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THE WEEK

AHEAD

TUESDAY

School board: The public gets its last chances to meet with superintendent candidate Dr. Phyllis Wilson from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the EJ McClelland Educational Center. The board interview with Dr. Wilson begins at 6:30 p.m., with regular school business to be conducted starting around 8:30.

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County considers closing Sheldon



Motorists could find Sheldon Road shut down at the railroad crossing if Wayne County goes ahead with a plan to close the road in order to build a railroad bridge at the beginning of the year.

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North and southbound Sheldon Road could be closed at the railroad crossing for two years while a railroad

bridge is built beginning next spring. CSX railroad traffic will be unimpeded, according to John Roach, public relations spokesperson for Wayne County Public Services.

"We have to build a temporary bridge for the railroad to go through,"

Roach said. "We can't stop this necessary lifeline for businesses."

Roach referred questions on why an alternate traffic plan for motorists couldn't be planned to Mike Darga, the county's design engineer. Darga was unavailable for comment and did not return phone calls.

The township board instructed Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director, to talk to Wayne County Public Services officials sometime during the first two weeks in

December to discuss other options for the volume of motorists who travel that route. Township officials say they hadn't been asked for their input.

"The county became frustrated because they are reaching deadlines and have to move forward," Anulewicz said.

The total project cost for the railroad bridge is \$8.8 million. Eighty percent is being paid for by federal funds with the remainder coming from county and

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Action packed: Assistant Coach and General Manager Steve Spott (left) watches the action while Whalers Head Coach Peter DeBoer (right) does likewise during a recent contest at Compuware Arena against the Kitchener Rangers.

On ice: From trades to curfews, Canton man right in mix

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If there was a definition of "jack-of-all-trades" in the dictionary, Steve Spott's picture would accompany the entry.

As assistant coach and general manager for the Plymouth Whalers, the Canton resident's job duties range from directing the power play, scouting and trades to curfew checks, immigration and school liaison.

"It's 12 hours a day, seven days a week and a lot of travel," said Spott, a native of Toronto. "But I love it."

The 31-year-old is in his fourth season with the Whalers, one of the Ontario Hockey League's premiere franchises.

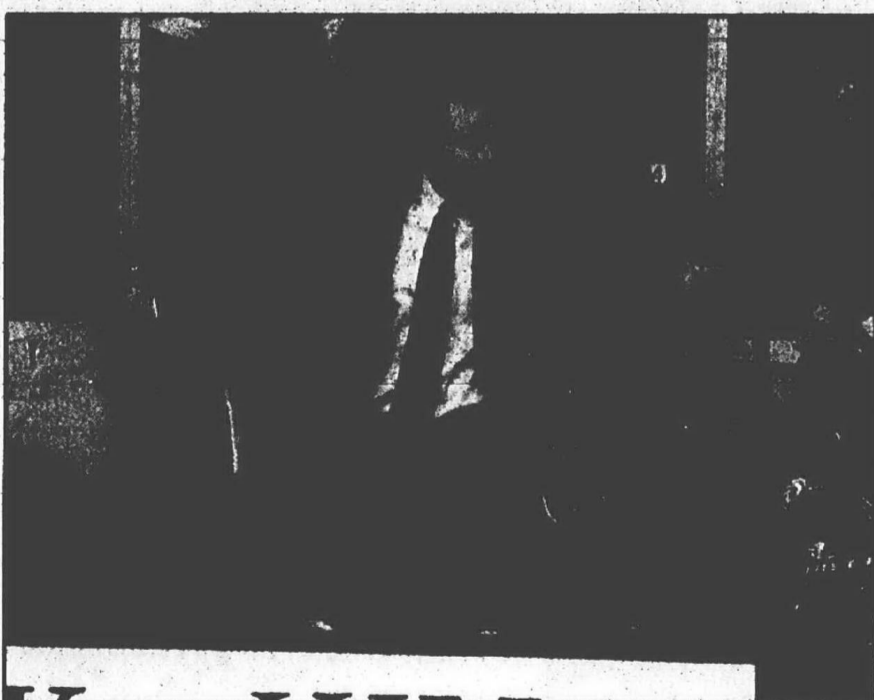
A total of 20 teams compete in the amateur organization. It's the top feeder program to the National Hockey League.

Players range in age from 15 to 20. Current NHL stars Bryan Berard, Todd Harvey and David Legwand are just a few of Plymouth's alumni.

Spott, a former physical education teacher, said there's pressure to win in the OHL. But he emphasized that player development is the focus.

"That's probably the most rewarding thing for me," Spott commented. "Seeing their development on and off the ice is very gratifying."

Whalers head coach Peter DeBoer said Spott's background in education and work with young people were reasons he hired him.



Behind the bench: Assistant coach Steve Spott talks to one of the players who just finished a shift on the ice.

"We needed somebody that could run our educational program," he added. "It's a big part of what we do."

Spott, of course, knows his Xs and Os, too. Perhaps that comes from his extensive career as a player.

He played at all levels of youth hockey in Canada. Spott was drafted by the OHL's Toronto Marlboros in

1984 but opted for a scholarship to Colgate University a few years later.

A fast skating, high scoring right winger, he was named the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference's rookie of the year in 1987.

The highlight of his college career

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Penn Theater gets liquor license

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Big changes are coming soon to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.

Owner Ron Cook said he received state approval Thursday for his long-awaited liquor license, which he will use to sell beer and wine in the 58-year-old movie house.

Cook said the liquor license will also allow him to begin plans to house a comedy club on Saturday nights

at the Penn, following the showing of movies.

"We plan on opening the bar and having comedy shows sometime in January," said Cook. "We're going to start the comedy club one night a week, and then see if it can be expanded."

Cook said he plans to spend upwards of \$150,000 to build a bar, upgrade the stage and sound system, install new carpeting and wall coverings, and generally "clean up the place."

"It's unlikely we will have a full bar, and will sell only a limited selection of beer and wine," said Cook.

Cook is also spending another \$150,000 on renovation of the exterior marble tiles.

Cook is working with Mark Ridley to be his booking agent for comedy acts at the Penn.

"We'll probably start the movies on Saturday nights at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with the entertainment to begin at 9 p.m.," said Cook.

However, don't expect the Penn Theater to become a full-scale comedy club.

"There are 13 comedy clubs in metro Detroit, and that's about what the market can bear," said Ridley, who owns his own Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. "It's really too late in the ballgame for the Penn to become a full-time comedy venue. However, it can become an entertainment center with a variety of acts and special events."

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Manager negotiating with top chief choice

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Plymouth's next police chief is expected to come from the ranks of the Michigan State Police.

City Manager David Rich is reportedly in negotiations with Richard Miller, currently a state police Assistant Sixth District Commander in Grand Rapids. Sources say Miller was chosen from among five finalists for the job by an eight-member search committee Wednesday, after interviews with all the candidates.

"It's premature to make any statements," said Miller Friday from his post in Grand Rapids.

Rich declined to comment on which of the five candidates he currently is negotiating with, but indicated he is talking about salary, fringe benefits and will ask the candidate to take a psychological exam. The salary range has been listed from between \$52,400 to \$72,111.

"We're working out details of an offer for employment," said Rich. "I'm hoping to have something finalized by the middle of next week and present my appointment to the commission at the Dec. 6 meeting."

While Rich has the power to make the appointment, the city commission will have final say.

Miller, a 26-year veteran with the Michigan State Police, has also served as post commander in both Flat Rock and Sandusky. He has received an award for outstanding drunk driving enforcement from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, planned security measures for the six international soccer teams at the 1994 World Cup games at the Silverdome, was involved with security for Pope John Paul II's visit to Detroit, and was responsible for plan-

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Township, dispatchers reach pact

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A tentative contract agreement merging City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township dispatchers was reached following negotiations Thursday.

The membership will vote on the agreement next week, said Gerald Radovic, bargaining agent for the Police Officers Association of Michigan, which represents both locals.

Radovic declined to release details Friday.

"It's fair and equitable," he said.

Since Nov. 1 all city and township 911 calls have been answered at the combined communications center located at the Plymouth Township Police Department on Ann Arbor Road at Lilley Road. The municipalities are expected to save money and increase efficiency.

Plymouth city dispatchers became township employees following the merger.

The township board will vote on the agreement at a special meeting Dec. 7, said Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. She also declined to discuss details about the agreement Friday.

"This is premature," Keen McCarthy

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local chair.

The township board had previously approved a resolution regarding Plymouth Township's participation in building the local bridge for the grade separation project. In the first resolution, the board agreed to fund half the local match, up to \$1 million.

Subsequently, a joint meeting of the Plymouth City Commission and the township board was held in June. At that meeting, in exchange for changes agreed to on other issues, officials decided on a 67 percent township, 33 percent city split on the funding of the project.

The township board tabled a request Nov. 16 for a revised resolution to approve local funding shared with the city of Plymouth to develop the bridge, until other traffic options could be considered. That resolution will be voted on at the next regular board meeting Dec. 14. The city approved the revised resolution at its Nov. 3 meeting.

"The project is proceeding without any provision for main-

taining traffic," Kevin Maillard, Wayne County director of engineering, said in an Oct. 19 letter to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Sims-McCormack.

"That is, Sheldon Road will be closed at the railroad for the duration of the project."

The only potential route for a temporary bypass road was along the west side of the project, through the parking lot of the multi-tenant building on Sheldon Road owned by REDICO Management Inc., which is in the southwest quadrant of the project, according to Maillard.

"We approached REDICO to discuss the feasibility of the temporary road and were told that the impact of losing the parking lot for such a length of time was completely unacceptable to their tenants and to REDICO," Maillard said.

Keen McCarthy said the township wasn't involved in negotiations. "The business is in the city and it's a county road," she said.

Nor was the city involved, said Paul Sincok, assistant city man-

ager. Sheldon is a county road, he noted. Maillard wrote Plymouth City Director David Rich Nov. 11 asking the city to "assume full responsibility for the roadway under construction."

Sincok acknowledged that closing the road for two years will create "a huge problem."

To have one lane open in each direction will require advanced road signs as far away as Michigan Avenue to the south and Eight Mile Road to the north, Sincok said.

Construction of an alternate route is costly, he said.

Plymouth Township Trustee Chuck Curmi suggested that Ford Motor Co. be contacted to see if their lot is available. He also mentioned the potential for use of shuttle buses.

"A two-year closing of a road is not acceptable," Curmi said. "Somebody has to be creative. Everything can be revisited. It sounds like REDICO is worried about employee parking. They can't be worried about customers because, believe me, customers won't be coming there if the road is closed."

"There's some glitch here. Maybe I don't know all the facts here but a two-year closing of a major north and southbound road because of one company will not happen."

"The cutoff means that anybody on the southside will have to come in a different way," Anulewicz said. "You're seeing high volumes of traffic and truck traffic. They will probably come off Beck Road and take North Territorial to Sheldon."

Ice festival sets 2000 dates

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While the weather outside is more conducive to raking leaves, the board of directors of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is hoping Mother Nature takes a turn for the worse some Jan. 13 through Jan. 17, 2000.

"We can't do anything about the weather, but the long-term trend is that January is the coldest month of the year," said Mike Watts of WATTS-UP, Inc., executive director of the show.

"No matter what happens, we'll still be out there doing carvings and holding competitions. The show will go on."

It's the 18th year for the event, billed as the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America which last year

draw more than 700,000 visitors to Plymouth.

"We will be bringing in a team of competitors from Japan, and we've had inquiries from ice carvers in Montreal and Toronto, too," added Watts. "Many years ago I would have said the Japanese were much better than American carvers. However, the Americans are getting much closer."

Watts credits that to the increased demand for ice sculpture for places like the new casinos and hotels.

The competitions for this year's ice festival will be sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation. There will be more than \$10,000 in prize money, scholarships and awards given out during the event.

One of the highlights is Fantasyland, which is carved in the

Gathering. Last year's display of best was a big hit.

"We're still trying to come up with an unusual theme," added Watts. "It's mostly for children, so maybe we'll come up with some sort of animals or cartoon figures."

This year, a 1987 restored Zephyr sports car will be raffled off for Sparky Anderson's CATCH program to benefit Children's Hospital. Watts says there will also be an ice carving of the 68-year-old car.

Watts expects to truck in 400,000 pounds of ice from Ohio for the show.

"We'll probably get about 11 semi trucks of ice from our supplier, which has the quality and quantity we need," Watts said. "It will cost us \$25,000 for the ice, which, when we're done, will melt and be worth nothing."

Campaign has cops on lookout for drivers not using child safety seats

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Plymouth Township police officers will have zero tolerance for adults who don't buckle up children through Nov. 28.

They plan to ticket those who don't restrain their child passengers in a safety campaign called "Click it. Don't risk it."

More than 450 police agencies statewide will be participating in the America Buckles Up Chil-

dren campaign, organized by the Office of Highway Planning, Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Antal said.

"We will be stepping up enforcement of adult safety belt laws because it is a proven fact that most adults who don't buckle themselves don't buckle up kids," Antal said. "A driver can be stopped and ticketed for non-safety belt use only if the vehicle is stopped for some other infraction. However, a driver can be stopped and issued a citation if a child is unrestrained in the vehicle."

The objective is to save the life of at least one child through compliance with Michigan's seat belt laws, he said.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of Michigan children 15 years old and younger, Antal said.

"Unrestrained occupants are 25 percent more likely to be killed in motor vehicle crashes," Antal said. "Car seats reduce the

risk of death or injury for infants by 71 percent and 64 percent for young children in collisions. Child safety restraints are misused in one form or another by 95 percent of Michigan drivers."


In 1998, 107 children died and 12,097 were injured in traffic crashes in Michigan, Antal said.

The police department will instruct drivers who may be unsure if their child restraint seats are installed properly, Antal said.

Here are the basic mandates:

- Children who are 1 year old or younger must be in a child restraint in either the front or rear seats. "We prefer that they be in the rear seat," Antal said.
- Children older than 1 can use a safety belt in the rear seat. Children ages 4-15 must be belted in the front or rear seat.
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EXPLOSIVE NEWS

The American College of Sports Medicine has endorsed "explosive" or "ballistic" training exercises as a good way to increase strength. The exercises include faster versions of traditional exercises, such as squats and bench presses, as well as plyometrics. The latter is a group of exercises that involve jumping on and off high platforms, tossing weighted balls, and leaping in the air while holding weights. Unlike traditional nonballistic weight training, which does not require full muscle power until about a second after beginning, ballistic repetition requires maximum power in two-thirds of a second or less. This is about the same speed required in many athletic skills. For this reason, ballistic exercises can help older people regain their mobility because they involve several muscle groups working together.

explosive weight training is an essential muscle-strengthening tool.

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AG warns of Internet perils

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Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm warned about the dangers of the Internet at the Tonquish Economic Club Wednesday while telling of her high-tech unit which keeps a close eye on what happens on the World Wide Web.

"The Internet is such a marvelous tool and is the wave of the future," said Granholm. "It's revolutionary. This will blow our socks off."

"But, the danger with all this technology ... illegal activity is running rampant on the net," said Granholm.

Granholm gave examples of how easily pornographic sites can be found on the Internet, even by children who innocently look for such topics as the White House and the state of Colorado.

"The fact that these types of Web sites exist is a scary thing for parents," she said. "There are also Web sites which show the ingredients of GHB, the date rape drug. That's not information I would want my children to have access to."

Granholm also warned of Web



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BRUCEMAN

Guest speaker: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm greets Tonquish Creek Economic Club President Dennis Shrewsbury following her speech to the luncheon meeting of the club in Plymouth Wednesday.

sites that offer online shopping and gambling, many of which are legal but don't tell the entire story when it comes to cost.

"For people who have addictive personalities, these (gambling) Web sites pose enormous problems because there are no house managers to tap someone on the shoulder to say you've reached your limit," said Granholm.

On Web sites that sell beer, "all you have to do is check a box that says you are over 21 and it gets delivered to you by UPS in a brown paper wrapper. That's not good for keeping alcohol out of the hands of children."

Granholm was quick to point out there are a lot of good Web sites, but parents need to be aware of what their children are downloading.

POLICE BEAT

City of Plymouth

Plymouth police, with the help of Plymouth Township officers and police dog Hogan, are holding two men in custody for a smash-and-grab robbery at Smokers Only, 585 S. Main Street.

Police say the pair threw a brick through the glass door and stole approximately 100 cartons of cigarettes and two cell phones shortly after 4 a.m. Friday.

"The suspects were followed by a witness who called police on his cell phone," said Lt. Wayne

Carroll. "Plymouth Township police spotted the suspect's van on I-275 and attempted to make a stop on I-96 near Newburgh. When the suspects ran, the police dog was called in and tracked both."

Plymouth Township

Plymouth Township police responded to an armed robbery at the Dunkin' Donuts, 39600 Ann Arbor Road, about 4:16 a.m. Friday.

It is not related to the Plymouth smash-and-grab incident

at Smokers Only, said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey.

A Dunkin' Donuts employee said a man came into the store, pulled out a gun from his coat and said, "Open the drawer, empty it out," according to a police report.

The robber then demanded that the other cash register also be emptied.

The employee dropped the money on the cash register counter and the man picked it up, the report said.

Youth Forum comes up with ideas to make Plymouth youth-friendly

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A coalition of adults and youths in the Plymouth community have come up with five proposals to help identify the Plymouth area as "youth friendly."

The Plymouth Youth Forum, created last summer after several youths were ticketed for reportedly causing problems in downtown Plymouth, has adopted the proposals in an effort to create opportunities and activities for Plymouth youths to participate in.

"These are some really good ideas," said Katie Welch, 12, of Plymouth and a member of the Youth Forum. "However, we have to get moving on them, otherwise it will just be all talk like it was before."

"It was important to have kids involved in the decision making," added Welch, a West Middle School student. "Parents think about what's best for kids, but it's not always what's best for us."

The ideas brought forth from Wednesday's Plymouth Youth Forum meeting include:

- Developing an education program designed to encourage youths to serve on not-for-profit boards of directors and policy-making committees, giving them skills to become strong, contributing members of these groups. The goal of the program is to reach youths in their early teens in order to build strong foundations, create a continuous cycle of volunteer service,

enhance quality of life for teenagers and provide community leaders for years to come.

■ Encouraging 35th District Court to look at the differences in laws relating to youths, and establish a dialogue to bring the ordinances, where possible, into a common form so youths passing through Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township will have a clear understanding of the laws and their applications.

Katie Welch
—West Middle School

Endorsing the concept of a community skate park, with a community coalition of service clubs, businesses and government identifying the location of the park.

■ Asking the school district to keep Central Middle School open to the youth of the community between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., five or six days a week. This would provide opportunities for an open gym, swimming, talking, studying and dancing.

■ Asking the city of Plymouth to consider one of three options relating to Kellogg Park: eliminate the ordinance

regarding the 10 p.m. closing of Kellogg Park; align the closing of Kellogg Park to match the curfew hours of youth; or move to close Kellogg Park in line with the overnight parking ban of 2-6 a.m.

Bill Joyner, facilitator of the Youth Forum, said letters have been sent to Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Plymouth-Canton Schools officials in hopes of getting ideas implemented.

Joyner is hoping the skate park can be constructed in conjunction with a playscape at either the Plymouth Cultural Center or Plymouth Township Park sometime next spring.

Concerning the evening hours for Central Middle School, the Youth Forum is hoping the school district can facilitate that "as soon as possible."

In addition to the five proposals, the group reaffirmed its belief that an ongoing Plymouth Youth Commission should be appointed by the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to deal long-term with issues relating to the youth of the community.

"It's our goal that Plymouth be identified as a youth-friendly community," said Joyner. "It's important the perception of friendliness be matched with reality, and that we take steps to encourage the youth of Plymouth to take positive ownership of the community in which they live."

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came as a senior. Colgate played Wisconsin in the national championship but came up short.

"It was a great four years," Spott said, who doesn't regret passing up the OHL. "For me, it was the right decision."

He went on to play professionally for two seasons, one of which was spent in Holland.

"It was a cultural shock for me," Spott said of playing in Europe. "But it was a welcomed change. I loved the Netherlands."

He decided to call it quits as a player in 1992. Spott said he knew it was time.

"I retired on my terms," he added. "Nobody said I wasn't good enough. You know inside when it's your time and when you've done all you think you can do."

Spott jumped right into coaching. He started with a team of 9-year-olds. After a couple of seasons he landed the head coaching job at Seneca College in Toronto.

"We won an Ontario championship," said Spott. "That's the year I'm most proud of."

He didn't guide the team with an iron fist, a la Red Wings' coach Scotty Bowman.

"I think I'm a good motivator," said Spott. "I communicate with the players well."

He was working full time as a teacher by the time he coached Seneca. Leaving both positions wasn't a tough decision when DeBoer asked, however.

"It was a no-brainer for me," Spott said. "It's in my blood. I always wanted to stay involved. It's a branch of teaching."

Much of that teaching comes with the Whalers' defensemen.

He schools them on staying in position, blocking shots and moving the puck out of danger. Spott also makes sure Plymouth's power play stays crisp.

Doing that takes more than just on-ice work.

He spends countless hours

each week reviewing video tapes of games. Then there's implementing what he sees with players on the ice.

"We do something every day," Spott said of practice and player conditioning. It adds up to long days. "You have to have a very understanding wife. She's the one it's toughest on."

Besides accomplishing everything he needs to, Spott must help players make numerous transitions.

First is being away from home. Players come from across Canada and the United States to skate with the Whalers.

Host families in Plymouth, Canton and Northville house the teens. But they spend a majority of their time with DeBoer and Spott.

"We're surrogate parents in many ways," he said. "We're with them in their key developmental years."

DeBoer said Spott's personality serves him well in his coaching duties.

"He's a real people person," he added. "He's very sociable. I think that's his biggest asset."

Fortunately, the coaches have a strong support system themselves.

The Whalers and NHL's Carolina Hurricanes are owned by Compuware Software founder Peter Karmanos. Top facilities and solid financial support make DeBoer's and Spott's job easier.

"We're spoiled, Peter and I," said Spott. "Mr. Karmanos trusts the people he hires. That's a special feeling."

Special feelings are what Spott has for his new home. He and his wife have lived in the township since moving from Canada.

"I wouldn't go anywhere else," he said. "It's very convenient to where I work. I really enjoy the Summit, and Pheasant Run is one of the best courses I've played. It's a great place to be."

Agreement from page A1

said. "It isn't even written yet."

All city dispatchers — four full-time and four part-time — agreed to accept employment in Plymouth Township following the Plymouth City Commission's rejection of their proposed severance contract earlier this month.

Both municipalities strived to retain all jobs as requested by the city dispatchers. As time dragged on without a merged contract, the city dispatchers unanimously voted to support a severance package.

However, following rejection of the severance package, they had until Nov. 4 to sign up for a shift, an extension from the Oct. 29 sign-up date.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey said one full-time city dispatcher quit and one part-time city dispatcher never showed up.

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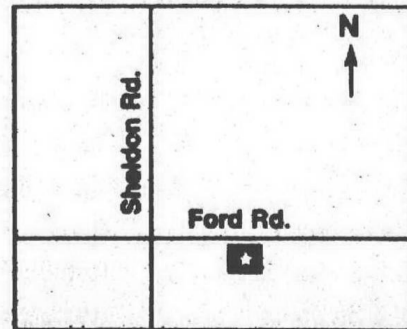
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Western Wayne may lobby against motor carrier bill

BY KEN ARRAMEYK
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Western Wayne leaders may visit Lansing again, this time over a state bill one mayor says will give the literal green light to truck drivers to haul freight that violates weight restrictions.

Members of the Conference of Western Wayne may organize a journey similar to a bus trip that recently went from Farmington Hills to Lansing to protest House Bill 4777. Many mayor and township supervisors believed that bill would strip local officials of "home rule" powers, and this time motor carrier bills approved Oct. 28 by the state House are drawing the ire of many from the CWW's 18-member legislative consortium.

The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The House package would redistribute revenue derived from trucking violations for weight and equipment citations by local police agencies to county libraries. In October the CWW approved a resolution opposing the bills that was forwarded to

state lawmakers. Currently money collected from the civil fines is used by communities for their general funds. In 1984 the Legislature passed bills to allow the state of government the power to create municipal ordinance violations bureaus and adopt by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code to better enforce the state's traffic laws. The laws allowed local law enforcement agencies to bring civil, rather than criminal, actions against people who violated local ordinances.

In October the revenue distribution derived from violations was revised in the proposed bill. Those changes would reimburse 30 percent of the fines to cities, villages or counties for repairs and maintenance on local roads, 40 percent to the jurisdiction for library purposes and 30 percent to the courts.

The House bills were approved, 81-23, on Oct. 28 and eventually referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

Critical of bill

Local officials criticize the move because that money is now used to help pay for officers to enforce those violations. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who chairs the CWW, said many communities will not be able to afford the enforcement of police units

assigned to enforcement. "The bottom line is, if they do pass, it will be an open invitation to at least violate the laws of the state, if local governments check out (of enforcement)," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said the bills will not be on the "fast track" in the Senate as they were in the House. "They will not get as high of a priority," Kirksey said.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack suggested the CWW take a leadership role for Senate hearings expected in February on the package. "The heaviest of trucks will only get heavier," Yack said. "Then there will be a plea for more money from the general public to fix our crumbling roads."

Package supported

Last month state Rep. Thomas Kelly (D-Wayne) said he disagreed with an Oct. 8 resolution from the CWW opposing the bills.

Kelly, who sponsored one of the bills, said the package reverses what has gone on the past seven or eight years. Nearly 50 libraries are funded by fines, Kelly said.

"What's happening is the communities are seeing treasure troughs with truck weights," Kelly said. "Some of the things they are getting written up for are silly, such as not enough

Band-Aids in safety kits. Sometimes they are cited three times, sometimes for the same thing, in the same community."

Kelly said all he was trying to do was put the system back to what it was.

"They're pitting one department in municipal government versus another," Kelly said, that is libraries versus public safety.

Also, Kelley said garbage haulers hired by local communities are fined. Those fines can be sizable and add to the company's costs. "Who will pay for that? Not the communities, but the

people who live there."

Chief opposes bill

But Livonia Police Chief Pete Kunst said local enforcement was critical in curbing the problems and the dangers of overweight trucks. "They have a devastating crash potential," Kunst said.

Kunst said Livonia's motor carrier enforcement officer cited 138 commercial vehicles for 93 weight violations, 86 equipment violations and 56 document violations through September 1999.

Costs for the officer include

\$70,000 to \$80,000 annually for salary and fringe benefits, while the vehicle costs \$25,000-\$30,000 amortized over five years.

Even with the legislative revisions, Kunst still opposed the bill. "I can't justify the budget (for enforcement) when a portion is going to the library system," Kunst said. "This is a traffic safety issue, this is an area where we can make an impact."

"Their record is not very good when they collide with a vehicle."

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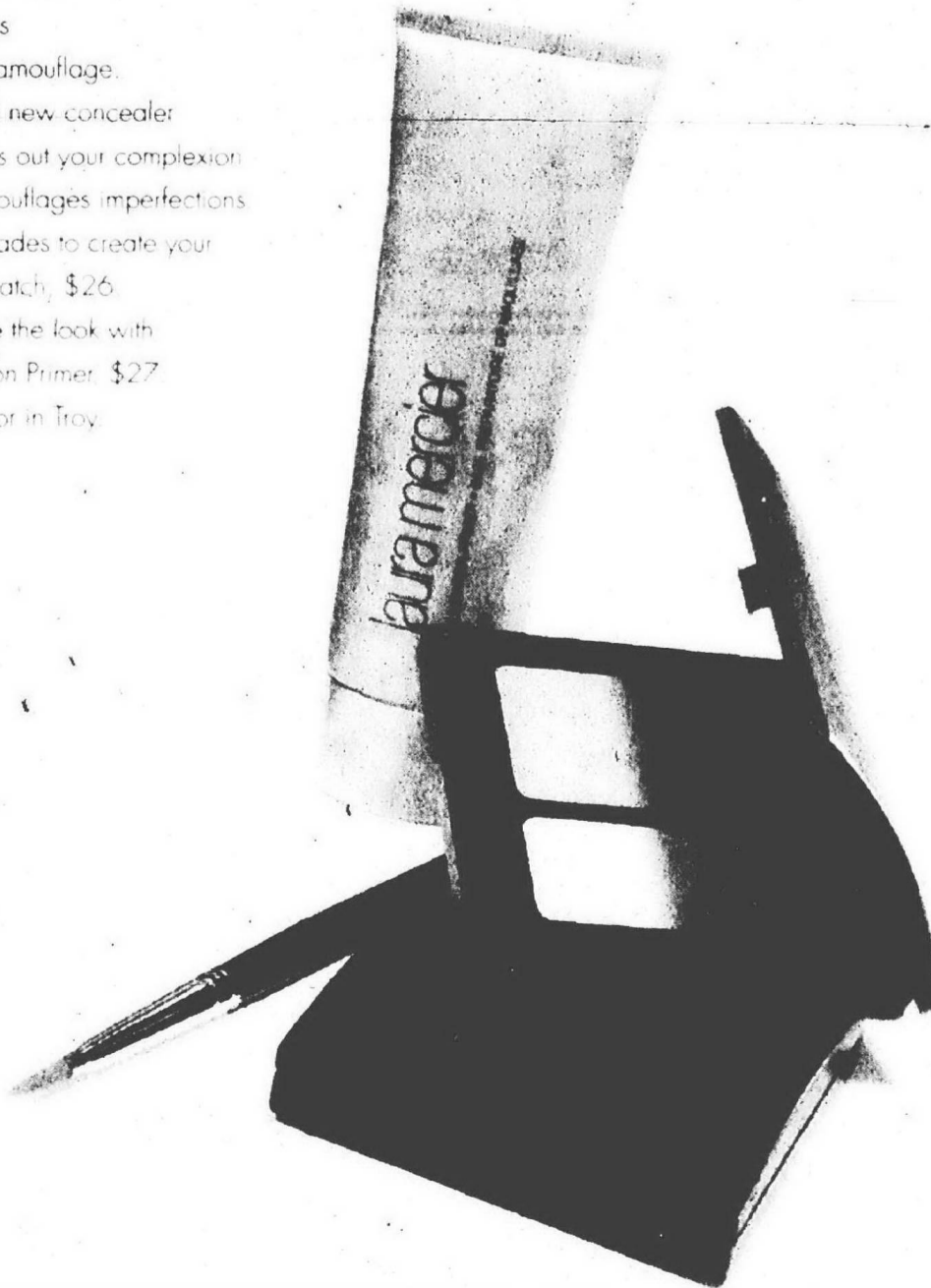
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OBITUARIES

JAMES W. HILLSBURG

Services for James W. Hillsburg, 87, of Canton were held Nov. 17 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with the Rev. Dean Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

He was born Sept. 10, 1912, in Detroit and died Nov. 15 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was a retired foreman for Parks and Recreation for Wayne County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Hillsburg. Survivors include his son, James T. Hillsburg of Canton, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

WALTER F. DRABICKI

Services for Walter F. Drabicki, 83, of Canton were held Nov. 20 at St. Damian Catholic Church, Westland, with Fr. Lawrence Zurawski officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery.

He was born July 4, 1916, in Detroit and died Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was a retired worker for a maintenance company.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Drabicki, and one brother, Edward Drabicki.

JACQUELINE A. ZAMBIANI

Services for Jacqueline A. Zambiani, 60, of Plymouth were held Nov. 10 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born in 1939. She died in Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Survivors include her husband, George R.; two sons, Michael G. (Moagan) and Robert J.; one grandson, Thomas Michael; and one brother, Arnold (Eleanor) Respecki.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

Local arrangements were made by O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

JAYNE BLASHILL

Services for Jayne Blashill, 65, formerly of Plymouth and Fairfield Glade, Tenn., will take place at 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at St. John's Episcopal Church with Father Bill Luyfer officiating. Burial will take place in Florida.

She was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Michigan and died Nov. 11 in Winter Haven, Fla. She was a former member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, and St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Crossville. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Haines City, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; one daughter, Kim Hallberg of Spring Hill, Fla.; one son, Jeff Kelly of Norcross, Ga.; one brother, Jim Blashill of Farmington Hills; and two sisters, Ann Krankel of Plymouth and Mary Pish of Sturgis, Mich.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, or the Michigan Heart Association.

PHYLLIS C. HERIG

Services for Phyllis C. Herig, 74, of Brighton (formerly of Canton) were held Nov. 16 at UHT Funeral Home with the Rev. Rocky Berra. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery, Canton Township.

Mrs. Herig was born July 29, 1925, and died Nov. 11 in Brighton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, George Paysant and Robert Paysant. Survivors include her husband, Henry; one daughter, Mary Herig; one son, Henry William (Kathy) Herig; two brothers, Fred Paysant and David Paysant; one sister, Marvene Bower; one grandson, Henry Joseph Herig; and one granddaughter, Olivia Herig.

MYRTLE K. HOUSMAN

Services for Myrtle K. Housman, 98, of Canton were held Nov. 19 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial

was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Aug. 10, 1901, in Dearborn and died Nov. 16 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker who came to the Canton community in 1948 from Ypsilanti. She also lived in South Lyon and Redford Township and was a member of the Senior Citizens in Canton Township. She loved cooking, sewing, and family gatherings. She liked to visit family and friends and enjoyed playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Minnie (Bartel) Waldecker; her husband, Maynard J. Housman; one daughter, June Woolsey; and four brothers, Frank, Robert, John and Arthur Waldecker.

Survivors include her son-in-law, Clark S. Woolsey of Canton; sister-in-law, Avis Waldecker of Plymouth; two grandchildren, Pamela McMichael of Westland and Carl Woolsey of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one great granddaughter, Jessica McMichael of Westland; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

HERBERT MARK SULLIVAN

Services for Herbert Mark Sullivan, 42, of Maine, formerly of Plymouth, took place at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 21 in Michigan and died Oct. 26 in Maine.

Survivors include his son, Nicholas R. Sullivan of Maine; one daughter, Nicole O. Sullivan of Maine; two sisters, Helen O. Poppenger of Brighton and Connie L. Buchanan of South Lyon; one brother, Kevin Sullivan of White Lake; and five nieces and nephews, Christopher Poppenger, Carson Poppenger, Adam Poppenger, Brad Sullivan, and Jim Sullivan.

New alliance sets up shop

By Sue Buck Staff Writer sbuck@theobserver.com

Six companies have launched a new strategic alliance in Plymouth Township.

Vehicular Thermal Management LLC, a new company, was created to provide what it calls "innovative, best-in-class products and technologies," such as engine cooling systems and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the lowest cost to both customers and end-users.

The companies involved in the alliance are Automotive Technology Group Inc./Powertrain International of Warren; Fraunhofer USA, Center for Laser Technology, Ann Arbor; Griffin Thermal Products, Piedmont S.C.; R&D Enterprises, Northville; Karmazin Products Corp., Wyandotte; and Grupo Gomez, Mexico.

They represent a range of specialties, such as research and development, heat transfer and exchangers, laser technologies, cooling and radiator products, and chemical engineering.

Discussions began six months ago to forge a company that could combine their collective resources to optimize their investments and help ensure

increased marketability and long-term success for those businesses.

VTM recently opened the first half of its new technology center, with the second half to be completed by the end of the year. The Helm Street business is expected to serve as the hub for its business, making Plymouth the focus of its operation.

VTM hosted executives at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn Monday to inaugurate the alliance. The news conference was conducted to give company officials a chance to discuss the details of VTM's corporate structure, new technology center, integrated product lines and targeted vehicular markets.

With its shared resources, VTM will be able to integrate components used both in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and cooling systems.

"Ultimately VTM will have the ability to meet all of its customers' thermal needs, whether they're under the hood or in the riding component," said Adeel Zaidi, president/CEO and chairman of the board for VTM. He is also chairman and CEO of Karmazin Products Corp. in Wyandotte. Zaidi has held leadership positions for companies like Behr America Inc. and U. S. Radiators Corp.

The Plymouth Township location was chosen over others because of its proximity to freeways, Zaidi said.

"VTM will operate indepen-

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dently of our companies, but be vital in our collective success," Zaidi said.

The industries targeted by VTM include agriculture, off-highway construction, mining, forestry, generator sets, compressor and locomotive.

Keith Blurton, a member of VTM's advisory board, is also vice-president of operations for Fraunhofer USA's Center for Laser Technology. Fraunhofer also plans to relocate one of its eight centers in the United States from its current location in Domino Farms in Ann Arbor to Port Street in Plymouth Township.

"This is a good industrial and technology area," Blurton said. "It's an area we want to be in. We need to get new technology in the marketplace. We want to commercialize our research and development results."

He pointed out that other laser centers, Trumpf, a Plymouth Township company and Kofin-Sinar, a Northville Township business, also chose this area.

Blurton has more than 30 years experience in his industry. Prior to joining Fraunhofer he was a founding member of a company that developed innovative products for electrochemical sensing of pollutants. He has authored or co-authored 60 publications and holds 13 U. S. patents.

New chief from page A1

ning and leading motorcades for presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

Mayor Dave McDonald, who was part of the eight-member committee, would not disclose who was chosen as the finalist.

"I was comfortable with the person in screening process, and he was a top candidate of mine

from the beginning," said McDonald. "I think he'll be a great addition to the city, and will make a great chief."

Rich was quick to point out that while he is in negotiations with a top candidate, those talks could break down and another candidate would have to be chosen.

Police Chief Bob Scoggins' official retirement date is Jan. 1; however, he is expected to leave several weeks before then by using some of his vacation time. Scoggins has been part of the Plymouth police department for 25 years, the last 8-1/2 as chief.

Penn from page A1

Ridley said he "realistically can get about anybody" to entertain at the Penn, naming such comics as Richard Jeni and Dave Coulier.

Recently, Cook revealed multi-million dollar plans to build condominiums above the theater and the building which houses Repeat the Beat music store.

The Penn Theater is the last one-screen movie house in Michigan. It began showing movies in downtown Plymouth on Dec. 4, 1941.

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New Concourse A opens six gates at Metro Airport

By Bob Abramczyk
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Bob Holmfeld was a happy man Thursday.

The president and founder of Spirit Airlines stood in Concourse A near the South Terminal of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, watching airline passengers in queues before boarding airplanes.

It was just as he imagined when Spirit and Southwest Airlines signed onto an \$10.8 million expansion project of Concourse A to add six gates, which officially opened that day for business. Spirit, a discount carrier based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., actually began flights from its

"This is what our customers have been asking for. This is what we are working to provide."

Edward McNamara
 Wayne County Executive

two new gates on Nov. 8.

With the gates Spirit air crews can now operate without worrying about gate availability. Previously Spirit agents had to ask other airlines to lend them gates on a flight-by-flight basis, leasing gates from three different carriers on three different concourses.

"We would spend hours and

hours to get a gate," Holmfeld said. Spirit Airlines now has consolidated operations.

Southwest Airlines has looked forward to occupying the four gates in the remodeled concourse, said Bob Montgomery, Southwest's director of properties. Montgomery also believed the gates will allow Southwest to continue to offer low fares and "excellent customer service" to Detroit travelers.

County officials believe the gates could handle as many as 40 additional low-fare flights a day. Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said in every market Southwest has entered, fares have declined.

"This is what our customers have been asking for," McNamara said. "This is what we are working to provide."

Northwest Airlines maintains 60 of Metro's 103 gates. Other carriers include Mesa with 12, Continental/America West (four), Delta (four), and now, Southwest with four. American, U.S. Airways and United each have three gates.

Northwest says it flies 70 percent of the passengers at Metro if connecting traffic is included,

but airport officials point out that out of originating and destination flights, Northwest controls 45 percent of that market and other carriers maintain 55 percent.

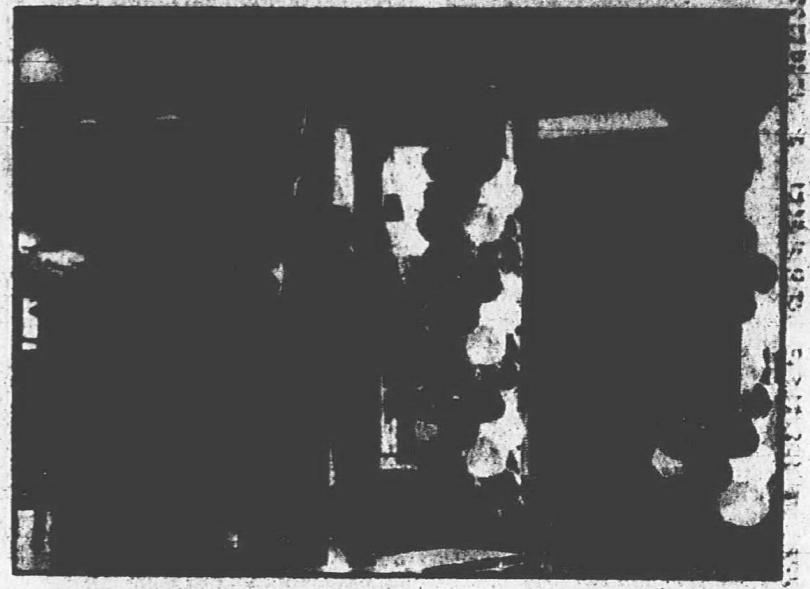
Holmfeld doesn't expect the new gates to take business travel away from Northwest, which uses Detroit Metro as a hub, but does expect customers to get good fares. "Our role is to come in as a low-priced carrier," Holmfeld said.

McNamara called it "simple economics. These guys go to Florida for \$100, and it drives the rates of the other carriers down," McNamara said.

David Katz, airport director, said the six additional gates could carry 10 flights a day with 150 people on a plane. "That's a lot of seats a day that people can choose from," Katz said.

Southwest Airlines acted as the construction manager on the Concourse A project. Spirit paid Southwest for its share of construction costs. Wayne County will reimburse the airlines with revenue from Passenger Facility Charges. Eventually, Wayne County will own the gates and the airlines will lease the gates from Wayne County.

McNamara said the project could be the "poster child" for the effectiveness of the passenger facility charge legislation, currently deadlocked over the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill, due to disagreements over PFCs.

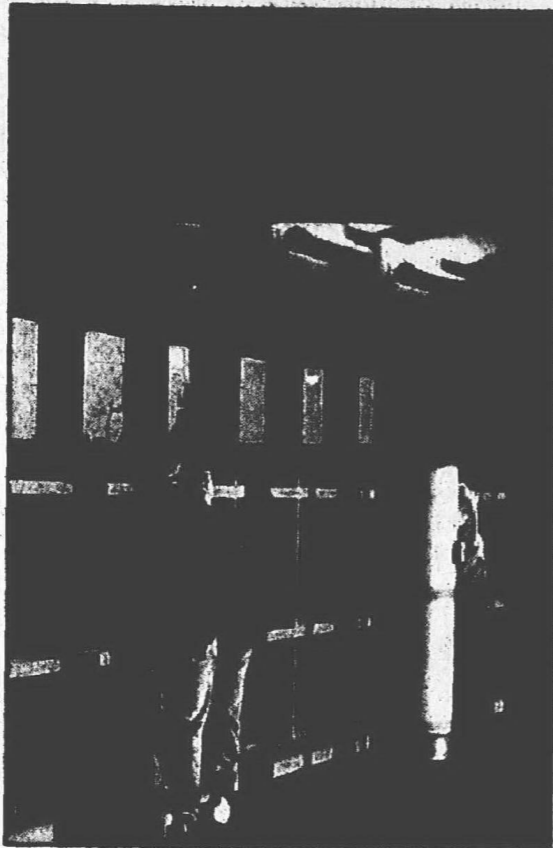


Dedicated: Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara speaks to reporters at a dedication Thursday of the recently expanded Concourse A at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, while Cornell Mays, deputy director of airports, looks on.

"If any member of Congress would like to see evidence that PFCs can be used by airports to stimulate competition, they only need to walk to the end of Concourse A at Detroit Metro Airport to see six brand new gates for two low-fare carriers," McNamara said.

Holmfeld expects to expand service to more outbound destinations. Spirit currently flies to eight cities.

Plane watchers:
 The shiny new concourse at Detroit Metropolitan Airport offers six new gates for flights on Spirit and Southwest airlines.



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Engler, schools differ on Durant II

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The deadline for starting an appeal in the so-called Durant II lawsuit passed Wednesday, Nov. 10, without a filing.

But the fight appears far from over.

The plaintiffs in the case, 255 school districts across Michigan, believe the state government owes them \$428 million in the current school year as a result of an October decision issued by the Court of Appeals. School districts charge the state underfunded them for special education, lunch programs and transportation.

Gov. John Engler disagrees. He interprets the Court of Appeals ruling to mean that while technically the state had violated the constitution, by not breaking special education money out from the remainder of the districts' school aid foundation grants, that it had provided enough money overall.

There will be no additional



Gov. John Engler

funds for schools, according to Engler spokesman John Truscott.

"There has been no change in the governor's position on this. The budgets are set for 2000 and

2001. There will be no additional money," deputy press secretary Susan Shafer confirmed Tuesday, Nov. 16.

John Schults, chair of a committee of the school districts involved in the case, issued a statement Thursday, Nov. 11, calling on the Legislature to appropriate the additional cash.

"This is the first time in the history of the Durant litigation that the state has not challenged a decision of the Court of Appeals which concluded that the Legislature had violated the Michigan Constitution," he said.

"The fix clearly involves the restoration in full of the foundation allowance revenues for all children enrolled in our public schools, regardless of whether they are handicapped or entitled to special education services or not."

The Legislature is required by the Headlee Amendment to provide sufficient funding to meet the minimum percentages required for special education

services. And Schults concludes it will take an additional \$428 million to meet that requirement.

"The suggestion of some people in state government that some new or more clever sleight of hand or 'technical change' in the school aid act will fix this problem is an ill-advised suggestion. It will only serve to further extend an already far too protracted dispute," he said.

The school districts filed suit against the state saying it hadn't adequately funded special education, transportation or school lunch programs. The Legislature over the summer put an extra \$7 million to lunch programs.

The Court of Appeals ruled in October in favor of school districts on the claim that the allocations violated Proposal A in the state Constitution. But the court disagreed with school districts about whether the foundation grants could be counted as covering the state's overall obligations.

13-hour telethon to benefit Arab community

DEARBORN, Mich. (PRNewswire) — On Sunday, Nov. 21, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) will kick off its 18th Annual Telethon, a live, 13-hour broadcast, airing from noon to 1 a.m. on MediaOne Cable in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Westland, Livonia, and Redford Township, Detroit's Comcast Cable, and other regional cable stations. More-

over, ACCESS's 18th Annual Telethon will be broadcast nationally during designated hours, thanks to the efforts of ANA Television.

For almost 31 years, ACCESS has provided much needed services to the Arab and non-Arab communities throughout the Metro-Detroit area, annually assisting over 40,000 people. Last year ACCESS, with the

help of the community, built a new \$3.9 million dollar One-Stop Employment & Human Services Center located on Schaefer Road in Dearborn, Michigan. ACCESS's new Employment and Training Center is on its way to helping thousands of people become skilled workers.

This year's Telethon will begin the process of raising money to build a state-of-the-art Community Health Center, ensuring

that every person that walks through its doors will get the best help provided. The Telethon will also help ACCESS to continue to provide many of its everyday services, including immigration, translation, education and family counseling services.

To support the 18th Annual ACCESS Telethon call and pledge at 313-271-2211.

1.5 million will travel on Thanksgiving Day

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganians - 16 percent of the population - will travel during the 1999 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan, up from 1.3 million last year.

According to an Auto Club survey, 75 percent of all travelers will drive to their final destination. Forty percent of those traveling will be heading to a destination within Michigan. Popular

destinations outside of Michigan include Illinois (16 percent), Ohio (11 percent) and New York (11 percent).

Eighty percent of travelers intend to visit with relatives during their journey, however, only 55 percent plan to stay with relatives. The average trip will include four travelers and last five days. Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally one of the

busiest travel periods of the year, says AAA, prompting heavier-than-normal traffic volumes.

"Holiday travelers heading to airports should be prepared for crowds and travel lightly," says Larry Dickens, AAA Michigan Travel Vendor Relations Director. According to Dickens, some airlines may limit the size and number of carry-on items, especially during heavy travel peri-

ods when planes are at full capacity.

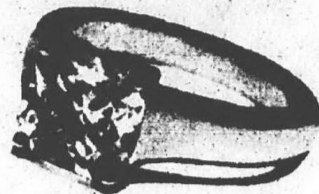
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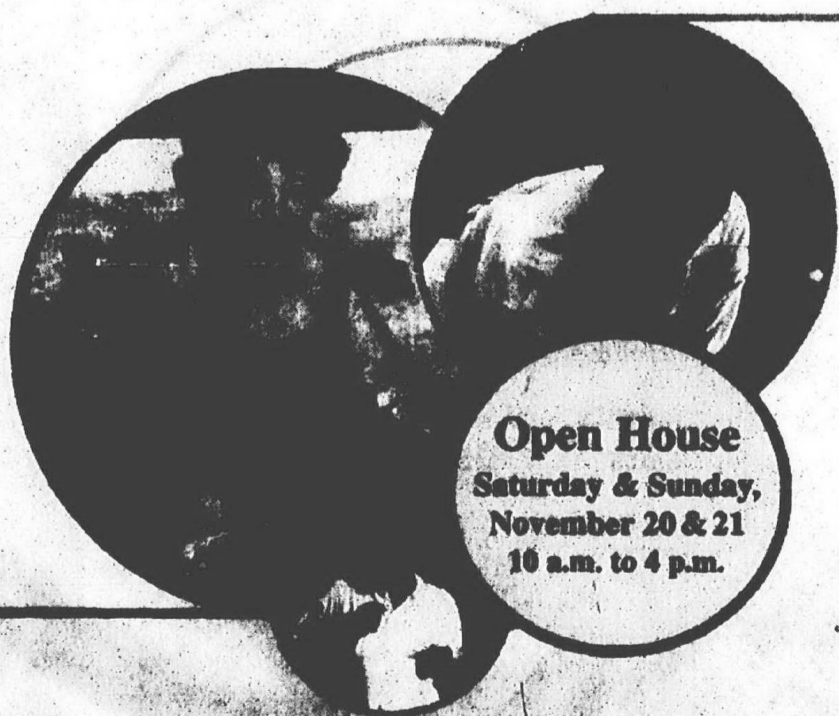
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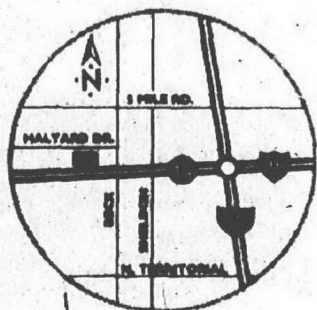
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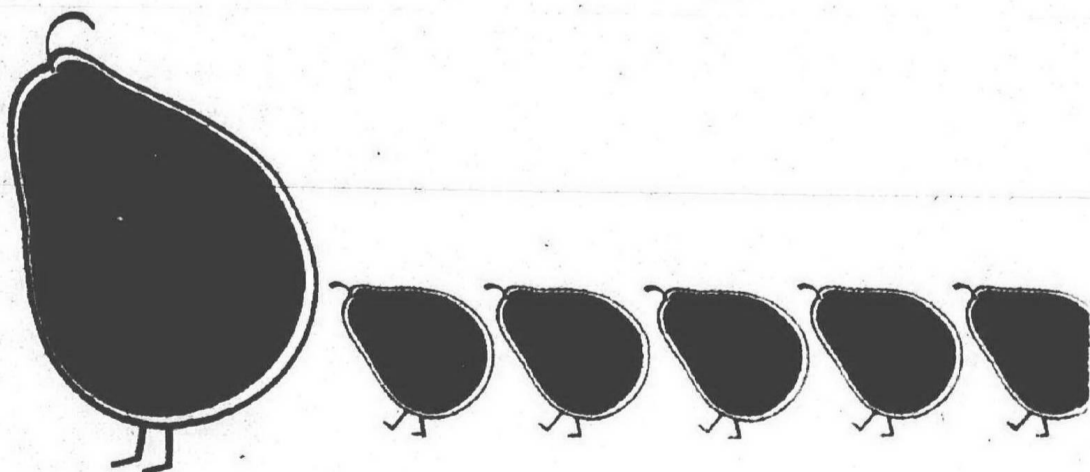
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Aggies oust Agape

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In the final analysis, Redford St. Agatha simply had more options to call upon. Bigger ones, too.

Canton Agape Christian tried to offset the Aggies overwhelming size advantage with superior quickness, but the Wolverines simply couldn't win without an inside offense. St. Agatha prevailed in this Class D district final, 41-33, advancing to the regional semifinal against Adrian Lenawee Christian at 8 p.m. Monday at Potterville.

"Certainly, they were much bigger than us," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, his team finishing with a 19-3 record. "The first half was pretty good. Then Sara (Chrenko) got her third foul, and that hurt us."

St. Agatha, once-beaten champions of the Catholic League's C-D Division (22-1 overall), started a front line measuring 6-foot-3 (senior Krystol Dennis), 5-7 (senior forward Kerry Shivers) and 5-8 (sophomore Kim Dennis), with a 5-10 top sub (sophomore Jessica James).

Chrenko, a 5-9 senior, was Agape's only real sizable solution.

Indeed, through most of the first half, she was Agape's only solution. The Aggies got off to a fast start, hitting their first three shots (including a game-opening three-pointer by Kim Dennis) to build a 7-0 lead.

But the Wolverines stuck with it. With Chrenko scoring off the dribble, they closed the gap to 11-8 at the end of one quarter and pulled to within one three times in the second period.

The Aggies got back-to-back baskets from Krystol Dennis and James to pull in front by five with 2:37 left in the half, but Chrenko answered with two buckets in a 20-second span and the gap was one once again.

That's when the turning point came. Chrenko got her second foul with 1:34 left in the half, then got another on the in-bounds play, her third.

To the bench she went, taking with her 13 of the 17 points Agape had scored. St. Agatha jumped at the opening, getting four points from Krystol Dennis and three from James to close the period with a 7-0 run, making it 25-17 at the break.

"She was the one girl who could take advantage of them inside," said Henry of Chrenko's absence. "I really enjoyed



Power move: Canton Agape's Sara Chrenko (3) drives past Redford St. Agatha's Jessica James. Chrenko led all scorers with 17 points, but the Wolverines couldn't match the Aggies.

the way things were going in the first half until that time."

The third quarter was a nightmare, for both teams. St. Agatha committed 11 turnovers and made just 3-of-16 shots in the period.

But Agape couldn't take advantage. The Wolverines hit just 1-of-6 from the

floor in the quarter and had eight turnovers of their own.

Trailing 32-20 entering the final quarter, and with Chrenko now saddled with four fouls, the outlook was dim for Agape. Adding to their troubles

Please see **AGAPE HOOP, B2**

Sudik shines

Andrea Sudik, a Canton resident and Plymouth Salem HS graduate, helped her Kalamazoo College women's soccer team reach national prominence this past season.

The senior midfielder scored three goals and assisted on two others for the Hornets, who finished the season ranked 19th in the NCAA Division III, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Kalamazoo was 16-3 overall and finished first in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with an 8-0 mark. Six of the Hornets 11 shutouts occurred in MIAA play. Sudik scored all of her goals against conference foes.

Kalamazoo reached the final in the NCAA III Great Lakes Regional, where it lost 2-1 to Wheaton College Nov. 5.

Wildcats perfect

The Plymouth Wildcats soccer team swept to the title in the under-14 boys Green Division of the Western Suburban Soccer League, posting an 8-0 record. Other league teams are from Livonia, Farmington, Northville and South Lyon.

The Wildcats outscored their opponents, 31-6. Forwards Justin Bailey, Casey Johnson and Roth Notebaert provided most of the scoring punch, combining for 17 goals on the season. Jason Burke, Mike Jahn and Eric Neimiec also contributed their share of goals.

The midfield was led by Nick Rowe, Jason Volstromer, Steve Hogg and Mike Shea. P.J. Sullivan was outstanding in goal, while defenders Nick Nazradi, Jason Cepela, Alex Grutter and Mark Pikulski kept opposing teams at bay. Marcus Jones and Matt Sullivan made valuable contributions at multiple positions.

The Wildcats were coached by George Shea and Pat Sullivan.

Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club will have open registration for its spring season from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the lower level meeting room at the Canton Township Hall.

The league is open to boys and girls, five to 19 years-old. Costs range from \$45 to \$100, depending on age and division, and is due at time of registration.

Registration forms are available at the Summit at Heritage Park. For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

Used sports sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.

Those with items to sell may bring them to the clubhouse between 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for sale on Dec. 4.

Volunteers will be on hand to do all of the selling; those with items to sell need not be present. Those who have had items sold can collect the money or the unsold items between 1-2 p.m. Dec. 4 (those doing the selling keep 15 percent).

For further information, call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 5 p.m. Nov. 29.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Scene may send them to Sports Editor, C.J. Risak, 30221 Compuware, Livonia, MI, 48150, or by FAX (734) 952-7276.

Tri-fecta! Rocks win district

BY ED WRIGHT
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Trey-mendous.

That's the word that best describes Plymouth Salem's offensive performance in Friday night's 44-36 victory over Northville in the Class A District Final game played at Novi High School.

The Rocks, who improved to 21-1, buried six long-range treys against Northville's sagging — and staggered — defense. Consequently, the barrage of three-pointers buried any chances the Mustangs had of advancing in the state tournament.

Fittingly, Salem's top gunner was senior guard Lindsay Klemmer, who fired in 18 points. Klemmer's uniform

number is 3.

The Rocks' Tiffany Grubaugh also shined from behind the arc as nine of her 16 points were the result of three-pointers.

Salem will play Birmingham Marian in Monday night's Regional Tournament opener at Birmingham Groves High School. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. Marian defeated Oak Park, 55-51, in its district final Friday night.

"We've shot the three-point shot well all season, and tonight was no exception," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I think our good shooting was a by-

product of our strong defensive effort. We forced a lot of turnovers and got good looks at the basket as a result.

"Klem had an awesome district tournament for us. She has been on fire shooting the ball, and she hit the big shots for us tonight."

Salem's patented in-your-face defense was in rare form against the Mustangs Friday night. Once they crossed half-court, Northville's guards were greeted by a level of tenaciousness that would make any pit bull proud.

"I thought the pressure their guards put on our guards was the key," assessed Northville coach Pete Wright. "Their quickness makes it difficult to

Please see **SALEM HOOP, B3**



Madonna-bound: Salem standout Christen Shull was a defensive demon for the Rocks last spring, earning a spot on the all-state team as a junior.

Top recruit Salem's Shull signs with Madonna

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Success can be epidemical, spreading like a bad cold through a school room full of grade-schoolers. At least that's a theory coaches cling to.

At Madonna University, women's soccer coach Rick Larson is providing proof to that theory. In the first year of the program — 1998 — the team struggled, winning just three games. But in the just-completed 1999 campaign, the Lady Crusaders won 14 games and advanced to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference final before losing.

Banking on that belief that success breeds success, Larson attacked the off-season recruiting period with one major goal: "We set out to bring in a couple of big-time players."

Last week, Larson figures he did just that when he signed Plymouth Salem senior Christen Shull.

A sweeper for most of her junior season at Salem, Shull was instrumental in guiding the Rocks to an upset of Plymouth Canton in the state district final last spring. Her efforts earned her all-state and all-Western Lakes Activities Association — as well as all-Observer — honors.

"She's the kind of player we need to take this program where we want it to go," said Larson. "She's the

kind of player we need to get better."

And that would include any position. Indeed, Shull wasn't recruited to fill a specific need; indeed, according to Larson, "I don't even know if she'll play in back."

Shull has displayed an ability to play just about anywhere. At Salem last season, her skills at sweeper made the Rocks one of the best teams in the area defensively. But when needed, she also switched to marking back, frustrating scorers like Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell and Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Gusick.

As strong as Shull was defensively, Larson — who also serves as her Olympic Development Program coach — was equally impressed with her offensive skills.

"I think she'll help us the most with her ability to go forward," the Madonna coach said. "That's where we struggled the most, getting offensive support from our defense. Christen has speed and has shown an ability to strike the ball."

For Shull, going to Madonna means an opportunity

Please see **SHULL SIGNS, B5**

Chiefs jolt Wyandotte

It took just 21 seconds.

In the first 8:22 of the third period in Thursday's opening round of the Redford Tournament, Wyandotte Roosevelt re-established itself as a longtime member of the prep hockey ranks.

The Bears' Nick Williamson scored twice in that span, capping their comeback from a 2-0 deficit against that newcomer, the upstart Plymouth Canton squad — in its first year of play and in only its second game ever.

Williamson's second goal knotted it at 2-2, giving Wyandotte what would seem a firm grip on the momentum — a grip that lasted just 21 seconds.

It took that long for the Chiefs to reassume control, Brad Wolfe knocked in his second goal of the game at the 8:54 mark, assisted by Sean Depp, and Canton made it stand up as the game-winner for 4-3 triumph.

The win gave the Chiefs a 2-0 record and a berth in the Redford Tournament final opposite Redford Unified, which defeated Plymouth Salem 8-2 in Thursday's second game. The title game was played last night (see Thursday's Observer for results).

The Chiefs built a 3-0 advantage, getting a first-period goal from Jeremy Majszak (Ryan McCabe and John Beckstans assisted) and adding two more in the second, from Wolfe (assisted by Depp) and Brian Marsh (unassisted).

The Bears' Derrick Servecki narrowed the gap to 3-1 before the end of the second period, putting Wyandotte's comeback in motion — one that Canton goalie Ryan Zeilinski controlled.

In the second game, Redford got three goals and two assists in its season-opener from Kevin Moodie and two goals and an assist from Bill McSween in handing Salem its second-straight loss.

First-period goals by McSween and Moodie put RU ahead, but the Rocks did manage to trim that to 2-1 on a goal by Mark Nagel. All three were scored in the game's first four minutes.

Four unanswered second-period goals put Redford in command, Jon Duke, McSween, Cody Bartlett and Moodie found the net for RU.

Goals by Moodie and Nick Ostrowski increased Redford's lead to 8-1 in the third period. Steve Nagel, who assisted on his brother's first-period goal, scored on an assist from Andrew Peters in the third period. Steve Lyons also had an assist for the Rocks.

RU assists went to Bartlett, Erik Wurn, Brad Geistler, Brad Johnson (two), Dave Sellin, Brad Johnson, Kyle Robertson and Nick Slayden.

Ian Hannan was in goal for RU. Scott Stukel played goal for Salem.

4th-quarter rally lifts Jays over Blazers

By Steve Hines
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When he cracked at Detroit Cooley, Ben Kelso captured three consecutive boys state championships (1997-99).

But Friday night's stunning 45-44 district final win at Livonia Ladywood probably brought a bigger smile to his face.

With his daughter Jennifer leading the way with 16 points and Safiyah Bibbins adding 14 points (all in the first half), the Blue Jays won their first district girls basketball title of the decade.

"It's been a lot of years since this happened — over 12 years," said Kelso, whose team improved to 21-1 overall and will face Dearborn Fordson in the regional semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Monday at Ladywood. "The kids wanted it so bad and I wanted it so bad for them."

"You have to understand these girls all grew up in the same community and

have known each other since they were 8 years old."

Ladywood, the Catholic League runner-up and winner of the last two districts, bowed out as 18-7 overall.

The Blazers led 17-9 after one quarter and didn't relinquish the lead until 5:26 left in the final period when Kelso, a 5-foot-11 senior, scored inside to make it 30-28.

Southfield then stretched the lead to five, 45-40, on a basket by Bibbins (after a steal) and a short baseline jumper by freshman Kineta Taylor.

After a free throw by Jazmine Williamson put Southfield ahead 45-43, Ladywood drew back to 45-44 with 17 seconds remaining on an inside bucket by Liz Obrecht.

With 16 seconds to go, Ladywood fouled Moore, who missed the front end

of a one-and-one. But Blazers turned the ball back over on a steal by Bibbins.

With 2.5 seconds remaining, Bibbins stepped to the line and missed the front end of another one-on-one.

Obrecht snared the rebound and passed the ball up court, but Kristen Barnes' desperation three-point attempt did not hit the rim, sending the Blue Jays' fans into a wild celebration.

"We had a three-minute drought where we missed wide-open layups and open jumpers that we normally make," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "When we didn't make those, it gave their team an opportunity to come back."

Ladywood shot itself in the foot with seven fourth-quarter turnovers, many unforgotten after getting Southfield to cough up the ball.

"When we needed to get the ball back, we'd come back down and throw it away, which is uncharacteristic of this team," Gorski said. "I think we pan-

icked. Maybe our heads weren't in it for some reason."

Melissa Harakas, who made the Blazers' only three-point shot of the night, led Ladywood with 13 points.

Sister Michelle, hampered by a sprained ankle and bloody nose, finished with 10. Obrecht, the 6-2 sophomore center, contributed nine points and 11 rebounds.

"During the season we were fortunate to hit those three-point shots in close games and tonight we got good looks, we just didn't make them," Gorski said.

Southfield, meanwhile, overcame some adversity of its own.

Bibbins, a 5-9 senior, sprained her ankle just before the end of the first half, but later returned. Kelso also hit her head on the floor midway through the final quarter and was wobbly.

And to make matters worse, Moore, the team's primary ball handler, was saddled with four second-half fouls.

That prompted Kelso to revert to a

semi-delay game with 5:16 to go.

"We were hurt, tired and we wanted to get the game to the end," Kelso said. "I instructed who was going to shoot."

"Jennifer said, 'Don't take me out.' And Bibbins told me, 'I can hurt tomorrow, put me back in.'"

Each team had 17 turnovers.

Ladywood shot 16 of 43 from the floor (37 percent), while Southfield made 17 of 39 (43.5 percent).

Victory, however, couldn't have tasted any better for Kelso and his girls.

"Because of my daughter, these girls have virtually lived at my house the last two years," Kelso said. "They spend a lot of time with each other and have parties together. We've tried to get a family-type attitude among the kids and it's been nice."

And asked if this victory was better than any of his three state titles at Cooley, Kelso put it simply: "You're right."

Agape hoop from page B1

were the defensive clamps applied by Kristen Rogers on the Wolves' standout point guard, Amy Henry.

"We knew coming in they had a couple of outstanding guards," said St. Agatha coach Tim Szakal. "Rogers just did a great job on their point guard, Amy Henry. She forced her to make some mistakes."

Indeed, Henry was scoreless through 3 1/3 quarters. Then, suddenly, without warning, the diminutive guard caught fire. She nailed a three-pointer from the corner to trim a 12-point deficit to 36-27 with 2:35 left.

Thirty seconds later, Henry was fouled on a three-point try; she made all three free throws, and the score was 36-30.

A miss by the Aggies gave the ball back to Agape, and Henry hit again from three-point range. With 1:40 remaining, the Wolverines were within three.

"We made it interesting," said Szakal. "It builds character, I guess."

The Aggies found an answer, and it was in the area they dominated. Agape fouled three times

in the final 1:07, and although the Aggies converted just one of the six free throws, twice they rebounded the misses, getting a basket from Kim Dennis on one of those.

"You take away the baskets they scored on free throws and out-of-bounds plays, and we outscore them," said Henry.

Szakal didn't argue. "We beat them off the glass," he said. "They were getting their shots in the first quarter, but they weren't getting any second or third shots."

"We controlled the glass."

Chrenko's 17 points led all scorers. Henry added nine for Agape, but no one else had more than three.

St. Agatha certainly enjoyed better balance. Krystal Dennis led with 14 points; James totaled 12 and Kim Dennis had 10.

Agape 42, PCA 31: After a low-scoring first quarter, Canton Agape Christian erupted to outscore host Plymouth Christian Academy 27-17 over the next two in advancing to the

Class D district final.

Sara Chrenko led Agape with 14 points. Amy Henry added 10. Krystal Marti's 10 points and eight rebounds topped PCA; Laura Clark scored nine.

"Their aggressive defense held us down," said Eagles' coach Rod Windle. "Defensively they did a good job."

PCA finishes its season at 8-14.

On Tuesday, the Eagles got out of the gate quickly and rolled to a district-opening 50-24 victory over Dearborn Fairlane Christian at PCA.

Clark led PCA with 14 points; he also had five assists. Heather Vargo contributed 10 points and seven steals, and Kallie Gross scored 11 points.

Vargo nailed four-straight shots from the floor to pace the Eagles in the first quarter, as they outscored Fairlane 18-7. They increased their lead to 27-11 by halftime and to 41-17 after three quarters.

Latina Jones' nine points was best for Fairlane, which finished at 5-16.



Not this time: The Canton Agape bench, including coach Chuck Henry (left), reflects the feelings of frustration as a 4th-quarter comeback falls short.

Poor 2nd half proves costly to Ocelots

Schoolcraft College is 1-1 after a pair of games in the College of Southern Idaho Classic.

The Ocelots fell Friday to the host school from Twin Falls, Id.,

122-93, as William Parker and Matt Seibrant scored 24 and 22 points, respectively.

SC trailed 55-50 at halftime, then was outscored 67-43 in the

second half.

Four Ocelots scored in double figures: Quentin Mitchell (18), Lamar Bigby (16), Robert Brown (15) and Reggie Kirkland (13).

Brown, the Central Michigan transfer, grabbed nine rebounds.

On Thursday, Brown scored 20 points to lead Schoolcraft to a 93-85 victory over Casper (Wyo.) in the opener.

Bigby added 16, Mitchell had 13, while Kirkland 12 and Mike Williams came off the bench to score 12 apiece.

Brown also had 15 rebounds and three assists. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Bigby had four assists each.

Schoolcraft held a 56-45 half-time lead on 51 percent shooting. The Ocelots shot just 37 percent in the second half.

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Bad start

Whalers lose road-trip opener

Preston Mizzi scored twice Thursday night to help the Peterborough Petes get the Plymouth Whalers' three-game weekend road trip off to a poor start with a 4-1 loss.

Justin Williams notched the lone Whalers' goal, his 11th of the season, at 9:29 of the third period. Stephen Weiss and Eric Goody drew the assists on the score, which made it 3-1.

Mizzi scored his eighth and ninth goals of the season in the first and third periods. In between, Marcel Rodman and Adam Dewan scored for the Petes.

Peterborough held a 49-25 edge in shots on goal. Rob Zepp played in goal for Plymouth.

The Whalers outshot the Petes, 15-12, in the first period but Peterborough wore Plymouth down and held a 20-4 edge in shots on goal in the second period and 17-6 in the third.

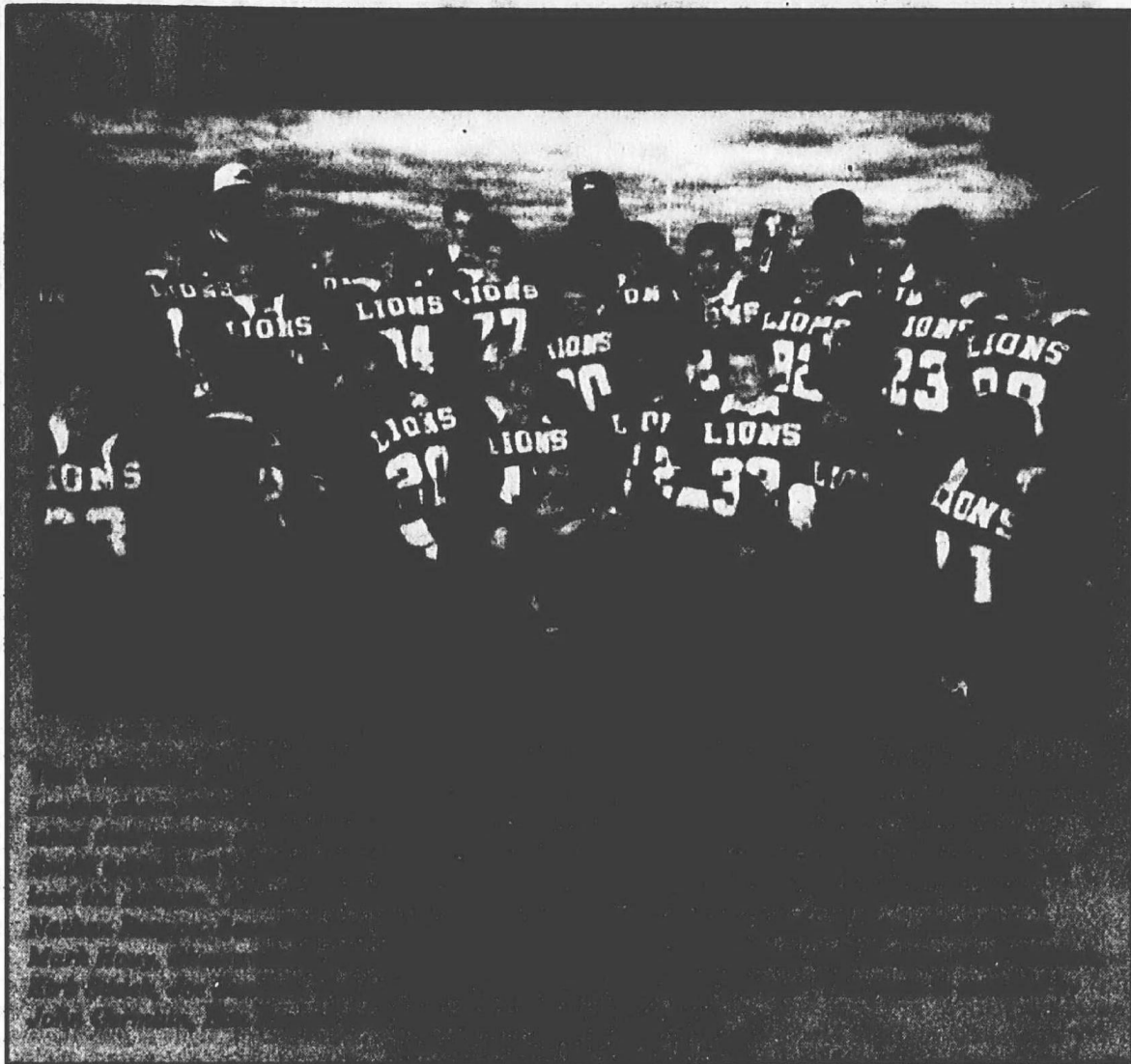
Plymouth played at Kingston on Friday night and in Ottawa today.

O'Dea sparks Blazers
Senior center Katie O'Dea

scored all four goals Friday night, three of them in the final period, to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 4-3 victory over Grosse Pointe North in a Women's Michigan Metro High School Hockey League contest at Fraser.

The score was tied, 1-1, after one period but North scored the only two goals of the second period to take a 3-1 lead into the final session.

Mickie Fallon had two assists, as did Sarah Sharp, as the Blazers won their opener. Megan Shefferly was in goal for the Blazers.



Shull signs from page B1

to play in a winning program right away, one that's building rapidly toward national prominence.

"They have a great program," she said, "and they have a great coach. They've been getting bet-

ter, that's for sure."

Most important, the school offers something Shull is very interested in. "They have a very good physical training program, which is what I want to study," she said.

"They're just doing some great things."

Larson hopes with Shull's addition, and perhaps a few others close to her ability, Madonna will be doing even greater things in the not-to-distant future.

Salem hoop from page B1

get the ball inside."

Waiting for the ball inside for the Mustangs were six-foot-plus forwards Meredith and Janel Hasse, and 5-foot-11 center Kate Hammond. True to Thomann's pre-game strategy, the triple towers didn't touch the ball as often as Wright would have liked.

"Our plan going in was to try and take away the passes over our guards' heads, and to front their post players," Thomann said. "I think we did a good job of that."

The Rocks' rotating guard quartet of Klemmer, Kelly Jaskot, Katie Kelly and Monica Mair was instrumental in forcing 21 Northville turnovers and holding the Mustangs without a point in the game-deciding third quarter.

A Klemmer steal and layup

gave Salem its biggest first-half lead, 23-15, with 3:15 left. However, just when it looked like the Rocks would take a semi-comfortable lead into the intermission, the Mustangs, led by Janel Hasse inside and Emily Carbott outside, cut the deficit to 23-22 with 25 seconds to go.

Salem milked the first-half clock down to two seconds before Dawn Allen took a perfect pass from Jaskot in the lane and hit a soft 10-foot jump shot at the buzzer to give the Rocks a slim 25-22 halftime lead.

Salem's defense shined in the third quarter, an eight-minute period in which Northville chalked up more turnovers (six) than shots (five).

Klemmer sank one of two free throws with 3:48 left in the game to give Salem its biggest lead of the night, 37-28.

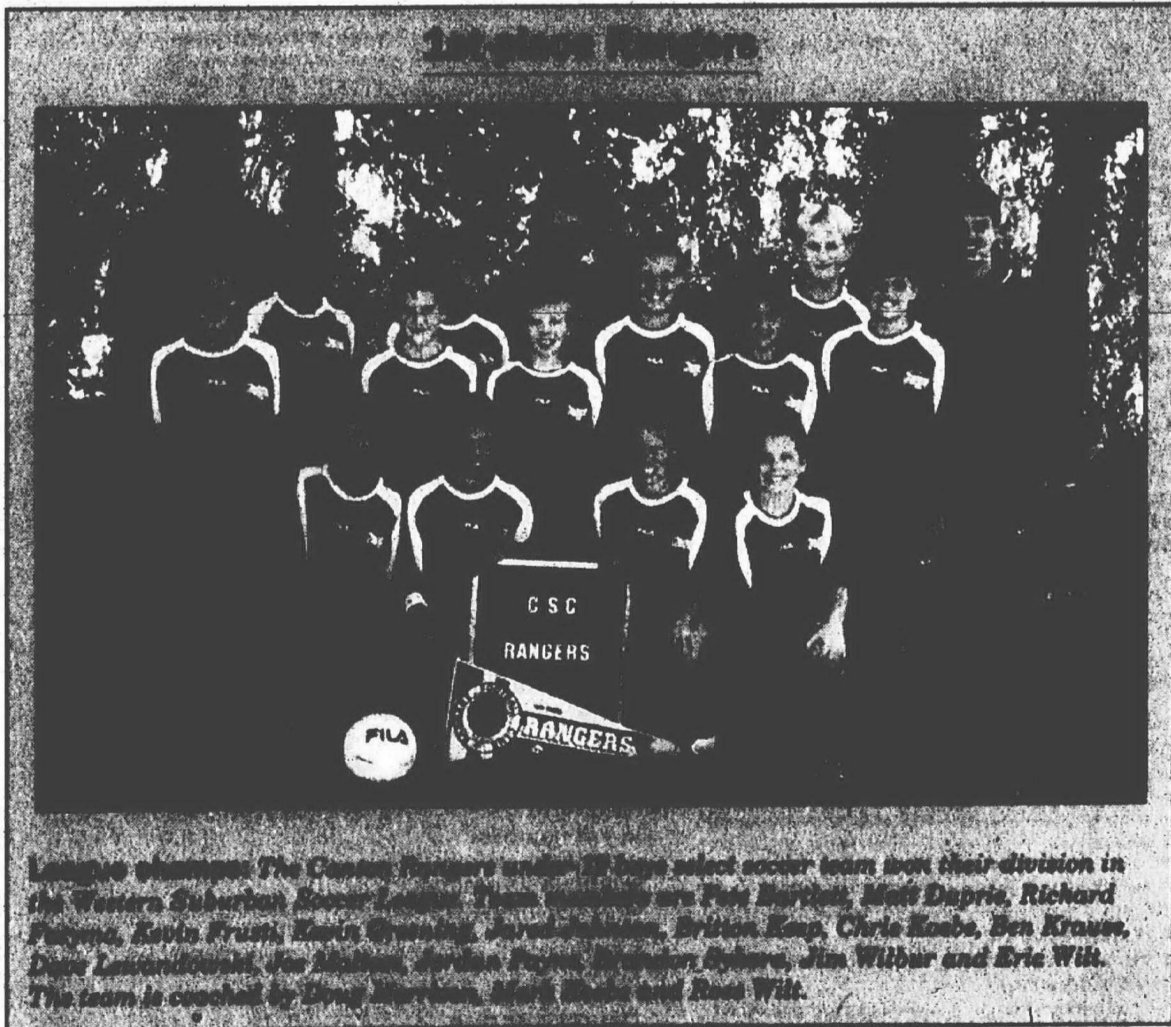
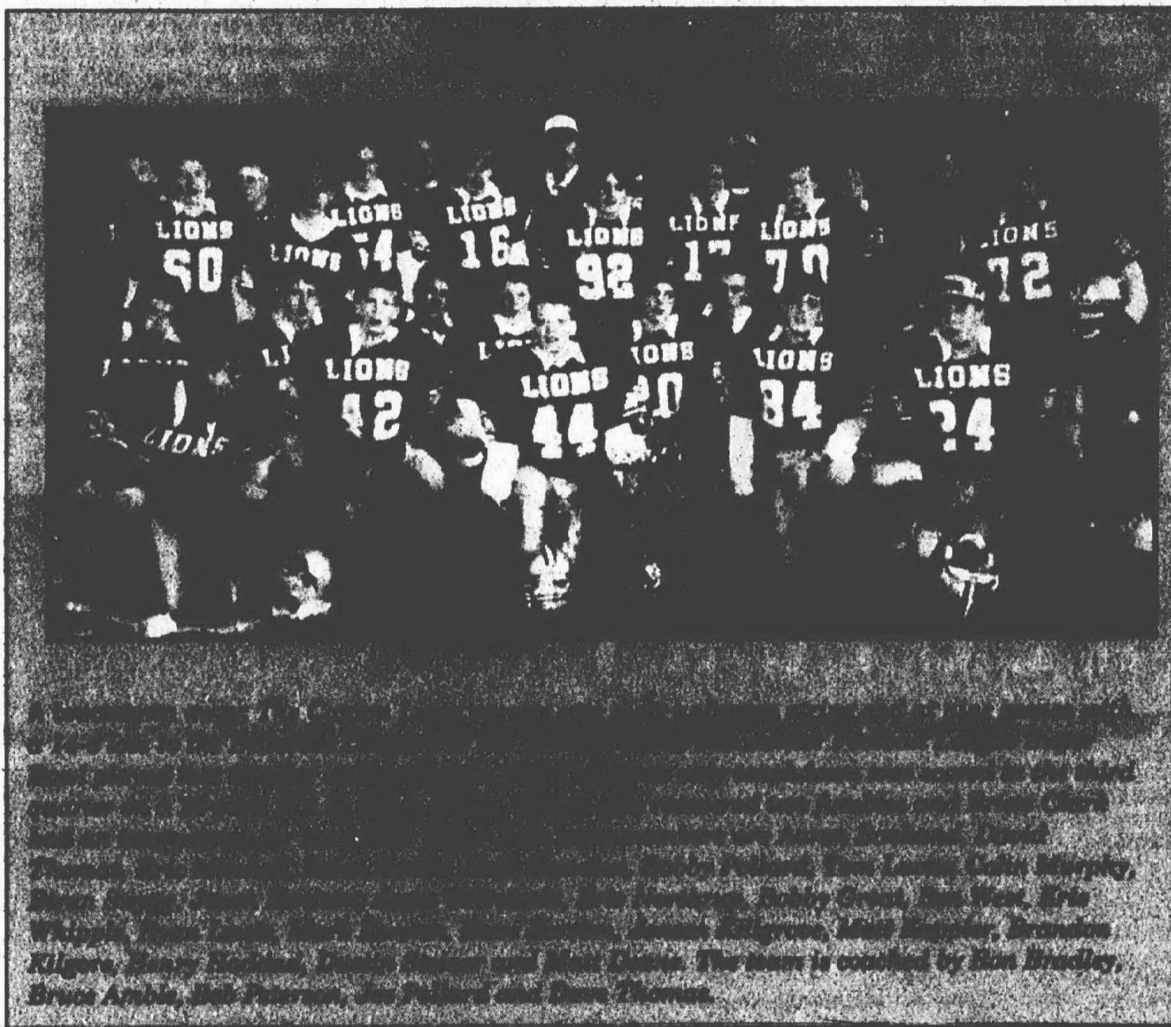
Salem played keep-away over the game's final three minutes, forcing the exasperated Mustangs to commit a series of clock-stopping fouls. The Rocks were up to the task, however, sinking 11-of-16 free throws in the final quarter.

Jaskot scored only 2 points — both free throws — but she hauled in five rebounds and had four assists.


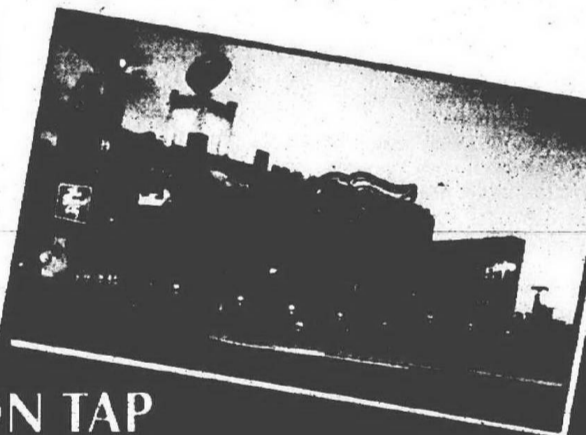
Salem's effort was especially impressive considering one of its main components — senior Bree Pastalanic — sat out most of the game due to foul trouble.

Janel Hasse led Northville with 17 points, 12 of which came from the line. Carbott added nine and Meredith Hasse contributed seven.

Salem converted 13-of-27 shots from the field. Northville made just 10-of-31 field goal attempts.



Livonia's Livonia Ladywood won the Women's Michigan Metro High School Hockey League contest at Fraser. The team is coached by Coach Mike Fallon.

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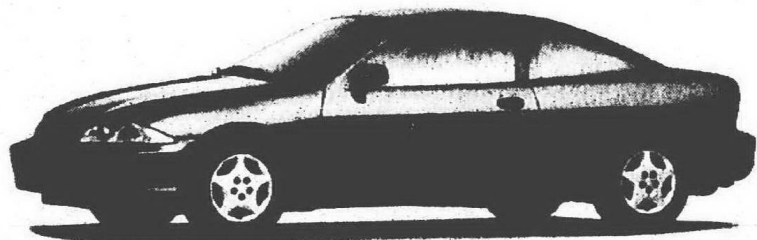
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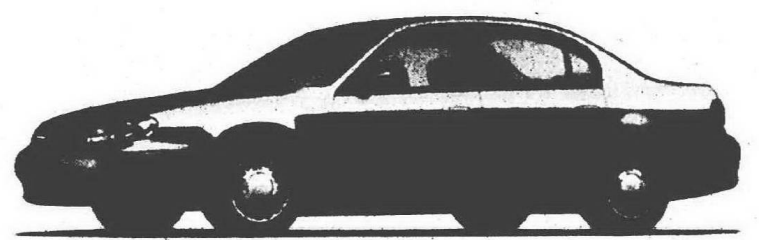
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DUCK
Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK
Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GOOSE
A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

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FLY TYING
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MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPIANS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at

Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (610) 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. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 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.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leader-

ship, 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.

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The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

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PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
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1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

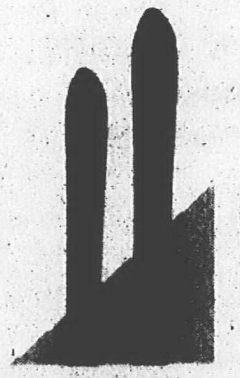


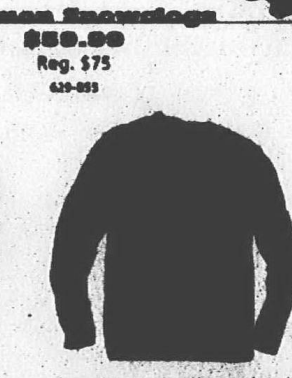

FRIENDS OF FEATHERS
Join the nature center's new club for ages 8-12. Each meeting includes indoor and outdoor nature activities. Cost is \$4 and advanced registration is required. The next meetings will be held 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday Nov. 27, at Independence Oaks. (To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

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Wings get better of CC

The Detroit Red Wings' Alumni Team, including retired players Lee Norwood, Dennis Hextall, Alex Delvecchio, beat Redford Catholic Central in the Shamrocks' season opener on Friday at Redford Ice Arena. CC led 2-1 after one period before three unanswered goals by the Wings' Alumni left the Shamrocks trailing 4-2 after two periods. CC added a goal to make it close in the third. Brandon Kaleniecki, Jason McDonald and Jim Splewak scored for CC. Rick Buttery collected an assist on Kaleniecki's goal and the other two goals were unassisted. Ben Dunne, Andy McCoy and Daryl Bridges played in net for the

Shamrocks. Stevenson 4, Wyandotte 2: Livonia Stevenson got a pair of goals and one assist from All-Stater Mark Nebus Wednesday at Edgar Arena to beat non-league foe Wyandotte Roosevelt, a member of the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League. Stevenson led 2-0 after two periods. Nebus scored at 3:06 of the opening period from Jason Gildersleeve and Bryan Dery. Dave Bonello made it 2-0 at 11:05 of the second period on assists from Mark Blazok and Nebus. Nebus gave Stevenson a three-goal cushion at 5:34 from Alex Piotrowski and Dery.

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Wanted: deer heads Plant seeds disperse in different ways

As an estimated 750,000 hunters make their preparations for the 1999 firearm deer season which began Nov. 15, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a simple message for deer hunters who will be hunting in the northern Lower Peninsula: "We need deer heads."

The request is part of the state's overall strategy to eradicate bovine tuberculosis from Michigan.

So far during the 1999 hunting season, seven deer, all females, taken in Alcona, Alpena and Oscoda counties, have tested positive.

All the animals were taken in the original five-county TB management area (now Deer Management Unit 452), established after the disease was found in a 4-year-old male whitetail shot in Alpena County in 1994.

This year, TB surveillance has been expanded to include Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties.

"If you hunt in the 20-county area listed, bring your harvested deer to a DNR check station for a free examination that will be performed at our Rose Lake Laboratory in East Lansing," said Rebecca Humphries, DNR Wildlife Bureau chief.

"We're hoping to examine the heads of between 300 and 1,000 deer from each county."

Heads of bucks and does are needed for laboratory examination because the lymph nodes located in the head near the base of the neck are used to determine if the deer has TB. Half-year-old deer will not be tested.

Deer with severe TB may have tan or yellow lumps lining the chest wall, but more than 60 percent of bovine TB-positive deer do not have these visible lesions in the chest cavity.

Hunters who see a deer with this type of infection should contact the DNR so the entire carcass can be examined.

DNR personnel at the check stations will be able to remove the head.

Hunters may cut off the head by removing it behind the first cervical vertebrae (about three to four inches behind the corner of the jaw). Deer heads can be tested with antlers removed.

All DNR check stations will accept deer heads for TB testing, but the following locations have been set up to handle the bulk of the collection:

Alpena (517) 358-0146; Cadillac (231) 775-9727; Atlanta (517) 785-4252; Evert (231) 734-5840; Bellaire (231) 533-8341; Kalkaska (231) 258-2711; Curran (517) 826-3211; Traverse City (231) 922-5280; Gaylord (517) 732-3541; Grayling (517) 348-6371; Houghton Lake (517) 422-6572; Indian River (231) 238-9313; Bay City (517) 684-9141; Lincoln (517) 736-8336; Gladwin (517) 426-9205; Mio (517) 826-3211; Harrison (517) 539-8411; Onaway (517) 785-4252; Napanauquing Point (517) 697-5101; Peellston (231) 538-8564; Standish (517) 846-4104; Aosh (517) 785-4252; Rifle River (517) 473-2258; Roscommon (517) 275-5151; Tawas Point (517) 362-504; and West Branch (517) 345-0472.

Before traveling to a specific field office or check station, telephone first to confirm the location and hours. The schedule is available on the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us.

For more information regarding the TB testing program, call the DNR Rose Lake Laboratory at (517) 373-9358.

On field trips with students I often stop at some of the wild flowers that have turned to seed and discuss the number of seeds produced and how the seeds disperse.

One technique that young students enjoy is blowing the seeds through the air after I drop them from above. Some students chase the seeds down the trail to keep them from landing on the ground.

Many seeds develop parachute like structures which allows them to be transported by the wind.

Milkweed seeds, for example, develop inside an enclosed pod. After the seeds mature, the dried pod splits open and each seed is

attached to fluffy, white, silky strands that serve as a parachute when caught by the wind.

Swamp milkweed and butterfly weed, other members of the milkweed family have the same kind of seed dispersal structures.

Milkweeds have very large sailing structures, but the same principle is true with the seeds produced by goldenrod.

Not too long ago the fields were spotted with yellow goldenrods of many different species. Monarch butterflies depend on their nectar as a food source during their migration.

Goldenrod is also the plant often accused of causing hay fever. It is not the culprit.

Now that the goldenrod seeds have matured, the flower remains have a very fuzzy look to them.

That fuzzy appearance comes from the small parachute structures attached to each seed. As

the wind blows through the fields, it dislodges these seeds and may carry seeds from field to field.

Not all will germinate into a new plant, but the chances of some seeds surviving to grow is very good. Plants produce excessive numbers of seeds in the hopes that a few will survive.

My son and I walked off the beaten path this past weekend and walked through some goldenrod and queen-annes lace.

Though the goldenrod seeds may not be designed for sticking to clothing, the fleeces we were wearing was soft enough for the seeds to get stuck in.

Queen-annes lace seeds have tiny spines on them and easily attached to our soft coats. It took a lot of vacuuming to get most of them out of the material.

Birds feeding on the seeds of queen-annes lace will get some seeds stuck in their feathers.

Deer walking through the

fields will dislodge goldenrod seeds for the wind to carry and they will have some seeds stick to their fur. Some of these seeds will be deposited in an area suitable for growth, but many will be eaten.

Finding tiny plant seeds on the ground is almost impossible for you and I, but small mammals and birds have senses and structures that allow them to find and feed on these seeds.

Both birds and mammals are much closer to the ground to see some of the fallen seeds. Many birds perch directly on the old flower head and eat the seeds before they leave the plant.

Even mice can climb onto some plants, but get most seeds after they have fallen to the ground.

Next time you leave the beaten path, be careful not to wear clothes that are too soft and fuzzy, and think about all the seeds produced from the profusion of plant you walk through.

DNR has a message for deer hunters: safety 1st

Although Michigan continues to be one of the safest places to hunt white-tailed deer in North America, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is urging all hunters to continue to emphasize safety first when they hunt this fall.

Michigan has more land open to public hunting than any state in the eastern half of the United States. During the 16-day firearm deer season, Nov. 15-30, nearly 750,000 hunters will spend tens of millions of hours afield hunting white-tailed deer.

Last year, nearly half of all hunting-related incidents, including one fatality, involved self-inflicted injuries.

The remainder, including

three fatalities, were attributed to violations of the law and/or safety practices.

In two of the hunting-related fatalities, neither victim was wearing hunter orange.

Hunters can take simple, practical measures to avoid becoming an accident statistic:

- Wear hunter orange - a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear. This color is highly visible to other hunters but not to deer. Wearing hunter orange is not only a good idea - it's required by law.
- Know where your hunting partners are at all times before shooting. A large percentage of hunting accidents involve members of the same hunting party.
- Be sure of your target and beyond.

If in doubt - don't shoot.

- Handle firearms safely - handle every firearm as if it were loaded. Keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe direction, your finger off the trigger and the safety on until ready to shoot.
- Never load your firearm before you are ready. When traveling to and from your hunting blind, take down or have your actions open, and always carry your firearms unloaded in their cases.
- Respect the rights of landowners. Request permission to hunt on private lands - it's the law.

In 1998, tree stands were involved in six of the reported accidents; four hunters were injured while climbing up to, or down from, their elevated platform with a loaded firearm. Deer

hunters electing to hunt from elevated platforms this fall should observe the following rules of safe tree stand hunting:

- Practice setting up your stand and safety equipment at ground level first. Remember, only portable stands are allowed on public land and screw-in steps are prohibited on public land.
- Make sure all equipment is in good working order.
- Always use a safety belt and/or harness.
- Always use a haul line when raising or lowering your firearm. Lower equipment into a safe position - not directly in your line of descent.
- Always unload your firearm before pulling it up to, or lowering it from, an elevated platform.

Big comeback lets Westland bowler take prize

A happy Thanksgiving to all of the bowling enthusiasts who read this column.

Sometimes we bowlers have more turkeys when we get three strikes in a row. Some of the automatic scorers light up the screen with the turkey graphics signifying a string of three or more strikes. Many leagues offer up special turkey prizes to the higher shooters of the day.

Bring your own stuffing.

A new monthly tournament was born Nov. 13 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. The inaugural event is put on by the Blue Ribbon Group of independently owned bowling centers with added sponsorship from Brunswick Bowling and Bacardi USA.

A \$2,000 guaranteed first prize attracted a good turnout of scratch bowlers. The top 17 entrants cashed in.

It turned out to be a great day for Donald Parks of Westland as he prevailed through some tough matches to take home the \$2,000

first prize.

Parks was the No. 1 qualifier as he stroked games of 279-247-268 for a 794 series to beat out Matt Dalley (740) of Plymouth and Vern Flowers (718) of West Bloomfield.

Others who cashed in included Alan Wegela, Ed Dudek and Jim Vincentini, all of Livonia; Dennis Berryman and Steve Caris, both of Canton; Candace Brower and Mike Surdyk, both of Redford.

The six quarterfinalists were: Flowers vs Dalley; Wegela vs. Craig Morga; Parks vs. Berryman.

Dalley, Wegela and Parks then advanced to the finals with a bye for Dalley, as Parks and Wegela battled it out.

Wegela had the match in hand with a lead going into the 10th frame, but it disappeared when he left an 8-10 split on a pocket hit.

Parks prevailed, 203-194.

The final match was an apparent cakewalk for Dalley as he enjoyed a 34-pin lead after five frames.

Parks had a turkey, while Dalley missed a spare as the match became a real good dog-fight with Dalley having a slight lead.

His lead disappeared when he let a nasty split (2-4-8-10) in the 10th, leaving the door open for Parks to walk away with the tournament title by two pins, 192-190.

Nobody likes splits except when they happen to your opponent.

The two final games were both decided by splits which helped Parks reach the winners circle.

The next Blue Ribbon scratch tournament will be next month at Westland Bowl.

•Has bowling gone to the dogs? Or perhaps to the cats, too?

The 10th annual Tail Waggers Bowl at Woodland Lanes in Livonia and Milford Lanes was held recently to raise funds for the Michigan Humane Society in their efforts to fund the Cruelty Investigation/Rescue Division.

When the bowlers had finished with their pledges and donations, they had raised an astonishing amount of \$50,418.

The grand prize was a 19-inch Zenith color stereo TV, awarded to the highest donor.

There were many other prizes and this again proved to be a successful fund raising event.

Top finisher: Donald Parks of Westland (center), pictured here with Michael Capaldi (left) and Dawn Goodyear, came from 34 pins behind after five frames to claim top prize at Mayflower Lanes.



- Men's Bowls (Livonia)**
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Sara Brodhun, 235; Sue Harsted, 225; Joyce Gradinscak, 220; Beth Carpenter, 578; Karen Milligan, 564.
Big Ten: Angie McFarland, 295.
Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
L.E.A. Mixed: Jim Bedenis, 253.
Ford Parts: Jim Jones, 300/759; Pete Rizzo, 257/693; Bob Dougherty, 279/739; Mark Wenzel, 268/700; Minh Grougan, 267/726.
Woodland Rollers: Janice Primerano, 256.
Men's Title: Kevin Muto, 279/725; Steve Hubbs, 269/749; Butch Cook, 257/743; Glenn Bradford, 268/709; John Wodarski, Jr., 268/730; Charlie Parker, 268/702.
Early Birds: Janet Chunn, 206/512; Mary Sherrer, 223/541; Kathy Janik, 547; Sue Woziak, 521; Shirley Smith, 508.
Senior House: Ken McMillan, 279/765; Gary Duarard, 269/747; Lorne Green, 268/725; David Mahaz, 279/730; Preston Smith, 298.
Midnighters: Cullen Cacicedo, 256/639; Mark Ziellinski, 258/690; Carl Kremm, 254/542; Evans Brown, 238/634; Greg Peere, 268/730.
Gay '90s (Seniors): John Nelson, 211; Norm Renaud, 224; Howard Fetherston, 257; Billie Gundlach, 203; Paul Brewer, 234.
Monday Seniors: Don Bitter, 226; John Nelson, 225; Milly Duncan, 211; Phil Insalace, 211; Mary Kay Wilhelm, 210.
G & A Auto: Mark McClusker, 259/722; George Stocks, 237/729; Doug O'Conner, 238/700.
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
St. Aldens Men: Jim Sogger, 246; Cliff Meritt, 224/608; Rich Rardar, 257/627; Mick Kowalski, 256/649; Bob Racey, 224.
Ford Motor Men: Randy Thompson, 300/790; Larry Frank, 299/722; Tony Bennett, 279/711; Brian Chuba, 278/674; Steve Zimmerman, 268/770; Bill Freeman, 264/731.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Ewald, 267/728; Carmen Allen, 279/686; Lisa Bishop, 265/701; Tina Barber-Judy, 256/696; Lisa McClenahan, 244/718.
Thursday Junior House: Al Stachaniak, 300/826; Steven Newcomer, 300/729; Derrick Jasper, 300/751; Gary Lindahl, 287/661; Dave Looker, 279/676.
Saturday Nite Special: Bruce Gnudi, 299/697.
Friday Seniors: Joe Newton, 256/224/659; Jerry Page, 249/234/665; Sam Samueloff, 247/577; Lou Gold, 237; Tony Rye, 219/215/202/636; Ed Tosh, 231/608.
Tuesday Prime Time: Charles Johnson, 243; Cliff Bugdalski, 243/683; Ali Khan, 225; Keith Jones, 221.
Bowlerettes: Sheila Bennett, 212; Colleen Baranowski, 212; Debby Sot, 208; Deborah Tosso, 220; Kathy Wezalis, 214.
Suburban Proprietors Travel (men): Paul Butler, 267/678; Bruno Di Mambro, 256/705; Jeff Bennett, 253/683; Bob Pittaway, 248; Bill Jacobs, 245.
Suburban Proprietors Travel (ladies): Shirley Steele, 245/652; Viv Waldrep, 223/580; De Jaye Jones, 222/551; Margy Brothers, 211; Helen White, 209.
Tuesday Seniors: Tony Rye, 258/231/218/707; Dan Uller, 254/647; Joe Newton, 234/211/639; Ken McDaniel, 227/202/621.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Lee Onkka, 266/220/258/744; Bob Pershing, 220/225/266/713; Ted Kress, 246/236/672; Mike Lucas, 269/685; Al Thompson, 223/243/214/680; Tony Ballarta, 259/649.
Friday Seniors: Hank Tyl, 259/679; Jack Kassaban, 244/857; Mel Albrite, 234/655; Tom Newbrough, 224/642; Gerry Zalewski, 224/638.
Plus Lanes (Plymouth)
Boroughs Men: Alex McNeilly, 279.
Waterford Men: Bob Johnson, 249/712; Dave Wegman, 278; Chuck Morris, 269/214/279/762.
Wednesday Morning Men: John Hurley, Sr., 265/260/287/812.
Sheldon Road Men: Charlie Riffe, 191/266/300/757; Dave Kowalski, 266/257/246/769; Dave Eastman, 242/237/255/734.
Plaza Men: Bruce Smith, 223/247/245/715.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: Jim Kowalski, 290/256/725; John Admittis, 248/228/2327/713; Rick Borges, 256/238/681; Don Fraser, 226/242/662; Scott Whisenand, 233/233/665; Matt Dalley, 227/276/657.
Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Joan Schmid, 244/244/210/698; Cheri Mascarello, 264/215/203/682; Kim Even, 237/257/674.
Westland Bowl
St. Mel's Men: Mike Kalem, 266/733; Mark Auty, 261/625; Jim Combs, 279/691; Mark Brooks, 288/694; Troy Taylor, 260/697.
Monday Morning Men: Danny Renberg, 247/622; Randy Kline, 238/694; Bob Roulin, 225/595.
E/O Hard Times: Ed Mitchell, Jr., 300/738; Paul Massie, 250/621; Sam Kaci, 248/633; Nadine Koenig, 235/586; Louise Cordie, 223/569; Linda Durandetto, 222/537.
E/O Double Trouble: Terry Hanley, 258/636; Tim Mayer, 227/596; David Labon, 244/616; David Misovich, 224/654.
E/O Out To Lunch Lunch: Ricky Patoc, 277/643; Matt Noel, 259/609; Michele Peterson, 245; Bill Freeman, 239/606; Gordie Summers, 220/535.
Thursday Nite Mixed: Ken Forbes, 269/670; Keith Post, 230/586; Jim Koenig, 225/547; Larry League, 225/572; Candy Bailey, 250/649.
NABCAR Trio: Lou Swindell, 267/684; Bill Eisey, 246/688; August Bell, 220/592; Dan Daddie, 211/568; Holly Stevenson, 190.
A.M. Ladies Trio: Janis Tavormina, 224/583.
Monday Morning Men: Bob Simmons, 238/630; Vernon Looney, 232/604; Pat Stover, 227/674; John Nakoneczny, 223/596; Walter Machnik, 223/588.
Westland Champ: Sunday Gains, 235/605; Angela McAllister, 218; Cathy Franczak, 207/578; Candy Loschiavo, 200/567.
6:30 Monday Men: Jim Hammonds, 269/641; Ed Grimm, 267/619; Dick Barton, Sr., 258; Mark Perry, 255/628; Mike Gehrke, 255/655.
Sunday Sleepers: Hector Ortega, 270; John Bolden III, 269/748; David Hemming, 268/750; Paul Catalano, 268; Ron Gutowski, 268.
Tuesday Men's Invitational: Kevin Taylor, 299/640; John Paz, 278/706; John Schmidtke, 277/663; Tony LoeNli, 268/653.
Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)
Wayne-Westland Ladies: Mike Ersparmer, 275/708; Diane Duran, 199/501.
Seniors: Dorna Trost, 213; Chris Peterson, 211.
Sunday Men: Greg Solovey, 219; Joe Stalley, 246; Dick Wohlheil, 222; Cindy Vacek, 191.
Super Bowl (Garden)
Friday Fasteners (seniors): Ed Grady, 212/515; Sterg Chamlis, 223/577; Gene Wetecha, 200/572.
Monday Canton Seniors: Joe Cabrera, 211/518; Bob Makowicz, 203; Farris Barnes, 202.
Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: John Saban, 170; Ben McNulty, 200/511; Cory Calncross, 550 Saturday 11 a.m. Preps: Joe Zuga, 99.
Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Steve Woody, 166; Kyle Byrmeister, 187; Doug Reitzel, 174; Andy Siemiesz, 174.
Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Todd Schemanske, 221/575; Jon Robison, 243/659; Brian Stack, 208/551; Pat Brown, 253/636.
Saturday 11 a.m. Seniors: Kelsey Nikkila, 144; Joe Adams, 89; Ryan Clark, 138.
Saturday 9 a.m. Seniors/Preps: Jennifer Dunn, 170.
Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Casey Good, 159; Richard Duizben, 19/504; Chris Jones, 221/518.
Friday Juniors: Eric Pawlus, 244/561; Justin Bonkowski, 202; Matt Lipford, 178; Tom Johnson, 180.
Friday Majors: Steve Jacobs, 257/667; David Jacobs, 233/589; Todd Schemanske, 257/708; Jon Robison, 246/641; Steve Reitzel, 236/545; Leon Walsh, 240/596.
Friday Seniors: Lauren Peeler, 136.
Friday Preps: Jeremy Henderson, 191; Kyle Acuna, 171.
Thursday Preps: Phil Smith, 145; Sarah Clemens, 124; Nick Devitis, 135.
Country Lanes (Farmington)
Tuesday Trio: Paul Dust, 265/727; Jeff Eisenberg, 257; Kirk Herman, 696.
Wednesday Knights: Frank Zagata, 277/700; Julie Wright, 258; Mike Kassá, 695.
Sports Club: Mike Salmo, 278/657; Mark Salmo, 231; Steve Hayoo, 605.
Leon Lanes: Steve Amolsch, 278/618; Jeff Amolsch, 253/592.
Prince of Peace: Suzanne Barcewicz, 237; Linda Emrgren, 213; Celeste Flack, 565; Diane Kempe, 541.
Sunday Goodtimers: Steve Fox, 223 (87 pins o/a); Sam Davis, 209; Harold Shweld, 214; Ron Peterson, 209/207; Keith Oswald, 212; Stu Taub, 203.
'Nal Brith Plighs: Keith Kingston, 237/238/224/682; Howard Wazer, 204/225/255/684; Howie Gerrenrich, 257/259/669; Lyle Schaefer, 210/256/200/666; Larry Horn, 202/255/655.
Farmington Schools: Howard Hardy, 246/651; Greg Fox, 203/548.
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Kristie Rand, 223; Mary Karczewski, 192.
Advanced Youth: Ralph Pearce, 213/541; Hank Jones, 211; Ann Brown, 199.
Country Keglers: Bob Shimko, 278/719; Dennis Harris, 267/724; Pat Forma, 256/678; Derek Takala, 250/655; Kris Doud, 245.
EVER-7: Bob Stewart, 277/715; Dan Herfernen, 267/675; Don Coughlin, 267; Jerry Lidgy, 264; Richard Roy, 256.
'Nal Brith Brotherhood-Eddie Jacobson: Rick Reznik, 248/212/210/670; Stuart Vinisky, 232/206/635; Howard Wazer, 249/203/633; Dennis Eder, 238/236/623; Lee Roth, 236/619.
University Men: Vern Flowers, 279/756; Keith Scott, 264; Dave Cheedie, 698.
Temple Lanes: Mitch Nelson, 247; Howard Marsh, 244/658.
Tuesday Morning Ladies: Nancy Collins, 207; Lois Koenig, 190.
Country Couples: Keith Suda, 227/559; Mike Stouf, 213/563; Peggy Bone, 200/510.
Canterbury: Glenn Barth, 203; Ron Pierdon, 237.
Monday Night Men: Larry Franz, 258; Mike VanMeter, 257.
Strikers: Ann Naimin, 213; Debbie Leon, 219/518; Linda Alkamo, 218/553.
Monday Midnight Men: Lada Garmo, 278/647; Sai Sinawi, 266/712.
Drakshiro Lanes (Farmington Hills)
'Nal Brith Mergonther L'Choyin/Zelger-Greese: Ryan Leah, 226/232/224/682; Mike Rosenfeld, 202/231/612; Steve Hoberman, 215/202/603; Mike Berkowitz, 247; Jerry Kahn, 241.
'Nal Brith Downtown Paa: Mark Feinberg, 214/207/611; Joe Shanbaum, 266/208/606; Joel Harris, 245; Larry Fromer, 227; Ivan Fenyesi, 220.

County studies giving youth programs to Growth Works

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Wayne County's Department of Community Justice and local service agencies are embarking into a brave new world of juvenile justice and intervention.

On Tuesday, Wayne County commissioners will discuss and possibly approve an eye-popping \$288 million in contracts for six care management organizations which then can subcontract community-based services to service providers.

Western Wayne communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, would be serviced by Growth Works of Plymouth through a \$37.5 million proposed contract with the Department of Community Justice. This week, like the other five CMOs, Growth Works' contract is under study by the commission.

Wayne County wanted to initiate the CMO approach for juveniles instead of using the state's Family Independence Agency because county officials believe they can conduct the program for less money and with better results.

In western Wayne County, Growth Works will oversee programs by service providers for community-based and residential services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, case management and educational and employment options. The contracts provide incentives to award agencies for rehabilitating children and stopping recidivism, and impose financial penalties to those who do not.

On Thursday, commissioners still wrestled with the juvenile court's role in overseeing the youths and some were wary of approving that dollar amount without some emphasis on prevention and programs for at-risk youths.

The issue was considered so critical, that Thursday's regularly scheduled commission meeting was postponed until Tuesday, so commissioners could spend the morning discussing the CMOs with Jeriel Heard, director of the Department of Community Justice, and court administrators.

"This is one of the most important things to ever come before the Wayne County Commission that involved young people," said Ricardo Solomon, commission chair.

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trator of the family division of the Wayne County Juvenile Court.

Parker was concerned about the time element for the placement of youths. "The whole idea of the CMOs was to respond to the needs of the child, rather

than go back to the courts which can take two or three months," Parker said. "That was the problem before and it seems to be the problem of the future."

Alexander Luvall, court administrator for Wayne County Circuit Court, said no agreement

was in place between the court and the Department of Community Justice, but assured Parker the court wanted "accountability and performance evaluation."

Judges will conduct "business as they see fit," Luvall said. "If we offer them good programs, I'm sure they will be utilized," Luvall said.

Financial concerns

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she didn't want a similar situation that happened with county's Department of Mental Health a few

years ago. Budget deficits were reported after cash was advanced, Beard said.

"Some (providers) were able to make payments and some went bankrupt," Beard said. Beard was "concerned on how the advance will be spent and whether the county would be put in a similar situation." She encouraged her colleagues to ensure audits were completed by Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Parker introduced amendments to the CMO contracts outlining prevention services, pay-

ment schedules, a documentation provision and add \$1.5 million for prevention programs. That was referred for committee study.

Solomon commended Jeriel Heard, the director of the Department of Community Justice, for doing an outstanding job.

Heard said the CMO program was a partnership with the commission.

"We will resolve every issue that this commission has raised today and we'll get it done for you," Heard said.

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MADD plans vigil for Dec. 7

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers will hold its annual candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph at Northline, in Taylor.

The event is an opportunity for people who've lost loved ones or who've been seriously injured in a drunken driving crash to join together.

Call the MADD office at (734) 721-8181 to have names put into the program. A bell will be rung as each name is remembered at the vigil.

MADD organizers ask that participants have a slide made of a favorite photo of the loved one so that it can be shown at the vigil. Mail them to MADD, P.O. Box 85570, Westland, MI, 48185.

The Wayne County chapter also has extended an invitation to its new victim support groups.

The groups will meet at the Michigan State Police post located at 12111 N. Telegraph in Taylor at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

The first support group began on Oct. 30. For more information call the above-listed MADD number.

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ARTISTS' EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Encouraging participation in art praiseworthy

The Livonia Arts Commission and Westland Chamber of Commerce deserve praise for encouraging participation in the arts.

In addition to nurturing young talent by awarding scholarships, the arts commission regularly showcases art works and musical programs. On Sunday, Nov. 7, the commission installed a new bronze work at the Livonia Civic Center Library to help develop a sculpture garden. It was an anticipated event, after all, promoting art is what the commission is all about.

And while I don't want to seem as if I'm discounting

their achievements, I do want to applaud the Westland Chamber of Commerce, which chose arts as the theme of its fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. The chamber could have chosen any topic for a fund-raising theme. Choosing the arts as a theme required extra work and coordination. The Westland Chamber of Commerce worked to develop relationships with local artists and art teachers to create the event.

Tasty event

"Taste of the Arts" will feature samplings of food and beverages from more than 20 local businesses including Chimento's Italian Market, Max & Erma's and the Fire Academy Brewery and Grill. Art works by students from Wayne-Westland Schools will be exhibited and will be for sale. During a silent auction, you can even place a bid on works by a number of local artists, including Norma McQueen and Mary Brittain. A string quartet will provide entertainment for the evening.

Sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the event benefits the chamber and the Family Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that helps families in need.

"I'm excited," said Lori Brist, the chamber's executive director. "We'll have delectable cuisine from the area's best restaurants, in addition to the more-than-100 pieces of art on exhibit by students from Wayne-Westland elementary and high schools. There will be a donation box for anyone wanting to take home one of the pieces of student art."

A mystery prize drawing offers more than 180 items donated by Westland businesses, including a VCR.

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Public art: Ferenc "Frank" Varga created this sculpture titled "Birds in Flight."



Marching along: Members of the Livonia Stevenson High School Marching Band keep in step with the music.

The season ends but the music goes on for area marching bands



Competitive spirit: Franklin High School Marching Band members Chris Kolucicelli (left to right), Mark Wholihan, Devin Maxwell, Pat Carden, Laura Evens, Jay Franklin, and Kelly Carroll competed in the nationals in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.



Released beauty: Homecoming Queen Marriane Wandersland performs with the Redford Thurston High School Marching Band.

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Kristi Jasin's enthusiasm for marching bands remains as ardent as ever, even though silence has descended over fields once filled with sound and color.

This cold November day finds the Livonia Franklin High School Band director indoors rehearsing students for their final performance of the season at Livonia's Holiday Parade. Jasin's passion for the music goes back to the days when she was marching with bands at Plymouth Canton Educational Park and Michigan State University.

"I always loved marching band," said Jasin, pointing out that although the season has ended students continue to play in the concert, symphonic and jazz bands. "I hear the drums and it does something for my heart. The nostalgia, hearing the cadence, you want to march."

The Franklin Marching Band officially ended their season by competing against 70 bands in the nationals presented by Bands of America on Nov. 13. Jasin said she was proud of her students who didn't seem to mind marching 19th because the Plymouth Canton Marching Band, under David McGrath, took first place home to Michigan.

"They were very happy for Plymouth Canton," said Jasin. "They cheered for them even though they competed against them in the state competition."

Jasin values the feedback she receives from judges at competitions. It helps the 79-member Franklin band grow.

"They put on a very good show," said Jasin. "It was the first time, they played in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and just going there was such a thrill. We didn't go there to win. The goal is musical growth. The kids learn a lot by not making it because they learn this is what we need to do better. Being in marching band is about loyalty to the group, responsibility, decision making, leadership. It's teaching them skills that transfer into life. It's teaching them to be the best they can be. The process is more important than the end product."

Even though marching band season is over the lessons go on for the Franklin students who frequently play at events ranging from the Thanksgiving Parades in Detroit to ice cream socials at elementary schools. Community involvement is important for marching bands at Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and Redford Thurston High Schools because students receive experience while providing pleasure for an audience.

Franklin's symphonic, concert, and jazz bands are presenting a holiday concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, that's open to the public. It's part of their plan to invite the community into the school to see what they're doing.

Franklin participates in the community in other ways as well. For the 21st year in a row, it will host the Solo Ensemble Competition on Jan. 29 and Feb. 6. It is the largest solo ensemble competition in the state and run by students and parents, including the Band Roboters directed by Jim Hatten.

"One of our goals is to share our music and love of performing with the community," said Jasin. "I think performing in public is a very important part of music ensemble growth."

Drum major Anne Darket, in addition to playing flute in the symphony band, has led the marching band for four years. She started playing flute in fifth grade and feels she's matured as a musician since joining the marching band.

"I like marching band because the people are like a second family to me," said Darket, a Westland resident. "As far as the nationals, I wasn't really nervous because we pretty much have the show under our feet by then and it's a good experience seeing the better bands like Plymouth."

Sara Knopsnider, drum line captain in charge of percussion for Franklin, agrees with Darket. She's stayed in marching band because of the growth and camaraderie. As a junior, she also has the opportunity to recruit students from elementary schools during the upcoming winter. Last year, Darket and other Franklin juniors were able to recruit 30 new members for marching band.

"It's like one big family," said Knopsnider, who also plays drums with the jazz band.

Winning attitude

Thurston High School, along with Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton, took part in the state competition presented by the Michigan Competing Band Association. Director Edward Lucius is proud of the fact that

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THEATER

Lively 'Flanagan's Wake' provides hearty laughs

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The crowd filed in dutifully at the makeshift parlor at Baci Theatre in Pontiac where a wake was being held for a friendly fellow named Flanagan.

First stop: the bar to fill up with spirits, limericks and fabricated tales about the recently departed. There's plenty of raucous encouragement for audience members to get two drinks — one for each kidney.

Irish wakes, as the roaming cast of "Flanagan's Wake" reminds, is an ritualistic exercise of drinking, dancing, and between bouts of storytelling and eulogies, a fair amount of fighting.

Somewhere along the way to depositing the wooden casket six feet under, a sermon gets mangled and an Irish culture that cele-

brates life at a ceremony of death gets honored and insulted.

It's the type of irresistible fun of family reunions, comedy clubs, and well, Irish wakes.

Like its interactive cousin "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" that plays upstairs at Baci's, "Flanagan's Wake" proves that the theatrical experience can indeed transform an audience of strangers into a community where the common interest is a good laugh and a sing-along.

There isn't any resisting the current production of the hilarious interactive play. In about two hours, the charming cast demonstrates the appeal of dissolving the traditional fourth wall of theater and inviting the audience to participate in a 50-percent scripted play and a 50-percent free-for-all.

For Maureen Dorrington of Beverly Hills, who portrays the howling mystic Kathleen Mooney, "Flanagan's Wake" is a play of scripted spontaneity that draws in the audience in the actor's unfolding craft of storytelling.

Being "in the moment," said Dorrington, extends beyond the stage. Audience members are encouraged, provoked, and drafted into partici-



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

pating in putting flesh on the skeleton story about Flanagan's dreams, demise and foibles.

The collaboration with the audience requires a balance of wit and respectful distance — not easy when the cast is on the prowl for a quick laugh. But with this endearing cast, there is a near-instant comfort.

While actor appear firmly grounded in their respective characters, it's when they let out their personalities and demonstrate their improv skills that they shine.

At various times, the spotlight shines on Dorrington, Tony Lawry of Garden City, Dejan Ravich of Livonia, Charles

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Liberated: The cast of "Flanagan's Wake" puts audiences at ease, but not without a good deal of prodding.

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Matthew of Hamtramck, Tom Whalen of Royal Oak, Pat Caporaso of Richmond and Courtney Jo Dumery of Grosse Pointe.

All have their fair share of dramatic and comedic theater credits and stars in improv.

Together they take audiences on a journey through an Irish walk without leaving any insulting bumps. Well, then again, that depends on whether you're going to dancing with the lines of Flanagan's angry banter or his belting, tear-dripping wails.

After six years of performances in Chicago, the play opened in Pontiac in early October. Several weeks later, however, the original producer, Joe Nederlander,

pulled out of the show, and Ben owners Nino and Luigi Cutro stepped up to keep alive "Flanagan's Walk" and extend its open-ended run.

In a local theater scene often lacking in vibrant performances, "Flanagan's Walk" offers a glimmer of hope. It's the type of play that will be fun for those who prefer movies or home entertainment.

And it's a good laugh for die-hard theater-goers who should be impressed with the improv ability of the cast.

"Danny Boy" might be delivered off-key, but there's nothing out of tune with "Flanagan's Walk."

Bands from page C1

Thurston's 117-member band has made the top 10 in state finals the last four years. They placed seventh in Flight III in 1999.

"The kids work hard all season long," said Lucius. "At state, there's 6,000 to 9,000 people staring at them. The kids do get nervous. What's special about state is our kids had their best performance of the year."

Like Justin, Lucius believes that there's more to competition than winning.

"We're teaching kids that there's no winners or losers," said Lucius. "We're not competing with other bands. It's not a sport but for kids to do the best they can do."

In addition to performing at competitions held throughout the fall, Redford Thurston plays concerts for the community. Their winter concert by the wind ensemble, honors band, concert band, and jazz ensemble takes place 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 688-4000, Ext. 1183.

"We compete because bands here have always striven for excellence," said Lucius. "We're still able to participate in the community and play at home games."

Tiffany Lehen joined the Redford Thurston Marching Band as a recruit for performing in the honors band at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 19. The Redford Thurston band was one of nine chosen from 77 bands which applied for the honor of performing at the National Concert Band Festival. As at other schools, the group making all of the performances by all of Thurston's bands possible is the Band Boosters led by Pat Bilicki, Bruce and Debbi Boyce and Chuck Litvin.

"Once I joined marching band, I really

liked it," said Lehen, a freshman percussionist. It's a lot of fun especially when you can finally put all the drill moves together.

Community connection
As director of Livonia Stevenson's 107-member marching band for the last 14 years, David Booker chooses not to compete in the state or nationals but instead concentrates on community performances in the Holiday Parade and nursing homes in addition to playing at football games.

"We're one of the few bands that makes a community commitment," said Booker. "Other schools don't do as much for the community because they spend all their time marching. I choose not to compete in state or national because I want to develop the jazz and symphonic programs. Students should have a balanced program. Ours offers a total musical experience."

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The Livonia Arts Commission's latest sculpture is a welcome addition to the landscape of the Livonia Civic Center Complex where an environmental work by Andrea Blum invites the public to interact with art.

Installed on Nov. 7, the bronze sculpture by Ferenc "Frank" Varga, "Birds in Flight," cost

\$16,000.

"It's understandable, believable," said arts commission president Bob Sheridan who donated the foundation for the 10-foot high sculpture. "I think everybody can appreciate it."

The sculpture was paid for with the proceeds of the commission's annual arts festival and

the \$5,000 stipend it receives annually from the city to promote arts.

"Our challenge as arts commissioners is to develop cultural interests in the community," said Sheridan, who donated one of his scenic places to the Westland Chamber of Commerce's silent auction. "I'd like to show my appreciation for all the hard work the commission does - from putting on the monthly art exhibits, the Music Under the Stars and scholarship programs to helping groups such as the Livonia Symphony and Jack-in-the-Box Productions."

This is the second time the arts commission asked Varga to create a sculpture. The first sculpture, "Wisdom and Innocence," was installed in front of the Livonia Civic Center Library in October 1995. Varga's works can also be found in front of St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., the Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia, and the Oncology Center of West Branch Hospital. His "Copernicus" graces the front of the main branch of the Detroit Public Library.

Varga studied sculpture at the University of Honolulu and the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy. In the early years of his career, the 56-year-old Varga

apprenticed under his father, Ferenc Varga.

"After the lighting is installed in the garden of sculptures area we hope to invite sculptors to send their proposals for works to be included," said Sheridan. "We hope on a yearly basis to add another piece and that these could be enjoyed for many generations. They'll know we did something for the arts. We'd been there."

Varga worked closely with the commission on the design for the sculpture after the commission chose birds as the subject.

Spirit of flight

"Man's interest has always been the spirit of flight," said Varga from his home in Delray Beach, Fla. "I wanted to represent the spirit of man and his interest in flight in a figurative, modern way. It's recognizable that they are birds but is stylized. The composition is angular so when the sun shines on it you always have a different movement. The composition begins to change in movement with the sun."

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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ACTORS WANTED
The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford holds open auditions for "Godspell," a musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew 7 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Nov. 21-23 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly.

All performers (experience not necessary) as well as technicians are welcome to try out for this Off Broadway-style show. For more information, call (313) 531-0554.

ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL
Native West celebrates its 10th anniversary with the annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5 at the gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor

Trail, west of Main Street, Plymouth.

In the last year, Native West owners Annette and Ken Horn have found new metal artists, glass art from Arizona, Southwest fountains, sculpture, bronze and more. As always they continue to add to their selection of pottery, fetishes, Kachina dolls and other art forms created by Native Americans.

The jewelry trunk show will host works from jewelry Indian trader Jonathon Cox of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Hours are 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and till 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Call (734) 455-8838.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
The Plymouth Community Chorus presents "Holiday Greetings," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

The songs, most of which have exciting new arrangements, include everything from "Jingle Bells" to "You are My Christmas Angel." For tickets, call (734) 455-4090.

The Madonna University Chorus sing Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. The concert will be repeated 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at historic St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$10, proceeds go towards the chorus's tour to Ireland in June. For more information, call chorus director David Wagner at (734) 452-5708.

Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents two holiday concerts featuring Mozart's "Ave Maria" and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other season favorites 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, between Warren and Hancock, Detroit. Admission is free.

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ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

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Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Regular market hours Sundays through December at Farmers Market in Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Weekends of special holiday sales starting Thanksgiving weekend. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, Dec. 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. The jewelry sale and glass sale is Friday-Sunday, Nov. 26-28. The fiber sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 2 to 4 and the pottery sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 9 to 11. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

FINE ARTS AUCTION
The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies is holding its first arts auction from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Botsford Inn Coach House in Farmington Hills. (248) 557-4522.

GALERIE DE BOICOURT
Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts on sale until Dec. 25, 251 E. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 723-5680.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT MERCY
19th annual Christmas arts & crafts show 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 at Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8020.

KAIROS INSTITUTE OPEN HOUSE
Ksenija Savic's artwork is on exhibit 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at the office of Dr. Gary Renard, 555 Barclay Circle #150, Rochester Hills.

MEADOW BROOK HALL HOLIDAY WALK
View "The French Collection" at the hall's 29th annual walk Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 5 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. (248) 370-3140.

BENEFIT

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD
Presents "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6, 50 percent of net proceeds benefit the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit. (248) 644-0527.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS
Auditions for "Oliver" 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 for children and adults at the Jewish Community Center in Room 107A. For more information, and to make an appointment for audition, call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 or (248) 352-2797. Children are to prepare both a ballad and up-tempo song. The show will open 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center and run weekends through Sunday, Feb. 27.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Creative Arts Center is seeking artists in all media for its January 2000 show whose theme is "Visions of Peace and Evolution for the next Millennium. Slides or photos and resume should be submitted by Dec. 1. Selections made by December 15. Send materials to: Exhibit Coordinator, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

CRAFTERS WANTED
"Seasonal Sensations." The annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School is seeking crafters for its Dec. 4 show, 28650 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-3660, Ext. 270.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room. 27000



Contemporary metal "Crucifix & Serpents" is a sculptural basket by Carol Eckert, is on display at the Cyberia Gallery, 303 E. Third St., Royal Oak, through Saturday, Dec. 4. Eckert's work is part of an exhibition of sculptural baskets, which also features works by Ferne Jacobs. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (248) 644-3388 for more information.

Evergreen Road, Southfield.
MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slide deadline is January 3, cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations; 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

BELLY DANCE INSTRUCTIONS
An eight week instruction with Naomi Handelman from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC
Fall 1999 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music. 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Ballroom dance begins 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22; East Coast Swing Class begins 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. A Pre-and post bar and bat mitzvah dance class begins 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program. 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Intermediate level. 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

ADULT BALLY DANCE
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly. 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland. (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m. to noon, every third Tuesday of the

month. (734) 416-4278.
VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

CIVIC ORCHESTRA CHAMBER PLAYERS
Performs at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. (313) 833-7969.

DENAVEN CHORALE
Bach's Magnificat and the Brandenburg Concerto IV, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. (810) 323-2895.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The Flying Karamazov Brothers with conductor Erich Kunzel. 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. Special event with Aretha Franklin, 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday, Nov. 26-27. Benefit concert for the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-development, 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FRESIDE INN JAZZ
The Matt Michaels Trio with special guest Don Swindell, trumpet & flugelhorn, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24. 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. (734) 762-7756.

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE
Frank Gratkowski: Jazz at the Edge, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23. 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Kremerata Baltica soloists perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. The Harlem Nutcracker, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, 2 & 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 1-800-221-1229.

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The Marian Rice Players present Shakespeare's classic play at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at Marian High School, 7225 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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Presented by the University Musical Society with Detroit Opera House and The Arts League of Michigan, Friday, Nov. 25 through Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House, 11 performances. (313) 237-SING. (734) 764 2538 and all Ticketmaster outlets.

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET
"The Nutcracker" featuring American Ballet Theatre soloist Griff Braun, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 children 12 and under and seniors. (248) 334-6964.

MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE
"The Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5 at the Lake Orion High School's Center for Performing Arts, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12 and seniors. (248) 652-3117.

FOR KIDS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Special Planetarium Programs Friday-Sunday, Nov. 26-28 including Young Stargazers Sky Journey, Millennium Sky Show, Holiday Lasers and Laser Swing. Call for times at 1-877-GO-CRANbrook. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection." "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection" through March 5 at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

TROY MUSEUM
Through March 30 - "Going West Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." 60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth Century Ireland. 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

SISSON ART GALLERY
Opens Tuesday, Nov. 23 - Unconformity: Unexpected Layering through Jan. 14. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 845-6490.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Opens Monday, Nov. 29 - Exhibition by Southfield photographer Christina Redmond through Dec. 23. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Nov. 27 - The annual holiday exhibition of jewelry by Darcy Miro through Jan. 8. Artist's reception, 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27. Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

UZELAC GALLERY
Opens Friday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Pontiac Gallery Crawl - paintings by Michael Rollins from his "Ticker series" presented by Gallery: FunctionArt at Uzelac Gallery. Artist reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Oakland Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw. (248) 957-2357.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONART
Opens Friday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Pontiac Gallery Crawl - Michigan Student Furniture/Functional Art Design Competition. More than 30 works by area students will be on display, Friday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 18, 21 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ALLEY CULTURE
Through Nov. 27 - Dignidad, works by young artists and muralists of Southwest Detroit at Alley Culture, the alley between Trumbull and Lincoln. Red building south of Willis, Detroit.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Jan. 1 - "Let There be Light." 119 S. Main St. Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Dec. 12 - "The Michigan Friends of Photography Annual Membership Exhibition." Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5400.

BUCKHAM GALLERY
Figuratively/Speaking: Painting and mixed-media works. 134 1/2 W. Second Street, Flint. (810) 239-6334.

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 - oil paintings by Lila Kadaj. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CASS CAFE
Through Nov. 30 - Current works by David Snow, Robin Sommers and Rick Vian. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

EMU ART ALUMNI INVITATIONAL
Through Nov. 24 - Annual exhibition at Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Nov. 21 - Women of the Book: Jewish Artists, Jewish Themes. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GALERIE BLU
Through Nov. 30 - Stephen Goodfellow: New Work. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

GALLERIA
Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush paintings. 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

GALLERY 212
Through Dec. 12 - The Marriage, a solo exhibition of Rx. Harrington. 212 S. Main, in Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Bob Thompson, works on canvas and paper. Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Nov. 26 - New work by American artist Daniel Clayman and Czech artist, Pavel Hlava. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Richard Nonas, sculpture, installation and granite works. Through Dec. 31 - Donald Sultan: Selected Drawings. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - "So What Kind of Name is That?" - paintings with text by Ken Aptekar. 480 W. Hancock, on the campus of Wayne

State University in Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Dec. 7 - Abstraction: New Directions for a New Millennium. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3800.

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Watercolor artist, Carol LeChiusa. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Presents an exhibition by Robert Gniwewk entitled "Detroit Theaters Past and Present," and a solo exhibition by Victor Rodriguez. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - The works of Lauren Finn, Pat Pearce-Martin, Sue Schultz and Chris Trombley. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Nov. 30 - Fabric art by Michigan Weavers Guild in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Nov. 30 - Wood block prints by Michael McCullough. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. (734) 466-2490. Through Nov. 30 - Watercolors by artist Kathy Phillips. Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 - Imaginary Expressionism, a group exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through Dec. 18 - Carlos "Dzine" Rolon: New Works and Constructions. 137 West Maple, Birmingham. (248) 594-9470.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Jan. 9 - Collars and Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630 to 1880. Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through Dec. 20 - Document USA, a survey of art at the end of the millennium. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK
Through Nov. 23 - Maureen McCabe: Abracadabra. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-3911.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush painting. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 - Barbara Abel: Tragic Beauties. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through Nov. 23 - Torn paper collage by E. Lynne O'Rourke and seed bead designs by Colleen O'Rourke. 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

PRINT GALLERY
Through Jan. 5 - "Mona Lisa Mania." 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Howard Kottler: Howler!. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SPLASH GALLERY
Through Nov. 28 - Kpl: Color - outside the lines. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6825.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - The art of Thomas Locker. 536 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - El Caminoville, a project by Mike Rogers. 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
Through Nov. 30 - "Gesture and Contemporary Painting." Through Nov. 30 - "El Caminoville." 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Marko Spalatn, Geometric Abstractions. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Norma Penchansky Glasser: The figure in Motion. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

'Not a Word of a Lie' in book about rural Irish

BY M.R. DILLON
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Hynes sisters of Redford and Livonia ever want to relate in detail what it was like growing up in rural Ireland on a Galway Bay peninsula, all they need do is recommend the reading of "Not a Word of a Lie," a newly published book penned by their childhood friend, Bridie Quinn-Conroy of County Galway, Ireland.

In town to visit Teresa Hynes Misener, Peggy Hynes Boland and Delia Hynes Melvin and attend the wedding of a family friend, Quinn-Conroy "has immortalized the wonderful Irish people who survived with very limited resources during World War II," said Misener.

"Those people's dreams came true and became our inheritance. Bridie shows the caliber of people they were in a way no 'blow-ins' possibly could."

Chicago-born Jeff O'Connell — a writer now living in a thatched house in the farming community of Duras where Quinn-Conroy and the Hynes girls came of age — acknowledges as much in his foreword in "Not a Word of a Lie."

"No matter how deeply 'blow-ins' like myself might dig in bringing to light aspects of history and folklore, we will always lack something essential that no amount of reading and research could make up for," writes O'Connell. "We were not born here. But Bridie Quinn-Conroy was. In 'Not a Word of a Lie,' you are introduced to the inner history of Duras, the stories of particular men and women — their struggles, joys, sorrows, and small but important triumphs — in a way only hinted at by documents and parish records."

"We had to do the 'brothers' jobs. I picked potatoes and drove a tractor," said Quinn-Conroy, currently the mayor of her adopted hometown of Craughwell, 15 miles east of Duras. Children also helped plant crops, bind corn and save barley, hay and oats.

Women ran households without the benefit of running water. There were no bathrooms, no refrigerators, no washing machines, no electric irons, toasters or appliances.

"They were hard times, but the best of times," said Quinn-Conroy, who is married and has four children and nine grandchildren.



Reunited: Teresa (Hynes) Misener (left), Maryagatha (O'Grady) Savage, author Bridie Quinn-Conroy and Delia Hynes Melvin, who grew up together in a rural area in the west of Ireland, were reunited at the wedding of Mrs. Savage's son.

"Perhaps the younger generation has more, but I doubt they have such simple, carefree happy days," she said.

Misener agreed. "They were hard times, but we survived, and our characters are all the better for enduring the rainy days and coming out the other side," she said.

The people of Duras supplied their own entertainment. "During the long winter nights, our kitchen seemed a haven for many of the villagers. They could be sure of a warm seat around a turf fire, a good discussion, and tea and currant cake. They made predictions about the rise and fall of prices of beef, spuds, cattle, hay, sheep, pigs, barley, wool, or a pint, and were often right. They talked about the weather and were never satisfied."

The Quinns made good hosts. Michael was noted for his knowledge of history and folklore, and for his political involvement in Duras. Before her marriage, Julia had lived in the U.S., where she visited 47 states. A strong advocate of education, Julia walked three miles to her job at Seamount College, where she taught the Irish language. All the Quinns, Hyneses, and their neighbors spoke Gaelic fluently.

The rural Irish cherish their memories of ceilis — dances held in the home in which all generations participated. Family members or friends played the instruments. "Not a Word of a Lie" evocatively portrays interesting villagers, as well as local folklore

and other aspects of life in Duras long ago: growing up Catholic, matchmaking, baking on the open hearth, events at sea, and savoring catches of the day.

Quinn-Conroy says she hopes her book "will be looked at in 60 years' time as a social history which touches on the times, lives, traditions, superstitions, education, religion, and above all the friendships, neighborliness and high standards and moral ethics we had."

The author's desire is fast becoming a reality. Her book should be available in the U.S. soon through Irish Books & Media of Minneapolis, Minn. Irish Books & Media also has expressed interest in publishing the sequel, entitled "Believe it or Not."

"Not a Word of a Lie" is available online from Kenny's Bookshop in Galway City for \$15 (including shipping) or by contacting publisher Ann Korff, Tir Eolas, Newtownlynch, Kinvara, Co. Galway, Ireland. The book is included among reference materials at the Irish Cultural Center in Norwood, Mass.

"Not a Word of a Lie" is actually the fruition of a childhood vow. "I was always writing short stories and notes," said Quinn-Conroy. "I used to talk with the old people, and I would listen to their stories. I'd read the 'Irish Press' every day, and I never once saw Duras mentioned. It was just in my head that one day I would write something which merited Duras being put on the map."

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

LOCAL INTEREST
Northville resident James E. Person Jr. will discuss and sign copies of his book, "Russell Kirk, A Critical Biography of a Conservative Mind," noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth. Person is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and his book is an account of the noted thinker Russell Kirk, who also lived in Plymouth as a youth. Kirk developed a unique philosophy of conservative values and perspectives. The Little Book Shoppe is located at 308 S. Main.

OTHER BOOK SIGNINGS
n TV talk show host Mike Douglas will sign copies of his new book, "I'll Be Right Back," at the Barnes and Noble store in Northville, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. In "I'll Be Right Back," Douglas writes about more than 80 years of involvement in television, including his popular late afternoon programs from the 1970s. For more information, call (248) 348-0666. The store is located off of Haggerty and Six Mile.

n Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident, Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumb Up!" Saturday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m., Waterbooks, Livonia Mall, Hall Road, Sterling Heights, (810) 247-0420, and Thursday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music,

Oakland Mall, 14 Mile Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

n Lori Lipinski, the author of "Common Sense ... Is It Really That Common?," will discuss 20 of the most thought-provoking examples from her book. Topics that cover every aspect of life will be discussed at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at Borders Books & Music in Dearborn. Call (313) 271-4441.

BORDERS FARMINGTON
Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills offers a number of special programs and events during the month of November.

■ G. Lawrence Klayman, the winner of several awards, will display his botanical images in the store's cafe throughout the month. Klayman's work has been shown in many galleries and is currently on display at several sites around Michigan. The store is located at 30995 Orchard Lake Road, north of 13 Mile Road.

BORDERS NOVI
Bid on a limited edition Blue Dog poster created by Georges Rodrigue. The poster is of an excellent print and paper quality and would be a great addition to any home of a book or dog lover. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The bidding takes place Friday through Sunday, Nov. 26-28. Borders is located in the Novi Town Center. Call (248) 347-4643 for information.

BORDERS DEARBORN
Come in and listen to Miss Spider stories and have decaffeinated tea served to the kids. After the stories there will be coloring and craft projects. The fun begins 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. For more

information, call (313) 271-4441. Borders Dearborn is located off Ford Road near Greenfield.

BORDERS ROCHESTER HILLS
Where is the stock market headed in the next decade? What is the outlook for interest rates? Hear Harry Dent's compelling forecasts based on commonly accepted facts about baby boomers, consumer spending patterns and inflation at this financial workshop set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29. Call (248) 652-0558 for information.

■ Four Seasons: A Romance Reading Group will discuss "Bayou Magic" by Elizabeth Turner. The discussion will be led by romance authors Marie Allen and Jeanne Savery, both members of the Greater Detroit Romance Writers Association. The session starts at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29. Call (248) 652-0558 for information.

BORDERS ANN ARBOR
Koalas and Eucalyptus leaves: Plants and animals of Australia is the topic of a children's program at Borders Ann Arbor, 612 E. Liberty. The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

STORYTELLING
The popular storytelling series Evening Voyages: Tunes and Tales continues at the Ann Arbor District Library. This 45-minute free family program features traditional storytelling and is held in the Main Library Youth Room at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. The series is geared toward listeners ages 6 to adult. Younger listeners won't be admitted and no registration is required. The Main Library is located at 343 S. 5th Avenue in Ann Arbor. Call information, call (734) 327-8301.

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Gem Theatre 'yoops' it up with Jeff Daniels' play

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, runs through Feb. 13 at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Performances: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Tickets: \$29.50-\$36.50. For information call (313) 963-9800.

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Sure, there are thick breezes of flatulence jokes and a profusion of politically incorrect "yooper" convention, but what's not to love in "Escanaba in da Moonlight?"

Not much. In fact, fewer folks leave the show with a frown on their face than there are men walking the streets of downtown Menominee on opening day of deer hunting season. In both cases, there sure aren't many.

Jeff Daniels' comedy offers a constant array of manly merriment regulated by practical wisdom.

"If you're looking back at the things that you missed, you won't know what hit you," is just such a truism.

Yet this story does look back, to opening day 1989 at the Soady deer camp, "the world famous Soady deer camp," outside Escanaba.

In a log cabin decorated with

animal hides and cases of Gobel beer, Albert Soady (Jim Porterfield) talks up the Superior State while he rips on the "flatlander fudge-sucking, beer-drinking trolls" who drive up north in their Winnebagos.

"If we wanted company we would have built a bridge sooner."

He's awaiting the arrival of his sons, Ruben (Phil Powers) and Remnar (Joseph Albright) who, he candidly explains, are not "the sharpest tool in the shed."

Ruben, at 35, is about to become the eldest "buckless Yooper" in Soady family history. So this year, he's breaking with tradition. No parties. No Spam and mayo sandwiches in the blind. He's trusting that the concoctions and incantations from his full-blooded Indian wife Wolf Moon Dance (Sandra Birch) will guide his aura (that's air-a as in "the air around 'ya") and break the curse that has forever denied him a buck.

Naturally, the Soady men and friend Jimmer (Wayne David Parker), whose speech was rendered unintelligible after an alien abduction, are reluctant to stray.

Remnar offers evidence to that with the tattered, duct-taped flannel shirt he's worn since he was 9. "Does it smell?" he asks rhetorically, "Most certainly."

But it's tradition. And the Soady men don't mess with ancestral forces.

Hilarious happenings ricochet as the plot charges through visions of God, mishaps with porcupine pee and a surprise visit from DNR Ranger Tom Treado (Randall Godwin), who has a penchant for teddies.

But there are moments of "Blair Witch" suspense, as when the men confront a "bear walk," which, according to their knowledge of Indian lore, requires a sacrifice far beyond going without whisky for the duration of camp.

Under Guy Sanville's direction, the cast hits their comedic marks dead-on. And though pretty much the same group has been performing since it first opened at the Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre in 1997, they still have the ability to make rehearsed material sound — and appear — spontaneously funny.

Daniels has plans to take his gem to the silver screen and is currently working on the movie screenplay. But you'd be wise to see the Gem's production.

Get ready for a facial muscle workout because "Escanaba in da Moonlight" will keep you little "flatlander fudge-suckers" grinning ear-to-ear, from da start to da end.



As reflective, Phil Powers (standing) and Jim Porterfield portray two "Yooper" deer hunters in Jeff Daniels' comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight."

Hilberry Theatre's 'Merchant of Venice' a treat to watch

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" through Dec. 9 in rotating repertory. The Hilberry is on Cass near Forest on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For ticket information, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry Theatre's production of "The Merchant of Venice" is a quick paced, easily

understood and well-acted rendition of one of the immortal bard's better-known works.

Directed by Gillian Eaton, the play is a treat to watch. The undercurrent of anti-Semitism, with which the play is generally associated, is used to highlight intolerance between cultures, not to indict Shakespeare for holding similar beliefs.

Despite its serious moments, "The Merchant of Venice" is a comedy of attitudes that explores the lifestyles of the merchant

ruling class in Venice 500 years ago. Antonio, a merchant, borrows money from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, to help his friend Bassanio win the hand of the beautiful and noble Portia.

Shylock, who had been treated like an outcast for much of his life, grants the loan with a notarized condition that he receive a pound of flesh if the bond is forfeited. Antonio, whose fortunes depend on a fleet of his ships traversing the globe, carelessly assumes his fortune is assured.

Romantic escapades enliven the plot. Portia's potential suitors attempt to solve the riddle of her late father's will, which would grant them Portia's hand in marriage, while Shylock's daughter Jessica elopes under cover of darkness with a Christian, lining her pockets with much of her father's wealth.

Gavin Lewis is a convincing mixture of wounded pride and burning revenge as the bitter Shylock. It is through Portia's wisdom that Shylock learns that cruelty can not be repaid in kind.

Sara Wolf performs the role of Portia with polish and finesse. She captures the spirited nature of Portia while cloaking the character with the sophistication of

her station and a wellspring of intelligence and insight. The scenes with her lady-in-waiting Nerissa, played by Trisha Miller, were light-hearted yet key to the plot. Miller, a first year student appearing in her second show of the season, exudes talent and charisma on stage.

Christopher Gilbert portrays Antonio, the merchant with stubborn pride and quiet dignity. More passionate that practical, Antonio's heroism is dimmed only by his anti-Semitic attitude, which was as acceptable in that era as it is disturbing today in a century scarred by the Holocaust.

Erik Gratton is a charming, sincere and moony-eyed success-

ful suitor to Portia. Jessica, the eloping daughter of Shylock, is played with lusty enthusiasm by Cat Shoemaker.

Dallas Henry played Launcelot Gobbo, the comic relief and lower class clown, with a cavalcade of amusing accents, the most disconcerting of which was a red-neck twang. Though funny, it broke the otherwise historical continuity of the production.

The entire cast poured enthusiasm into the production. Costumes, designed by John D. Woodland, and created by Mary Leyendecker, were elegant and superb. Charles Moser's multi-level set, accomplished the numerous shifts in scene easily.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. Call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435 for information about either concert.

HOLIDAY ART SHOW

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual Holiday Art Show and Sale Dec. 6-11 at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, west of Middlebelt, Garden City.

An awards night and opening reception will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6. Original works

of art by the members will be on display. Call (734) 513-4044 for more information.

ADVANCED TICKET SALE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites you to escape to the Caribbean at its annual fund-raiser dinner auction 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets are \$55 per person, \$50 if purchased before Dec. 31. Call (734) 416-4278.

Auction items will include vacation trips, dining certificates, clothing, furniture and all kinds of art.

ART EXHIBIT

Madonna University spotlights the work of Holly Branstner, an adjunct instructor in the art department, Dec. 2 to Jan. 3 in the second floor gallery of the Library Wing on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The exhibit includes everything from paintings to drawings.

Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call art department chairman Doug Semivan at (734) 432-5710.

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MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

If there were ever a time to splurge on a fabulous dress, an outrageous pair of shoes, a long-awaited appointment with your hair stylist, and a shopping bag full of the newest make-up, this is it!

This New Year's Eve, being what is now popularly accepted as the beginning of the new millennium, is reason enough to make sure you look just as put together as your New Year's celebration plans.

This Y2K demands a little more effort in the makeup area. This is the evening when you need to jazz up your evening makeup a bit.

The easiest way to glamorize your dewy skin, smoky-eye look is to sparkle. Sprinkling finely milled sparkled talc gives a delicate glow to cheekbones, shoulders and décolletage.

But a heavier hand applied to these areas screams "Happy New Year" in no uncertain terms.

This is also a time when you bring out your color palette. Use your dark jewel tones to accent your dark eyes. Add a little of Sebastian's Blue Dusk shadow to the already darkened socket of your eye.

This enhances the smoky eye with transparent color which will put the attention to your eyes rather than the dark circles that could appear when you're dancing until dawn.

Another way to richen your looks is to keep the dramatic smoky eyes accentuated with gold-burnished cheeks, lips and nails. This is also the time to experiment with color and texture. Pick a burgundy lip or pale, shimmering eyes and lips balanced with pink cheeks.

Even if you're going to a low-key event or this just fits your personality, this New Year's still calls for a definite glamour factor.

For you makeup minimalists, we know that "nature" doesn't mean bare face but rather a well-defined glowing face able to withstand a serious night of party playing.

In order to keep things from getting messy, make sure you use waterproof mascara and a little bit of extra glue on those long, lush false lashes.

Also, I found a product that saved my life when working long hours on a location shoot called She Lac by Benefit, which is resistant to water, tears, humidity, smudging and all of those beauty disasters.

It's a liquid sealer for eyes. This is similar to Lip Chic, which I've used for years as a sealer to keep a stain of color on lips. No matter how many New Year's kisses you give away, your lips will stay on.

Accenting the eyes is the surest way to have a low maintenance makeup. Use a soft lip color with a strong eye to ensure that you won't have to worry about touching up your lips.

With all the running around from party to party, things can get heated up, so you may want to make sure your foundation is minimal and well set with translucent or sparkled powder. Then you can run around without a glow but without exposing any heavy base.

So whether you're dancing until dawn, hopping from dinner to club, or laying low with loved ones, I'm sure you'll look amazing for the start of the new century.

Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday. I'll talk to you next month.

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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With so many millennium and New Year's Eve party goods already in stores, shoppers might be thinking manufacturers and retailers have contracted another case of, "if we build it, they will buy."

But retailers don't think so: Consumers, and not just the retail industry, are excited about the celebrating the millennium and are likely to purchase merchandise to commemorate the event, they say.

"People recognize that the millennium is special, and it's not just another novelty approach retailers have taken to drive sales," said Ron Rademacher, a divisional merchandise vice president with Jacobson's. "They realize that this is a very special time period that we're living in and they're tuned into celebrating it."

Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association agreed, saying, "I think the millennium is going to be a real boost in retail sales."

After all, retailers are in the business of predicting consumers' needs and wants.

So far, Jacobson's customers have responded well to the store's millennium merchandise, said Rademacher, adding, "It has clicked for them that 'I need this' to make my millennium celebration more complete, special and exciting."

The sheer number and range of products currently sitting on store shelves might leave some shoppers wondering how many millennium party trinkets one person can own.

From special tuxedo shirts to time capsule kits to Year 2000 cocktail blenders, the availability and range of millennium party gear is

Millennium madness

There's no end to the New Year's Eve merchandise retailers have in store

positively overwhelming.

However, manufacturers and retailers aren't working together to market these goods; they're competing to sell them, noted Mohan Pisharodi, associate professor of marketing at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

"Competition is intense," said Pisharodi. Thus, retailers are putting these goods on the market in hopes of selling what they can, they're not worrying consumers might find the choices dizzying, he said.

The oddity of some millennium party baubles is probably an attempt to attract attention and differentiate a particular product from the range of others, said Pisharodi.

Besides, there has always been a segment of the consumer market that purchases innovative products and novelty items, he said. Also, different types of consumers buy different types of products, so the plethora of millennium goods on the market reflects that range, said Pisharodi.

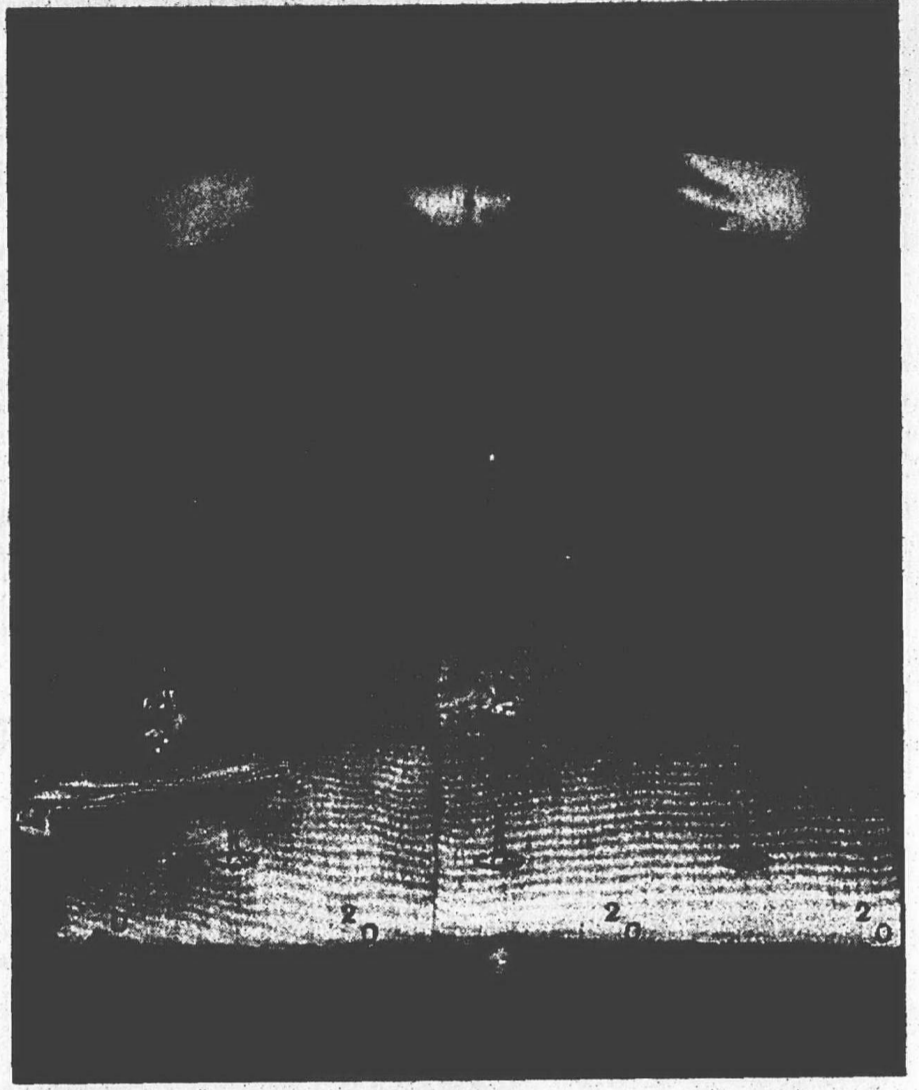
At Jacobson's, for example, the focus has been on millennium offerings geared to entertaining, said Rademacher. "As a company, our customer base does a lot of social events. ... We have tailored not only our apparel but our home furnishings items to the party season."

While stores like Jacobson's already have plenty of millennium merchandise on store shelves, there's more to come, said Rademacher, adding Jacobson's is carrying at least twice as much New Year's Eve and holiday merchandise this year than in the past.

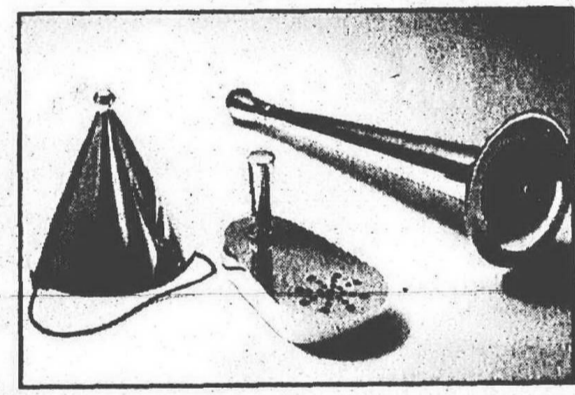
"These products have value to different people, and, in retail, you serve the customer," said Meyer of the trend. "I think we're going to see more and more products with a millen-



Party mixing: Krups serves up a midnight cocktail mixer for the millennium, \$14.95 at Crate & Barrel.



Champagne shirt: Even tuxedo shirts have been tailored to celebrate the millennium. Jacobson's sells one with a champagne glass print and another printed with "2000," about \$165.



Sterling celebration: Even Tiffany & Co. is selling New Year's Eve party favors. The company's sterling silver party hat, \$225, noise maker, \$300, and horn, \$350, will cost party givers a bundle.

Great Lakes Crossing creates unique, half-hour television ad to boost holiday traffic

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Television ads can be entertaining, but how often do they have a story line and run 30 minutes in length?

If Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is on to something, more plot-driven retail advertising may be on the horizon.

The value and entertainment shopping center, owned by Taubman Centers, recently filmed a 30-minute television ad/comedy program hybrid aimed at encouraging viewers to head to Great Lakes Crossing to do their holiday shopping.

The segment is slated to air Thanksgiving Day on WDIV Channel 4 following the station's broadcast of downtown Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"I think it will be very effective because it is entertaining," said Mort Zieve, of Simons, Michelson, Zieve

Advertising, the Troy firm that created the segment.

While the program showcases the mall's offerings, a holiday shopping guide, new computer coupon service and recently launched national gift certificate program, viewers will be entertained, said both Zieve and Julie Nemeth, Great Lakes Crossing's marketing director.

The program follows two friends, a man and a woman, who have challenged one another to complete their holiday shopping



On location: Producers film Great Lakes Crossing's innovative, 30-minute ad on location at the Auburn Hills mall.

during a trip to the mall. Several comic moments arise since the story plays on cultural stereotypes about men and women's shopping habits.

"The guy is sort of sloughing off a bit. There's a scene, actually, when he is just hanging out at Outdoor World," said Nemeth. Produced by WDIV, the segment also has a surprise ending, she said.

"What we're trying to do this holiday season is make the shopping experience a lot easier," said Nemeth. Shop-

per's schedules are packed and hectic, so making holiday gift-buying easier is a competitive necessity for any mall, she said.

Great Lakes Crossing's holiday shopping guide, for example, not only lists gift ideas for mothers, fathers and other loved ones but also tells shoppers where specific merchandise can be purchased. The company's new gift certificates are redeemable at any Taubman mall in the country, meaning the certificates can be mailed to friends and family in other states.

Great Lakes Crossings' new coupon service allows visitors to learn about and obtain retail discounts at computer kiosks in the mall. The computers also register regular users of the system into a monthly drawing for a cruise.

"We hope the results will be that the consumer will understand that all their holiday shopping can be done here at Great Lakes Crossing," said Nemeth of the mall's marketing tact and new services. We're a new mall.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 6 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
SWASTERS AND ONLY SWASTERS
From now until Wednesday, Oilly at Somerset Collection South will be collecting gently used sweaters and socks which will be donated to the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness in Royal Oak. Oilly will offer a 30 percent discount on an equal number of items purchased. (248) 614-5095.
YVES SAINT LAURENT
The Designer Collection is your Yves Saint Laurent purchase of \$50 at Sakis Fish Avenue. (248) 614-5095.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
MICHAEL CASEY APPEARANCE
Meet the designer today, November 22 and tomorrow, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus Couture Salon on 8.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
BORDERS SING-A-LONG
Musician and ecologist Lisa Hunter sings for kids and adults at 7 p.m. at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
BLAKE BELMONT'S FINE CRYSTAL COLLECTION
Holiday collection show featuring Austrian crystal

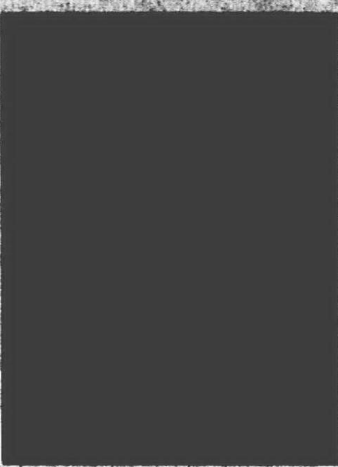
jewelry, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, November 26 and tomorrow. Jacobson's, Livonia.
ROCHESTER ORNAMENTS
Take a little piece of Rochester home with pewter ornaments depicting historic downtown buildings. The first ornament in the 1999 series will be available today. The remaining ornaments will be released weekly until Christmas. Ornaments are available at many downtown stores. (248) 656-0080. **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**
TASTE OF LAUREL PARK PLACE
Each Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, enjoy free food samples from Livonia restaurants. Bucca DiPeppo has samples from noon-4 p.m. November 27 near Center Court. December 4 is hosted by Real Seafood Grill, and December 11 & 18 is Max & Erma's. (734) 462-1100.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Millennium magic: Hudson's Santabear harkens back to Camelot as Merlin the Magician, \$38, wearing a blue velvet robe and blue satin hat with yellow moons and stars. He carries a full-size magic eight ball. Miss Bear, Santabear's companion, is Lady Guinevere, \$32. Available at area Hudson's beginning Friday, November 26 while supplies last.



Silver belle: She'll look stunning in a three-piece silver ensemble from Nicole Miller. Includes a cardigan with embroidered lace collar, tank and embroidered lace shirt with undershirt. Girls' sizes 7-14, \$206, at Jacobson's.



Handcrafted gifts: Jewelry, including these necklaces by Barbara Sucherman, is for sale at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's Holiday Jewelry Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday & Saturday, Nov. 26-27 and noon - 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- Sender's Bumpy cake can be bought at 10930 Farmington Road, one block south of Plymouth Road in Livonia.
 - FOOD & BEVERAGE NOTES:**
 - The Birmingham-Bloomfield Families in Action Organization has a Monopoly game about Birmingham for sale as a fund raiser. Call (248) 642-2458 for more information.
 - One reader has the Dykes Automotive book.
 - Another reader has an Apple IIe to donate.
 - A reader has a computer to donate.

- A reader has many Santa Bears to sell.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- A store that sells white shelf paper without adhesive backing for Mary.
- A Mackintosh of New England jacket for Angie.
- An old record of the song "Yellow Bird" by Martin Denny and "Quiet Village" for Mary.
- Dishes sold at A&P in 1977-78, pattern "Diane" for Dell.
- The "Jesse" doll from the Babysitter Club for Gloria.
- A 1988, 1990 Farmington High School yearbook for Melissa.
- The words to the song "My Little Buckaroo" for Teresa.
- A doll that moves its arms and head when you pull a string in its back (8-12 inches) for Sandy.
- A "Helix" plastic spiral spinning called for Barb.
- A store that sells Arpege perfume for Martha.
- A Waterford Crystal 1980 Christmas ornament for Mike.
- The Video "Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit" for Delores.
- A 1984 Benedictine High School yearbook for Corinne.
- A "Little Tyke" Mountain

- Raceway for hot wheel cars for Olivia.
- A 1943-44 Fordson High School yearbook for Frances.
- A Roy Rogers lunch box for Cleo.
- The card game Mill Bourne for Janet.
- A Churchill High School Varsity jacket for Anne.
- A Bentley High School Varsity jacket for Ann.
- A 1954-55 University of Detroit High School yearbook for Linda.
- A Halloween game (it is in the form of a poem) "Once there lived a Man named Smith" for Ruth.
- A musical birthday cake plate for a child for Barbara.
- A 1969 Cooley High School yearbook for John.
- A full size female mannequin on a stand in good condition for Carol.
- A store that sells Coty dry lipstick or another brand of the kind for Lynn.
- A Big Ben windup clock with two bells on the top (no batteries) for Charlene of Canton.
- The stainless silverware by Onieda Deluxe "Village" Pfaltzgraff for Pat.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

WILD LIGHTS AND GIFTS GALLOP
 Find one-of-a-kind gifts at the annual Holiday Gift Gallery, Monday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 11. The Center will be open Monday, November 29 during Rochester's Legatage. PCCA is located at 407 Pine Street. For information, call (248) 663-4110.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 Find one-of-a-kind gifts at the annual Holiday Gift Gallery, Monday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 11. The Center will be open Monday, November 29 during Rochester's Legatage. PCCA is located at 407 Pine Street. For information, call (248) 663-4110.

GIVING TREE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
 The Giving Tree Benevolent Society is a non-profit organization that provides gifts to the needy. The society is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. For more information, call (205) 928-1111.

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Focus on Wine



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Flavorful wines for Thanksgiving

A treasure trove of food flavors find their way to the traditional Thanksgiving dinner table. No one wine is perfect with both white and dark turkey meat, your special homemade dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, or whatever else you may serve.

So, we're offering a bounty of flavorful wine suggestions in a broad price range. Using our suggestions in each wine category below, you should find a few bottles that will please adults gathered around your Thanksgiving table.

Wines are listed by price and you may wonder, how can we recommend a \$40 wine with the same enthusiasm as an under \$10? That's easy. High-end recommendations are serious wines of complexity and depth. Lower-priced are simple, pleasant drinking.

Pinot grigio

Today's new and hot white is pinot grigio. It's a superb aperitif pour. Go right to its Italian origins and choose some dynamite values from among:

- 1998 Kris Pinot Grigio \$11.50
- 1998 Zenato Pinot Grigio \$10
- 1998 Stella Pinot Grigio \$7

Favorite white wine

Chardonnay, America's favorite white wine, is well suited to the Thanksgiving feast. Oakier, more complex styles are not overwhelmed by seasonings in the dressing or gravy. They aren't beat up by sweet potatoes or cranberries. Oranges in a cranberry relish actually showcase the bright tropical fruit of California chardonnays. Oakier styles cost more to produce and the price for the best are above \$20, but you'll find some price surprises.

- 1997 Matanzas Creek Winery Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley \$31 bested any chard in our tasting.
- 1998 Edna Valley Chardonnay, San Luis Obispo \$18.50 was number two, so we placed it here instead of by price to get your attention.
- 1997 Penfolds Adelaide Hills Chardonnay (Australia) \$27
- 1997 Beaulieu Carneros Reserve Chardonnay \$27
- 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay, Sonoma County \$22
- 1997 Acacia Chardonnay, Carneros \$21
- 1997 Venezia, Regusci Vineyard Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$20
- 1997 Belvedere Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$19
- 1997 Franciscan Oakville Estate Chardonnay \$17
- 1997 Byington Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountain \$17
- 1998 William Hill Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$15
- 1997 Chateau Ste Michelle Chardonnay \$13 - none better under \$20 from Washington
- 1998 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Chardonnay \$10 - best buy

Light red

- Beaujolais Nouveau from France is best bet light red.

Please see WINE, D3

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Visit Awrey Bakery
- Hanukkah recipes

TURKEY

DO'S & DON'TS

HOME ECONOMISTS OFFER TIPS

BY KEELY WYGONIE
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Plan ahead - that is the secret to making a memorable Thanksgiving dinner.

Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, a home economist for the Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County, has lots of tips to share.

"When buying a turkey, it is generally suggested that for every adult plan and buy 1 1/2 pounds of turkey," said Thieleke. "There is a lot of waste on a whole bird and you certainly want leftovers."

"What's the best way to thaw a turkey?" is one of the most frequently asked questions this time of year. Last year, 13,276 people called the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (800) 323-4848, or www.butterball.com, to find out.

Refrigerator thawing is recommended both by the 48 home economists and nutritionists who answer the Turkey Talk-Line, and by Sylvia Treitman, director of the MSU Extension-Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

Thaw your turkey breast-side-up in its unopened wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator. Allow at least one day of thawing for every four pounds of turkey.

If you forget to take the turkey out of the freezer, you can use the cold water method - place the turkey breast-side-

down in its unopened wrapper in cold water to cover. Change the water every 30 minutes to keep the surface cold. Estimate minimum thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound for the whole turkey.

"Give your turkey a bath," said Treitman. "Remove the neck and giblets. Rinse inside and outside in cold water, drain well."

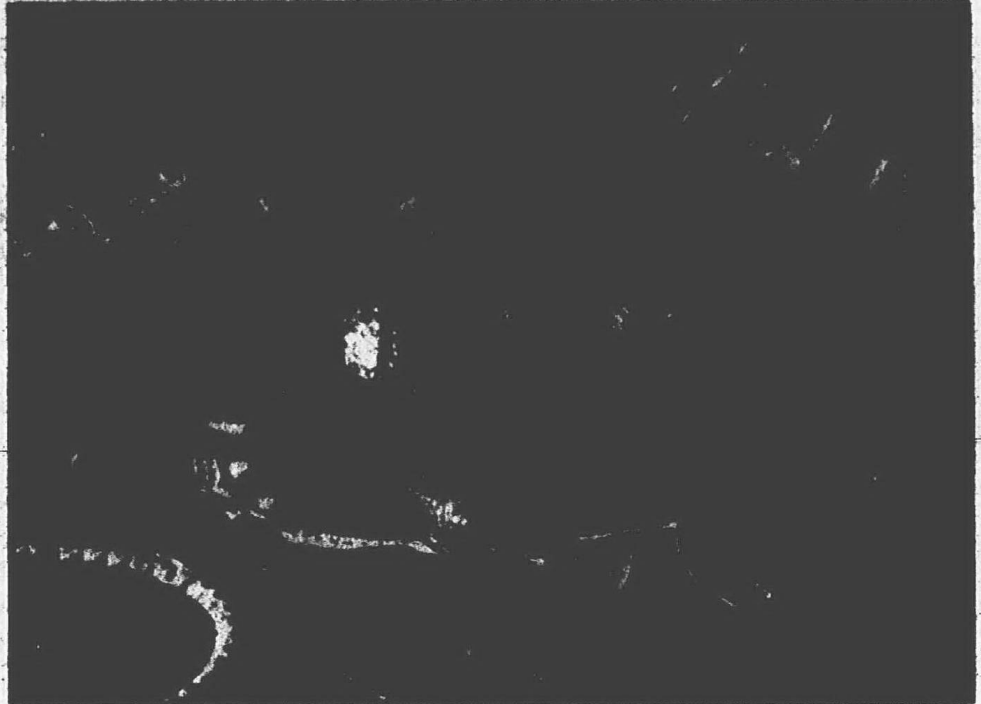
Some people like to stuff their turkeys, some don't. I like to cook my stuffing in a separate casserole dish. For flavoring, I fill the cavity of the turkey with quartered fresh apples, a bay leaf, two cinnamon sticks, and a sprinkle of nutmeg and ginger.

"Do not stuff the turkey the night before," said Thieleke. Home economists and nutritionists who answer the Turkey Talk-Line say to allow 1/2 to 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. Pack the stuffing lightly in the turkey.

Roast your turkey at 325 degrees F, and use a meat thermometer to check for doneness - 180 degrees F in the thickest part of the inner thigh, or 170 degrees F for the white meat.

"Even if your turkey comes with a pop-up thermometer, check the temperature with a meat thermometer," said Thieleke. "Use a meat thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees F."

"Do as many things ahead of time as



Holiday feast: Golden, roasted turkey, and sumptuous side dishes such as orange candied sweet potatoes and string beans with browned butter and almonds, make Thanksgiving dinner a memorable meal.

you can," said Marion Mahoney, administrator of Dayton-Hudson's Culinary Professional Department Store Program, which developed a Turkey 101 class for novice cooks. Timing is important.

"Be sure to let your turkey rest 20 minutes after roasting. If your turkey tastes dried out, you probably carved it too soon," she said.

When you're shopping for potatoes, Thieleke recommends a russet potato for mashing or baking. For boiling or roasting buy red potatoes. For mashed or scalloped buy Yukon gold.

For a truly traditional Thanksgiving,

don't forget the cranberry relish.

"Cranberries are one of only three major native North American fruits," said Thieleke. "The others are concord grapes and blueberries. Cranberries are very tart so sugar is generally added to make them sweet. Cut the calories when cooking cranberries for sauce by using apple juice for the sweetener. Bring one cup frozen apple juice concentrate to a boil in a saucepan and add four cups cranberries, reduce heat and simmer until thickened."

Please see TIPS, D3

Be thankful for the Internet

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you are looking for recipes to update your traditional Thanksgiving dinner fare, the Internet is invaluable. Start a new tradition as we head toward the millennium - surf for your supper.

Thanksgiving recipes, a reader exchange, glossary of cooking terms and more can be found at www.thanksgivingrecipe.com.

Turkey cooking and carving instructions are available, as well as vegetarian fare. You can print recipes on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper, 3 by 5 or 4 by 6-inch cards. Recipes are sorted by category or alphabetically.

Lots of interesting vegetarian recipes for Thanksgiving can be found at www.vegsource.com/thanks.htm.

Visit the home page www.vegsource.com for links to more than 5,000 recipes.

You'll find more than 200 holiday recipes, home brewing tips and more at the Home Arts Web site <http://homearts.com/depts/toc/thanksc2.htm>.

Visit any or all of these sites for recipes, you'll be thankful.

MAPLE AND TARRAGON SWEET POTATOES

Makes 8 to 10 servings
4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick

1/3 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup soy margarine, melted

1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons dried tarragon

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Arrange the sweet potato slices in overlapping rows in an oiled shallow 2-quart casserole. In a small bowl, combine the syrup, margarine, juice, cinnamon, and salt. Pour evenly over the potatoes.

Sprinkle the tarragon over the top. Cover with lid or foil and bake, covered, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until readily pierced with a fork but still firm. Bake another 20 to 25 minutes uncovered, or until glazed and golden around the edges.

Recipe from www.vegsource.com/thanks1.htm

Maggie Boleyn is a registered nurse at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and enjoys surfing the Internet for food and nutrition information.

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You'll want to pass these festive holiday side dishes

String Beans with Browned Butter and Almonds
 1/2 cup water
 1 cup sugar
 1/3 cup orange marmalade
 1/2 cup (4 ounces) frozen orange juice concentrate

Wash about potatoes, place in large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and then simmer until potatoes are not quite tender when pierced with a fork in the center, about 30 to 25 minutes. Drain potatoes and cool until easy to handle.

Using hands under running water, remove skin from potatoes. Then cut potatoes in half lengthwise and widthwise to make quarters.

Arrange potatoes in a single layer in large saucepan or skillet. Combine water, sugar, marmalade and orange juice concentrate. Pour into hot oil pan. Bring to a boil and then simmer until potatoes are tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Using a large spoon, carefully turn potatoes occasionally to cook evenly and coat with glaze. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Recipe from Butter Ball Turkey Company

STRING BEANS WITH BROWNED BUTTER AND ALMONDS

1/2 pounds fresh string beans, trimmed
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1/3 cup slivered almonds, chopped
 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 Salt to taste

Bring large saucepan of water to a boil over high heat, add a large pinch of salt, and stir in beans. Cook until tender, 4-5 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter over medium heat in

large skillet. Add almonds and cook until both sides are golden brown to brown lightly, about 5 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Drain beans very well and add to skillet, tossing to coat with butter and almonds. Salt to taste.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.
 Recipe from the Butter Ball Turkey Company

MASHED POTATOES WITH GREEN ONIONS

5 1/2 pounds Russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 2-inch pieces
 2 cups hot milk, reserve 3/4 cup
 1/4 cup unsalted butter, reserve 1 table-spoon
 2 bunches green onions chopped (about 2 1/2 cups total)

Salt and pepper to taste

Prepare the day before Thanksgiving.

Cook potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until just tender, about 30 minutes. Drain.

Process the potatoes through a potato ricer. Gradually add milk (only 1 1/4 cups), stirring until blended. Season with salt and pepper.

New pit the potatoes into an oven-safe casserole dish. Smooth the top and coat with tablespoon of melted butter.

Pour the remaining 3/4 cup of milk on top. Cover lightly and refrigerate.

The next day, place the casserole in a 325°F oven and heat for 45 minutes or until heated through. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in heavy large skillet over medium heat. Add green onions and sauté until tender, about 3 minutes.

Combine the onion mixture with the heated potatoes and stir to fluff and serve.

Recipe compliments of Land O'Lakes and Marion Mahoney, administrator, Dayton-Hudson's Culinary Professional Department Store Program. Recipe from Turkey 101, a class recently offered at metro Detroit Hudson's stores.

Wine from page D1

Top here is the 1999 Georges Dubouef \$10, but a winner at a reasonable price from California is:

- 1999 Beringer Nouveau \$8
- Pinot noir, merlot, and sangiovese match juicier dark turkey meat. They have less overt fruitiness than Beaujolais and are more complex. Their mellow finish works well with mashed or sweet potatoes, gravy, and dressing.

- Top here are:
- 1997 Atlas Peak Reserve Sangiovese \$30
 - 1997 Stags' Leap Winery Merlot \$30
 - 1997 William Hill Merlot, Napa Valley \$22
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 - 1998 Di Majo Sangiovese (Italy) \$8

(Italy) \$8

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- 1997 Morgan Syrah, Monterey \$20
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- 1997 Durand Syrah, Languedoc \$9 - incredible value
- 1997 La Vieille Ferme Red \$8 - best buy

Grand tradition

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Tips from page D1

"Make an uncooked cranberry relish by combining cranberries with orange slices (skin on) and apple slices in a food processor. Chop to a medium texture. Tame the tartness of the cranberries by adding sugar to taste."

Linger over dessert, but put the food away. "Remember the two-hour rule for food safety," said Thieleke. "Don't leave food out for more than two hours. Separate the meat from the bones before refrigerating."

Thanksgiving dinner the pilgrims enjoyed in Plymouth, Mass., in 1621?

"The pilgrims had few resources to draw from, and a limited number of foods," said Richard Ford, professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

"At that time, the domesticated plants known to Native Americans were corn, beans and squash, while the Europeans brought over wheat, barley for

- 1997 Quivira Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley \$25
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- 1995 Ballentine Zinfandel, Napa Valley \$15
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- 1997 Clos du Bois Zinfandel \$14

Vegetarian options

You don't like turkey, and you're having seafood or eating vegetarian? These are for you:

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Stuff squash with figs and nuts

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This savory and colorful side dish, Honey Fig Acorn Squash, is

a natural for your Thanksgiving table.

The squash halves are filled with honey-glazed, lightly spiced dried figs and almonds, and are baked for 50 to 55 minutes.

pan. Add boiling water to a depth of 1/4 inch. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes, just until cooked through but still firm. Carefully remove foil and pour off water.

In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in honey, figs, almonds, cinnamon and nutmeg. Turn squash cut-sides-up and fill with fig mixture. Bake, uncovered, 20 to 25 minutes longer, until squash is tender and the filling is bubbly.

Makes 4 servings.
 Nutrition information per serving: 394 cal., 5 g pro., 15 g fat, 67 g carbs., 23 mg chol., 8 g fiber, 14 mg sodium.

Recipe from: California Fig Advisory Board.

HONEY FIG ACORN SQUASH

- 2 acorn squash
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3/4 cup (about 4 ounces) chopped dried figs
- 1/3 cup chopped natural almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Cut squash in half lengthwise; remove and discard seeds. Place cut-sides-down in buttered baking

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Mushroom or minty, choose stuffing to suit family taste

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The recipes for Mushroom and Cashew Stuffing and Minted Fruit Stuffing start with a traditional base of bread, then each adds tasty extras for a distinctive flavor lift.

The recipes give instructions for the stuffings to be baked alone, not inside another item, so they are easy to adapt for menus to suit different family tastes. The stuffings can accompany a festive entree such as turkey for a Thanksgiving dinner, be part of a party buffet, or serve as a nourishing comfort-food item for a lighter supper.

MUSHROOM AND CASHEW STUFFING

- 3/4 pound regular sliced white bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 8 cups)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 large red onion, chopped
- 1 large red pepper, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 pound button mushrooms, sliced
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups roasted, unsalted cashews, halves and pieces
- 2 tablespoons fresh or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons fresh or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup canned chicken broth
- 2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place bread cubes on large, shallow baking pan and bake until golden, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Transfer to large mixing bowl.

Turn oven down to 350 F.

Melt butter in a large, heavy skillet. Add onion and cook until clear, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Add red pepper, mushrooms and celery; cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Combine with bread in a mixing bowl. Add nuts, seasonings, broth and beaten eggs. Stir well and pour into an 8-by-8-inch greased baking pan or one of similar size. (Can be prepared a day ahead and refrigerated.) Bake, cov-

ered, for about 1 hour.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 355 cal., 10 g pro., 35 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 21 g fat, 63 mg chol., 554 mg sodium.

MINTED FRUIT STUFFING

- 12 slices honey wheat bread, cubed
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider or apple juice
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/2 cup yellow raisins
- 1/2 cup minced fresh or 4 teaspoons dried mint
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh lemon thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Mint sprigs to garnish, optional

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a large mixing bowl, toss together the cubed bread and cider; set aside.

In a large nonstick skillet, melt the butter. Add the onion and saute over medium heat until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the apple, reduce the heat to low and cook until the apple is tender, about 4 minutes. Stir in the honey. Stir the apple mixture, dried apricots, raisins, mint and lemon thyme into the moistened bread. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Spoon the stuffing into a 2-quart baking dish. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, until golden brown on top. Garnish with fresh mint and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 297 cal., 6 g pro., 58 g carbo., 6 g dietary fiber, 21 g fat, 10 mg chol., 3 mg sodium.

Recipes from: Wheat Foods Council.

Pumpkin-ricotta cheesecake low in fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pumpkin-Ricotta Cheesecake will not leave Thanksgiving diners feeling deprived, even though a serving contains only about 1 gram of fat.

The festive dessert fits in well with meal plans and advice given by Weight Watchers International. The advice includes: Do not starve before a feast, so you're less likely to overeat; serve yourself plenty of vegetable side dishes; cut off turkey fat; make your own low-fat, low-sodium gravy - and go out to play or walk briskly after you have eaten!

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle bottom of pan evenly with graham cracker crumbs.

In a blender or food processor, puree remaining ingredients until smooth; pour mixture into prepared pan, reserving 1/4 cup of the batter. Drizzle the reserved batter in 3 concentric circles over the batter. With a knife, lightly draw a line through the batter from the outer edge toward the center. Repeat lines around the pie, alternating directions to make a decorative web pattern.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on rack. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 160 cal., 13 g pro., 1 g fat, 24 g carbo., 3 mg chol., 263 mg sodium.

Recipe from: Weight Watchers International.

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Holiday hot lines for the home cook

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites are available to help answer cooking queries during holiday preparation times. Here are some of them.

■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline: (800) 535-4555. Personal assistance with all meat and poultry

preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Foster Farms Turkey Helpline: (800) 255-7227. Representatives answer 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with consumer tips on turkey cooking, carving, food safety tips, recipes

and free brochures.

■ Land O'Lakes Holiday Baking Line: (800) 782-9606. Baking line is available 7 days a week, through Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Consumers may speak with a trained home economist and baking expert, to ask questions, request a free brochure or order a cookbook.

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Immunizations clinic

Providence Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia will host an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Fee, \$5 per child includes all vaccines your child needs (except chicken pox). Don't forget to bring your immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500.

Blood pressure test

The Maplewood Community Center in Garden City offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every Wednesday. The next test is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24. The community center is located on Maplewood, west of Merriman.

Menu planning

St. Mary Hospital is offering a class on menu planning. Part of the "Food for Thought" nutrition education program, this session will help participants learn how to plan menus and make shopping lists for a healthy diet. The class will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 7-8 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Cost to attend is \$6, \$5 for those over 55. Call (734) 655-8940.

Health seminar

Free Healthcare seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliatch; Araldo Aragon, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

Cardiac center

The Oakwood Healthcare System Cardiac Center Open House is scheduled from 3-5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Free of charge. Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center is located at 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, second floor overlooking the Atrium.

Natural therapies

Oakwood offers Healing Touch sessions to patients

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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In the midst of a hi-tech revolution in the health care industry, some hospitals and independent health centers are getting back to the basics by focusing on "wellness" not "illness" based treatments.

When it is estimated that Americans are spending an average of \$20 billion a year on alternative health care, hospitals are finding it necessary to make radical changes in the current health care system. Changes include training nurses and nurses assistants in therapies such as Healing and Therapeutic Touch.

Healing Touch is an energy-based therapeutic approach to promoting and accelerating the natural healing process of the human body through a series of techniques the practitioners use, with their hands, to assess and influence the inherent energy system within.

Oakwood Healthcare System now offers Healing Touch sessions, as a complement to current medical treatments, on the third floor of Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne.

According to Registered Nurse and Healing Touch Practitioner Barb Welcer, Healing Touch is a certificate program developed by Colorado native Janet Mentgen, R.N., B.S.N., through the American Holistic Nurses Association more than 10 years ago.

Welcer provides Healing Touch treatments two days a week at the Oakwood hospital in addition to maintaining a private practice from an at-home studio. Certified by Healing Touch International Inc. of Colorado and endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association, Welcer has been practicing Healing Touch for the past six years.

"Healing Touch is heart-centered work performed by someone who has a genuine interest in caring for people and helping them heal," said Welcer. "By using on and off the body movements and light touch, a practitioner assesses the energy field of the patient then smooths and

balances the patient's energy so that the body can do its own self-healing. It puts a patient in their best state of healing and almost always induces the relaxation response."

Welcer said it also works to increase the immune system and decrease pain. Patients are fully clothed during the session and can either lie down or sit from five minutes to more than 50 depending on the treatment and the state of their energy field.

Welcer notes that Healing Touch isn't a miracle remedy that results in "vast improvements" directly following sessions, but it has been attributed to increasing the healing process of wounds and fractures, alleviating anxiety and inducing the relaxation response by awakening the body's ability to heal itself.

How can it help?

The list of conditions in which Healing Touch can be used is long and varied, including pain management, hypertension, spiritual enhancement, migraines, side effects of chemotherapy and radiation, pre and post surgical procedures, rehabilitation and maintaining wellness.

Welcer says among the many benefits of HT is that "any one can perform the work," whether you are a trained professional or a layman. She offers informational sessions to patients, family members and staff once a week on how it can be used in concert with medical treatments.

"Because this is heart-centered work you have to want to do this and not everyone does," said Welcer. "Not all the nurses on this unit are interested or comfortable with Healing Touch."

To date though, Welcer has offered basic Healing and Therapeutic Touch classes to staff members since July. Approximately one dozen employees have participated in the training and future classes are being planned. While two of the staff members have completed the Level I class and possess the basic skills to provide Healing Touch, Welcer said she will continue to collaboratively practice HT with staff members



BodyWorks focuses on mind, body connection

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A growing practice in Plymouth's Old Village, founded on the concept of holistic healing, is meeting the needs of clients through neuromuscular therapy, cranio sacral therapy, Reiki, astrology, numerology and psychotherapy.

According to BodyWorks Healing Center owner, Pat Krajovic, the Plymouth business recently observed its first anniversary since the change in ownership from Heartlight.

"The services and retail products we offer support the natural healing process," said Krajovic. "There is an emphasis on caring for the body, mind and spirit through bodywork and not just traditional massage but the use of energy healing and spiritual interaction."

Krajovic, a certified massage therapist through the American Massage Therapy Association, took over the Plymouth business in 1998 from Heartlight owners who wanted someone who shared their vision and would be equally supportive to their loyal clientele.

"We continue to provide a safe and comfortable environment based on unconditional love without judgment," said Krajovic. "We have enhanced the retail product line and now include intuitive counseling, crystals, psychotherapy, chakra balancing, and we've expanded the bodywork modalities."

Krajovic and her husband David, who professes to "dabble" in a little bit of everything at BodyWorks from Bach Flower remedies to maintaining the financial aspect of the business, both say they are witnessing a "renewal" in peoples interest in the body, mind and spirit.

"This country is experiencing a spiritual revival," said David Krajovic. "People have this sense of emptiness in their life and they're starting to turn to other sources for answers. They're asking themselves what's missing? They want to some how reconnect with the earth and be in control of their well being."

Collaborative effort

Krajovic says the BodyWorks Healing Center can help them uncover what may be troubling them whether it's physically, emotionally or spiritually and provide them with the tools and guidance to heal.

"People are tired of taking pills to

Rocks, crystals hold inherent energies

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That pretty blue gemstone set in gold on your right hand may be more than an accessory to your wardrobe, it could also be a healing aid that's working with your body's own magnetic field.

According to Pamela Zuch of BodyWorks Healing Center in Plymouth's Old Village, rocks and crystals are the tools she uses to help calm chaotic energy, promote healing, turn negative emotions into positive ones and induce inner peace among others.

"Stones and crystals have immeasurable powers to influence and enhance the healing process," said Zuch. "I wear a lot of them for their different effects, because I'm drawn to others and as a support buffer."

Zuch, a healer who refers to herself as "a Jill of all trades," also is knowledgeable in herbology, Tarot (learned from Alhambra Institute), Reiki, intuitional healing, psychometry and crystal healing. She's also certified in iridology (a belief that each area of the body is represented by a corresponding area in the iris of the eye — a person's health and disease status can be diag-

Please see ROCKS, D6

Healer uses astrology to empower, educate

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Did you know that the very moment you were born a virtual road map of your existence could already be charted that illustrates "the hand you've been dealt" in life? This blueprint is known as your birth or natal chart.

"Knowing how to interpret your birth chart arms you with the knowledge to help you steer your boat, so to speak, through life's uncharted waters," said Susan Austin. "And we all know — knowledge is power."

Austin, a metaphysical reader, has been working at BodyWorks Healing Center in Plymouth's Old Village since 1993 yet honing her psychic and astrological skills for the past 22 years. She said when she first began studying astrology in the late 1970s it wasn't as widely accepted as it is today.

"I got a lot of criticism and strange looks from people when I told them about what I did and what my interests were. People thought I was crazy," said Austin.

Having had visions as a child and a strong attraction to astrology, Austin says she uses her natural abilities to help people seek greater knowledge about themselves. She uses astrology, reader and tarot cards, chakra scanning and intuitional healing and guidance.

"I basically help them troubleshoot," said Austin. "I can offer people the insight into why they may make the choices in life they do or behave a certain way, but to be perfectly honest there are no cut-and-dry answers that come from astrology. However,

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Susan Austin
—BodyWorks healer

can interpret the natural cycles people are inclined to encounter and I know what areas to look out for."

Interpreting the signs

Astrology is based on a two-dimensional chart showing the position of the sun, the moon, and planets at the precise moment of your birth.

According to Austin, a skilled natural healer understands "what reflects back" from your birth chart and can help you comprehend lessons you have to learn, issues to be faced, and problems to be solved.

Austin says she can't force people to make changes — that's up to the individual and the choices they make once they possess the knowledge their birth chart holds.

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er, understanding where you're coming from will help you begin the healing process."

Austin says not only has the acceptance of her talents changed dramatically in the last two decades, but so has the way in which she's able to develop an individual's birth chart. Thanks to technology, Austin simply enters your birth date, day of the week, time of the day and year and a computer program provides a printout that Austin uses as a guide. In the past, she said everything was written out by hand and involved a great deal of mathematical calculations.

"One wrong number and the whole chart would be in error," said Austin.

The chart includes information about the sun and the moon and the planets in signs; the houses; planets in the houses (behavior influences) and your ascendant, or rising sign (impacts personality).

Austin does initial readings once she's developed your "blueprint" and each reading is recorded on cassette tape so the individual may refer to them later. Other readings typically follow.

Twelve houses

The 12 houses of the horoscope define 12 areas of your life. The beginning of each of the houses is called its cusp. Each house has what is called a natural ruling sign and natural ruling planets. That is the sign and planet associated with that house that begins with Aries and ends with Pisces.

The 12 areas of our life that are depicted include:

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

WED, NOV. 24

NEWBORN CARE
A two-session class meets for the first time at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association instructors. Registration required by calling Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

WED, DEC. 1

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

MENU PLANNING
St. Mary Hospital is offering a class on menu planning. Part of the "Food for Thought" nutrition education program, this session will help participants learn how to plan menus and make shopping lists for a healthy diet. The class will be held from 7-8 p.m. at Bentley Center, 16100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Cost to attend is \$6, \$5 for those over 55. Call (734) 655-8940.

SIBLING CLASS
A night devoted to siblings that will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is 1.5 hours and is recommended for children 3 to 8 years of age. Call 458-4330 for class dates and registration.

CHILD/INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three-hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call 458-4330 to register.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
Ellen Stephens, a Karmanos Cancer volunteer, will discuss "The Gift of Giving" from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital, West Addition B (South Entrance off Levan, 36475 Five Mile). No charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

BEAT GOES ON ...
Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Understanding Your Medication" from 6-7:30 p.m. at Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

THUR, DEC. 2

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliatch; Aroldo Aragonese, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

SAT, DEC. 4

VIBRATIONAL MEDICINE
Learn why our present views of health and disease will radically change in the new millennium, and how the use and acceptance of alternative therapies will accelerate over the next decade. This course, "Principles of Vibrational Medicine," will present how medicine is beginning to evolve away from the body as a machine and toward the bioenergetic perspectives of health and disease. Course is transferable into the Holistic Health Practitioner Diploma program leading to Board Certification in Holistic Health. To register call the Serenity School of Holistic Health in Livonia at (248) 474-0368 or (734) 513-0868.

SUN, DEC. 5

PUBERTY/GROWING UP
"A Heart to Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up." This class provides mothers with daughters ages 9-12 with accurate information about the normal physical and emotional changes that girls will experience as they enter puberty. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor from 1-5 p.m.

MON, DEC. 6

HEART PALS
Support for cardiac patients and/or their significant other will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-3242 for information.

TUE, DEC. 7

EATING DISORDERS
A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for person who are in need of peer group support at 7 p.m. Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Open to both men and women. Call (734) 458-3395 for additional information.

BREASTFEEDING
A one-session class providing information to expectant parents on the many aspects of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

WED, DEC. 8

ESTATE PLANNING
St. Mary Hospital will be presenting a Carelink Lecture on Estate Planning from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Paul Lubinski, J.D., will discuss what a will, trust and power of attorney is as well as the advantages and differences. There is no charge for this lecture but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Free, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

BREATHERS CLUB
A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free. Call 458-3481 for information.

RELATIONSHIPS
"Valuing Ourselves in Relationships." This presentation will focus on relationship dilemmas that are particular to women and show how you can enrich relationships for yourself and others. From 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

BEAT GOES ON ...
"And the Beat Goes On ..." Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Managing Your Stress." From 6-7:30 p.m. at Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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WONDER WALKERS
St. Mary Hospital is offering a health talk at Wonderland Mall as part of their sponsorship of Wonder Walkers, a walking club at the mall. Participants will learn ways to make better eating choices and about the role cholesterol plays in our diet on

from 9-10 a.m. in the Wonderland Mall Community Room. There is a no fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

SAT, DEC. 11

LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP
Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1-7 p.m. The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St. Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system; recount indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage; learn how to detox the body; and discuss deep cellular supplements. 6.5 CEUs available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is \$50, single; \$90 couple.

WED, DEC. 15

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomy) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. Meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call (734) 458-3381.

ADULT CPR
Three hour evening class conducted at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Call (734) 458-4330.

BEAT GOES ON ...
"And the Beat Goes On ..." Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Integrating Exercise Into Your Lifestyle." Location: Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.

TUE, DEC. 21

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT
For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/ friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.

DEC. 29, 30

BLOOD DRIVE
During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

FRI, DEC. 31

Y2K WALK/RUN
Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31, at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four-mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol-free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center (Brodhead Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson Ave. The party, which is free to race entrants and \$15 for others, includes pizza, soft drinks and musical entertainment. More information on the event may be obtained by calling 313-886-5560 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or through the Web at www.activeusa.com and selecting "Michigan" events at the top of the screen.

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Garden City
Monday, November 29
2 p.m.
at Garden City Library
2012 Middlebelt Rd.

Westland
Wednesday, December 8
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
36601 Warren Ave.

Southgate
Thursday, December 2
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
15750 Northline Rd.



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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer's medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

Meeting a need

Magic Medical of Canton, a local supplier of adult diapers over the Internet, carries all major brands of adult diapers. Visit their Web site at www.aduldiapermagicmed.com. According to owners Craig and Kathleen Van Vliet, more than 250 customers are visiting their Web site every day. For more information or to place an order call toll free (877) 245-7148. Magic Medical ships UPS and parcel post.

Surgeon appointed

Vascular surgeon **Gerald B. Zelenock, M.D.**, has been appointed chairman of the department of Surgery and chief of Surgical Services at William

Beaumont Hospital.

As chairman, Zelenock oversees the state's highest-volume surgical services. More than 40,000 inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures were performed at Beaumont in 1998. The Royal Oak physician is certified by the American Board of Surgery (ABS), and holds additional certification of special competence in general vascular surgery and certification of added qualifications in surgical critical care, both from the ABS.

Dentist welcomed

Dr. Nancy Highland recently joined the staff of Dr. Richard Stec of Canton. Stec will be seeing patients on Wednesdays and Thursdays and practices general dentistry, root canals, extractions, children's dentistry and cosmetic dentistry.

With the addition of Highland, Stec will now be offering more extended hours to patients including evening appointments Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 8 p.m. For information call (734) 981-1800.

Elected position

Judith Caroselli, director of

Operations at Westland Convalescent Center was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Health Care Association of Michigan at the Health Care Association of Michigan's annual convention. Her term of office as a director is 1999 through 2000.

Benchmark status

General Motors Corporation designated Health Alliance Plan (HAP) a "Benchmark" HMO for the salaried employees and retirees' health care program. HAP meets the highest quality, service and cost standards GM has for the HMO's it offers. HAP is one of only 13 premier GM Benchmark HMO's nationally, and Michigan's only Benchmark HMO for the year 2000.

"HAP commends General Motors' leadership in holding health plans accountable for customer satisfaction, value and quality," said HAP president and CEO Cleve L. Killingsworth. "The GM Medical Plan Guide enables consumers to make an informed choice among local health plans by sharing meaningful, comparative information during open enrollment. Achiev-

ing the GM 'Benchmark' standard reflects the high quality of HAP-affiliated physicians and employees and their dedication to excellence in quality health care and service."

HAP, with approximately 6,000 contracts, will be the largest GM Benchmark HMO in the country offered to their salaried employees.

"Now that HAP attained Benchmark status, the monthly contribution paid by GM salaried employees and retirees enrolling with HAP will be the lowest of any HMO offered. GM employees will appreciate the contribution advantage and will recognize the value implied by the 'Benchmark' designation," said Joan C. Rodney, regional director — Southeast Michigan Health Care Initiatives.

GM devoted considerable effort to ensure that health plans offered meet our expectations in terms of quality of care. We look forward to building on HAP's strengths to ensure an increasing level of health care quality, value and service offered through the HAP program."

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make themselves feel better," said Krajovic who practices relaxation and therapeutic massage, neuromuscular therapy, visceral massage, polarity, Nuat Thai massage, Shiatsu, Jin Shin Do and other energy healing modalities.

Her colleague, Rob West, a certified massage therapist who previously taught at the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy, practices advanced structural neuromuscular therapy, of which he is certified in, as well as myofascial therapy, cranio sacral therapy, reflexology, and Reiki. His clients range from individuals suffering from a variety of ailments and injuries including trauma from a blow to the head, fall or accident; lower back pain, postural

'The services and retail products we offer support the natural healing process.'

Pat Krajovic
—BodyWorks Healing Center

distortion, migraines, TMJ, and fibromyalgia to people seeking to maintain overall health and wellness.

West says he also receives referrals from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor primarily treating head and neck injury victims.

When treating chronic pain patients, West says it's a matter of treating not just the afflicted area but the "whole neurological system," in order to correct the distortion. "Muscles have memories," said West. The BodyWorks therapist says he and his client will work toward strengthening the injured muscle — not just manipulating the tissues and muscles.

Initially a complete history of the patient is taken including cranial measurements, past medical conditions, active diseases, prescription medication, prior injuries and symptoms. Then West and Krajovic work with their client toward addressing the physical and emotional issues they hope to resolve, and focus on helping the body learn to heal itself through their guidance.

"People want to gain control of their lives and are tired of feeling bad and living with pain. We offer natural healing options for them to shed all the emotional and physical baggage many of us carry around," said Krajovic. "We encourage people to come in and see what's here. Some people just stop in and spend a few minutes here because they say they feel better after they leave."

Jama Cuellar, a clairvoyant consultant, is also on staff at BodyWorks Healing Center. She began psychometry and clairvoyant readings in 1984. She reaches Tarot, ESP and conscious awareness classes.

BodyWorks retail hours are 1-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Friday and Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Readings are available on a walk-in basis during retail hours as well as by appointment. Massages are by appointment only. BodyWorks Healing Center is located at 819 N. Mill Street, Old Village, Plymouth.

For information or to schedule an appointment call, (734) 416-5200. Classes at the Healing Center include Tarot; Reiki I, II and Reiki III Master certifica-

Chakra system

Chakra One: Earth, physical identity, oriented to self-preservation

Located at the base of the spine, this chakra forms our foundation. It represents the element earth, and is therefore related to our survival instincts, and to our sense of grounding and connection to our bodies and the physical plane. Ideally this chakra brings us health, prosperity, security, and dynamic presence.

Chakra Two: Water, emotional identity, oriented to self-gratification

The second chakra, located in the abdomen, lower back, and sexual organs, is related to the element water, and to emotions and sexuality. It connects us to others through feeling, desire, sensation, and movement. Ideally this chakra brings us fluidity and grace, depth of feeling, sexual fulfillment, and the ability to accept change.

Chakra Three: Fire, ego identity, oriented to self-definition

This chakra is known as the power chakra, located in the solar plexus. It rules our personal power, will, and autonomy, as well as our metabolism. When healthy, this chakra brings us energy, effectiveness, spontaneity, and non-dominating power.

Chakra Four: Air, social identity, oriented to self-acceptance

This chakra is called the heart chakra and is the middle chakra in a system of seven. It is related to love and is the integrator of opposites in the psyche: mind and body, male and female, persona and shadow, ego and unity. A healthy fourth chakra allows us to love deeply, feel compassion, have a deep sense of peace and centeredness.

Chakra Five: Sound, creative identity, oriented to self-expression

This is the chakra located in the throat and is thus related to communication and creativity. Here we experience the world symbolically through vibration, such as the vibration of sound representing language.

Chakra Six: Light, archetypal identity, oriented to self-reflection

This chakra is known as the brow chakra or third eye center. It is related to the act of seeing, both physically and intuitively. As such it opens our psychic faculties and our understanding of archetypal levels. When healthy it allows us to see clearly, in effect, letting us "see the big picture."

Chakra Seven: Thought, Universal identity, oriented to self-knowledge

This is the crown chakra that relates to consciousness as pure awareness. It is our connection to the greater world beyond, to a timeless, spaceless place of all-knowing. When developed, this chakra brings us knowledge, wisdom, understanding, spiritual connection, and bliss.

Source — Sacred Centers (www.sacredcenters.com)

tion; Astrology - Level I and I; talks on rocks, crystals, gems and other minerals; and intuitive Feng Shui.

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nosed from the color, texture, and location of various pigment flecks in the eye).

Intrinsic value

Individual rocks and crystals have various healing powers and each of the seven chakra's in our body have their own healing stone. Chakra's are innate energy systems that correlate to a major nerve in our spinal column. Using the correct stone, the object is placed on the appropriate chakra to focus its energy to the area that needs healing.

Zuch says if she can't get a feeling for the kinds of rocks and crystals people need she'll often lay them out and ask the person to choose which ones they're drawn to, for whatever reason.

Zuch, a healer who refers to herself as 'a Jill of all trades,' also is knowledgeable in herbology, tarot (learned from Alhambra Institute), Reiki, intuitive healing, psychometry and crystal healing. She's also certified in Iridology (a belief that each area of the body is represented by a corresponding area in the iris of the eye).

"The vibrational energy of the stones have a luring power unto themselves," said Zuch.

There are literally hundreds of different rocks, crystals and gemstones in existence. Listed below are a few, along with their natural healing powers:

■ Malachite: Cleanses the emo-

tional body, releases old trauma of past lives.

■ Lapis lazuli: Cleanses the mental body, changes negative views of reality into positive ones.

■ Rose quartz: Promotes the healing heart through self love, self esteem and body image. Fosters inner peace.

■ Citrine: Useful to balance energy.

■ Green fluorite: Aids ability to meditate, brings healing to emotional body and heart chakra.

Zuch said crystals are more than ornamental accessories in our homes or articles that we wear as a trendy fashion statement. "Stones and rocks are natural objects that emit their own electrical frequencies. It's important for people to know the healing powers they possess and use them appropriately."

If you would like to meet with Pamela Zuch, contact BodyWorks Healing Center of Plymouth at (734) 416-5200. She teaches classes in Tarot and in the use of crystals in healing.



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- Behavior, health, appearance.
- Material side, financial condition.
- Early childhood, siblings, early education.
- Family life, domestic affairs, home, end of life.
- Love affairs, children, creativity.
- Work, health issues.
- Marriage partner, business partners.
- Attitudes about life/death, legacies, sex.

- Religion, higher learning, travel.
 - Social status, fame, reputation.
 - Friends, social associations, goals, wishes.
 - Hidden resources, subconscious, hidden problems.
- Austin teaches Level I and Level II Astrology classes for beginners and intermediate students. The next six week class starts Feb. 12, 2000. For more information call (734) 416-5200.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our November 21 insert, we advertised *The Source Presents: Hip Hop Hits Vol. 3* by various artists, as available Tuesday, November 23. Due to a manufacturer delay, this title will not be available until Tuesday, November 30. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

Retailers worry over Internet, e-commerce boom



MIKE WENDLAND

The e-commerce shopping season officially starts Friday, right along with the regular retail season. But already, signs are strong that this year, shopping on line may actually start to put a dent in some traditional store shopping.

"You owe a loyalty to your local retailer," read an angry e-mail I received this past week from a merchant whose store in an Oakland County suburb's "downtown" is fairly well known. "Every time you promote shopping online, you're shooting us in the back and causing prices to rise."

I'm not promoting anything. But I'd sure be remiss if I didn't point out what's happening out there in cyberspace.

For the past two weeks, so many people have logged onto the Toys R Us Web site (www.toysrus.com) that, if you do get through, you're greeted with this message:

"...we have been getting millions of visitors to our Web site over the last few days. Right now, we are processing thousands of new orders every hour! Because of the high demand, we are at full guest capacity and are therefore

currently unable to process your request to enter our site right now."

And the real season has yet to start. Last week, according to a survey commissioned by the investment banking firm Goldman Sachs, Internet shoppers spent \$222 million. Just last week. That's up \$21 million over the week before. And, according to the survey, the vast majority of those who bought online said their spending had nothing to do with holiday shopping. That, they said, was yet to come.

Last year, some \$3.1 billion was spent online during the holiday season. This year, estimates range from \$10 billion to \$12 billion.

Cameron Meieroefer is an online analyst for PC Data Online. He told Cnet News (www.cnet.com) that the data doesn't suggest that brick and mortar retail stores will be completely neglected. Indeed, while 90 percent of those online shoppers polled said they immensely enjoy Internet shopping, 60 percent of them still intend to buy their gifts from real stores.

But the trend is clear. Retailers will feel the competition from e-commerce. "Each week (Internet shoppers) spend a little more time online," Meieroefer says.

Meieroefer isn't alone. "Books, CDs, and computer sales are still the drivers, but apparel is the fastest growing segment," says Brett

Azuma, vice president for electronic business at DataQuest, a unit of Gartner Group (www.info-edge.com/gartner.htm).

Shop till you drop

Azuma says the growth rate simply shows no sign of tapering off. "This is not a niche market, this is not an emerging market, this has become a mainstream market," he contends.

Jupiter Communications (www.jup.com) is another online marketing firm that is trying to chart this trend. Jupiter predicts that there will be 10 million new online buyers this holiday season. Those shoppers will be spending more — from \$412 per person last year to \$919 in 2003.

Allen Weiner, a vice president for Nielsen/Net Ratings, says his company has started a special Internet holiday e-commerce index. "We anticipated that shopping would start earlier this year, but not this early."

Convenience is cited over and over as the main reason folks buy online. People like clicking a mouse instead of hoofing it through a mall.

And the so-called "dot-com" folks are also undoubtedly helped along by a blitz of advertising. I watched the Lions game the other day on TV and was amazed to note that during one commercial break, literally every advertiser was an Internet shopping site. This

coming Tuesday, I'll be in New York doing a coast-to-coast satellite TV tour, reporting for more than a dozen stations from California to New York about the coming online shopping season.

Everyone, it seems is ecstatic over e-commerce.

Except most retailers. And the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Governors' Association.

Last week leaders from both groups called for taxes to be collected on all those billions being spent online. All the paranoia and hand wringing is going to increase as the Net becomes still more pervasive. The smart retailers, of course, will realize that there is still a need to physically inspect the things we buy, to try them on, kick the tires, smell the perfume, look at the jewelry sparkle. And they'll figure how the Internet can be used to turn Net surfers into face-to-face buyers.

So the smart ones will open up their own Web sites to showcase their wares and attract the eyeballs of Net surfers. A good example: The Toy Soldier and Doll Hospital in Berkeley (www.Toyshoppe.com).

Jack Zagrodski, vice president of marketing, has put together a very creative and compelling Web site that showcases the store's emphasis on non-violent, old-fashioned toys, classic playthings and learning aids.

"We decided to move forward with

technology," Zagrodski writes me in an e-mail. "The Internet is not going away."

Instead of finding the Internet a threat, Zagrodski has found it to be a great opportunity. While his store's Web site builds loyalty and strong relations with local customers, it opens up the store to a worldwide audience, who never would have heard of the place were it not online. And online, it's of course open 7-by-24.

This shopping season will be pivotal, I predict, in the Internet's evolution. Online shopping will truly mainstream this year.

And, I also predict, the response of retailers to this trend ... as a threat or an opportunity ... will seal their fates within a few years.

What do you think? How has the Internet impacted your shopping habits? E-mail your response to me. And also send along Web sites from local retailers you think have done a good job using the Internet to draw people to their bricks and mortar stores.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.hometecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

New local office

Haley & Aldrich, an environmental and underground engineering firm headquartered in Boston, recently added Techna Corporation of Plymouth to its national network of offices. The former Techna Corporation, an environmental consulting firm founded in 1986, has a growing base of industrial, commercial, attorney and public sector clients in Southeastern Michigan. Haley & Aldrich are hoping the new Ply-

mouth office will provide strong staff capability in the Detroit area to support their clients needs in the Midwest.

Grand opening

Staff Net, Inc. recently held their grand opening at their new Livonia location, 31395 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite C (southeast corner of Seven Mile and Merriman). Staff Net, Inc. is a temporary, temporary-hire and direct job placement service that specializes in all phases of office administration including full secretarial, word processors, data entry, accounting, receptionists, sales/marketing, clerical and typists.

Applicants can call to schedule an appointment, walk-in or fax resumes. New customers receive \$50 off their first order of 40 hours or more in addition to referral bonuses are paid and Staff Net, Inc. boasts a state-of-the-art evaluation process.

For more information e-mail President Pamela Oakes or Cyndie Delgado, office manager/recruiter at staffnet@earthlink.net; call (248) 473-STAF (7823); or fax, (248) 47-FAX-44.

Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI) was recognized by Ford Motor Company with its 1999 Corporate Citizenship Award for the supplier's strong commitment to supporting and doing business with minority-owned companies.

Johnson Controls, a major, global manufacturer of automotive interior systems, has a formal program to recruit and develop minority-owned suppliers. In 1999, the company purchased more than \$235 million in goods and services from minority-owned firms, a figure that's expected to grow to \$317 million in fiscal-year 2000.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

WED, DEC. 15

AAII INVESTOR MEETING
The AAII Eastern Michigan Chapter will meet

JAN. 10, 2000

CANTON SPW
The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace to achieve goals through advocacy, education and information. Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2672 for information. The guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, who will discuss mentoring.

WED, DEC. 1

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia. The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

FRI, DEC. 3

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

Read Observer Sports



in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

LEFT HIGH AND DRY?

Dry mouth is a common symptom before and during menopause and a side effect associated with more than 400 medications. As such, it poses a problem for many people. According to researchers at the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, older adults with reduced saliva flow were about 50% more likely to lose at least one tooth during the course of the three-year study than those with normal flow. The fact is that saliva helps to significantly reduce the risk of cavities by neutralizing acid in plaque and removing germs and food residue. It also helps provide a mineral barrier that protects the tooth's surface. If dry mouth is a

problem, consult your dentist.

Are you suffering with dry mouth? At LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES we will be happy to discuss any oral hygiene concerns you may have. Good dentistry is more than excellent clinical skills and state-of-the-art equipment. We feel that mutual trust, too, is a factor in the success of your treatment. Our entire staff believes that open communication can help build this trust. Any time you have a question, please don't hesitate to ask. Our office is located at 19171 Merriman Road. Please call 478-2110 to schedule an appointment. Smiles are our business.

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P.S. Studies show that chewing sugar-free gum to stimulate saliva flow enhances tooth remineralization and reduces the harmful acidity of plaque.

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Find out more at Lawrence Tech's special BSIT Info Night, Nov. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Talk with profs and staff, visit with a major employer of graduates, and learn program details. You can even enroll for January classes. For details and reservations, phone today: 1-800-CALL-LTU, ext. 1. Bring a friend!

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ON JANUARY 1, 2000 BE PART OF YOUR HOMETOWN HISTORY

Our first editions of the new millennium will serve as an exciting "time capsule" featuring messages like the ones you see here.

Here is your opportunity to mark the turn of the century with a message about the future or a last loving look at the the past!

Be part of this very special edition of your hometown Observer with a picture and message about your family, your service organization, your place of worship...the list is endless. Perhaps you had a significant anniversary, a special event, or another important milestone in your lives during the past century. Here's your opportunity to record it for your friends, family, neighbors and business associates!

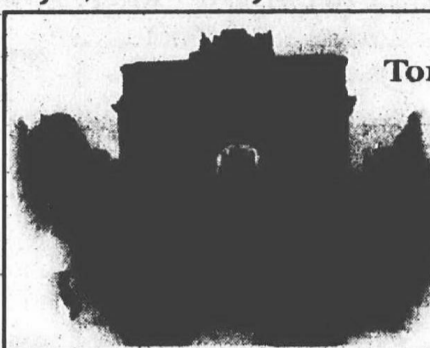
These special messages will appear on the pages of the January 1st edition of your hometown Observer on January 1, 2000 and you can deposit the entire issue in your own time capsule, so that when you look at it again in the years to come, you'll enjoy remembering or telling your grandchildren what was going on in your hometown!

Here's all you do to be part of our Hometown History pages:

1. Fill in the information requested on the form below.
2. Clip one of the sample ads below and send it with your message and photo
3. Enclose one photo, no larger than 8"x10" per message. (If you wish photo returned please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope)
4. Compose your message of 25 words or less.
5. Tell us in which Observer newspaper you would like your message to appear.
6. Include your check for \$30, \$60, or \$90 for your message, made payable to: "The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers"
7. Mail to: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150—Attention: Hometown History
8. Questions? Call Jane Garner (734) 953-2235

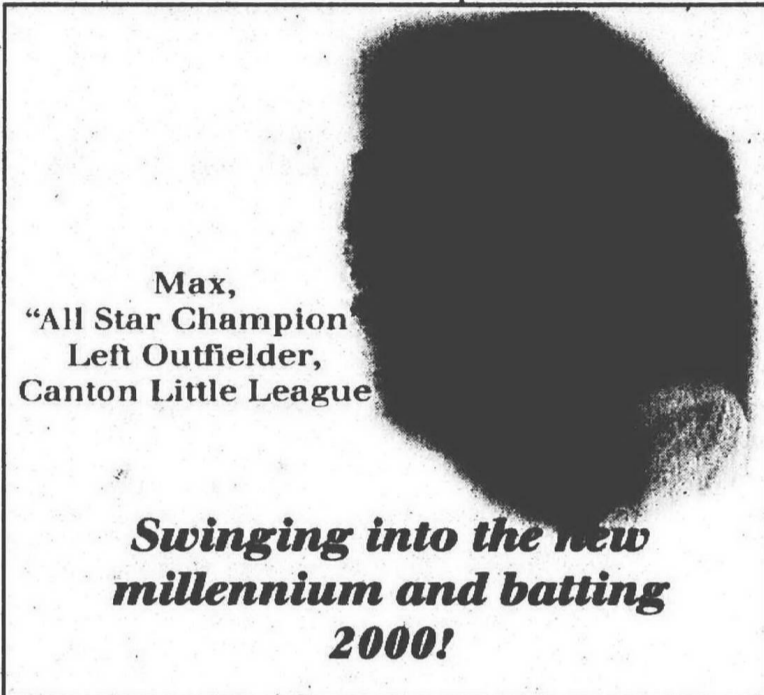


The Hammerheads hail the new millennium and remember March 16, 1999.



Tom and Ken in Paris

May your dreams come true in the new millennium!



Max, "All Star Champion Left Outfielder, Canton Little League

Swinging into the new millennium and batting 2000!

Please include the enclosed message and photo on **The Observer HomeTown History pages!**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: _____

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or NAMES OF PEOPLE IN PHOTO: _____

I would like my message to appear in: (check one)

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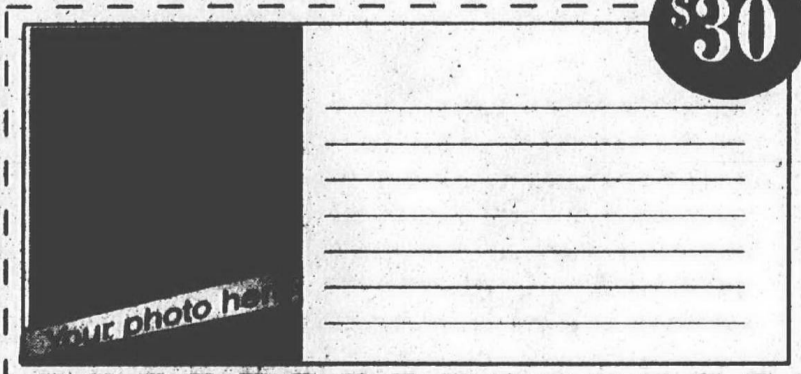
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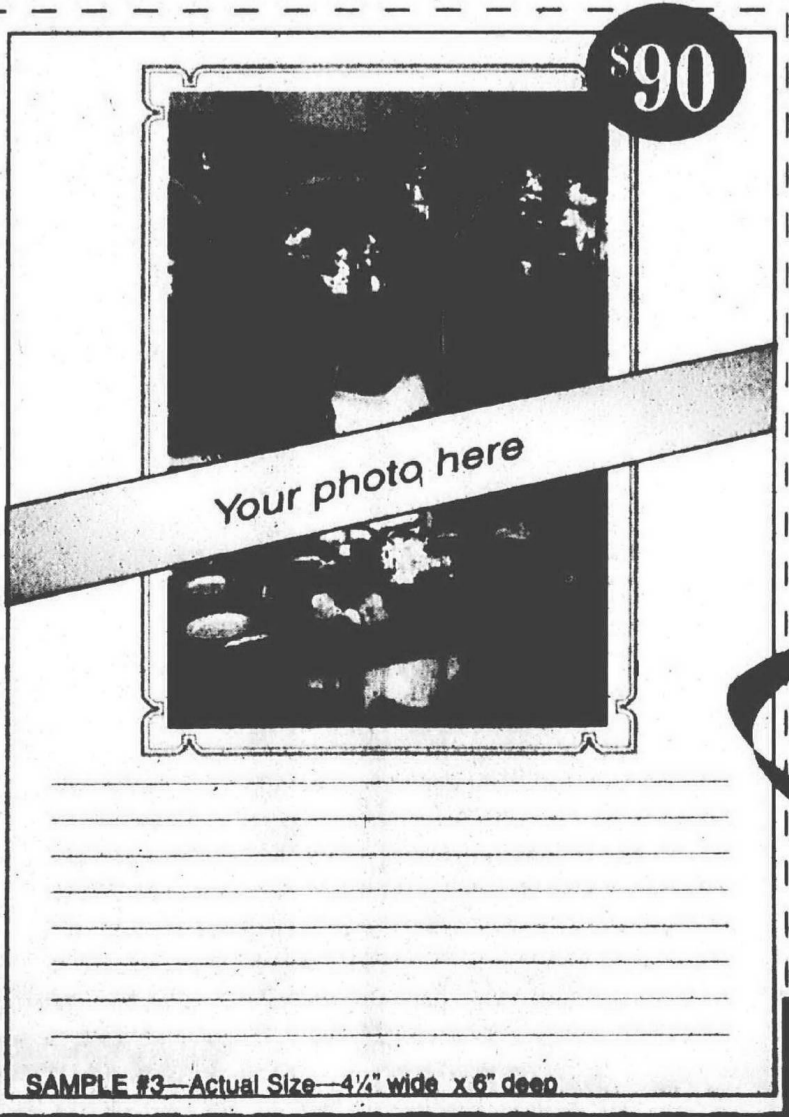
MY HOMETOWN HISTORY MESSAGE:



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SAMPLE #3—Actual Size—4 1/4" wide x 6" deep