

Crossword puzzle, A3

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Hockey time:** The Plymouth Whalers are on the road for a 6:30 p.m. showdown with Oshawa in the Ontario Hockey League.

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

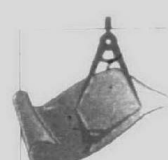
**Breakfast Club:** Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis invites those interested to attend its 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfast at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. For more information, call 453-1373.

**Township meeting:** The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meet at township hall for a 7:30 p.m. study session. The township administrative office is at 32450 Ann Arbor Road, just east of Lilley.

### WEDNESDAY

**Artist luncheon:** The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring an art introduction luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with artist Jeanne Poulet at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 74 Sheldon. It includes a video presentation and etching demonstration. Cost is \$15. Reservations recommended. Call 416-4278. Other luncheon dates with Poulet are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

## Haggerty eyed for brownstones



**Big plans are in the works for Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty that would include brownstone condominiums and upscale restaurants. Property owner Don Massey is selling the land to developer Gary Sakwa.**

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Plymouth Township is currently working on site plans for a large development near the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty that could include four new upscale restaurants and a brownstone condominium complex. The site, which wraps around the

Bill Knapp's Restaurant that already exists on the corner, is more than 20 acres in size. Several empty homes exist on the site and are slated to be torn down.

The land is currently owned by Don Massey, but he is working on selling it to Gary Sakwa of the Grand Sakwa Company, who would develop the property.

"At this time, there is a consent judg-

ment on the property for commercial and single family residential," said Plymouth Township Director of Public Services Jim Anulewicz. "But, right now, I would say it's very preliminary discussion about a revision to that."

Sakwa agreed that the early stages of development are under way but that little is certain.

"We've been trying to work with Plymouth Township in developing a site plan," he said. "But we really don't have anything to discuss yet."

Preliminary plans call for upscale restaurants and brownstone condominiums to be built on the site but, according to Anulewicz, it's too early to

tell what the final plans are.

"Right now, it's back and forth," he said. "I know that the concept, if there were to be restaurants, they would be of the upscale variety."

He also pointed out that the township has its standards of what is to be built along the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

"We (the township) have a concept of what we want to see built along that corridor," said Anulewicz. "We have criteria for the corridor. We have to talk to any residents and consider any input gained from neighboring areas and

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**In for 1999:** Bea Larsen of Livonia, an employee at Jacobson's, holds up The Next Millennium clock on display in the store's home decorating department at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. It retails for \$24.95.

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As the clock struck midnight, and the last year of the millennium began, baggy, wide-leg pants, turkey meat as a low-fat alternative, and dark clothing became passe.

According to area retailers, femininity, millennium items, ostrich meat and yo-yos are must-haves for 1999.

"Yo-yos are huge. They just came back full force. The yo-yos have evolved. We have yo-yos in our store that range from \$4 to \$150. It's really gotten to be outrageous," said Marianne Trennepohl, owner of Kites and Other Fun Things in Plymouth.

"They do so much more. It's amazing what the kids can do. It's nuts. It's been a yo-yo Christmas," she added with a laugh.

Fun and traditional are the key words for 1999 whether it be with recreational items like yo-yos, with the home or with clothing. "You look at the clothes and there's nothing uptight. It's very relaxed and the layers and textures all make it an interesting collage to wear and for the observers to look at," said Beverly Rice, senior vice president, fashion and merchandise strategy for Jacobson's.

The soft feminine look is something Rice saw at Valentino runway shows in Paris.

"We see the continuation of femininity and also the interplay of many textures working together, like linen and paisley, cotton knits and a lot of collages of fabrics that go together for a very interesting fabric mix," Rice explained. "It can be that in sportswear and day wear. It's true in evening wear as well."

White clothing, capri pants, peasant blouses and long-flowing skirts, she explained, are

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WHAT'S NEW IN 1999

## TRENDS

take a turn toward fun

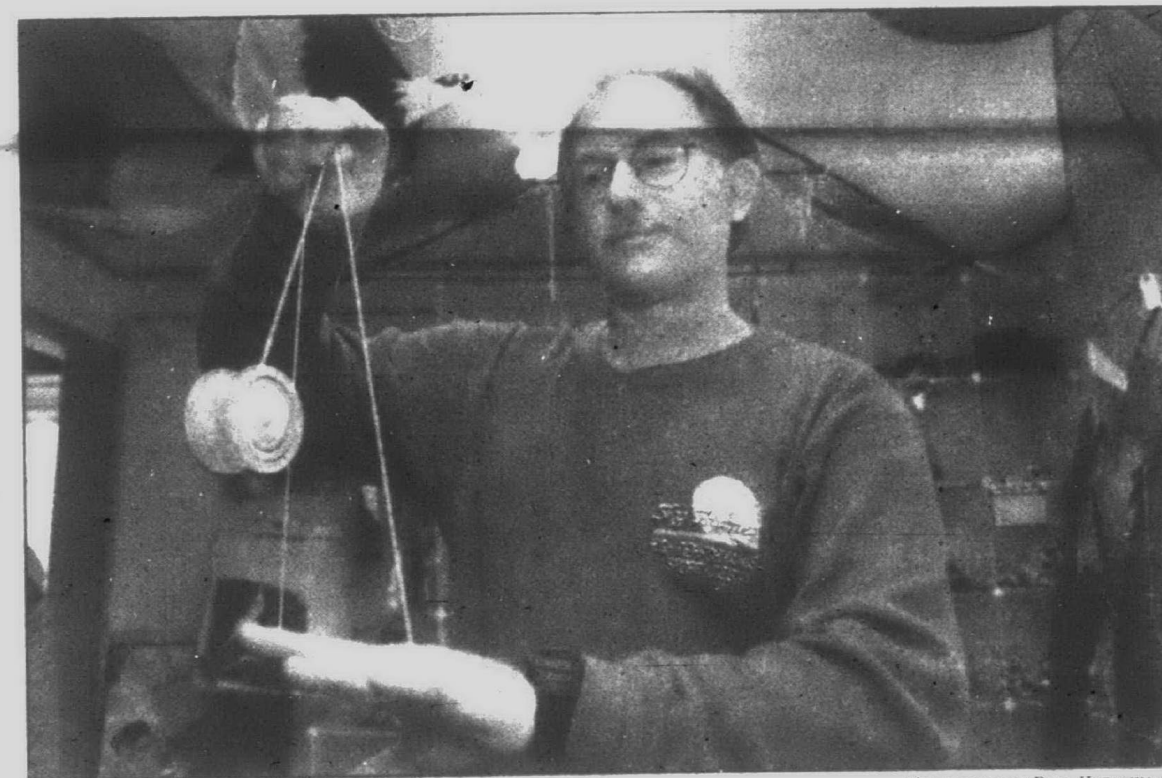
### INS:

- Brocade, lace, embroidery
- White, aquamarine, turquoise
- Anti-aging products
- At-home aromatherapy
- Boleros
- Iridescent cotton
- Leaf motifs, butterflies, dragonflies
- Flats
- Capri pants, long bias skirts
- Peasant blouses
- Raw-edge seaming
- Ostrich meat

### OUTS:

- Real and faux fur
- Gray
- Vitamin creams
- At-home spa retreats
- Halter tops
- Microfiber
- Animal print
- Stilettos
- Wide-leg pants
- Sweater sets
- Fishtail hemline
- Turkey meat

Sources: Jacobson's, English Gardens, Kroger, Hires and Other Fun Things, Magic Bus



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

**Up and down trend:** Marianne Trennepohl of Kites and Other Fun Things in Plymouth says yo-yos are one of those trends that goes in cycles and late this year the cycle began again. Above, her husband, Jon Trennepohl, demonstrates one of the yo-yos in their store.

## Township money keeps adding up

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Plymouth Township has added more than \$4.5 million to its bank accounts in 1998 and holds nearly \$20 million in cash in the bank at the end of 1998, most of which is invested.

The additional revenue has been generated by growth in the taxable population and interest on the money the township already had invested in the bank, according to Treasurer Ron Edwards.

"The accounts have earned over \$1.25 million in interest alone over the last year," he said.

Most of the money is in the water fund, which totals more than \$14.5 million. A single certificate of deposit in the township's possession has a balance of more than \$9.5 million. Other lesser amounts have been invested by Edwards in separate funds over the last 18 months.

As is the case with the solid waste fund money from the water fund may only be used for that specific expense. According to law, the fund balance cannot be moved to another fund or used for a separate project.

Edwards said he plans on bringing forth a proposal to the Board of Trustees early this year to cut the water rates possibly by as much as 10 percent, despite the fact that Wayne County is going to raise its rates by approximately 5 percent in the near future.

"If we have all of this money, why not pass it back to the community?" he said. "Why not cut the rates and give it back to the people? There's enough excess in there to make a rate reduction."

He also feels that there is no reason to have such a high balance when the money is restricted.

Were not a bank. We're not

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### Happy New Year!

**Greetings:** The staff at the Plymouth Observer wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year! Be sure to get together with your family and friends. Enjoy the holidays and the new year. The staff at the Plymouth Observer wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year! Be sure to get together with your family and friends. Enjoy the holidays and the new year.





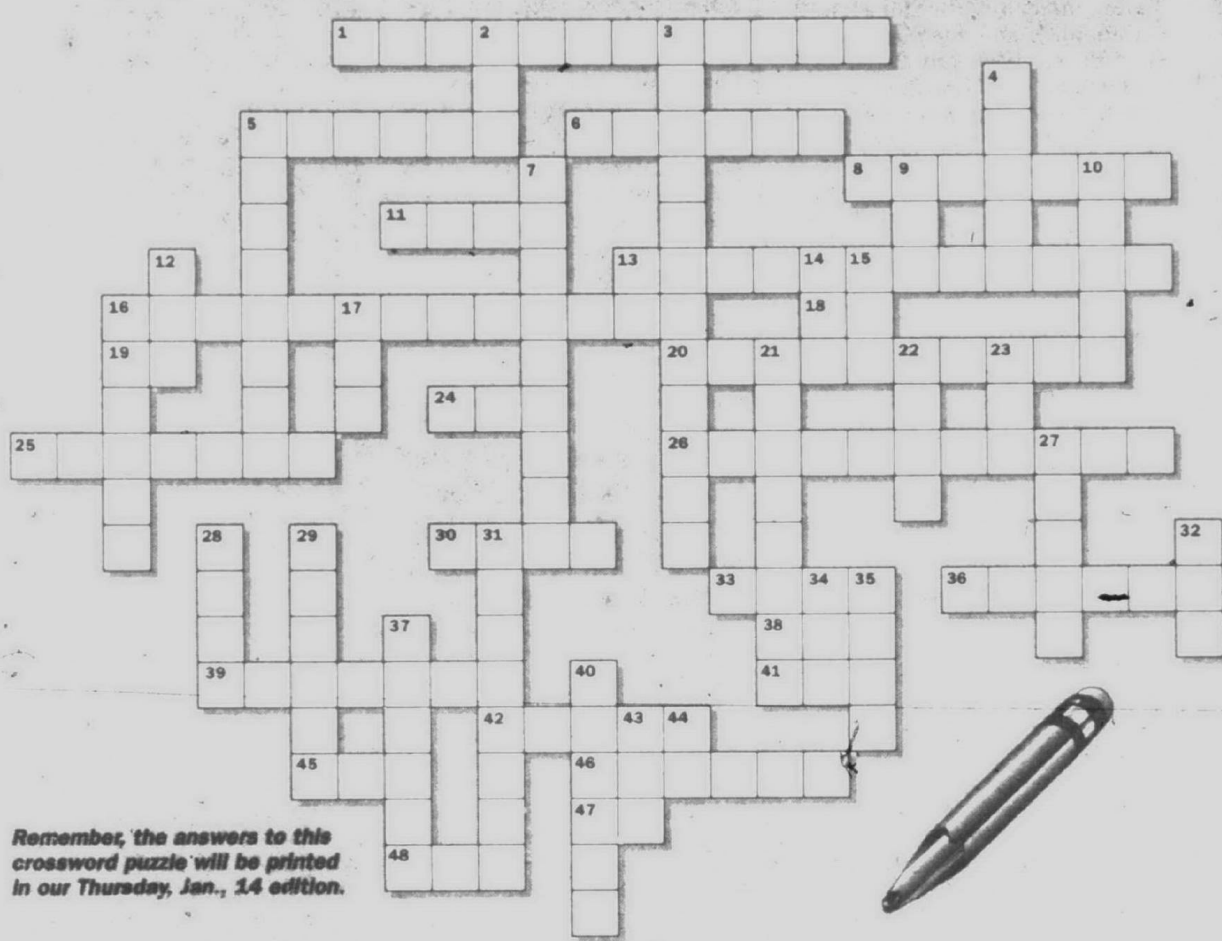




## Plymouth Observer Crossword Puzzle

Was 1998 a puzzling year in the Plymouths? If you've been reading the Plymouth Observer all year, this crossword puzzle should be a cinch. Please submit your completed crossword puzzle to the Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 5 p.m. Friday, January 8. From the pool of winning entries, one

lucky person will be drawn to win dinner for two, compliments of the Water Club Seafood Grill, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, and two movie tickets, compliments of AMC Livonia 20. Good Luck! Keep your eye out for the Thursday, Jan. 14 edition of the Observer. We'll print the crossword answers and the winner's name.



Remember, the answers to this crossword puzzle will be printed in our Thursday, Jan. 14 edition.

### ACROSS

1. Library namesake
2. Clock tower corner
3. Fagot
4. Hockey team
5. Recreation
6. Senior housing village
7. Distilled by retailers
8. Associated Press
9. Domino's founder initials
10. Festival not held this year
11. Cafe \_\_\_\_\_ Home
12. Exiting city manager
13. Courthouse namesake
14. Student radio station
15. Chamber put it on
16. Congresswoman
17. Opposite of he
18. City park
19. Matches his
20. Township pests
21. Color
22. School superintendent
23. Mayoral initials
24. Help

### DOWN

2. Vote
3. New hotel
4. Arts center namesake
5. New senator
7. Chief judge
9. Fowl
10. Plymouth Salem High School
12. Supervisor initials
13. Not out
14. Even
15. Government agency
16. City commissioner
17. Bar
21. Economic Club
22. Opposite of boy
23. State law
27. Plaintiff in school lawsuit
28. No. 27 sidewalk
29. New park namesake
31. Police chief
32. Railroad
34. \_\_\_\_\_ end
35. School tolerance policy
37. Old Village housing proposal
40. Dr. Petz
43. \_\_\_\_\_ Caesar
44. Phone home

## Massey lauded for fund-raiser

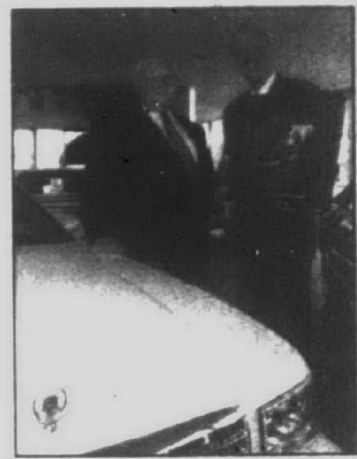
Jack F. Moores Jr., president and CEO of Medhealth Systems Corporation and board chairman of the Medhealth Wellness Centers Futures Golf Classic, presented an honorary award, a painting of Augusta's ninth hole, to Don Massey, owner of Don Massey Cadillac.

On a separate occasion, Medhealth Wellness Centers acknowledged their financial support toward the 1998 Futures Golf Classic, a ladies professional golf tournament and pro-am featuring over 100 professional golfers from throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

Medhealth, along with the affiliate sponsor Don Massey Cadillac, led a host of corporate and individual tournament sponsors and pro-am participants who made this event a success.

The proceeds of the tournament benefit Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville Township. OLPC provides residential, educational and vocational opportunities for developmentally disabled women and children.

Don Massey Cadillac served as affiliate sponsor of the event for the second year in a



Award: Jack Moores Jr. (left), president and CEO of Medhealth Systems Corp., and Don Massey, owner of Don Massey Cadillac.

row. Don Massey Cadillac is the largest Cadillac dealership in Michigan, with locations in Plymouth, Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing. Massey operates many dealerships nationwide, including seven of the top 40 Cadillac stores. The longtime No. 1 Cadillac store in the world is right here in Plymouth.

## LIBRARY WATCH

The Dunning-Hough Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following are events scheduled for January 1999.

### Youth Department

#### TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES

Tuesdays, Jan. 12 through Feb. 2

Storytimes are held at 10 a.m. for children 2-3 1/2 years old and are on one-on-one sessions, with toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. Storytimes at 11 a.m. are family sessions, with siblings and other family members welcome. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk in person or by phone, 453-0750.

#### FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES

Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through Feb. 3

Storytimes at 7 p.m. are family sessions, with siblings and other family members welcome. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk in person or by phone, 453-0750.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Thursdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 4

Storytimes are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for children 3 1/2-5 years old. Parents must remain in the library. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk in person or by phone, 453-0750.

#### STUDENT STORYTELLERS

The storytellers enjoyed presenting the first annual Firelight Stories in December. The first meeting of the new year will be from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21. Join either group, for students in grades 2 through 5 or for those in grades 6 through 12, to learn and share a variety of stories in the oral tradition. Register at any time at the Reader's Advisory Desk, 453-0750.

#### NEW PICTURE BOOKS

"A Hunting We Will Go!" by Steven Kellogg. This spectacular bedtime adventure features a cast of lovable, goofy animal characters that turn getting ready for bed into a delightful and memorable rhyming game.

"I Love You With All My Heart" by Norris Kern. A young polar bear tells his friends about their mother's love and finds that his own mother loves him with her whole body, but more than anything else, loves him with all her heart.

"Pete a Pizza" by William Steig. The author, inspired by a game he used to play with his daughter, turns a rainy day into a pizza party, starring a caring father and his feeling blue son, Pete.

"Snow" by Uri Shulevitz. A lovely book by a Caldecott Medal award winner, Snow is a touching story about childhood hope, pessimistic growings, and the wonder of a snowfall.

### POPULAR PICKS

Editor's note: Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their lists of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0750.

#### FICTION

- A Man in Full  
Tom Wolfe
- Bag of Bones  
Stephen King
- The Simple Truth  
Dave Baldacci
- Mirror Image  
Danielle Steel
- Rainbow Six  
Tom Clancy

#### NON-FICTION

- The Greatest Generation  
Tom Browke
- The Century  
Peter Jennings
- Tuesdays With Morrie  
Mitch Albom
- Lindbergh  
A. Scott Berg
- The American Century  
Harold Evans

#### PARENT'S CHOICE

#### JUVENILE NON-FICTION

- Snow  
Uri Shulevitz
- 10 Minutes Till Bedtime  
Peggy Rathmann
- Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day  
Jamie Lee Curtis
- Pete's a Pizza  
William Steig
- A Hunting We Will Go!  
Steven Kellogg

"Ten Minutes till Bedtime" by Peggy Rathmann. Freewheeling, cartoonlike artwork tells the tale, picturing the activities of a group of hamsters, whose "10-minute Bedtime Tour" coincides with the countdown routine of a little boy getting ready for bed.

"Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day" by Jamie Lee Curtis. This colorful, energetic book uses comedy and wild, vibrant watercolors to promote an understanding of common emotions: silly, grumpy, mean, excited, confused, and more.

### Teen Advisory Board

The library is looking for volunteers aged 12 to 18 to join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB), which will meet monthly to brainstorm and discuss ideas for teen programming, services and materials at the library. Sign up for TAB at the Reader's Advisory Desk or call Erica Davis, 453-0750 for more information.

### Meetings

### LITERARY GROUPS

The Plymouth Writer's Club will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14 and Thursday, Jan. 28. For additional information, call Brian Anderson at 416-0418.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m., members of the Contemporary Books discussion group will discuss "Stones from the River" by Ursula Hegi, a change from the title previously announced. Stories are at the heart of this bold re-imagining of 20th century German history, told by Trudi Montag, the dwarf librarian and town gossip. Copies of the book are available at the library check-out desk. For more information, call Darlene Ussel at the library, 453-0750.

The Great Books discussion group will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11 and Monday, Jan. 25. The group is using selections from the "Health Introduction to Fiction," 5th edition, edited by John J. Clayton, as the basis for discussion. Please call Karen Bernie at 453-2454 if you are interested in joining this group.

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the library at 453-0750 if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.

### Explore the library's Web site:

[www.plymouth.lib.mi.us](http://www.plymouth.lib.mi.us)

You may access the library catalog here to check on the availability of materials. Begin searching at this point for library-selected Internet sites on many topics.

### Internet Classes

The library offers introductory classes to Plymouth city and township patrons for learning to access and search the Internet. You must be comfortable using Windows-based computer applications and a mouse as prerequisites for taking this class. Register at the reference desk, 453-0750.

### New Compact Discs

The complete BBC Sound Effects Library is now available at the library, with 600 CDs of recorded sound effects of animals, people, the environment, and machines—all with only a slightly British accent.

## Pick up scholarship forms

The Women's Club of Plymouth is accepting applications for the Women's Club Scholarship Awards to be held May 18. Supported by the Plymouth Manor Catering & Banquet Hall and the Plymouth-Canton Observer Newspaper, awards will range from \$250 to \$1,000.

Qualifications include:  
■ You must live in the Plymouth-Canton School District or parents must have a place of business in the Plymouth-Canton School District.  
■ Must have a 3.30 cumulative grade point average.  
■ Must be attending a college

or university in the Fall.

- Must complete the application form.
- Must have two written letters of recommendation from adults other than relatives.
- Must supply a copy of the official school transcript including the first quarter of 1999.
- Must supply two essays required. (One previously written and one on topic provided).
- Must have parents' or guardians' signatures.
- Must supply a senior class photo to be published in the program. If there is a problem submitting the photo, the Observer

Newspaper will take one after you are invited as a candidate.

Applications can be picked up at the Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth. Applications can be mailed to K.C. Mueller, chairperson, 12232 Hillside Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 or delivered through your school.

If mailed, applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 1999. Applications may also be dropped off at the Plymouth Observer by 4 p.m. on March 3, 1999.

For more information, call 734-455-0075.

## Holiday Pounds Erased With Sensible Eating Habits, Exercise.

Livonia Fitness Center Caters To Women With 'Real' Food, Personal Attention, On-Site Exercise.

Holiday excesses mount an annual attack on the waistlines of American women, adding 12 lbs. to the average female figure. Many resort to "quick fix" fad diets—pills, powders, temporary solutions—as a means of holding the battle lines during the season of national overindulgence.

But experts say there's no shortcut to maintaining a healthy figure: sensible eating habits and regular physical activity alone will curb the effects of party food & drink that precede the new year.

Enter Inches-A-Weigh, the national fitness and nutrition center for women, recently opened locally in Livonia.

"Our program hinges on the idea that permanent fitness requires 'real' grocery store foods prepared the way our clients like to eat," says Barbara Horowitz, owner of the bustling business. "Our behavior modification program builds the foundation for a healthy lifestyle our clients can enjoy indefinitely, through sens-

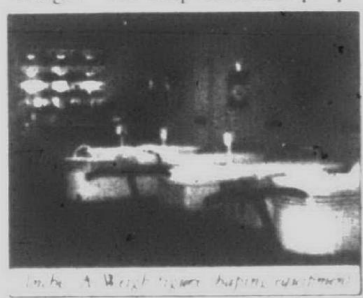
ible menu planning and selective use of dietary supplements."

Inches-A-Weigh supplements are a satisfying buffet of snack bars, puddings, delicious drinks and multi-vitamins. They ensure that all clients enjoy a balanced diet on the program, including nutritious between-meal snacks that calm urges for "junk" food.

Of course, good health requires more than good eating habits. Inches-A-Weigh completes the cycle of good health with a low-impact exercise program. "Our clients get cardiovascular and isometric exercise 3 days a week," says Julie Roach, the Exercise Counselor at Inches-A-Weigh. "We help maintain prop-

er levels of exertion in each hour-long session." She adds, "What sets us apart is the combination of support, nutritional counseling and our shaping equipment."

Many Inches-A-Weigh clients have had trouble with other programs due to existing medical constraints. "It's great because it works gently enough for women with back problems, diabetes or even arthritis," says Julie. "What I love most about my job is helping clients achieve goals they thought insurmountable. That happens all the time around here."



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## OBITUARIES

## FRANCES URSIC

Services for Frances Ursic, 102, of Canton were Dec. 23 in St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

She was born Nov. 22, 1896, in Austria. She died Dec. 19 in Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ursic. Survivors include her daughter, Frances Quinn of Canton; nine

grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. Thomas a'Becket Building Fund.

## THOMAS R. WESTFALL

Services for Thomas R. Westfall, 38, of Northville were Dec. 30 in First United Methodist Church-Northville with Dr. Douglas W. Vernon officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Local arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

He was born Feb. 26, 1960, in

Livonia. He died on Dec. 25 in Northville. He was a communications-radio technician. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Northville, and assistant fire chief of Northville City Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by one son. Survivors include his wife, Sherrie Ann (Atherton) Westfall; mother, Mrs. Luree Westfall of Northville; three sons, Thomas Jr., Anthony, Kyle; and one daughter, Brandie; two sisters, Glenda (Gary) Moon of

Plymouth, Susan (Kevin) Kacsmark of Plymouth; one brother, Bradley (Carol) Westfall of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Providence Home Care.

## JEAN SCHULTHEISS

Private services were held for Jean Schultheiss, 76, of Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Madison, Wis. She died Dec. 25 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She also worked as a library secretary at Middle School East, retiring in 1975. She came to the Plymouth area in 1956. She was a very active member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. She was formerly

active as a Scout leader with the Girl Scouts. She earned an associate degree from Schoolcraft College. She loved family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Survivors include her two sons, Wade (Judy) Schultheiss of Franklin, Mark Schultheiss of Wading River, N.Y.; one daughter, Gail Luise (Walter) Scherer of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Luise Schultheiss Jordan of Eau Claire, Wis.; one sister, Joan (Ted) Dahlberg of Fort Meyers, Fla.; and nephews and nieces.

## HELEN LAURA WERTANEN

Services for Helen Laura Wertanen, 86, of Novi were Dec. 23 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Jonathan Bomgren officiating.

Burial was in Bruce Crossing Cemetery, Bruce Crossing, Mich. She was born Nov. 21, 1912, in Calumet. She died Dec. 21 in Novi. She worked briefly for the United States Post Office. She graduated from Ewen High School in Bruce Crossing. She enjoyed going to Florida and the upper peninsula to visit her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William. Survivors include her son, Edwin Wertanen of Novi; one daughter, Elaine (Michael) Laitila of Canton; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1133 E. Maple Road, Suite 201, Troy, MI 48063.

## Trends from page A1

what she saw at the Valentino runway show in Paris.

High school students will be disheartened to learn that wide-leg pants are passe.

"Flares are on the way out. Wide legs, those are totally out," said Mita Pasquale, who owns of the Magic Bus clothing stores in Plymouth and Dearborn with her husband Wesley.

"Dark denims are in, like an indigo denim. Clam diggers or knickers will be in. Fitted pants are in again for girls. For shirts, three-quarter sleeve shirts are in. In menswear, the pants are defining, more like jeans with a cuff or something like that. Dark denim jeans with a cuff will go well with the swinger look."

Millennium T-shirts, sweat-shirts and other paraphernalia are expected to fill stores next year. Already stores like Crowley's and a variety of Internet stores are offering the goods.

Jacobson's, according to Rice, is "taking the high road to what we offer in our millennium mix." For Christmas, the store offered plastic clocks for \$24.95 which count down to the beginning of the next millennium. In the future, Rice predicts more upscale items.

"We don't want Jacobson's to be represented as a souvenir store. We're looking for keepsakes. There's going to be some very beautiful ornaments coming out."

Those may include items that "people will want to give and buy for themselves and keep as a memento as a very important turn of the century."

## For the home

The home is taking on the look of the garden and the cottage, according to Rice. Butterflies, botanicals, lady bugs and sunflowers will pepper homes next year.

"It's taking on more of a cottage and the country and the garden look than the estate look.

## ■ Dark denims are in, like an indigo denim. Clam diggers or knickers will be in. Fitted pants are in again ...

It's quite relaxed and a retreat and a quiet place to go and kind of get away from the stress and strain, entertain your friends."

Fountains, statues, trellises, sundials and wall plaques will greet visitors, according to Frank Janosz, vice president of purchasing, English Gardens, which has a flower shop at the Merchant of Vino Marketplace in Farmington Hills.

"The popularity of perennial gardening continues to climb. There's a renewed interest in 'old-fashioned' flowers such as roses, hydrangeas, lilacs and hollyhocks," Janosz said. "Containers provide flexibility because they can be moved where needed, and maintenance, particularly weeding, is reduced."

Gerry Szeliga, owner of Savanna Exotics in Livonia, said that low maintenance applies to pets too.

"I can tell you right now, leopard geckos are popular as are bearded dragons and lizards. For the snake thing, it's corn snakes and captive-born ball pythons and tarantulas," he said.

"We sell out of them right now, the tarantulas. They're easy to maintain and you only have to feed them a couple times a week."

## Less is more

Health-conscious folks will be steered toward eating a new alternative to red meat, ostrich, according to Diane Reynolds, the registered dietitian for metro Detroit Kroger stores at its corporate offices in Livonia.

Ostrich meat contains less than half the calories, one-seventh the fat and less cholesterol

than beef, which it best resembles, according to Longneck Ranch, the Midwest's largest ostrich farm, and the brand that Kroger carries.

"We've seen quite an onslaught of turkey products and you can kind of slot this right in there. We've seen and heard a lot about turkey. We've had turkey substitutes for just about everything. There are others who are looking for a little bit more of a beef flavor," she said.

The price, she said, is "between chicken and steak per pound. In terms of economy, in addition to that, there's very little shrinkage in waste. There's not the fat that you're losing in cooking."

Longneck Ranch is introducing its line in Kroger only, giving the stores a leg up on the trend.

"A lot of people will think it's something only for the trendy folks out there. It's perfectly good to use for families in particular. You can use it in spaghetti sauce or hamburgers; things you're cooking for your kids."

Arab food will also be hot in 1999 because of its low fat content, according to Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, president of the Arab American and Chaldean Council. The La Shish chain of restaurants will expand into Canton and nationwide in the new year.

"It's healthy food. There's lots of vegetables and natural flavoring. They don't use preservatives or dyes or artificial flavoring, or chemical flavoring," Fakhouri explained.

"We have many, many vegetarian dishes too, without meat or chicken or anything. They use lots of greens which is good for your health. It can be cooked or in tabouleh salads or in parts of the dessert. There's lot of yogurt which is healthy whether it's raw or cooked yogurt."

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## State grant decision delayed

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College, along with 25 other agencies vying for grants from the Michigan Jobs Commission, will have to wait to learn who will receive \$30 million in grant money.

Kathy McMahon, spokeswoman for the Michigan Jobs Commission, said the decision is turning out to be more difficult than expected.

"I think it's just taking a little longer than expected," McMahon said. "Hopefully we'll make a decision by mid-January."

A busy holiday season is partially to blame for the delay, she added.

With agencies such as Schoolcraft College, Focus:HOPE, Oakland, Macomb, Henry Ford and Oakland community colleges and many others competing for \$113 million worth of projects, the competition is stiff.

So far the commission has reviewed all 26 of the applications.

"I just think there's some really good proposals out there," McMahon said.

The Michigan Jobs Commission visited Schoolcraft in October. During the visit, Schoolcraft officials received some positive feedback from Michigan Jobs Commission officials, who dubbed the plan a "strong proposal."

Schoolcraft is asking for \$6 million to build a 32,000 square foot technology center on the Waterman Campus Center.

The center is designed to be a hub where business, students, faculty and the community can access and apply information technology.

The proposal outlined six major goals for the multi-phase project:

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The jobs commission completed site visits in the fall. Awards were initially expected to be made in December.

The commission expects groundbreaking to occur in spring. Funding for the projects will come from the Michigan Renaissance Fund which collects a portion of Indian gaming money.

## Kelley blasts PSC's decision on Edison rate requests

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Frank Kelley's battle against public utilities went down to the wire. In his final days as attorney general, Kelley blistered the state Public Service Commission for a \$76 million gift to Detroit Edison, the largest electric utility.

The PSC ordered Edison's rates reduced by nearly \$94 million or 2.8 percent. It also approved Edison's request to accelerate depreciation costs on the Fermi 2 nuclear plant, a change Edison sought because PSC soon will let customers choose electricity suppliers.

PSC chair John Strand said one effect will be to reduce Edison's stranded (unrecoverable) costs \$500 million and promote competition.

"Now," said Kelley, "when customers are entitled to rate reductions of \$170 million effective Jan. 1, 1999, the commission is cutting rates by only \$94

million per year and allowing Detroit Edison to increase its revenues from customers by \$76 million per year."

Kelley said his testimony showed Fermi 2 costs were overstated, hence it had less need for accelerated depreciation.

Kelley gave this background:

In 1988, Edison made a settlement that permitted it to recover billions from customers for the Fermi 2 plant. Edison was permitted to increase rates for 10 years. After that, Edison's rates were to be reduced by \$53 million a year in 1998 and by \$170 million in 1999.

But on the first day of 1998, the PSC let Edison recover storm damage costs from 1997. So it reduced rates by \$38 million instead of \$53 million.

And on the first day of 1999, Edison will reduce rates by just \$94 million instead of \$170 million.

The PSC's Strand said the latest order requires a \$496 million rate reduction in 2008, when the

Fermi 2 plant is fully depreciated.

In other business, the PSC on Dec. 28:

■ Granted licenses to two telephone companies to provide basic local service in Michigan. United States Telecommunications (TelComPlus) and DIECA Communications Inc. of McLean, Va., join more than 50 companies licensed to provide basic local service.

DIECA's license covers these areas in Ameritech Michigan's zones: Birmingham, Clarkston, Commerce, Farmington, Holly, Lake Orion, Livonia, Northville, Oxford, Plymouth, Rochester, Southfield, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield, among other communities.

■ Approved expansion of MediaOne's license to provide basic local service in: Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin Village and Wayne. MediaOne is headquartered in Plymouth.

## AAA offers cold weather emergency tips

Cold air and snowy conditions across the state continue to cause an increase in emergency road service calls, according to AAA Michigan. Motorists are advised to use extra caution when they travel during cold weather.

To help motorists avoid unnecessary delays, AAA Michigan offers the following cold weather car care tips:

■ Park your car in the garage. If you have no garage, or if it's

full of lawn equipment or another car, put a tarpaulin over the car or put a plastic trash bag between the door (or window glass) and the frame.

■ To avoid frozen door or door locks, buy a lubricant that is available in most auto supply stores.

■ Heat your key (a pocket lighter works nicely), but remember to wear gloves or hold the key with pliers.

■ Use a hair dryer, but make

sure the extension cord is one graded for outdoor use and the wall socket is grounded.

■ Fill a plastic jug or bag with hot water. Hold it against the door panel or lock area. But don't throw hot water on the car. It, too, will freeze.

■ Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid fuel-line freeze-up.

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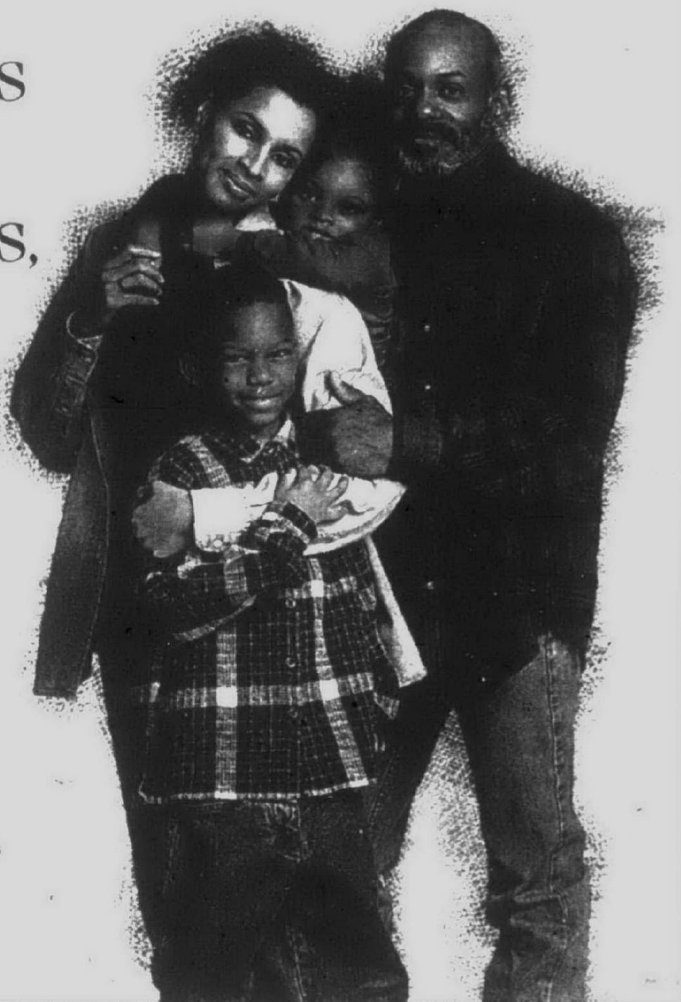
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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Free eye care

Low-income workers and their families in Michigan can sign up to receive free eye care in March through a program called VISION USA.

To qualify, people must have a job or live in a household where at least one member is working full or part time; have no health insurance that covers eye exams; meet certain income criteria based on household size; and not have had an eye exam at a doctor's office within the last two years.

Obtain application forms from: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 22, 1999.

Applicants will also be screened for eligibility by phone from Jan. 4-29. Call (800) 766-4466. Phone lines are open weekdays 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The application form, along with other information about VISION USA, is also available on the American Optometric Association's Web site ([www.aoanet.org](http://www.aoanet.org)) in the "Meet the AOA" section.

### Avoiding 'winter skin'

When Old Man Winter starts blowing, seniors need to pay particular attention to their skin.

"Older skin tends to be thin and dry," said William R. Silverstone, D.O., CMD, medical director of Botsford Continuing Health Care Center. "The lack of humidity in the air further dries the skin, making overexposure to the sun, wind and cold problematic."

"The best defense to protect your skin is to use consistently a skin lotion with a high-lanolin, low-alcohol content," suggested Silverstone. "Your lips also need extra care." Don't forget about the food factor. "Good nutrition helps put skin in a better physiological state to improve its defense mechanism," explained Silverstone. "This includes drinking at least eight glasses of water per day, which rehydrates the skin and helps it create a protective layer of oil."

### Bone density-cancer link

Doctors investigating whether bone density is linked to breast cancer risk are seeking females to participate in a research study at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Females ages 40-85 who are newly diagnosed with breast cancer may be eligible to participate in the study. Females from the same age group with no history of breast cancer are also being sought for the study.

Participants will be asked to complete lifestyle questionnaires, have a painless bone density measurement and a small blood sample drawn. "This study is intended to provide doctors with more information about genes that may determine a woman's bone density, and how those genes may play a role in breast cancer," said Karmanos investigator Dorothy Nelson, Ph.D. The national study is sponsored by the U.S. Army's Department of Defense.

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## Latex allergy

### Exposure can create sensitivity in health-care workers

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A Providence Hospital employee for the past 19 years, Maureen Sage has worked in a variety of departments including labor/delivery, medical surgery and, most recently, the operating room as a Laser Surgery Officer. Over the last two decades she's donned thousands of pairs of exam and sterile gloves due to the nature of her work.

Ironically it's the exposure and contact with natural rubber latex that has virtually forced Sage from the OR and into a position where she has no contact with latex products and subsequently limited patient interaction.

In September 1997, after extensive testing, Sage was diagnosed to be suffering from Latex Allergy (immediate hypersensitivity) — having become sensitized (gradually made allergic) to latex due to long-term exposure.

Compared to other types of reactions, Sage almost instantly experiences sneezing, watery eyes, scratchy throat, shortness of breath and respiratory problems that in some cases could lead to anaphylactic shock.

"I can no longer do the job I went to school for and that's very frustrating," said Sage.

While Sage falls under the "hypersensitive" category, it is estimated some 8-17 percent of health care workers suffer from natural rubber latex sensitization or allergy and 1-6 percent of the general public. David E. Cohen, MD, M.P.H., assistant professor of dermatology, New York University School of Medicine, speaking at the American Academy of Dermatology's Derm Update '98, approximated that more than 5.6 million American health care workers use more than seven billion pairs of gloves each year.

#### Who's at risk?

Health care workers have a greater chance of sensitization due to the frequency of use and exposure to latex gloves and medical supplies that contain latex. However, persons in the field of dentistry, housekeeping, food service, landscaping, and cosmetology are also at risk. At even greater risk are atopic individuals (those with other allergies or asthma). It is estimated that as many as 25-30 percent of atopic health care workers may become sensitized.

According to Anthony Burton, M.D., medical director of Employee Health - St. Joseph Mercy Health System, individuals who have hypersensitive reactions to latex have systemic antibody formations to proteins in products made from natural

rubber latex.

Harvested from the rubber tree, *Hevea Brasiliensis*, products can contain up to "240 potentially allergenic proteins," according to the American Nurses Association. Latex is tapped from the latex ducts of the tree and sent to processing facilities.

"The allergy is to a protein that naturally occurs in the rubber tree," said Burton. "The cornstarch powder found in the gloves acts as a vehicle for the protein that irritates the wearer via skin contact or inhalation when the gloves are removed and the powder is disbursed into the air."

#### Increasing incidents

The rising occurrences of latex allergies has been attributed to the 1987 mandate by the Centers for Disease Control to establish "universal precautions," — a set of precautions designed to prevent transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and other bloodborne pathogens when providing first aid or health care.

Coincidentally, the United States Food and Drug Administration, between 1988 and 1992, received more than 1,000 reports of adverse reactions to natural latex rubber.

Burton said the quality of latex gloves produced worldwide varies greatly from manufacturer to manufacturer depending on the degree of processing the product has undergone.

The employee health medical director from St. Joe's described two "major kinds of latex products": dipped and hard rubber latex.

■ Dipped latex products, such as gloves, are fashioned when the latex sap is poured into porcelain molds. While the gloves remain on the molds they undergo one or more rinses to leach out protein and residual chemicals. The liquid eventually solidifies and the gloves are peeled away.

The quality of the glove, as well as the protein and chemical content is vastly different and thus one brand of gloves could create a dramatically different reaction in an allergic person than another.

■ Hard rubber latex products are found in things such as erasers, the back of carpeting, and rubber tips from step stools.

#### Prevention measures

While avoidance is the key to decreasing reactions, that presents a personal and professional

challenge for some allergy sufferers, particularly those like Sage. She found herself having to change jobs to avoid contact with the protein.

In the health care field alone there are more than 40,000 regularly used products that contain natural rubber latex including mattresses found on stretchers, adhesive tape, exam/sterile gloves, rubber tourniquets, elastic bandages

and medication vial stoppers.

Personal items such as condoms, pacifiers, toys, teething rings, erasers, rubber bands, sports equipment, balloons, goggles, and dishwashing gloves can

also produce a wide range of reactions from individuals suffering from the allergy.

Sage's employer, Providence Hospital, introduced a latex allergy questionnaire to all of their employees in a proactive attempt to identify persons who may have the illness or are likely to become latex sensitive. Burton, representing St. Joseph Mercy Health System, added that most hospitals have taken steps similar to St. Joe's, Providence, and Henry Ford by establishing latex allergy committees and various screening opportunities.

"In my opinion hospitals really should be using powder-free gloves," said Burton, who added individuals with the allergy can minimize their exposure by wearing powder-free latex-free gloves.

Most recently the administrative staff of Providence Hospital made the decision to go powder-free, hospital-wide. "It's a good dream hospitals would be able to go latex-free but in reality powder-free will significantly improve the working conditions for many people."

## Patients also need to be aware of latex allergy symptoms and precautions

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Becoming latex sensitive or allergic isn't an isolated problem for the medical profession.

The increasingly common illness is also affecting patients who have had multiple hospitalizations, persons with spina bifida, and individuals with a history of allergies.

A patient may not be aware they are sensitive to latex and experience a reaction upon a visit to their dentist or during a hospital stay. Sensitization can occur after repeated exposure by way of skin-to-skin contact, inhalation, a mucous membrane, wound inoculation, or a parenteral injection (inside the body).

Hospitals such as Providence in Southfield now provide latex-free areas and medical carts containing latex-free supplies.

"We're seeing sometimes two to three patients a week with the allergy," said Maureen Sage, Providence Hospital employee, member of the Associate Latex Committee and a resource for latex issues. "People need to be aware of the symptoms and take the necessary precautions. Exposure is the biggest factor."

#### Who's allergic, who isn't?

Diagnosing the allergy is the first step in taking precautions against a reaction. Dr. Anthony Burton, medical director of employee health services-Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, says there are currently three methods of testing for the allergy.

■ Blood test. The Food and Drug

Administration approved specific testing for the presence of the latex antibody, of which there are at least six.

Burton warns that the blood test isn't 100 percent accurate as negative results don't always mean the person isn't allergic.

■ Skin prick test. The skin is scratched or pricked with a diluted solution containing latex proteins and positive results can include swelling, itching and redness. The hazard associated with this test is that there is currently no FDA or commercially approved latex extract used in the testing. Therefore the allergist or dermatologist must make their own extract. This can cause varying results depending on the levels of protein found in the latex product used to create the solution.

■ Latex patch. The FDA has approved a latex-patch that is applied to the skin of the potential allergy sufferer and it's worn and monitored over several days.

There are several precautions suggests Sage that can be taken to protect an individual from becoming sensitized to latex proteins. They include:

■ Being tested if you experience symptoms following latex exposure.

■ Avoiding exposure completely if at all possible.

■ If the diagnosis is positive and you are deemed Type I hypersensitive, wear a medical alert bracelet; carry an auto-injectible epinephrine (Epi-Pen®).

■ Use powder-free gloves that are low in latex protein.

■ Wash your hands thoroughly if it is necessary for you to don gloves.

■ Wear the appropriate gloves for your diagnosis and for the task at hand.

■ Alert your dentist, stylist, and physician as well as anyone else who may have contact with you, while they are wearing gloves, to your allergy.

■ Also, health care providers should be prepared to accommodate your needs in the event you suffer from a latex allergy.

"Most people who are positively identified with the allergy should educate themselves and avoid exposure whenever possible," said Burton. "I've seen hundreds of success stories where persons were able to wear the appropriate gloves for their level of sensitivity and return to their working environment."

#### Mandated guidelines

Following the increase in incidents of latex reactions over the last decade, the FDA, in September 1997, ruled that all medical devices containing latex must be labeled with warnings of possible allergic reactions. The packaging for devices containing natural rubber latex must now be labeled: "Caution: This Product Contains Natural Rubber Latex Which May Cause Allergic Reactions."

The regulations also require the

removal of the word "hypoallergenic" from products that contain reduced levels of latex. The FDA ruled this is a misleading claim since even small amounts of latex can trigger allergic reactions.

"This was a big step in identifying the supplies I was working with and exposed to that contained latex as an ingredient. There are literally thousands of products you would never expect to contain the protein that do and this will make identification and the creation of latex-free environments easier," said Sage.

If you suspect you are experiencing symptoms related to latex exposure (dermatitis, hives, congestion, asthma, itching, watery eyes, swelling, etc.) seek medical attention from a physician, allergist or dermatologist who can properly diagnose you. There are countless resources for allergy sufferers such as:

E.L.A.S.T.I.C (Education for Latex Allergy/Support Team & Information Coalition), (610) 436-4801.

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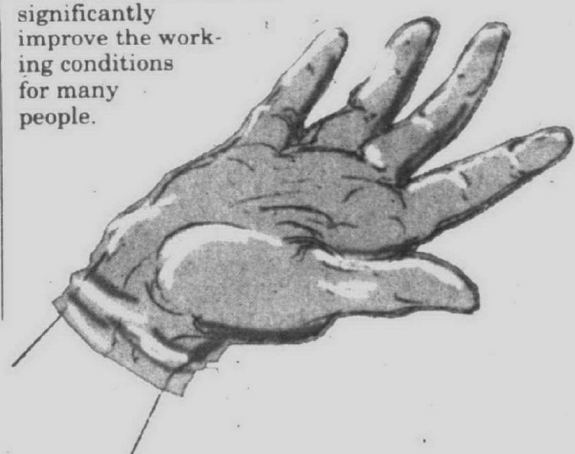
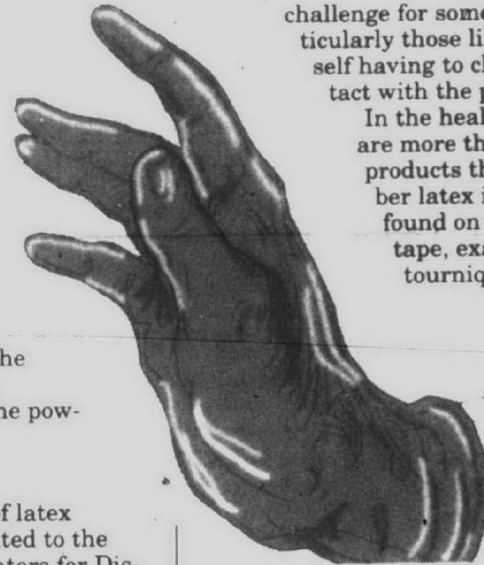
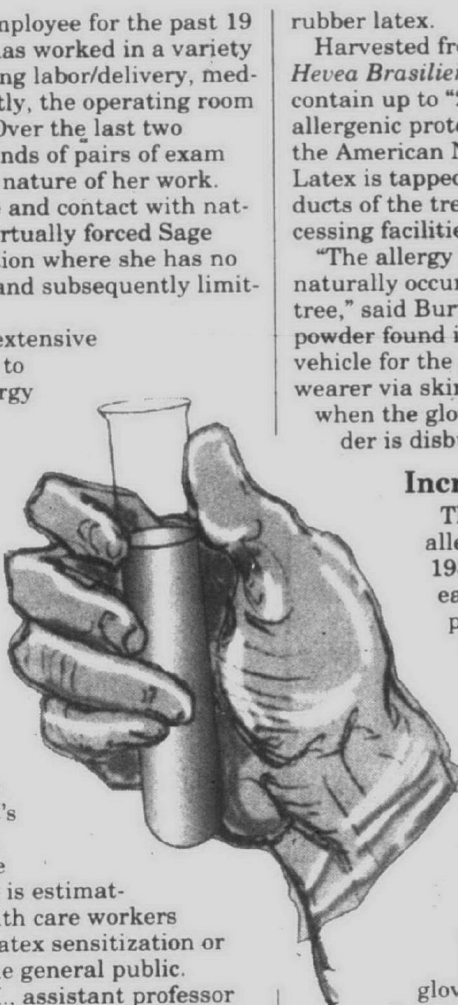
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## CONVERSATIONS



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### The poetic genius of Shakespeare

The long lines of ticket buyers at the Birmingham Theatre weren't waiting for the latest high-tech, action-adventure film.

They waited to hear the words of the 16th-century English bard of Stratford whose work they probably studied in high school and college, and whose poetry may have seemed more suited to the ivy-covered walls of academia than the rawness of real life.

OK, OK, maybe they waited to see the plucky Hollywood version of the man whose passion, artistry and inventiveness transcends the ages. (Yes, there are sword fights, bawdy repartee and sex scenes.)

With the star appeal of Gwyneth Paltrow, and an utterly engaging screenplay co-written by playwright Tom Stoppard, "Shakespeare in Love" has accomplished what crusty British literature professors could only imagine.

William Shakespeare has gone mainstream without reducing iambic pentameter to a senseless slogan.

In Hollywood's best year ever at the



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

**Blockbuster:** Todd Cochran, general manager of the Birmingham Theatre, moved "Shakespeare in Love" to one of the theater's larger venues because of overflow crowds.

box office with 1.46 billion tickets sold (a 5 percent increase from 1997), "Shakespeare in Love" is an encouraging sign that movie-making can reverse the literary past and enlighten contemporary sensibilities.

The movie is arguably the surprise hit of the year, according to Todd Cochran, general manager at the Birmingham Theatre.

#### Overflow audiences

"Audiences are more sophisticated and want well-written, well-acted movies," said Cochran, who compares the instant appeal of "Shakespeare in Love" with last year's endearing hit, "Good Will Hunting."

After the initial showings in L.A. and New York drew sold-out crowds, Cochran realized that he'd better make room for overflow audiences. The movie, scheduled to be shown in one of the smaller venues, was moved to one of the larger screens at the downtown Birmingham complex.

Based on unexpectedly high ticket revenue for the film, theaters in Livonia, Westland, Madison Heights and Southfield are most likely making similar adjustments.

#### Layers and layers

A slow grin spread across Cochran's face as he conceded that more people will learn about Shakespeare through "Shakespeare in Love" than by any college course.

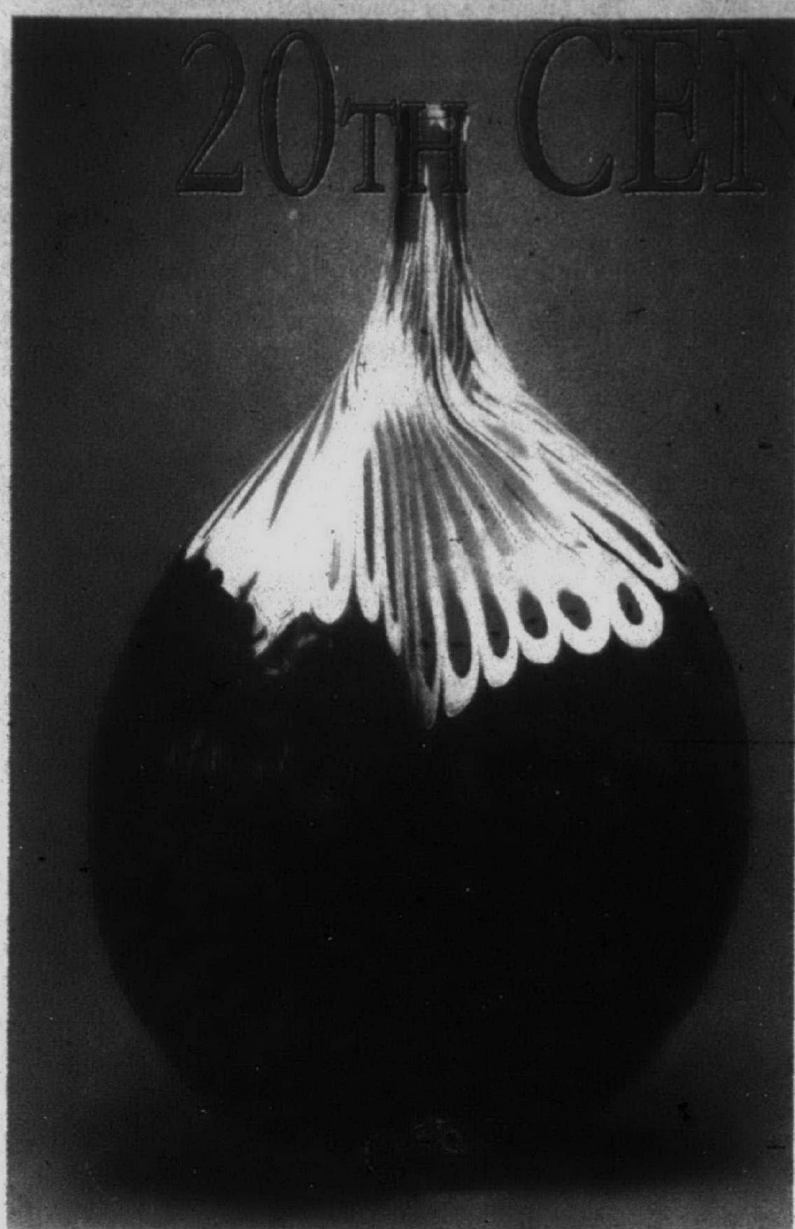
Of course, Hollywood has had other successes when translating Shakespeare to film. Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet," and "Richard III," along with Liz Taylor and Richard Burton in "Taming of the Shrew," and Kenneth Branagh's string of recent films come readily to mind.

But arguably, these films didn't have the lasting power of "Shakespeare in Love," said Cochran. Why? Technology.

With videos and DVDs, the life of a film is being redefined because movies are watched over and over again.

"Accessibility is the key," he said. "Audiences want to laugh, but they also want a good story that stands up

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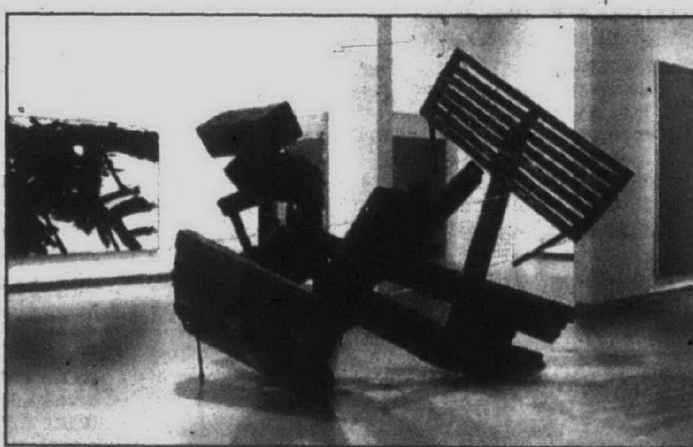
**Studio glass:** This vessel by Stephen Powell is on display through Feb. 14 in the Jack and Aviva Robinson Gallery.

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With the touch of a computer screen, Mary Ann Wilkinson demonstrates the impact Salvador Dali's Surrealism had on Alfred Hitchcock's films, in particular the dream sequences in "Spellbound." Wilkinson touches the screen a second time and Dali's imagery appears in a vintage Porky Pig cartoon.

One of six computer stations installed in the newly renovated Modern and Contemporary Art Galleries at the Detroit Institute of Arts, this interactive program is part of a plan to lure visitors into spending more time studying the work of Warhol, Picasso and Matisse.

"What characterizes the 20th century is that artists started looking at art in a different way,"



**Unleashing raw emotion:** This Abstract Expressionist gallery features works by Franz Kline (left to right), Barnett Newman and (center) Mark DiSuvero.

said Wilkinson, who was named curator of 20th century art in the midst of renovations in August 1997. "It was during the surrealist period, film was beginning to be used as a medium by artists. Looking at Hitchcock's 'Spellbound' and a Porky Pig cartoon, you really realize the impact of Surrealism on artists and culture in America."

Walking through the 20th century galleries, visitors begin to learn there is more than one way to look at art. Wilkinson and education director Nancy Jones planned the galleries with that concept in mind. Both were instrumental in bringing about changes in interpretive labels and instituting computer stations and a hand-held audio tour in the 22,000-square-foot space. The changes didn't come about by accident or a curator's whim. Even before the first brush of paint transformed the 20th century galleries into a well-lit space for viewing the works of Christo, Georgia O'Keeffe and Robert Rauschenberg, the museum polled the public for ideas on how to make the galleries user-friendly.

#### Renovations

"It's been an exciting process," said Wilkinson. "We did a visitor's evaluation before and during renovations because we were committed to making this space something people would like to use. So many people are intimidated by modern art because it's so hard to look at. It makes you think. Just as it has done for centuries, people want art to tell a story. So many people are afraid that they won't understand."

Unlike special exhibition audio tours, INFORM, a hand held audio tour, tells visitors about the artist and work of their choosing after entering the number located near a symbol on the work's descriptive label.

"Some people don't want to read, some

people only want to listen," said Wilkinson. "People learn in a variety of ways. As far as for INFORM, this is the first try to have a hand held audio tour for the permanent collection. In the next several months, we hope to add the rest of the museum."

"It's very experimental," added Jones. "Most museums don't do what we've done. Most audio tours are like listening to an art history lecture. We want to let people know there is more than one way to look at a work of art. On the audio tapes, I give my interpretation, Mary Ann gives her's and then there's a formal analysis."

For visitors who want to go beyond what they see and experience in the galleries, there's an education room stocked with books, tables and chairs, and a computer station. A casual area in the corner of one gallery is for anyone who wishes to read or just sit and contemplate the works of Oldenburg and Warhol.

#### Working together

"It was a very collaborative effort," said Jones. "We wanted to create the kind of an environment that's inviting. We want to give insight into what visitors are looking at and to provide opportunities for them to explore the art. There's more and more research being done on the art experience to make it more exciting, more engaging. We know people like inter-activity, to have the works of art communicate to them."

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## 20TH CENTURY ART INTERACTION

### Galleries invite visitors to study art and artists



**New space:** One of the DIA's newly reopened 20th century galleries features pop art by Andy Warhol and Claes Oldenburg, and a seating area to ponder what the artists were thinking when they created the work.

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## BOOKS

### 'On a Good Day' author wrings humor from the mundane

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At times, Gay Rubin admits she wonders if she's crossed the line into her own fictitious literary universe, a place populated by the type of eccentric characters straight from an Anne Tyler or John Irving novel.

For a disciplined writer like Rubin, who explained her need to write is a practice on the level of religious worship, there's a renewed urgency.

"Right now, I feel more compelled than ever about my work," said Rubin of Birmingham. "I want to have an eye-to-eye, heart-



Author Gay Rubin

to-heart relationship with my readers." After decades as a "secret writer" — known as a fiction writer only by a few friends — Rubin has emerged in the last several years as a talented, often-published short-story writer who blends fast, well-crafted plots with rapid-fire

Rubin's latest collection of short stories, "On a Good Day," reflects the playful, stream-of-consciousness swirling narrative breeze that also makes her a charming conversationalist.

In January, she'll begin a book-signing tour that will include appearances at Borders Books in Rochester Hills and Dearborn, and visits to book stores in Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Los Angeles.

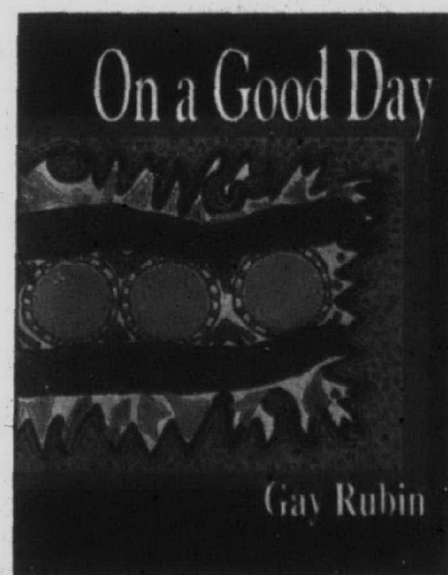
#### Pursuit of story

From an unlikely cigar-chomping contributing writer to "Cigar Lifestyles" who wanted to be a singer — but couldn't sing — to a mother of two grown daughters, Rubin's perspective draws on "those special moments" when you can feel the magic of life, she said.

"I want to answer questions that people have about life." And that, for Rubin, means wringing humor from the mundane.

For instance, a clerk at one of Rubin's

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**Heart-to-heart:** Gay Rubin's newest book has a playful, stream-of-consciousness breeze that will likely settle gently with readers.



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The 20th century galleries are much like a work of art in progress. The education department is creating more interpretive labels, but also developing new tools for interpreting art. Currently in the works is a curiosity cabinet for the pop art galleries. The hands-on activity will help viewers experience a variety of pop art. Brochures are also being written that concentrate on a single piece of art.

"Mary Ann was excited about this being a laboratory," said Jones. "We learn so much from what we've done. I haven't seen anything like this in other museums. It's very special."

Disassembled 18 months ago to make way for the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibition, the modern and contemporary art galleries lead viewers through a gamut of styles from Abstract Expressionism to Picasso and Cubism, Matisse and the School of Paris, Minimalism, and Abstraction after 1950. Among the newer works is Martin Puryear's wire mesh and tar sculpture. The 1997 work, acquired two months ago, is at once delicate and sturdy.

"We never had the opportunity to take everything out and put everything in again," said Wilkinson. "We wanted to make the collection understandable and approachable. We realized early on that we couldn't do it

chronologically so we've grouped art works in clusters. The hard part to doing this was not putting out everything I wanted to."

Visitors will find Kandinsky's work incorporated with art by Adolph Gottlieb and Detroit artist Ed Fraga. More than ever, Michigan-made art can be seen in the galleries. Ellen Phelan, Ann Mikolowski and Brenda Goodman are a few of the locals being shown. Tyree Guyton's "Caged Brain" from 1990 is created from rope, a bird cage and other found objects. The last contemporary art gallery deals with narrative painting. Here, visitors are treated to works by Mike Kelley, who grew up in Michigan and now lives in California, and Peter Williams, an instructor at Wayne State University.

"It's a good way to learn about artists in the state," said Wilkinson. "This gallery will change often so people will understand how deep our collection is. The contemporary gallery shows the return to figurative painting that happened in the late 1980s. A video kiosk will eventually feature performing artists. That's why people have to keep coming back."

### Passion for Glass

The exhibition, "A Passion for Glass: The Aviva and Jack A.

Robinson Studio Glass Collection," is one of the highlights of the 20th century galleries. It continues through Sunday, Feb. 14 in the large scale, well-lit showcases. William Morris, Dale Chihuly and Ginny Ruffner are among the contemporary studio glass artists in the collection, the Robinsons donated to the museum in 1996.

"The Robinsons gave a donation to transform the gallery into a space where you can display decorative arts," said Wilkinson. "We've never had that before. Decorative arts will end up in this gallery once the Robinsons glass collection exhibit closes."

Wilkinson plans to rotate work in the 20th century galleries in six months. Warhol portraits on loan to the Kalamazoo Museum will be displayed upon their return. A special project space will host installations, art and video such as Bill Viola's "Nine Attempts to Achieve Immortality" created in 1996.

"It's more of a work in progress," said Wilkinson. "Seeing where it works, what doesn't work. Now that galleries have been reinstated we can go back and fine tune. We can start thinking about acquisitions and bringing in exhibits such as Ben Shahn in July."

of the film is Shakespeare's mastery of language and ability to transfer passion into stunning descriptive phrases.

In the age of tabloids, sitcoms and pulp fiction triteness, few writers can even pass through Shakespeare's long shadow.

Of course, Shakespeare lived amid a time when words were akin to the realism of photography and the magic of film.

Hopefully, "Shakespeare in Love" will be a bridge for readers to explore the playwright's larger body of work, including "Ham-

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### ARTISTS OF THE MONTH SHOW

The Livonia Arts Commission presents needlepoint, photography and mixed media in its three venues for the month of January. John Copa of Orchard Lake exhibits his photography Jan. 3-30 in the Livonia Civic Center Library's Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

In the second floor showcases next to the gallery, the Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild display handcrafted items Jan. 4-28.

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.

The Schoolcraft College and Visual Art Association of Livonia students of Westland artist Sandra Weed exhibit 90 mixed media works Jan. 15-29 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS

Canton Project Arts hosts a photography exhibit produced by Focus:HOPE Jan. 16 to Feb. 1 at Summit on the Park in Canton.

There will be 117 images from student photographers that "Focus on the Mission" of the nonprofit organization. The images will be on display during a Jan. 23 Storytelling Festival at the Summit.

For more information, call Kathleen Salla at (734) 397-6450.

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Greene, a faculty member at the University of Michigan School of Music since 1990, has performed in concerts throughout the U.S., Europe and Far East. He has appeared as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, RAI Orchestra of Turin, the San Francisco, Utah and National symphonies, the Czech National Symphony, the Tokyo Symphony, and in recital at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Lisbon Sao Paulo Opera House, Hong Kong City Hall, and concert houses in Shanghai and Beijing.

For more information call Schoolcraft College's music department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

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favorite bookstores told her about how he once set out to "live on the street, but found it so hard that he had to give up."

That line set Rubin in pursuit of a story. She invited the store clerk to lunch.

As a result of conversations with the clerk, Rubin penned "Howie the Bum," one of the short stories in her recent collection.

But the road from epiphany to finished story, for Rubin, can hardly be called facile.

"Writing is about heart, and knowing storytelling as a craft is how you get to heart," she said. It's a tireless process.

Rubin rewrites endlessly, then cuts, cuts, cuts until all that remains is the essential spine of the story.

In between, however, it's not unusual for her to put aside a story. A 100-page story sat in a drawer for a decade before Rubin said she resurrected it because "I finally knew what it's about."

And an expansive draft of a novel - which measures in pages about three-feet high - is all finished, according to Rubin;

except, of course, it just needs new words, she said.

As her finest short stories demonstrate, understatement is Rubin's finest literary tool.

### A sense of play

A regular lecturer at local writing conferences, Rubin also teaches creative writing at the University of Michigan, where she earned a master's in fine arts.

In the spring of 1997, Rubin translated her love of books into a cable show, "Writers' Roundtable," which aired in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. The show, which ran for four months, featured discussions with writers, including Charles Baxter and Judith Guest.

For a gregarious person who is relegated to the sedentary writer's life, Rubin sees the irony as a lesson for her own life and for her readers.

"I want people to see ironies and paradoxes in my stories that teach them something about life," she said. "But I want to write about serious things in a way that's playful."

True to her credo, Rubin

already has a working title for her next collection of stories. She refers to her new work as "How to be a bitch."

"It's autobiographical," she laughed. "I used to be a nice person. There's already one story, it's called, 'How to out-bitch the bitches.'"

Of course, Rubin laughs. Then, she wonders whether she should have said what she did: When she's told that it's a "provocative title," she's apparently convinced to stick with her quote.

But before Rubin continues to work on her next collection of stories, she'll travel to promote her new book, and meet many of the readers who she keeps in mind as she writes.

While it may all seem like play, there's no mistaking Rubin's sense of urgency.

"Let me know what you think of my book," she said. Then, she quickly adds: "Only tell me if you love it. If you don't, I'm unavailable."

Don't believe it. Rubin is just past the pages in her book. Readers will find her eye-to-eye. Heart-to-heart.

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over time."

And there's plenty of layers in "Shakespeare in Love."

### Shakespeare's shadows

Taking liberties with history and Shakespearean scholarship, the movie offers an inventive story-behind-the-story of Shakespeare's great romantic tragedy "Romeo and Juliet."

While there are many references to other plays in Shakespeare's body of work, and an impressive range of acting talent, the truly remarkable feature

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## AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

### ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR

Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999. Artists should send self-addressed stamped envelope to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or call (734) 994-5260. Applications must be received by Feb. 5.

### ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried "Art & Apples Festival," to be held Sept. 11-12, 1999 in Rochester Municipal Park. Slides must be received by March 1, 1999. Entry fee: \$25. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-7418, or (248) 651-4110.

### BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players) of all ages. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7, at Groves High School, 13 Mile Road, west of Southfield Road, in Birmingham. Call Bruce Kramer (248) 333-7519 for details.

### BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP

Auditions for ballet students for summer fine arts camp. Auditions include a masterclass taught by Jefferson Baum, Blue Lake's director of dance. Noon Saturday, Jan. 16, 3226 Old Main, Wayne State University, Detroit; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, School of Dance, 220 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. For details, call (800) 221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

### FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Call for entries for the 1999 Michigan Fine Arts Competition presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, March 5-26. Open to artists at least 18 years old living and working in Michigan. Works in all media accepted. Cash prizes total \$9,000. Submit 35 mm color slides by Jan. 4, 1999. For details, contact Lizbeth Spink, (248) 644-0866, Ext. 103.

### HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

### LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Independent youth orchestra for students ages 10-18 holding auditions by appointment Saturday, Jan. 16. Call (734) 591-7649 or (248) 476-6341. Rehearsals 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

### MADISON CHORALE

Open to singers from any community. Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5. Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R, Madison Heights; (248) 548-6340.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

#### COMMUNITY CHOIR

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

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops, late January through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Offers a range of art classes, including children's holiday gift workshops: 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER



**Cosmopolitan:** "Picturing Paris: 1850 to the Present," photographs from the Detroit Institute of Arts, opens this Friday, Jan. 8, at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

### D & M STUDIOS

Classes for preschoolers through adults begin week of Jan. 4. Offered through Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation. 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; (734) 453-3710.

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

### EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

### GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY

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

### JINGLE BEL, INC.

Winter classes include participation in the Rochester/Troy Youth Community Show Chorus: ages 6-10 - 6:15-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-March 30; ages 11-16 - 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-March 30. Drama, singing, choreography classes, ages 6-14, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12-March 30. Other classes include drama for children, instruction in range of media, and instrumental lessons. For details, call (248) 375-9027.

### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

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.

### PAINT CREEK CENTER

Registration for winter classes, Jan. 18-March 29. Classes for preschoolers to adults. New program, Winter Wonderart Day Camp, will be offered for students ages 6-11 during Feb. 15-19. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

### PEWABIC POTTERY

Winter classes, including tile, making, basic ceramics, wheel throwing for ages 13 and up. Call for fees. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Winter classes & workshops for all ages, including sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative

painting, pottery, film, drawing, children's theater, creative writing and more. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

### SWANN GALLERY

Free life drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

## CONCERTS

### B'HAM MUSICALE

Celebration of National Federation of Music Clubs Day, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, featuring pianist Marian Siatczynski, and soprano Kaye Rittinger. The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham.

### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The Bell and the Swan," a program of Haydn, Massenet, Kreisler, Paganini, Brahms, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3; "Beethoven's Emperor," complete cycle of Beethoven Piano Concertos, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9; "Brahms Requiem," 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Jan. 14-15; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; "Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration," a program of Dvorak, Ellington, Copland and a Gospel medley, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Tickets: \$13-\$63; (313) 576-5111. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

### LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Ensemble of seven members of the full orchestra in a performance of chamber, jazz and pop music, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Livonia Civic Center Library, Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads; (734) 464-2741.

### UMS AT U OF MICH.

Soprano Renee Fleming 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Hill Auditorium, N. University at Thayer Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 763-3100.

## LECTURES

### DIA

"A Day on the Grand Canal with the Emperor of China," narrated by David Hockney, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

### U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC

U of M Professor of Ethnomusicology Judith Becker presents, "Volcanoes, Blacksmiths and the Power of the Gamelan Ensemble," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Britton Recital

Hall, E.V. Moore Bldg., U of M campus, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0594.

## 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 Road at Newburg, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

### MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mcbb.org, or contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

### MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special preschool 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

### 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.

## GALLERY (OPENINGS)

### LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Jan. 4 - Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild exhibit; works of photographer John Copa of Orchard Lake. Through Jan. 30. 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 466-2490.

### ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Jan. 7 - "Artists Under the Italian Influence," featuring work of Juliana Clendenin, Jim Cosgwell, Susan Crowell, Ed Fraga, Mark P. Niliro, Debra Bosio Riley and Mel Rosas. Through Feb. 7. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004.

### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Jan. 8 - "Spirit of Memory," paintings and prints by Sawsan Elgamal. Through Jan. 30. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

### MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Jan. 8 - "Picturing Paris: 1850 to the Present," photographs from the Detroit Institute of Arts, through Feb. 21. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

### SWANN GALLERY

Jan. 8 - "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building," a photography show, through Feb. 6. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

### YAW GALLERY

Jan. 8 - "A Gathering of Spoons," works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, through Jan. 30. 550 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 647-5470.

### CARY GALLERY

Jan. 9 - "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," through Feb. 6. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

### HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE

Jan. 11 - "Art of the Iris," works by various artists, through Feb. 5. Reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Sisson Gallery, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-6487.

### PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL

Jan. 12 - "Japan Revisited," featuring Yoriko Hirose Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts, through Feb. 10. Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

### JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Jan. 14 - "Extraordinary Stitches: The art of fiber & thread," featuring works of 23 artists, through Feb. 25. Reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

### ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Victims & Survivors," paintings by Richard Kozlow, selected interviews from the university's "Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories," an archival collection assembled by UM-D Professor of History Dr. Sidney Bolkosky. Through Feb. 14. 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

## GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

### BARCLAY GALLERY

Through Jan. 3 - "In the Shadow of Mount Fuji," a collection of Japanese prints. 580 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-5430.

### GALLERY 212

Through Jan. 3 - "Behind the

Mask," featuring works by six local artists, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-8224.

### SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through Jan. 4 - Works by metal-smith and jeweler Miro J. Masuda. 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 354-4224.

### GALERIE BLU

Through Jan. 9 - Papier-mâché artist Stephen Hansen. 568 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

### HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 9 - Painting, sculpture, works on paper by Yayoi Kusama. 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

### NETWORK

Through Jan. 14 - "Photoflux," an exhibit by four Cranbrook alumni. 7 North Saginaw St. in Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

### HILL GALLERY

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

### REVOLUTION

Through Jan. 16 - Exhibition by sculptor Elena Berriolo "Enclosed Gardens," recent works on paper by Gina Ferrari, and ceramic sculpture by Korean native Jae Won Lee. 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

### SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan. 16 - "...skywalking," works by Gerhardt Knodel. 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

### ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Jan. 21 - New paintings by Fritz Mayhew. 107 Townsend St., Birmingham, (248) 642-3909.

### ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY

Through Jan. 22 - "Metaphors," works by Yvette Kaiser Smith. Wayne State University, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

### SCARAB CLUB

Through Jan. 28 - 85th Annual Gold Medal Exhibit & Holiday Sales Show, featuring fine art, sculpture and photography by Scarab Club members. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

### G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

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

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Through March 15 - "Memory and Vision," A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1899-1999, museum-quality exhibition of artifacts and photos chronicles 100 years of the organized Jewish community of Detroit. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Docents available for guided tours, call (248) 642-4260. Ext. 271.



**Profiles:** "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," is on exhibit through Feb. 6 at the Cary Gallery, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.



# GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

## BOOKS

### Judy Collins shares lessons from a hard life in memoir

**Singing Lessons: A Memoir of Love, Loss, Hope, and Healing**  
By Judy Collins  
(Pocket Books, \$25)

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Singing is as natural to Judy Collins as breathing. She's been singing for as long as she can remember — for the joy of it, to put food on the table and to heal emotional wounds. The most painful of all being the suicide of her only child, a son, Clark, age 33, in January 1992.

In her journal, Collins' younger sister Holly wrote — "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

For survivors, the weight of wondering if there was something you could have done to stop the suicide, can be unbearable.

There were times after Clark's suicide when Collins herself wanted to die. She wrote instead, to remember her son, to help her survive. There are few guidebooks for survivors. Collins began "Singing Lessons: A Memoir of Love, Loss, Hope and Healing," thinking that it would be a book about suicide. Instead, it turned out to be a tender, very personal story, about Collins, her life, and battles with depression and alcohol, and struggle to go on living after Clark died.

"As I wrote," said Collins. "I realized that Clark's story was about memory, but it was also about the lessons I had learned: lessons of work, of survival, of loss, of love; lessons of singing through the storm."

Blessed with good teachers who helped her become the legend she is, Collins generously shares those lessons in her memoir. Her book is part autobiography, part confession, part instruction. Each of the 14 chapters begins with a personal prayer.

She is forgiving as she pieces together painful memories such as her father's depression and



alcoholism, demons, which later haunted her. For Collins, the pieces, once scattered, have come together, and she's found the solution to what was once a painful puzzle.

Clark, also suffered from depression, and began using drugs when he was 9 or 10.

In her search for peace, Collins learned that "suicide tendencies are not inherited, but tendencies toward depression are." There was alcoholism in both her mother's and father's family. As she was finishing her memoir, a nephew died from an overdose.

"Singing Lessons" is about loss, but it's also about joy. Collins is a remarkable woman who has led an interesting life. She met President Kennedy and became friends with President Clinton and his family.

Her father, Charles Collins, lost his sight at the age of 4, yet put himself through college, learned to play piano, and supported his family as a radio announcer. Despite his blindness, Charles was fiercely independent. He and Judy's mother, Marjorie, instilled in their five children a strong work ethic, and

belief in God. Growing up, Collins battled polio. As a young adult she fought tuberculosis.

Married after she learned she was pregnant, shortly before her 19th birthday, Collins supported her son and husband, Peter, a graduate student, by singing in clubs during the folk movement's formative years in the 1960s. She was a career woman during a time when most women stayed home with their children.

During the 1960s, Collins was making history, sharing the stage with people who would become American folk legends including Bob Dylan, Peter Yarrow and Pete Seeger. She recorded songs by Leonard Cohen and Joni Mitchell before mainstream America knew who they were. Collins sang at anti-war rallies, fund-raisers for the freedom workers in Mississippi, and benefits for women's rights. She remains active in politics and social causes and recently received an award by Peace Action for her work with UNICEF.

She knows the pain of being a single mother, and losing custody of a child, which she did after divorcing Peter. Later, Peter, who remarried the day after their divorce became final, returned Clark, then 9, to his mother because he was a handful.

Always there was the music, and it has comforted Collins throughout the years. No matter how bleak things were, she never lost faith, or belief in the power of love. In 1978 she met Louis, whom she married in 1996.

Her lessons are inspiring, especially at the start of a new year when many people vow to change their lives — "Even the darkest day has its sunlight."

As an added bonus, the book includes a CD with four songs written by Collins — "Singing Lessons," "Born to the Breed," "The Fallow Way," and "The Wedding Song (for Louis)."

## The past echoes through new abduction mystery

**Four Corners of Night**  
By Craig Holden  
(Delacorte, \$23.95)



VICTORIA DIAZ

another graveyard shift in the decaying Midwestern city they call home.

Suddenly, a call comes in over their radio. In one of the more dilapidated parts of town, a child has come up missing and is feared abducted.

The call, in a sense, appears to freeze the two experienced law men momentarily. Soon, we see why.

Seven years earlier, Arbaugh's daughter disappeared and, despite a massive manhunt, was never found. Now this high-priority radio call seems a chilling echo from the shared past of these two childhood friends.

Thus begins the third novel by Dexter, Mich., writer Craig Holden ("The River Sorrow," "The Last Sanctuary"). In it, he proves, once again, that he can reach out and grab a reader's attention from the get-go. In that initial scene, we can smell the bacon and coffee, hear the intrusive crackle of the police radio, and we can feel the tension between these two off-duty cops. One wants to evade the "flow and garbage and pain" and one cannot turn his back on it.

The former gives way to the latter, and we find ourselves

along for the riveting, you-are-there ride as the two partners prowling the ragged streets, trying to unravel the mystery of this latest disappearance. Eventually they find startling connections between the two cases.

The tale is told from the viewpoint of Mack Steiner, who describes himself as "an agnostic Jewish-Lutheran" whose "interest in finding a solution comes from the ... knowledge of what this ... girl must be going through and; to be honest, from the sheer intrigue."

He does not, he insists, possess the amount of empathy his highly-emotional partner does. "What has always been surprising about him ... is the depth to which he feels for these victims," he tells us.

In eloquent prose that shows up too rarely in suspense fiction, and with a kind of singularity of voice, Holden not only paints his two main characters in living color but does the same with a host of supporting players.

From Steiner's troubled adolescent daughter, who seems on the verge of disappearing herself, to Arbaugh's nasty foster mother, to the grubby prostitutes on the street corners of this crippled city, to the crackheads in the ragged buildings, all (no matter how brief their appearance in this drama) seem real enough to touch.

Figuring very large here is the city itself. Never named, which makes it even more haunting, it lies somewhere beneath a "soaked-in Ohio sky." Rusty, shattered, stained, moldering, it provides a rich and memorable backdrop for Holden's smartly-paced story.

Other pluses: "Four Corners of the Night," though written in clearly-accessible style, contains

enough twists and curlicues to satisfy the most sophisticated thriller fan. Even when you think everything has been revealed, you still find another facet of the story, one more surprise around the next hairpin curve.

Some of the final surprises may seem a little far-fetched, however.

Also, readers who like to delve into details of police work will find much of that on these pages, although the details are never allowed to get in the way of the story. "I spent time going on calls with two Toledo detectives," Holden has said, in explaining some of the research for the book.

"A day shift investigator ... showed me the general layout and operating procedure of the detectives' bureau and took me on some routine calls. I spent nights riding with a graveyard shift loner ... responding to calls ranging from assaults and abductions and car thefts to rapes and robberies and drug busts."

Some readers may grow impatient with Holden's not-always-linear narrative. The story is structured so that we are often taken subtly back-and-forth in time between the earlier disappearance and the later one. As a result, you may find yourself thinking you are reading about one, when in fact, you are reading about the other.

It pays to pay close attention, and keep in mind that this is, first, foremost, and always, a story about echoes.

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## FOCUS ON WINE



RAY &amp; ELEANOR HEALD

## There's liquid gold in them thar hills!

**L**usting for gold in the 1850s, fortune seekers headed to California's Sierra Foothills. By 1856, money gushed and lifestyle demands for the best food and drink gold could buy reached a pinnacle. The rush to plant grape vines nearly equaled the rush to discover gold.

By the mid-1860s, a full-fledged pioneer wine industry had been created in the redlands and granite soils of the Mother Lode Country. Back then, more wineries operated there than in the rest of California.

Boom times ended when mines ran dry, late in the 19th century. This downturn was followed by the first phylloxera outbreak, devastating most vineyards. Wineries that survived had their backs broken by Prohibition. But that's the past. The present is bright and the future exciting.

### Ironstone Vineyards

The word bargain is no longer associated with wines from California's north coast counties of Napa and Sonoma. But it is alive in former Gold Rush country such as Calaveras County. A bevy of more popularly priced wines are the discovery from today's Gold Rush hills.

Visitors to the region take a step back in time into mining towns such as Murphy's, where you find Ironstone Vineyards and a wine Mother Lode.

Ironstone bills itself as "unique in all the world." We asked Stephen Kautz, Ironstone's president to explain this. As starters, he cited 100 percent family ownership; California family vegetable farming dating back to 1923; and grape growing since 1968. Vineyards planted to chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, sauvignon blanc and zinfandel were farsighted for their time. Today, Ironstone farms about 6,000 acres of grapes.

At first, grapes were sold to other wineries. In 1982, Ironstone had its first vintage, but a major turning point in quality and recognition came in 1988 when the Kautz family hired talented winemaker Steve Miller and gave him a state-of-the-art facility that included underground caves.

So proud of its wines and facility, the Kautz family made their location a destination winery and entertainment center, with an in-house bakery, a cooking school, banquet center for 1,500 and one of the top 10 winery gardens in the United States. An amphitheater under construction will be completed in Spring 1999. Indeed, there's more than wine at Ironstone!

### Good values

But the wines? Very good and all under \$10. Do we now have your interest?

Please see WINE, B6

### Wine Picks

**Picks of the pack:** 1996 Hartford Court Pinot Noir, Dutton Ranch-Sanchietti Vineyard, Russian River Valley \$35; showcases full, rich and voluptuous Russian River Valley fruit intensity with more evident oak than 1996 Hartford Court Pinot Noir, Fanucci-Wood Road Vineyard \$30, full of elegance and finesse. Both are excellent and a matter of style preference.

**Reds to buy and cellar:** 1995 Geyser Peak Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$30; 1995 St. Supery Meritage, \$40; 1996 Venezia Meola Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$24; 1995 Stags' Leap Winery Petite Syrah \$24; 1996 Fisher RCF Merlot, Napa Valley \$30; 1996 Fisher Coach Insignia \$30; and 1996 Archery Summit Estate Pinot Noir (inaugural release from Oregon) \$75.

**Value reds:** 1998 Rosemount Shiraz-Cabernet \$8.50; 1997 Canyon Road Cabernet Sauvignon \$8; and 1996 Preston Faux \$12.

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle

# RISE AND SHINE OATMEAL START YOUR DAY WITH A WARM TUMMY

BY MELANIE POLK  
SPECIAL WRITER

If cold, dark winter mornings aren't enough reason to seek the comfort of a steaming bowl of oatmeal, then consider that January is National Oatmeal Month – a worthy observance for a food that's both wholesome and extremely popular.

A single cup of oatmeal provides four grams of total dietary fiber, including two grams of cholesterol-lowering soluble fiber. The grain is also an excellent source of such nutrients as thiamin and magnesium.

There are several basic types of oatmeal, which differ in cooking time and texture rather than taste and nutrition. Steel-cut (also called Scotch or Irish) oats are oat groats (oat grains without their hulls) that have a coarse, chewy texture and take up to 20 minutes to cook; rolled oats, which are groats that are steamed and flattened between steel rollers, cook more quickly; quick oats are cut into small pieces before rolling and cook in only a minute; and instant oats are precooked and pressed, so they need only boiling water to reconstitute them. Oats should be stored in a dark, dry spot in a well-sealed container. If humidity is a concern, refrigerate oats for up to a year.

For breakfast, it's hard to beat a bowl of oatmeal, especially when combined with fruit. Cook some up with grated apple and cinnamon, or serve it with sliced banana.

Beyond breakfast, oats are a great addition to dishes like meatloaf, stew or soup for adding substance and thickening. Use oats as a coating for oven-fried chicken breasts or fish. Seasoned oats make a super stuffing for vegetables, and they also make a good coating for pan-roasted potatoes, carrots and other vegetables.

Oats are the basis for a variety of sturdy breads, biscuits and cakes, and oatmeal cookies are a delicious way to get extra fiber in your diet. Use oats in fruit crumbles, low-fat pie crusts and brownies as well.

Melanie Polk is a registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

See recipes inside.



QUAKER OATS

**Dessert for breakfast:** Like the bread it's named after, Banana Bread Oatmeal features fragrant cinnamon and nutmeg, sweet ripe bananas and crunchy pecans. Use quick oats for a creamier texture; old-fashioned oats for a heartier taste and texture.

## F U N F A C T S

- January is Oatmeal month because we buy more oatmeal in January than during any other month of the year. In January 1998, we bought 36 million pounds of oats – enough to make 360 million bowls of oatmeal.
- Adults 65 years of age and over eat the most oatmeal – an average 79 bowls a year. Kids 12 and under eat, on average, 50 bowls per year and are the biggest consumers of flavored instant oatmeal.
- Of those people who eat instant oatmeal, 55 percent combine the oats and liquid and cook it in the microwave.

- While 86 percent of all oatmeal is eaten at breakfast, 6 percent of oatmeal is eaten at dinner.
- We add something to plain oatmeal 92 percent of the time. The top five favorite oatmeal toppings, in order, are: milk; sugar; margarine/spreads/butter; fruit, mostly raisins and bananas; and syrup/honey.
- Among the more unusual oatmeal toppings cited by National Eating Trends are: sesame seeds; coconut; pistachios; sunflower seeds; whipped cream and whipped topping; and cottage cheese.

Information compliments of The Quaker Oats Company

## Pick weight-loss and health goals that are right for you

### SENSIBLE LIVING



BEVERLY PRICE

they promise, "20 pounds of weight loss in one month." However, will they help you change your eating habits?

Most weight loss programs not only fail to address the emotional issues behind why you may be overeating, but they also have very little to offer in the way of nutrition education. How do you evaluate the "best" weight loss program for you? Let's explore some of the advice that the experts have to offer.

In the book and audio tape, "Thin for Life," by Anne Fletcher, she describes characteristics of individuals who kept their weight off for three or more years. Most of the individuals she sur-

veyed had lost and gained back their weight several times, and had been overweight since childhood. After years of struggling, they found an approach that was right for them.

"Just because something worked for a celebrity does not mean it is right for you," writes Fletcher. They may have gone through a program or met with a dietitian, but ultimately, the "plan" was their "plan." It was not just a "menu to follow."

### Why diets don't work

This is why so many "diets" don't work. They simply provide a safety net so you don't have to make any effort. The diet does the work for you, so you do not have to think at all. But when the diet is over, you are left wondering, "Now how do I maintain my new weight on my own?" As Dr. Stephen Guillo says in his eye-opening audio tape, "Thin Tastes Better," "If you don't solve your emotional problems as well as deal with your food cravings while

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you are dieting, they will still be there when you lose your weight." He goes on to explain that eventually, you will gain back the weight you have lost if you did not deal with your food issues during the weight loss process.

Canadian best seller, "You Count, Calories Don't," by Linda Omichipski, founder and president of HUGS International, Inc. developed an empowerment approach to health which is embraced by defeated dieters.

- Forget the scale, calorie counting and fat gram levels
- Learn how to tune into your body for signals that mean enough & more
- Discover individual patterns for food and activity levels that maintain personal energy
- Find the strength to accept yourself just as you are and get on with life.

One of my clients, Sharon Sweet, who successfully achieved her weight loss goal said, "This is not my only

goal. Now that I achieved one goal, I need to work toward my next nutrition goal."

You never get to a final place. You are always perfecting and exploring new avenues when it comes to your health. So, when evaluating a personal weight loss program for 1999, whether it is a group or one-on-one guidance from a health professional, make sure that your potential program meets your individual needs. If you do not see progress in terms of behavior change within six weeks, don't be afraid to enlist the help of a mental health professional in order to help you get to the root of your eating behavior. Happy New Year.

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See recipes inside.



# Nutritious oatmeal isn't just for breakfast

See related Oatmeal story on Taste front.

## SWISS FRUIT MUESLI

3 ounces (1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons) wheat kernels (available at health food shops)  
2 ounces (1/4 cup) rolled oats  
3 ounces (1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons) raisins, chopped apricots or prunes  
4 tablespoons chopped nuts (pecans, almonds, walnuts)  
Fresh fruit (sliced peach, pear, strawberries, banana, apple or seedless red or green grapes)  
8 ounces plain nonfat yogurt  
Honey or maple syrup (optional)

In a bowl, combine wheat kernels, rolled oats, raisins or other chopped dried fruits, nuts and yogurt; stir until mixed. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Top with fresh fruit before serving.

**Nutrition information:** Each of the four servings contains 284 calories (will vary depending on type of fruit used) and 6 grams of fat.)

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research

## BANANA BREAD OATMEAL

3 cups fat-free milk  
3 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar  
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)  
2 medium-size bananas, mashed (about 1 cup)  
2 to 3 tablespoons coarsely chopped toasted pecans  
Vanilla nonfat yogurt (optional)  
Banana slices (optional)  
Pecan halves (optional)

In medium saucepan, bring milk, brown sugar, spices and salt to a gentle boil (watch carefully); stir in oats. Return to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook 1 minute for quick oats, 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats, or until most of the liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally.

Remove oatmeal from heat. Stir in mashed bananas and pecans. Spoon oatmeal into four cereal bowls. Top with yogurt, sliced bananas and pecan halves, if desired. Serves 4.

**Cook's Tip:** To toast pecans, spread evenly in shallow baking pan. Bake at 350°F. 5 to 7 minutes or until light golden brown. Or, spread nuts evenly on microwave-safe plate. Microwave on HIGH 1 minute; stir. Continue to microwave on HIGH, checking every 30 seconds, until nuts are fragrant and brown.

**Nutrition information:** Calories 340, Calories from Fat 50, Total Fat 6g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol less than 5mg, Sodium 100mg, Total Carbohydrates 60g, Dietary Fiber 6g, Protein, 14g, Calcium 268mg.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

## VEGETABLE OAT PILAF

1/2 cup chopped mushrooms  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1/2 cup sliced green onions  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 3/4 cups old-fashioned oats, uncooked  
2 egg whites or 1 egg, lightly beaten  
3/4 cup chicken broth  
2 teaspoons dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 medium tomato, seeded, chopped

Cook mushrooms, green pepper, onions and garlic in oil over medium heat, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender, about 2 minutes.

Mix oats and egg whites until oats are evenly coated. Add oats to vegetable mixture in skillet. Cook over medium heat stirring occasionally until oats are dry and separated, about 5-6 minutes. Add broth, basil, salt and pepper. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, 2-3 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Stir in tomato. Serve immediately. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

## APPLE BERRY CRISP



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Wake-up call: Muesli is a delicious combination of oats, fruits and nuts.

## Topping

1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
5 tablespoons margarine or butter  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

## Filling

4 cups thinly sliced Granny Smith apples (about 4 medium)

2 cups frozen blueberries (do not thaw)

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F. In small bowl, combine topping ingredients;

set aside. In medium bowl, combine filling ingredients, stirring until fruit is evenly coated. Spoon into 8-inch square glass baking dish. Sprinkle topping evenly over fruit. Bake 30-35 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve warm or at room temperature with ice cream, if desired. Serves 9.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

## Wine from page B5

The 1997 Ironstone Chardonnay is brimming with tropical fruit flavors and a fruit-driven finish, with a light touch of oak. Its a wine that says, "Pull the cork and enjoy me today."

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Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

### Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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# Get a healthy start with good-for-you dishes

See related Living Better Sensibly column on Taste front.

## BALSAMIC-ARTICHOKESALAD

- 2-3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Brown rice syrup
- 1 1/2 cups chopped and drained canned unmarinated artichokes
- 2 cups drained canned mandarin orange segments
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley

Whisk together vinegar and brown rice syrup. Add remaining ingredients and toss well. Let stand 20 minutes. 4 servings.

## PIZZA MARGHERITA

- 4 ounces canned, peeled, and diced tomatoes
- 1 whole wheat flour tortilla or focaccia bread
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 18 fresh basil leaves, roughly chopped
- 8 ounces grated soy cheese

Preheat oven to 500°F. Empty tomatoes into sieve and set over deep bowl. Toss several times to speed draining. Reserve juice. Pour about 2/3 cup reserved tomato juice into small saucepan.

Add vinegar and pepper. Bring

to boil over high heat. Continue boiling to reduce liquid; you should have slightly more than 1/4 cup sauce. Remove pan from heat; stir to cool. Place dough of choice on lightly sprayed pan. Spread sauce over crust.

Top with fresh basil leaves and cheese. Bake until cheese melts, and crust is golden brown.

## CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons chocolate extract flavor
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

Stir ins:

Black Forest: 1/2 cup dried cherries, reconstituted and mixed in.

Hazelnut: 1/2 cup toasted hazelnuts.

Hawaiian: 1/3 cup coconut and 1/3 cup toasted macadamia nuts.

Orange: 1/3 cup candied orange peel and 2 tsp. orange liqueur

Cappuccino: 2 teaspoons instant espresso dissolved in 2 teaspoons water.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease an 8-inch square pan. In medium bowl, mix oil, extract, and eggs. Add flour, sugar, cocoa, baking

powder, and salt until just blended. Scrape batter into pan. Bake until top slightly springs back, about 15 minutes.

## SPINACH DIP

- 1 package frozen chopped spinach thawed and drained well
- 1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts
- 1 cup non-dairy sour cream
- 1 cup lowfat non-dairy mayonnaise
- 1 package Lipton vegetable soup mix
- 1 round rye bread (hollowed out)

Combine ingredients and mix well. Chill for at least 2 hours. Cut out the center of a round rye bread loaf. Take the center piece of bread and cut it into cubes. Fill the hollowed out bread bowl with the dip. Use the cubed pieces of bread as the garnish and serve together.

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## Make your own granola

AP - Homemade granola is an appealing form of cereal food. It's simple to make, too, since most of us keep the oatmeal and other key ingredients on hand.

Gingersnap Granola, an uncommon variation on the theme, pairs traditional quick or old-fashioned oats with contemporary oat bran.

Lightly sweetened and full of crunch, it owes its gingersnap-like flavor to molasses, lemon peel and spices. A 3/4-cup serving of this low-fat recipe contains 4 grams of dietary fiber, 230 calories and only 19 percent calories from fat.

Stored airtight, Gingersnap Granola will keep several weeks at room temperature. For a treat, top with low-fat yogurt and fresh berries.

### GINGERSNAP GRANOLA

- 3 cups oat bran
- 2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 2 tablespoons margarine

**Gingersnap Granola, an uncommon variation on the theme, pairs traditional quick or old-fashioned oats with contemporary oat bran.**

- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons light or dark molasses
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan or rimmed baking sheet with no-stick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine oat bran cereal and oats; mix well and set aside. Put margarine in 2-cup microwaveable bowl. Cook on high

(100 percent power) 30 to 45 seconds or until melted. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Drizzle over combined cereals, stirring until evenly coated; spread evenly in pan.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes. Cool granola in pan on wire rack. Store tightly covered. Makes 8 servings (about 6 cups).

**Nutrition facts per serving:** (1/8 of recipe, about 3/4 cup): 230 cal. (45 cal. from fat), 5 g total fat, 1 g saturated fat, 100 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 4 g dietary fiber.

Recipe from: Quaker Oats.

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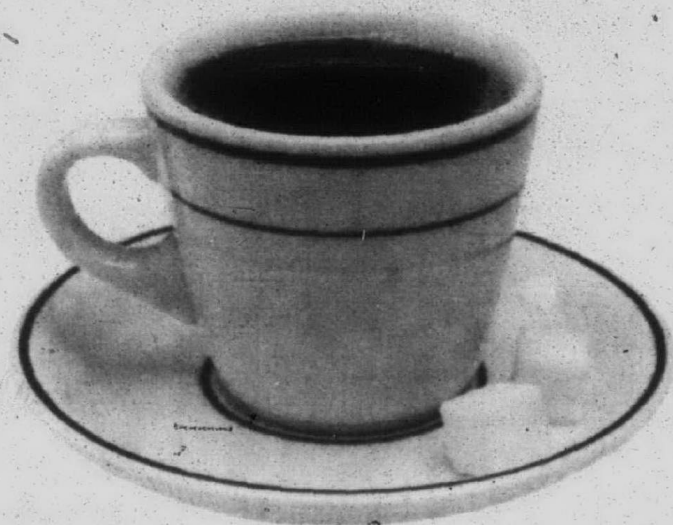
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## TRAVEL

## Legacy of the Hohokam seen everywhere in Arizona

BY THERESA L. MCFARLAND  
SPECIAL WRITER

I cruised south out of Phoenix on U.S. 10 toward Tucson. It was straight and flat and brown and dry. My delight at seeing the sun in the winter was slightly offset by the lack-luster scenery dotting the highway.

Whenever I'm on vacation my sense of direction and map reading rallies. Perhaps by some divine intervention, I can find obscure places with minimal of no signs. Back in the Detroit-metro area, I have to really concentrate to find downriver.

What seemed like only minutes later, I was already 40 miles south of Phoenix and wandering a course through desert land to the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge, Ariz.

Weathered, tawny monoliths of the prehistoric Hohokam Indians glowed with majestic reverence against the cowgirl blue sky. Named by the Spanish explorers, Casa Grande means "the Great House." This incredible technological feat used a mud mixture of sand, clay and limestone applied on top of a wooden frame, in courses that were as thick as four feet near the base. Casa Grande, deemed the largest existing Hohokam ruin structure, is a splendid example of their final architectural style; their Classic Period (1100 to 1450 AD).

This was my introduction to

the Hohokam, a mysterious ancient people who left behind evidence of an advanced civilization and technology, similar to the more popular Anasazi culture to the north. Strolling the compound ruins and the Great House aroused heart and mind questions about these highly evolved people who date back to 300 AD, according to archeologists. Some believe that the Great Halls, like the Great House at Casa Grande, were astronomical observatories. The people gathered in these reflective arenas to examine their world through strategic openings in the walls and also to give thanks.

For a small fee, the visitors center offered exhibits and artifacts reflecting the Hohokam lifestyle, a desert farming community with well-developed canal and irrigation systems. They were also keen hunter-gatherers, traders and artisans. Unique to the Hohokam were the traditional, decorative red-pigment paste on buff pottery.

In the late 1600s, missionaries visiting this site found the Pima Indians living in brush huts nearby the ruins. The Pima claimed their ancestors were the "ho-ho-KAHM," which translates into "all used up." The disappearance of the Hohokam remains a mystery today.

Traveling south on U.S. 10, I exited toward the Tucson Mountain district - or Saguaro

National Park. Remote signs, rugged terrain and saguaro desert giants beckoned. Native to southern Arizona, the saguaro cactus can grow up to 50 feet tall, live for 150 to 200 years and weigh up to eight tons. I had just enough time to drive the nine-mile dirt road known as the Bajada Loop that winds through majestic saguaro, barrel cactus, teddybear cholla, prickly pear cactus and mesquite trees.

I parked my rented brilliant orange Mustang near a scenic path at the base of a small desert mountain that led up to preserved petroglyphs. I was delighted by the prospect of these ancient drawings. Then my mind conjured some crazy people lurking at the mountain's top, waiting to knock me out and rob me, or worse. I realized the horrid influence of TV and started down the path. However, still a city girl, I kept the pepper spray in my vest pocket. Emphatic signs to stay on the trail prompted my search for desert wildlife, like roadrunners and gila monsters and the western diamond-back rattlesnake. All I spied were a few cactus wrens making holes in spiny cholla cactus.

The handiwork of the Hohokam, the petroglyphs were spectacularly arranged at the small mountain's crest, as if an open-air chapel. I couldn't interpret their designs, but it felt like a happy and thankful story. In silent unison with an elderly gentleman and his companion, we stood in awe.

I exited the park and witnessed striking pink blue magenta rays piercing gauzy clouds layering a limitless sky. Caught up in the beauty, I nearly crashed that brilliant orange Mustang. My destination was north to Scottsdale.

The following day I traveled east out of Scottsdale toward the quaint, historic town of Globe, a charming example of the Golden Age of Mining (1870-1920), not to mention the home of the oldest Woolworth store of the west. I visited the local ruin of Besh-Ba-Gowah Archaeological Park, attributed to the Salado Indians who also unexplainably disappeared around 1450 AD.

The Salado are well known for their incredible and highly decorative utilitarian pottery. I



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All aglow: A luminous sunrise shrouds Castle Rock, one of several vortices found in Sedona, Arizona.

lurked through rooms (some reconstructed) and climbed the two-floor structures of the prehistoric Indian settlement. Near the compound's edge stood an enigmatic sunken chamber. Similar to the kivas of the ancient Anasazi, it was a room dug deep in a pit with an altar against the wall and a small hole to allow the spirits smoke to enter and leave. I envisioned their sacred ceremonies. Prior to the Salado (between 900 and 1100 AD), evidence suggests that the Hohokam inhabited these same grounds in their pit houses.

My plans to continue about an hour and a half farther east to the Kinishaba ruins located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation were thwarted. It was simply too late. I returned to Scottsdale.

Time limitations forced choices. The next morning I headed

north toward Sedona but detoured to visit what is perhaps one of the best preserved structures in the Southwest, Montezuma's Castle. Ochre cliff mountain dwellings fronting an azure sky, this magnificent accomplishment by the Sinagua Indians, dated back to 1125 AD.

I found myself wondering about their daily lives in these cliff-side dwellings. Never mind the obvious questions of hauling all their provisions up those steep walls, how did they keep their toddlers from walking off the edge and dropping to their death?

Prior to dwelling in cliffs, these farming people had lived in the surrounding valley area, which I discovered had also previously been occupied by those mysterious Hohokam. In fact, it is believed that the Sinagua lifestyle was dramatically

altered when they adopted the Hohokam irrigation system.

It was obvious that the prehistoric Hohokam had influenced the Sinagua, the Salado, the Pimo and more than likely many other Native American people. Actually, I found myself becoming intrigued by their mysterious existence that was technologically advanced yet simple and spiritual. I wanted to visit other obscure ancient ruins throughout Arizona, to learn more about their lifestyle. But the reality of a plane to catch in Phoenix, baby-sitters to relieve and responsibilities awaiting me, loomed. I knew that my time, like that of the ancient Hohokam, was "all used up."

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Sunday, January 3, 1999

## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### YMCA soccer signup

The Livonia Family YMCA will be conducting open registration for its spring 1999 soccer program. Teams are available for boys and girls aged 3½ to 16.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4 and continues until leagues fill. Registration is first come, first served and there are no residency requirements.

New participants must have birth certificate to register.

Parent volunteers coach at all levels.

Registration fee is between \$55 and \$95 per child, depending on the age group.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

### Churchill, South tie

Livonia Churchill and Grosse Pointe South played to a 2-2 tie Wednesday night in a non-league hockey game played at Detroit City Arena.

Chris Galatis scored unassisted and Justin Charnock had the other Churchill goal, assisted by Adam Krug and Dan Cook.

Sophomore Ryan McBroom kept South off the scoreboard after allowing two first-period goals.

The Chargers are 3-3-4 overall, South is 5-3-1 overall.

### 'Skate With Us'

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is offering figure skating and hockey skills classes for children over 4 and any adults at the Computware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

No previous skating experience is necessary. Lessons will begin on Jan. 14 and 16.

For more information, call director Carrie Brown at (734) 459-6686, ext. 1.

### Buddenborg aids OU

Garden City graduate Brad Buddenborg helped the Oakland University men's basketball team end 1998 on a winning note, scoring 12 points in the Golden Grizzlies' 81-80 win Tuesday over visiting Loyola (Chicago).

OU, which hadn't played in eight days, improved to 4-8 overall.

Buddenborg joined three others in double figures. Jason Rozycki came off the bench to score a game-high 21 points, 15 coming on 3-pointers.

### Meteors win indoors

The Under-11 Livonia Meteors boys indoor soccer team, joined by a pair of free agents, Lauren Trosell and Wendy Hoots, from the U-11 Livonia Meteors girls team, won the England Division at the Novi Soccer Zone.

Members of the Meteors, who were 7-0-1 overall, included Peter Barlovich, Nick Biskelonis, Alex Bokas, Shane Budlong, Jason Clemens, Ben Czerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Luke Knochel, Steve Minicilli, Ryan Muzzell, Nick Reed, Sean White and Sherrick White.

Steve Barnas is the coach and Mimi Barlovich the manager.

### AAU girls basketball

The West Metro Cougars 13-under AAU girls basketball program is having tryouts 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 at Livonia Ladywood High School (Newburgh Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile roads).

Call (313) 563-6340 (after 5 p.m.).

### AAU boys basketball

■ Basketball City, located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate, has a pair of openings to work with the 11 and 12 boys AAU travel teams (experience preferred but not mandatory if knowledgeable in the game and can teach youth).

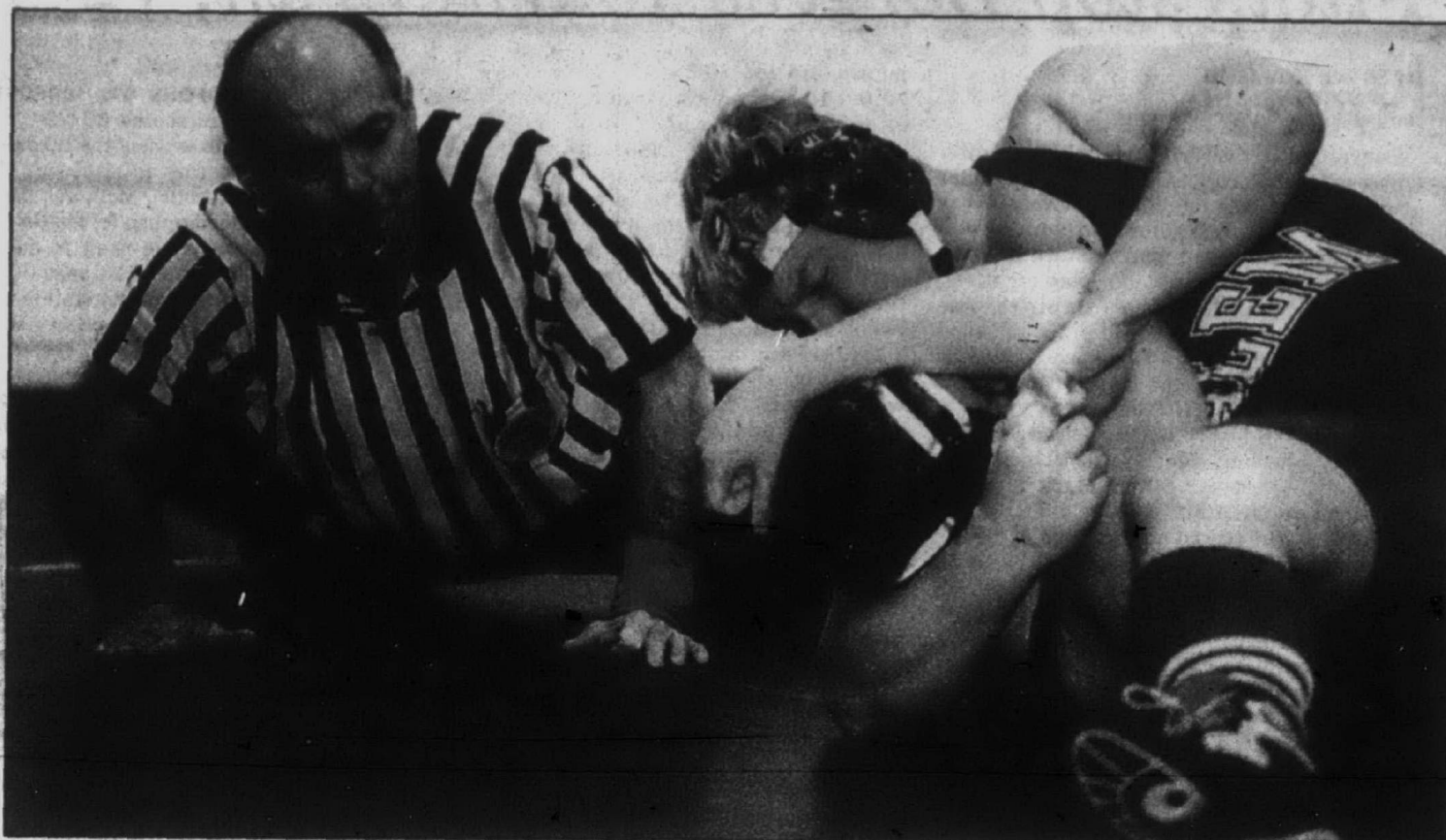
For more information, call (734) 285-1120 or (734) 283-2974 (after 5 p.m.).

■ Basketball City also has openings for on the 11-12, 13- and 15-and-under teams.

Open tryouts will be 5:15-6:30 p.m. Thursdays and noon-1:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 7 through Jan. 21.

For more information, call Mike Cashin at (734) 283-2972.

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**Rock runner-up:** Plymouth Salem's Charlie Hamblin (top) pinned Howell's Matt Beck in 1:04 of the opening round of the Salem Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Hamblin went on to finish second overall in the field, which attracted 22 schools. Trenton captured the team championship, while Belleville finished runner-up.

## Trenton rules Salem Invitational



**Bear hug:** Churchill's Mike Carter (right) won the 145-pound class. He pinned Henry Lumbard (left) Pioneer in the 1st round.

Trenton, with four individual wrestling champions and 174 1/2 team points, took home the championship trophy of the Plymouth Salem Invitational Wednesday.

The Trojans, who were third last year behind Holt and Salem, had a pair of repeat winners in Mark Straub (160) and Keith Scott (152).

Straub won last year at 152 and Scott at 130. Trenton's other winners were Jason Saineghi (140) and Mike Zack (189).

The tournament was dominated by non-Observerland teams as seventh-place Salem had the best finish of any area school.

Garden City tied with Mount Pleasant for 11th place, but area teams filled five of the last six places in the 22-team field.

Observerland had six wrestlers in the championship finals, producing a pair of winners.

Garden City's Brian Hinzman was a repeat champion at 171 pounds, winning on injury default over Justin Gessner of Monroe Jefferson.

Livonia Churchill's Mike Carter captured the 145-pound title with a 4-2 decision over Belleville's Derrick McCarter in the finals.

Salem heavyweight Charlie Hamblin was the runner-up again, losing in the championship round to

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the tournament's most valuable wrestler, Brett Faulkner of Novi.

Faulkner won all four of his bouts by pin and spent a total of nine minutes and eight seconds on the mats.

Nearly half of that total (5:50) was registered in the finals as Hamblin was 10 seconds short of going the distance.

Faulkner pinned Garden City's Brad Tinney (0:33), Jefferson's Jon Ferguson (1:10) and Belleville's Calab Hatfield (1:35).

The other area wrestlers in the finals were Livonia Stevenson's Joe Moreau (103), Churchill's Brandon LaPointe (152) and Westland John Glenn's Pete Langer (160).

Also winning titles were Adrian's Dan Duncan (103), Monroe's Ryan Nowitzke (112), Novi's Dan Jilg (119), Brighton's Leif Olson (125), Mount Pleasant's Jason Borrelli (130), Brighton's Pete Bordenkircher (135) and Jefferson's Kurt Kleinson (215). See statistics, C2.

## MSU veteran stars in GLI

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### COLLEGE HOCKEY

As much as Jeff Kozakowski prides himself on playing defense for the Michigan State University hockey team, it's no wonder he went parts of three seasons without scoring a goal.

Kozakowski broke out of his slump in a big way, and at a very opportune time, scoring two goals in the Great Lakes Invitational at the Louis Arena.

The Spartans won their second-straight GLI title with a 3-1 win over the University of Michigan in last Sunday's championship game after beating Northern Michigan University, 5-3, in Saturday's semifinal.

Kozakowski, a senior defenseman and a Garden City High graduate, scored six goals as a freshman and three as a sophomore but none as a junior.

His goal at 6:05 of the second period against NMU tied the score 2-2 and broke a personal 61-game streak without goals. He also scored the first goal in the win over U-M.

His unexpected offense, combined with his usual steady defense, earned him GLI all-tournament honors.

"I'll tell you what, he keeps scoring like that and I'll have to put him in front of the net (on offense)," MSU coach Ron Mason said. "But he does an excellent job defensively. He blocks

shots. I don't think I'll take him away from the blue line."

Kozakowski's goals couldn't have been more different.

The one against Northern came when he picked up a loose puck in the slot after an MSU rush and blasted a 25-foot slap shot past the NMU netminder.

"It came to the slot, my eyes got big, I put my head down and buried it," said Kozakowski, nicknamed 'Kozy.'

On the goal against U-M, Kozakowski found an open space, rushed the net and scored from close range after receiving a pass from teammate Rustyn Dolny with 18:41 left in the first period.

Maybe it was just his turn.

Last year, MSU defenseman Mike Weaver won GLI Most Valuable Player honors, scoring two goals, including the game-winner, along with two assists in the championship game.

Kozakowski, who plays the point on power plays, also has three assists for the Spartans, who are 13-3-2 overall and 7-2-2 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

"Anyone can score these goals, like last year when Weaver was MVP," said Kozakowski, before joking about his role. "There's too much skating

involved (playing offense). I think I'll stick to playing defense."

Kozakowski also was on the ice when U-M's Mark Kosick missed a wide-open net after MSU goalie Mike Gresl went behind his net to chase down an errant puck.

Kozakowski provided just enough interference for Kosick's shot to go wide.

Gresl was starting in place of Livonia Churchill graduate Joe Blackburn, who was playing for the U.S. National Junior Team at the World Junior Championships.

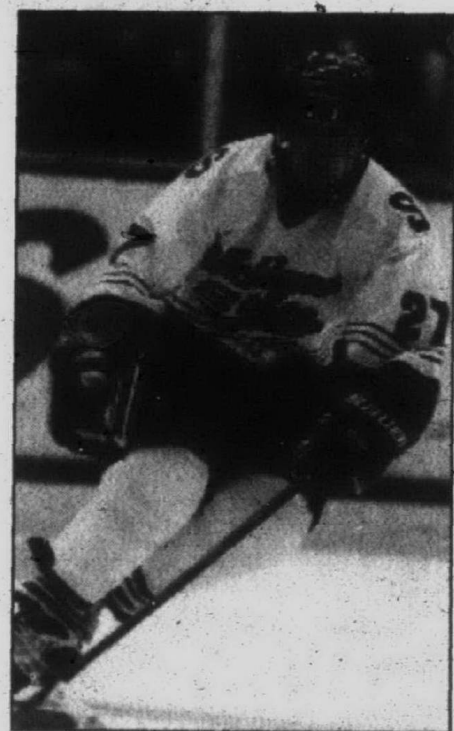
"They dumped it in, the puck came off the boards funny and fortunately they didn't score," Kozakowski said.

Kozakowski is not only a leader because he's a senior but because he's the second oldest on the team, turning 24 last Halloween.

He played three years of junior hockey after graduating from high school in 1992, including an all-star season with the Dubuque (Iowa) Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League in 1994-95.

Kozakowski, who leads all active Spartans with 141 career games played, has a 2.8 grade point average and anticipates graduating in the summer with a communications degree.

He'd like to pursue a career with one of the many professional hockey leagues before stepping into the work



**Kozy surroundings:** MSU defenseman and Garden City native Jeff Kozakowski scored a pair of goals in the GLI Tournament, won by the Spartans.

world.

"I can't believe there's only a half a year left now," Kozakowski said. "I've met a lot of great friends I'll have forever."

## Lady Crusaders capture Taylor Tourney crown

Things were looking up Wednesday night for the Madonna University women's basketball team in Upland, Ind.

The Lady Crusaders lifted their overall record to 11-4 by beating host Taylor University in an invitational tournament final, 79-74.

Chris Dietrich led the winners with 25 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while tournament MVP Katie Cushman added 24 points, four assists and three steals.

Both were named to the all-tournament team along with teammate Lori Enfield, who finished with 14 points.

Kathy Panganis also grabbed nine rebounds. Tara Shellabarger and Carrie Fields led Taylor,

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which led 41-40 at halftime, with 19 and 18 points, respectively. Melissa Simms added 12.

Shellabarger, Jen Peak (Taylor), Kacy Davidson (Albion College) and Dana Cummings (Ohio Dominican) also made the all-tourney team.

On Tuesday, Madonna jumped out to a 14-2 during the opening four minutes of the game and were never tested the rest of the way in an 84-62 triumph over Ohio Dominican.

The Lady Crusaders shot 37 of 53 from the floor (69.8 percent), missing just eight of 38 two-point

attempts.

Panganis, nine of 10 from the floor, finished with a game-high 22 points. Cushman contributed 15 points and 10 assists.

Carissa Gizicki added 13 points and seven rebounds, while Dietrich chipped in with 12 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Julie Mueller paced Madonna with 17 points. Taylor defeated Albion in the other first-round game, 86-65.

In the consolation final, Albion downed Dominican, 74-70.

The Lady Crusaders open their Wolverine-Hoosier Conference schedule Wednesday, Jan. 6 at home against Aquinas. (Game time is 7 p.m.).



## WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Jan. 5  
Huron Valley at Flint Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth-East at Clarencville, 7 p.m.  
Vaguet at Luth-Westland, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Churchville, 7 p.m.  
Milford at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Ypsilanti at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Canton at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.  
Riverview at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Lakeland, 7 p.m.  
Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Det. Loyola, 7:30 p.m.  
Toledo Emmanuel at PCA, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Westside at Agape, 6:30 p.m.  
Clarencville at Leggett, 7 p.m.  
Luth-West at Luth-North, 7 p.m.  
Churchville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at River Rouge, 7 p.m.  
Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Jan. 6  
Madonna at Aquinas, 7:30 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Macomb, 7:30 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Alpena, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.  
Macomb at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Jan. 6  
Schoolcraft at Macomb, 5:30 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Alpena, 5:30 p.m.  
Aquinas at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 1 p.m.  
Macomb at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Sunday, Jan. 3  
Ply. Whalers at Oshawa, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Ply. Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 10  
Ply. Whalers vs. Saint John's at Compuware Arena, 5:20 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Wednesday, Jan. 6  
Churchville vs. Northville, Stevenson vs. Birmingham at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.  
Redford CC at Wyandotte, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 7  
Redford Unified vs. Stevenson at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Franklin vs. Dearborn at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Churchville vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Arena, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Redford Unified vs. Troy at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.  
Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Cabrin at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Jan. 4  
HVL at Saline Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
Ecorse at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 5  
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 7  
St. Agatha at Benedictine, 7 p.m.  
A.A. Greenhills at PCA, 7 p.m.  
Hamtramck at Luth-West, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Agape at Macomb N. Point, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Salem Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
PCA Eagle Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Macomb CC Invitational, 9 a.m.  
USA Volleyball Invitational at Grand Rapids, 9 a.m.  
TBA — time to be announced.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Cruise control

## Pilots stop Borgess' tourney run, 72-31

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Detroit Murray Wright is where former University of Michigan star Robert Traylor attended high school. Picture two players, nearly the size of Traylor and you get the idea of what the Pilots had in store for Redford Bishop Borgess on Wednesday night.

Murray Wright, which combines nice guard play with awesome size, spotted Borgess an 8-0 lead and still won 72-31 in the championship game of the Motor City Roundball Classic at U-D Jesuit.

The Pilots' 6-foot-8 senior center Douglas Whittler, who has signed with Youngstown State, and 6-9 senior center Mark Maxwell took turns dominating.

Whittler, who scored a team-high 15 points with seven rebounds and several blocks, was named to the all-tournament team. Maxwell, being recruited by Eastern Michigan and Kent, had eight points and six rebounds.

Their teammate, 6-3 junior forward James Davis, was named tournament Most Valuable Player, largely for what he did in the tournament's first two games in wins over Kettering and Redford.

Davis had four points against Borgess as 10 of the 11 Murray Wright players that saw action scored.

Borgess, whose tallest player is 6-foot-5 sophomore center Marcuz Young, lost for the third time in five games while the Pilots improved to 5-1 overall.

Young, an all-tournament selection, was the only Spartan in double figures with 11 points and eight rebounds. Senior Justin Gleaton had seven points and sophomore Mario Peoples six.

The Spartans scored the game's first eight

points and led 10-3 early before the Pilots scored 12 of the next 14 points to lead 15-12 after one quarter.

The Pilots started the second quarter on a 15-2 run and scored the last 11 points of the half to lead 43-18 at the break. The lead grew to 63-28 after three quarters and with 4:38 a running clock was achieved as the lead reached 40 points, summoning the new mercy rule adopted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"They were far more aggressive than us," Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes said. "After we hit them early, they hit us twice, we backed up and it was over with from there."

Barnes wasn't embarrassed by the margin of defeat.

"A loss is a loss, I don't care if it's by one or 50," he said. "We go from a high yesterday (a 75-73 win over Redford Catholic Central) to a low today. That's basketball. On top one minute, down the next."

Murray Wright coach Earl Moore hopes the tournament championship prepares his players for the wars of the PSL, where perennial state powers Pershing, Cass Tech and Cooley reside, among others.

"If we can keep up the intensity on defense we could have a chance to make a run for it," Moore said. "I watched Borgess play twice and I thought they did a magnificent job defensively."

Traylor, without a job while the NBA endures a players' lockout, sat down at the end of the bench during the game. He's shown up at a few workouts and practices, lending tips to the Pilots' centers.

"He shows them a little something now and then," Moore said. "They haven't proven anything to me yet. I can't put them ahead of anyone yet. If they work hard, down the line

maybe I can say that."

**DETROIT REDFORD 57, REDFORD CC 44:** Detroit Redford outscored CC 21-5 in the first quarter en route to winning the third-place game, also played Wednesday at U-D Jesuit.

Redford coach Derrick McDowell doesn't know if the win was good or bad for his team's psyche, knowing both teams are likely to meet again in the Class A district. Redford beat CC two years ago when it advanced to the state championship game and the Shamrocks won last year's meeting.

"I asked (CC assistant coach John) Mulroy 'Either you're setting us up for the districts or they didn't seem interested,'" McDowell said. "We shot well from the start and Nick (Moore) seemed a little drained."

Moore, the Shamrocks' star guard who has signed with Toledo, was held to three first-half points and finished with 14. CC junior guard Rob Sparks added 11 points and junior forward Matt Loidas had seven.

Darrell Evans led Redford with 19, including 16 in the second half. Wayne Redmond had 15 and Dewan Foster 12.

Redford, 5-2 overall, led 34-24 at halftime and 45-33 after three quarters. CC fell to 4-2.

**GROSSE ILE 50, ST. AGATHA 44:** Grosse Ile jumped to a 13-7 lead after one quarter and held on to beat Redford St. Agatha on Wednesday for third place in the Riverview Gabriel Richard Tournament.

The Aggies fell to 3-2 overall. Grosse Ile, which lost to the host school in overtime in the opening round Monday night, won for the first time in five games.

Junior forward Greg Russell led St. Agatha with 17 points. Senior guard Gelano Miles added 13 points and Maurice Payne, making his first start, had a strong game defensively while scoring two points, according to coach John Fenbert.

## Cass Tech turns Wayne inside, outside

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Detroit Cass Tech can beat you both ways — strong guard play and a powerful inside game.

Wayne Memorial never really solved either in the Superintendent's Tip-Off Classic Wednesday night at Cobo Arena.

Cass, playing its third game in three nights, overcame a sluggish start to down the undermanned Zebras, 58-42.

Last season, guards Javon Clark and Marlon Williamson helped the Technicians reach the state Class A quarterfinals.

The two seniors combined for 30 points against Wayne. Clark finished with 19, while Williamson added 11.

And now they have a key com-

ponent in the middle — 6-foot-11, 320-pound junior center Glenn Batemon, who finished with 11.

It was only a night earlier that Batemon faced off against Benton Harbor's much-ballyhooed 6-9 sophomore Robert Whaley in a 50-43 defeat. On Monday, Cass beat Detroit Denby, 60-52.

"With Glenn we have a good low-post presence and he's growing into the position," Cass coach Robert Shannon said. "He played very well against Benton Harbor. We tried a run a play into him that we hadn't run well the first two games."

The win improved Cass Tech's record to 4-2 overall.

"We came out a little lethargic, the guys were a little down from the night before," Shannon said. "But you can't take anything

away from Wayne, they're a fine basketball team."

The Zebras (1-3), who have two players injured and four ineligible because of grades, hung with the Technicians for first 10 minutes.

Michael Zielinski's three-pointer with 6:09 left in the half gave Wayne a 17-15 advantage.

Cass, using a full-court zone trap to throw off the Zebras, then reeled off 19 unanswered points during a 4:38 span to grab a 34-17 lead.

"I called a 20-second and a full timeout, but it still didn't help," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "We just didn't handle the ball well or have people in the right place."

Five straight points by Wayne's Shane Nowak to end the half cut the deficit to 34-22

at intermission, but the damage had been done.

Clark then scored 10 points to lead a 15-5 Cass run in the third quarter to put the Technicians comfortably ahead going into the final period, 49-26.

"Their perimeter people are very quick, even with the big guy (Batemon) on the floor," Henry said. "And Batemon gives them a strong inside game."

Jamar Davis, who returned sooner than expected after suffering a broken arm (on Dec. 5), returned to the lineup share team-high scoring honors with Nathan Wade (11 points apiece).

"Jamar did that well with just two practices — he had to be a little fatigued," Henry said. "I probably played him more than I wanted him to play."

## Holiday break key for Eagles

The Redford Thurston wrestling team has a 2-2 record through the holiday break. Coach Ken Meinschein's team finished 11th of 14 teams at the Gibraltar Carlson Tournament in early December but says it's not a reflection of the team he'll bring to the Observerland Meet, at Livonia Churchill.

Several wrestlers missed the Carlson tourney to take the ACT.

"We are in the middle of a winter break which will determine if we are on the ascendancy, I.E., working harder and getting better or in the unacceptable direction of resting on some internal laurels not yet earned," Meinschein said. "If we learn how to drill over the holidays I like our chances of having a couple of Observerland champions. If these student athletes exhibit the competitiveness shown at last year's Mega Blue Division championship we have a chance to enter the elite in the area."

Earlier dual results:

**Thurston 38**  
**Woodhaven 39**  
at Woodhaven, Dec. 17  
103 pounds: Rob Voskoyen (W) won by forfeit; 112: Mike Kilgore (W) won by forfeit; 118: Jason Nidiffer (W) pinned Mike McDonald, 3:25; 125: Casey Robertson (W) pinned Shawn Wojtkiewicz, 1:56; 130: Eugene Antonelli (RT) pinned Paul McDonald, 5:34; 135: Corey Bundon (W) pinned Justin Nomura, 1:06; 140: Jeff Usher (RT) dec. Mike Nidiffer, 3:21; 145: Brad Snyder (W) won by forfeit; 152: Tony Pikur (RT) pinned Brian Koester, 1:43; 160: Jeremy Rockwell (RT) won by injury default vs. Mark Justice, 4:55; 171: Mark DeLaFuente (RT) won by injury default vs. Chad Tulik, 2:35; 189: Bill Thomas (W) dec. Jack Leich, 8:5; 215: Zak Holstein (RT) pinned Frank Cieslowski, 1:39; heavyweight: Carl Lalonde (RT) won by forfeit.

**Thurston 48**  
**River Rouge 35**  
at Thurston, Dec. 10  
103: Brian Mitchell (RR) won boy forfeit; 112: Barry Mitchell (RR) dec. Adam Jeziorowski, 24:9 (technical fall); 118: Antonio Green (RR) pinned McDonald, 1:45; 125: Herb Campbell (RR) pinned Ryan Welch, 2:1; 130: Antonelli (RT) pinned Forrest Crutchfield, 3:07; 135: Matt O'Neill (RT) won by forfeit; 140: Usher (RT) pinned Anton Jackson, 5:40; 145: Mark Boane (RR) pinned Dennis Maxwell, 1:24; 152: Vaughn Peterson (RR) won on injury default vs. Phil Lalonde; 160: Tony Pikur (RT) pinned Carey McDonalds, 3:53; 171: Rockwell (RT) pinned Matthew Barnes, 2:17; 189: Leich (RT) pinned Robert McCray, 1:16; 215: Bryant Lawrence (RT) pinned David Blackwell, 1:20; heavyweight: Carl Lalonde (RT) pinned Charles Geeston, 1:50.

## SALEM INVITATIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM  
WRESTLING INVITATIONAL  
Dec. 30 at Plymouth Salem

## TEAM STANDINGS

1. Trenton, 174.5; 2. Belleville, 140; 3. Novi, 128; 4. Adrian, 116.5; 5. Brighton, 116; 6. Ypsilanti, 112.5; 7. Plymouth Salem, 110.5; 8. Traverse City Central, 110; 9. Monroe Jefferson, 100; 10. Greenville, 95.5; 11. (tie) Garden City and Mount Pleasant, 85.5; 13. Howell, 73; 14. Melvindale, 72; 15. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 63.5; 16. Monroe, 61; 17. Livonia Churchill, 54; 18. Livonia Stevenson, 44; 19. Portage Northern, 42.5; 20. Westland John Glenn, 38.5; 21. Farmington, 17; 22. North Farmington, 14.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**275 pounds:** Brett Faulkner (Novi) pinned Charlie Hamblin (Salem), 5:50; **third:** Will McLoughlin (Adrian) dec. Calab Hatfield (Belleville), 3:0; **fifth:** Ed Sawicki (Trenton) def. Peter Stewart (Traverse City); **seventh:** Ryan Jones (Brighton) def. Josh Clay (Ypsilanti).  
**103:** Dan Duncan (Adrian) dec. Joe Moreau (Stevenson), 6:1; **third:**

Phil Schafer (Mount Pleasant) pinned Roger Riehl (Melvindale), 4:46; **fifth:** Sarb Rohatgi (Novi) dec. Pat Roberts (Trenton), 16:3; **seventh:** Craig Zube (Howell) dec. Corey Nowitzke (Monroe), 8:3.  
**112:** Ryan Nowitzke (Monroe) dec. Ryan Churella (Novi), 4:3; **third:** Pat Sayn (Garden City) dec. B.J. Wilson (Belleville), 1:0; **fifth:** Ron Thompson (Salem) dec. Josh Guterman (Stevenson), 11:36; **seventh:** Mike Starinki (Adrian) pinned Richard Patterson (Melvindale), 4:13.  
**119:** Dan Jilg (Novi) dec. Ethan Smith (Traverse City), 7:5; **third:** Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City) dec. Rob Ash (Salem), 3:1; **fifth:** Brooks Cozart (Howell) dec. Steve Vasiliou (Churchville), 4:1; **seventh:** Chris Mahar (Greenville) dec. Mike Sherman (Belleville).

**125:** Leif Olson (Brighton) dec. Ken Dailey (Ypsilanti), 4:2; **third:** Kaly Champadeng (Traverse City) dec. Berry (Melvindale), 5:4; **fifth:** Ryan Heineman (Trenton) dec. Ryan Richards (Portage Northern), 5:2; **seventh:** Zack Merlington (Greenville) dec. Billy Maples (Belleville), 10:3.

**130:** Jason Borrelli (Mount Pleasant) dec. Demetrius King (Belleville), 8:4; **third:** Kyle Leask (Monroe) dec. Zeb Brinner (Greenville), 8:5; **fifth:** Scott Westfall (Adrian) dec. James Bippus (Portage Northern), 18:6; **seventh:** Andy Rawdszus (Novi) dec. Trevor Clarke (North Farmington), 7:1.

**135:** Pete Bordenkircher (Brighton) dec. Ted Pridemore (Monroe Jefferson), 9:7; **third:** Matt Quinn (Pioneer) dec. Josh Henderson (Salem), 10:2; **fifth:** Jason LaFramboise (Greenville) technical fall over Phil Redmond (Trenton), 5:00; **seventh:** Justin Weisensel (Ypsilanti) dec. Kevin Fortin (Belleville), 7:5.

**140:** Jason Saineghi (Trenton) dec. Adam Hopkins (Greenville), 10:6; **third:** Scott Lambert (Brighton) by default over Jon Travis (Ypsilanti);

**fifth:** Munassar (Melvindale) dec. Joe Curaba (Belleville), 8:6; **seventh:** Kris LaCross (Traverse City) def. Rusty French (Pioneer).  
**145:** Mike Carter (Churchville) dec. Derrick McCarter (Belleville), 4:2; **third:** Joe Herter (Monroe Jefferson) dec. Will Orr (Trenton), 8:1; **fifth:** Don Ranbarger (Brighton) dec. Nick Culver (Howell), 7:4; **seventh:** Josh Fee (Garden City) technical fall over Greg Smith (Salem), 3:57.

**152:** Keith Scott (Trenton) pinned Brandon LaPointe (Churchville), 1:10; **third:** Travis Doolittle (Greenville) dec. Eddie Traynor (Garden City), 8:7; **fifth:** Justin Paskadon (Belleville) dec. Nick Schneider (Ypsilanti), 8:6; **seventh:** Matt Barrett (Adrian) def. Steve Bliss (Portage Northern).

**160:** Mark Straub (Trenton) dec. Pete Langer (John Glenn), 11:2; **third:** Peter Hrocky (Traverse City) pinned Marcel Robinson (Ypsilanti), 1:57; **fifth:** Mark Cotton (Monroe) def. Jason Bedoun (Salem); **seventh:** Matt Stone (Brighton) pinned Mark Ostach (Farmington), 2:06.  
**171:** Brian Hinzman (Garden City) def. Justin Gessner (Monroe Jefferson), injury default; **third:** Chris Kirby (Pioneer) pinned Mike Amon (Traverse City), 3:23; **fifth:** Russell Hopkins (Greenville) def. Joe Antilla (Howell); **seventh:** Mike Popeney (Salem) pinned Tom VanHaitung (Mount Pleasant), 1:26.

**189:** Mike Zack (Trenton) dec. Jason Johnson (Belleville), 13:3; **third:** Ben Jones (Mount Pleasant) dec. Nick Sloan (Novi), 11:8; **fifth:** Andy Wood (Farmington) def. Geoff Bennett (Salem), injury default; **seventh:** Aron Guerrero (Adrian) pinned Karl Brown (Pioneer), 2:09.

**215:** Kurt Kleon (Monroe Jefferson) dec. Andrew Koryzno (Ypsilanti), 8:4; **third:** Mike Griffen (Howell) pinned Nick Vanover (Adrian), 1:59; **fifth:** Jeff Newton (Belleville) def. Geoff Lockhart (Trenton), injury default; **seventh:** Martinez (Melvindale) dec. J.J. Engler (Mount Pleasant), 2:1 in overtime.

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## RECREATION &amp; BOWLING

# Preserving rights key agenda in '99

Sportsmen and women across the nation had plenty to celebrate this year in terms of preserving our hunting and fishing heritage.

Although there was no threatening ballot proposal here in Michigan — like the one we faced in 1996 that threatened to limit bear hunting — voters in six other states were faced with ballot proposals centered around hunting, fishing and trapping issues.

The good news is that pro-hunting forces reversed the trend of losses by winning five out of the six issues that went to public vote in 1998.

In Ohio, voters defeated a proposal that would have banned dove hunting in the Buckeye state by a landslide margin of 60 percent to 40 percent.

The Michigan Bear Hunters Association, which took a leading role in this state in the fight to preserve bear hunting at the ballot box in 1996, was a major contributor to the pro-hunting campaign in Ohio. MBHA made a \$10,000 donation to the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America, which spearheaded the pro-hunting campaign.

"The animal rights movement affects all of us," said Bloomfield Hills resident Bill Walker, past president and a current director of MBHA. "The loss of hunting privileges in Ohio is a loss to us here in Michigan, too. A loss in Ohio makes us more vulnerable to losing in Michigan."

Voters in Minnesota approved Amendment 2 (77-23 percent), which established hunting and fishing as "a valued part of our heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good."

## OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



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Alaska voters rejected a proposal (63-37 percent) that would have banned the use of snares for trapping wolves.

Voters in Utah and Wyoming passed measures that will make it tougher for animal rightists to gain passage of future anti-hunting proposals.

In Utah, voters passed a measure (56-44 percent) that established a two-thirds super majority as necessary to pass any future initiative issue to affect wildlife, including proposed hunting, fishing and trapping bans.

Wyoming voters passed a similar measure (62-38 percent) that requires a 15 percent signature tally in two-thirds of the state's counties to qualify any initiative issue for a ballot.

The only loss sportsmen incurred was a measure that outlaws trapping in California (passed 57-43 percent).

The reversal in the trend of losses is encouraging. Sportsmen and sportswomen have taken hits at the ballot box in the past, but we're finally learning to win. We must use these victories as a spring board to meet future anti-hunting attacks head on.

## Successful hunters

■ Every hunter wishes for the opening-day success experienced this fall by David LeFevre. On opening day of the bow season the Livonia hunter tagged an enormous 10-point buck. He returned to the woods for opening-day of Michigan's firearms season and bagged another huge 10-point buck.

■ Nov. 17 turned out to be a pretty good day of hunting for Rochester Hills resident Gary Rogers and his son Eric, of Richmond, Virginia, as each hunter shot a cow elk while hunting in New Mexico.

They returned to Michigan in time to get in a couple of days of whitetail hunting (before Eric had to return to Virginia) and the good fortune continued. On



Top three: Plymouth's Tom Lewis arrowed this Hillsdale County buck on the morning of November 7. The 12-point buck is the third biggest non-typical taken in Hillsdale County and has a green score of 161 1/2 inches.

the morning of Saturday, Nov. 21, Eric shot a huge 8-point buck. Later that afternoon, both Gary and Eric were able to fill their doe tags.

"It was a very successful season with five animals harvested in five days," Gary said.

■ A few weeks ago it was reported here that Tom Lewis, owner of The Town Locksmith in Plymouth, shot a big 12-point buck in Hillsdale County. Update: The buck was Lewis' first buck with a bow and is the third largest non-typical buck taken in Hillsdale County. The green score is a whopping 161 3/8 inches.

## Ice fishing hot spots

Looking for an ice fishing hot spot? Local guide Bob "Hangman" Mitchel has just produced a brochure - Ice Fishing Hot

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For a copy of the guide send \$2 (including postage) to Bob Mitchel, 20016 Beech Daly Rd., Redford, MI 48240-1035.

(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.)

# Enjoy another shopping spree at Expo show

## TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The New Year starts with a major bowling show in a much different venue than in past years.

Coming to the Novi Expo Center on Friday through Sunday Jan. 15-17 is the bowling

exhibit at the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show. For those who have attended other Bowling Expos in past years, this show will be similar but different.

As this year's event will be held in conjunction with the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle show, there will be many exhibitors from those industries in addition to the many bowling exhibitors.

An estimated 15,000 people are expected during the three day run of the show. The show will kick off 3-8 p.m. Friday and continue 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Novi Expo Center is located at I-696 and Novi Road in Novi across from Twelve Oaks Center and very easy to get to from anywhere in the metropolitan area. Just look for the water tower.

Among the many exhibitors who will be there are the Hamtramck Singles/Summer Bowling Clinics, Bowlers Aid Pro Shop, Contemporary Awards and Skores Unlimited Pro Shop/Ballistic Bowling Ball Company.

The Hamtramck Singles/Summer Bowling Clinics booth will feature insight into this big money prize tournament and the clinics. Staff members will be on hand to answer any questions, take reservations and secure entries.

The Summer Bowling Clinic program runs at both Hazel Park and Harbor Lanes and is an eight-week program of seminars. It also includes three individual video lessons, a new ball and an open bowling pass.

The program instructors are Mike Lucette, Chris Sand and Kurt Pilon. Stop by this booth to sign up for the tournament or the Summer program to improve your bowling skills.

There will be some excellent buys on bowling equipment of all kinds with special show prices. For those who purchase a ball on the spot, the Bowlers Aid Pro Shop will have a "drilling set up" in their booth and will feature professional fitting and drilling while you wait.

They will also have one of the most complete inventories in the sport on site. Bowlers Aid has been hailed by "Bowling this Month" magazine as "One of the highest volume pro shop operations in the country."

During this show I.B.P.S.I. certified technicians will be on hand to diagnose and solve all your bowling related difficulties. Among their show specials will be ball and bag packages, shoes and wheeled carriers for one, two or more bowling balls and all sorts of other items for you to buy.

A special bonus: The two top ladies touring pros, Aleta Sill and Marianne DiRupo, will be on hand to visit with the fans and autograph pictures. Sill is the all-time leading money winner on the LPBT, and will be the first woman bowler to top \$1 million in earnings sometime this year.

There will be representatives on hand from most manufacturers, including Columbia 300, Faball (Hammer), Track, Inc., Storm Products, Ebonite, Dexter Shoes and Turbo 2-N-1 Grips. They will be there to discuss bowling products with the attendees. Stop in and visit their booths.

Contemporary awards will feature collectible sports pic-

tures and corporate awards. Celebrating 25 years in the awards business, Contemporary has two locations in Farmington and Waterford. They will have such celebrity pictures on display as Steve Yzerman, Brian Griese, Kris Draper, Sergei Federov, Gordie Howe, Darren McCarthy, Bob Probert and the famed Production Line, all available for purchase.

Skores Unlimited Pro Shop/Ballistic Bowling Ball Company will feature a new "Boomerang" ball, just now reaching the market. Scott Williams will have his full service pro shop on site to attend to all of your immediate bowling needs. A complete line of products will be available for purchase and take home that day.

Show director Mark Martin says, "There will be lots to see and do at this great show."

There will many other exhibitors, including the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Detroit Women's Bowling Association, Pontiac Women's Bowling Association, Tri-City Women's Bowling Association, Bowling Centers Association of S.E. Michigan, Mid-States Masters, Great Lakes Bowling Centers, Community Bowling Centers, and DiLaura Brothers Bowling Supply.

The regular admission fee is \$5 with free parking. It also includes the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar for one of the biggest retail bowling shows in the USA and plan to be there and enjoy the show.

■ Good news from the National Senior Bowling Association. It held its December event at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy and John Wesley of Utica came away with the championship and first place money, rolling a perfect game along the way.

In the first final match he beat Roy Biggs of Canton, 508-464.

Wesley took home \$1,100 and the trophy for his efforts. The next NSBA event will be held on Jan. 9th at Super Bowl in Canton. For information of the NSBA or entry forms, call (248) 932-LANE.

■ Good things come to those who wait.

In this instance, Alvar Freden of Farmington Hills was finally rewarded with a 300 game last Wednesday in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League. He is a marvelous bowler at the age of 77 (and a half) and this is his first perfect, after 63 years in the game.

Freden is a retired math teacher from Detroit Cody High and he figured it took him 21,097 games to get the job done. Every shot was right on until the 12th which was a wide Brooklyn that swept the pins away. The game was also 113 pins over his 187 average, and a grand way to end the old year.

■ The latest action on the Metro Bowling Tour took place Dec. 27th at Airway Lanes in Waterford. In the first stadiad final match, the tournament director Roy Akers had some fun with his game after opening with a gutter ball.

He won the first match, 257-142.

The first woman bowler to make the finals came up next, and Akers fell to Susan Rouse as he missed some crucial spares, 206-188. Rouse could not take advantage when her next opponent, Dan Kurzawski left two open splits and she fell by the wayside, finishing third after losing 205-188.

Todd Baker of Lake Orion was the top seed and final match opposition for Kurzawski, and it was Baker, striking in frames 6 through 11 to post a 246-193 victory and his first MBT title.

Next MBT stop is at Collier Lanes in Oxford, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407 for more information.

# New year gives pause for gauging of time

A new year has started according to most civilized societies. How did we know that?

Because the man-made calendar on the wall indicated the transition to another year.

Time has been important to man since Neanderthals had a brain big enough to think of the future with foresight and imagination.

Tools they made were buried with their dead illustrating their belief in the future afterlife.

As man developed language communication he was able to relate events and discuss procedures with other members of the group.

## NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

These discussions often dealt with the concept of time — past, present and the future.

Man living in the temperate regions of the world was very familiar with the seasons, which became a gauge of time that dictated movements or activities, like planting and harvesting.

Shorter cycles that were also influential in the development of time intervals were those of the moon and sun.

Ancient people soon associated about 29 cycles of sunrise-sunset to every cycle of new moon to new moon. A moon cycle still influences the timing of events for some cultures.

As man became sedentary and developed a routine, he realized the need for consistency to coordinate the activities of others and the need for a day of rest.

So the lunar cycle was divided into three 10 day periods by

ancient Greeks, while Romans used an eight-day week.

The seven-day week was taken from Genesis and has become the most established weekly period in the world today.

Through the years the calendar was refined to coincide with an event or a given number of days.

Egyptians developed a 365-day calendar which was later returned to service by Julius Caesar. But the Egyptians started their year when the star Sirius rose in the east.

The natural phenomena that man used through the years to determine a sequence of events and their return, are the same kind of recurring events that animals use.

Animals don't use the arbitrary calendar on the wall, they use the seasons, the lunar cycle, the rising and setting of the sun,

and especially the shortening and lengthening of the daylight period.

They may not have developed the ability to sense the small time units, like minutes and seconds, but they have developed internal mechanisms to accurately time longer events.

Migrating birds can compensate for the movement of the sun from the eastern horizon to the western horizon as they maintain a bearing either south in fall or north in spring.

This also illustrates another interesting point, they know the difference between heading north and heading south and which way to compensate for the sun's movement.

Many other experiments have been conducted to demonstrate their sense of time as we think about our next year on the way to the millennium.

## OUTDOOR CALENDAR

## SHOWS

## CAMPER, TRAVEL &amp; RV

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show will be held Jan. 27-31 at the Silverdome.

## BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

## CLASSES

## TU FLY TYING

The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer a 10-week fly tying class for beginners through advanced tiers beginning Jan. 18 at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Cost is \$50. Call (248) 203-3800 to register and for more information.

## SEASON/DATES

## 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 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

## RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

## 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.

## 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 Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. The January 6th meeting will feature discussions on spearing pike through the ice and portable ice fishing shanties. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

## HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 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, Jan. 13-14, 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.

## METROPARKS

## METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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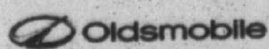
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Happy New Year all you fellow enthusiasts! It's now 1999 and the countdown to the new millennium begins. Yet, while we think of the year 2000, automobile manufacturers are already at work beyond that. They must think years ahead, looking into that crystal ball and deciding what will be our future...and theirs. Guess wrong and it can be a costly mistake for the company...remember the AMC Pacer or the Edsel?

I am often asked how I see the collectible market twenty-five years from now (25 is the magic number now used to denote a vehicle eligible for antique plates). As I've stated in previous articles, that is a tough call. My head tells me that with the volume of indi-

vidual cars and trucks being made, tens of thousands, the desirability factor may diminish. I still prefer low production vehicles to collect...again, well optioned. There is a new twist to the hobby and I will stress "hobby" because no one can guarantee what the market may do. At one time, not too long ago, collecting was a small business...cars, furniture, plates, baseball cards, etc. Now people collect "everything" because someone has convinced them they're going to make a fortune. Think of the Furbies this Christmas (people were paying over \$100 for a \$30 toy), then think about Tickle Me Elmo a few years ago. After the holidays, when the stores replenished their stock, the price comes back to almost normal. What's going to happen when the Beanie Babies craze crashes? Remember, you buy one of millions. Are you posi-

tive your children or grandchildren will share your passion? When the stock market was down during the 80's, investors jumped into antique automobiles, buying up the creme de la creme, thereby creating a false market...drove prices crazy. Investment became the buzz word. Folks got caught up in the hype and got burned when the stock market stabilized and the investors dumped out of cars and went back to stocks. Exotics dropped hundreds of thousands, muscle cars tens of thousands. I am so glad that I was not in a buying phase during that time.

Today, one's interests are becoming more diversified. Young people are concerned about their social security. Projections tell them it will be gone or dramatically lowered. More money is being put into stock investments or IRAs as a cushion for the future. This will adversely affect the collectible market. My advice? Buy something because you like it, enjoy it, don't worry about whether or not you're going to make money when you sell it. The hours you'll spend behind the wheel, taking along the family, the thumbs up you get, all have value, in many cases priceless family time. If and when you decide to sell your vehicle, for whatever reason, check out the current value and price it accordingly, based on the condition of your vehicle. Be fair, be realistic. If it's more than you paid originally, good for you...if it's less, recall all your memories. I believe you'll find you're still a winner. Till next week...

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## The 1999 F150. Talk About Agressive.

### CAReport



By Anne Fracassa  
Avanti News Features



I thought the redesign of the Ford F150 a few year back made it so much more masculine — in the Tim Allen sense — and much, more attractive than the boxy model it replaced.

Take a gander at the 1999 F150 now. Talk about aggressive. Talk about meatier. Talk about sportier. It's a powerful statement for the truck crowd.

You have to understand, here. I didn't drive the bare-boned, basic "here-you-go" work-truck-type F150.

I drove the 4x4 Flareside supercab Lariat edition F150 with all the trimmings and a bit of cranberry sauce on the side. Sorry — still thinking about the holidays and all that scrumptious food.

Anyway, with this much comfort and convenience features thrown into a truck that topped out at about \$33,000, you can see why I would be a tad impressed by this substantially powerful vehicle.

Let's talk about the power first. Standard on a normal F150 is a 4.2-liter V6 split-port-induction engine mated to a 5-speed manual overdrive transmission that will net you about 205 horses. Sounds reasonable.

Now plop the optional (of course) 5.4-liter Triton V8 engine under the hood and you'll see what I'm talking about. You fire this engine up and you know it's ready to rock and roll. As Scotty would say: There "beez" power under this "hair" hood, cap'n, and she stands ready at your command.

OK, Commander Scott. Let's see what she's got.



The versatility in the Ford F-150 is more than any truck owner would want to have.

With torque that's better than any other V8-powered half-ton pickup on the market, the Triton V8 outputs a respectable 260 horsepower. Not that IT'S respectable, mind you. I'm suggesting that YOU better respect it.

I mean, this is no 300 horsepower diesel, here. But you know what? It's got all the power anyone needs in any given situation in normal, everyday driving. Whether you use this handsome truck for the construction site or to take your children to hockey practice, you'll feel at home. The versatility in this truck is more than any truck owner would want to have.

Let's step inside for a minute. Did I mention it has four doors? Yep. All four doors swing open wide to let adult-sized passengers in with ease. Got a month's worth of groceries? No prob. It'll easily fit back in the extended cab area with room to drive down to the local lumber yard for a few supplies.

The fourth door is standard this year, by the way. As it should be.

The door trim panels have been changed and look cleaner this year. Leather seating is very comfortable. Instrumentation is centered around

the driver and all controls are easy to use and operate. There are two power points up front to provide power to the cell phone and any other gizmos you travel with.

Between the driver and front passenger is a large console/armrest that can provide storage for anything from a cell phone to CDs and cassettes. The top of the console has two places for a cup/can for a beverage and the top can double as a writing surface in a pinch.

One thing that amazes me about construction/repair/workman-owned trucks is that the top instrumentation panel seems to be the most important place to put everything from the morning paper to paperwork for the next job. No one will be disappointed in the front dash. Lots of room to jam whatever you need to jam up there.

Don't count on the glove compartment, though. There's just enough room for the owner's manual and warranties. But it's questionable whether you can jam your registration and certificate of insurance in there, it's so tight.

If you're really a pack rat, you'll be happy to know that under the seats —

both up front and in back — there isn't a ton of electronic gadgetry, so you can jam some more paperwork under there, if you need to.

I stuck my laptop under the rear of the extended cab seats to hide it and nobody was the wiser. That's because the rear seats are full bench seats without the dumb supports underneath. Rather have the extra room, actually.

I don't think I have to mention that the 4x4 models are shift-on-the-fly or that cab steps are standard this year, but I will. The anti-theft system is also standard this year on all models.

Also new this year is an optional factory-installed tonneau cover — a first for Ford. The tonneau cover is snap-free and installs in a matter of seconds. The most prominent benefit is fuel economy, of course, but the cover always adds a finished, classy look to a truck.

I have to mention the comfort level of this truck is outstanding. Although you are way up high, like a truck should be, you aren't bouncing all over the road. You're planted firmly on the ground and there's comfort and control feedback from everything from the seating surfaces to the steering wheel.

The F150 is a good choice when looking at a work truck or an all-around family truck. A bit on the pricey side, but then again, what isn't?

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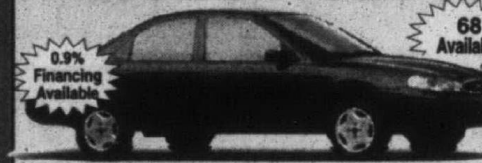
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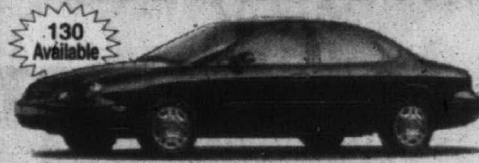
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