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Letters to Santa

Attention, girls and boys! Christmas is almost here and you know what that means. Santa Claus is up at the North Pole waiting for letters and double checking his list to find who's been naughty or nice. The Plymouth Observer is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus, along with their school picture. The deadline is Dec. 11. The letters and photos will be printed in the Dec. 24th issue, having forwarded the letters to Santa in plenty of time. Children of all ages are encouraged to send their letters to:

Letters to Santa
Plymouth Observer
794 South Main
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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Traditions: Dr. Weldon Petz will speak on "Christmas Traditions from Lincoln's Time" at 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual Christmas open house.

Walk of Trees: A candle-light sing-along and dedication of the "Walk of Trees" begins at 6 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

MONDAY

City meeting: The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main.

TUESDAY

Rotary meeting: The A.M. Rotary meets at 7 a.m. in the lower banquet room of the Water Club Grill.

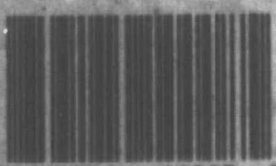
School meeting: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at E.J. McClendon Center, 454 S. Harvey St.

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Cap has underpass back on track

An agreement with Wayne County officials to cap costs at \$1 million for a Sheldon Road railroad underpass has township and city leaders optimistic about the project moving ahead. A bond issue is the next step.

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Plans to construct a railroad underpass on Sheldon Road appear a bit closer to reality as Plymouth Township officials appear ready to spend up to \$1 million to fund the \$8.8 million project. The next step, and possible obstacle, will be to determine how to structure a

bond issue to pay for up to \$2 million of local match money for the underpass.

In the first scenario, residents in Plymouth and Plymouth Township would vote on a joint bond issue. If the community millage were to pass, residents in both communities would pay the same tax rate.

The second scenario has each community voting on its own bond issue. If

passed, Plymouth residents would be paying a tax four times as high as township residents.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy told city commissioners Wednesday in a joint services committee session that a meeting earlier in the day with Wayne County officials produced an agreement stating neither community would pay more than \$1 million of the project.

"As good as they (county engineers) are with the construction market, we're all a little nervous about projects coming in at what they're predicting," said McCarthy. "I told them our board may go as high as \$1 million without being

too upset."

Wayne County Director of Engineering Alan Richardson confirms the county will suspend the project if costs for the local match exceed \$2 million.

"We have already estimated each community's share as \$762,500," said Richardson. "Nobody knows what's under the ground, but it looks like a pretty clean project. If so, I don't see it going up that much."

Wayne County will pick up the cost for the project design, which Richardson estimates at approximately \$525,000 when bids are awarded.

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New buses on lot; board OK needed

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Badly needed school buses for the Plymouth-Canton school district may be just around the corner.

LuAnn Grech, director of transportation, will ask the Board of Education Tuesday to spend approximately \$500,000 to purchase eight buses.

The bus money is part of the \$18.8

million bond proposal that was overwhelmingly approved by voters to build a new middle school, as well as purchase buses and new technology.

"We were very fortunate to find stock vehicles, instead of having to custom order them," said Grech. "Otherwise it would be next school year before we would get new buses."

Grech was able to find new buses sit-

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City retreat on hold

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plans for a retreat by Plymouth city commissioners may have to be scuttled because two members of the board now say it's doubtful they'll attend the session designed to help them settle their differences.

"I'm reasonably sure I won't be going," said Mayor Don Dismuke. "There are too many public concerns

and perceptions concerning the Open Meetings Act."

"I don't know if it will happen," said Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch. "If there are even any slight concerns that we're breaking the rules, I won't do it."

While the commission has an opinion from the city attorney that the private session wouldn't violate the Michigan Open Meetings act, both are concerned

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Trumpeter waited three years to sign up

Pearl Harbor Day
December 7, 1941

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Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, in Hawaii was just like most other days. The sun was rising, a quiet lull hung over the area as most military personnel at Pearl Harbor were either sleeping or getting ready for religious services.

Then, without warning, the quiet tropical setting was transformed into mass destruction and bedlam as 353 Japanese war planes unleashed an assault on the U.S. naval station. When it was over, 2,344 American



Harry Krumm

servicemen and women were killed, marking the beginning of World War II.

It was "A day which will live in infamy" for those who were drawn into the four-year battle.

"I was laying on the floor listening to the radio when the first announcement came over," remembered 72-year-old Harry Krumm of Plymouth. "I knew then we were

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CAROLERS

GIVE VOICE TO HOLIDAY SPIRIT

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
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Nikki Madias of Livonia and her family have a long tradition of holiday caroling.

But one Christmas Day more than 20 years ago - despite a snowstorm, below-zero temperatures an estranged brother in a distant city - caroling brought them especially close.

The storm had knocked out phone service, so they headed to a pay phone to continue their yearly practice of calling friends and neighbors and singing carols to them.

They called many people, including a cousin who was dying of cancer. The last call they made - somewhat reluctantly - was to a brother, Michael, in Washington, D.C., who, unbeknownst to them, was alone because his wife had just left him.

"When we started to sing, he started to sing, too," Madias said. In the cold, their hearts melted.

When Madias was a child and living in Detroit, her huge, close-knit family would go out caroling from house to house. But as the family branched out and moved to the suburbs, including Farmington, Livonia, Westland and Plymouth, the phone tradition developed. Some years, they would call 30 to 40 people, and it would take most of the day, Madias said.

Memories in song

Claudia Bielaska of Plymouth Township has fond memories of caroling in Livonia with her family and neighbor children.

She and her parents and three sisters and friends would go from house to house. "It was wonderful seeing the smiles on people's faces," she said.

They were given treats along the way. "It was so much more family-oriented then," she said.

Susan Fennelly of Canton Township remembers caroling with friends. "When I was in high school, I was in choir," she writes. "I love to sing and so did my friends, so we decided to go

Please see CAROLERS, A4



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL KURSCHEMANN

Fa-la-las: Carolers from Junior Girl Scout Troop 782 from Our Lady of Good Counsel School performed at Kellogg Park for the arrival of Santa Claus.

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas

Good tidings they bring to you and your kin. And they're bringing it through holiday music.

Local and nearby holiday concerts are planned from now until Christmas.

Here's a listing:

■ Christmas concert: The 125-voice Plymouth Community Cho-

rus will present its Christmas concert, "Joy," at 4 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 6, in Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets can be bought at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton; Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest, Plymouth; and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville. Tickets can also be

ordered by calling (734) 455-4080.

■ Holiday concert: The Schoolcraft College Community Choir holiday concert is also 4 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 6, at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St., at Main Street, Plymouth. \$4. (734) 462-

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Trumpeter from page A1

going to war."

Krumm was 15 at the time, and attempted to volunteer, however his mother wouldn't sign the papers. But, at 18, Krumm was drafted into the Army and became a paratrooper.

"We were rescuing missionaries in the Philippines the same day the flag was raised on Iwo Jima," said Krumm. "We liberated about 15 people, who later told us if we arrived just before they were going to be killed."

"I was also in Japan securing the airport for Gen. Douglas MacArthur when he arrived at the end of the war," added Krumm.

Krumm isn't a stranger to most in Plymouth. For 50 years, he has played Taps at ceremonies for military holi-

Krumm was 15 at the time, and attempted to volunteer, however his mother wouldn't sign the papers.

days and funerals.

Archie Bunch, 75, remembers being part of the California State Guard during World War II.

"We were protecting the Golden Gate Bridge and the Oakland Bay Bridge because no one knew how far the Japanese were going to attack," said Bunch, who enlisted in the Air Corps in 1942. "I think we were stunned, but not surprised by the Pearl Harbor attack."

Buses from page A1

ting on the lots of three bus manufacturers, much like shopping on the lot at a car dealer. She said the buses meet all the requirements of the district, just as if they had to be special ordered.

Four of the buses will be equipped with lifts to be used on special education routes. Only one-third of the 100 bus fleet is equipped for special education routes, which has put the transportation department in a "crisis situation."

"We definitely have a shortage of special ed buses. Every unit is on the road, which leaves us no spares," said Grech. "In fact, we had to enter into an agreement with one parent to transport their own child to school because of the lack of buses."

Grech likes to keep 15 buses as spares, however because of the aging fleet, many of the spares are being used on routes while other buses are being repaired.

The recommendation by Grech to the school board will be to purchase five, 78-passenger

transit buses, including one with a lift; two, 48-passenger special education buses with lifts; and one 20-passenger bus with a lift. She's hoping to have the new buses early next year, which will help alleviate problems in cold weather when buses won't start or break down.

"We've been lucky with the warm weather," said Grech. "When the cold weather comes, we'll have problems. We always do with dramatic changes in weather, whether it be hot or

cold."

The school district planned for its aging fleet by putting together a replacement program. However, \$3 million earmarked for 50 new buses is tied up in the lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva against the March 1997 bond issue. It could be a year before the Michigan Supreme Court decides if the district can go ahead with selling nearly \$80 million in bonds for a new high school, elementary school and buses.

Underpass from page A1

"We will proceed with the design work, which will give us more detailed cost numbers," added Richardson. "If the cost estimates come in with less than a million for each community, we'll hopefully proceed."

The federal government is committing \$5.25 million to the plan. The CSX railroad would contribute approximately \$500,000. Wayne County 1,525,000, with the city and township expected to come up

with the remaining \$1,525,000.

"If the costs come in more than a million dollars, we can call a time-out to say we can't go ahead, we can't afford it," McCarthy told city commissioners.

"The county could either shelve the project or belly-up to the bar and pay the overage," added Jim Anulewicz, public services director.

If the project is halted, there would be a cost to both communi-

ties.

"If the communities decide not to go further, we would ask each to pay a quarter of the design work," said Richardson. That comes to about \$131,250.

Both communities are expected to receive a letter from Richardson detailing the latest agreement.

Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke addressed the concerns of each community holding its own bond issue to fund the underpass.

"The issue has come up about who is going out for bond and the impact of the city versus the township," said Dismuke. "It's obviously a concern we'd be paying a higher millage rate."

According to preliminary figures supplied by City Manager Steve Walters, passage of a \$2 million community bond would require a tax levy of about .2 mills. That translates into \$20 a year for each homeowner with property assessed at \$100,000.

Walters' figures indicate that if each community were to hold its own bond issue, the differences in tax rates would be significant.

If a \$1 million bond issue were passed in Plymouth Township, homeowners would be assessed

.12 mills, or \$12 a year on that same home assessed at \$100,000. The same bond issue in the city would cost homeowners .49 mills, or \$49 a year.

"We should acknowledge this a tremendous step from the township to go from zero to 50 percent (of the local cost)," said Commissioner Dave McDonald. "This is a community project and we should have a joint bonding issue. Everyone in the city and township should pay the same amount. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

McCarthy said some of her constituents feel otherwise.

"I've been told by some of our residents that the only time we're viewed as one community by city residents is when there's a desire to have the township pay for the larger portion of the bill," said McCarthy.

"The city isn't saying pay the larger portion of the bill, but the same proportion per benefiting taxpayer," said Walters.

The joint commission may hold a public hearing for both communities to find out what the people think.

"Ultimately, it will be the citizens who decide," said trustee Ron Griffith.

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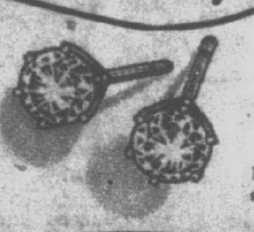
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Dr. Arthur Weir of Plymouth Seventh Baptist Church, called it a beautiful country.

"It's got some covered with There's a bunch as beauty, it's country," Weaver

"There's a lot of people there, honestly a Third World

The situation is gotten worse due to Mitch. To help out hurricane, the closing funds from the da fruit sale to help ally holds the sale source to enhance national programs

"We know severe there. All you have at the television desperate those there. Our church that's working They've asked for relief. We're give them some

"Many of us donate persons least for a few that money from well. Those people more desperate

Fruit is available March. Oranges are available by case through December up scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, 295 Napier, between Warren roads

In January, church are selling gelos and grapes

Small
Canton

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Plymouth Canton was evacuated time in less because of a bad day

A first-floor received about smoke damage towel dispenser at 1:10 p.m., reports. No injured from the incident

Canton's Fire extinguished the police Officer he has several

Police arrested Nov. 2 at

Rev

The Michigan up to arrest and limousine

Plymouth which des Limousine

Firefight

School dedicates yearly fund-raiser to aid Honduras

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Dr. Arthur Weaver, a member of Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, calls Honduras a beautiful country.

"It's got some low mountains, covered with pretty trees. There's a bunch of rivers. As far as beauty, it's a very beautiful country," Weaver explained.

"There's a lot of destitute poor people there, however. It's definitely a Third World country."

The situation in Honduras has gotten worse due to Hurricane Mitch. To help out victims of the hurricane, the church is diverting funds from its annual Florida fruit sale to Honduras. It usually holds the sale as a fund-raising source to enhance the educational programs of the school.

"We know several people down there. All you have to do is look at the television and see how desperate those people are down there. Our church has an agency that's working down there. They've asked for some monies for relief. We're going to try to give them some monies," Weaver said.

"Many of us are going to donate personally as well. At least for a few months we'd put that money from the fruit in as well. Those people seem to be more desperate than we are."

Fruit is available through March. Oranges and grapefruit are available by the case or half case through Dec. 7, with a pickup scheduled for 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the school, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads.

In January, the school and church are selling oranges, tangelos and grapefruit. The dead-

line for orders is Jan. 8 with a pickup scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 17.

To place an order, call (734) 459-8222. Those with questions about the program can call (248) 349-5683.

Weaver said he's expecting to raise at least \$2,000 within "the next month or two." The school, he added, is going to have to make up the money another way. The donation will go toward a general relief effort and to accommodate specific requests for food such as rice, lentils and beans.

Weaver and 39 others associated with Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church are heading to Choluteca, Honduras, Jan. 11 to build a church. He expects that it will take 11 days.

"We know we can put up a simple cement block church with a tin roof. It will hold about 150 people."

Plymouth Adventist Church has offered aid to Honduras in the past by helping build a hospital. The area, he said, has been devastated.

"Our church is going to be built in Choluteca. The Choluteca River that runs in through the town completely made a new course. The bridge that's the main entrance has no river running under it. It's down the road a piece," Weaver explained.

"It took out a gas station, a police station. The motel that we stayed in down there are half-filled with mud. You cannot believe how much water came down there. My friends have said people have been in trees for three or four days that hadn't been able to get out."

Small fire evacuates Canton High School

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Plymouth Canton High School was evacuated for the second time in less than two months because of a bathroom fire Friday.

A first-floor girls' bathroom received about \$3,000 worth of smoke damage when a paper towel dispenser was set on fire at 1:10 p.m., according to police reports. No injuries were reported from the incident.

Canton's Fire Department extinguished the flames. Canton police Officer Mike Seckel said he has several leads in the case

and hopes to have it solved shortly.

On Oct. 16, students had to be evacuated after a boys' first-floor restroom toilet paper dispenser was set on fire. Two 17-year-old Canton residents were charged with arson from that case.

Mark Kassees and Jason Carson waived their preliminary exams at 35th District Court in Plymouth on Nov. 20. The two teens are currently awaiting trial at Circuit Court in Detroit.

The felony charge carries a possible 10-year sentence.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Police are looking for arsonists responsible for setting a limousine bus on fire Nov. 2 at En Vogue Limousine, Inc., 340 N. Main.

Reward offered for arsonist

The Michigan Arson Reward Program is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a limousine bus fire last month.

Plymouth police are investigating a blaze which destroyed a limousine bus at En Vogue Limousine, Inc., 340 N. Main.

Firefighters were called to the scene shortly

after 2 a.m. on Nov. 22, finding the converted bus engulfed in flames.

Police say they found "gang-type graffiti" sprayed on the limo bus and several nearby vehicles.

The limo bus was reportedly valued at \$25,000.

Close-Up stringers



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Holiday helpers: About 20 high school students from the Close-Up program strung lights on the Christmas trees in Kellogg Park Wednesday. Hard at work are Melissa Hale and Kristen Thomas, both 16, of Plymouth at left. Below, Sandra Shankus, 16, left, and Gena Koski, 15, both of Canton. The dedication of the Walk of Trees begins at 6 p.m. Sunday. Carolers will sing by candlelight and treelight. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.



Plymouth Township probes Y2K issues

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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With the end of the millennium drawing near, many businesses and organizations have begun to investigate and resolve their Y2K computer problems that may occur when the new century begins Jan. 1, 2000.

Plymouth Township is no exception.

Computer analysts, including Plymouth Township Information Systems Analyst Robert Janks, have anticipated problems with the embedded microchips in computer workstations, servers, hubs and printers. Janks is chairman of the township's Y2K committee that was recently formed to address the problem.

"That's what we're talking to the manufacturers about," he said. "If you put something in that has 00 as the date, then you try to do a sort on it, it might put all the 00s at the top and all the

1990s at the bottom. Things like that are being addressed."

The problem could even effect the embedded chips in elevators and fire trucks.

"We've gotten the compliance statements on (the fire trucks) already," he said. "They're in compliance according to what their statement says."

According to Janks, who is performing the system compliance tests himself, there hasn't been much to worry about so far.

"Actually, we really haven't found much that's not compliant other than some of our software which we're getting upgrades to," he said.

Janks said the main reason he has found that the township's equipment is compliant is due to the fact that it is fairly new. The township already has a plan to replace computer systems on a regular basis and has done so in recent years.

"As far as equipment, we purchase new systems on what we call a three-year rotation," said Janks. "The systems that have been purchased within the last year are fine and the PCs that we're going to be replacing by the end of this year are all going to be compliant. Next year, whatever we replace will be the rest of them so, at that point, whatever old stuff we have will be tested out and taken care of by that time."

In a show of common sense, Janks is testing only the systems he needs to test.

"We're not testing systems that we're going to replace," he said. "We're going to test the stuff that we purchase but we're requiring that it's year 2000 compliant when we buy it."

The eight-member Y2K committee is made up of a representative from each of the different township departments.

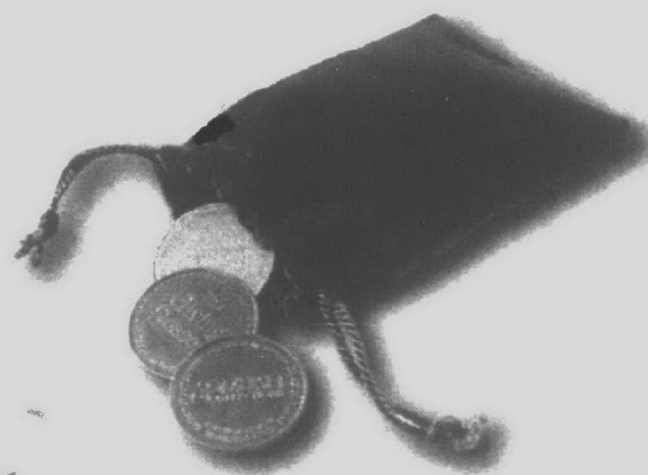
"I've got somebody from each department and each member is responsible for their own department," said Janks. "I'm not doing all of the info gathering because I just don't know all of what the fire department has, for example."

"That's kind of the way we went about it and we're gathering all of the information into a central database that can generate reports and see where we're compliant or not."

Although he is fairly confident that the township's computer systems will be fine when the clock strikes midnight, he knows that the issue isn't something that can be ignored.

"It's got to be looked at. It can't be ignored," he said. "There are people on both sides that say nothing is going to happen but it has to be evaluated."

"The clock is ticking."



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Santa will be at Somerset North every day 'til closing. And for each child who visits, he has a special gift. A velvet pouch for three golden coins from Santa's treasure chest.

Children can use the coins for purchases at participating stores. Or tuck them away as mementos.

While you're waiting to visit Santa, the characters from "The Giving Season" will be on hand for rollicking entertainment, amusement and storytelling. If you wish, you can even join them for Saturday breakfast. (Reservations can be made at the castle.)

And for your entertainment, we've arranged daily performances at 1, 3 and 5 pm of "A Most Unusual Gift," a musical staged by The Children's Theatre of Michigan.

The Holidays at the Somerset Collection. Something for everyone.

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4435 ■ A kids' sing-along with Santa is planned for 1-3 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 6, at Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland. All kids eat for 99 cents. Farwell & Friends also features a Christmas sing-along at 8 p.m. every Sunday with live music and song sheets.

■ Tree lighting and caroling: The city of Westland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony is planned for 6-15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on the front steps of City Hall. This year's event will include Santa Claus, singing of Christmas carols and lighting of trees.

■ Livonia Symphony: A holiday concert with Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe performing "Piper's Holiday," is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Churchill High School's Carli Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 for children.

"How to Buy a Computer"

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about recent Observer stories in which the paper's attorneys indicate the retreat would break the law.

"It's totally inappropriate that the papers want to cover this," added Koch. "We have private lives, and our problems are private matters if we're not discussing city business. However, public opinion is swayed against us in the Letters to the Editor."

Commissioners last month voted 7-0 to spend up to \$3,600 to pay a conflict resolution consultant, Mary Ann Hastings, to help them stop the bitter infighting on the council. They agreed to pay the consultant \$1,200 a day for up to three days, out of their education budget.

In a public session last month, commissioners paid Hastings \$200 for a 90-minute session, in which each conceded there are

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Christmas caroling around Canton Hills on Lilley Road, where my best friend lived."

"The second year, it developed into a caroling party, and we had quite a few friends (singers and non-singers alike) come and join us. I had Christmas caroling books that we used and we would walk around to the neigh-

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SUPRASPINATUS TENDINITIS

Often the medical community has trouble explaining itself to patients, because we use many phrases to say the same thing. For example, the most common cause of shoulder pain and immobility is supraspinatus tendinitis. However, you rarely hear that term from doctors when they describe what is the cause of your shoulder irritability.

You hear rotator cuff tendinitis, peritendinitis, bursitis, scapulothoracic bursitis, whereas supraspinatus tendinitis is the correct description in most instances.

That is because it is the tendon of the supraspinatus muscle that causes the shoulder problem. You hurt on raising the arm, since in that position the supraspinatus tendon is under strain. You feel pain up to your neck and down your arm, because other muscles are trying to compensate for the impaired supraspinatus muscle.

You learn from experience that exercising the shoulder only makes the arm pain worse. Muscles may strengthen from effort, but injured tendons only become more strained from repetitive use.

Treatment for a supraspinatus tendinitis includes heat to bring in an added blood supply and medication to relieve the pain. Injection at the site of insertion of the tendon on to the shoulder helps healing.

In sum, naming the condition correctly, is the first step to appropriate care.

problems among board members that are hampering the conduct of city business.

Before getting the city attorney's ruling, commissioners agreed they could still hold the session in public, though not with the intensity of a private session.

"I'm not about to criticize my fellow commissioners in public," added Koch. "And I don't think anything will be resolved with general discussions."

Commissioners Ren Loiselle and Stella Greene still believe resolution of their differences can be done in an open or closed session.

"Personally, I think it can be held either way, in public or private," said Loiselle. "If some members are going into it and

not participate, then it will be a waste of time and money."

"I don't care if it's public or private," said Greene. "I just want to resolve our differences and conduct city business."

"I'd be much more inclined to be involved if it were a private session," said Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury. "Nothing would be served by having a public meeting. This session doesn't fall under the Open Meetings Act."

"My biggest problem is paying for it with taxpayer money," added Shrewsbury. "If it's not a public meeting, we shouldn't be paying for it with public dollars."

Commissioners Dave McDonald and Colleen Pobur declined comment, saying they wanted to first talk with the commissioners.

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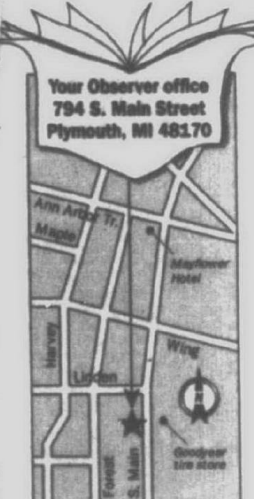
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Officials at the Department of Environmental Quality are expected to cap a contamination at Hines Park so the area can be used for recreation.

DEQ officials have a meeting for Dec. 11 to discuss plans to ca-



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State may alter plans to cap sled hill on Hines

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Officials at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are expected to amend Wayne County's proposed plans to cap a contaminated hill in Hines Park so the site can be used for recreation.

DEQ officials have scheduled a meeting for Dec. 17 so they can discuss plans to cap Middlebelt

Hill in Westland, located about 500 feet from the former Cooper School site, which is also contaminated.

Steven Kitler, the DEQ's project manager for the Middlebelt Hill proposal and member of the environmental response division, expects the DEQ to make recommendations on the plans, proposed by Wayne County and NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills.

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"There are some construction issues, quality control and whether the soil is clean," Kitler said.

Wayne County officials want to top the hill with a 12-inch clay cap in areas where contaminants have reached the surface so the hill can be used for sledding in the winter and picnicking during

the summer.

Garbage and other waste that helped create the hill more than 40 years ago also has contaminated it. The hill contains lead, arsenic and other heavy metals, discovered during sampling in 1991.

At a public hearing in November, DEQ officials were provided

with old aerial photos and the old landfills at the site by a Livonia resident who said the hill and nearby Cooper School both contained similar refuse as they were created at the same time, in the early 1950s. The resident said that refuse extended outside of the area that was proposed to be capped.

That question of the extent of waste in the area around the hill may need to be addressed and

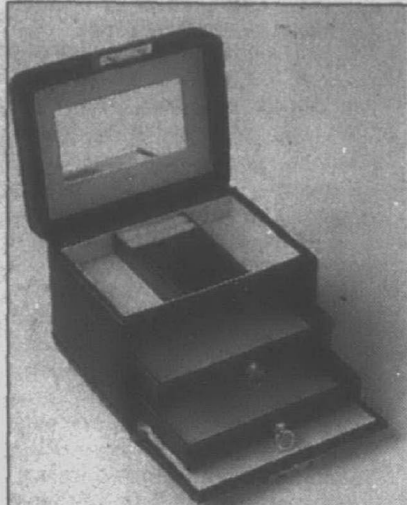
may be outlined in some of DEQ's recommendations, Kitler said.

"They may need more tests before the cap is closed," Kitler said.

The DEQ also wants Wayne County to address rodent control at the site as the burrowing of woodchucks exposed one site of contaminants on the hill.

Kitler said Wayne County has

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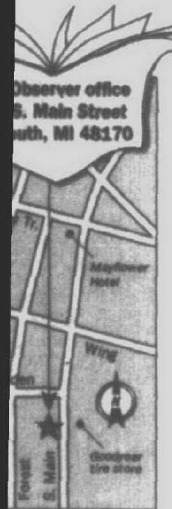
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S'craft honors program stresses research

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Jennifer Torigian of Canton listened as a member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council told students recently about the group's efforts to bring culture boxes, which are expressions of culture through art, to local grade schools.

Torigian, who has a strong interest in her Armenian heritage, wondered if the council had shown youngsters an Armenian culture box. When she was told it did not, she stepped into action.

Torigian now expects to visit the Alex Manogian art collection soon to research Armenian culture to create the box.

"Now I get to see an awesome art collection, which is really cool," Torigian said.

For her efforts, Torigian, a first-year student at Schoolcraft College, will get college credit in the scholars honors program, which started this fall at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Torigian is one of 18 students participating in the two-year honors program. It follows a traditional academic route by challenging students in honors classes, but it gives students a chance to be more community oriented and socially aware through learning projects in "honors options" classes.

Torigian, a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, also is researching and interviewing Armenian genocide survivors and relatives. That interest in research channeled her



Learning experience: Students in the Schoolcraft College Scholars Program and their family members toured the Museum of African American History in Detroit this fall. The scholars program encourages research beyond the classroom.

into Schoolcraft Scholars program.

"(The program) gives us an opportunity to be in a project," Torigian said. "It gives you a push to do fun things and do more. You can do things and get acknowledgment for it."

The program brings her

together with other students who are similar to her, she says. "I like it a lot," Torigian said. "I'm a very outspoken person, I ask a lot of questions, make a lot of comments and jokes and everyone in that class does that."

Honors for students

Faye Schuett, director of the

Schoolcraft Scholars honors program and English professor, hopes the students walk out of the two-year program recognizing the importance of their own individual research to the world around them.

"I think they do more research," Schuett said. "They do

more 'real-world' research far beyond the classroom."

Schuett and Schoolcraft instructors hope the students walk out with not only strong academic skills and achievement, but a foundation and potential to be great employees. "These are skills employers want

them to have. The program gives the students a chance to strengthen their interests in different cultures, learn to be flexible with technology and show an ability to problem solve."

Schoolcraft pays the tuition for the honors classes as long as the student maintains an overall 3.5 average and a 3.0 average in the honors courses. Students take minimum total of 18 credits of honors courses with a three credit honors course the first semester, 12 credits of honors courses in the middle two semesters, and three in the final semester.

Students opened this fall with the Humanities 190 class, which gives the students an introduction to the program. The course studies the individual and the community through multiple disciplines. It also introduces students to several community organizations through which they may begin their service-learning explorations. Many already are aware of volunteerism as they contribute with activities ranging from Boy Scouts to Rouge Rescue projects.

Fourteen of the students have already started with honors options research.

The scholars also enroll in four courses with honors faculty over the next three semesters. Each will complete 100 hours of service to the community during the two years, with the final 25 hours reserved for a capstone project in Sociology 290.

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been notified about the DEQ concerns. He expects the DEQ to wrap up the review on Dec. 17 in Lansing when Kitler and Dan Schultz, DEQ field operations supervisor, meet with DEQ district supervisors. Kitler expects a decision by Christmas.

Once the DEQ completes its review, it will notify Wayne

County of the amendments in a letter. The project will not be officially approved by the state until the Attorney General's office and Wayne County's corporation counsel sign a legal agreement.

That would be completed within two months, Kitler said.

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LEGAL SENSE

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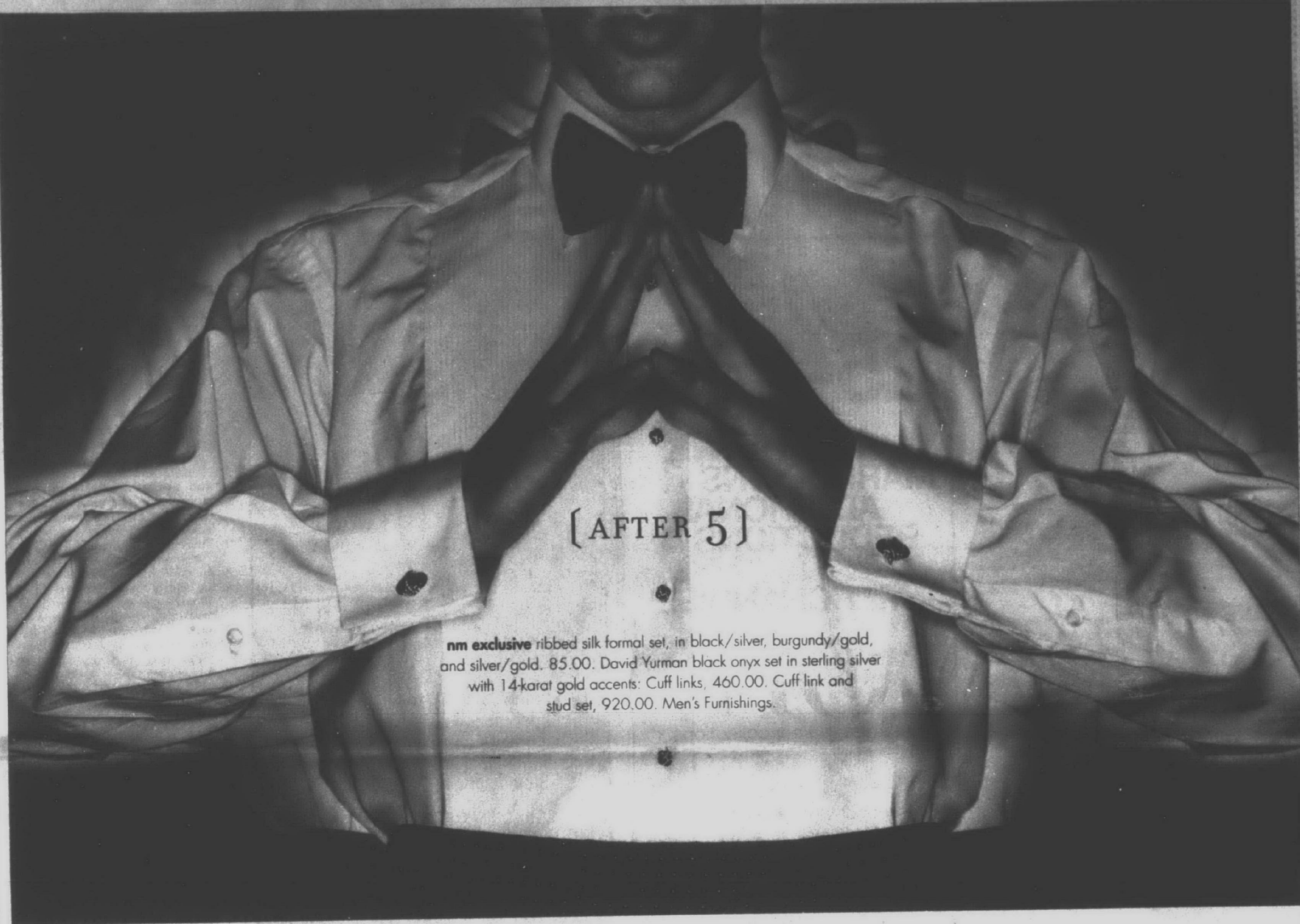
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Law leads the way on pain management bills

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Jack Kevorkian should have fewer customers for aid in dying as Michigan's health care system uses more laws on pain management techniques.

"We've done more than any other state," said Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, as the state Senate Dec. 3 gave 38-0 approval to six House-passed bills. "We started on this four years ago."

Law took the legislative lead on sponsorship after an ailing David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, resigned from the Senate in 1996. The House passed the bills earlier in the year, but the Senate Health Policy Committee went over the bills in excruciating detail until last week.



Rep. Law

"I'm glad that after 11 months of resting in committee these bills have passed," said Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga. She criticized the Senate panel's delay and on Sept. 24 had attempted to discharge the bills (force them out of committee for a full Senate vote). "One in five adults lives in pain; 16 percent of those say it dominates their lives," Byrum said.

"We have a clear policy that use of opiates is approved of, and physicians no longer have to be afraid to prescribe morphine," said Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, the Legislature's only

physician.

"Morphine has been around for centuries, and we're now getting around to using it as the most effective form of pain control. We (the state) will not look over every physician's shoulder and micromanage how they treat pain," Schwarz said.

Law predicted the House this week would occur in Senate amendments, which he called "minor and technical," and send the bills to Gov. John Engler for signing before year's end. The six House bills:

■ 4681, sponsored by Law, setting up a state interdisciplinary advisory committee on pain and symptom management.

■ 4682, sponsored by Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, setting standards and penalties for hospitals' comprehensive, multidisciplinary pain man-

agement programs.

■ 4683, sponsored by Mike Griffin, D-Jackson, granting physicians limited immunity from liability when they prescribe morphine or other controlled substances to treat intractable pain.

■ 4684, sponsored by Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, requiring that health insurance policies clearly state whether pain management is covered.

■ 4685, sponsored by Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, requiring that health policies clearly state whether treatment for intractable pain and hospice care for the terminally ill are covered.

■ 4686, sponsored by Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, requiring health care corporations to state clearly

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Students can fax their registration materials until Dec. 18.

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Honors

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Schuetz said.

Striving to achieve

Tara Lazaroff, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School who now lives in Westland, signed up for the program because her counselor suggested it after Lazaroff said she wanted to graduate from Schoolcraft with honors.

Lazaroff enjoys the humanities class, including the arts, sculptures and poetry. "Things that interest me," she said.

Lazaroff remembered the class also had a speaker from the League of Women Voters. "That (discussion) really enforced my beliefs in voting. She said so many people don't vote. I do, but my problem is not knowing how to vote for."

Lazaroff uses the final days before the election to research candidates, but the speech made her realize she had to do more.

As part of the scholars program, Lazaroff wants to volunteer to work with children or help the ill at a hospice center. "It's a good way for me to get experience for what I want to go into," Lazaroff said. She hopes to make psychology her major once she leaves Schoolcraft with her associate's degree in liberal arts and transfers to a university, possibly Wayne State.

Another student who wants to be a veterinarian is researching the training of animals by women prisoners to help handicapped people. Another scholar who is interested in deaf education wants to create a culture box for the deaf. Still another researched and analyzed Proposal B and election polls for a political science honors project.

Another who is interested in Internet research wondered how the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History researched genealogy on the Internet. A group of Schoolcraft students visited the museum in October.

Students interested in the scholars program may contact Faye Schuetz at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5516.

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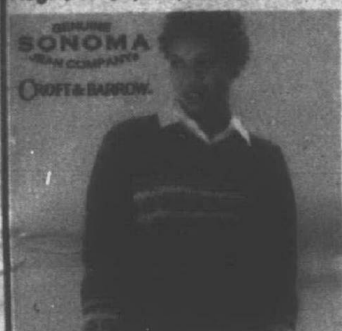
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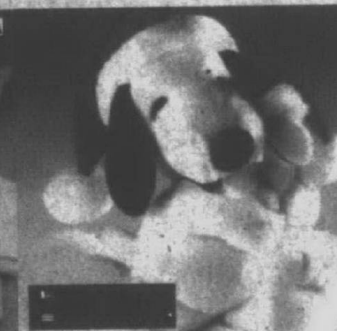
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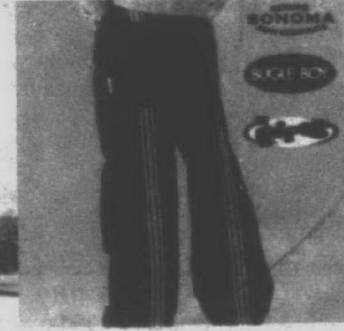
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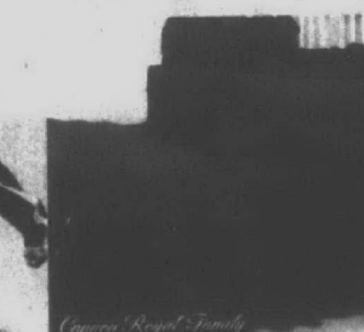
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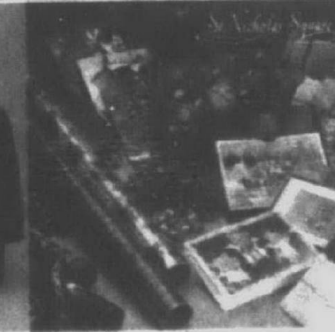
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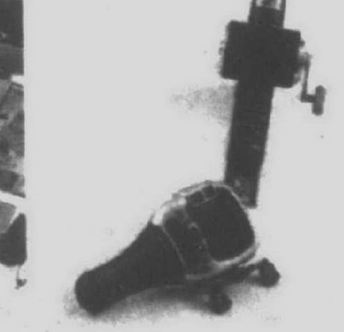
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Demmer family buys dealership

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Jack Demmer Ford owners Jack, Bill and Jim Demmer — who operate a successful dealership in Wayne — bought Bob Dusseau Lincoln-Mercury on Grand River in Farmington in a deal that Bill Demmer said "came together in less than 30 days."

The switch took effect Monday, Nov. 30.

"An opportunity arose," said Bill Demmer, president of both Jack Demmer Ford and the new Jack Demmer Lincoln-Mercury, located at 31625 Grand River.

Bill Demmer is active in the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, where he currently serves as secretary/treasurer. He also serves on the board of the Metro Detroit Ford Dealers Association, the Ford Dealer Advertising Fund and the Media Committee.

Assisting Bill at the new dealership will be younger brother Jim who is vice president, secretary and director. Jack Demmer will be involved in all phases of the new business in an advisory capacity.

Jim Demmer has been involved in the family business for more than 20 years. He serves on the board of the Divine Child Alumni Endowment Fund, Oak-

wood/Annapolis Hospital Foundation and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The Demmer brothers are graduates of Northwood University.

The Demmer organization has long-coveted the growing Farmington-Farmington Hills area for a second dealership.

"You have an extensive amount of residential people here that have a need for a good automobile dealership that's (in) close proximity to their homes," Bill Demmer said. "... And, we see a resurgence of people coming into the area."

The same qualities that have made Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne successful will be brought to Farmington, he continued. Already begun is a free shuttle service for customers living within six miles of the dealership as well as a service loaner program.

"We plan on marketing the two stores together," Bill Demmer said. "Now that we'll have the two locations, we'll be up and down the I-275 corridor much more effectively and offer better services to customers at both locations."

The Demmer tradition began in 1957 when, along with a partner, Jack Demmer opened an Edsel dealership in Wayne. The elder Demmer went on to open a

Ford-Mercury store in South Lyon in 1963. He bought Clarence Bell Ford. With his two sons, Bill and James, Demmer bought out his partner in 1975 and the business took the name of Jack Demmer Ford, Inc.

Commitment to the community it serves is another staple of the Demmer organization, Bill Demmer emphasized.

"I'm very community-minded," Demmer said. "I'm active in Wayne, active in Northville (where he lives), active in Livonia. And there's so much interaction between the residents (of those areas). Word-of-mouth is my best advertising."

Demmer said the switch in ownership will not result in the loss of jobs, with 39 Dusseau employees retained. Actually, he stressed, his staff probably will grow. "I'll be looking for additional sales people, additional mechanics, porters and drivers."

By the end of 1999, a \$500,000 renovation of the dealership will

be completed. "The whole facade will be different," Demmer said.

The lot will be fuller, too. Demmer said an additional 100 new automobiles are on their way. "The horses are coming," he said with a smile. Among top-selling Lincoln-Mercury models: Continentals, Sables, Villagers and Navigators.

Bob Dusseau's ownership ended after 43 years in Farmington, the last 30 of those at 31625 Grand River, west of Orchard Lake Road. According to Demmer, the 81-year-old senior Dusseau fully retired from the automobile business.

The transition has already begun, and is one that Demmer doesn't think will pose a problem. In fact, motorists driving past the dealership last week might not have noticed anything different. The Dusseau signs remained up while one had to look closer, in the front window, to see notice about the new Demmer regime.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

New owner: Bill Demmer is president of the new Jack Demmer Lincoln-Mercury that was formerly Bob Dusseau Lincoln-Mercury. The dealership is located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington.

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whether treatment for intractable pain and hospice are covered.

The bills aren't as exciting as the law the Legislature passed providing for five-year prison sentences for assisting a suicide. But Law and the less flamboyant colleagues insist they will do more to alleviate pain than Kevorkian's methods.

"It's not a perfect package," said Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage, who chaired the Health Policy committee, predicting that more fine-tuning must be done in 1999. Shugars said the new package "defines intractable pain, states a legislative intent to prescribe narcotics for pain, defined standards of care, and increased awareness of the need for interdisciplinary practice."

"When health care premiums are going up, we don't want to put another mandate on the system," Shugars said.

Law agreed that "we didn't get into reimbursement."

Over the last four years, Law said, the Legislature has passed measures to:

1. Allow patients to sign "do not resuscitate" orders.
2. Prescribe "death with dignity" and the patient's bill of rights — requiring that a patient be given full knowledge of medical options.
3. Residential hospice licensing — done by Law at the request of Angela Hospice in Livonia.

In other health matters, the Senate unanimously passed Schwarz's SB 1231 to amend hospital certificate of needs rules to require two operating rooms in small hospitals with emergency rooms and obstetrical services. Schwarz said it would affect hospitals in Clinton and Eaton counties and the western side of the state.

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Cognacs are dominated by four major houses, Remy Martin, Hennessy, Courvoisier and Martell. Their products are very good and each expresses a house style. Small houses such as A. Hardy Cognac do unique things to garner attention.

Benedicte and Sophie Hardy designed a fisherman's flask to honor their father Jacques. It is filled with 200mL of Hardy Cognac Extra \$40. A tasting treat from each of Cognac's six subregions is Hardy's Collection Case \$427 for six 750mL bottles, complete with tasting glasses, maps and written explanations in a handsome wooden box.

Hardy's Noces series of cognacs are blended exclusively from very old, superb Grande Champagne. Hardy's Captain Noces d'Or \$475, a hand-cut crystal ship's decanter conjuring up travel and the high seas has a companion, Captain Junior, 100mL at \$70. You can see and taste Captain Junior at No. VI, Novi, Duet in Detroit; or Morels, Bingham Farms.

Brandy

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Popularity of Single Malt Scotch is over the top. Our fondness is Macallan 18-year Speyside \$70. But for the unusual, try: Aberlour Glenlivet 15-year Speyside \$44, smooth; Ardbeg 17-year Islay South Shore \$63, heavier style with peat, iodine and smoky characters in perfect balance; Balvenie Portwood 21-year Speyside \$70 is marvelously rich with layers of aromas and flavors.

Deanston 17-year Midlands \$49.25 is rich, round and generous. Ledaig 20-year Mull \$74 is rare and unusual since it is the only distillery in the district of Mull. Loch Dhu Black 10-year \$28 is a dark single malt enjoyable with a fine Maduro cigar such as A. Fuente.

The 1996 Warre's Bottle Matured LBV \$28 was just released. Bottled in 1990, it has been maturing in bottle in Warre's cellars in Portugal for eight years. Compared to vintage

Please see WINE, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Healthy holiday entertaining
- Main Dish Miracle



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Holiday preparations: Carrie L'Esperance and her mother Dorothy (left) make Garlic Sesame Ginger Dressing to give to friends.

Cookbook draws on centuries-old wisdom

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Sunny fall afternoons are golden in Michigan, and even though it was a chilly 60 degrees, Carrie L'Esperance wanted to sit outside on her mother's deck to talk about "The Ancient Cookfire: How to Rejuvenate Body and Spirit Through Seasonal Foods and Fasting." It wasn't a cookfire, but it was close.

A graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia, L'Esperance, who now makes San Francisco her home, spent five years writing the book, and 25 years researching. "The Ancient Cookfire" is a meeting place for "nourishing food and drink," and "the uplifting of our senses and spirits too," L'Esperance writes. Her book draws you in, and like an "Ancient Cookfire," nurtures the body and spirit.

"I realized at a young age that we aren't taught preventative medicine here," she said. "The oldest healing systems are based on prevention. It struck me that all the oldest healing systems used foods, herbs, and particularly fasting, as the basis of a preventative, wholistic approach to life. I wanted to honor that wisdom that has been collected for thousands of years."

It felt good to sit outside, sipping herbal tea and warmed by the late afternoon sunshine. L'Esperance talks a lot about balance and listening to your body. We're so out of touch with nature. There's never enough time to stop, relax and reflect. As L'Esperance and I sat outside talking, I began to relax and felt the stress draining away. I thought about my own life, how I rush to work, rush home, and, if I'm disciplined, rush to the gym to exercise.

"People are always looking for a quick fix, the silver bullet, but there are no shortcuts to good health," she said. "With convenience foods and busy schedules it's easy for your body to get out of balance. The body has cycles just like seasons. It's 70 percent liquid."

Lots of people get sick in between seasons, and blame it on the weather. "A fast can help your body progress from one season to another," said L'Esperance. "We get sick when our bodies need to. We can fast as a way of life, or our body will do it for us. It can take up to 80 percent of your body's energy to digest a meal, freeing up that energy by fasting is very powerful for the

body. It redirects that energy. You can't put clean food in a dirty body and expect good results."

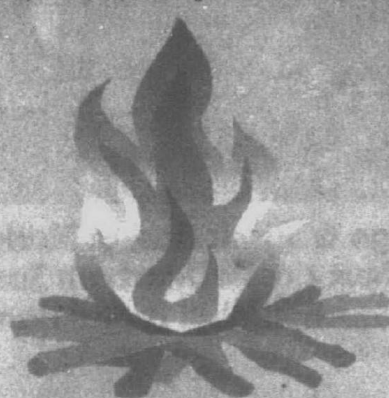
"The Ancient Cookfire" mirrors L'Esperance's personal journey toward good health. When she was a teenager she suffered from a lot of stomach pain. In her late 20s, "constant allergies made it impossible to be anywhere without a box of tissues. I began to have night sweats and insomnia. Seasonal colds and flu came and lingered long."

A small paragraph about "Detoxification" in Dr. N.W. Walker's book, "Raw Vegetable Juices," had a profound impact on her. She realized the missing link in her diet was fasting, and it changed her health and life.

Now 40, L'Esperance says she feels great and doesn't suffer from allergies. "The only way to be well is to educate yourself," she said. "I think that doctors are important for trauma, but many times doctors are not trained in nutrition. We're becoming more and more informed. We have to put more effort into how we eat and what we eat to cultivate the divine art of living."

For people wanting to make some positive changes in their lives, "The Ancient Cookfire" is a good place to start. L'Esperance explains how we are responsible for our own healing, and offers suggestions, including giving your body a break with cleansing fasts, for reaching those goals.

There's nothing new about her methods, they're based on the world's oldest healing systems including Japanese, American Indian, Chinese, Sufi and European folk medicines.



"The universal laws of healing have always been with us," she said. "There are no shortcuts."

Every food has a season, and L'Esperance explains which ones are the most beneficial. "By simply coordinating our diets with the cycles of the seasons, we naturally cleanse and build the body regardless of whether we choose to fast to cleanse and build or eat to cleanse and build," she writes.

In addition to suggestions for beneficial foods for the seasons, she offers lots of delicious recipes. "You don't have to suffer to be healthy," she said. For people wanting to make some small healthy changes in their lives, L'Esperance encourages them to make their own salad dressing. One of her favorites for autumn, which doesn't officially end until Dec. 20, is Garlic Sesame Ginger Dressing.

"You can get some super-sonic ingredients effortlessly and deliciously," she said. The recipe contains "all of the elements necessary to stimulate and help restore the lungs and large intestine during the autumn season."

Home for Thanksgiving, L'Esperance was looking forward to seeing her brothers and sister. Her mom, Dorothy, shares her philosophy about food and fasting. "Everything is so easy to follow," said Dorothy about her daughter's book. "It always has to be a gradual process. Nothing happens overnight. If you can't take care of yourself no one will do it for you. I'm 62, and I don't have an ache in my body—exercise, cleansing, attitude—are important. People have different ways of solving problems. It can be destructive or constructive. Life could be so simple, but people complicate it unnecessarily."

Their Thanksgiving menu included No Crust Pumpkin Custard Pie. For winter L'Esperance recommends Sherry Chestnut Stuffing and Wassail. "They're lovely recipes for the holidays," she said.

Getting ready for a dinner party with friends, L'Esperance decided to take homemade salad dressing. "It's like a healing gift, and that's the best kind."

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wasn't being treated properly, she simply moved on until she found someone she trusted.

Those with scleroderma wanted to know more about my "healer," Dr. Joel Casman, who I referred to in my article. Just to clear up any misconceptions, I did not simply walk into Dr. Casman's office, have a magic wand waved over me and "presto" — I was healed. Dr. Casman guided me on a natural regimen, which I have been following for more than five years. I am the one who does the work. It is not easy work by any means. It takes time, patience, commitment and faith. With this method, there is no instant gratification. Most importantly, it requires "letting go" of pain and illness.

Let's explore this some more. From the many phone calls and e-mail messages I received, I sensed

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there were certain individuals battling illness who were reluctant to follow the road which leads to good health. Simona Seiderman, a clinical social worker in West Bloomfield, has experience working with this problem.

Some patients shop around for a health professional with the "magic cure," she said. Once the road to good health is mapped out, they refuse to follow protocol. Some fear becoming dependent on the treatment, while others are afraid being well may create a loss they will not be able to handle.

At times, the pain and illness is used as a defense mechanism. For some, it is a way of of being punished for a real or imagined "sin" they feel they need to atone for. For others, it is a built-in excuse for not meeting responsibilities. In yet others, it is way of thwarting success. After all, what can be expected from someone who is sick?

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Can you have a disease and still be healthy? Dr. Daniel Berlinger, a chiropractor in Farmington Hills, defines Dis-ease and disease.

"Dis-ease means one may not be functioning at the fullest potential," he said. "For example, there can be an imbalance in one's nerve supply. With disease, one may have various symptoms that classify one as having that particular disease, but they can still function and be as healthy as possible if they take care of themselves."

So as you exit 1998, think about what negative aspects that you want to let go of and what new and extended goals you want to achieve in 1999. Happy holidays and happy new year.

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Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

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suring cup, blend the miso,
sesame seed, mustard and
juices. Add this mixture to the
oil and shake together.

Allow the flavors to meld
before serving, and keep refrig-
erated. makes 1 1/4 cups.

To make this pie, L'Esperance
recommends choosing a good
quality canned pumpkin. You
can also make your own pump-
kin puree.

"Cut the top of a sugar pie
pumpkin open and scoop out the
seeds to save; these are a
crunchy bonus not included with
canned pumpkin," writes L'Es-
perance. "Spread the seeds over
a cookie sheet, sprinkle lightly
with sea salt and bake (at 350°F
until crunchy, 10-15 minutes).
Pierce pumpkin with a knife in
several places and replace lid.
Bake at 350°F until tender.
Remove from oven to cool."

NO CRUST PUMPKIN CUSTARD PIE

3 cups organic pumpkin puree
2 egg yolks
1 cup evaporated milk or oat
milk
1 cup buttermilk
1/3 cup maple syrup

1/4 cup molasses
3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
1/4 teaspoon powdered
cloves

Topping

2 cups fresh heavy cream
1 1/2 teaspoons rum or vanil-
la
Sprinkle nutmeg
Candied ginger for garnish

Heat oven to 450°F. Beat egg
yolks in a clear glass baking
casserole, add milk and remain-
ing custard ingredients. Scoop
out soft pumpkin from shell (or
add ready made pumpkin puree)
blend all ingredients together
until creamy.

Bake in casserole for 10 min-
utes at 450°F, then 40 minutes
at 350°F or until set. Cool.

Whip cream to hold its shape
and flavor it with rum and/or
vanilla. Spread the cream in soft
mounds to cover the top of the
pie, and sprinkle lightly with
nutmeg.

A large, nicely shaped piece of
candied ginger looks like a jewel
placed in the center, or it is pret-
ty if finely minced. The glass lid
to fit the casserole is perfect to
protect the finished pie, which
should be kept cool until needed.

WASSAIL

2 quarts fresh apple cider
2 cinnamon sticks
7 whole cloves
1 inch fresh ginger root
(sliced)
1 whole nutmeg
1/2 lemon (sliced thin)
1 cup orange juice
Honey or maple syrup to taste
In a glass or stainless steel

saucepan, gently heat the apple
cider, spices, 1/2 or 1/4 of the
whole nutmeg, and lemon over
low heat for 20 minutes, or until
hot, but not boiling.

Remove from the cookfire and
let stand for 15 minutes. Add
orange juice and honey or maple
syrup to taste. Garnish each cup
with a piece of cinnamon stick.

SHERRY CHESTNUT STUFFING

2 cups chestnuts (roasted or
boiled)
1 cup millet
2 teaspoons Spike Shake
(with kelp)
1 sweet potato (medium)
1/4 cup dry sherry
2 cups onion (chopped)
4 celery stalks with leaves
(chopped)
1 teaspoon each dried
oregano, marjoram, thyme
1/8 teaspoon each powdered
ginger and cayenne pepper
1/3 cup organic butter or
olive oil
3 tablespoons fresh sage
leaves or 1 tablespoon dry
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
leaves or (1 1/2 tea-
spoons dry)

Much time can be saved if you
buy pre-shelled and peeled chest-
nuts. If you have a good helper,
shell, peel, and roast the chest-
nuts a day before you make the
stuffing. I think it is nice to leave
them in various sizes, but if you
buy whole shelled chestnuts, chop
them roughly before roasting.
With a sharp knife, cut an "X" on
the round side of each chestnut.
Put them in a pan, cover with
water, and bring to a slow boil
until the shells open. Remove
from heat. Use a paring knife to



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remove the shells and skins.

Roast the millet in a dry iron
skillet, transfer it to a saucepan
with 2 cups of water and Spike
Shake with kelp; simmer until
tender (15-20 minutes). Put the
sweet potato through a juicer,
add sherry, and set the juice
aside.

In a large skillet, sauté the
onion, 1/2 of the celery, and the
dried herbs and spices in the but-

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potato
1/4 cup
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Port from declared years, it is an
amazing value. Serve it with
some pears, walnuts and stilton
cheese for a special taste treat.

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ing are worthwhile and newly
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lence" and "How the Good Life

Became Great Business," it
recounts one of the biggest suc-
cess stories, not only in the wine
industry, but American business.
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it all and bittersweet rewards.

"Northwest Food & Wine,"
Dan & Kathleen Taggart,
(Sasquatch Books, 1998, \$18.95)
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1999," (Harcourt Brace, \$12) is a
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Brace, 1998, \$30) is subtitled "A
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"The Tequila Lover's Guide to
Mexico," (Lance Cutler, Wine
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received as a gift at work," said
Sylvia Treitman, home
economist for the Michigan State
University Extension Service -
Oakland County.

Often these turkeys are left at
room temperature all day until
closing time, thus causing a
potential food poisoning prob-
lem. Turkeys should be kept in
the refrigerator, or freezer, never
at room temperature.

If you receive a turkey at work
if should arrive solidly frozen
and be immediately stored in the
refrigerator. If there is no refrig-
erator purchase large bags of ice
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Spread the hummus on the tortilla. Place remaining ingredients on top and roll. Slice tortilla in 1/2-inch slices and secure with a toothpick if necessary. Yield 2 servings

BLACK BEAN DIP

1 (15 ounce) can black beans, low sodium, drained
1/2 cup chick peas, low sodium, drained
1/4 cup sliced onion
1/3 cup fresh parsley or cilantro
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cloves garlic
1/4 teaspoon cumin
3 tablespoons tomato paste, low sodium
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 cup nonfat plain yogurt
1/4 cup (2 ounces) low-fat shredded cheese of your choice
2 tablespoons sliced black olives
2 sliced green onions

Place ingredients from beans through yogurt in a food processor and process. Arrange dip in bowl and sprinkle remaining ingredients on top.

Serve with low-fat baked tortilla chips. Yield 15 servings

CREPES

1 1/2 cups low-fat (1/2 or 1 percent) milk
1/2 cup egg substitute
1 tablespoon canola oil
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup unbleached flour

1/2 cup whole wheat flour
2 tablespoons unprocessed sugar

Blend until smooth, either in a blender or food processor, the milk, eggs, oil and vanilla. Add the flours and sugar. Process until smooth.

Heat a non-stick skillet. Ladle 3 tablespoons of batter into the pan, and tip the pan to spread the batter. Or, use a griddle and spread the batter with the back of a spoon.

Cook for 20-30 seconds on each side until golden brown. Remove to a sheet of parchment or waxed paper. Stack crepes in between paper to store.

Yield 8 servings.

CREPE FILLING

1/4 cup quartered strawberries
1/4 cup sliced banana
1/4 cup blueberries
1/4 cup fat-free vanilla frozen yogurt
1 tablespoon strawberry syrup
1 tablespoon muesli

Assemble fruit inside crepe and roll. Place yogurt along side of crepe and ladle syrup over top. Sprinkle muesli on top of syrup. Yield 1 serving

SEARED PINEAPPLE AND PEACHES

2 cups nonfat plain yogurt
1/2 cup skim milk
4 cups fresh raspberries
2 fresh pineapples
4 fresh peaches

2 cups fresh blueberries

Combine the yogurt, milk, and 2 cups raspberries in a blender container. Puree on medium speed. Transfer to a bowl and chill. Slice the tops and bottoms off the pineapples.

With a sharp knife, remove the outer peel and the inner core of each.

Slice the flesh crosswise into 1-inch thick pieces. Halve the peaches and remove the pits. Prepare a grill and place the pineapples and peaches directly on the rack.

Grill over medium-high heat for about 4 minutes per side, or until golden brown. Use metal spatula to transfer the fruit to dessert plates. Sprinkle with the blueberries and remaining 2 cups raspberries. Top with sauce. Yield 8 servings.

Your family will love these lean latkes for Hanukkah

DANA JACOBI
JOURNAL WRITER

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and flour, and avoid arguments by serving both apple sauce and sour cream.

PAN-ROASTED POTATO LATKE

1 1/2 pounds Russet baking potatoes (about 2 large)
1/4 cup minced onion
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon salt
Applesauce (optional)
Low-fat sour cream (optional)

Peel and grate the potatoes, using the coarse holes on a hand grater. Squeeze most of the water from the grated potato, a small handful at a time, and place in a large bowl.

With a fork, mix the onion, flour, and salt into the potato until well combined.

Coat a 12-inch cast iron or other heavy skillet generously with cooking spray, and place it over medium-high heat. Spread the potato mixture in it to cover the bottom of the pan. Using a

rubber spatula, press and smooth the potatoes firmly into a flat pancake. When the bottom of the latke has started to brown and will hold together, about 5 minutes, gently work a spatula round under its edges to keep it from sticking. Cook until the bottom of the latke is browned, about 2 minutes more.

Grasping the pan firmly in one hand, use the other hand to

place a dinner plate over the pan. Lift the pan and invert it while holding the plate firmly in place, flipping the latke onto the plate, then slide the pancake back into the pan, browned side up.

Cook until the bottom of the latke is browned and the potatoes are cooked through, 4-5 minutes. Slide the latke onto a serving plate, cut into 4-wedges and serve immediately.

Pass the apple sauce and sour cream to accompany the latke, if desired.

Each of the 4 servings (not including apple sauce or sour cream) contains 162 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.

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The 16,000-square-foot Canton center opens Monday, Dec. 14, at 6100 Haggerty Road, between Ford Road and Commerce. Call (734) 981-3200. Services include internal medicine, pediatrics, dermatology, family medicine and Sunday urgent care. Both centers offer radiology, pharmacy and laboratory services.

Cancer support

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There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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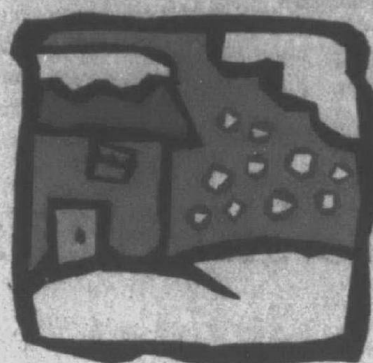
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Look ahead for safety during winter activities

Snow business

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Before the temperatures, windchill and snowflakes begin to fall, it is important to be safely prepared for running, sledding, shoveling snow or participating in other outdoor activities this winter, according to Steven Keteyian, Ph.D., clinical exercise physiologist at Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

"Two dangers associated with exercising in cold temperatures are hypothermia (dangerous reduction in body temperature) and frostbite (destruction of body tissue). Both, however, can be prevented with the proper clothing," said Keteyian.

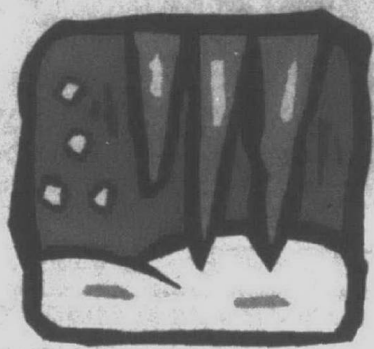
Athletes should wear layers of light, nonrestrictive clothing to create a "microclimate" that contains body heat but doesn't cause overheating.

■ **Layer 1** - The first layer should move sweat away from the skin and capture the moisture. Fabrics such as Cool-Max® or polypropylene are recommended. Stay away from cotton.

■ **Layer 2** - The second layer should insulate the body by trapping warm air. Good fabrics include fleece, wool and products such as BiPolar® and Dryline®.

■ **Layer 3** - The outer layer should allow for heat release while still protecting the body from the wind and moisture. Good materials include Gortex® or Thermoform®. Also, wear mittens instead of gloves because fingers benefit from the buddy system.

Last but not least, Keteyian suggests wearing a knit cap to protect the ears and retain body heat. "Up to 40 percent of our body heat is lost through the head. If needed, you can regulate your body temperature by simply taking the cap off and putting it back on while exercising."



His other tips for outdoor exercise include to:

■ set a course, if running or walking, so you start in the wind and finish with the wind behind your back.

■ drink plenty of fluids before, during (if possible) and after your activity; and

■ avoid running or walking on icy roads or paths.

Another form of winter exercise is shoveling. While new-fallen snow is

beautiful to look at, shoving it off the driveway and sidewalks can pose a serious threat if your body isn't "winterized," says a Botsford General Hospital exercise physiologist.

"If your body is not prepared for or used to this type of exercise, strain is put on the muscles," said Monica Pagels of Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC). "Muscle soreness is the result of repeatedly lifting and tossing wet, heavy snow."

"Shoveling is much easier if you get outside early - before a lot of snow has fallen," noted Pagels. "It will be lighter and easier to move. Be sure to stretch out the muscle groups in the arms, chest, shoulders and back before you start."

"But," cautioned Pagels, "don't shovel after a heavy meal. After you eat, the majority of your blood flow is going towards the digestive system and the blood vessels in the extremities are constricted. Wait an hour or two after eating to shovel."

So you're up early, you've had a healthy breakfast, waited for your food to digest and performed some stretching exercises. Pagels also advises dressing in layers.

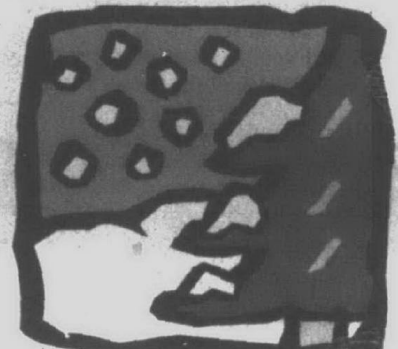
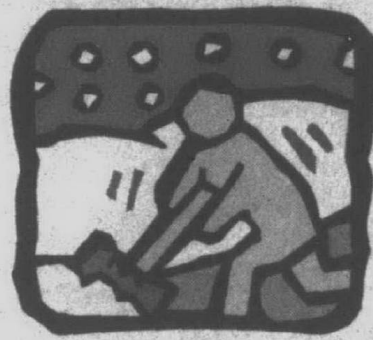
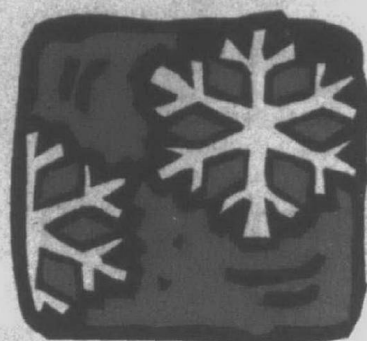
Good technique

The secret to healthy shoveling may all be in the technique, she said. Try pushing the snow from side to side rather than lifting and tossing it. This decreases the level of intensity. Wet snow is a big risk factor because it can turn the task into anaerobic exercise, not allowing adequate blood flow back to the heart, taxing the heart while physically overwhelming you.

Her last piece of advice is no doubt the most important to remember:

"If at any point during the shoveling you feel tired or have shortness of breath, then rest a bit. And avoid shoveling if you have chronic chest pain, have had a previous heart attack or recent surgery or have back problems."

"Scooping up the white stuff may be unavoidable here in Michigan, but it doesn't have to be hazardous to your health if you learn how to shovel smart."



Managing stress can make holidays happier for all

Holidays are a wonderful time of year. As we approach the 1998 season, however, the mood of the holiday often changes from cheerful to stressful for families - especially children.

Because holidays can add an extra level of stress, parents need to take a close look at how they manage stress, both their own and that faced by their youngsters.

"If the holidays simply happen around them, children undoubtedly will be stressed," said Dr. Diane Arnold, vice president of education for Children's World Learning Centers. "If children have an opportunity to participate in all the facets of making your holidays special, then holidays will be joyful times and will impart precious memories that will be remembered by children far into their adult lives."

If parents are aware of the indicators of stress in their children and those items which might cause this additional stress, it is easy to avoid many of the pitfalls and emerge from the holidays with a calm, confident feeling of experiencing a happy and cheerful holiday season.

To help parents manage their children's holiday stress, CWLC, a leading provider of infant, toddler, preschool and school-age learning programs in

the U.S. has the following suggestions:

Be alert to changes and behavior that may signal stress. These include aggressiveness, nightmares, hyperactivity or restlessness, prolonged tantrums, and being overly sensitive. Some children will cling to adults while others will have a constant need to sleep.

As parents recognize the signs of stress, they can react more quickly to assist the child by encouraging them to make gifts for special friends and relatives. This helps to develop a heightened sense of pride for children when the gift is given and helps them to become confident and more at ease with the holidays.

Help children plan ahead by discussing routines and the sequence of events that will occur. Give them plenty of time before changing routines - a sudden change can disrupt the schedule you have worked hard to get them accustomed to. Also, use this opportunity to turn holiday routines into traditions. Passing on those traditions and giving children the responsibility for making them happen will create a sense of calm and purpose during these hectic months.

Use gentle humor at every possible turn to help children reframe their

stressful thoughts and feelings. Nonsensical statements often take children's minds off the stress that is eating at them. Laughter can dissipate nervousness. Nursery rhymes can help here: cows jumping over the moon and cats fiddling often make children laugh.

Help children view their situations more positively. Breaking down the big picture for them into small "I can do this" pieces will boost their confidence in their own abilities and will help them to be able to deal with stressful situations.

Structure activities to include cooperation. Children love to be in the middle of things where they have the opportunity to participate in the decision of the gift to buy or make and then participate in the shopping, making, wrapping and giving of the gift.

Modify situations and rules. Give children choices and explain the expectations very clearly. If times are very stressful, make expectations easier to meet and children will have a sense of accomplishment and success.

Involve other children when at all possible. Cousins, neighborhood children and friends from school will often be welcome additions to holiday festi-

ties and traditions. Don't forget that festivities include the planning and preparation as well as the parties.

Find individual quiet time with children during stressful days or weeks. Time alone talking with children while working on something together can be very special. Ask how they are feeling and how they are enjoying the activities as preparations are made for the upcoming holiday events. Listen carefully and respect their comments.

If adults find ways to de-stress, their calm manner will reassure children and help set the example of looking forward to the happy holiday traditions that everyone will enjoy. Parents should also keep in mind that it's less important to focus on the details of the holiday, in making everything "perfect" when a child is concerned.

"Your children are more likely to remember the overall feeling of the holidays ... was it happy or stressful. Rather than being preoccupied as to whether the Christmas cookies are decorated and frosted perfectly the child is more likely to recall the fact that you made cookies together each year. It's the big picture that creates lasting memories," said a Children's World spokesperson.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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New medical staff

Bernard H. Jiang, M.D., has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He specializes in anesthesiology and has joined Anesthesiology Associates of Ann Arbor.

Traci L. Coffman, M.D., has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. She specializes in anesthesiology with subspecialty training in obstetric, pediatric and cardiac anesthesia. She has joined Anesthesiology Associates of Ann Arbor.

Oakwood finalist

Kathleen Collins, C.R.N.A., of Livonia, a staff nurse anesthetist in the department of anesthesia, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn was nominated to the "Nurse of the Year" program

and is one of three finalists from Oakwood Healthcare System out of ten in all.

Collins was recommended by a patient and Collins' husband, for her emotionally intensive work in helping deliver a high-risk baby for the patient and her continued support after the patient was discharged from Oakwood Hospital.

The child she helped deliver had multiple abnormalities, a heart defect and was not expected to survive. Several months after delivery, the baby developed further complications and died. Collins developed a friendship with the patient during this trying time.

Top hospital

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers was presented with the Mercury Award, an honor designating them one of the Top Oncology Hospitals in Southeast Michigan. The evaluation was based on quality of care, patient service and market reputation. Providence Hospital's oncology program was noted for its low mortality index and breadth of services. In addition to the award, Providence also

ranked fourth overall as one of the Top Hospitals in Michigan.

Dietetics award

Deborah Silver of Plymouth, assistant professor of dietetics at Eastern Michigan University, has moved into the national spotlight as the recipient of the highest award in her profession. The American Dietetic Association Foundation Award for Excellence in Dietetic Education was presented to her. She became the first non-Ph.D. to receive the prestigious award for outstanding work in dietetic education. She was recognized for her work to keep dietetics education in step with the changes occurring in health care.

Communications director

Camille Purdie was recently named director of marketing communications for Mercy Health Plans of Farmington Hills, parent company to Care Choices HMO. In this role she will oversee the activities of managers and staff handling all internal and external communications for the managed care organization.

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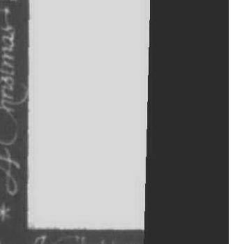
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MON, DEC. 7

CARDIAC SUPPORT
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PROF. RESCUE CPR

This course trains individuals interested in becoming CPR/Professional Rescuer instructors. The prerequisite for this course in Community 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) 542-2787.

TUE, DEC. 8

MOTHER/BABY SUPPORT

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.

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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. There is no charge to attend the meeting and registration is not required. Call (734) 655-8940.

CERTIFIED SITTER

A program for individuals 11-15 years old to develop skills and knowledge to be safe baby sitters. 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.

THUR, DEC. 10

JUST FOR DADS

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.

CPR REVIEW

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FRI, DEC. 11

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DEC. 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.

TUE, DEC. 15

STROKE/ANEURYSM GROUP

For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet Dec. 15 at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4396.

TUE, DEC. 15

FIBROMYALGIA & NUTRITION

Dr. Martin Tamler of Beaumont Hospital will host a seminar on the role nutrition plays in the treatment of fibromyalgia. The focus will be on a 40-30-30 diet. The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. at the Beaumont Auditorium, at the south end of the hospital. For more information call Sharon at (248) 344-4063.

WED, DEC. 16

BREATHING CLUB

A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call (734) 458-3481. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

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. 17

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital is committed to providing education and support to area mothers who decide to breastfeed their babies. A class is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. This class is designed for expectant

mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

MON, DEC. 21

SPORTS SAFETY

Course trains individuals to become instructors to teach coaches and other interested individuals basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, choking and CPR for adults and children. Course length is four hours; fee includes course cost and materials, \$50. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

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WED, JAN. 6

DIABETES SUPPORT

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. You must RSVP at (734) 458-4330.

JAN. 7-19

STOP SMOKING CLINIC

The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates include: Jan. 7, Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9

p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 for information.

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WED, JAN. 13

EXERCISE

This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) and their families. Free, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.

ADULT CPR

Learn about risk factors, signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Cost \$15. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members from 9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Call (734) 543-WELL.

THUR, JAN. 14

HOSPICE CARE

Madonna University will offer the course "Psychological Components of Hospice Care" on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. Non-credit fee \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

JAN. 29-FEB. 26

GERONTOLOGY COURSE

Madonna University will offer the gerontology course for the winter term, "Helping Dementia Families," on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5364 to register.

Generics help save money

It pays to use generic drugs say the pharmacists at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM). Using generic drugs can save in health care costs and help keep health insurance premiums down in the long run.

The cost of drugs is rising faster than costs in any other health care category. Using generics whenever your physician believes it medically appropriate is one way that consumers can help ensure that their health care dollars are spent wisely.

Health care professionals support the use of generic drugs. Some health plans require that generic drugs be used instead of brand names in many instances. Even most hospitals routinely use generic drugs to treat their patients.

"So next time you get a prescription, ask your physician about using generic drugs,"

advises William E. Valler, R.Ph., director of pharmacy services at BCBSM. "Your pharmacist also can help you with questions when you fill your prescription."

More than 50 generic drugs are already on the list of the top-200 drugs sold in the U.S. In fact, the top selling drug is the generic drug, amoxicillin, an antibiotic.

A generic drug is made with the same active ingredients as a name-brand drug and is marketed after the name brand's patent exclusivity has expired.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires generic drugs to pass many rigorous tests and procedures to assure that the medication is interchangeable with the brand name drug under all approved indications and conditions before it goes on the market. These tests include ensuring the drugs have the same strength, potency and

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purity as the name brand.

"Actually, in 1997, up to 80 percent of generic drugs approved by the FDA were manufactured by the companies that made the brand name drugs," says Valler. "The average cost for the top 10 generic drugs is only \$13.50, while the cost of their brand name counterparts averages \$29.50."

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Survey: Doctors need to offer information on menopause

A new statewide survey commissioned by the Michigan Menopause Action Team (MMAT) has determined that many women are not having the kinds of discussions they should be having with their healthcare providers to get the necessary care they need before, during and after menopause.

About 41 percent of the women

surveyed said they have never discussed menopause with their healthcare provider. Yet, nearly two-thirds of these women indicated they had experienced one or more of the symptoms associated with menopause.

And of those women who did talk to their doctor, only 27 percent said their healthcare provider brought the subject up.

Based on this information the MMAT estimates that currently there about 600,000 Michigan women who are going through menopause and don't even know it.

"This situation basically amounts to a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy of silence that denies women the opportunity to get the kind of critical help they need to make informed decisions about their health," said Maxine Berman, director of the MMAT.

"We need to reverse this dangerous trend. Right now, thousands of women are potentially being unnecessarily placed at higher levels of risk for acquiring fatal disease and serious injury because they are not getting basic preventative care that starts with having a simple conversation with their doctor."

According to 1990 census data, nearly 2.6 million Michigan women are over 40 years old with about 1.3 million women approaching or experiencing menopause or post-menopause

living in the tri-county area.

Out of the 2.6 million women, some 600,000 don't even realize that they are in menopause according to research based on the poll. Symptoms of menopause can begin in the early 40s with menopause generally occurring in the early 50s. Post-menopause and the debilitating, even deadly diseases associated with it - including increased chances for breast cancer, osteoporosis and heart disease - last for the rest of a woman's life.

The telephone survey, conducted from Oct. 26 through Nov. 2 of this year, randomly selected 450 Michigan women ages 40-64 and asked them questions on menopausal health issues. It was conducted for the MMAT by EPIC/MRA.

Is talking important?

According to the survey, the implications of not discussing menopause with doctors early has a dramatic effect on women later as they enter post-

menopause:

They are three times as likely to claim they are in fair to poor health.

The number of times some of these women end up going for tests and exams almost triples.

Lack of communication also seems to have an adverse affect on what women know about the things they could do to take better care of themselves:

■ 58 percent did not discuss vitamin or mineral supplements other than calcium with their doctor.

■ 55 percent did not discuss other medication options available beyond hormone treatment therapy with their doctor.

■ 42 percent of the women surveyed did not discuss calcium supplements with their doctor.

■ 41 percent did not discuss good nutrition with their doctor.

■ 35 percent did not discuss hormone replacement therapy with their doctor.

This, in turn, seems to have affected the kinds of medical tests and treatments women are liable to receive for conditions that impact them in their post-menopausal years. While 86% did say they had a blood pressure test and 83% said they did have a mammogram within the last two years, other results

were not as good:

74 percent of the women did not receive a bone density test within the last two years to determine bone loss and their chances for suffering from osteoporosis. In fact only 33 percent knew that a bone density test existed.

66 percent never had a basic blood test done in the last two years to determine if they were even going through menopause.

51 percent were not on prescription hormone supplements.

82 percent were not taking any other menopause related therapy.

Interestingly, the situation for women seems worst in the areas of Detroit, western Wayne County, Northern Michigan and Macomb County. According to the survey, a majority of the women in each of these areas indicated that they have not discussed menopause with their healthcare provider.

"If women begin asking these questions, it will go a long way towards creating a strong partnership with their doctors that will lead to healthier, more productive lives," said Berman. The MMAT was created earlier this year in an effort to bring awareness to this issue.

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Lisa Harston-LeDoux, MD, is a board-certified specialist in Internal Medicine. She earned her medical degree at the University of Illinois, and completed residencies at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center and its AIDS Specialty Clinic. As a resident, Dr. Harston-LeDoux received the Applause Award for Excellent Customer Service, the Outstanding Resident Award, and Resident of the Year Award. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the National Medical Association.



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Manager honored

Craig Steele, district sales manager, was recently honored by Superior coffee for outstanding sales achievement. Steele, who has been with the company for nine years, resides in Livonia. Superior is the leading coffee roaster for the foodservice

industry.

Executive named

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan has elected John R. Elkins to a three year term as Director at Large. Elkins is president and CEO of J.R. Elkins and Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm to credit unions and credit union service organizations. The firm is located in Plymouth. Elkins is also a resident of Plymouth.

New appointment

Community Federal Credit Union, is pleased to announce the appointment of Roger Ballard to President and CEO. Ballard comes to Community Federal from the same position at Net-

work Federal Credit Union in Las Vegas, Nev., and will assume his responsibilities on Dec. 1. He replaces retiring President, James Cantrell who led the progressive credit union for the past 11 years. Community Federal Credit Union serves anyone living or working in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, and Novi.

Talking turkey

Kit Tennyson, owner of Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia, recently gave a donation of turkeys to Fish for Livonia. The turkeys will be delivered to 10 Livonia families in need of assistance for Thanksgiving. The purpose of Fish is to serve community members who are in need of

assistance. Fish for Livonians was founded in 1971 by Armond and Ruth Vigna who formed a multi-denominational group of about two dozen Livonia churches.

CPCU designation

Lisa K. Heise, CPCU has been awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) by the American Institute for CPCU. Heise has been the owner of a State Farm Agency in Northville since 1987. In addition to her CPCU designation, she also has a bachelor and masters degree in Business Administration. She and her husband, Andy, have two children and reside in Livonia.

Seminar attendee

James Miller, of Padgett Business Services of Livonia, recently attended a five-day tax seminar in Georgia as preparation for this tax season. "Every year there are changes in tax laws that can impact both individuals and small business owners," said Miller. "With this seminar, I go into the tax season better equipped to help my clients with their business and tax planning needs."

Dealer recognized

Don Massey, owner of Don Massey Cadillac of Plymouth, was recently honored by Med-Health Wellness Centers of Plymouth for the dealerships finan-

cial support of the 1998 FUTURES Golf Classic. Massey was presented with a painting of Augusta's Ninth Hole.

Senior nominated

Marjorie Jones-Browley of Livonia and Ronald Lieberman of Canton Township were nominated to receive an award from one of Michigan's largest insurers, which recognizes outstanding volunteer services by senior citizens. The 10th annual Citizens Insurance Seniors Awards give each winner \$500 cash and a \$500 donation to the charity of their choice.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items for the Business Calendar are welcome from the Observer-area to announce upcoming events, seminars and programs of a business nature. Items should be sent to: Business Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail: kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

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THU, DEC. 10

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
The American Society for Training and Development - Greater Detroit Chapter, will host a program featuring Lloyd E. Reuss, former president of General Motors at the University of Michigan - Dearborn Campus, Dearborn. ASTD members \$25;

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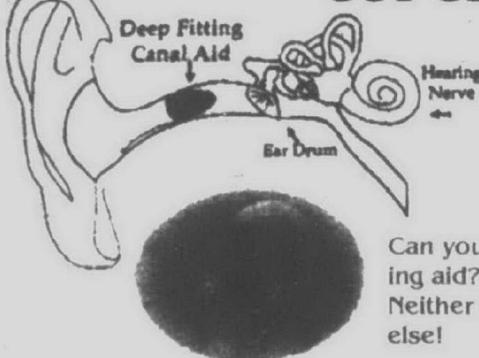
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Internet boasts variety of Christmas-themed Web sites

'Tis the season and cyberspace is aglow with holiday Web sites.

This year, there are so many sites to choose from it's hard to know where to start surfing. Holiday sites are offering everything from free programs that allow kids to track Santa's Christmas Eve progress on their computer screens, to decorative dress up your PC system with flashing Christmas lights and audio Christmas carols.

Then, there's a new site called BIG-GREETINGS.NET

(www.bigreetings.net), which offers up a high tech way of exchanging holiday greetings over the Internet. This site, which just went online over the weekend, is a modern variation on the standard old holiday "brag letters" so many send via snailmail with their Christmas cards.

Through this BigGreetings Web site, you can post your holiday letter, a photograph and even your own audio greetings. Users simply call in by telephone, record their message and, instantly, it's posted on the Internet for the World Wide Web to hear.

Some families are singing Christmas carols. CEO's are offering up personalized greetings. Proud parents are sharing baby's first words at Christmas. And the neatest thing about the site is that if the user knows how to send e-mail,

everything can be done online, with just a few mouse clicks.

The site is run by the BigNet, based in metro Detroit. Duane Rao, the owner, says the company hopes to turn BigGreetings.Net into a year-round service for other holidays, offering Valentine messages, Mother's day greetings, graduation announcements and the like.

"The multimedia technology that's out there is amazing," says Rao. "This idea of using the Internet to share Christmas greetings, with pictures and sound, is very exciting. People love the way the Net makes these messages really personal."

Here's my suggestions of other Holiday sites you and the family may want to check out this season:

■ **NORTHPOLE FOR KIDS** (http://www.northpole4kids.com/) - This

site boldly claims to be "Santa's official Web site." It has kid's games, contests and songs from a bunch of different countries.

■ **SANTACLAUS.COM** (www.santa-claus.com) - Here, you'll find a jolly good collection of Christmas stories. There's also a lot of Christmas-related books and CDs, too.

■ **CHRISTMAS 98** (www.christmas98.com) - This site offers up free Christmas cookie recipes and a bunch of Christmas cards you can e-mail off ... for free.

■ **CHRISTMAS IN CYBERSPACE** (www.njwebworks.net/christmas/) - There's no frosty the snowman stuff here. This site is dedicated strictly to the spiritual side of Christmas, with religious links and stories from a decidedly non-commercial viewpoint.

■ **CHRISTMAS FREEBIES** (http://www.thefreesite.com/christmas.htm) - You can download free holiday screensavers, wallpaper and holiday soundfiles.

■ **THE SANTA TRACKER** (http://www.santatracker.com/) - Kids love this site. It's a free little program that you download and, as the Big Day approaches, it calls up a radar-screen on your monitor that will track Santa right to your neighborhood.

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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Agents (MISEA) is holding a dinner meeting Dec. 8. The topic will be "Retirement Plans." STEP, 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.

FOOD EXPORT
Food producers and manufacturers can learn valuable strategies for exporting in the global marketplace at a seminar Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Schoolcraft College. Participants will receive information detailing the broad range of resources available to Michigan food exporters at local, state, federal and international levels. The registration fee is \$25 and must be received by Friday, Dec. 4. To register, call (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Hamlet Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

MON, DEC. 14
BOOKKEEPING, PAYROLL
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TUE, DEC. 15
CAREER WOMEN
The featured speaker at the National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter will be Jo Peterson, national president of NACW. She will share suggestions on improved

networking techniques. Meet at Ernesto's Restaurant at 11:45 a.m., 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. For further information or reservations call Tracey at (734) 420-3508.

THUR, JAN. 7
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MON, JAN. 25
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Allan Rae, executive manager, manufacturing quality assurance system for Chrysler Corporation, is the keynote speaker for Madonna University's Angleri Quality Institute, "Supplier 2000: The Time is Now." Designed for automotive suppliers and purchasing managers, the Institute will be held from 8-4:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall at Madonna in Livonia. The cost is \$175 and includes breakfast and lunch. To register, call (734) 432-5354.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Gorillas attract photographer

Ever since a silverback mountain gorilla threw a tuft of grass at David Krajniak at the Columbus Ohio Zoo 15 years ago, he's been dreaming of visiting the primates in their native habitat. In January Krajniak, who lives in Redford, packed up his camera equipment and 100 rolls of film for a 15-day safari to Uganda, one of three rugged mountain areas, along with Zaire and Rwanda, where the gorillas live.

Reaching the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park wasn't easy. The trip from Entebbe was treacherous. What was supposed to be a four- to five hour trip to Mbarara turned into 17 hours of slipping, sliding and turning back from roads washed out by torrential rains. After a brief respite in Mbarara, it was on to the Bwindi Forest where half of the world's surviving mountain gorillas, about 300, live. Ever since civil war broke out in



Hanging around: This photograph of a baby mountain gorilla is one of David Krajniak's most popular sellers at the Animal Odyssey in Plymouth.

the 1960s, and the protective element of nature preserves set up in 1925 disappeared, the endangered mountain gorillas have slowly dwindled in numbers due to loss of habitat, poaching, and civil unrest. In Zaire and Rwanda, more than 750,000 refugees encroach on the border of the gorillas reserves. Dian Fossey's anti-poaching efforts, which began in the early 1960s and continued until she was murdered in 1985, drew awareness to the threat of extinction and led to the establishment of several conservation organizations. But the mountain gorillas are by no means out of the woods.

Krajniak's photographs of these gentle, intelligent vegetarian creatures, as well as other Ugandan animals, are on display at the Animal Odyssey Gift Gallery in Plymouth. But you'd better hurry if you plan to see the work because the Main Street shop will close permanently on Dec. 26.

"I'm attracted to them because they're so like us," said the 31-year old Krajniak. "To watch them pick up a straw and just eat the grain out of it, you realize how intelligent they are."

Although Krajniak photographed hippopotamuses and lions from a Land Rover, the highlight of his trip was standing eight feet from a female gorilla. You're not supposed to get closer than 15 feet.

The trip was expensive, but I loved it," said Krajniak, who has visited several zoos and wildlife parks in the U.S. over the last 15 years to photograph animals. "It's something I'll never forget. There are only about 600 mountain gorillas left in the world."

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On the edge: Irene Hofmann, associate curator at Cranbrook Art Museum, has assembled three exhibits that reveal the look and feel of 21st-century communication.

Designing the Millennium

CRANBROOK'S EXHIBITS FEATURE LATEST IN DESIGN, VIDEO ART

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Futurist author Alvin Toffler long ago predicted the "future shock" of living in a high-tech, frenetically paced world.

Take a deep breath. Look around. "Future shock" arrives daily with digitized impact. Don't believe it? Feel the anxiety rise when you beach your internet surfboard, pull the batteries on the portable phone, or try to keep up with the latest computerized innovations.

What lies beyond the shock waves of terminal change? And, how does a culture that disregards speed bumps in the name of progress influence creators of the iconographic landscape?

Three complementary exhibits at the Cranbrook Art Museum offer plenty of clues. And, by all accounts, the future will be as mysterious, fantastical and strange as the inexplicable past.

Uncharted communication

With the video artistry of Bill Viola, a collection of work from cutting-edge new media designers, and a conservative sampling from the portfolio of Studio Dunbar—one of the world's leading design firms—Cranbrook's latest exhibits reveal a brave, new 21st-century world of uncharted forms of communication.

Apparently, it's the type of technologically augmented communication that blurs the lines among fine art, design and marketing.

"We're going to see more of this kind of imagery in all aspects of our lives," said Irene Hofmann,

associate curator at Cranbrook.

"If people are curious about where design is going, it's all about technology."

Which, of course, also begs the post-modern question: Will the tools of mass communication help to cultivate or destroy honest individualism?

There are no easy answers. Just shock waves.

Emerging from the deep

Clearly, Viola's work is the most thoughtful and artistically compelling of the three exhibits.

In the face of rapid-fire imagery and multi-media assaults on the senses from TV and film, Viola's

video installations of the last decade have charted a fertile path for the relatively new medium.

In his latest work, "The Messenger,"—originally installed in 1996 at Durham Cathedral in northeast England—Viola presents a slow-moving figure emerging from an undulating blue-black void.

Ever-so slowly, the naked male figure rises to the surface. With each moment, he becomes more discernible. Upon emerging from the uncon-

scious sea, the male figure bellows incoherently, then slowly submerges until he becomes a swirling abstraction.

The process is repeated ad infinitum with mesmerizing effectiveness. And while the metaphor of "emerging from the unconscious well" is perhaps cliché, Viola's flawless technique and the intriguing unfolding of the human figure is transfixing.

Indeed, projected on a large screen in a spacious darkened room, "The Messenger" is a lush animated painting that engages the viewer to consider the nature of consciousness.

Along with video artists Gary Hill and Bruce Nauman, Viola is integral in elevating the medium of video much in the same way that photographers pushed their medium to be accepted as a fine art a century ago.

Whereas Viola's work is purposeful and historically significant, the new media designers work in "Whereishere" appears more like a rushing catharsis of curiosity without limits.

Age of obsession

The work in "Whereishere" is impossible to locate—literally.

"The originals don't exist, except for on a computer screen," said Hofmann, who noted that the exhibit is located on a website and the many images taken from online designs assembled in a book.

The exhibit has been compiled by Laurie and Scott Makela, heads of Cranbrook's design department.

Basically, the Makelas sent out a "call to entries"

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New Exhibits at Cranbrook Art Museum

- "The Messenger," a large-scale video projection work by Bill Viola
- "Whereishere," new media design, a book and website by a collection of international designers
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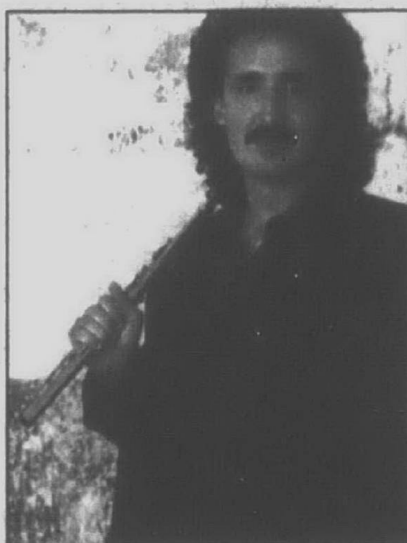
Symphony goes home for the holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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For many, hearing the words to "Little Drummer Boy" or "Sleigh Ride" triggers images of cutting out cookies, decorating the tree and caroling with family and friends.

Preparing for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Dec. 12 concert of holiday music brought back a lot of memories recently when conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk and Bloomfield Township flutist Ervin Monroe shared some of their traditions and cultures. The two take to the stage with the orchestra, Alexander Zonjic & Friends, and the Churchill High School Choir to ring in the "Sounds of the Season" for a piper's holiday of songs.

Schlesiuk smiles as he remembers the sounds of carolers and street performers knocking on doors in Ukraine on Christmas Eve to tell of the Three Kings coming from the East. Dressed in costumes, the merrymakers went from house to house singing traditional holiday songs and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the new year. Full, after a dinner of not less than 12 special dishes cooked by the lady of the house, Ukrainian families living in obscure villages and in the mountains waited until the sun went down to light candles in their windows as a sign for the groups to let the



A piper's holiday: Alexander Zonjic (left) and Ervin Monroe will play holiday favorites with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

festivities begin.

In celebration of his new life in the U.S., Schlesiuk brings the warmth of his homeland to the holiday music popular with American audiences in the concert at Churchill High School Auditorium in Livonia. While there won't be any Kutya, a Ukrainian dish of whole wheat cereal dressed with honey and nuts, guests Monroe, principal piper with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Zonjic join the Livonia orchestra along with the Churchill High School Choir for a wide array of selections including John Williams'

music from the movie "Home Alone."

After intermission, Zonjic will be joined on stage by his jazz ensemble for favorites such as Chuck Mangione's "Bellavia" and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." LSO flutists Robynn Rhodes, Stephanie Ault-Justus and Teri Rae Martin will be featured with Monroe and Zonjic in "Tambourin for Cello, Double Bass and Flutes" by Jean Phillippe Rameau.

"On Christmas Eve, it's like folk theater with kids

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"Sounds of the Season"

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra celebrates the holidays with a concert featuring Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Alexander Zonjic & Friends, and the Churchill High School Choir. An art exhibit of reindeer and Santas by elementary students from Livonia Public Schools will be showcased in the lobby during intermission.

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia.

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$8 children age 12 and under, call (248) 645-6666, (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

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and adults performing and carrying a special star," said Schein. "We had beautiful Christmas carols. Music was the most important part of the celebration. Music is part of life in Ukraine."

Monroe grew up surrounded by music, too. The youngest of six children, he began playing piccolo at age 10 because it was the only instrument left from a bulk purchase his mother made for the family years earlier.

"Music was part of our lives," said Monroe. "Even now when we get together at Christmas-time we start singing church hymns. But back then we didn't have a lot of money. I wanted a flute. I was playing in the high school band and at that time everyone was playing trumpet and clarinet. So, I wanted to be different and the flute has a beautiful sound."

Monroe's mother, a church

pianist, bought the flute for her youngest and like a piper Ervin has led thousands of concertgoers and young musicians down the path to loving its music. Since earning a bachelor of music degree from Oberlin Conservatory and a master's from the Manhattan School of Music, Monroe has performed around the world and recorded solo, chamber music, and Detroit Symphony Orchestra albums under Antal Dorati and Neeme Jarvi. He's arranged more than 100 published works for flute and taught more than 20 years at Oakland University in Rochester. An applied music studies teacher at Wayne State University, Monroe has given master classes at the Sewanee Music Festival, Columbia Flute Society Flute Festival and the national Interlochen Arts Camp in northern Michigan.

Monroe recalls the first time

he played with Zonjic more than 20 years ago. At the time, Zonjic studied flute with Monroe.

"Our first concert together happened after Alex came to a lesson one day and asked me to play at an art gallery in Windsor," said Monroe. "He came back and told me the date they'd like me to play. Then, he paused and said, so what are we going to play?"

At the time, Zonjic was just a budding flutist, but Monroe liked his mettle. The two teamed up and the rest is magic. In the last 20 years, they've played hundreds of concerts together and this holiday season is no exception. Within the first two weeks of December, they will play three different dates including the opening concert of the "Classics on the Lake" concert series 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, in the Shrine Chapel at St. Mary's Col-

lege, 3535 Indian Trail, in Orchard Lake. For ticket information, call (248) 683-1750.

"Alex and I always have a great time playing together," said Monroe. "When we played with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra last year they couldn't believe we'd played a cadenza perfectly without even looking at each other. You just know what the other person's going to do. The chemistry was there right from the beginning. I've always enjoyed Alex's spunk."

Monroe and Zonjic continue to play off each other's skills and talents. "Piper's Holiday," from which they will play two selections, was released in 1995. "Night," a recent recording, features some of the most treasured melodies of all time. Zonjic's definitely come a long way since the days he played guitar in bar

bands in his teens and early 20s. After buying his first flute on a street corner for \$9 at the age of 21, Zonjic went on to earn a musical arts degree from the University of Windsor. Over the years, he's developed into a flutist adept in both the classical and jazz idioms. Zonjic's first recording in 1978 blended pop, jazz, classical and his own arrangements of Broadway show tunes. Three albums and four years later, he joined jazz pianist Bob James' band for a tour of the Far East and a critically acclaimed performance at Carnegie Hall. By the early '80s, Zonjic's music consumed nearly all his time. After playing seven days a week and teaching more than 40 students, he needed to change directions.

Zonjic still juggles a full schedule, performing as many as 150 to 200 club and concert

dates a year, but now he talks about music as well as play it. Mornings, smooth jazz listeners can hear the Canadian-born flutist spinning records and interviewing top artists on WVMV radio, 98.7 FM. He's also working on a new pop/jazz CD to be released next spring. His 1987 "Romance with You" and 1988 "When is it Real?" established Zonjic as a jazz flutist and work on James' best selling "Ivory Coast" album enhanced that status. In the coming years, however, Zonjic is planning to slow down by playing fewer club dates so he has more time for recording.

"They're all compatible elements just different facets of my music," said Zonjic. "I still have a passion for classical music. I find it challenging. It wouldn't surprise me if 10 years from now if that's all I was doing."

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that required designers to create work in response to four concepts - obsession, means, audience and material.

Then, the Makelas selected works of 62 designers from North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the United Kingdom.

While many of the designers

are relatively young, Hofmann said the message of the exhibit is clear.

"Among international designers, anything goes," she said. "They call the work, 'Impounded at the borders of mass communication.'"

The communication catharsis in "Whereiswhere" can be subtle and philosophical, raw and

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Irene Hosmann
Cranbrook Art Museum

pornographic. In essence, anything goes - close-ups of internal organs, distorted photos that depict a personal symbolism and surrealistic landscapes sprinkled with inflated lettering.

While Hofmann doesn't shy away from calling the work "eye candy," the curators' intent is for the exhibit to reveal the obsessions of the creators.

The obsession, however, is foremost with technology. Which suggests yet another conundrum: Is rampant technology redefining aesthetics or leveling sensibilities?

There are no easy answers. Just shock waves.



King of the jungle: This lion had just awoken from a nap when David Krajniak took his picture in the Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda.

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Along with Krajniak's photographs of lions, hippos and gorillas, visitors to the gift gallery will find animals, animals, animals, at least until Dec. 26. Sharon Atma of Livonia, and her mother Celia, a retired Bloomfield Hills teacher, opened the Animal Odyssey two years ago in Plymouth's Old Village. When their lease expired a year ago, they moved to the Main Street location downtown. But it was not to be. Their rent almost

doubled while their foot traffic did not. Undaunted, they will continue to sell their animal items on the Internet.

"We'll be back," said Sharon Atma. "We're not gone for good."

Animals lovers in the area like myself will miss dropping by to see what's new or to share a tale about Shamrock, my 3-year-old Irish Wolfhound.

But in the meantime, there are shelves full of whimsical ceramic animals by Trina Riordan of Farmington Hills and porcelain relief tiles by Diane Dunn, a Livonia artist. Krajniak's framed photos are a bargain at \$60.

Animal scarves and mailboxes, stuffed wolverines and manatees, a cat umbrella that plays "Singing in the Rain," a jean jacket with the head of a white tiger on the back, and rhinestone pins to wear on a shoulder, are some of the items you'll find at Animal Odyssey. If there's an animal lover on your holiday list, this should be your first stop. And don't forget yourself. Two of my favorites are T-shirts that read "Being cruel (to animals) isn't cool" and another featuring farm animals and the words, "All we are saying is give peas a chance." For the holidays, shoppers will also find bear angel

ornaments, season's greetings cards and dog and cat tree toppers.

For the kids

From National Geographic, a boom box relates facts about animals and geography for children pre-k through fifth grade. Other games are interactive.

"What I like is they're toys with a purpose," said Celia Atma. "That was the whole purpose when we opened the store to increase people's awareness of animals. For animal lovers, we have sponsorship kits for adopting a Siberian Tiger from the Friends of the Forest."

Pet photos with Santa

In keeping with the practice of holding special events and promotions to raise funds for local humane and cruelty societies, the Animal Odyssey is offering photos of their pets with Santa noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. The \$5 donation goes to homeless animals.

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Winter pottery sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19. Holiday Shop, which features "gifts of art" created by over 100 artists from Michigan and across the country, continues through Dec. 12. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

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Holiday art fair of 130 artists, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 & 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Oakland Community College Bldg. H, Orchard Lake Road and I-96, Farmington Hills.

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ART & JEWELRY FEST

Native West's 9th annual festival, 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.

ARTS & CRAFTS

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Holiday crafts, Irish imports, and more, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 24242 Grand River (west of Telegraph), (313) 885-5618.

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Dec. 11-13. Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. Over 70 juried artisans will display their works. Show hours 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. (734) 459-0050.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

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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.

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GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY

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

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Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield; (248) 932-8699.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting 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.

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.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

"Holiday Brass," a seasonal celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, just south of the Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

"A Winter Solstice," featuring traditional holiday carols, 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 18-19. Tickets: \$18, general; \$25, reserved; \$10, students; (248) 650-2655. First United Methodist of Birmingham.

DSO'S CELEBRATION CONCERTS

"Colors of Christmas," Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs a variety of holiday hits 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 18-19. "New Year's Eve Gala," featuring program of Weber, Strauss conducted by Neeme Jarvi, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31; (313) 576-5130.

DSO'S POP CONCERT

"Holiday Festival" concert 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10; 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 11-12; 3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD

Featured performer Glenda Kirkland, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. Henry Ford Estate. Fair Lane, U of M Dearborn campus, (734) 593-5330.

KIRK IN THE HILLS

Handel's "Messiah," part I, and "Gloria" by Vivaldi, performed by Kirk Chancel Choir and orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-2515.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Sounds of the Season," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. James P. Galt Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburgh at Joy roads, Livonia. Tickets: \$15, general; \$8, children under 12; (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

"Sacred Scenes from Opera," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Christ Church Detroit, (248) 357-1111.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE

Annual Christmas Concert, featuring Marygrove College Chorale and Chamber Singers, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Sacred Heart Chapel, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Donations accepted; (313) 927-1252.

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Detroit Concert Choir," in a program of holiday music, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$5. (248) 476-8860. 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

"Messiah" conducted by Suzanne Acton, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 &

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, E. Jefferson at St. Antoine, Detroit.

"Gloria" with the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20. Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. For information, (734) 341-3466.

ROCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Many Moods of Christmas," featuring choirs from Adams and Rochester high schools, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. St. Andrew's Church, 1400 Ingleswood, Rochester; (248) 651-4181.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

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

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Holiday Celebration," a mix of traditional holiday favorites and light classical music, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 Mile and I-96; (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408.

ST. HUGO OF THE HILLS

"Holiday Favorites," music of the season including the Robert Ray Gospel Magnificat and works by John Rutter, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets: \$15, general; \$12, students. 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE/ORCHARD LAKE

Jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic in a holiday concert featuring Ervin Monroe, Margaret Kapasi, Peggy Dwyer and Barbara Ogar's Student Flute Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$15-\$25. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-1521.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Christmas Is," selection of popular carols, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Troy High School, Long Lake Road at Northfield Parkway, (248) 363-1024.

UNITY OF LIVONIA CHURCH

Gospel singer Othea Barnes, Kennedy 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets: \$15. (734) 421-1760. 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

DANCE

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Dance Partnership, sponsored by Target and Hudson's, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, featuring guest artist Dean Rutledge. Harrison High School Auditorium, 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake. Tickets: \$12, general; \$8, students; seniors (313) 965-3544.

DSO'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

Detroit Symphony Orchestra's all new production of Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker." Features Ballet Intertionale and choreogra-

phy by former Kirov Ballet star Eldar Aliev. Twelve performances Dec. 10-13 & Dec. 17-20. Tickets: \$12-\$53; (248) 645-6666 or (313) 874-SING. Detroit Opera House, corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Ave., Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

"Holiday Dance Extravaganza," from classical to contemporary dance, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 & 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. Tickets: \$10, (248) 693-5436.

FULL CIRCLE DANCE CO.

10th annual children's dance concert, "Food for Thought, Song and Dance Revue," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 & 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Henry Ford Community College, Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Bldg., 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Tickets: \$5; (734) 845-6314.

TROY DANCE STUDIO

Offering Tango Workshops 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 taught by Ruben 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.

LECTURE / READING

BBAC

"Uncovering the secrets of realistic Classical Renaissance oil painting," a lecture by painter Joseph Maniscalco, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. A studio course on Renaissance painting methods will be taught by Maniscalco on Mondays beginning Jan. 11. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

WRITER'S VOICE SERIES

Poet and peace activist Fr. Daniel Berrigan reads from his new collection of poems 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Other poets include Joan Gartland, Rev. Rod Reinhard. Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams at Woodward (across from The Fox); (313) 965-5422.

VOLUNTEERS

FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile at Newburg Roads, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

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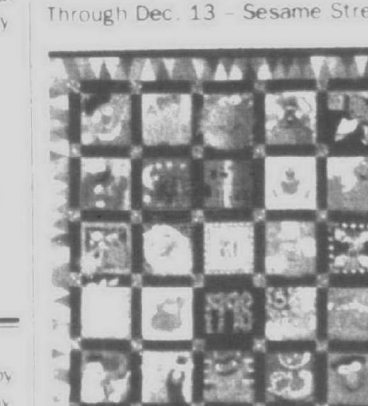
MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-12, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one and a half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

Through Dec. 13 - Sesame Street's



Sesame Street: "Friendship" quilt from the Muppet Workshop of The Jim Henson Company, honoring the 30th anniversary of the TV series Sesame Street, is one of the items featured in "Art from the Fuzzy and Famous."

"Art from the Fuzzy and Famous." Celebrity guests, cast, plus special friends of the landmark show have created personal works of art to pay tribute to Sesame Street's 30th year in this touring exhibit, 5020 John R. St., Detroit, (313) 577-8400.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Jan. 3 - "The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary of the African-American soldier 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 hall.

EXHIBIT (OPENING)

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Dec. 6 - Paintings by Frank Bowling, through Jan. 30. 1616 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

HILL GALLERY

Dec. 10 - "Pak'al Tunich Stone Gardens," Maya architecture and landscapes, through Jan. 16. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

GALERIE BLU

Dec. 11 - Paper mache artist Stephen Hansen, through Jan. 9. 568 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

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. Through Jan. 16. 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MENORAH ART SHOW

Through Dec. 7 - Exhibit of 26 menorahs designed by nationally recognized artists. Somerset Collection South in Troy. Coolidge at Big Beaver Road. Part of the Jewish Federation and the United Jewish Foundation's centennial celebration.

DAY OF THE DEAD EXHIBIT

Through Dec. 18 - Casa de Unidad Cultural Arts and Media 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.

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BASE (G)
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BUCK'S LIFE (G)
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HOME FRIES (PG-13)
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JERRY SPRINGER: BINGMASTER (R)
10:45, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

VERY BAD THINGS (R)
12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

AMERICAN HISTORY X (R)
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ENEMY OF THE STATE (R)
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BUGRATS (G)
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I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)
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MEET JOE BLACK (PG-13)
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ANTZ (PG)
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BUGRATS (G) NV
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THE WATERBOY (PG-13) NV
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THE SIEGE (R) NV
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ANTZ (PG)
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ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Whether you're into calligraphy or watercolors, the Livonia Arts Commission's shows of the month are sure to please in December.

Ann Dase Loveland of Ann Arbor exhibits her watercolor still life through Jan. 2 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

In the showcases next to the gallery, Linda McVicar's calligraphy continues on display to Dec. 29.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

DONATIONS SOUGHT

The Woodland Indians Trading Company and Gallery is col-

lecting non-perishable food items and new clothing, toys and blankets for the American Indian Health & Family Services through Monday, Dec. 14. Items for teenagers are especially needed.

AIHFS is a non profit health center serving the Native American community of Southeastern Michigan. For more information, call (313) 846-3718.

The cooperative of Native American artists is at 26161 West Six Mile, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford. Hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 8 p.m. Friday, until 4 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (313) 387-5930.

"LINCOLN AND A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS"

Christmas, American style, came into its own in the 1800s amidst the Civil War. Decorated Christmas trees became the center of holiday festivities in the early American home. Gift giving became more and more popu-

lar and Santa Claus received his fat and jolly form from illustrator Thomas Nast during the Civil War years.

The Plymouth Historical Museum presents a special holiday exhibit featuring the Petz Abraham Lincoln Collection and focuses on Christmas during the years of Lincoln's life that the nation was at Civil War.

Dr. Weldon Petz premieres a new program, "Christmas Traditions from Lincoln's Time," during the annual Christmas Open House 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the museum, 155 South Main Street, Plymouth.

Admission to the Open House is free. Regular hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 adults, 50 cents for children, and \$5 for a family. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

HOLIDAY ART FAIR IN FARMINGTON HILLS

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who present the annual Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, will stage "Holiday Art Fair," featuring the work of 130 artists.

The fair takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Oakland Community College Building H on the OCC campus at Orchard Lake Road and I-696.

Local artists include Richard Salay and Rand Moorehead of Troy; George Landino and Stan Megdall of West Bloomfield; and Charlotte Quinn of Birmingham.

The 29th annual holiday art fair also features refreshments, a diverse selection of cuisine, and children's activities.

For information, call (734) 662-3382.

"SONGS FOR SURVIVAL" CD

"2 Guitars, Bass & Drums...Songs for Survival," a 17-track compilation CD has been released by Blue Boundary Records. Proceeds from the CD benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation.

The rock/pop record is an eclectic collection, featuring songs from regional songwriters.

The CD was mastered in Detroit, and is available exclusively at Harmony House stores.

CULTURE GALA RAISES FUNDS, PRESENTS ARTS AWARDS

ArtServe Michigan's 1998 Governors' Awards for Arts and Culture gala raised \$175,000 to support programs and services that strengthen the state's arts and cultural community.

The awards were presented by Ford Motor Co., General Motors/GMAC and NBD.

The Nov. 19 awards gala before a sold-out crowd at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village involved statewide corporations as well as educational and cultural institutions.

Award recipients included:

■ Grand Rapids Art Museum

for Special Recognition Award;

■ Christ Van Antwerp, arts educator from Lowell for Arts in Education Award

■ Crystal Mountain Resort of Thompsonville for Business Honor Roll Award

■ Frank Stella of Detroit for Civic Leader Award

■ Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival of Kalamazoo, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, and Pine Mountain Music Festival of Hancock for

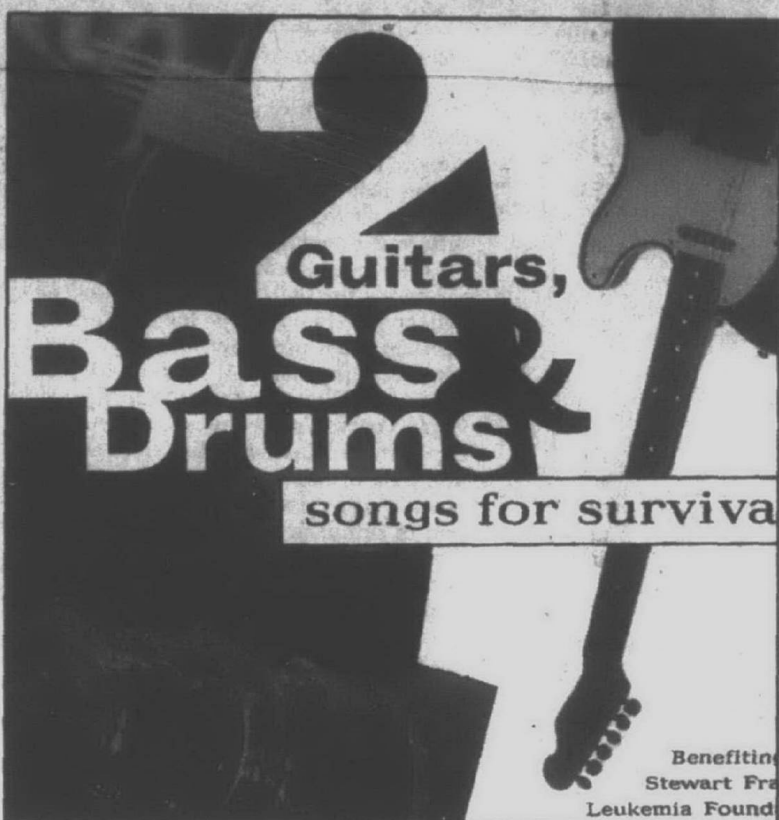
Cultural Organization Awards

■ Ali Muhammad Jackson, Jr., percussionist for Emerging Artist Award

■ Choreographer Peter Sparling of Ann Arbor for Michigan Artist Award

■ Elmore "Dutch" Leonard of Bloomfield Township for International Achievement Award

Bravo, The Film and Arts Channel will air a condensed version of the ceremony on 6:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, and 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.



Melodic cause: Proceeds from "2 Guitars, Bass & Drums: Songs for Survival" go to the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation.

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Entries must be received by 12/14 @ 5pm with the winners notified on 12/15 between 9am - 5pm and published on 12/17 in the Observer & Eccentric classified section.

Contest Rules

- You must be 21 and over
- Employees and their families of the Observer & Eccentric & The Second City are not eligible.
- ("Dinner & drinks not included).
- One entry per household

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The experts size up conifers

Real or fake? In some families, that's a hot topic of debate around this time of year: whether to put up a real or artificial Christmas tree.

Personally, I like artificial trees better. They're not as messy; you can leave them up as long as you want; to me they seem less of a fire hazard; you don't have to worry about watering them; they save money over the long run and many of the newer ones look very realistic.

My husband, however, prefers real trees. Nothing compares with the beauty or scent of a real tree; they don't take up storage space since you just throw them out after Christmas; and they're environmentally friendly - when you're done with a real tree it can be shredded and used for mulch.

If you're in the market for a Christmas tree, be it real or artificial, then here are some tips from folks at English Gardens, which has stores in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak-Troy, Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township and Eastpointe.

If you buy a real tree, Jon Adams, holiday center coordinator for the Dearborn Heights store, recommends that you drive slowly and avoid taking the expressway when bringing it home, because nothing dries a tree out faster than the wind.

He also recommends looking for trees that have a Michigan Snofresh tag. The tag guarantees that the tree was grown in Michigan by a member of the Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association and that it was cut in late November or December.

English Gardens has a wide variety of fresh-cut trees to choose from, including Fraser, Douglas, Noble, Concolor and Casman firs and Scotch pine.

Dean Darin, artificial tree buyer for English Gardens and general manager of the Royal Oak-Troy store, offers these tips regarding artificial trees. **Size:** The most popular height for artificial trees is 7 1/2 feet, which fits in any house with standard 8-foot ceilings. However, 9- to 12-foot trees are becoming more popular in communities that have a lot of newer homes with cathedral ceilings. The most popular width is 54 inches, which is standard.

Style: English Gardens has more than 40 different artificial trees to choose from, in Douglas fir, Fraser fir, Blue spruce and Scotch pine styles. **Hudson Valley** is the most popular brand the store carries. They're made to high specifications in Pennsylvania, and, this year, English Gardens was awarded the exclusive right to carry the brand in the United States. **Needles:** They come in two colors, blue and blue-green. The latter is more popular because it looks more natural. Today's needles are soft and are made with a machine that cuts and spins vinyl.

Construction: Customers can choose between a traditional hook-on tree or a hinged tree. Hook-on trees have branches that you hook onto a center pole. Hinged trees are pre-assembled and come folded up, like an upside-down umbrella, in a box. When you take it out of the box and stand it up, gravity unfolds the branches and keeps them open. (The problem with most hinged trees, Darin said, is that they must be stored standing up; they can't be refolded or put back in their box. However, some customers prefer to store their tree standing up, with a sheet or bag over it, because that way, they can leave their lights and ornaments on from one year to the next.)

Lights: Some hinged trees are pre-lighted, which means they have built-in lights. They've slowly been catching on, but cost \$50 to \$100 more and take special replacement light sets (\$6.98 at English Gardens). To find a burned-out bulb on a pre-lighted tree or any regular light set, English Gardens sells a bulb tester wand for \$9.98. Wave it over the light set or tree and it will tell you where the electrical current stops to help you find the faulty bulb (\$9.98).

Cost: A 7 1/2-foot artificial tree ranges from \$69.99 for a 48-inch wide Douglas fir to \$279.98 for a top-of-the-line, 54-inch wide Fraser fir with a high tip count and dense branches. The average "life span" of an artificial tree is 10 years, Darin said. For a 6- to 7-foot real tree, you could pay about \$25-\$40 this year.

Dolls are golden for Berkley shop

BY DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

STAFF PHOTOS
BY JERRY ZOLINSKI

The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley is celebrating three major milestones.

It's The Doll Hospital's 50th anniversary, the Toy Soldier Shop's 25th anniversary and this summer, the company - which has a unique philosophy regarding the type of toys it carries - began offering a shop-at-home site on the Internet, at www.toy-shoppe.com.

"We're celebrating by offering special sales each week now through Dec. 24, with savings of 10 to 25 percent off selected merchandise. It's our way of thanking our customers," said Jack Parish, 61, of Bloomfield Hills, owner and president of the family-run store.

TOY STORY

In 1948, his parents, Kay and Roger Parish, who live in Beverly Hills, bought a floundering little doll repair shop in Detroit, called The Laing Doll Hospital. Kay Parish renamed it "The Doll Hospital."

"I can remember being in eighth grade and helping sand old, wooden antique doll parts there after school," Jack Parish said.

"Back then, it was so oriented with antique doll repair that it wasn't necessarily our cup of tea as kids," he said about himself and his brother and sister. "But we were very proud of our mother. She ran the shop and you have to remember, 50 years ago, there weren't many female entrepreneurs."

In 1952, Kay and Roger Parish relocated The Doll Hospital to its present location, at 3947 W. 12 Mile Road in Berkley. Over the past 50 years, the shop has restored an estimated 250,000 dolls, Jack Parish said. That's 5,000 dolls a year.

"We've had dolls in here that were more than 100 years old and worth up to \$20,000," he said.

During The Doll Hospital's first 25 years, Kay Parish began selling Madame Alexander dolls and accessories at the shop, in addition to taking repair orders and buying and selling antique dolls.

"The Madame Alexander dolls were very popular back then and continue to be one of our biggest sellers to this day," Jack Parish said.

In 1973, he bought the shop from his parents, expanded it to include other collectibles and children's toys, and lengthened the name of the business.

"I added 'And Toy Soldier Shop' to the name," he said, "because I'm a man and didn't want people wondering about me working in a doll hospital, and because I wanted the name to reflect our expanded inventory."

When he took over the family business, the toy industry was undergoing a drastic change, he said. "TV toys" - plastic toys made by the millions and hawked on television directly to children - and mass market toy retailers like Toys R Us and Kmart were beginning to take over, he said.

"Prior to that, toys were made of metal and wood and were handpainted, and they were made in smaller numbers by little cottage industries," he said.

WELL-EDITED COLLECTIONS

Parish decided from the beginning that he wouldn't carry TV toys in his store. Or battery operated dolls (they're so heavy and hard, it's diffi-

cult for a child to cuddle up with them, he explained), or most battery operated toys (they tend not to last as long and take something away from the imagination, he said).

He also decided not to carry Barbie dolls.

"It's not that we have anything against Barbie, it's just that we have such limited space in our store, why carry something that is so readily available elsewhere?"

Instead, he focused on specialty toys. Toys that had stood the test of time and that customers would ask about, not through advertising, but through reputation and word of mouth. Toys that would stimulate a child's imagination, creativity and thinking skills and promote nurturing, caring behavior.

Things like Steiff bears (the original Teddy Bear), wooden Brio blocks and trains, Lionel and Marklin electric trains and Playmobil sets. And except for its miniature toy soldiers, the store

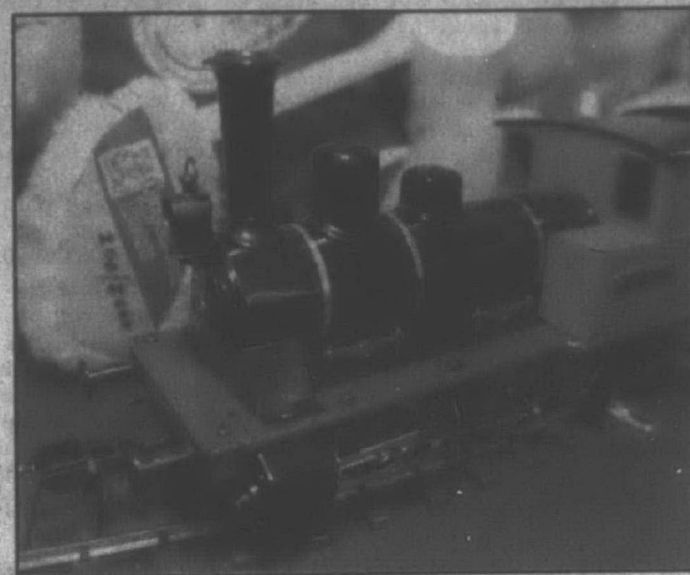
stays away from toys that promote or have anything to do with violence.

"Basically, we carry things that people had as children and want to pass down to their own children or grandchildren," he said. "We found a niche and it's what our customers like."

When he took over the store in 1973, his children were 10 and under. What was it like growing up with a toy shop in the family? Were they the envy of all their friends?

"Definitely," his daughter Cindy said with a smile, while stocking items at the store. "But to be honest, we didn't have nearly as many things in the store back then as we do today. Back then, it was still mainly collectibles."

"I think now, it's even better," she continued, "because I have a 2-year-old



All aboard: The Marklin train is a hot holiday toy.



Oh, baby: Jan Monforton holds a "Honey Love" doll by Lee Middleton.



Wheel action: Jim Noettl, vice president of operations, plays with the popular Rokenbok remote truck set.

and a 3-year-old and they get to try out the toys."

The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop isn't very big, but it has many different departments and makes the most of the space it does have.

There's the doll room, which has the widest selection of dolls for toddlers on up that you'll probably find anywhere, plus doll furniture, accessories and antique dolls; an electric train area with working layouts; a science department filled with a variety of kits and school-lab-quality equipment; a large toddler toy area; a large selection of miniature doll houses and furniture; a full line of Brio, Thomas the Tank Engine and Playmobil products; a puppet and ventriloquist dummy area; a play food area; a puzzle area; an arts and crafts area and much more.

The shop also sells wooden, outdoor play structures. Only one is on display now, but in the spring and summer months, many more are, Parish said.

The store's hottest toy this season, he said, are Rokenbok construction kits. They're similar to and compatible with Lego systems and include motorized parts.

"It's one of our exceptions to the no battery rule," he said.

The store has a staff of 23 people, including nine doll restorers.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Four generations of the Parish family work there, including: Roger and Kay Parish, who still restore dolls; Jack and his wife, Ruth, who works in human resources and helps out wherever needed; their four children, Stacey Parish-Zagrodzki (general manager and purchasing agent), Cindy (Parish) Noettl and her husband, Jim (he's vice president of operations), Scott Parish (financial advisor) and Sarah (who is a student at the University of Michigan and helps out part-time); and Jack and Ruth's granddaughter, Becky Donaghue, who has been helping him develop the store's shop-at-home Internet site.

"We've been working on the site for 10 months and, so far, we have 5,000 products on-line. But we still have 15,000 more to go," said Parish, who also owns a computer company called Center for Computer Resources.

"What makes me different from other people who have toy sites," he continued, "is that they didn't start out in the toy business, like I did. My concept is to have the site accurately reflect what's in our store on any given day."

WEB FEAT

At www.toy-shoppe.com, customers can search for products by age, price, brand, toy department, key words, item number and more; and place credit card orders in a secure environment. Orders are shipped to the customer or designated recipient.

"Some of the customers who visit our store come from 100 to 200 miles away, so they can't drive here as often as they'd like. But now they can visit us on the Internet," Parish said.

HUG AROUND THE NECK

Warren-based Family Ties offers the first original necktie idea. The Family Ties gift kit lets kids create their own design on a tie for Dad or Uncle Jack. Each kit contains a fashion tie in red, yellow or blue, three squeeze bottles of non-toxic, water-based paints, and a cardboard practice tie for testing designs. On the back of each tie is a designer label on which kids sign their work. A portion of the proceeds from each kit is donated to children's charities. The kits retail for \$19.95 and are available on the Internet at www.family-ties.com or call (800) 461-3887.

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TEL-TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

PRIMP AND POLISH

Meet national makeup artist Dean Robert. Call to reserve your appointment with Mr. Robert for a \$50 fee, redeemable toward Chanel Beaute products. Hudson's, Oakland Mall, (248) 344-6778.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

BAUBLES AND BANGLES

Neiman Marcus presents jewelry trunk shows featuring designers Lagos, Cynthia Bach, M&J Savitt and Sharon Meyer. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Somerset Collection, Troy.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

CRUISE NEWS

AAA Travel hosts a Princess Cruise night featuring a two-hour seminar on various destinations, kinds of ships, activities, even packing tips. Refreshments served. 3 p.m. Baldwin Library, Birmingham.

IN THE SWIM

Saks Fifth Avenue invites you to a Resort Swimwear Preview today through Saturday in Swimwear Collections on the second level. Informal modeling from 12-4 p.m. of La Perla, Anne Cole, Calvin Klein and Gottex swimwear. Somerset Collection, Troy.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

FUN AND FASHION

Northland Center and the Southfield Chamber of

Commerce host the third annual celebrity Holiday Fashion Show and Silent Auction Luncheon. Proceeds benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Boy and The Bear Court, lot E entrance. 11:30-1 p.m. \$30. Call (248) 355-6444 for tickets.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

STROLL AND SHOP

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents "Plymouth's Home for the Holidays," 5-10 p.m. Bring a canned good for the Salvation Army food bank and receive a special bonus. Stores open until 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

NIBBLE AND NOSH

Learn how to prepare wonderfully delicious hors d'oeuvres for the holidays at Williams-Sonoma's demonstration and taste-testing, featuring recipes from the *Festive Entertaining Cookbook*. 11a.m.-2 p.m. Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

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grams. Shoppers who spend \$100 or more at any Tel-Twelve store can bring their receipt to the mall office and receive a Holiday Sample gift set of Bath & Body Works products. Receipts must be dated Nov. 21-Dec. 31. Musical ensembles provide mall concerts every day through Dec. 15.

GOLDEN LOCKS

Don't just stand around at holiday parties ... Stand Out! The hair artists at Figaro salon in Birmingham think your 'do should be as festive as the season. So, they have created special holiday hairstyles that will light up any room. Whether you want to go all out or just add a touch of tinsel, Figaro can create the perfect look for you. 265 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham;



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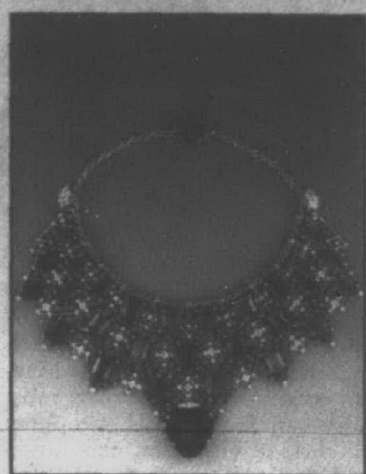
PRIZE LANDSCAPES

Bob Marzolf, a designer for English Gardens, recently received a Gold Award and a Design Award in the category of Residential Landscape Construction over \$50,000 for the Janosz residence in West Bloomfield. The award was presented at the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association 1998 Environmental Awards Program. English Gardens also brought home a Silver Award for Residential Reconstruction over \$50,000 and a bronze award for Residential Landscape Reconstruction between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

TART ART

The creator of Jelly Bellies introduces "Sandy Candy," the original "tart art" you can eat. The colorful sweet creation is a tart 'n' tangy candy sand and miniature rock candy that kids pour together into clear plastic tubes to make multi-colored patterns before devouring. It comes in yummy fruit flavors such as

wild cherry, fruit punch, watermelon and peach-mango. Sandy Candy is available in pre-made "Tower of Sour" sticks (\$1.50-\$2.50), assorted craft kits and party packs (\$5-\$25) as well as in bulk for large events. They're distributed locally by West Bloomfield businesswoman Carrie Waterstone. To order, call (248) 855-8550.



CARTIER KEEPSAKES

In celebration of the opening of its newest boutique in Troy's Somerset Collection, Cartier hosts the "Art of Cartier Collection: Memories," an exhibition of decorative art featuring jewelry, timepieces and objets d'art from the early 1900s to the late 1970s. On view through December, highlights include King Farouk's Mystery Clock, circa 1926, Randolph Churchill's solid gold cigarette case, 1932, and the Duchess of Windsor's Drapery Necklace, 1947. The necklace features delicate gold strands that suspend 29 amethysts and a scattering of turquoise cabochons and diamonds. The archival pieces shown are on loan from the Art of Cartier Collection in Geneva.

HOLIDAY BAUBLES

This season, Hudson's offers an exclusive line of glass ornaments created by world-renowned Belgian designer Isabelle DeBorchgrave. Famous for her fabric designs, DeBorchgrave has ventured into the realm of holiday ornaments, traveling the world for inspiration. Her ornaments boast complex and mystifying lines and scrolls in distinctive shapes, including feathered birds and flower baskets. All are hand-painted in white and gold. \$30-\$78.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

What We Found:

For the person who called in to say that the Special Olympics will take old bowling and golf trophies, we need the telephone number and address as we have many people who would like to donate their trophies.

Sandi from Farmington Hills called to say that Noritake, Lorelli, Wedgewood and many other china patterns, plus Mikasa flatware, can be found through Replacements Limited in Greensboro, N.C. 1-800-737-5223.

Med Max in Westland carries wheels for wheelchairs, might also try the Med Max in Troy.

For M.J., terrycloth oven mitt is carried by the Pampered Chef. Karla (810) 227-2073, Terry (734) 453-4147 and Eva (248) 650-3284, are distributors.

For Ellen, Pacquins Cream can be found at Kmart on 7 Mile in Livonia, F&M on Woodward/13 Mile or at any Meijer.

For Helen who wants a gas-ket and weights for her Wear-ever pressure cooker, she could try Mar-Beck Kitchen Appliances in Kansas, Mo. 1-800-959-5656, or try the Mirro Company in Wisconsin (formerly Wear-ever 1-800-527-7727), or Culinary Parts Unlimited in California 1-800-543-7549. Or try the 800

number of the company for the part you're looking for.

Diorissimo by Christian Dior can be purchased at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection, Levin's on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, or at any of the discount perfume stores in the malls.

The Chili Pepper ceiling fan can be found in the AC Lighting Design of Arizona catalog, 1-800-523-9336, or on the web at www.ACLightingDesign.com.

Treacle molasses paste can be found at the Irish Baker on Schaefer Road in Dearborn (313) 584-2444.

For Walt, found someone who is willing to have him look at the 1950 Big Beaver High School yearbook.

Found the words to Johnny VerBeck for Mary Beth and skinny Clairol clips for Patty, and knit roster ties for Bob.

Kathy has a 1975 Dearborn High class ring to sell to Susan.

Schrader dresses can be found at Lord & Taylor, Value City and T.J. Maxx.

Found old copies of Victoria magazine.

We're still looking for:

Lena is looking for a bride and groom figurine music box from the Christopher Collection.

Lori wants Nat Robbins Sparkling Burgundy lip liner.

Wendy of Livonia is looking for the game "Rock EM Sock EM Robot."

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

Lillian is looking for Grandoe leather driving gloves (ladies).

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 company that has a Red Factory Hard Top for a 1996 Mazda Miata.

Andrea wants old books out of print by Della Lutes.

Marilyn is looking for the directions to the five-quart Sterling Ice Cream Freezer ice cream maker (it is about 30 years old) made by Richmond Cedar Works.

Debbie is looking for the View Master Steromatic 500 projector.

Bob is looking for a complete disassembled Harley Davidson motorcycle to reassemble (reasonably in contact) for a winter project.

Eleanor of Warren is looking for Zoya nail polish color Coretta #0192.

Noreen wants to purchase a new/used 1998 Farmington High yearbook.

Pat is looking for the words/music to "50 Nifty United States" written by Ray Charles in 1985, published by Liberty Sings or America Dream Goes On.

Doris is looking for Clinique Cheek Base in Peachy Soft.

Carrie is looking for a Sleepy Santa in a wooden Bed.

Marguerite is looking for eucalyptus oil.

Elsie is looking for Helsha shampoo/conditioner in chamomile scent.

Some people are still looking for a Drowsy Doll and the Stock Market game.

Mary is looking for a place to recycle plastic bags in Westland.

Erma is looking for St. Ives soothing purifying mint/aloe alcohol-free facial toner and St. Ives collagen moisture firming hydra-gel; used to find at Meijer and F&M.

Isabelle is looking for a G.B. Kent of London comb.

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Actors work with what 'The Gingerbread Man' gives them

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Savannah attorney Rick Magruder has just won a major court case that has him featured on the six o'clock news. Professionally, things couldn't get much better for Magruder.

But things are about to change for Magruder, played by Kenneth Branagh, in Robert Altman's 1998 film "The Ginger-

bread Man" a well-acted yet rather ineffective production.

Leaving a party celebrating his victory in court, Magruder comes across a woman who says her car has just been stolen. In the first of several serious errors in judgment, Magruder drives the woman home. Maybe he's trying to be a nice guy. It certainly doesn't hurt that the woman, played by Embeth Davidtz, is attractive and very

available.

It seems her father was responsible for the missing car—not to mention some stalking, assaults and assorted acts of terrorism. Ever helpful, Magruder gets the father, played by Robert Duvall, committed for psychiatric care.

Things heat up again after the father is sprung from the hospital by his cohorts. It's never clear who these men are, why they are

together or what they're doing out in the woods. The harassment expands to target Magruder's two young children—he's going through a hostile divorce and things begin to unravel.

For someone who is supposed to be such a hotshot attorney, Magruder is remarkably gullible. He takes an awful lot on face value and then reacts without thinking too much about the consequences. Worse for the audi-

ence, his situation and predicaments aren't unusual or particularly compelling.

"The Gingerbread Man" is based on an original story by John Grisham and offers remarkably little insight into any of the characters. It also doesn't take much of a look at the legal system.

Duvall's character is on screen so fleetingly you really get no idea he is a harmless eccentric

or a violent nut case. We're supposed to assume the latter, apparently for no better reason than to further the plot.

The actors do well with what they are given—Branagh does particularly well with the dialect.

Visually, the film has a dark and rainy atmosphere with its subtlety of the approaching Hurricane Geraldo. It fails to make much of an impression, though.

We'd be reel happy if you shared your holiday movie memories

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With shopping, parties and other assorted merrymaking, the holidays can be a very hectic time.

Sometimes it's nice to take a breather—to put your feet up and relax with a video. Movies, seasonal or not, are part of our collective memories.

There are some obvious traditional films people enjoy watching around the holidays. Like "It's a Wonderful Life" or "Miracle on 34th Street"—the latter a particular favorite of mine since childhood. There are the myriad of "A Christmas Carol" adaptations—my personal favorite is the one with George C. Scott although my seven-year old niece was quite amused by the

Looney Tunes version.

Some of the other choices may not be so obvious. Another Christmas season favorite in our family was "The Shop Around the Corner." The 1939 romantic comedy starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan tells the story of bickering co-workers who don't realize they're lovelorn pen pals. (The e-mail version "You've Got Mail" is due in the

aters shortly.) Everything gets resolved on Christmas Eve.

Another fun holiday movie is "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" the 1987 comedy in which uptight businessman Steve Martin and shower curtain ring salesman John Candy encounter all sorts of obstacles, calamities and annoyances in an effort to get back to home for Thanksgiving. The version shown a television is very funny but the uncut video version is even funnier.

While probably not a film that immediately comes to mind around the holidays, there is

always "Meet Me in St. Louis," the 1944 musical that manages to hit most of the major holidays during the year leading up to the opening of the 1903 World's Fair. Among the terrific songs is Judy Garland singing "Have Your Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

An important rule in life is "know your audience." That's especially true if you are going to show a movie to a collection of friends and relatives of varying ages and tastes. I recall spending a holiday with friends when one of the siblings pulled out a copy of "Angel Heart," a terrific

but quite violent film. As one synopsis summed it up "Absolutely not for the squeamish or children." A shockingly bad choice for a family gathering.

We'd like you to share your memories and thoughts about your favorite holiday movie viewing over the years. E-mail your comments along with your name, age and hometown to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net or fax attention: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, at 734-591-7279 no later than Dec. 17. We'll run a sampling of your responses in our Dec. 24 edition.

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Holiday flick: Arnold Schwarzenegger (left) meets a shady "Santa" James Belushi as he searches for the elusive Turbo Man action figure in the 1996 holiday film, "Jingle All the Way."

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Full Circle Dance presents children's show

Plenty of people go out to dance and get some food. Relatively few people have seen their food dance.

The Henry Ford Community College Full Circle Dance Company hopes to change that with its 10th annual children's concert with an all new show titled "Food For Thought Song and Dance Revue."

The show will be presented 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12

in the Address Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on campus 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Tickets are \$5 at the door, call (313) 845-6314 for more information.

"The show promises to be colorful and high energy with originally composed dances, music, and costumes," said Diane Mancinelli of Livonia, artistic director of the Full Circle Dance Company. "The concert is a labor of love with concern for children's overall health and nutrition."

Top Banana (James Piche) and his sidekick, Chili (Kurt Pearson) narrate the show and wrote the funny, informative script. The show will have five dances with these two characters engaging in a dialogue between dances to lead up to and introduce each piece.

Full Circle Dance Company members performing in the show include Chi Burns of Garden City, and Cindy Paslawski of Canton.



Food for thought: Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company members rehearse the water sing-along and dance doo-wap, one of several dances they will present.

EMU presents musical

Eastern Michigan University Theatre celebrates the Christmas season with the musical "The Gifts of the Magi," based on stories by O. Henry, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 11-13 and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 19-20 at the Sponberg Theatre on the Ypsilanti campus.

Performances 8 p.m. Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 19, and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 12-13, and Dec. 19-20. Tickets are \$12 for Friday-Saturday performances, and \$10 for Sunday matinee. There is a \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 30 minutes in advance, call (734) 487-1221.

The timeless joys to be found in love and giving are the focus of this musical adaptation with book and lyrics by Mark St. Germain, music and lyrics by Randy Courts, in which six performers bring to life the story of newlyweds Jim and Della.

Willy, a magical and charming newspaper seller, narrates as audiences learn Christmas is approaching fast in the big city and Jim and Della find themselves out of work and penniless.

Forced to sacrifice their most prized possessions (she her beautiful long hair, he, his heirloom watch) in order to buy a single gift for each other, the newlyweds discover the true meaning of holiday spirit and love.

Adding comedy to the romance of this heartwarming musical are lovable bum Soapy Smith, City Him and City Her, who play the many characters to be found in New York's tenement district in the early 20th century.

EMU professor Ken Stevens directs "The Gifts of the Magi."

WSU theaters present classics

Tiffany Marie Bedwell of Garden City is featured in "Little Women" now playing at the Bonstelle Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13. Tickets range from \$8 to \$10, and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Call (313) 577-2960.

It is the 1860s during the American Civil War, a few days before Christmas and the March sisters are very excited as they prepare for their celebration. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy show the audience that a family can survive the challenges of socially hard times.

"Little Women" is directed by Cynthia Blaise. In addition to Bedwell, the cast includes Gina Lohman, Maribeth Monroe and Julie Ann Yurconis.

Hilberry Stage

"A Tale of Two Cities" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 on the Hilberry stage, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit, and runs in rotating repertory until March 4. Additional performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 17-18.

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, the play was adapted for the stage by Nagle Jackson.

This production will feature the full Hilberry acting company and children from the Detroit metropolitan area playing numerous roles.

Tickets are \$10-\$17 and can be purchased by calling the box office (313) 577-2972 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Amsterdam is a great city that's easy to experience

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Amsterdam is one of the great European cities, but you will have no trouble becoming a part of it.

That's partly because English is spoken everywhere. But it's more because its narrow streets, picturesque canals and diverse population give it an easy intimacy.

And it has something for everyone.

Art lovers will have trouble deciding which among the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh and Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art to tackle first.

Architecture aficionados will be intrigued by the tall, skinny houses that line the canals. They span a palette of colors and their gabled rooftops offer up an amazing cityscape whether from the water or as you walk or bike.

Antique collectors can spend hours, if not days, browsing along Nieuwe Spiegelstraat and Spiegelgracht and adjoining streets with their wide variety of offerings.

If you want to see what legalized prostitution is all about, head for the Red Light District at any hour. There neon red lights have replaced the bare red bulbs we saw many years ago on our only other trip to Amsterdam. And prostitutes now stand in the windowed storefronts directly beckoning passers-by in contrast to the curtained storefronts we remembered where they more slyly (and shyly) used mirrors aimed at the street to detect customers.

And since drugs such as marijuana are legal, special bars serve it up just as they would liquor.

Amsterdam is a city of cyclists. And we had planned to be among them. But our four-day visit in mid-July occurred during what has been a particularly wet summer for that part of Europe. Although it rained only a small part of each day, you never knew when it would hit.

So, no biking, and we routinely took an umbrella along.

However, one evening as we prepared to meet former Detroit Alan Meyerson at his favorite rijsttafel (rice table) restaurant in Amsterdam's bohemian Jordaan section, we looked out at sunny skies and forsook the umbrella.

After a fabulous meal, including a vegetarian rijsttafel, we set out to explore the Jordaan by night (we had already been there by day), but not for long. The skies opened up and we took shelter under the small overhang of an apartment building, until one of its tenants showed up.

The open easiness of Amsterdam's population was demonstrated as he urged us into the hallway, where we talked for a while, and then he invited us to wait out the rains in his apartment.

Our hotel, the Amstel, was directly on the water, and gave us a first-hand view of canal life.

Amsterdam's system of more than 100 canals is not just charming. It's also a method of public transportation, for moving



Charming scene: Houseboats and historic bridges help give Amsterdam an irresistible charm.

goods around the city, and a lifestyle for those who choose to live in one of its estimated 2,500 houseboats.

Buying a one-day pass on the water bus was a good introduction to the city. As we wended our way, a commentary given in a couple of languages including English described the more interesting sights.

With that as our overview, we set out to explore Amsterdam on foot, selecting a different section of the city each day.

We were awed by both the building and works of the Rijksmuseum, giving us a new appreciation for the Dutch masters. But unless you're willing to devote much of your time in Amsterdam to this world-class museum, it's probably wise to purchase the audio tour of its highlights, a highlight of which is Rembrandt's "The Night Watch."

The house made famous by "The Diary of Anne Frank" is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Amsterdam. We particularly liked that it hasn't been overdone.

A quiet, you could almost say reverent, crowd waited in line to enter the upstairs space where the Frank family and others had hidden from the Nazis. That line included people of all ages and from many countries, testimony to the universal impact the diary has had on the world. A simple bronze statue of Anne stands around the corner.

For several reasons, you

should put off a trip to Amsterdam until next spring. One is the weather. The others are that both the Van Gogh Museum and the home of Rembrandt will have completed renovations.

The Van Gogh is actually closed up tight and won't reopen until April. Meantime, some of its works are on display in the Rijksmuseum.

Also during the renovation, masterpieces from the museum are at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. through Jan. 3 and at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from Jan. 17 to April 4.

When it reopens, the audio tour is particularly informative, putting into perspective the artist's life and art.

We were charmed by the home of Rembrandt, built in 1606, which will be even a more authentic experience after the current restoration. When we were there, a new annex of glass, marble and steel had recently opened next door. The contrast between the two buildings accents the authenticity of Rembrandt's classic brick and carved stone home where he lived and worked for almost two decades.

The opening of the annex, which adds two floors of exhibition space for his numerous etchings and an auditorium where a video recounts his life, paves the way for returning the house itself—altered when it became a museum—as nearly as possible to its original state.

That won't be as hard as you



Simple tribute: Judith Doner Berne stops at the Anne Frank statue around the corner from the Anne Frank museum in Amsterdam.

would think. We learned that Rembrandt actually had to move out of this house when he went bankrupt. A legal inventory, which still exists, was taken, listing everything in his household when it was confiscated. In addition, drawings and paintings from that day depict some of the rooms.

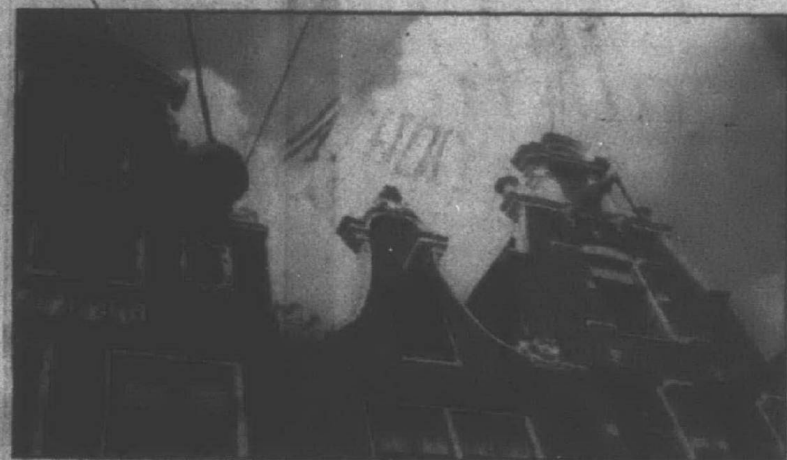
Unfortunately we waited until Saturday to visit the famous Portuguese Synagogue, which was closed to outsiders as they were conducting Sabbath services. It is walled off from the busy streets surrounding it, bringing to mind once again what happened to Amsterdam's Jewish population during the

Holocaust.

On our last night in Amsterdam we enjoyed dinner at a simple Dutch bistro called De Knijp, 134 Van Baerlestraat, which we went to based on a recommendation in the New York Times. The food was wonderful, the service excellent and friendly, and it cost us about \$70 for a two-course meal with dessert and beer or wine.

It was a fitting ending to our trip. But Amsterdam isn't a one or two visit city. We look forward to going back.

Judith Doner Berne is a former managing editor of the *Eccentric! Newspapers*.



Dutch style: The varying and striking gables on Amsterdam's buildings give the city a special look.

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Experience the holidays European-style at the Dutch Winterfest Holiday Celebration in Holland, through Dec. 20, (800-506-1299). This is just a

sampling of some of the hundreds of events going on throughout Michigan this holiday season.

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Opening split for Chiefs

Plymouth Canton opened its wrestling season by splitting a pair of non-league dual meets, beating host Farmington 56-24, then losing to Plymouth Salem 55-16 Thursday.

"We knew that our conditioning level was high and that we had a good chance to win this one," said first-year Canton coach John Demsick of the victory over Farmington, a team that beat the Chiefs 54-24 last season. "Our wrestlers really performed and put their hearts into it."

Jerod Chapman, Robert Demsick, Jim Shelton, Kevin Stone, John Pocock, Steve Bernacki and Philip Rothwell all won by pinning their opponents. Scott McKee, Kyle Pitt and Doy Demsick added decision wins for the Chiefs.

Salem, the defending Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet champion, was a much more difficult challenge. "Although Salem considers this to be a 'down' year for them, they have a very developed program," said Demsick. "We had hoped to pick up a couple more individual wins, but things didn't go our way."

"I think this is the first time in years that we actually made Salem nervous. They made some last-minute changes to their (lineup), putting in their best wrestlers. They haven't needed to do that in the past."

Canton winners were Pitt, by a pin, Rob Demsick and Jim Shelton, by decisions, and Stone, by technical fall.

AAU tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams will be having tryouts throughout the first week of January.

•The 17-18 division will meet 8-9:30 p.m. Jan. 4 at Pioneer Middle School (located on Ann Arbor Road between Canton Center and McClumpha).

•On Jan. 5, the 15 year-old division will meet 6-7:30 p.m.; the 16s will meet at 7-8:30 p.m.; and the 17-18s will meet from 8-9:30 p.m., all at Pioneer MS.

•On Jan. 6, the 14s will meet 7:30 p.m. at West Middle School (located at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road), and the 16s will meet from 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer MS.

•On Jan. 8, the 11-12s will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer MS; the 13s will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. at Central Middle School; the 15s will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at Central MS; and the 14s will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer MS.

For further information, call either Fred Thomann at (734) 459-7315 or Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763.

Coach needed

Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team is looking for anyone interested in helping coach the varsity program next fall.

Those interested should have a knowledge of distance running and the ability to convey knowledge to high school athletes.

The job is currently a non-paying volunteer position that will involve assisting head coach Dave Gerlach in an assortment of daily duties. Anyone interested should contact Gerlach at (734) 416-7708.

College standouts

•Wayne State proved no obstacle to Michigan Tech in women's basketball last Thursday. Tech remained unbeaten both overall (5-0) and in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (2-0) with its 74-49 victory over the Tartars (1-4 overall, 0-3 in the GLIAC).

Sarah Warnke, a 5-10 forward from Plymouth Canton, came off the bench to score 11 points and grab eight rebounds for WSU.

•Dan McKian, a senior forward at Siena Heights from Plymouth Salem, is averaging 25 minutes a game for the 8-1 Saints. McKian is also averaging 6.9 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.5 steals a game.

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 'Big 3' buries Windsor, 7-2



An unbeatable triple. Adam Colagiacomo, David Legwand and Harold Druken combined to score all seven goals for the Plymouth Whalers in Friday's 7-2 victory over the Windsor Spitfires in an Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Arena.

Colagiacomo led the Whalers with three goals and two assists; Legwand and Druken each added two goals and two assists. Tomek Valtonen, Nikos Tselios

and Eric Goody contributed two assists apiece.

Plymouth led 2-1 after one period and 6-1 after two.

For Colagiacomo, the hattrick brought his season total to 16 goals. Druken increased his OHL-leading goal total to 35, while Legwand ran his to 17.

Rob Zepp made 17 saves in goal for the Whalers. Michael Leighton had 38 stops for the Spitfires.

Plymouth improved to 21-4-2, first in the OHL's West Division; Windsor slipped to 8-17-3.

Top goalie

Craig Kowalski of the Compuware Ambassadors has been selected as the North American Hockey League's goalie of the month for November.

For Kowalski, it was just a continuation of an already exceptional season. He was 7-1 in November, allowing 14 goals in nine games (1.56 per game) while making 214 saves (a .939 save percentage), with one shutout.

For the season, Kowalski is 16-2-1 for the league-leading Ambassadors, with two shutouts, a 2.00 goals-against average and a .920 save percentage.

Hoopin' it up!

Salem seeks return to WLAA's summit

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So what if your team loses all five starters from the previous season?

Any coach would gladly substitute "reload" for "rebuild" when talking about his team's chances before the first game is played. But few can do so convincingly.

Bob Brodie is one of the few.

The Plymouth Salem basketball coach guided the Rocks to a 19-4 record last season; a sprained ankle suffered by point guard Andy Power in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament final the week prior to the start of the state districts hampered, and ultimately cost, Salem a longer state tourney run.

So now Brodie begins the new season without Power and four other starters, all having graduated (Power and Jeff McKian are playing at Siena Heights). And how do his WLAA coaching mentors treat his predicament?

Most are still insisting Salem is the "team to beat" in the league, despite its losses. That is as good a definition of respect as you'll find in sports.

"They handled most of our game time and scoring last year," said Brodie of his lost starters, who enabled the Rocks to capture the WLAA's regular-season and tournament titles.

"We'll be competitive," he added. "How well we do is yet to be determined."

Now: It must be understood that while Salem did lose Power, McKian, Bhavin Patel, Tony Bernhardt and Matt Mair, seven others do return,

most supplied with a fair amount of experience.

Leading the corps of returnees are part-time senior starters Tony Jancevski, a 6-foot-9 center, and Aaron Rypkowski, a 6-1 guard. Jancevski is the top returning scorer; he averaged seven points a game last season. Rypkowski is next, averaging six a game.

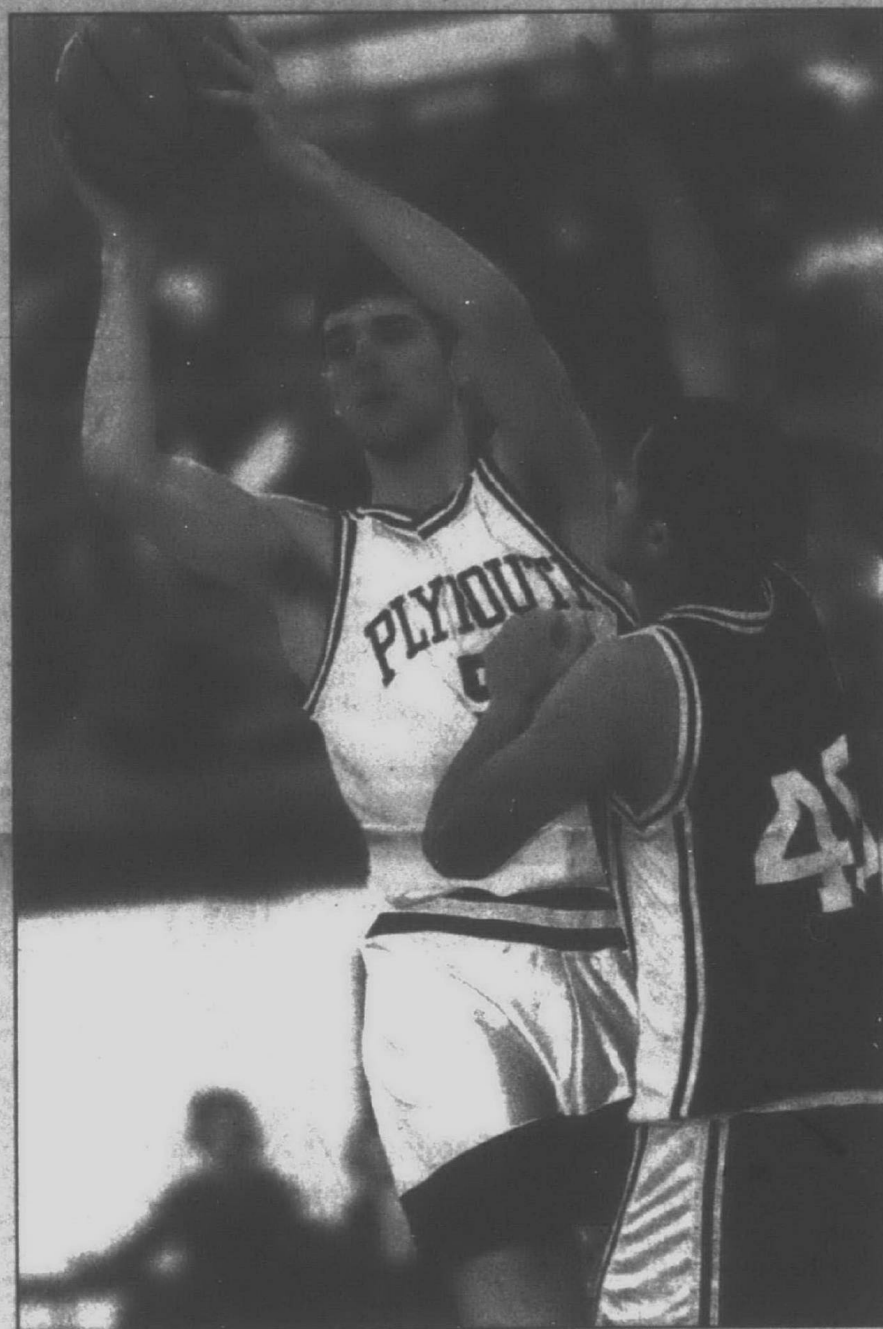
Other seniors returning with varsity experience are Mike Korduba, a 6-4 forward in his third year on the varsity; Rob Jones, a 6-1 forward; Jake Gray, a 5-10 guard; and Adam Wilson, another 5-10 guard. The seventh senior on the squad is Andy Brandt, a 6-5 forward.

Among a promising group of juniors are twin brothers James and Matt McCaffrey, a pair of 6-6 forwards who played junior varsity last season. There are three other junior guards: Ryan Nimmerguth, who stands 6-foot, and Ryan Cook and Andy Kocoloski, both 5-11.

"I can see all these guys getting time in," said Brodie. "It just depends on who pans out the quickest."

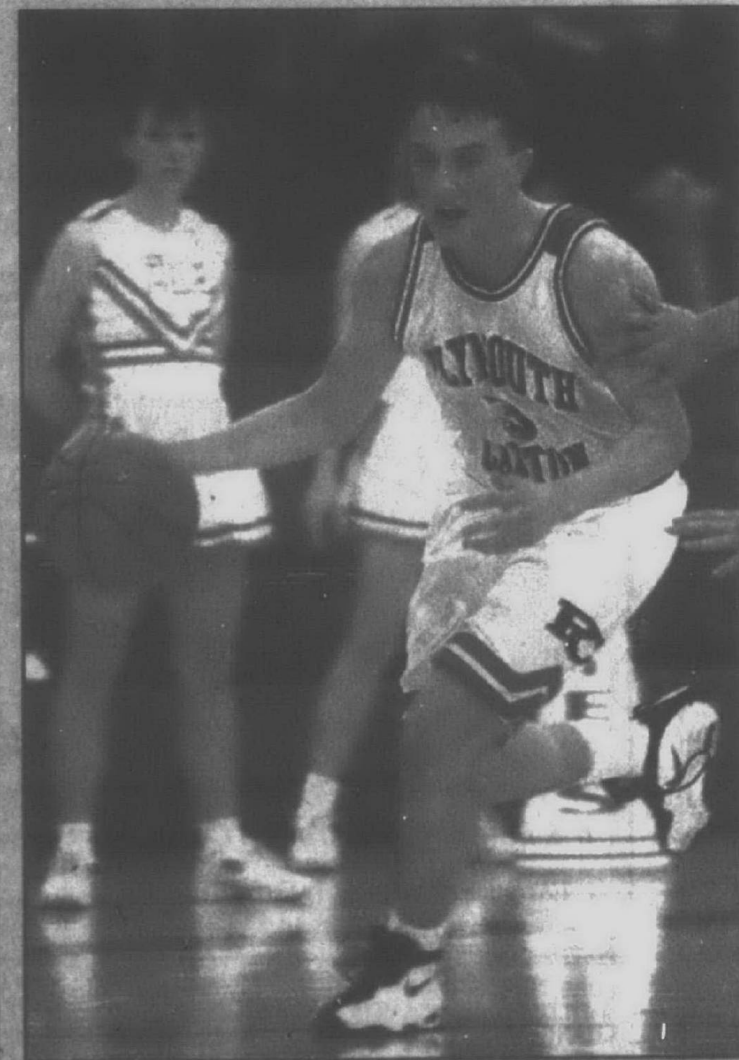
Panning out quickly may be more important this season than in others, partly because the Rocks don't have as much floor leadership, but also due to a very tough early-season schedule. Salem opens Tuesday at home against Monroe, a 19-game winner last season, then hosts another team that had more than 15 wins a year ago in Ann Arbor Huron Friday. After that, there are dates with Belleville, which lost in the state championship game last season, and Detroit North-ern.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Big man in the middle: Tony Jancevski is Salem's top returning scorer, and he is their main threat in the pivot. Jancevski averaged seven points a game last season.



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Hot shot: Joe Cortellini provided a great deal of the offense for Plymouth Canton last season, averaging 17 points a game.

Inexperienced no longer, Canton's looking better

BY C.J. RISAK
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Last year was a reversal for Plymouth Canton's basketball team's fortunes. This season, the Chiefs will attempt to reverse that reversal.

Let's clarify that: In 1996-97, Canton won the Western Lakes Activities Association playoff tournament and finished 16-7, losing to Plymouth Salem in the state district final. The two seasons prior to that, the Chiefs won both the district and WLAA titles.

That all changed last season. A young, inexperienced team (just one senior — Eric Larsen) struggled all season, finishing 7-14 with an overtime loss to Salem in the state district semifinals.

But last season's woes are this season's pluses. With Larsen the only loss to graduation, the Chiefs have plenty of experience to build around — and a definite hunger to improve.

"We'll be better," said coach Dan Young. "All the guys have improved. They're all a lot stronger, a lot bigger, they have a better understanding of what it's all about."

So Canton will be better. The question now is, how much better?

"We pass the ball better, as a team," noted Young. "We move the ball inside and outside better, which should help us in being a more balanced scoring team. That's something we're focusing on. We're trying not to be so one-dimensional."

Certainly the main reason for optimism at Canton has to be senior Joe Cortellini, a three-year starter who led the team in scoring last season with a 17.7 average. A 5-foot-11 guard, Cortellini — who is currently considering offers from Kalamazoo College and Albion College — has improved all facets of his game. Formerly noted for his three-point shooting touch, Cortellini has found more ways to hurt opponents, according to Young.

"Now, Joe doesn't have to score and he can still be effective," the Chiefs' coach said. "Joe had an outstanding junior season, but now we've got 10 other guys with him. We are more balanced offensively."

How much more will be a key to Canton's season. Last season, when Cortellini was effectively bottled up, there was no one to step forward.

Now, Young is convinced there is — starting with 6-3 junior forward Dan McLean, entering his second year as a starter. McLean averaged eight points a game last season.

Others who were part-time starters a year ago include seniors Scott Samulski, a 6-5 forward/center, and Nathan Rau, a 6-2 forward; and juniors Jim Reddy, a 5-7 point guard, and Nick Cabautan, a 5-10 sophomore guard.

There are plenty of others, however, with experience. Jason Waidmann, a 6-5 junior, came off the bench last season and became more and more effective; the same could be said for two other sophomore guards, Oliver

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SC improves to 6-0 with win at St. Clair

Schoolcraft Community College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs found something to be disappointed about — which was no easy task after Wednesday's 107-100 victory over host St. Clair County Community College (Ont.).

After all, the Ocelots' win was their sixth-straight to start the season — their best ever to start a season (at least in recent memory). It also helped solidify their NJCAA honorable mention ranking, something this team never enjoyed prior to last season.

One more thing: SC was the No. 1 scoring team in the NJCAA, according to the last rating, averaging 115.6 points per game.

Of course, that also brought something negative into Wednesday's game: only 107 points scored. The Ocelots led 47-30 in the first half, but allowed St. Clair to narrow that gap to 52-46 at halftime.

COLLEGE HOOPS

"We lost our composure a bit," said Briggs. "We had some sophomores in there, that's what I was disappointed in. But there were some questionable calls down the stretch that made it a tight game, and our guys hung in there."

St. Clair actually took the lead, 86-84, with six minutes left. "Whenever you give up 100 points, you expect to lose," said Briggs. "But our kids toughed it out."

SC quickly recaptured the lead in the final five minutes and never again relinquished it. Lamar Bigsby led the Ocelots with 24 points; Matt Bauman added 20, while Mike Murray scored 16 off the bench. Dashaun Williams netted 11 and Derek McKelvey had 10.

St. Clair CCC, which slipped to 8-6,

got 32 from Tyrone Elliott and 25 from Jimmy Parsons.

The Ocelots converted just 18-of-33 of their free throws (54 percent). "The area we're hurting is at the free throw line," said Briggs. "Good teams make their free throws, especially when it counts."

That's the level Briggs wants to take the Ocelots next. Their next stop on that voyage is 3 p.m. Saturday, when they host the Siena Heights University junior varsity.

Madonna reaches final

Madonna University's Chris Dietrich and Katie Cushman sparked a 49-16 second-half surge that enabled the Lady Crusaders to overtake, and defeat, Manchester College 88-67 in the opening round of the Hampton Inn-Concordia College Classic in Ann Arbor Friday.

Madonna improved to 6-1 with the victory. Manchester fell to 1-4.

The Crusaders trailed 51-39 at halftime, but 18-of-35 shooting (51.4 percent) from the floor in the second half (7-of-10, 70 percent from three-point range) allowed them to take command. Dietrich finished with 24 points (3-of-4 on threes), seven rebounds and two blocked shots; Cushman collected 19 points (4-of-7 on threes), four assists and eight steals.

Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 12 points, six boards and three steals, and Kathy Pangonis had 10 points for Madonna.

Manchester, which hit just 6-of-27 second-half shots (22.2 percent), including 0-for-9 on threes, was led by Nikki Bailey with 15 points and 16 rebounds, Pam Eckart with 14 points, Sarah Irish with 12 and Sam Wideman with 10.

Lady Ocelots slip

Kalamazoo Valley CC outscored the

SC women's team 11-10 in overtime to edge the Lady Ocelots 91-90 Wednesday in Kalamazoo.

The defeat was SC's second-straight (they lost to Lansing CC 56-51 Nov. 24 at SC), dropping the Ocelots to 4-3. KVCC improved to 6-3.

SC was up by 19 in the first half over KVCC and still led 46-32 at halftime. Indeed, the Ocelots were ahead by 10 with 6:28 remaining before the host team rallied to knot it at 80-all at the end of regulation.

Denise Willis' 23 points led SC; she also nabbed nine rebounds. Stacy Cavin added 16 points and nine boards, while Jamie Lewandowski and Antone Watson finished with 14 points apiece and Jackie Kocis totaled 10 points and 14 rebounds.

The Lady Ocelots host Cuyahoga CC at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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WRESTLING RESULTS

SALEM 51, MONROE 18

Thurs. at Farmington

103 pounds: Ian Eichel (PS) pinned Corey Novitzke, 1:16; 112: Ronnie Thompson (PS) defeated Carson Poupard, 8:7; 119: Ryan Novitzke (M) def. John Mervyn, 6:4; 125: Kyle Lesak (M) dec. Lucas Stump, 14:0; 130: Steve Dendinos (PS) p. Derek Mittendorf, 0:29; 135: Josh Henderson (PS) dec. Derek Weyher, 18:3; 140: Greg Petrovitch (PS) p. Scott Laro, 3:56; 145: Greg Smith (PS) p. Nate Gooch, 3:15; 152: Josh Braden (M) p. Greg Elzans, 2:45; 160: Jason Baddon (PS) dec. Mark Cotton, 8:1; 171: Mike Poponey (PS) dec. Sam Bond, 9:0; 189: Pat O'Connor (PS) p. Travis O'Neal, 3:15; 215: Geoff Bennett (PS) p. Richard Hoffman, 3:45; Charlie Hamblin (PS) p. Eric Kaiser, 1:50.

SALEM 56, CANTON 26

Thurs. at Farmington

103: Kyle Pitt (PC), p. Ian Eichel, 1:35; 112: Ronnie Thompson (PS) p. Steve Bernacki, 1:55; 119: John Mervyn (PS) p. Day Demick, 1:15; 125: Lucas Stump (PS) p. Chris Hoesy, 1:20; 130: Steve Dendinos (PS) def. Greg Musser, DQ; 135: Josh Henderson (PS) dec. John Pockoc, 10:4; 140: Jim Shelton

(PC) dec. Greg Petrovitch, 9:6; 145: Greg Smith (PS) dec. Scott McKee, 9:1; 152: Kevin Stone (PC) dec. Greg Elzans, 15:0 (tech. fall); 160: Rob Demick (PC), dec. Jason Baddon, 7:1; 171: Mike Poponey (PS) p. Jeff Demaris, 1:04; 185: Pat O'Connor (PS) p. Matt Niemiec, 1:45; 215: Geoff Bennett (PS) p. Phil Rothwell, 1:30; Heavyweight: Charlie Hamblin (PS) p. Jared Chapman, 1:17. Dual meet records: Salem 2-0, Canton 1-1.

CANTON 56, FARMINGTON 24

Thurs. at Farmington

103: Kyle Pitt (PC) won by void; 112: Steve Bernacki (PC) p. Brian Proven, 1:43; 119: Day Demick (PC) won by void; 125: Mike Pardy (F) p. Chris Hoesy, 0:44; 130: Tony Lema (F) pin. Greg Musser, 3:35; 135: John Pockoc (PC) p. Paul Villarreal, 0:54; 140: Jim Shelton (PC) p. Joe Pauley, 0:37; 145: Scott McKee (PC) dec. John Pawlak, 11:7; 152: Kevin Stone (PC) p. Ben Gogberg, 1:04; 160: Robert Demick (PC) p. Mark Ostach, 4:35; 171: Ben Lukas (F) p. Jeff Demaris, 1:48; 189: Andy Wood (F) p. Matt Niemiec, 0:32; 215: Phil Rothwell (PC) p. Jenkins Ebiwara, 3:59; 275: Jared Chapman (PC) p. Brian Brinsden, 2:37.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 8

AA Huron at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Det. Renaissance at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Monroe at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at AP IC Baptist, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at St. Alphonsus, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Saline Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11

Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Garden City at DH Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
AA Huron at Salem, 7 p.m.

Lapeer West at North Farmington, 7 p.m.

Farm. Harrison at Lapeer East, 7:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

DH Annapolis at Lutheran Westland, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley Lutheran at MLHS

Tournament (semifinals), 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Huron Valley Lutheran at MLHS

Tournament, TBA

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Wayne State at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11

Madonna at Bethel College

Classic Tournament, 6 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Oakland CC vs. Lakeland (O.)

at K'zoo Valley CC Tour, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Madonna at Bethel College

Classic Tournament, 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Sienna Hts. JV at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

Oakland CC at K'zoo Valley CC

Tournament, TBA

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 10

Madonna at Wayne State, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Ferris State at Madonna, 2 p.m.

Cuyahoga CC at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.

Oakland CC at Grand Rapids CC, 7 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Dec. 11

Ply. Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Ply. Whalers vs. Erie

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Boys

Wednesday, Dec. 9

WL Western vs. Franklin

Northville vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Churchill at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10

WL Central vs. Redford Union

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11

Franklin vs. Churchill

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Stevenson at WL Central, 8:20 p.m.

Girls

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Ladywood vs. Bloomfield Hills Lahser

at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Ladywood vs. GP Liggett

at University-Liggett, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Ladywood vs. Harper Woods Regina

at Great Lakes, 7:40 p.m.

ALL-STATE SOCCER SELECTIONS

ALL-STATE BOYS SOCCER 1998
Selected by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. (Observer area players are in boldface.)

DREAM TEAM

Mr. Soccer — Nick DeGraw, Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley sr. M;
Other Members — 2. Mike Robinson, Troy Athens sr. G; 3. Tom Gritter, Grand Rapids Christian Jr. F; 4. Marcus Chorvat, Warren DeLaSalle sr. M; 5. Stu Yingst, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day sr. M; 6. Robert Turpin, Detroit U-D Jesuit Jr. F; 7. Scott Wright, Plymouth Canton sr. F; 8. Abe Geiger, East Lansing sr. M; 9. Alan Lyskawa, sr. M; 10. David Holzworth, Paw Paw sr. M; 11. Rob Maxwell, Kalamazoo Hackett sr. F.

Public School Coach of the Year — Brian O'Leary, Novi.
Private School Coach of the Year — Randy Johnson, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

Small School Coach of the Year — Al Gredlein, Elk Rapids

DIVISION I

First Team — Nick DeGraw, Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley sr. M; Marcus Chorvat, Warren DeLaSalle sr. M; Scott

ROCK & BORGELT, P.C. BY: ROBERT C. HALL, Attorney, 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127. STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 98-584,387-SE. PUBLIC NOTICE

Decedent Estate
Estate of Alexander Squier, deceased, Social Security No. 374-05-1644.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing. TAKE NOTICE: On October 26, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., in the probate court, Detroit, Michigan before Hon. David J. Symanski Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of Eleanor E. Reid requesting that she be appointed personal representative of Alexander Squier who lived at 4205 Academy, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125, and who died June 24, 1986; and requesting also that the will of the decedent dated December 15, 1988 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative or to both the probate court and the personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.
Rock & Borgelt, P.C. Attorney: Robert C. Hall, P-34400; 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127; Telephone 313-274-4094. Personal representative: Eleanor E. Reid, 1330 Janet Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9K1Y6. Publish: December 6, 1998

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Claims Notice
Independent Probate
Estate of DAN ABNER, JR., a/k/a DANIEL ABNER, Decedent, Social Security No. 423-36-9708.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, whose last known address was 4106 16th Street, Ecorse, Michigan 48229, died June 30, 1998.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Dan Abner, III, 4106 16th Street, Ecorse, Michigan 48229 or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, 1308 City-County Bldg., 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Rock & Borgelt, P.C. Attorney: Robert C. Hall, P-34400; 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127; Telephone 313-274-4094. Publish: December 6, 1998

Wright, Plymouth Canton sr. F; Alan Lyskawa, sr. M; Tom Eller, Livonia Stevenson Jr. F; Joe Morelli, Birmingham Brother Rice sr. D; Mark Sicilia, Livonia Churchill sr. M; Steve Command, Brighton sr. M; Jacques Appleby, Midland Dow sr. F; Ricky Strong, Rochester Adams Jr. F; Derek Ormekian, Novi sr. F; Justin Follebout, Warren DeLaSalle sr. F; Aaron MacDonald, Plymouth Salem sr. F; Pao Her, Lansing Eastern sr. M; Mike Robinson, Troy Athens sr. G; Rusty Herbst, Novi sr. G.

Second Team — Todd Simon, Saginaw Heritage sr. M; P.J. Stranahan, Troy sr. D; Sergio Mainella, Livonia Stevenson sr. M; Ben Walker, Rochester Adams Jr. F; George Kithas, Livonia Churchill, sr. F; Giuseppe Ianni, Plymouth Salem sr. F; Chad Carlson, Holland sr. F; Byron Vince, Holt sr. F; Chris Chase, Utica Ford sr. M; Andy MacDonald, sr. D; Eddie Kiefer, Warren DeLaSalle sr. M; John Webster, Monroe sr. F; Bobby Raymond, Ann Arbor Pioneer sr. M; Ryan Humphrey, Troy Athens Jr. D; Joe Suchura, Livonia Stevenson sr. G; Brett Sanders, Midland Dow sr. G.

Third Team — Troy DeBeaulclair, Auburn-Bay City Western sr. F; Marshall Gray, Midland Dow sr. M; Jimmy Cullen, Okemos sr. F; Nate Burns, Grand Haven sr. D; Andrew Heidel, Grand Blanc sr. D; Jeff Krass, Brighton Jr. F; Victor Gordon, Birmingham Brother Rice sr. M; Adam Bruck, Fraser sr. F; Kevin Giroux, Troy Athens soph. M; Peter Sassalos, Warren DeLaSalle sr. D; Kevin Grady, Redford Catholic Central sr. D; Andy Meyers, Dearborn sr. F; Steve Epley, Plymouth Canton sr. F; Nick Szczecowski, Plymouth Salem sr. D; Todd Moore, Utica Eisenhower Jr. G.

Honorable Mention — Jon Mathis, Livonia Stevenson sr. D; Don Welo-

chowski, Plymouth Salem sr. D; Andy Francis, Temperance-Bedford sr. M; Pat Griffen, Redford Catholic Central sr. M; Dennis Salomon, Ann Arbor Pioneer sr. M; Brandon Kennel, Ann Arbor Pioneer sr. D; John Sterling, Westland John Glenn sr. F; Bill Fisher, Livonia Franklin sr. M; Ryan Doom, Woodhaven sr. F; Doug Koonitz, Plymouth Canton sr. G; Matt Prochaska, Ann Arbor Pioneer Jr. G; John Sheehy, Kalamazoo Central sr. M; Aaron Mool, Holland West Ottawa sr. M; Eric Anderson, Jackson sr. M; Brett Harring, Holland sr. M; Bill Johnson, Okemos sr. M; Kyle Pressley, Kalamazoo Central sr. D; Scott Lowry, Grand Haven, sr. D; Nick Robertson, Jackson sr. M; Jeremy Ignace, Grand Blanc Jr. F; Ryan Allen, Holt sr. F; Paul Glennapp, Brighton sr. D; Kevin Meade, Kalamazoo Central sr. D; Peter Vazquez, Holland West Ottawa sr. F; Jole Shaup, Rockford sr. F; Jeff Schultz, Okemos Jr. G; Mark Butler, Holland Jr. G; Colin MacDonald, Utica Eisenhower soph. M; Tom Vittinglio, Macomb Dakota sr. M; Kenny Hack, Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley sr. F; Anthony Timlin, Birmingham Brother Rice sr. D; Dave DeHorn, Troy sr. D; Bobby Frontiera, Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley Jr. M; Scott Liepkelt, Warren DeLaSalle sr. D; Sal Daleo, Utica Ford II sr. D; Marko Malinowski, Warren DeLaSalle sr. G; Steve Kamman, Rochester Jr. M; Matt Smith, Novi sr. D; Jeff White, Flint Carmen-Ainsworth Jr. M; Marcus Boynton, Traverse City sr. M; Derold Sligh, Saginaw Heritage Jr. M; Doug Gibson, Novi sr. D; Troy Walker, Midland Dow, sr. D; Adam Frye, Rochester soph. D; Shane Jordan, South Lyon Jr. D; Andy Blondin, Flint Carmen-Ainsworth sr. M; Peter Hrodey, Traverse City sr. M; Craig Penn, Rochester Adams Jr. F; Tom Dews, Clarkston sr. M.

Doug Campeau, Walled Lake Central sr. G.

Final Top 10 — 1. Novi (22-1-1); 2. Brighton (18-5-2); 3. Midland Dow (22-2-1); 4. Troy Athens (14-5-5); 5. Livonia Stevenson (17-2-0); 6. Warren DeLaSalle (17-3-2); 7. Plymouth Salem (17-3-2); 8. Livonia Churchill (13-5-3); 9. Birmingham Brother Rice (16-5-1); 10. Plymouth Canton (14-6-2).

DIVISION II

Second Team — Tim Rals, Farmington sr. F.

Third Team — Justin Street, North Farmington sr. M.

Honorable Mention — Phil Casparot, Farmington sr. D; Patrick Falcon, Farmington sr. M.

Final Top 10 — 1. Grand Rapids Christian (24-1-0); 2. Detroit U-D Jesuit (16-9-0); 3. St. Joseph (16-2-0); 4. Portage Northern (18-4-2); 5. Eaton Rapids (16-6-0); 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (18-4-0); 7. Mason (16-2-0); 8. Bloomfield Hills Lahser (16-3-1); 9. East Lansing (14-4-4); 10. Petoskey (15-6-0).

DIVISION IV

First Team — Michael Randall, Lutheran Westland sr. S; Andrew Gillesman, Lutheran Westland Jr. G.

Third Team — Ryan Ollinger, Westland Lutheran sr. M.

Final Top 10 — 1. Elk Rapids (23-3-1); 2. Muskegon West Michigan Christian (18-5-1); 3. Kalamazoo Hackett (16-7-0); 4. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (13-8-2); 5. Adrian Lenawee Christian (17-5-0); 6. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (21-1-2); 7. Bloomfield Hills Roeper (12-7-3); 8. Lutheran Westland (13-4-2); 9. Burton Genesee Christian (19-2-0); 10. North Branch Wesleyan (17-3-1).

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Canton D1

Wolcott ("A good, solid player," according to Young) and Jerry Gaines ("A very good defender").

There are two others who didn't play varsity last season: Mike Major, a 5-10 junior shooting guard who should contribute offensively, and Juan Cortes, a 6-3 senior foreign exchange student from Argentina with solid skills.

Still, despite the experience — nine of the 11 Chiefs played for the varsity at some point last season — Canton still lacks size, which could be a problem, and a proven scorer other than Cortellini. What the Chiefs don't lack is confidence.

That could change early in the season, considering their schedule. They open with Wayne Memorial at home Tuesday, then travel to Monroe Friday. Lavell Blanchard and Ann Arbor Pioneer visit Canton next — Blanchard is rated as one of the state's top players; he riddled Canton for 32 points on 12-of-15 shooting last season — and then comes the Traverse City Tournament.

"Our schedule challenges us, which is good," said Young. "We're not going to worry about (our record). We'll just see what happens."

The schedule won't be the only concern for Young and his team. "Rebounding will be a challenge every night, because we don't have great size," the Chiefs' coach said. "We have good size, but we have to rebound together, as a team."

"We have to play consistent team defense, we have to rebound every game and we



Coming on: Canton forward Dan McLean had a solid first season on the varsity, averaging eight points a game last season.

have to get balanced scoring."

And if all that comes together, and the Chiefs do survive the difficult preseason slate in reasonably good shape, all they need do is take on Salem, Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Western, Farmington Harrison

and North Farmington — all WLAA teams with the potential to have superior seasons.

"Our league is very strong, from top to bottom," said Young. His plan, of course, is to be back closer to the former, rather than finishing near the latter.

Salem from page D1

"Our early-season schedule is a dog," admitted Brodie. "It'll get our attention."

It could define the success of the season as well. Last season the Rocks had more experienced veterans, and it made a difference when they started the season 0-2 (Salem went 19-2 the rest of the way).

"We're going to have to mature very early," said Brodie. "We've got some size, and these guys are fierce competitors. They know how to win."

"We've got some quickness. But we're going to make some mistakes early — we'll just see how quickly they jell."

The faster the better, of course. If there's one thing Brodie would like to have in place by the start of the WLAA campaign (Jan. 8 vs. Livonia Churchill), it's consistency.

"They can play," the Salem coach said. "I've seen them look as good as last year's team at times. But I've seen them play pretty poorly, too."

It doesn't figure to be another 10-1 run through the league this year (Salem's only WLAA loss last season was to Westland John Glenn). Brodie called Glenn, North Farmington and Northville — which eliminated Salem from the state tournament in the district finals — as teams that should be in the championship hunt.

So, too, will Salem. And there are several others who could pose a threat, like Plymouth Canton, Farmington Harrison, Walled Lake Western, Farmington and Walled Lake Central.

But first things first. And first, the Rocks must concentrate on getting their game in order during a taxing pre-holiday schedule.



3-year man: Mike Korduba is starting his third season on the Salem varsity. The senior forward should battle for a starting position.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
•Coach: Mike Schmitt, seventh season.
•1997-98 record: 12-4.
•Key losses: Jason Croshaw (Year Motion transferred to Mt. Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina); Devin White (transferred to Livonia Churchill).
•Key newcomers: 6-1 Jr. G. Eric Jones (second team All-Area); 5-9 Sr. G. Reggie Spearmon; 6-4 Sr. F. Ty Hagood; 6-1 Sr. G. F. Stephen Woods (fourth team All-Area); 6-1 Sr. G. Bill Fodor.

•Key newcomers: 6-4 Jr. F. Ben Harris.
•Schoett's 1998-99 outlook: "I think the league is going to be very competitive. I don't see any weak links anywhere. I just hope we're in the top eight so we can make the playoffs. If everything else goes as well as it did last year, we will."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL
•Coach: Rick Corbett, fifth season.
•1997-98 record: 18-5 (District champion; Catholic League Central Division champion).

•Key losses: Chris Young (first team All-Area, All-State playing at University of Michigan); Joe Jones (third team All-Area); Don Skinkster (fourth team All-Area; playing football at Wayne State); Adam Tubaro (playing football at Kalamazoo College); Justin Ockerman (transferred to Garden City).

•Key newcomers: 6-2 Sr. G. Nick Moore (first team All-Area; signed with Toledo); 6-3 Jr. G. Rob Sparks; 6-2 Sr. F. Dave Lusky; 6-4 Jr. F. Matt Loris; 6-0 Sr. G. Dan Joak; 6-3 Sr. F. Anthony Toney; 6-5 Sr. C. Chuck Cash.

•Key newcomers: None.
•Corbett's 1998-99 outlook: "We're going to be very athletic. We'll be able to run. And we've got three guys who can really shoot the three — (Dan) Jess, (Rob) Sparks and (Nick) Moore."

"We're sharper than we have been so we'll have to be a little more aggressive."

"But it's funny, we rebounded better last summer than we have in the last three. Maybe they decided they have to rebound better without Chris (Young) there."

"We're going to rebound by committee."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
•Coach: Chuck Henry, 22nd season.
•1997-98 record: 12-10.

•Key graduation losses: Brian Williams (first team All-Area, now at Kalamazoo Valley CC); Karl Kallway; Redick Borkins; Quentin Turner.

•Key newcomers: 5-8 Sr. G. Jamar Davis; 5-8 Jr. G. Shane Nowak; 5-9 Sr. G. Nathan Wade; 6-0 Sr. C. Robert Price.

•Key newcomers: None.

•Henry's 1998-99 outlook: "We're kind of a small team this year. And with only two kids who had considerable playing minutes, we're going to be very inexperienced."

"But we do have some talented kids. We'll just have to get out there and see how the year goes."

"I'm hoping we have the kind of team which is going to get better as the year goes on."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
•Coach: Rick Austin, third year.
•1997-98 record: 7-14.

•Key losses: Corey Cook; Eric Uhlinger (now playing at Concordia); Mike Copeland (transferred to Livonia Franklin); George Kihara (playing winter soccer).

•Key newcomers: 6-1 Sr. G. Justin Jones; 6-1 Jr. G. Randall Schaefer; 6-0 Sr. G. Ryan Vickers; 6-5 Sr. C. Michael Kennedy; 6-4 Jr. G. John Vancott.

•Key newcomers: 6-3 Jr. F. Avery Jessup (transfer from Redford Bishop Gorges); 6-0 Sr. G. Devin White (transfer from Westland John Glenn); 6-1 Jr. F. Ryan Coash; 5-8 Jr. G. Brandon Garcia; 6-4 Sr. F. Eric Uhlir.

•Austin's 1998-99 outlook: "Our team this year will have much more depth. We're bigger in the low post and we're bigger at the guard position with Bobo, Vickers, Bennett and Jones, who were all starters at one time or another last year."

"Our chemistry is great. Our players like playing with each other. All we athletes in other sports and they bring a lot to the team concept."

"Our leadership has been great. Co-captains (Michael) Kennedy and (Randall) Schaefer are doing a great job of leading their team."

"We'll play tough defensively like we have been the last couple of years."

"This year the players believe they can compete for a division title. That's their goal."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
•Coach: Dan Robinson.
•1997-98 record: 9-12.

•Key graduation losses: Eddie Wallace (playing at Oakland CC); Nick Mongeau; Dave Fontaine; Brian Facione.

•Key newcomers: 6-4 Sr. F. Dustin Harris; 6-3 Jr. PG. Derek Schena; 6-5 Sr. C. Nick Miller.

•Key newcomers: 6-4 Soph. C. Mike Copeland (transfer from Livonia Churchill, eligible second semester); 6-1 Soph. G. Joe Ruggiero; 6-1 Soph. G. Ian Reid.

•Robinson's 1998-99 outlook: "We've got five seniors coming back who only bring a total of eight points with them. That's going to be a key, to see where our scoring comes from."

"We're going to have to play very good defense, execute well on offense and control the tempo when we need to."

"We have three sophomores and five juniors. One of our goals is to improve every game, and that's a tough goal."

"Curtis (Harris), who had limited playing time last year, worked hard over the summer. I think he's going to be a surprise to many."

"Dustin Harris showed flashes, and he's worked hard. He played on an AAU team and is vastly improved."

"(Transfer Mike) Copeland shows a lot of skills for a sophomore."

"Every team in the Western Lakes is improved. Even the top teams with key losses — most of them have good replacements coming in from the JV or are more experienced from last year."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
•Coach: Tim Norman, third season.
•1997-98 record: 0-21.

•Key graduation losses: Mike Oosthuis; Bryan Schief.

•Key newcomers: 6-5 Sr. F. Paul Bowers; 6-2 Sr. F. Ryan Tolan; 6-2 Sr. F. Brett Koch; 6-10 Sr. G. Dave Slender; 6-0 Sr. G. Marty Kennedy; 5-21 Jr. G. Mike Lander; 6-2 Jr. F. Harold Beverly; 5-10 Jr. G. Keshay McChis.

•Key newcomers: 6-0 Sr. G. Maher Salah; 6-3 Jr. F. William Koz; 6-0 Jr. G. Mike Notari; 6-2 Jr. F. Keith VanTiem; 5-11 Jr. F. John Van Buren.

•Norman's 1998-99 outlook: "These kids got a lot of playing time as sophomores and juniors. They're going to put a lot more points on the board."

"Our biggest concern right now is getting a couple of wins under our belt. So the kids know what it feels like."

"There's a lot of tough teams in the league, and we're not ready to look into that right now. We're just going to go toe to toe with everybody Tuesday and Friday and see where they fall."

"So far, it's been a fun group. They're improving each day, working hard and that's all I can ask for."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND
•Coach: Dan Rantlun, third season.
•1997-98 record: 8-13.

•Key losses: Brad Wohlske; Scott Randall; Jake Hatten.

•Key newcomers: 6-2 Sr. F. Ryan Olinger; 6-2 Sr. F. Tom Habitz.

•Key newcomers: 5-9 Sr. G. Mike Randall; 5-11 Sr. G. Gordie Engel; 6-3 Fr. F. Brent Habitz; 6-6 Soph. C. Ernie Fackler; 5-7 Jr. G. Aaron Fant; 5-10 Jr. G. Mike Moser; 6-0 Jr. G. Charlie Hoet; 6-2 Jr. F. Ryan Noel; 6-5 Jr. C. Andrew McLaughlin; 6-3 Jr. F. Nick Meyer (transfer from Saginaw Valley Lutheran, not eligible until second semester).

•Rantlun's 1998-99 outlook: "We'll be young and inexperienced, so it's hard to tell until we get into the games exactly how old we'll play."



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ARCHERY

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (313) 453-9843 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1998

Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of regular meeting of October 26, 1998 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$575,707.28 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for October, 1998 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for November, 1998 - received and filed.
Office Furniture (Middle Rouge) Request To Advertise For Proposals - approved.
Letter of Audit Engagement - approved.
Right-Way Janitorial Service; Agreement Amendment - approved.
Middle Rouge Office Addition; Certificate of Substantial Completion - approved.
Computer Technologies, Inc.; Agreement Renewal - approved.
Middle Rouge Office Addition; Change Order No. 1 (Davenport Brothers, Inc.) - approved.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman,
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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BASIC SKI TUNING

An instructional clinic covering the basics of edge and base conditioning, waxing and detuning your alpine or nordic skis begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile). Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ICE FISHING

Bob "Hangman" Mitchel, of Redford, will give a seminar entitled, "Everything You Want to Know About Ice Fishing," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Steelheaders at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

ACTIVITIES

GANATCHIO TRAIL

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Trail, which runs from Windsor to Tecumseh parallel to the Lake St. Clair shore, during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. The event is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Group Sierra Club. Participants should meet at the tourist information center on Route 3, south of the bridge in Windsor. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 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.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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 information.

MEETINGS

NRC

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 advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

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.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules runs through Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE

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 Hunting and Trapping Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE

A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

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

Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TOWING SERVICES

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently seeking sealed bids for Towing Services. Services are to include vehicle towing, impoundment and storage at the direction of the Plymouth Township Police Department. The contractor must operate and maintain two (2) tow trucks or equivalent (flat bed type) vehicles within one mile of the Township boundaries. Request for Proposal including complete specifications may be obtained at The Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids are due not later than 12:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 1999.

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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas holidays from Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office **WILL BE OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS** and other payments on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th**.

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Freeland ends Borgess' repeat title attempt

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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The roses made sense, but the message didn't.

Each of the Freeland girls basketball players were given a white rose from their cheering section after their 51-48 upset victory over Redford Bishop Borgess in Thursday's Class C state semifinal at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena.

Attached to each rose was a message that said "Lady Falcons, you're champions in our book."

The message was clear: Even their fans expected the Falcons to lose.

Maybe they'll wait until after the game to order roses from now on.

"We thought we were underdogs but capable of winning," said Tonya Steele, who scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and was one of five Freeland players who played at least 28 minutes.

Freeland junior center Becca McCann, who had game-highs in points (25) and rebounds (13) and played the entire 32 minutes, had been dreaming of this game for years.

The win sent Freeland, 24-2 overall, into the championship game to face Kalamazoo Christian on Saturday. Kalamazoo Christian beat Harbor Springs 61-50 in the other semifinal.

"I've been coming to the state finals for a couple years and we decided we'd rather be players than spectators," said McCann, who made 10 of 14 shots from the floor and five of six free throws.

Borgess' 10-game winning streak was snapped and the defending Class C champion Spartans finished at 16-11 overall.

Senior guard Tiffany Simon led the Spartans with 14 points and no other Spartan scored in double figures. Sophomore guard Amber Taylor had eight points and sophomore guard Michelle Catchings and freshman center Joe Clyburn added six points each.

Despite using only their starting five most of the game the Falcons avoided fatigue, outscoring the Spartans 18-11 in the fourth quarter to erase a 37-33 deficit through three quarters.

"They had five kids who played 28 plus minutes which is exactly what we wanted," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "It didn't work. McCann is a very nice player and she played 32 minutes. We did exactly what we wanted to do but didn't finish off our pos-

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sessions enough and they didn't get tired enough."

Simn made seven of 20 shots from the floor and the Spartans were 21 for 61 as a team (34 percent). Freeland made 19 of 47 shots from the floor (40 percent) and outrebounded the Spartans 43-31.

Freeland made 13 of 21 free throw attempts to Borgess' six of

13. Freeland started the fourth quarter on a 5-0 run to take a 38-37 lead with 6:19 remaining. Taylor's jump shot with 5:21 left gave the Spartans their last lead, 41-40, before Freeland scored eight of the next 10 points to gain its biggest lead, 48-43.

Two free throws by Catchings cut the deficit to 48-45 and Clyburn had a block to give the Spartans possession again with 1:10 left. Taylor made one of two

free throws again to cut the deficit to 48-46 and Cleburn followed with another block to give Borgess possession and a chance to force overtime with 29.4 left.

But the Spartans' possession ended quickly as a pass went out of bounds with 21.1 left. A Borgess player reached over the out of bounds line and touched the ball before it was passed in-bounds, giving the Spartans a technical.

Freeland made one of two

technical free throws and ended its next possession with two free throws to lead 51-46.

Cleburn's put-back made the final margin three with seven seconds left.

"We came in too young and not quite tough enough," said Mann, whose roster included one senior, four sophomores and nine freshmen. "Tiffany had one heck of a difficult job this year with 13 underclassmen. I'm really curious to see which freshmen down

there are ready to buy into the program and which one is just along for the ride."

"We just let them outwork us," Catchings said.

Sophomore Stacy Cobbs is ready to take over a leadership role.

"After this game, yeah," said Cobbs, who had four points on one of seven shooting. "Now I know what I've got to do when it comes down to it."



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CC routs Huron, 6-1

Redford Catholic Central peppered Ann Arbor Huron goalie Dan Roberts with 79 shots Wednesday in a 6-1 win that improved CC's record to 3-0 overall and in the Metro League.

Shamrock goalie Ben Dunne, who faced 17 shots, allowed an unassisted goal on a first period breakaway by Corey Dugan that created a 1-1 tie. Huron is 0-2 overall, 0-1 in league play.

But his teammates rang up two in a 17-second span to end the period with a 3-1 lead. CC had a 27-3 edge in shots on goal in the period.

Getting a goal plus an assist were Todd Bentley, David Moss, Brandon Kaleniecki and Joe Hillebrand. Brad Holland and Rick Buttery got the other goals.

Keith Rowe and Jim Speiwak notched two assists with Chris Beaty, Derek Genrich and Matt VanHeest getting one apiece.

Churchill 9, W.L. Western 1: Livonia Churchill earned its first victory of the season Wednesday, behind Dan Cook's three goals.

Cook, assisted by Derek Martin, opened the scoring at 9:21 of the first period and notched an unassisted goal in the second before wrapping up his hat trick in the third, assisted by Jeff Andes.

Cook also assisted on Adam Rourke's goal at 14:39 of the opening period. Livonia Churchill got a goal with a second remaining in the opening period, from Aaron Jakubowski.

Churchill put the game away with five goals in the second period. Nathan Jakubowski scored from Rourke and Jason Turri. Cook had his second goal then Tom Sherman scored twice — unassisted and then from Turri and Martin.

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BOWLING AND RECREATION

Senior bowler is a living legend

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Meet Joe Norris. He was in town last weekend for the 68th annual Old Timers Tournament and party. He is one of bowling's greatest all-time legends, and at the age of 90 an inspiration to bowlers and non-bowlers young and old.

"There were about 560 entrants who showed up at Thunderbowl Lanes for this event, and it was a dandy from start to finish. During the opening ceremonies, Norris presented Carl Koch with a special watch, as the oldest entrant ever at 100 years of age. As Norris said, "This is the best tournament for seniors, anywhere." He should know because his records would more than fill this page. His greatest memories were as captain of the great Stroh's Beer teams in the 1930-40 era who helped make Detroit the dominant area in the nation for bowling.

Norris represented the U.S. in international competition during the 1936 Berlin Olympics, as even back then, they were trying to get full Olympic recognition.

Norris has bowled in every ABC Nationals except 1942 when he had to have some surgery. During a break in the tournament, I had a chance to interview Norris and here are some bits and pieces from the conversation.

Asked how the famous Stroh Beer team got its start, Norris reminisced, "In 1934 I had five good young bowlers

and no sponsor. I talked to the PR man at Stroh's and sold them a bill of goods so if they would sponsor us in the City, State and ABC tournaments, we would give 40 exhibitions during the year. When we went in, it was always to a packed house, for we were billed as the world match game champions, which we had to maintain in three match game tournaments every year without getting beaten.

"As it worked out, we won every team title possible including the ABC which is one thing the great Budweiser team never did. In 1936, our team represented the USA at the Berlin Olympics. Even back then, we were trying to get this recognition. They put up 24 lanes in the fencing room, and we had eight American style lanes, the rest were European, quite different. We got to watch the Olympics.

"We held the World Match Game title for four years, it was like a prizefighter, he is the champ until someone comes along and knocks him out."

This powerful Stroh team brought a lot of attention to Detroit's bowling scene in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Those were the glory years. Norris departed Detroit for Chicago in 1947 to go work for Brunswick installing lanes at the major tournaments sites for the ABC and the All-stars.

The first All-Star event took place in a theater, others in an armory, and these lanes were sold on site, then moved on to their permanent location.

In all of those years, Norris set many records. He was the youngest person at 18 to bowl a 300 game in 1926, and

again at 86 he was the oldest at 86 to bowl a perfect game in 1994.

"That will be hard to beat," he said. One record which may never be equaled is his record in the annual ABC events for he has scored 120,811 total pinfall over 69 American Bowling Congress tournaments, missing out only in 1942 when he had a blood clot in his leg, which also kept him out of the military service. His overall average for the ABC is 193, and he has averaged as high as 226 in the old Garden Bowl in Detroit.

He is prouder yet of his 211 average in the Detroit Times Classic league which bowled in 34 different houses.

In 1963, Joe Norris retired from Brunswick but stayed on in an advisory capacity. Upon retiring, Brunswick gave him a boat, but he thought Lake Michigan was too big for it, but when he visited his sister-in-law in California, he decided to move there. The Coast Guard talked him out of using the boat in the ocean. He has lived in San Diego ever since and is actively working with senior citizen bowling programs.

He still finds time every year to come back home to bowl in the Annual Old Timers event. He came in second to Joe Paulus of Bloomfield Hills in the 80 and over category.

On the state of the game today, Norris notes that he is unhappy with the way scores are going too high. "You cannot change it now, it's like giving a kid an apple and taking it away from him. People talk about these exotic bowling balls, but that is not the answer. "The maintenance man is still the

boss. Take the Brunswick Team Challenge. To qualify for that they have to bowl in tough conditions and every bowler has the exotic new balls but they still cannot knock down the pins.

"The key to the future of bowling is league play. Some proprietors are going after more open bowling with the higher lie rates and cosmic bowling with music and lasers, but it all comes back to the team concept, and for that you need leagues. Japan and other countries tried it and they failed."

Now, at 90, he is averaging 185 in his league back home.

As for the Old Timers event, Carl Koch took first place in the 100 and up age group. Since he was the only entrant in this category, all he had to do was roll one ball. The 1998 Champion is Ed Grant of Rochester, age 71, who recorded games of 290-237-210 for a 737 total. Other winners, by age group: 80 and over: Joe Paulus (81), 202-200-194/596; Joe Norris (90), 221-193-167/581; Jarv Woehlke (85), Dearborn, 167-216-184/567. 75 to 79: Earnest Wallace (78), 193-223-197/613; Syl Thiel, Lake City, Minn., 208-191-203/602; George "Chico" Chicovsky (76), 236-142-212/590. 70 to 74: Cas Macudzinski (70), 203-195-244/642; Walter "Spider" King (71), 192-201-248/641; George Mitchell (72), 225-183-232/640. 65 to 69: Lloyd McNabb (66), 258-217-255/730; Scotty Laughland (68), Windsor, 249-269-188/706; Donald Murphy (66), 230-223-243/696. 60 to 64: Roland Cooks (60), 245-235-247/727; Don Clifford (61), 237-245-204/686; Earl Jones (62), Farmington Hills, 205-267-208/680. 50 to 59:

Roger Gurgul (51), 216-256-247/719; Roland Snodgrass, 267-227-220/714; Jerry Nichols, 247-245-220/712. Under 50: Lew Ansara (46) Farmington Hills, 279-268-185/732; Tim Panek (44) Redford, 221-252-245/718; Rick Eiermann (45) Garden City, 215-237-257/709. Highest Game: Ron Piacenti, 289.

THIS WEEK'S
PRO TIP

Joe Norris has been active with senior citizens activities mostly in seniors bowling leagues. He has advice for seniors. "Join a senior bowling league. The rates are usually at reduced prices, and the social aspect is important. It gives senior citizens of all ages a chance to participate in some type of competition. In San Diego, once we get the seniors bowling, they become very happy people.

"The trick is to get them up and out of the rocking chairs. We have even had some nice marriages from those who had previously lost their spouses. Out of the senior population, only about 17 percent have tried bowling, so we haven't even scratched the surface.

"My advice to all seniors is to get out of the rocking chair, go to a bowling establishment, join a league and have a lot of fun."

Joe Norris
senior bowler

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Greenfield Mixed: Tom Gow, 243-223-239/705; Vern Gooding 236-211/601; Bill Weed, 244/607; Ron Turner, 234-242-204/680; Ryan Wilson, 236-216/623; Lynne Wegener, 223-222/629; Ken Smith, 213-213-248/674.

Wednesday Knights: Rich Grossman, 279/783; Mort Friedman, 269; Julie Wright, 268; Randy Lombard, 279.

Advanced Youth: Jack Harrison, 205/574; Gordon Gregoroff, 197.

Spares & Strikes: Joanie Kaminski, 229/569; Sherry McMahon, 216/588; Estelle Drabicki, 204; Gale Schultz, 204; Li Vandervennet, 214.

Country Keglers: Dave Kaliszewski, 256/675; Joe Mainardi, 248; Harold Crane, 248; Dean Johnson, 245; George Vann, 269/658; Bob Shinko, 268/668.

Ever 7: Matt McKenzie, 269/682; Greg Cooper, 243; Tony Mauti, 238/635; Ivo Gasparotto, 237; Scott Moore 234.

Saturday Odd Couples: Judy Nutter, 284/629; Wayne Klester, 220.

Country Couples: Tim Maloney, 248; Dan Small, 238/613; Janice Kudrycki, 205/527.

Monday Nite Men: Andy Ponke, 279; Michael Miller, 277/725; Ray Strietzel, 277; Jeff Hanson, 794; Jeff Morton, 300; Steve Fortney, 287/726.

Monday Midnight Men: Mike Kassa, 257; Bassam Jabiro, 255/697; Kevin Kijma, 673.

Sports Club: Sam Kizy, 262/622; Steve Hayco, 243; Ann Neiman, 202; Rita Dawood, 221.

Sunday Goodtimers: Wayne Lanning, 248/592; Tony Aluto, 215; Joe Roerink, 202-225/621; Todd Wortinger, 233.

244/670; Lou Konopko, 235; Ralph Davis, 234-222/632.

Sunday Comics: Bob Aldrich, 221; Mick Mulligan, 216.

Farmington Schools: Carl Berman, 224/583; Mark Isler, 200.

Loon Lake - Mark Earles, 244/704; Scott Tutas, 234.

BEL AIRE LANES (Farmington)

JWI Gallie/Centennial: Andie Fuereisen, 209/529; Marsha Margolis, 515; Marianne Pesick, 240/573; Cheryl Feldman, 523; Dianne Schnieder, 522.

Our Lady of Sorrows: Mike Edoff, 229-223/626; Larry Pitta, 223-299/720.

Michigan Bell Men's: Todd Andrews, 215-213-223/651; G. Kelley, 245-202/641; Alan Benjamin, 215-247/633; Dave Riger, 268/625; Darnel Krause, 243/637.

Temple Israel: Ronald Klein, 280; Dan Abramson, 201-223-224/648.

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)

St. Linus Men's Classic: Bob Rayl, 297-225/694; Matt Dalley, 203-236-255/694; Dennis Rochelleau, 265-267/688; Dave Clark, 274-214/686; John Adomitis, 257-243/686.

NOVI BOWL

Westside Lutheran: Jim Molnar, 256/680; Mike Faith, 632; Tim Warner, 630; John Koepke, 630; Ron Williams, 624.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Good Neighbors: Alicia Wafer, 205.

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Bob

Sherwood, 258-247/691; Lee Onkka, 225-212-244/681; Gabe Fazekas, 245-226/646; Milt Schroeder, 258; Mel Albrite, 222-249/670; Walt Arsenaull, 206-244/635; Joe Kissel, 257; Chico Chicovsky, 245.

Monday Seniors: Mike Krywy, 159-300-165/624; Gerry Zalewski, 237-268/706; Howard Davis, 247-247/688; Andy Parrat, 257/688; Jarv Woehlke, 235/660; Duane Kuras, 241-267/701.

Friday Seniors: George Kompoltowicz, 247/673; Ozzie Hovsepian, 267/667; Cal Simmons, 235/642; Tom Sanford, 236/641; Bill Morris, 275/636.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Waterford Men: Ray Haan, 246-238-222/706.

Burroughs Men: John Umfleet, 224-279-223/726; Dave Schwartz, 278.

3 P.M.: Rex Kosinski, 268-194-299/761.

Money Makers: John Thorsen, 223-254-250/707.

Guys & Dolls: Dan Pydyn, 242-267/685; Stacy Lanning, 224/607.

Keglers: Bob Bray, 239-227-246/712; John Tursell, 236-236-236 Triplicate 708; Mark Beasley, 225-278/689.

TOWN ON COUNTRY LANES (Westland)

Tuesday Junior House: Matt Wisniewski, 300.

Thursday Morning Men: Vince Proctor, 300.

Friday Invitational: Dave Krivitz, 300/857; Doug Evans, 300/821; Mitch Jabozenski, 289/803; Mike Norris Jr, 300/750.

Westside Proprietors Travel: Tim Mag-
yar, 813.

Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic:
Steve Engebretson, 247-234-237/718; Joe Fuchs, 213-225-269/707; Roy Hixson, 213-245-228/686; Rob Tomlinson, 204-198-221/623; David Gray, 212-225/620;

Tony Vitale, 204-223/617; Darren Kos-
sick, 201-199-215/615.

WESTLAND BOWL

Monday Morning Men: Ralph Lopez,
278/723.

Sunday Sleepers: Chris Kliczinski,
299/727; Joe Manor, 300/737; Hector
Ortega, 267; Joe Helm, 266.

Wednesday Ladies Classic: Kim Even,
266; Karen Brown, 246; Sarah Duff, 243;
Mary McGuire, 258-245/666; Patty Pen-
nington, 235/654; Jeanni Goormastic,
244.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)

St. Genis Men: Wil Suokas, 248-232-
266/746; Rich Dawson, 222-241-
213/676; Steve Ostler, 211-219-
223/653; James Klester, 228-245/642;
Jeff Porto, 2044-200-237/641.

Bowling Bags: Paula Wilson, 226/584.

Senior House: Don Chambers, 300-229-
197/726; Jack Treolar Jr, 300-213-
258/771; Pat Cenker, 290; Brian Senda,
290.

Early Risers: Anne Brecht, 501; Wanda
Denardis, 504.

Newburg Ladies: Maureen Cirocco, 226;
Nancy Smith, 199; Darlene Jablonski, 191;
Donna Graham, 179; Mary Carruthers,
178.

Saturday Hot Shots: Dave Looker, 290-
235-277/802; Larry Gilpin, 300.

St. Aidan's Mixed: John Krepshire, 220;
Jim Nawrocki, 224; Ernie Wagner, 209;
Carol Andrikides, 204; Carol Posegay,
194.

Senior Merry Bowlers: John Sprietzer,
205/516; Joe Kubinec, 230/525; Mike
Possert, 207-560; Don McCune, 208/557.

Tuesday Merrybowlers: Shannon
Klepach, 278.

CHERRY HILL LANES (Dearborn Heights)

Suburban Prop. Travel (men): Kevin
Franks, 278/656; John Hurley, 257/706;
Billy Gerace, 256/715; Bob Chuba,
247/605; Tim Magyar, 247/714; Paul
Butler, 232.

Suburban Prop. Travel (ladies): Kathy
Butler, 210/579; Jennifer Cribbs,
204/542; Gloria Mertz, 201/545.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

MoMoCo Thursday: Tony Bennett,
256/671; DFave Diomedii, 670; Greg
George, 275; Randy Thompson, 289/662;
Bill Freeman, 671; Bob McCarrick, 257.

Tel-Com Men: Bob Bronner, 289/761;
Gerry Twig, 279/720; Mike Clendenen,
275.

St. Aidan's Men: Conrad Sobania, 220-
237/629; Dave Golen, 230-208/623; Joe
Naujokas, 236/622; Ryan Jackson, 248;
John Schlicker, 251; John Nemec,
241/600; Tony Kaluzny, 213-235/623.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Julie Wright, 207-
228-300/735; Carol Mielczarek, 279;
Sandy Winbigger, 277/689; Veronica
Tubbs, 258-238/686; Darlene Dysart, 258;
Michelle Ewald, 254.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

Wonderland Classic: Ron LeChevalier,
268/750; Doug Spicer, 267/734; Mark
Payne, 278/729; John Kohler, 743; Phil
Horowitz, 712.

Nite Owls: Tim Seog, 288(108
o/a)/734 (194 o/a); Dennis Madden,
245/695; Gary Steinman, 654; Ken Cor-
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LEAGUE SEEKS TEAMS

The Midwest Super League, an amateur youth baseball organization, has openings for qualified teams to join the league and for the 1999 season.

The league offers competition in the following divisions and age groups: Connie Mack (17-18), Mickey Mantle (15-16) and Sandy Koufax (13-14).

Each division is limited to 10 qualified teams to ensure a high level of play. While based in the Metro Detroit area, member teams originate from outstate Michigan and Canada as well.

League affiliation with national baseball programs (AABC, NABF and AAU) lead to high-profile tournaments in various locations around the United States.

Coaches who would like to enter their teams should contact Dennis Patterson via e-mail at MWSL1998BB@aol.com or by phone at (248) 848-9432.

AAU CAGE TRYOUTS

The Detroit Shock will hold tryouts for girls AAU basketball teams today from 1-4 p.m. at the Oakland Community College Auburn Hills campus. The tryouts will be for teams in four separate divisions, including girls born in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986.

RAIDERS AAU TRYOUTS

The Michigan Raiders AAU Girls Basketball tryouts will be held today at Rochester High School (Walton Blvd. and Liver-
nois).

The following schedule will take place - 10-Under: 1-3 p.m. (two teams, coaches Debbie Nel-

son and Michael Kanan); 11-Under: 9-11 a.m. (coach Anne Rexford); 12-Under: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (coach Dan Darland); 13-Under: 3-5 p.m. (coach Kathy Bieniek); 14-Under: 3-5 p.m. (two teams, coaches Doreen Belkowski and Pat Lowney); 15-Under: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (three teams, coaches Joe Clinton, John Fren-
do and Chuck Nutt); 16-Under: 1-3 p.m. (two teams, coaches Dawn Lichty and Steve Hasler); 18-Under: 9-11 a.m. (Mary Ann Cop-
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Players are asked to be there 30 minutes prior to the tryout time, wearing appropriate attire with a water bottle and basketball. Ages as of Jan. 1, 1999 will determine age-group tryout designation. There is a \$10 tryout fee.

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Deer season's a success

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Deer season is zipping right along. The first half of the archery season has come and gone and the firearms season came to a conclusion on Monday. Many area hunters have experienced great success this fall and called or dropped me a line to share their success.

Archery season opened again on Tuesday and runs through Jan. 3 and muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 11-20 in the Lower. A special antlerless-only season will also be offered on private land in parts of the state on Dec. 19-Jan. 3. (Check the DNR antlerless permit guide for exact locations of the special late season.)

The bottom line is that there are still plenty of opportunities to spend some time afield so get out and enjoy the season. And don't forget to report your success at the number or address listed below.

Opening day of the firearms deer season proved to be a lucky one for several area deer hunters.

• June Smith of Troy was hunting on the west side of Hubbard Lake with her husband Bill on opening day when she shot a beautiful 8-point. The buck weighed in at 137 pounds.

"Unfortunately the deer had TB and the meat could not be utilized," Bill said. "We had to settle for two does."

• Livonia's Kevin Veith shot a 5-point, 130-pound buck on opening day of the firearms season. Veith was hunting in Crawford County and shot the buck around 11 a.m.

• Second year hunter Joseph Michalsen of Livonia bagged his first deer on opening day of the firearms season. Hunting from a ground blind set up by his aunt, Elaine Pele, in Cheboygan County, Michalsen dropped a 10-point buck with a 12 ga. Remington 870 Express Magnum at 8:55 a.m. Michalsen was hunting with his father, David, brother Tom, and aunt Elaine. The buck weighed in at approximately 175 lbs. field dressed.

• Southfield's Michael Johnstone went hunting for the first

time in his life during the firearms season and wasted little time finding success. The 41-year-old hunter shot a spike buck at 8 a.m. on November 15th.

• Lake Orion's Todd Carrothers had a great archery season. The 38-year-old hunter arrowed a spike buck from a tree blind on private land near Rose City in mid-October, then whacked a doe from a tree blind in Oakland County later in the month.

• Livonia's Ed Duprey went on a horseback pack hunt in Montana in early October and had a terrific hunt. On the first day of his nine-day hunt, Duprey bagged a 7x6 bull elk with a 300-yard shot from his .300 Winchester magnum. Two days later, Duprey shot a 2x3 mule deer with a 55-yard shot.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

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COACH OF THE YEAR

Glenn Scala, Redford Union

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 Sr. Steve Migliore (5-11, 225), Harrison

Quarterbacks
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 Sr. Andre Saxon (6-0, 155), Liv. Franklin
 Sr. Jeremy Overton (6-2, 230), Wayne

Running Backs
 Sr. Michael Murphy (6-0, 195), Borgess
 Sr. John Kava (6-0, 220), Redford CC
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The Redford Union football team looked good on paper in preseason, and coach Glenn Scala, a printer for a living, was glad the Panthers could produce a virtual carbon copy each week. RU made the biggest one-year improvement in Observerland this year, reaching the state playoffs for the first time with a 9-0 record after finishing 3-6 last year. The fairy-tale season ended with a 34-27 loss to Dearborn in a Class A regional semifinal.

Glenn Scala
Redford Union

For his efforts, Scala was named Observerland Coach of the Year. Scala, 47, graduated from Dearborn High in 1969. After a year at Ferris State, he spent four years in the Air Force.

This was Scala's fourth year as RU head coach after spending the last seven seasons as an assistant coach there. His first team finished 3-6 in 1995, followed by a winless season in 1996.

Before going to RU, Scala had assistant coaching stints (1981-87) at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Crestwood and Riverside and Redford Bishop Borgess.

"The last 10 years have really flown by," Scala said. "I don't think the game has changed much. The kids have. It's hard to keep their interest, with all the outside things going on."

"We had a great year because of the kids. This group just made it one of my more enjoyable years. I had other ones in the past but none as rewarding."

Scala calls the offensive plays with assistance from coach Pete Mazzoni. He also credits the other varsity assistants, Miles Tomasaitis and Keith Holder, as well as the JV staff of Andy Christopherson, Larry Narkiewicz and Jim Carlin, for the team's success.

"Those guys help put it together," Scala said.

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Brett Foster, lineman, Harrison: Foster was a three-year starter at guard and is one of the best linemen ever to play for the Hawks. He also was a two-year standout at outside linebacker and was second on the team in tackles this year with 86.

"He's the strongest player on the team and one of the toughest kids we've ever had," coach John Herrington said. "I thought he played one of the best games I've ever seen a defensive end play in the Silverdome. He was dominant as an offensive blocker. We always ran over him on the goal line. When he pulled out on the veer pitch, it was a joy to watch him knock down cornerbacks."

Brock Naysmith, lineman, Redford CC: Naysmith proved valuable to the Shamrocks as a two-way player early on, starting at linebacker in place of injured all-state candidate Casey Rogowski, the first four games.

He started the entire year at offensive guard where he was a model of consistency for the run-oriented Shamrocks. This was his second year as a starter.

"When I think of Brock, I think of his toughness," Mach said. "His hitting ability is excellent. We do a lot of trapping, leading with guards, and he did an excellent job creating holes. He's a ferocious hitter as a linebacker and did a terrific job when he had to go both ways."

Jake Tharp, lineman, Glenn: A two-year, two-way starter, Tharp played offensive tackle and linebacker. He was credited with 46 tackles and 41 assists. He missed the playoff game against Brighton due to a knee injury and will have surgery Dec. 15.

"He's just an excellent blocker on offense with excellent toughness," coach Chuck Gordon said. "He's one of the guys we're going to build around next year. His best football is in front of him."

Josh Fritch, lineman, Clarenceville: Fritch played center on offense and linebacker defensively.

"Josh is very smart, very intelligent," coach Chuck Donaldson said. "He loves to hit. He likes to pick on the biggest and best linemen on the other team to see if he does well. Pound for pound, he's one of the toughest kids on our team."

Mike Niscomini, lineman, Farmington: Niscomini started at center for two years

ALL-AREA

and made all the line calls as far as blocking assignments. He was a two-way player this year, starting at inside linebacker. He also was responsible for making defensive adjustments and led the Falcons with 98 tackles. His teammates voted him Farmington's most valuable player.

"He was involved in everything that went on with Farmington football on the field," coach John Bechtel said. "He was always on the field. He was on all the special teams and didn't get much of a break."

"At times he played hurt and it didn't seem to bother him. He just kept going and he played at an incredibly high level."

Mike Morris, lineman, Redford CC: Morris is on track to leave CC as one of its all-time best linemen. He opened huge holes for CC backs in his first full season as a starter. He would have started his entire sophomore season, but an illness kept him out of the regular season.

"He is one of the great blockers we've had and is destined to be a future all-star," Mach said. "He'll do nothing but improve. He's a very hard worker in the weight room, throws the shot put in track and benches near 400 pounds already. He started in the state playoffs as a sophomore and from that point on did a tremendous job."

Nick Brzezinski, tight end, Redford CC: Brzezinski is high on several Division I recruiting lists. He caught 29 passes for 616 yards and four touchdowns, including one in the state final. Mach calls Brzezinski his best overall tight end "as a blocker and catcher" in his 23 years as head coach.

Brzezinski, who bench presses 360 pounds, made an official visit this weekend with teammate Casey Rogowski to Duke University.

"Nick is a guy who made tremendous improvement since last year," Mach said. "He worked hard in the weight room, lifted before and after school during the season, and that put him in the category of best as far as we go. He can go up for it, take it away from people. He blocks like a tackle and catches like a receiver."

Ricky Bryant, receiver, Harrison: Coach John Herrington puts Bryant, a four-year starter who played in 49 consecutive games during which time the Hawks were 45-4, in the same class with former Harrison greats John Miller and Mill Coleman.

Bryant finished his career as Harrison's all-time leading receiver with school records for receptions (136), yards (2,665) and touchdowns (33). His yardage and TD totals are also state high school records. He caught 46 passes for 950 yards and 15 touchdowns this year.

Bryant started in the secondary for three years. He had 46 tackles and four interceptions. He also averaged 16.1 yards on punt returns and 46.6 on kickoffs, two of which went for touchdowns.

"Ricky is one of the greatest competitors and athletes we've ever had," Herrington said. "He always made the big play. Whenever somebody scored on us, he answered with a kickoff return or pass reception. I'll miss the excitement and thrills he brought to the team."

Eric Jones, end, John Glenn: He caught 37 passes for 469 yards and four TDs. Jones also carried the ball 29 times, gaining 300 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

"He's a guy who keeps getting better and better," Gordon said. "He's one of the top athletes to play at John Glenn. He has excellent speed and is explosive. He hasn't come close to reaching his full potential."

Matt Rigley, quarterback, Redford Union: Rigley was a threat to run and throw for the Panthers in his second year as the full-time starting quarterback. He completed 60 of 131 passes for 932 yards and 14 touchdowns. He rushed for 347 yards in 57 carries, scoring three touchdowns.

As a starting safety, he intercepted five passes, returning one for a touchdown.

"He's really been an unselish player," Scala said. "He can get out of the pocket and throw the football. He played over a lot of pain, especially in the shoulder. It took

horses to get him out of the game."

Dave Pesci, quarterback, Harrison: Pesci dedicated himself to being the starting quarterback this year and had an outstanding season. He completed better than 61 percent of his passes (112-of-183) for 2,046 yards and 27 touchdowns with only six interceptions. He also rushed for four touchdowns.

Pesci broke Mill Coleman's regular-season record of 20 TD passes, and his 60-percent career completion rate is another school record. His 2,212 career passing yards is fourth best at Harrison, and his 29 career touchdown passes is second best.

"He's one of the smartest quarterbacks we've ever had," Herrington said, adding Pesci has great savvy. "He worked hard, but then he's worked hard in every aspect of his life."

Reggie Spearman, back, Glenn: Glenn's all-time leading rusher had 257 carries for 1,664 yards, scoring 24 times. In his four-year career, he gained 4,053 yards on 684 rushes with 48 touchdowns. He also excelled at defensive back.

"Reggie is in an elite group," Gordon said. "He's one of the best to ever play at Glenn. He's a fierce competitor who loves to win. He wants to be the guy who has a say in the game."

Walter Ragland, back, Clarenceville: Ragland carried 199 times for 1,697 yards and 17 touchdowns. He caught 16 passes for 212 yards and two scores. He finished his career with 4,280 yards and 46 touchdowns on 472 carries. Ragland also excelled at linebacker with 74 tackles and eight sacks.

"Walter was everything you ask for in a football player," Donaldson said. "He has all the gifts — speed, power, strength, cutting ability and intelligence. He's just a class act. I wish I could reshirt him."

Mike Macek, back, Redford Union: Macek rewrote most of the RU offensive record book and he has a year left.

A starter since his sophomore year, Macek this season gained 1,389 yards in 147 carries with a school-record 18 touchdowns. He holds the career record for touchdowns with 32.

He also caught eight passes for 132 yards and also played one game at quarterback in place of injured Matt Rigley, completing five of 10 attempts for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

As an inside linebacker, Macek was in on 50 tackles and caused four fumbles. He did the punting, too.

"His numbers speak for themselves," Scala said. "He's always willing to do whatever it takes, play quarterback, running back or return punts. He's a very important part of the team, and I'll put him up against anybody."

Joe Ghanann, specialist, Harrison: Ghanann handled the punting duties for three years and averaged 42.3 yards this year on 23 punts. Five went for touchdowns and eight more were downed inside the opponent's 20. Ghanann also made 55 of 62 extra points and one field goal.

"He's one of the best punters in the state," Herrington said. "He made himself into a good place-kicker, because we needed one. He had a key punt when we were in trouble against John Glenn, and he punted it over their safety's head. He came through when we needed him."

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Bryan McGhee, lineman, Harrison: McGhee started for three years on the defensive line, the last two at noseguard. He was a major reason opposing teams had little success running the middle on Harrison, and opponents eventually tried to stay away from him. McGhee still managed to finish fourth on the team with 78 tackles. He also started at tackle on offense.

"He was a dominating force inside; he was unblockable one-on-one," Herrington said. "The (Midland) Dow coach said he was the difference in the state final last year. He dominated the line of scrimmage against a good running team."

Lou Willoughby, senior, Redford CC: The play that defined Willoughby's season was against Troy in the playoffs. Troy had a first

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down at its 1 and tried to run behind all-state tackle Brian Otney, but Willoughby, with help from Marc Frohm, tackled the runner in the end zone for a safety.

Willoughby led the Shamrocks with 80 tackles, including 24 solos. It's the first time Mach can remember a defensive tackle leading the Shamrocks in tackles.

"He's just a tenacious defensive tackle who never gives up," Mach said. "He led us through great examples by going to the whistle and never stopping. The fact that a tackle led our team in tackles shows you how important he was for us."

John Abshire, lineman, Redford CC: A two-year starter, Abshire fought off double teams to record 45 tackles, including 24 solos. Lack of size will likely keep Division I colleges away, but "he played like he was going to be highly recruited," Mach said.

"John is, defensively, one of the better linemen we've had. He's a great noseman who had to be double teamed. Even when teams did, he still caused them tremendous problems."

"He has a great sense of getting to the football, hitting when he gets there. He has the speed of a linebacker and great savvy."

Teon Price, lineman, Glenn: Price transferred from Inkster and became an immediate hit with the Rockets, recording nine sacks, 35 solo tackles and 36 assists from his outside linebacker spot.

"We could see he was a good athlete early on," Gordon said. "It was a matter of learning what to do and getting confident in his assignments. Once he learned, he became a force for us. He's a great kid, very coachable and was one of our key guys."

Terry Turner, lineman, Wayne: Turner made 69 tackles and had 44 first hits. He intercepted three passes, made two sacks and had four tackles for loss. He also played quarterback, running for 251 yards and throwing for 536.

"Terry was our best player on defense," coach Floyd Carter said. "He was a tough, hard-nosed competitor. Not many players can start at quarterback and outside linebacker."

Mike Hoad, linebacker, Harrison: Hoad, a three-year starter on offense and defense, will be remembered as one of the finest defensive players in Harrison history. He finished second in career tackles with 295, just four shy of Blazo Sarcevic's school record. He led the Hawks with 152.

Hoad was a solid blocker and pass receiver at tight end. He was second in receptions with 21 for 406 yards and five touchdowns. He is tied for seventh with 54 career catches for 1,116 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"He led the defense and was a great hit-ter," Herrington said. "He's one of the best linebackers we've ever had. He's probably somewhat underrated as a tight end. He's an excellent pass catcher and blocker."

Adrian Beaver, linebacker, Red Union: Another two-way standout for the Panthers, Beaver was involved in 88 tackles. He gained 172 yards in 45 carries as a running back, scoring two touchdowns.

"He's a great leader and all-around good football player," Scala said. "He's one of the better linebackers we've ever had, always the first one to the hole. His ability to read on the run made him an outstanding linebacker. He has speed and quickness and

is a real strong person."

Bryant Lawrence, linebacker, Thurston: Lawrence gained big yardage as a short-yardage back, finishing the year with 704 yards in 101 carries and seven touchdowns as a fullback. He also had 86 tackles, including 25 solos.

For his three-year varsity career, Lawrence finished with 1,035 yards and 16 touchdowns. He had 181 career tackles, including 42 solos and five sacks.

"I think he's the kind of young man who shows what hard work and commitment can do for somebody," coach Bob Snell said. "He improved his body strength tremendously in the off-season. He's as tough an inside linebacker as you'll ever run into. College coaches say he has really great feet for his size."

Eric Peterson, linebacker, Salem: He was a three-year starter who led the Rocks in tackles. Peterson saved his best for last: Against arch-rival Plymouth Canton in the last game, he had an astounding 27 tackles in a 26-25 loss.

"He was by far our best player on the field defensively that night," Salem assistant coach Mark Gregor said. "For what we asked him to do, he did a pretty solid job for us all year."

Peterson had 29 solo tackles and 107 assists. He also played fullback, rushing for three touchdowns.

Justin Cessante, back, Redford CC: He started at safety and wingback, and he also played on special teams. A two-year starter, he carried 43 times, mostly on counter plays, for 293 yards (averaging nearly seven yards per carry) with one touchdown. On defense, he had 63 tackles, including 19 solos, with two interceptions.

"He's probably one of the most underrated guys we have," Mach said. "Here's a guy that hardly comes off the field, who leads blocks on almost every power play, who worked out before school started every day to get stronger. Plus, he was a great leader as a captain."

Andre Davis, back, Harrison: Davis became a key two-way player after transferring a year ago from Southfield-Lathrup. He was an important member of the secondary and always a receiving threat on offense.

Davis had 40 tackles and two interceptions. As an end, he caught 13 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's still just realizing his vast potential," Herrington said. "He's an outstanding athlete, a good pass catcher and an excellent one-on-one cover man, a big-time prospect."

Dave Lusky, back, Redford CC: Lusky hardly came off the field, starting at quarterback and safety and handling most of the punting and placekicking.

He completed 59 of 130 passes for 1,211 yards and eight touchdowns. He had 21 solo tackles and 21 assists with three interceptions and a fumble recovery. Lusky also punted for a 36-yard average.

"Dave did everything humanly possible to help a football team win," Mach said. "I call him 'Mr. Versatility.' He's able to do so many things. His durability is exceptional, which was so important in everything he did. He has a terrific arm and a quick release. He can throw the ball 65 or 70 yards without any problem."

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