who e-mails her best friend Katie in New York about life on her sister's Michigan farm. Sarah's a Big Apple kid whose parents have

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SUNDAY, DEC. 6

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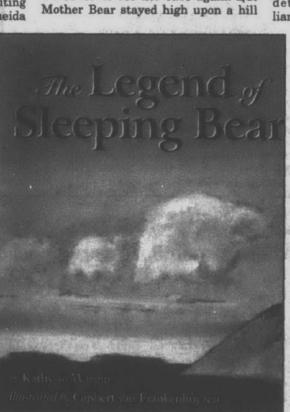
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WINE & DINE

Join more than 30 top Michigan chefs for an afternoon of culinary treasures to benefit Honduran families ravaged by Hurricane Mitch. Chefs for Humanity takes place at the Kingsley Hotel & Suites, 4-7 p.m. \$150. To purchase tickets, call Unique Restaurant Corp. at (248) 646-0370.

CANDLELIGHT CAROLING

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend its Fifth annual Plymouth Families Candlelight Sing-Along, 6 p.m., Kellogg Park. Hot chocolate and candles provided. Please bring a canned good for the Salvation Army Pantry.



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from the Christopher Collection · Lori wants Nat Robbins Sparkling Burgundy Lip liner.

• Wendy of Livonia is looking for

the Game "Rock EM Sock EM

• Tom is looking for a number of items, 1974 St. Joan of Arc yearbook, a CD from WCSX (94.7) last year "Parodies for

• Lillian is looking for Grandoe leather driving gloves (ladies). · Patty is looking for clips for the skinny Clairol electric

 Janet is looking for a 7-inch front wheel for a wheelchair. · Adrienne wants a Dept. 56 Oil

Lamp "Plum Pudding: · Mary Beth is looking for someone who knows or has all the words to the following song, "Johnny VerBeck how could you be so mean, now all the neighbors' cats and dogs will never be

· For Margaret, Pee Wee's Playhouse toys.

· Mary is looking for someone to teach classes on how to make hats and also where to buy Millinery Supplies.

· A place that has a Red Factory Hard Top for a 1996 Mazda Miata.

· Andrea wants old books out of

print by Della Lutes. Ellen wants Pacquins

· Karen of Troy wants discontinued china by Noritake #7541 "Lorelie," and Wedgewood "Mid Winter Stonehenge Wild Oats" pattern (off white with wheat on it) oven/table.

· Marilyn is looking for the directions to the 5 qt. Sterling Ice Cream Freezer ice cream maker (it is about 30 years old) made by Richmond Cedar

· Debbie is looking for the View Master Steromatic 500 projec-

· Doris is looking for the children's book (hardcover) "Little

Wiener." · Norma is looking for the game Park & Shop and a black Lions t-shirt/sweatshirt, with blue & silver logo.

· Rita wants Noritake "Modes-

ta China" (it is very old). · Judy wants Evening in Paris

cologne. · Jean is looking for low sodi-

um soup bases · Stacey is looking for the Christopher Radko 4th-year ornaments Twelve Days of Christmas "Four Calling Birds".

· Susan is looking for a 1975 girls class ring from Dearborn High to buy.

· Shelly is looking for a large old kitchen sink 4-5 feet wide, with a backsplash and side drain boards, in porcelain or cast iron from the 1800-1920s.

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· Pat is looking for several items, children's little metal dishes from the 1950s with an Oriental theme, individual packets of bubble bath from the '50s.

• Pat wants a Fisher Price alligator flashlight from two years

· Scott wants a chili pepper ceiling fan. · Alan is looking for Treacle

molasses paste for baking. Jackie is looking for a crochet pattern book to make afghans with children's and sports themes, and Avon Supreme Mauve lipstick.

Bob is looking for knit Roster ties from the '70s.

Noreen wants a 1998 Farmington High yearbook.

• Julia is looking for the cassette

of John Anderson's Wild & Jill is looking for old copies of

Victoria magazine from Sept-Nov. 1988, and all issues from

Norma wants a Drowsy Doll by Mattel from the 60's.

Helen is looking for a gasket #3677 for her 7 qt. Wearever Pressure cooker, and 15 lb. weights and safety plugs #3664. Judy wants Sugar Free

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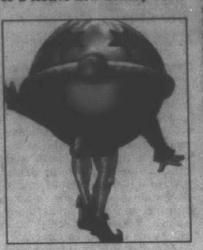
pan for cakes. · A travel stroller by Combi used/new for Michelle.

· For Kathy, someone to price her collection of teacups and salt & pepper shakers from the past 50 years.

· Margery has Pillsbury bakeoff recipe books from the 2nd edition to present.

### RETAIL DETAILS

SHAVER DELLS Fairlane Town Center launches a festive new holiday decor



this year, transforming the cen-ter into a "Musical, Magical Hol-iday Kingdom" of dancing, singing costumed characters. professionally choreographed musical productions and holiday regalia. "Ring Them Bells" is the theme for Fairlane's daily musical shows featuring local talent and professionals from Opryland Productions. Each show runs 12-15 minutes and features beloved holiday songs. The audience will participate, using props such as sleigh bells, tambourines and cow bells. The national allfemale instrumental and vocal jazz group Straight Ahead visits on Dec. 5.

Twelve Oaks mall launched Retail Merchandising Units (RMUs) throughout the shopping center on Nov. 17. The customdesigned retail units will showcase unique and hard-to-find merchandise. The debuting RMUs include: Executive Sports, upscale, licensed sports collectibles; Jacaru Australia, -Compiled by Sandi Jarackas Australian leather goods; True

Colors, custom-colored cosmetics in mica-based hues; Head Sokz, polar fleece hoods; Hudon River Inlay, wood inlay items, from mirrors and occasional tables to jewelry and desktop accessories; Healing Expressions, New-age products; Jamestown Designs embroidered and appliqued T-shirts and sweatshirts; and Cre-ative Wix, handmade candles. Also Yo-Yo Universe; holiday ornaments from Orinda's Orig-inals; Avon; Diamonds and Gold; Noah's Ark, collectible Beanie Babies; Jewelcraft International, silver jewelry; Wireless Orbit, cellular phones and pagers; Teen Explosion, West Coast accessories for teenage girls.

Laurel Park Place welcomes Wicks 'n' Sticks, a home accessory store that features an extensive selection of candles, oil lamps, fragrance rings, incense and room sprays. The Livonia store will highlight its innevative, mood-enhancing aromatherapy candles.

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The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce offers Plymouth Gift Certificates this holiday season. The certificates are redeemable



Meet Annabelle from the video Annabelle's Wish today from 1-5 p.m. at Summit Place. Spend \$150 at any Summit Place, Summit North or Summit West store, and get a cuddly plush 11-inch Annabelle for just \$15. The net eeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Annabelle's Wish will air on the FOX network Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Native West in Plymouth presents its ninth annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Dec. 3-6. Featured artists are Michael Atkinson and jewelry designer Jerry Nelson. 863 W. Ann Arbor

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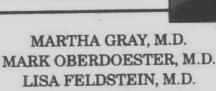


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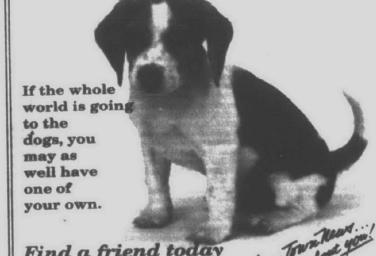
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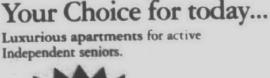
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# Florida park shows 'Splendid China'

BY NORMA SCHONWETTER SPECIAL WRITER

There's more to Orlando beyond the world of Disney, namely a family theme park without rides and cartoon characters. Journey through 10,000 miles and 5,000 years to discover Splendid China. Situated on a beautifully landscaped 76-acre park are more than 60 detailed replicas of China's famous land-

This impressive attraction is modeled after the original Splendid China, built in 1989 outside of Hong Kong. Open four years in Kissimmee, Fla., it took 120 Chinese craftsmen, working for two years, to create this magnificent exhibit, at a cost of \$110 million with 12 million pounds of material brought from China.

They used architectural techniques and handcrafting methods dating back to the 13th century. Almost all of the replicas have an audio feature describing the history, construction and culture surrounding each display, making viewing more enjoyable as well as informative.

This is an opportunity to journey through the entire country of China in a few hours, without airports, buses or taxis ... and a fraction of the cost. You can experience Chinese music, dance, geography and architecture. Stroll through a Mongol village, walk through a royal tomb depicting the archeological site of the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, reduced to one-third actual size. The actual tomb has been called one of the greatest archeological discoveries of all time. Unearthed in 1974, it contains about 8,000 life-size terra-cotta soldiers, each dressed differently with no two faces alike, along with their horses and chariots.

The Great Wall, 4,200 miles long, constructed between 215 B.C. and 215 A.D. is represented by a scaled-down version onehalf mile in length. It is constructed of 6.5 million individually laid bricks. View reproductions of the Forbidden City, Imperial Palace, the Temple of Heaven, Leshan Buddha and more. A replica of the world's oldest free-standing wooden structure, China's Yingxian Wooden pagoda, built in A.D. 1056, was assembled without nails or glues. The nine-story structure was built with dovetail beams. Splendid China's replica





Roycroft Inn was Arts & Crafts birthplace

Historic inn: The entrance to the Roycroft Inn in New York.

This fall Lew and I escaped for a few days to enjoy the October color. We traveled through Canada to our ultimate destination. the Roycroft Inn in western New York, home of the Roycroft Arts and Crafts movement

We left on a bright Saturday morning and traveled the northern route through Canada, and after an easy five hour drive arrived in Jordan, Ontario, near St. Catharines. This area is agricultural and many orchards of apples, apricots, cherries and vineyards dot the countryside. Autumn apples and vegetables such as pumpkins and squash were offered at roadside stands. The little town of Jordan Village, just down the road from our hotel, is home to antique and gift shops, restaurants, a winery and

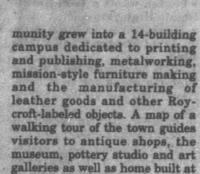
Lew is a sailor and anything to do with water is fascinating to him. A visit to the Welland Canal and the eight locks was his highlight of the trip. An interesting museum, diagram of a working lock, gift shop and snack bar are located at Lock No. 3, where we saw a huge ocean-going freighter pass through the lock. The others were working locks but have no visitor amenities.

The Welland Canal runs from Lake Ontario at St. Catharines through the countryside down to the eighth and final lock, located in Port Colborne on Lake Erie. The first Welland Canal was built in the mid 1800s, enabling people and goods to navigate between these two lakes. As the years passed, it became necessary to rebuild and today the fourth canal has a total of eight locks. These function like giant steps over the Niagara Escarpment, by-passing Niagara Falls. This canal is part of the St. Lawrence Seaway System.

We stayed overnight near St. Catharines, and although there is much to see in this area, including fabulous Niagara Falls, we were to meet friends at the Roycroft Inn, so we continued on our little sojourn.

The Roycroft community was founded by Elbert Hubbard, who based the movement on the Arts and Crafts organization in England that William Morris and John Ruskin, two English reformers, formed. The organization emphasized hand-crafted, guildlike workmanship, a strong community spirit and a commitment to simple living - similar to the lifestyles and values of the Middle Ages. Hubbard founded the Roycroft Arts and Crafts movement in 1895.

With his driving force the com-



The social center was the Roycroft Inn where we stayed. This beautiful building has undergone renovations, the latest begun in 1994. The concept was to celebrate the history of the inn and draw attention to the area as the birthplace of the Arts and Crafts Movement in Ameri-

The original flavor has been retained and this exceptionally charming inn is a delight. You can almost imagine yourself running into the many poets and musicians who visited and are reminded of them by names carved on the wooden door to each room. Among them are Elizabeth Barrett, and across the hall, Robert Browning. Others include Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Thoreau and Susan B. Anthony.

We were given a suite similar to all at the inn, restored to maintain the original sleeping porch design and the ambiance of earlier times: wicker furniture, bare floors with 'scatter'



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rugs, low lighting and wallpaper in the style of William Morris. All modern conveniences are in place, including a wonderful Jacuzzi tub. Guess who used that! The public rooms are furnished in the same manner, including mission furniture and Roycroft lamps.

A beautiful atrium garden can be seen from the breakfast room and the porch, that is filled with diners during the warm months.

Roycroft Inn, 40 South Grove St., East Aurora, N.Y., offers a Preservation Package Escape for Two" seven nights a week Nov. 1 to April 30, and Sunday through Thursday, May 1 to Oct. 31, at only \$160. It includes accommodations for two in a luxurious suite, a sumptuous dinner for two in their first-class restaurant and a light breakfast the following morning. Call (716)652-5552 or (800)267-0525 or fax: (716)655-5345, for daily rates and additional information. It is a treat to stay in such peaceful surroundings. If you don't have time for an overnight stay, the restaurant is open for lunch and dinner.

The reunion with our friends was great, and after breakfast and good-byes on Monday morning, we began our return through Pennsylvania and Ohio. We stopped at the harbor in Erie, Pa., and took a windy walk to the Erie Bicentennial Tower where, for \$2, one can take an elevator to the top for a panoramic view.

We continued on through the states to our own Michigan. We did enjoy the fall colors. I especially noticed the dark red and orange sumac foliage, but, as Dorothy would say, "There's no place like home."

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### **Tartars** win

Wayne State's women's basketball team collected their first win of the season by defeating University of Michigan-Dearborn 72-40 in the opening round of the Tartar Classic Friday at WSU. Sarah Warnke, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, led the Tartars (who improved to 1-3) with 17 points and a career-high 19 rebounds. WSU met Indiana-South Bend, which beat Concordia College 79-75 in the other first-round game, in Saturday's Classic final.

### Walker shines

Castleton State College (Castleton, VT) knocked off host Oneonta State (N.Y.) 75-62 in the consolation final of the Holiday Inn Classic in women's basketball last Sunday, thanks in great part to Plymouth Salem grad Merritt Walker. The Spartans were trailing 25-18 with 8:03 left in the first half, then ran off 15-straight points to take command.

Walker led Castleton with 20 points and nine rebounds, efforts that earned her a spot on the six-member all-tournament team. The day before, the Spartans lost 68-54 in their tournament opener to Hartwick College (N.Y.) despite Walker's 13 points.

### Bray helps Hope split

Hope College, behind the sharpshooting of junior guard Mark Bray (from Plymouth Canton), reached the championship game of the Cornerstone College Classic with a 98-77 win over Grace (Ind.) College, then lost in the championship game to the host team 89-62 Nov. 21-22 in Grand Rapids.

Bray pumped in 22 points in the win over Grace on 9-of-11 floor shooting. He added nine in the loss to Cornerstone. For the season, Bray is averaging 15.5 points; he also had six assists and five steals in the two

### MIAA champions

Kalamazoo College's women's soccer team ruled the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, rolling to an 8-0 league mark and an 18-3 overall record. However, in the Hornets first NCAA Division III Tournament game at Onio wesieyan, they

Among the contributors to Kalamazoo's strong season were Jessica Mueller, a freshman midfielder from Plymouth who scored four goals during the season, and Andrea Sudik, a junior midfielder from Plymouth Salem HS who had one assist.

### Siena Heights repeats

Siena Heights' men's basketball team gained its second-consecutive title in the National Catholic Basketball Tournament last weekend (Nov. 20-22), beating St. Norbert College (Wisc.) 65-60 in overtime in the final played in Dubuque, Iowa. Dan McKian, a senior forward from Plymouth Salem, scored eight points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the championship game.

In earlier games, the Saints defeated St. Thomas Aquinas College (N.Y.) 71-68 in their opener, then handed Xavier (La.) University an 84-61 defeat in the semifinals. McKian had eight points against Xavier.

### All-league notice

Ryan Ostach, a senior wide receiver/punter at Michigan Tech from Plymouth Canton HS, was an honorable mention all-Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference selection.

Ostach was named the Huskies' special teams player of the year (he averaged 36.6 yards per punt and completed two passes on fake punt plays, one for a touchdown); he also led the team in receptions with 26 for 481 yards and three TDs.

### **Baseball tryouts**

The Michigan Lake Area Rams Amateur Athletic Federation Travel Baseball Organization will conduct a tryout camp for its Mickey Mantle Division Team (ages 15 and 16). If interested, call manager Gary Neino at (734) 981-3845.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

# Whalers wreck North Bay

It wasn't the biggest game the Plymouth Whalers have — or will — play this season. And it certainly wasn't the

And yet, there were still factors of some importance associated with their 4-1Ontario Hockey League victory over the North Bay Centennials Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

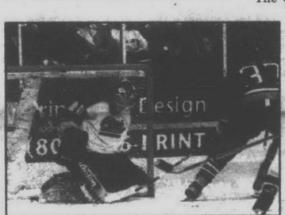
Perhaps the most obvious: The win brought to a close Plymouth's longest losing streak of the season. Okay, so it was only two games (both suffered on the road last weekend), but put in a different context, the Whalers would rather not suffer through such a streak for the remainder of this campaign.

The win also extended their home ice unbeaten streak to 10 games (9-0-1), a mark they wouldn't mind extending for the remainder of the season. Plymouth is 19-4-2 overall, second-best in the league; North Bay fell to 9-13-3.

On a more tactical note, the game was played in a style the Whalers don't especially like to play. "We like to skate," said Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer, "and teams are going to try and slow us down. That's seems hard for us to handle, but we're going to have to get used to it because that's what we'll be seeing for the rest of the season.

"That's what happened to us last weekend. We played in two small rinks (at Owen Sound and Guelph), about half the size of ours, and they slowed it

The objective: To control the Whalers explosive attack. Until last weekend, few teams had enjoyed much success



No chance: Gooldy beats North Bay's Auld for the Whalers' second goal.

Heavy traffic: The Whalers' Eric Gooldy battles North Bay's Omar Ennaffati for position in front of Centennials goalie Alex Auld. The Whalers, and Gooldy, each enjoyed their successes; Plymouth won, and Gooldy scored a second-period goal.

defensing Plymouth, and on Friday, North Bay didn't, either.

The Centennials were coming off a Thursday loss at Windsor, and were in the midst of a four-games-in-four-days road trip. The Whalers were hardly the obliging, holiday-weekend hosts; after fending off two North Bay power plays in the first period, they got a power-play goal from David Legwand with 11:24 left in the period. Legwand knocked home a rebound of a Paul Mara shot from the point; the puck came off the boards right to Legwand. Tomek Val-

> Although it wasn't as good a scoring period as it should have been for the Whalers -

tonen also assisted.

they dominated play for more than 10 minutes, but misfired on several ideal scoring opportunities — they were still in command. Even when the Centennials went to a more physical, aggressive kind of play in the fight-filled second period, the Whalers maintained con-

The second goal of the game came just 1:01 into the second period, and this one was the result of Plymouth's superior skating. Eric Gooldy broke loose near mid-ice on a play started by Mara and Harold Druken. Gooldy finished it, putting the puck behind North Bay goalie Alex Auld for a 2-0 Whaler

A double-minor penalty to the Centennials' Brett Gibson in the final second of the second period led to a fourminute power play chance for Plymouth to start the third. It took Legwand just 17 seconds to capitalize, bringing the puck out unchallenged from behind the net to the left of Auld and scoring from point-blank range.

With 15:39 to go, the OHL's top rated power-play team got its third of the game with North Bay's Jeremy Pedder in the box. Mara, who had peppered shots from the point at Auld all game, got one past him to make it 4-0; Nikos selios and Rick Smith assisted.

"I think our power play was the key tonight," said DeBoer. "It's been our biggest weapon this season.'

But hardly their only one. The Whalers rank with the OHL's best in both scoring, and preventing, goals. The reasons for both are simple, according to DeBoer: "Experience and depth — especially on offense. Last year, if a team could stop one or two of

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# Coaching shuffle won't deter Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.hom

The first thing Plymouth Salem

assistant wrestling coach Greg Woochuk wants to be known is that Ron Krueger is still the Rocks' head

The first thing Krueger wants people to know is that he's just helping

So who's in charge?

It probably won't really matter who finally wears the title - Krueger is the team's official coach, despite having announced his retirement from coaching last spring — the team is going to be pretty solid.

"That's something I just don't want to do anymore," Krueger still insisted, referring to the day-to-day coaching responsibilities. "But I can't just walk away and say, 'I'm done,' and have them saying to me, 'We're not - how about some help here?' There's no

way I could turn my back on them. I couldn't turn my back on the kids, either.'

The result is a management-style coaching setup, something similar to what the Detroit Red Wings have. While Krueger wears the label, Woochuk, Brian Burlison, Dave Dameron and Jason Krueger (Ron's son) will combine to handle much of the actual coaching.

"This is probably what should happen in all kinds of job," said Woochuk, a 1985 Salem graduate who wrestled for Krueger (so did Dameron, a '96 Salem grad, and Burlison, a '91grad'. "It's kind of coaching mentor type of transition."

The season should provide a bit of a test for the Rocks, to be sure. Several key members of last season's squad, which finished 19-2 in dual meets and was second at the Western Lakes

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Bright future: One reason for high hopes at Salem is John Mervyn (on top), who emerged as one of the area's top 103 pounders last season, posting a 49-7 match record.

# Hawks roll to another title

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER domeara@oe.hom

There was just no stopping the 1998 Farmington Harrison Hawks, not in the final game Friday, not

once during the entire season. Hudsonville was the last team to try and fail as the Hawks ended another undefeated campaign by winning their second straight Class A football title with a 35-13 victory over the Eagles at the Pontiac Silver-

It marked the fourth time Harrison has won backto-back state championships - the other times being 1981-82, 1988-89 and 1993-94.

The Hawks finish 13-0 for the second year in a row, extending their winning streak to 26 games, and fifth time since 1988.

Harrison has now won nine state championships, improving its winning percentage in state-final

### **CLASS A FOOTBALL FINAL**

games to .750 with a record 12 appearances.

"I don't know if there's a small college team that could beat them," Hudsonville coach Dave Duram said. "They have tremendous athletes -- skilled, disciplined. Again, I'd like to see a match-up with a small college, to see if anyone could beat them.'

The Hawks, who finished the season averaging 40.77 points per game, wasted little time getting on

the scoreboard. Harrison set a state-finals record for quickest score when senior Ricky Bryant caught a 65-yard touchdown pass from senior Dave Pesci just 21 seconds into the game on the second play from scrimmage.

The old record also belonged Harrison, which needed only 23 seconds to score against Cheboygan in the

1991 Class BB final. Roy Granger scored that year on a 50-yard run.

The Hawks were definitely in control when they made it 14-0 late in the first quarter. Pesci passed to Andre Davis, Brian Nelson and Bryant for first downs on consecutive plays before tossing a 16-yard

TD pass to Bryant. "Believe it or not, our main priority was to stop the pass," Duram said. "We had only given up two rushing touchdowns all year and have played well against

"I thought we'd get some pressure on them, but that quarterback is an amazing guy. We've seen good quarterbacks but no one that could scramble and

throw like that guy. "I thought we did a fantastic job of preparing for them. In a couple instances, they beat us one-on-one.

Pesci tied a Class A finals record with three touch-Please see HARRISON FOOTBALL, D2

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down passes. Bryant set a Class A record with 146 yards receiving and tied another with six

"Ricky is one of the greatest athletes I've ever coached," Har-rison coach John Herrington said. "He's a happy-go-lucky kid and who was fun to coach.

"If anybody scored on us, he'd return a kickoff or would catch ass. I expected him to come up big today and he did."

Harrison senior Joe Ghannam also tied a Class A record by converting all five of his extra-point

The Eagles (11-2) made it interesting for a while when they trimmed the Harrison lead in half following an interception by

Hudsonville had little real success moving the ball against a good Harrison defense that was focused on stopping tailback Nate Luurtsema, who had 99 yards of his team's 163 rushing total on 21 carries.

"He's a really good runner, and we had to gang tackle him," said Harrison senior outside linebacker Brett Foster, who had a couple violent collisions with Luurtsema when the latter tried to block Foster on roll-out pass

"Coach said we had to keep popping him and popping him. Playing in the dome, it's really hot in there, and we were trying to wear him down."

The Hawks were looking for Luurtsema when Casey Glass took the ball on a reverse and Jaime Buikema got the behind the Harrison secondary for a 30-yard pass from Glass for a touchdown at the start of the second quarter.

"To win the game, we had to stop (Luurtsema) on the sweep," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "So they ran a reverse on the sweep, and I thought it was a good call."

As they did all season, the Hawks responded right away, scoring on their next possession for a 21-7 halftime lead.

Bryant ran 19 yards on a first-

down reverse, but it was the pass that put points on the board for Harrison again. Pesci hit Davis on the run as the latter crossed the goal line for a 23yard TD with 7:32 left in the

"They were playing eight in the box, so we figured we had to throw it," Herrington said. "Then they adjusted their defense and got more on pass coverage. But it's pretty tough to run on eight. "We had trouble with pass pro-

tection early (five sacks), but Pesci showed great poise under pressure and got the ball to

"The defense was pretty much in command all the way. That's the way they've played all year good, sound, fundamental defense, and they get the job

Harrison erased any doubt about the outcome when it scored on its first two possessions of the second half, capitalizing on good field position.

The Hawks started at the 50 following a punt, and Bryant's 31-yard run after catching a Pesci pass in the left flat set up a 1-yard TD run by senior Matt "Touchdown" Turney, who scored his 11th of the season.

Bryant's interception gave Harrison the ball at the Hudsonville 31. Pesci just missed getting into the end zone when he scrambled 17 yards but stumbled at the 1. He took it over the goal line two plays later to put the Hawks ahead 35-7 following Ghannam's final PAT with 3:25 left in the third quarter.

"I thought we prepped this (Hudsonville) team as well as we could and, in a couple cases, (Harrison) outexecuted us," Duram said. "We weren't caught off guard by anything. They executed better than we thought they were capable of executing."

Hudsonville scored its second touchdown against Harrison's second defense with 1:44 remaining in the game when James Kuipers ran 5 yards to cap an 80-yard, 16-play drive.

# Deja vu?

# Fast-starting Hawks don't repeat '96 mistake



It was deja vu, thought Farmington Harrison senior Ricky Bryant, who had a flashback Friday afternoon to the state championship game of two years ago. Just as the Hawks did in

1996, they jumped out to a quick, 14-0 lead over Hudsonville in the 1998 Class A football final at the Pontiac Silverdome.

That's where Bryant hoped the similarity between the two games ended. Things were going well for the Hawks, obviously, but Bryant knew, if the deja vu experience went any further, it would be bad news for him and his Harrison teammates.

The all-state wide receiver recalled catching a pass from quarterback Kevin Bambenek and turning it into a 72-yard touchdown for a 14-0 lead as a sophomore against Grandville.

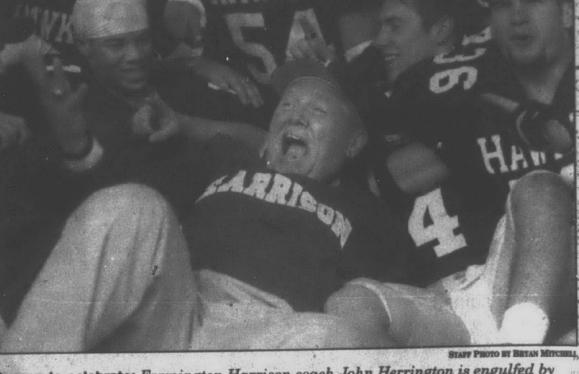
He knew too well how that story ended, however. Grandville rallied from a 14-10 halftime deficit to defeat Harrison and win the title, 24-17

"We were confident but we weren't thinking we had the game in the bag," Bryant said. "In the huddle, I said The same thing happened my sophomore year.' They kept that in mind.

"(Hudsonville) could have gotten the ball in the second half and scored again. That's what Grandville did. That game did cross my mind.

"I saw how the seniors took it that year. That was hard. They were crying; we were all crying. I didn't want that to happen to us. We worked so hard this year, and we deserved (to win the championship)."

There was no second-half comeback this time by the Eagles, however. There was no disappointment for the Hawks, who made history and coach John Herrington the winningest



Reason to celebrate: Farmington Harrison coach John Herrington is engulfed by his players after beating Hudsonville for the state championship.

coach in tournament history as far as state titles with nine.

The Hawks had a more comfortable halftime lead of 21-7 this year and finished off Hudsonville and a second straight 13-0 season with a 35-13 victory.

The Grandville game two years ago, as well as last year's 21-6 victory over Midland Dow in the state final, served as valuable learning experiences for this year's team. There's no substitute for experience, and the Hawks have lots of it.

When it comes to playing in state championship games at the Silverdome, nobody has experience like the Hawks, be it the Long Green Line, meaning the many players who've contributed to Harrison's great tradition spanning almost three decades now, or this year's team specifi-

"Tradition doesn't block and tackle once you're out there,"

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Herrington said, looking at it from a little more practical standpoint in his post-game comments. "But five starters who played three years in the Silverdome didn't hurt at all."

There's a lot of work that goes into making the Harrison program the success it is, but there's an advantage if you play for Harrison. The Hawks going into a game thinking they'll win, which gives them a mental edge, and opponents are equally at a disadvantage.

"I expected it and everyone else expected it," Bryant said. "We just expect to win," senior lineman Brett Foster said. "We work so hard; we didn't expect anything less than victory."

Bryant and Foster are two of the five three-year starters who played in three consecutive state finals. The others are seniors Bryan McGhee, Mike Hoad and Joe Ghannam. All except Ghannam, the team's outstanding punter, are two-way players, too.

"As sophomores, we lost a close game and we just decided to work our butts off in the weight room," Foster said. "We wanted to come back here and win it.

"We weren't satisfied to make it here. We're 13-0 and didn't lose a game. This is a great school, program and tradition. We always talk about which dering aloud who will step for-(Harrison) team is better. We ward and do the same, to the mercied a lot of teams and had a great year."

As I wrote of last year's team, I'll write the same for the '98 Hawks, because it applies to them as well: This was as fine a Harrison team as we've seen.

The record supports that claim. The Hawks scored more points in the playoffs this year than any other Harrison team.

Their 158 points surpasses the 153 scored by the 1988 team, which remains the highest-scoring team of all time with 537 total points. This year's team fine : ished with 530.

Herrington never likes to compare his teams and I can understand that. Some have been stronger in certain areas than others; some had more outstanding skill players; some had bet-ter overall balance. They've all played great defense.

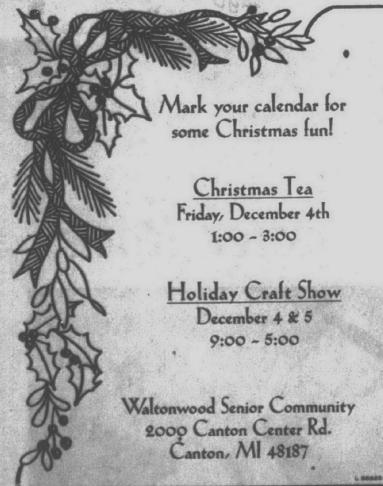
I've covered the Hawks since 1987, which covers six statechampionship teams and two other finalists, and I'd have a difficult time saying which was best. One reason is many of the same players were integral parts of two or more of those teams.

Perhaps its best left said the '98 Hawks, particularly the seniors - and we should recognize here the play of Andre Davis, Dave Pesci, Zach Burton, Matt Reed, Mike Doyle, Blake Boesky, Corey Davis, Matt Turney, Jake Taylor, Blake Ashley, Steve Migliore, Dario Otero, Mike Araquil and the rest of the 31 players in that class, did their part to extend the tradition and will now take their place in the Long Green Line.

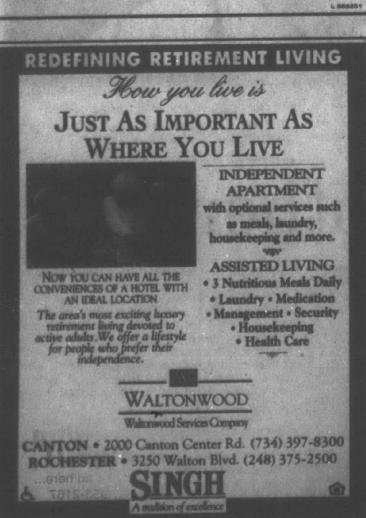
Always thinking about the next game, Herrington was wonextent they're capable, in 1999.

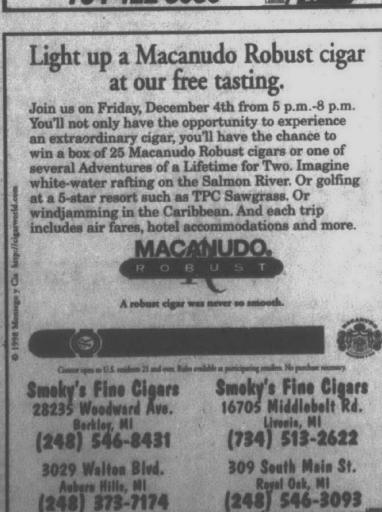
"Tradition helps a little bit," he said, "but I tell our kids they have to make their own. We have a long winning streak (26 games), but now its 0-0 and the next group has to do it."

In closing for this season, it was a job well done, Hawks! Another fine job! Congratulations, state champs!









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**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 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

**BASS ASSOCIATION** 

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

### **MEETINGS**

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in

### SEASON/DATES

The firearms season runs through Nov. 30 statewide. The second archery season runs Dec.1-Jan.3. The muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III (Lower

Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is through Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones, and through Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower

There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

### 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 at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**TOYS FOR TOTS** 

The Huron-Clinton metroparks are srerving as collection spots for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing them with new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy that has no violent connotations can drop them off at park offices of the HCMA Administrative Office through Dec. 16. Call (800) 477-2757 for more information.

**SNACKS WITH SANTA** 

Spend some time with Santa,

enjoy a snack and a hayride and sing some holiday songs during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6, and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13, at Kensington. Several sessions will be held each day and admission is by advanced ticket purchase only. Tickets are \$5 per person. Call (800) 377-3178 to register. A similar program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Indian Springs.

### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQU** Advanced registration is

required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

**HOLIDAY TRADITIONS** 

Participants will craft holiday gifts during simultaneous sessions for children and adults during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 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.

Take a horse-drawn hayride through farmland to pick out your holiday tree during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6, and Dec. 12-13, at Maybury. Cost is \$30 per family and includes hayride, choice of pre-cut tree and daily motor vehicle

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Nov. 30 Oakland CC at Adrian JV, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 Madonna at Albion, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 S'craft at St. Clair (Ont.), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4 Oakland CC vs. Lansing CC (Transylvania, Ky. Tourney)

Madonna vs. Transylvania, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 Transylvania Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Madonna at Albion, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 S'craft at K'zoo Valley, 5:30 p.m

In a Michigan Metro Hockey

League opener Saturday, Red-

ford Catholic Central (2-0) got a

pair of second period goals from

Derek Genrich to beat host

It was 0-0 after one period, but CC scored four unanswered

Pat O'Dea, Dave Moss, Todd

Bentley, Chris Morelli and Keith

Rowe also tallied goals for the

winners, who outshot the Titans,

52-16. Moss and Bentley scored

Jim Spiewak collected three

assists, while Morelli contribut-

ed two. Dave Phillips, Brandon

Kaleniecki, Sean Genrich, Rowe

and Bentley each added one.

played 40 of 45 minutes.

Southgate Anderson 7-1.

goals in the second period.

on the power-play.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Oakland CC vs. Kellogg CC at Highland Lakes, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4

(Concordia Classic Tournament) Madonna vs. Manchester (Ind.), 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

(Concordia Classic Tournament) Madonna vs. Mt. St. Joe's, 1 p.m. Saturday, Doc. 5

Oakland CC vs. St. Mary's JV at South Bend, Ind., 6 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, Dec. 4

Ply. Whalers vs. Windson at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Jason Blair scored Southgate's

Franklin 7, Dexter 1: Tony Saia

and Josh Garbutt scored two

goals each, leading Livonia

Franklin to a 7-1 season-opent-

ing victory over Dexter on

Wednesday at Livonia's Eddie

The loss dropped Dexter to 2-

Saia added two assists and

Andy Garbutt, John Grebinski

Frank Geluso assisted on

Garbutt one for the Patriots.

lone goal from Jason Medina in

the final period.

Edgar Arena.

1-0 overall.

goal each.

CC goaltender Pat Dunn and Ryan Tracy contributed one

crushes Anderson

Wednesday, Dec. 2 Stevenson vs. Dearborn.

Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m. Franklin vs. Northville, at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. A.A. Huron at A.A. Ice Cube, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Doc. 3 Redford Union vs. Farmington at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4 Churchill vs. E. Kentwood, Franklin vs. Farmington at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5 at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

three goals and Trevor Skocen

two. Brandon McCullough, Nick

Tilt and Chad Vanhulle also had

The two teams were tied at 1

after one period but six second-

period goals gave the Patriots a

Dexter scored on only one of 11

"We got into penalty trouble

early when we took six straight

penalties," Franklin coach Terry

Jobbitt said. "In all we did a

great job on all penalty killing.

The team worked very hard and

we had great effort but we're

still haveing trouble with our

system breaking down. I'm still

happy with the improvement

Rob Williams started in net for

one assist each.

power-play attempts.

that I'm seeing."

the Patriots

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With 4:55 left in the first quarter of Wednesday's Class C girls basketball regional final, Redford Bishop Borgess' senior guard Tiffany Simon went to the bench with her second foul.

Little did Borgess coach Dave Mann know he could have kept her in because for the rest of the quarter, play against host Riverview Gabriel Richard was literally at a standstill.

With Borgess trailing 7-4 and in possession of the ball, Mann instructed his players to relax and not penetrate Richard's zone defense. Richard never came out, so for the remainder of the quarter, Borgess' sophomore guard Michelle Catchings held the ball near half-court, 15 feet from the nearest player, as everyone

"I was going to do it, if they let

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me, until the end of the quarter to shorten the game," Mann explained. "I didn't want to play them without Tiffany."

The Spartans bought some time for their star player, then extended their time in the state playoffs with a 49-38 comeback

The win moves Borgess, 15-10 overall, into the Class C quarterfinal against Sandusky at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Troy Athens. Sandusky beat Goodrich, 48-29, in another regional final.

A rested Simon was key, as she finished with 10 points and four rebounds, but freshman center Joei Clyburn provided the spark to a 10-0 run by the Spartans that broke a 23-23 tie late in the third quarter.

Clyburn scored on a put-back for a 25-23 lead and blocked

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shots on consecutive Richard possessions. In the next three minutes, the Spartans scored on a fast-break basket by Catchings, two jump shots by Simon and a jumper by DeShawna Hoskins to lead 33-23.

Catchings and Hoskins tied Simon for scoring honors with 10 points each and sophomore guard Amber Taylor added nine. Clyburn finished with eight points and off the bench

The Spartans used their height advantage to outrebound Richard, 25-20. Taylor led with six rebounds.

Richard senior forward Kelly Abdo had 17 points.

The Pioneers played again without their star junior point guard Callie Gizicki, who injured her knee midway through the eason. Freshman guard Diane Foley, who started the year at big gdard, was forced to play point guard when Gizicki went down with the injury.

After only one turnover in the first quarter, Borgess' pressure produced 11 second quarter turnovers and eight in the third quarter by the Pioneers.

Foley had two points and senior forward Maryanne Potok eight for the Pioneers, who finished 14-11 overall.

Activities Association Tournament to Northville, have graduated: James Greene (135-pounds), Anwar Crutchfield (145-152), Dan Hamblin (140)

and Teono Wilson (189). Although Salem was second at the WLAA tourney, it beat Northville in its dual-meet match-up to post a perfect 10-0 league mark. The Rocks also won their state district team tournament before getting ambushed at the regional by Adrian.

Key returnees for Salem include senior heavyweight Charlie Hamblin, who lost in the state finals to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski; junior John Mervyn, who went 49-7 at 103 pounds last season with 27 pins; and junior Josh Henderson, a 35-13 wrestler at 125 last sea-

Mervyn and Henderson were both first-team all-Observer picks and winners at the Observerland Invitational; Mervyn also won the state district title and was second at the regional. Both will move up in weight this season, Mervyn to 112 and Henderson to 140.

The Rocks have some other seniors, but few with extensive

varsity mat experience. Still, this is the kind of team that could develop into something special, Woochuk said.

"We look to evolve into a really good team," he said. "This isn't as good a team as last year's they understand that. But they have the potential to progress as far as last year's team. We won't start the season with the bang we have the last few years, but we could finish with one."

Greg Petrovich (135-140) and Greg Smith (140-145) are thirdyear seniors who will have an impact; so, too, will fourth-year senior Trent Jones (152-160). Other seniors to watch include Patrick O'Connor (171), Geoff

Bennett (189), Ken Szydlowski (189) and Thomas Foor (189-215)

Much of the team's strength, however, will be dependent upon its junior class. Joining Mervyn and Henderson in that class are Greg Eizans (152), Ronnie Thompson (119) and Mike Popeney (171).

Others are bound to step forward as the lineup becomes more solidified in the next few weeks. They'll have to if Salem is to challenge Northville for top spot in the WLAA.

The Rocks open their season Thursday at Farmington, with a double-dual against Plymouth Canton and Monroe.

our guys, we'd have trouble. Now, we have the talent to put seven or eight different guys out there on the power play."

Only a late goal, scored by Rodney Richard with 1:04 left in a game that had already been decided, saved North Bay from being shut out.

"It was a solid team effort against a tough team for us to play against," said DeBoer. "I

think the guys were a bit disappointed losing those two games (last weekend)."

With the firepower and blueline experience the Whalers have, outcomes like this are going to become common occurances. Add into that mix their schedule - they've played 15 of their first 25 games on the road - and their victory total only figures to climb.



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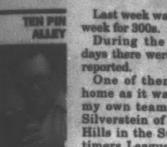
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# 300s being posted all over



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Last week was a very good

During the past seven days there were quite a few

One of them really hit home as it was bowled by my own teammate, Mark Silverstein of Farmington Hills in the Sunday Goodtimers League at Country Lanes.

It was the first perfecto for him, and he is still hasn't come back down to earth

All 12 of his shots were solid pocket hits with only a 4-pin trip on the 12th shot caus-

Mark is the current league president, so it is even more of a thrill for him to achieve his first 300 in a league which he presides over.

The ladies are back from the Sam's Town tournament at Las Vegas, and Marianne DiRupo had four 300 games during the event, two of which were back-to-back.

Marianne, who is from New Jersey but now resides in this area, finished third in the finals, which will be on cable TV this Tuesday late night. See your listings for exact time and station.

Jerry Bazner of the St. Linus Men's Classic calls me every week with league scores and this week, his own teammate, Brian Jonca of Garden City, fired his first 300 game. It was a big thrill for himself and all of his bowling buddies.

Tom Parks and Kathie Maser of Livonia were just subbing in the Saturday Nite Hothots at Merri Bowl and Tom Parks rolled a 300 game with a 775 series, and only subbing for their friends, the Joneses.

Kathy did pretty well too, with a 257

In respect to all the bowlers who have had a recent perfect game, they know the feeling, the elation, the walking on air that seems to take place like magic, for it is a magic

In sanctioned bowling leagues, there are the distinctive awards that go with the ultimate game, the ring and the recognition of the name permanently placed in the year-

In the case of some houses, there is a financial reward or a jacket given out.

In the Greater Detroit Bowling Association alone last year, a total of 1,155 awards were given out for a 300 game.

The ABC offers a choice of a ring, a watch or a plaque, the bowler can opt for an upgraded gold ring if they want to pay the difference based on the current price of gold. It looks like we can beat those numbers this

Keep throwing strikes, it can happen to

# New balls mean more hooking

The Bowlers Aid, one of the highest volume pro shop operations in the country according to Bowling This Month magazine.

Robey is a Silver Level coach with the USA Bowling program, a member of

Ebonite's advisory staff and a member of the board of directors of International Bowling Pro Shops and Instructors Association.

Mark tells of the "Reactive Impact" on the lanes today.

"If it seems that lane conditions break down differently today and that carry down has all but disappeared, it's not your imagination.

"It means the lanes break down very differently, depending upon which bowling balls are

"As more people change from traditional (non-flaring) ure-

forgotten.

Michigan.

bow and arrow, evidently topped that mon-

ster by whacking an unbelievable buck on

Nov. 13th. The Rompola Buck, as it will for-

ever be known, is an enormous typical 12-

point. The buck features a 38-inch spread

Nov. 13 must have been a good day to be in

Second-year archer Brian Goemaere

took his second buck of the season on the

evening of the 13th while hunting from a

The Oakland Township hunter took a nice

8-point while hunting over a bait pile. Earli-

er in the season Goemaere also arrowed a 4-

the field. Several area hunters also filled

and dressed out at 263 pounds.

tree blind in Oakland County.

tags on Friday the 13th.

PARKER

The hot topic of conversa-

tion throughout the hunting

community these days is

talk about a possible world-

record buck shot a few

weeks ago in northern

Mitch Rompola, the cur-

rent state record-holder for

the biggest typical buck

taken in Michigan with a

Mark Robey is the owner of thane and polyester balls to modern high tech reactive balls that flare, lane breakdown patterns change significantly.

"Centers started noticing this phenomenon of the dramatic change in breakdown patterns in 1994 because of the increase in new ball sales.

"As the reactive balls came on the market, lane conditions began to exhibit new characteristics during play.

"In essence, we have returned to the lane breakdown patterns of the late 1960s and early '70s on lacquer lane finish because, as lanes break down now, the track hooks significantly more than it did on urethane lane coatings with traditional bowling balls.

"Also, with the increased friction between the ball and lane today, the ball hooks even more in the track than it did during the lacquer era.

"The track hooked on lacquer because lacquer did not protect the wood surface on the lane enough, so that part of the lane wore quickly.

"The track hooks now because

evening Nov. 13.

with today's strong core, high flare balls literally erase the oil from the track, even though the lane surface is better. The results are similar, but the reasons are totally different.

"To further elaborate, today's flaring reactive balls act like erasers, while traditional nonflaring balls act like plows.

"Traditional balls push the conditioner to the back end of the lane as the track breaks down gradually, creating carry

"Modern high-tech balls break down the track faster because balls that flare pick up more conditioner. This creates negligible carry down and a lane condition that hooks more overall.

"Many centers combat this problem by oiling the lanes more frequently and heavily in the header portion of the lane.

"The types of bowling balls and styles of bowlers will then have a dramatic effect on the condition breakdown."

Track flare and ball reaction Minimal Track Flare:

1 If the ball is released on a stable

2. Any oil picked up by the coverstock in the heads will remain on the ball's surface as it travels down the

3. This oil in the track of your ball reduces the ability of the ball to suddenly change its direction as it exits the oil

4. Ball layouts that produce small amounts of flare generate later, smoother breakpoints and "mellow" ball

**Maximum Track Flare:** 

1. If the ball is released on an unstable axis, there will be track flare as the core attempts to seek a stable axis about which to rotate.

expose fresh ball surface to the lane. 3. Any oil picked up by the cover-

stock in the heads will not influence the ball's reaction as it exits the oil pattern, creating a quicker and stronger ball reaction than a non-flaring layout.

4. Ball layouts that produce more flare generate earlier, sharper breakpoints and "strong" ball reactions.

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axis, there will be very little track flare and the ball track will be narrow.

pattern.

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em Diglio dr. 268. Sheldon Road Mon: Jerry Crabtree, 234-

78: Will Gruike, 661: Lynn Lewis, 653:

Suburban Prop Travel (ladies): Judy Vashington, 211/583; Jennifer Cribbs.

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Hot Shotz: Paul McMurry, 290-238-

Waterford Men: Dave Wegman, 279-202-217/698; Dave Sarman, 270; Don Demeter, 277-202-234/713.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic C.J. Blevins, 214-237-235/686; Scott Barak, 234-237/667; David Gray, 266/602; Bill Collins, 234; Pat Barter, 221

Barrett, 109.

St. Mel's Men: Dennis Morten, 68/630; John Kososki, 259/673; Jim Sey mour, 258/647; Doug Early, 253/686; James Combs, 249/622; Tom Popel, 254.

Youth leagues Coca Cola Majors: Jesse Trudelli, 229-211-226/666; Greg Horvath, 262; Scott

Barnak, 203-223-202/628. Coca Cola Juniors: Eric Vojtkofsky. 212/572: Kevin Hatch, 201/548.

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WONDERLAND LANES (Liveria) Nite Owis: Jim Clearman, 246/682; Rick Haist, 246/650; Nate Shields, 260/635; Ken Jackson, 630; Reamous Bennett,

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CLOVERLANES (Livenia)

Ford Motor Men: Brian Chube, 278/671; Jim Casteel, 679; Ron Smith. 278; Steve Guteskey, 268/697; Jim Griffith, 678; Jack Considine, 677; Steve Bester, 670; Bill Freeman, 681; Chuck Rourks, 681. St. Alden's Men: Scott Underwood, 223;

lee Shaw, 217; John Schicker, 233; Tony Kaluzny, 242-247/668; Conrad Sobania, 220; Bill Louiselle, 217.

Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic: Kim Trumbull, 189-289-196/674; Roy Hixson, 225-219/651; Steve Engebretson, 249-195-204/648; Pat Barter, 222-222-204/648; Brent Kossick, 224-189-234/647: Jeson Gilbert, 258/647; Steve lacobs, 247/642; Darren Kossick 267/639; Melissa Wilson, 232.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Sunday Goodtimers: Mark Silverstein. 210-300/679; David Chaims, 211; David anning, 212, Toda Wortinger, 220; Mort Silverman, 225; Sob Solomon, 201.

Monday Nite Men: Wes Taylor, 279/741: Afternoon O'Lites: Bonnie Oshinsky, 224/570; Luba Goldsmith, 187: Sue Oster,

Strikers: Edie John, 229-216/613. Tuenday A.M. Ladles: Kim Wash, 218;

Wednesday Nite Ladice: Ruth Piters, 05/569: Pat Lowry, 198.

Wednesday Knights: Steve Lingertot: 264; David Green, 268/734; Howle Geren-

Western Women: Laurie Glasman,

Loon Lake: Phil Seiller, 249; Steve Amolsch, 231; Chuck Cruz, 605. 3

Prepa: Carl Bleich, 191; Shawn Daniel, 187: Kerri AnnSidar, 168; Christina

Juniors: Howard Hardy, 206: Jeff Webberman, 184; Lindsey Weberman, 148; Amber

Farmington Schools: Matt Lash, 235; ari Berman, 203: Susan Zack, 177.

intry High School: Doug Ginotti, 206; Jordan Umovitz, 199; Jenny Long, 204; Kris

DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington)

B'Nal Brith Downtown Fex: Jeson Elbinger, 238-226-213/679; Shei Rakotz. 263: Nancie Rakotz, 245; Larry Kaplen 216; Randy Smith, 215.

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WOODLAND LANES (Livenia)

Men's Trie: Rick Capaldi, 730; Keith Suda, 725; Dennis Ernst, 695; Steve Hubble, 715: Scott Linsner, 279/723: John

Senior House: Mike Norris, 300/761;

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252/705; Mike Ruschke, 278/739 (192 pins o/a); Michael Kowalski, 269/715; Dennis Keller, 268; Ken Parker, 245. Oddballs; Jim McTeague, 289/697. Local 182 Retirees: Morley Clemence,

233; Joe Eadeh, 263/603; Jack Henderson, Monday Seniors: Peul Brewer, 221; John Evich, 200; Chuck Simpson, 232; Jeanne

Stanley, 201; Phil Insalaco, 201. Midnight Mixed: Tim Rose, 278/729; Bill Robertson, 728; John Hurley, 707; Paul

McMurry, 666; Noreen Rose, 235/616. West Chicago: Ernie Tucker, 274. Moming Glories: Irone Basner, 227/611.

TROY LANES (Troy) Saturday All Stars: Mark Bunting. 256/894; Rob Sayranian, 257.

Tuesday Nite Live: Don Hankins, Vickers: Ron Swirski, 244-236.

PLUM HOLLOW LANES (Southfield) Hartford Memoriel: Marshall Lyons, 300.

CLASSIC LANES (Rochuster) Thursday Junior House: Tony Situlo

Obrysler UAW 432: Errick Hartle

# Fall is gall season, on different trees



part of the landscape this time of year, they are still in evidence

if you look closethat leaves are off the trees, oak apple galls can

Light-brown golf ball size ornaments hanging from oak tree branches were the homes of

be seen.

a wasp this summer. When the adult wasp laid its g on the stem, or leaf, the tree did not like that and responded by growing the ball gall around

During the summer the egg

Though developed into a larva and eventhe tips of the willow branches. insects are not tually into an adult wasp. If you find one on the ground you may find the small round hole where the adult wasp exited.

Some trees retain their galls into winter. Oak apple galls are, as you would expect, found on oak trees. Willow pine cone galls are

found on willow trees. Insects that cause gall formation are very specific about the plant they choose Different insects cause differ-

ent shaped galls on the same kind of plant. Evidently, chemicals from the insect stimulate the plant to form various shaped Willow trees can be identified

easily in winter by the presence

of the pine cone gall. These char-

A small mosquito-like insect nels closely you will notice the known as a midge causes the pine cone gall. A gall does not seem to hurt

the plant or prevent it from growing in any way. In fact, they may promote growth in the

Galls are not the only evidence of insects this time of year. Fallen logs with squiggly

grooves in the wood exhibit the work of bark beetles. Grooves in the wood are actually half of the tunnels formed when the larva eat their way to adulthood. After the adult has laid its

eggs under the bark of the tree, the tiny larva hatch and start eating the rich cambium layer under the bark and above the acteristically shaped galls are on new sapwood.

If you look at the larval tunwidth of the groove increases. As the larva grows and matures, the width of the tunnel increas-Where the tunnel ends is the

place where the adult emerges to search for food and a mate. Different species of bark beetles produce various shaped tun-

nels. Centipede shaped tunnels

can be found on the bark and

standing skeletons of elm trees. Bark beetles that carried the Dutch elm disease created a characteristic tunnel that reminds me of a centipede with its many legs protruding from the length of its body

Many other galls and holes in leaves are other reminders that insects are abundant and active during summer

# Been a big season for big bucks

The firearms deer season stand of hardwoods ■ Redford's Mark Landis was hunting (hunting) and he's already shot two 7-points is drawing to a close and the 1998 won't soon be from a tree blind in Washtenaw County on and six does," said Bill. Nov. 13 when a prize 9-point buck crossed his path. The 38-year-old hunter made a clean shot and tagged a 170-pound trophy.

Landis was hunting on the edge of a cut Steve Rock, of Birmingham, took a dandy 7-point with his bow and arrow on the

Rock was hunting over a bait pile along the edge of a swamp in Lapeer County. Fourteen-year-old Ryan Caddick didn't waste any time breaking into the ranks of the successful hunters. Hunting private land in Oakland County with his father Dean, the

young of Oxford resident dropped a big doe

on opening morning with his .410 ga. later that day Dean took his turn and tagged a mature 9-point buck with a 17-inch spread. Another father/son team has enjoyed exceptional success this year. Sixteen-yearold Chad Wedge, of Leonard, arrowed a dandy 7-point buck on Oct. 17 while hunting

in a stand of woods along the edge of an overgrown corn field in Oakland County. Chad shot a button buck while hunting from a tree blind on the edge of a cut cornfield. His father, Bill, dropped a healthy 6-point buck late in the afternoon of opening day of is needed.

■ Plymouth resident Merle Malville ven-

He is a good hunter. This is his third season

tured up to the Traverse City-area for the firearms season and didn't waste any time filling his buck tag. The veteran hunter shot a trophy 8-point at 7:45 a.m. on Nov. 15. The rack features an 18-inch spread and 7-inch brow tines.

I'm sure there are many more successful hunters out there. If you, a friend or a relative had a successful hunting season let me know about it then look for your success story in upcoming issues of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. This isn't limited to buck hunters.

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bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call me in the evenings at (248) 901-2573. Be sure to include the hunter's name, size On opening day of the firearms season of the deer or rack, day, place (county is fine) and time (early morning, middle of the day, after sunset). Also remember to include a phone number in case additional information

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Widowed WF, 60, 5'2', blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 58-65, good sense of humor. T1253

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Widowed WF, 60+, blonde/blue, N/S, likes movies, dancing, dring out, traveling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic SWM, 60+, N/S, for possible LTR. T1012

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PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS
Bright, sweet, playful OWF, 5'8', 275lbs, curvy, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, aports, movies, reading, Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, fliring, etc. 271825
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SWF, 54\*, 138tbs, blonds, N/S, seeks

SWM, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A filts bit country, a title bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. ET1298

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I'm pretty, stender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentiferhant, 52-55, warting someone for oary dinner dates laced with good conversation. ET1285

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Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5' 4", seeks to meet SM with similar traits for friendship possible

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WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER

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Pretty, proportionate, 54 years young lady who loves life, travel, earth/ocean. Still believes in kindness and sharing. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally financially secure, healthy gentlemen to employ the wonders of life with. \$29123

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DWF, 31, red/green, size 8, enjoyssome sports, Nascar, dancing, quiet
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DWM, 28-38. H/W proportionate, with
same interests, for triends first, possible LTR. 191473

LET'S HORSE AROUND...

Urban cowgirt, 40, 577, 145bs, brunette/
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35-45, N/S, with similar interests. 271345

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Attractive, passionate BF, seeks one special man, 35+, to be friend, lover, and companion. I know you are out there seeking me. \$\frac{121346}{2}\$

Tall, attractive lady, H/W proportionate, with great sense of humor and luts of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities.

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In the clouds with you. SWF, 55, 5'3',
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LOOKING FOR LOVE DW mother of three, 57", HVW proportionate, brown/blue, enjoys hockey, dining, music, dending, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, stable S/DWM, 34-45, 5'8"+, HVW proportion-

ALMOST HAVE IT ALL Everything going for you, but someone to share file with? I'm looking for someone like myself. Professional, attractive, articulate, spiritual, adventurous. I'm physically fit, 37, 5'6", long; dark hair/dark eyes. 221289

PRETTY NATURE LOVER SWF, 43, 57°, 127lbs, studying alter-ative medicins, into self growth, woods validing, singing, natural health, laugh-ng, speaking truth, life. I'm spunisy, injus, loving, Seeking NS, soul con-action SWM, 38-48. TE9723.

R U 4 ME?

DWF, 57, 5'4", 125/bs, long brown/blue, enjoye movies, restaurants, crafts, dancing, reading, Seeking S/DWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Friendehip first, possible LTR. \$21264

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 57°, medium
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SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible
more. Must enjoy being around children
and animals. 32°1252

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Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2', no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, nomance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. 11193

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE /PF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, financially secure, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, ro-mantic, humorous, for a possible relanip. 1278885 CARAMEL COMPLECTED

College-educated African American female, 35, financially secure, no chi-dren, enjoys dining, movies, concerts. Seeking SM, 28-37, 6'-6'4", for a LTP. 271085 MA LOHW MA L

Full-figured DF 40, brown/green, smok-er, hard-worker, seeks an employed male, age/race unimportant, kind caring, for dining, travel, quiet times. \$21068 LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT SWF, 34, 54", 145bs, brown/brown,

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Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoya movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-70. Piesse reply, ET1162

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Good-looking 46, DBCPF, 5/5\*, 140bs, N/S, enjoy traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SCPM, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. 271098

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SWF, 28, seeks mature, responsible SWM, 28-35, for LTR orly, must enjoy music, romance and animals. Serious replies please. 271017

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WF, 50s, 5°5', seeks a tall WM, 55+,
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Big and beautiful Dir. 49, N/S, exquisite tastes and light-hearted attitude
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Shapely, adventurous, romantic, downto-earth DWPF, 38, 5', brunette, N/S,
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RESIDENT/PHYSICIAN/ENGINEER
...wanted. Seeking down-to-earth, respectable gentleman, under 35, singlenever married. I'm youthful, 5'6', MBA
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rovies, theatre, cultural events. 21004
SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR
DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a
S/DWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who
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possible LTR. 22:1000
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Honest, caring, attractive SWM, 6', brown'
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LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS

Professionally employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social dinitier, N/S, enjoys outdoors, filness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 721.1688

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Attractive, emotionally secure SWPM, 54, who lives to touch all aspects of life, enjoys dancing, salling, skiing. Seeking SWF, 38 +. 19:1627

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Fun-loving SWM, 42, 6'2', 185bs, blondhazel, good latener, likes lide, travel, water sports, rock gussic. Seeks WF, 30-45, for relationship, \$2' 1629
WANTED: BEST FRIEND
DWPM, 37, 5'10', 170bs, enjoys outdoors, and being active. Seeking, affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, to share music, travel, diring, and romantic, quiet times. Wixom area. \$2'1665
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start my days, and fill my nights. SWM, father of one. Seeking active, in shape, SPF 30ish, to share laughter with, must be honest, warm-hearted, love children. Novi area \$2'1659

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Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6',
170lbs, N/S, college graduate, foster
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tile, adventures. \$2'1014
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SINCERELY YOURS Seeking sincers, attractive, affectionate, very ferminine SWF, 35-45, after to medium build, for outbred, articulate, dignified, nice-looking SBM, 47, 577, 148bs, who desires long-term, monogamous relationship. \$21540

STILL SEARCHING

Attractive SWM, 35, 6", 190lbs, brown/ blue, professionally employed, Garden City homeowner, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible EXPLORE LIFE: FIND YOUR MAN Creative, big-hearted SWM, 34, 5'9", sandy blond/blue, athletic build, outs man, enjoys travel, sports, work-but. Seeking emotionally available, sing SF, 25-38, no children, H/W ortionate, with similar interests for

LTR. 111662 DAD SEEKS MOM Active, fit, financially secure, clean-cut DWM father, 50, 5'7', 150lbs, loves kids, has 2, wants to be part of a family.

WANTED: PUPPY LOVE
SWM, 51, 6', 195lbs, with hair, see petite female, with warm heart, for hot ing hands, watching ty, walls in twoods, wine. Livonia area. 12'1590

MOVIE LOVER
This SWPM, 39, 5'11", with no dependents, N/S, also enjoys arts, ternis, travel, walking, bookstores. Seeking SWF, to share these and other interests.

os gentiemen, 43, 6', 225lbs, NS, ND, enjoys indoor/outdoor activities a stender terms. der female friend, N/S, with many sts. Race/age unimportant.

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YOU SEEK AN...
Attractive, professional SWM, 39. 6', 165lbs, who listens to your dreams and helps make them a reality; who knows who he is, and loves who you are.

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EST FOR LIFE
Professional fire fighter SWM, 35, 5'8'.
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Attractive, financially secure DWM. 46, 811. 185bs, brown'blue, moustache, N/S, light drinker, enjoys dancing, movies, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, stender, honset SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. 279724

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Romantic, affectionate, withy, intelligent SWM, 36, 5'10", brown/hazel, loves travel, movies/heater, music, laughter. Seeting queen-sized beauty who loves to laugh. Race open. 12'1344

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Easygoing SWPM, 28, 57°, 155lbs, seeks meture SWPF, 24-32, who enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, quiet evenings, sporting events, and is not afraid of commitment. 19975

ALWAYS AND FOREVER

Caring, affectionate, loving DVM, 52, 57°, loves talse activities, stding, movies, and quality times together. Seeking SF, 40-50, patite-medium, for friendship, possible tong-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. 191548

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Affectionate SBM, enjoys bowling, pool, parks, movies, dining out, much more. Seeking attractive, warm, loving, caring, affectionate full-figured hippie fernale, 35-48, any race, for possible LTR. 191547

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SWCM, 50, enjoys dancing, long walks, having tun, playing cards, traveling. Searching for a good woman, 35-50, to share \$271545

NO GAMES

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DWPM, 39, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys
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companionship, serious relationship.
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N/S, who likes to laugh and be treated well. 12 1439 OPEN BOOK
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SWM,32, enjoys wind surfing, anow stiling, dining out, quiet times. Seeting
SWF, N/S 32-38, H/W proprotionate,
similar interest, possible LTR, \$21471

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A KEEPER Kind, caring, affectionate, easygoing SWM, 31, 58°, medium build, dark brown/blue, N/S, social dirinter, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmbolling; seeks temale, 18-35, Kids ok. 121015 GET INTO THE PICTURE!

Artistic, creative, photography-focused SWM, 40, charming, wit, style, seeks free-spirited lady, interested in creative arts, photography, video, etc. 12 1467 AVAILABLE A-1 BUSINESSMAN WALLABLE A-1 BUSINESSMAN

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25-45, with similar interests, for possi-ble LTR. 191348

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TIBBE FOR A CHANGE
SWPM, 42, 5'8', Communicative, curious, humorquis, fit, flandble, persevering, no dependents, eclectic taste, movies, music, and more. Seelding fit, emotionally available SWF, to share healthy, happy relationship. 12\*9456
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I love my life, home, ideas, work. Seeking passionate lady, with penchant for outdoors and tolerance of my officerist pooch. Let's watch autumn core. I'll tell you about Kaibab Trail.

SWM, 34, 5'9", seeks an independent, spiritual, ernotionally/physically fit SWF, 25-35. Nice hair a plus. 121295 LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHII

Honset, hardworking, outgoing, easy-going SWM, 52, likes to have special limes with special people. Seeking S/DWF, 40-52, under 57°, H/W pro-portionate, for LTR. \$21003 SINGLE IN DETROIT
Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mid-30s,
would like to meet special SBF, 25-45,
for Irlandahip, possible relationship, I like
movies, concerts, special times togeth-

SOMEWHAT HUMOROUS
Caring, attentive, friendly SWPM, dark
blondfarge gorgeous blue, tall, fit, and
handsome, N/S, seeks attractive, sim,
monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donnas, please.

Down-to-earth, nice-looking DWM, 42, looking for fun-loving, seaggoing female, who likes the outdoors and animals, to share life. \$21658

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Seeking lady, 50e-60s, who likes dancing, travel, water, boating, lives in the West suburbs. Active wildowed man, 65, awaits your call. \$21654

EXCEPTIONAL GUY

Easygoing, honest DWM, 35, 611, 215lbs, brown/blue, enjoys movies, dining out. Seeking SWF, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTP. \$271528

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Enjoy home, travel, movies, and dining, with this practical, playful, caring handyman, 42, N/S, N/D. DWPM seeks S/ DWF with similar interests, for serious relationship. 19:1543 TRUE ROMANTIC
Fun, fit, romantic SBM, 35, 6', 180lbs, seeks attractive SWF, slender/medium build, for blues, Royal Oak, and more.
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Handsome SWM, 6', HW proportionate, with a good job, enjoys dining, billing, music. Seating sweet, sincere, romantic, adventurous SWF, for LTR. Children welcome. Call me. \$1293 ADVENTUROUS SWPM, 29, 5'10", 155lbs, considered

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SMMPLE GUY

DWM, 52, 5\*11\*, 180lbs, blond/blue, N/S, social drinker. Seeking simple girl, WF, HW proportionate, open-minded, for a mutually caring, committed LTR. 12\*1530

Handsome BM, 33, who has a nice smile, GQ styte, is looking for a romantic, attentive, full-figured WF, 30-45. SUAVE

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165bs, great series of humor, enjeys big band music, travelling, dinling out, quiet times, and dancing. Seeking passionate WF. 55-65, medium build, for loving triendehip. \$21539 SOPHISTICATED SENIOR

Affectionate widowed WF, 62, 5'5'.

135bs, seeks kind, caring SWM, 66-70, who likes movies, dining out, long drives, theater, television, for possible relationship. 121527 55+

Healthy, sincere, widowed WM cuddle bear, N/S, N/D, seeks dependable, trust-worthy, effectionate dream woman, for LTR. Late Orion area. \$21437

Pretty, outgoing DWF, 58, 5', no dispendents, enjoys reading, dhing out and house remodeling. Seaking kind, compassionate, home toving, financially secure S/DM, for companionahip. \$21201

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