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TUESDAY

School board: The public gets a chance to meet Dr. Kathleen Booher, the third and final superintendent candidate, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Booher will be interviewed by the school board at 6:30 p.m.

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A Christmas story

Park aglow with holiday cheer as Santa lights tree

heir voices rose as one, blanketing Kellogg Park with a velvet fog of Christmas cheer.

Led by the dulcet tones of Chamber of Commerce President Bill Pratt, the hundreds of people who crowded into the downtown park officially ushered in the holiday season, singing Christmas carols and welcoming Santa to town in the annual Christmas tree

lighting ceremony. And for a newcomer less than two weeks into his new gig, it was a sight to behold.

Christmas is a special holiday, always one of my favorites. And no one rings it in any better than Smalltown America, where residents gather and kids bundle against the cold, hands heated by cups of coffee or hot chocolate, hearts warmed by togetherness and good

Even a small town like Plymouth, despite its sleepy-hamlet exterior, has its share of politi-

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Anticipation: Kaitlin LaVallee, 4 (left), wearing a Christmas tree hat, and her sister Courtney, 2, in antlers, sing Christmas carols while waiting for Santa Claus at the annual tree lighting ceremony in Kellogg Park Friday night with their uncle Chris Peters (left) and dad,

Charter school board picks new site

National Heritage Academies will try for a second time to build a charter school in Canton, this time without all the controversy that surrounded the group's first attempt at locating in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Local school board members met with officers of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association this past week to tell them of plans for the charter school on 10 acres of property at the corner of Warren and Ridge roads.

"Generally speaking, they feel strongly about maintaining the rural nature of the area, especially with Ridge Road designated a natural beauty road," said Bill Case of Plymouth, one of the charter school board members. "They also had some concerns about outside lighting. I don't think we'll have any problems addressing those concerns.

John Goulet, a member of the homeowners association, agreed with the assessment of the major concerns.

"We respect what they had to say," said Goulet. "I think we'll be able to work with them."

Jeff Poole, vice-president of marketing for National Heritage Academies, said details of the new school are still II 'Generally speaking, they feel strongly about

maintaining the rural nature of the area . . . I don't think we'll have any problems addressing those concerns."

> Bill Case -Charter school board member

being worked out.

"We don't have a specific site plan ready yet to present to the township," said Poole. "We're starting to move forward and hope we can begin construction in the spring."

Informational meetings for parents interested in the charter school will be held after the site plans are completed, probably in January or February. according to Poole.

With all the plans in hand and a new site, Poole is hoping to avoid the controversy that surrounded National Heritage Academies' first site selection last year, on Beck Road north of Hanford in Canton.

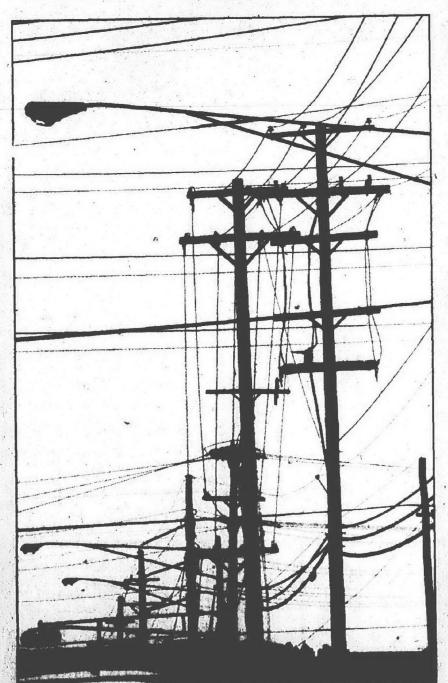
Residents from Royal Pointe Subdivision vehemently objected to the charter school being built in their neighbor-

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Editor's note: It's called the Year 2000, the Y2K, the end of the millennium (which it isn't). Much has been written about what could happen about a month from now. However in advance of New Year's Day, the Observer decided to get some local iewpoints on what's planned and happening in our towns, and what you should do to prepare.

THE YEAR 2000



Power play: Keeping the electricity on, and other utilities, operating, will case any Y2K impact, local officials say.



Meals by the box: Ready-to-eat food is a big seller for Brian Wais, manager of Metropolitan Army and Navy store.

Cash registers jingling for Y2K

By Diane Gale Andreassi Special writer

sign on the window of a store that says: "Don't be Scared. Be Prepared. We carry Y2K supplies," is getting a lot of attention.

Brian Wais, manager of Metropoli-tan Army and Navy in Westland, an outdoor outfitter and uniform shop, said he decided to post the warning after reading stories about potential

Y2K problems earlier in the year. He reports a 25 to 30 percent increase in business from customers preparing for potential chaos from computers getting confused about whether "00" means the year 2000 or 1900.

Sales in camping items, water purification tablets, sleeping bags, thermal-underwear, blankets, freeze-dried foods and extended life candles are adding a boost to an otherwise slow time of year.

"What I've found to be the biggest sellers are the meals ready to eat," Wais said. "The scary thing is that people are buying a lot of ammo cans (metal boxes to store ammunition). For what I have no idea. You

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Cheap ways to survive it

BY BARRY JENSEN STAFF WRITER bjensen@ge.hom

Want to do something about a possible Y2K problem without spending a lot of money? Here are some steps you can take while spending very little money.

Store water in glass or plastic bottles. Or buy water from the store. To store tap water indefinitely, put 8 drops of 5%-percent hypochlorite bleach into a gallon of clean water

and then pour the water mixture into a clean gallon bottle. Goal: half a gallon of water per person per day. Don't throw away the filled bottles they are very cheap insurance.

Don't forget about the 40 gallons of potable water in your water heater. You might want to drain it now so that there will be no gunk in the water, should you need to use it for drinking, said Scott Wilson of Livonia Trophy, who is interested in

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Hands On

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About 80% of all Americans will

vill respond to conservative

experience back pain at some point in their lives. Fortunately, most

epinoies will respond to conservative treatment. The part of the back most vulnerable to aches and injuries is the lower (or lumbar) region because such common activities as bending

sitting place stress on the discs lie between vertebrae in that

rea. A good way to avoid such roblems is to increase the strength and fleedbility of all the muscles in

he body's midsection. This includes he muscles of the abdomen, which

help support the spine from the front. The stomach crunch is a good exercise for strengthening these



County to hear public about Sheldon

Officials from Wayne County Public Services plan to hold two public meetings next year to answer questions about the proposed closing of northbound and southbound Sheldon Road at the railroad crossing this spring. The closure, if it happens, is expected to last two years.

We have been communicating with both the city and the township," said Mike Darga, a design engineer with Wayne County Public Services. "But we have not been able to come up with a bypass road."

The county plans to construct a railroad bridge at the railroad crossing. There are 15 railroad sings in Plymouth and Plymouth Township and the new railroad overpass and Sheldon Road underpass are expected to provide more convenience for motorists who are frequently held up in traffic that backs up from the railroad crossings.

One meeting will be held early in the year, the other will be scheduled near the time of construction, Darga said. The meetings will be publicized in local

ings. Darga said.

In the meantime, Darga has offered his e-mail address and will answer any questions. him Reach

mdarga@co.wayne.mi.us. Wayne County also has a web site offering a variety of other information at www.waynecoun-

The county is expected to meet with officials from the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to discuss any available options other than closing the road, which will affect up to 23,000 cars and between 1,200 and 2,000 trucks that pass over the Sheldon Road tracks daily.

Darga suggests northbound Sheldon motorists detour south of the closed rail crossing by going to Ann Arbor Road, east to I-275, and then to M-14 west. Those coming down from the north would reverse the process: M-14 to I-275 and then Ann Arbor Road.

However, motorists who travel Ann Arbor Road between Canton Center Road and Lilley can also expect complete roadway reconstruction on that road as early as April.

A minimum of three lanes one through lane in each direction and a center turn lane will be in place at all times during construction. The center

newspapers and in direct mail- turn lane will not be continuous through the project. MDOT officials say there are prohibitive

width areas. "We will work to coordinate this with MDOT and local offi-

cials," Darga said. CSX railroad traffic will be unimpeded by the Sheldon Road project, according to John Roach, public relations spokesperson for Wayne County Public Services.

The township board recently 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

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 local shares. The CSX railroad may also pick up 5 percent of the cost, Darga said. "It's the motorists who are impacted by the train, not vice-versa," he

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The railroad company views it as one less railroad crossing in the Plymouth community to worry about, Darga said.

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hood, claiming the school would lower property values and increase traffic around their

In the latest northwest Canton site, development is scarce and will follow after the school is constructed.

Case, who was not a charter school board member during the last controversy, admitted "the problem last time was just a bad site for the school. This site should go much better."

Along with Case, the board members chosen by National Heritage Academies and Central Michigan University to manage the school are Carl Berry of Plymouth Township, Mary Daherty of Plymouth, Mary Beth Hausman of Superior Township and Bob Wheaton of Rockwood.

Case, who is married to a teacher in the Wayne-Westland

school district, doesn't see the charter schools as competition for public schools.

"The charter school is an alternative," said Case. "You'll never hear us stand up and compare us to the local school district. I know there's a lot of interest out there for a charter school."

Last year, according to Poole, there were nearly 500 students signed up at informational meetings for the new charter school. A new kindergarten through fifth grade charter school can accommodate approximately 350 students. Each year a grade will be added until the school is a K-8 facility.

While many school districts see charter schools as a threat. taking away state foundation grant money each time a student enrolls in a charter school, Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Darwin Watts sees the new school as a challenge to public schools.

"It's good that people have choice," said Watts. "We could lose students, and dollars as well, but the positive is that it's forced us to talk about our product and how we can make it bet-



by Steve Mansfield WHITE WEDDINGS

White wedding gowns and white bouquets have been traditional choices for brides since the day Queen Victoria wed white in 1840, since then white and cream bouquets have remained symbolic of the quantities of purity and serenity. A classic all-white bouquet may consist of a cascade of orange blossoms, roses, violets. camellias, and lilacs. Another eye-catching choice is a posy of white stock, lilles of the valley, peonies, astrantia, and freesia loosely wired together, and, not to be overlooked is an abundantly lush nosegay of stephanotis and hyacinth, for rich texture, just picked rosebuds may be paired with pouffy peonies. Keep in mind, too, that classic all-white bouquets look even better by candelight.

Have you ever spotted the perfect wedding gown? What about the ideal bridal bouquet? There are thousands of options when planning a wedding, and what you need is someone to assist in every phase of your planning to make certain that you don't miss a thing. At HEIDE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS, we're upto-date on all the latest styles and trends - innovative and creative. yet knowledgeable of traditions and customs, for a wedding consultation, visit or call us here 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Phymouth. 453-5140.

HINT:To create a formal allwhite bouquet, use just one or two varieties of a white flower.

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Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on DECEMBER 29, 1999 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of 700+ Schoolcraft "800 series" chrome and Melamine Resin stack chairs to be purchased between December, 1999 and November, 2000. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI. or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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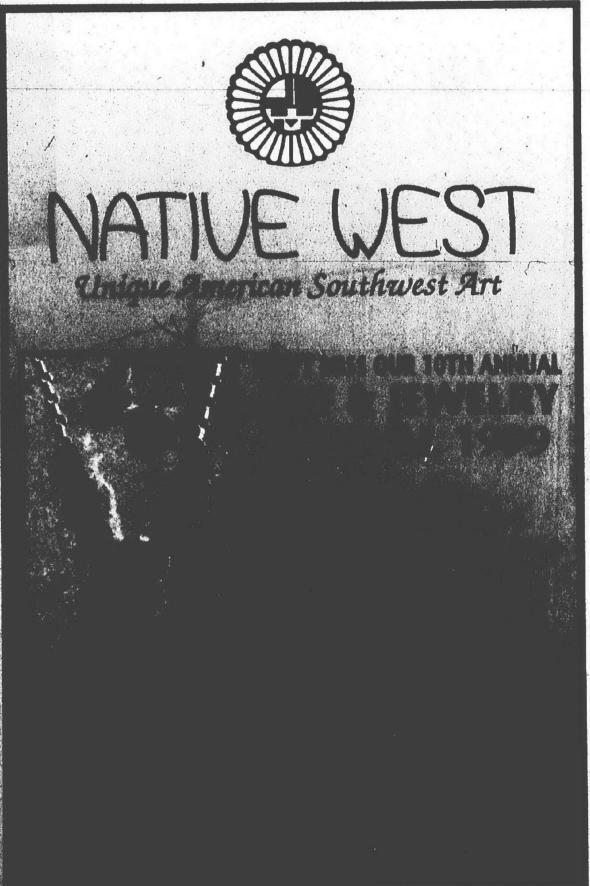


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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Annual arrival: Santa Claus greets some of the children at the annual tree lighting ceremony in Kellogg Park Friday night.

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cal turmoil, toil and trouble. Something like a Christmas tree lighting ceremony provides a chance to put all that aside. It's tough to recall who your adversaries are when you're struggling to remember the words to Jingle Bells.

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The crowd was small at first, milling around, greeting old. friends, watching their children swarm around the park. There were a couple hundred, maybe, when Pratt ascended to the stage and began to lead the carols, at first cajoling, then smiling as the crowd showed increasing signs of life.

By the time Santa arrived, resplendent atop a bright red fire engine, the crowd was agog with anticipation. Pratt had the kids practice welcoming the Big Guy in the Red Suit, and when he arrived they did their job superbly, the way only kids can do. Santa was ushered on stage and, in a cleverly-designed stratagem, quickly brought dozens of kids on stage with

He didn't fool everyone - one youngster said to the svelte-atmosphere is what makes com-

fatter than that" - but he made them all happy, leading them in a rendition of "Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer" before enlisting their help in lighting the Christmas tree.

That was, perhaps, the best thing about this ceremony. Christmas is a time for families, and for reflection, sure. But it's mostly a time for kids, and the tree lighting bigwigs made sure the kids were involved in this

For the first two years they lived here, John and Martha McMeekin stayed away from Kellogg Park for this event. On this night, though, young Sam McMeekin was finally old enough to understand a little better what was going on, so the McMeekins bundled him up and trundled into the park, joining the festivities for the first time.

"I think it's great," Martha McMeekin said. "Our son is old enough to enjoy it now. It's nice having things like this within walking distance. There are a lot of events like this here.

That kind of "Our Town" Santa, "Santa is supposed to be munities like Plymouth special.

Lots of people in Kellogg Park Friday knew lots of other people in Kellogg Park. Kids, parents and grandparents came together. Worried the family unit is falling apart? You should have been there on Friday.

Plymouth's Christmas tree lighting ceremony probably isn't all that well known very far outside Plymouth's borders, but it might be now. After Friday's ceremony, its reputation could extend all the way to Rockford, Ill. After all, that's where George and Herta Werwie live. They were in town to see their daughter, Diane, and her husband, John Van Dyke, and their two grandchildren, David and Christina. Rockford, not exactly a sprawling metropolis itself, still has nothing like Friday's ceremony.

"It's very nice," Herta said. "It makes you feel good." What higher praise can be

given? After all, it's Christmas. Brad Kadrich is editor of the Plymouth Observer, and enjoyed his first Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. Email him at bkadrich@ oe.homecomm.net.

Canton files suit over WTUA site plan snub

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Acting on behalf of the Western Townships Utilities Authority, Canton has filed suit against Ypsilanti Township.

The move stems from that municipality's refusal to accept an authority site plan for a waste water treatment plant, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"We're doing what we have to do to protect our interests," he commented.

Township trustees authorized the suit Tuesday. Three attempts were made Monday to submit plans, but were rejected each time.

"The last time they said they wouldn't receive them until an agreement with YCUA was reached." Yack told the board. "It's our opinion that they've violated state law.'

Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships form WTUA. The authority currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current treatment capacity of 29 million gallons of waste water per day.

WTUA waste water flows are projected to rise well beyond the plant's capacity. The authority has been left with the options of helping YCUA expand or building its own treatment facility.

In September, WTUA voted for

the latter at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with YCUA.

Talks between the authorities have been ongoing since then. A 'final" negotiation session produced progress but few results on Nov. 19.

Operations Manager Tim Faas said WTUA decided to initiate the planning process for its own plant when an agreement wasn't reached.

But he said the move wasn't meant to end negotiations, only provide a viable back-up plan.

"We can't back off one option to pursue the other," Faas said. Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Karen Lovejoy Roe said the

move both shocked and angered "We were really disappointed," she said. "We felt like we had

the parameters for a deal." The two sides are expected to meet Dec. 15. Yack said a decision - one way or the other -

needs to be made by that date. "I think the 15th is the most important date so far," he added. "If we give again there will be no

end to this." Besides denying site plans, Ypsilanti Township has taken other actions to stop construction of a WTUA plant.

September, Canton optioned 34.5 acres at I-94 and Rawsonville Road in Ypsilanti Township as the location for the plant. The site was chosen because of its proximity to existing WTUA waste water infrastructure.

Canton paid the Willow Run Land Co. \$75,000 for a 60-day option. The two parties have since agreed to extend the

The snag comes from Ypsilanti

Township. Lovejoy Roe said land use designations within the 34.5 acre parcel are in the process of being changed. Plans for the treatment plant will need to go in front of the township board instead of just its planning commission.

"It has serious implications," Lovejoy Roe said of the potential WTUA plant. "It needs to be heard by our board in a public

The supervisor made no bones about the intent of the changes.

We see it as a way of controlling what Canton Township is doing," Lovejoy Roe said. She claims that by contract,

and Canton, Plymouth Northville can't leave YCUA. They have an ongoing agree-

ment with YCUA," Lovejoy Roe said. "We plan to enforce it. It's a legal document.

We're not accepting WTUA's or Canton's site plan. We feel it's a breech of contract.'

Yack agreed that WTUA does have a contract with Ypsilanti. But he said it stipulates that the authority send only one million gallons of water per day to YCUA.

That can easily be done even vith its own plant in operation, Yack said.

"We will fulfill our end of the contract," he added.

brings back advisory

In an effort to keep in touch with the people we serve - namely, our readers - the Plymouth Observer staff is return-'Observer' namely, our readers - the riymouth Charles that: citizen advi-

The panel would consist of approximately eight to 12 members representing a cross-section of citizens from around the city and township. The panel would meet several times throughout the year, discussing with the editorial staff the content of the paper, what readers would like to see, what the paper is doing right and what it's doing wrong.

Anyone interested in serving on such a panel is invited to call the Plymouth Observer editor, Brad Kadrich, (734) 459-

2700, or email him at bkadrich@oe. homecomm.net

Chamber's directory hits street

has completed delivery to 37,000 residents of both the city and the township. The delivery includes every home, condo and apartment, according to chamber director Fran Toney.

The 600 Chamber member business firms will soon receive their copies, Toney said. The ty Schools are included. directory is published every two years, and this one covers 2000-

The directory includes infor-

The Plymouth Community Community, including statistics care and education. According to Chamber of Commerce has just and local information. The gov- Toney, the directory can be finished the newest Business ernment section lists contacts mailed for a \$5 fee or is available and Community Directory, and and phone numbers for local, county, state and federal representatives and tells how to reach

Plymouth-area service clubs . and organizations are listed, including the contacts and telephone numbers. Churches and all Plymouth-Canton Communi-

The directory includes the most current street map of the city and township and an information about the Plymouth business and industry, health- pointed out.

free at several locations, including the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office, 386 S. Main St., City Hall, the township offices, and the public library.

The directory is especially desirable to the newer companies moving into Plymouth's Hi-Tech Park, Toney said. Many companies request a supply when they have new hires or mation section on arts, culture, <transferring families, Toney

Local group set for 'Greens Mart'

The Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association conducts its annual Greens Mart Friday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Beitner's old store on West Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The traditional Greens Mart includes wreaths, roping, swags and bows. In conjunction with the Greens Mart, Doris Richard will coordinate a bake sale and

nize a booth of Grandma's Attic Treasures

The annual Greens Mart is the Plymouth branch's main fundraising activity, with the proceeds benefitting a wide range of projects and scholarships. Club projects include plantings on public grounds in the city and Plymouth Township, overseeing their Garden Club Park on Forest and Sutherland in Plymouth, participating in the Festival of

Margaret Koeninger will orga- Trees benefitting Children's Hospital, as well as many other community endeavors.

Members of the Plymouth branch will tag greens for their holiday Greens Mart Monday, Nov. 29, between 9 and 11 a.m. at the home of sale chairperson Karen Horton, who will be assisted by Maureen Armstrong, Jill Ginder, Ann Leland and other members of the branch.

Police arrest man wanted in Nevada

Plymouth Township police arrested a man Nov. 19 after they received a warrant request from the Las Vegas Police Department.

The man, who was wanted for felony fraud in Nevada, was staying with his mother in the township, according to Jamie: Senkbeil, community resource officer.

He was taken into custody without incident and turned over to the Wayne County Sheriff Department for extradition,

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She could provide no further details

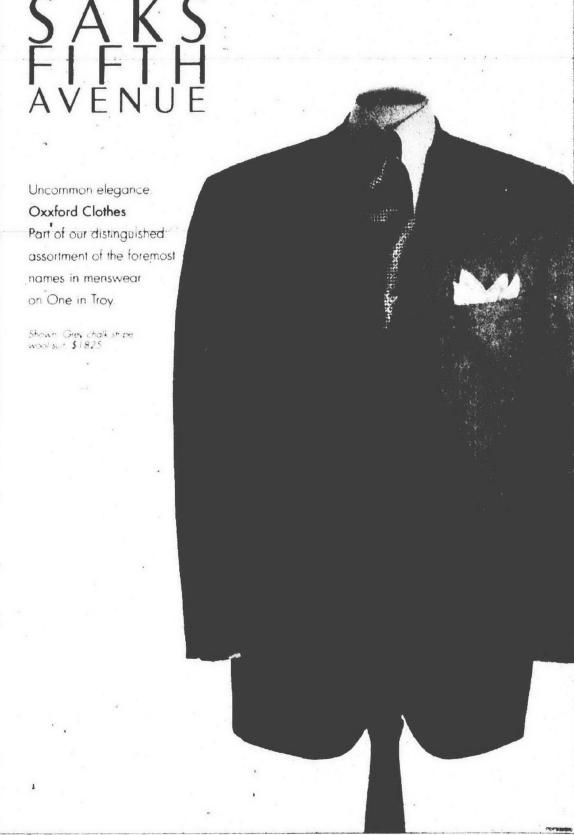
A sting operation earlier this month by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission resulted in two Plymouth establishments being ticketed for serving minors.

"As a matter of routine, our enforcement division will send in minors to see if they can buy alcohol," said Ken Wozniak, LCC attorney general's office is reviewing the violation reports. and is expected to draft formal complaints early next week."

Both decoy operations occurred on Nov. 6, and both establishments were caught selling alcohol to someone under 21.

Ticketed were Boulders Restaurant, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, and the Mayflower Party Shoppe, 824 S. Main.

"Depending on their past record, the maximum fine is commission aid. "The state \$1,000," said Wozniak.



The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver at Coolidge, Troy

Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn

Plymouth Observer — the best hometown covers

Services for Richard Frank Wagner, 75, of Plymouth were Nov. 24 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born June 21, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio. He died Nov. 23 in Superior Township. He was an estimator for the Campbell-Manix Construction Compa-·ny in Dearborn for many years, retiring in 1992. He came to the Plymouth community in 1979 from Garden City and the Dearborn area. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Survivors include his wife.

Jacqueline Wagner of Plymouth; five children, Deborah (Paul) Fairbanks of Dearborn Heights, Janet (Will) Austin of Dearborn, Richard John Wagner of Dearborn, Robert John Wagner of Plymouth and Eric John Wagner of Plymouth; one sister, Adeline Craig of Illinois; and five grandchildren, Amanda (Nate) Howen. Haley Henson, Lindsay Henson, Heidi Henson and Gabrielle

Memorials may be made to the American Heart or the American Diabetes Associations.

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 2, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-99-13 659 Ann Non-Use Variance Requested: Fence - Air Flow & Height Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Melanie Blair

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Non-Use Variance Requested: Outside display of merchandise Zoned: B-1, Local Business Applicant: Peggy Allgeier, Bellerose Antiques

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MY "PROOF" M. C Private services were held for BARL V. BELLAN

Dorothy "Peggy" M. George, 75, of Plymouth.

She was born March 31, 1924 in Detroit. She died Nov. 22 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker who came to the Plymouth community in 1975 from Detroit. She enjoyed arts and crafts, basket weaving, stained glass, and needlework. She enjoyed family gatherings and especially enjoyed being with her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. George. Survivors include her six children, Cherie (Lawrence) Zuziak of Livonia, J. Douglas George of Plymouth, Leslie Ann Walt of Danvery, Ill., Jamie Sue Guenther of Southgate, Jody Ellyn George (Vincent Wilson) of Bethesda, Md., Robbie Jean Sedgeman of Canton; one sister, Shirley Anne Wolt of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and seven

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

Services for Earl V. Bellanger 6, of Plymouth were Nov. 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Father John Ortman officiating. Burial was in Riverside Ceme-

tery, Plymouth. He was born May 1, 1933 in White Earth, Minn. He died Nov. 23 in Livonia. He worked as a mechanic for 27 years for the Plymouth school system. He attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Earl Bellanger. Survivors include his wife, Christine of Plymouth; one son, Ronald J. of Plymouth; one grandson, Anthony Bellanger of Westland; and seven brothers and sisters, Gladys Sroufe of Indiana, Doris Campbell of Indiana, Gloria Terrien of Westland, Florence Parks of Kentucky, Peter Bellanger of Livonia, and Kenneth Bellanger of Westland.

Memorials may be made to the

Michigan Humane Society. DALPH AVERY BUILTE

Services for Ralph Avery Deets, 88, of Duluth, Minn. (for-merly of Plymouth) were Nov. 28

He was born in Bloomington, Ill. and lived most of his life in Plymouth. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He attended Illinois State for his undergraduate studies and received his masters degree from the University of Indiana. He was a teacher at Redford Union High School for many years and was also the swimming coach and cross country coach at Ypsilanti High

He was the recipient of the Matt Mann Award for distinguished contributions to swimming. He was a member of St. Edwards Episcopal Church in Duluth, active with the Elks (Hoops Program) and Lions Club in Plymouth and was an avid Michigan football fan.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Katherine

and his second wife, Gertrude. Survivors include his son, William (Susan) of Duluth; one sister, Virginia (Robert) Thout of Leesburg, Fla.; three grandchildren, Chris, Emily and Abby.

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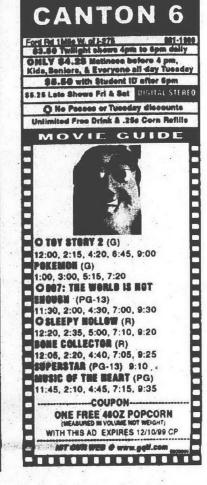
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Mary K.

Services for Harold S. Brunner, 78, of Dearborn Heights are pending through the Kaatz uneral Home in Avoca.

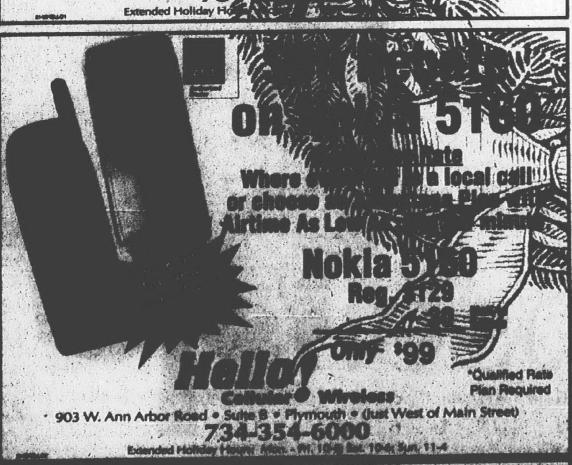
Mr. Brunner was born Oct. 22, 1921 in Two Rivers, Wis. and died Nov. 24 in a Port Huron hospital. He was a retired Dearborn Heights building director and a Shriner. He married Doris Ziegler in 1950.

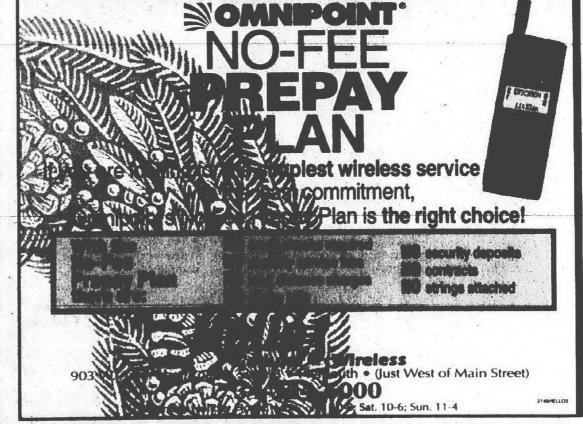
Survivors include sons Steven (Kathleen) of Avoca and Rodger (Peggy) of Canton; daughters Connie Brown of Dexter and Debbie Brunner of Los Angeles; brothers Hubert of California and Roy of Wisconsin; sisters Margaret Lomprey of Nevada and Theresa Cittman and Gertrude Schmelzie, both of Wisconsin; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.













MADD, Michigan announces 1999 Life Saver awards

EAST LANSING, Mich., /PRNewswire/ - Some road patrol officers just have an eye for detecting drunk drivers and make a point of stopping them.

That was obvious Nov. 22 as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Michigan announced the recipients of its annual awards presented to the state's honored for their efforts to com-

bat drunk driving. Each year MADD selects nine

road patrol officers for their outstanding work in stopping drunk driving, three officers from each area of law enforcement - sheriff, municipal and public safety, and state police.

While the award recipients show they're extremely effective in apprehending drunk drivers, they also have shown real contop road patrol officers being cern about preventing those offenses in the first place, often being involved in community education and prevention pro-

grams and other related activi-

All of these qualities came together to set apart this year's award recipients. Both on the road and in their communities these law enforcement officers have proven their commitment to ending drunk driving.

The 1999 MADD, Michigan Life Saver Award recipients are: Trooper Donald DeSnyder, MSP. Detroit Post; Deputy Brian Ferris, Wayne County Sheriff's

Dept.; Officer Scott Hayes, Southgate Police Dept.; Trooper Jody Huggins, MSP, Richmond Post; Trooper Jory Huggins, MSP, Metro North Post, Oak Park; Deputy Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.; Deputy Lewis Tyler, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; Officer Jim Watson, Allegan City Police Dept.; Officer Paul Whelan,

Keego Harbor Police.
"MADD believes these award recipients have saved lives by

their diligence. They give pause to potential drunk drivers who may reconsider getting behind the wheel if they face the deter-ring reality of being detected, apprehended, and arrested by one of these perseverant offi-cors," said Kenneth La Salle, Ph.D., executive director, MADD, Michigan.

The two-hundred member audience at the awards ceremony also heard from one of the state's leading traffic safety

experts who talked about the

way to a long-lasting reduction in drunk driving.

In 1998 in Michigan 525 people died in alcohol-involved traffic crashes (38 percent of the total 1,367 traffic fatalities), with another 12,758 injured in

alcohol-involved collisions. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking



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Kirksey believes there won't lie any disruptions when the year 2000 strikes.

Misch of the water delivery in western Wayne County depends on electricity delivered to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

The DWSD system pumps about 280 million gallons during a typical day in January. The DWSD purchased an additional 106 megawatts of electricity, which cost 255 million



For sale: Tablets to make sure your water is drinkable, shown above, are among the products ready to help make people feel sure they're ready for

Canton Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your

"We've really put a lot of work and effort into this Y2K issue," said Mike Ager, Resource Development manager for Canton Township. The township has disseminated info about preparing for Y2K issues in a special edition of its Focus newsletter, and is dedicating all its cable shows in December to Y2K. Township hall will be staffed for the midnight hour shift, and police and fire departments will be working double shifts.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. Excluding computer replacement, which is considered a routine expense, about \$40-\$50,000, said Tony Minghine, finance director. That figure includes costs for producing and mailing the special edition newsletter for residents, miscellaneous equipment and supplies and costs for additional staffing for New Year's Eve and

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. Yes, said Don Adams, Canton's emergency management coordinator. If needed, the township will contact the American Red Cross, which has a pre-arranged agreement to use public buildings such as schools for emergency shelter and to provide cots and food. The Summit on the Park community center could also be used for emergency shelter.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is: A. "It looks good," Adams said. But, "I'm not naïve enough to think we won't have some small disruptions. It's not armageddon."

Garden City Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your

Harvey, Garden City police chief, adding that full staff will be in force Dec. 30 to Jan. 3, 2000. "We will be working regardless of the holiday." He said he predicted all areas under the city's control will run smoothly, but an increased number of party goers and severe weather might cause some problems. The police department will be working 12-hour shifts.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. City Clerk Allyson Bettis said the city, as of early November, planned to buy several emergency generators at about \$900 each, and replace roughly 10 personal computers for Y2K compliance. Miscellaneous expenses such as flashlights and other emergency provisions are also planned.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. Yes. Exact shelter sites have not yet been finalized, but likely spots could be Maplewood Community Center and possibly the Junior high and high school. Arrangements for shelters would be made through the American Red Cross if necessary.

Q. also is a quete on how prepared the city is:
A. "I think we're one of the better prepared cities any where," Harvey said. "All traffic lights have been tested. *Detroit Edison, MichCon, the Wayne County Road Commission and Detroit Water and Sewer have all advised us that they are Y2K compliant."

Check computer service shops, Web sites to rescue your PC

The Web, a child that gr

with the explosion of the home computer; may be able to come to your rescue: Or at least it will tell you whether you will have a working computer come

New Year's morning.
One Web site for checking Y2K compliance is the Web site run by Ziff-Davis, the company that publishes PC Magazine. Not only does the Web site have a test available for you to download, it has a list of many other sites that provide test programs or fixes or both. Some of these other Web sites will want to sell you software. It's your deci-

sion whether you want to buy.
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Another way to check out your computer is to call your favorite computer-repair place. If they offer the service, they will be happy to check out

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will need to spens a pensy. If your company is not an ar-you might be been so buy newer and faster and more powerful computer that was built to be YZK compliant. If your personal computer

is of more recent vintage, you may be able to buy software or hardware to make your personal computer Y2K compliant.

Now, if every Web site on the Internet is Y2K compliant, you'll be able to surf the 'Net with confidence. More likely, even if your computer is Y2K compliant (or cares nothing about Y2K), some other Web sites won't be there until their Webmasters have their problems fixed.

Farmington Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your

A. "All the department heads are going to be working," said Gary Goss, public safety director for Farmington. The city hall will be set up as an emergency command center, or a base of operations if anything goes haywire. An amateur or ham radio operator will be on hand as

O. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. This question is impossible to answer accurately. according to Bill Richards, assistant city manager. The city has upgraded all software and when necessary. hardware to make systems Y2K compliant. Separating theY2K-specific expenses from the routine computer upgrading expenses wasn't possible to do.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. "Each city has an emergency operations plan in the event of a disaster," Goss said. If needed, the city of Farmington would work with Oakland County in setting up emergency shelters, but larger cities would work on their own in setting up emergency shelters.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is: A. "Basically we have gone through all our critical systems throughout the city and have validated that they are Y2K ready," Goss said. "The bottom line is it's a

Farmington Hills Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your

A. "We will have key staff members on site and available," said Michael Lasley, central services director for Farmington Hills. A call-in plan will be implemented if necessary, bringing in additional staff, Lasley added. The 911 system has been fully upgraded, and the telephone system has been replaced with Y2K compliant equipment. "We've retired a number of systems," he

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. About \$100,000, said Lasley. That includes software upgrades and \$4,000 to replace the phone sys-

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. School buildings would be used if needed. The American Red Cross would be responsible for setting up emergency provisions in shelters if needed, Lasley said.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is: A. "We've been working on this project close to two years now," Lasley said. "We feel very confident and comfortable with where we stand. I would say we're

Livonia Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your

Since January, Livonia has held monthly meetings of department heads, elected officials, police and fire officials, utilities, hospital representatives, etc. They've held two exercises. They have a police department generator running on natural gas and 11 portable generators that will run "priority traffic signals" to keep police on the beat; they have more than 100 school buses arranged for transportation needs; police will use new portable radios and use various amateur/CB radio groups or clubs; and there's a police training room in the basement of police station set to be the command center. "We're going to man the fire stations. That's going to be our communications link for certain neighborhoods," said Alden Sawyer, emergency and information coordinator.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. \$345,000, said Dan Putman, information systems manager for the city of Livonia. That figure includes \$170,000 for public safety communications upgrades and about \$175,000 for computer/software upgrades.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. Livonia: The city is set to operate two shelters (Stevenson and Franklin high schools), courtesy of Livo-

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is: A. Livonia: "It feels like there has been so much done by so many people and such huge sums of money spent, I just can't feel that there will be any major interruptions to our critical systems," Sawyer said.

Plymouth Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K situation in your

A. The city has evaluated its information systems and made necessary replacements or upgrades, according to Tom Alexandris, information systems manager for the city of Plymouth. Hard copies have been made of all vital files just in case. "We're going to have a couple of people on staff, but not necessarily in city hall," Alexandris said of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Extra police officers will be on patrol to handle usual New Year's problems, such as drunken driving. Other staff members will be on call if needed.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations? An estimated \$50,000, which includes \$23,000 for new personal computers, \$15,000 for a new phone system and other miscellaneous expenses. Alexandris

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. Yes. Plymouth would work with Wayne County Emergency Management Division and with the Plymouth Community Fire Department in setting up emergency shelters within the community: "There would be buildings available," he said. "Which ones will be determined on a case-by-case basis."

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is: A. "I would say that regarding the systems and equipment that the city has direct control over, the city has done a good job in identifying, analyzing and making sure it is Y2K ready," he said. "For the systems that the city does not have direct control over, we've got assurances from those companies that we'll have ser-

Plymouth Twp. Y2K Q & A

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A. "Our intent is to have our emergency operations center up and running from 9 p.m. Dec. 31 to 3 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000," said Chuck VanVieck, Plymouth Township's emergency management opgrainator. Key people are expected to be on hand at the center, located in the police station. A "rumor control" committee will stee be working the phones. Residents with non-emer-gency questions about Y2K are being asked to call that number at (734) 453-3869, not 911, VanVieck said.

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Redford Y2K Q & A

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"Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley has met with all his department heads," said Leo Snage, director of Redford Township's Department of Public Services. In addition to regular meetings, the township has also purchased emergency supplies, such as generators and stop signs. Township half will be staffed at midnight Jan. 1 to ensure any problems are handled quickly. "All the key personnel will be on hand," Snage said.

Ch. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. Roughly \$100,000, according to Finance Director John Cubba. That includes \$24,000 for software upgrades, \$65,000 for hardware, \$2,500 for new finger printing equipment and \$3,000 for Dictaphone equip-

Q. Are there shalters ready to set up in the elty?
A. "Any municipial building could be used," Snage said. In addition, school gymnasiums also sould be used.

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A. "For knowing the uncertaintly and not knowing what's going to happen, the township has done a good job." preparing, Snage said: "The nice thing about living in the United States is we'll have a six-hour lead time, he said, referring to the time zone difference between the U.S. and New Zeeland, the first country to experi-

Westland Y2K Q & A

Q. What specific plans have been made for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, or the potential Y2K altuation in your

A. "All directors and extra staff will be on hand at city hall," said Charles Nalbandian, Westland information management director. In addition, outdated personal computers and some police communications equipment have been replaced. "The computers have all been checked out" for Y2K compliance, he said.

Q. How much has the city spent on its preparations? A. "We don't really have one account that we could say is a Y2K account," said Nalbandian, who was unable to provide a figure for the Observer. Many of the expenses, such as computer replacement, were routine and not directly Y2K related.

Q. Are there shelters ready to set up in the city? A. Bailey Recreation Center, the Friendship Center and other city buildings could be used, "There's no way for us to accommodate 85,000 people," he said.

Q. Give us a quote on how prepared the city is: A. "I think we're prepared," he said. "I think in terms of city functions there shouldn't be any problems. The message really is for people to prepare as much as they can. Something can happen at any time during the year.

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County OKs contracts with 6 care management agencies

BY KEN ARRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County will spend \$288 million over the next three years to six agencies to assist juveniles under court supervision along with their families.

Wayne County commissioners approved six contracts Tuesday - five contracts went to care management organizations and one to a juvenile assessment cen-

Growth Works of Plymouth received approval of its \$37.5 million contract, and Central Care Management Organization of Westland received a \$63.2 million contract.

Other agencies were Black Family Development of Detroit. \$64.4 million; Starr-Vista, Detroit, \$63 million; Bridgeway Services, Detroit, \$51.8 million and the JAC Partnership, Detroit, \$7.9 million.

The CMOs are part of the county's new approach to providing juvenile services through community-based agencies known as CMOs. In western Wayne County, Growth Works will oversee programs by providers for community-based and residential services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, case management, and educational and employment options.

Some commissioners wanted to earmark money in the CMO contracts for drug prevention

programs for youths who were considered at risk but not in trouble with the law.

Commissioners added provisions that require quarterly reports from the agencies to the Health and Community Services Committee and Youth-At-Risk Task Force and permit financial audits. The agencies must comply with a "rigorous evaluation schedule.

Commissioners also added a provision that each CMO must "cooperate with and support a rigorous and independent evaluation of program outcomes" and require compliance by the juvenile assessment center (JAC Partnership).

Commissioners approved the contract even though they did not obtain a comprehensive plan they requested from the Department of Community Justice. Commissioners added a provision calling for a plan no later than Feb.1, 2000 on delinquency intervention "to prevent recidivism on the one hand and to avoid widening the intake net on the other hand."

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon reviewed the contract changes with commissioners and reminded them the contract was for 2.9 years with a renewal option. "It doesn't call for a rebid, it calls for renewal," Solomon said. A financial penalty against the CMO - used to

presumably encourage the rehabilitation of the juvenile should not be included in the contract, Solomon said, as he read from a report from the county commission staff.

That report suggested the contracts should remove references to "bonus" and "penalty" and use "incentive payments" instead. The report pointed out the lack of an audit provision in the contract, which commissioners corrected. The report also noted that no court agreement had been proposed between Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court and the Department of Community Justice.

Last week commissioners discussed that relationship and requested an agreement from court administrators and the Department of Community Justice. A draft agreement was distributed at Tuesday's meeting that called for the following:

■ The County will agree to contract with juvenile assessment center contractors to provide assessments in mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, employability, educational competency, family functioning and other areas to develop "the most effective plan of care" for juvenile delinquents referred to the Department of Community Justice by the Third Judicial Circuit

■ The county agrees to monitor and evaluate programs, while the court will administer juvenile probation, intensive probation, status offender programs and the Clinic for Child Study.

■ The Court and county agree to coordinate delinquency casework services to avoid duplication to the same family.

Both will coordinate the development of a juvenile justice case management information system for use by the court and

The agreement also called for "de-escalation" of delinquent financial officer. Other county

youths from out-of-home residential placement and refer them to the county. The court agreed to assign all commitment review hearings or "change of placement" hearings to one referee's

County officials told commissioners they should not revise a third-party reimbursement formula to earmark 20 percent of funds for prevention programs because Wayne County would have to split that money with the state, according to Tom Naughton, Wayne County's chief

officials said Medicaid reimbursements, presumably made for CMOs, must be separated from the county's child care fund.

Eventually commissioners approved the six contracts, 14-1, with Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, opposing them because he wanted more prevention dollars directed by commissioners into these con-

Parker introduced a resolution calling for \$1.5 million for prevention programs, which was referred to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means.

Madonna director wins 3 TV awards

the Center for International Studies at Madonna University in Livonia, has won awards for the three television shows he hosts and produces.

Swift received the Philo Farnsworth Award from the Alliance for Community Media for "Global Connections," "Time Out for Opera" and "Dining Out." The Farnsworth Award recognizes excellence in community programming. All three shows are produced by Swift and Bloomfield Community Television.

"Global Connections" is a weekly, half-hour series which

Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of focuses on international connections between people in Michigan and the rest of the world. Swift has interviewed guests from the arts, religion, education, science and politics such as TV personality Casey Kasem, author Elmore Leonard, actor Jon Voight and Cardinal Adam

> Interviews with Midwest opera stars, by Swift and co-host Karen DiChiera, are featured in "Time Out for Opera."

> on Bloomfield Channel 11 and

Flint public television station

"Global Connections" and "Time Out for Opera" are aired

WFUM Channel 28.

Segments are shot on location at local restaurants in "Dining Out," the half-hour show which informs viewers about dining opportunities throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

As director of Madonna University's Center for International Studies, Swift oversees affiliations with programs in England, Japan, Poland, Taiwan and the Peoples Republic of China. He also supervises an International Studies Certificate, which provides Madonna students the opportunity to add a global perspective to their field of study.



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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S

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Y2K and is making preparations that can be recycled into everyday life. Set aside food in cans or sealed

glass jars. "Put away canned things that are fully cooked, suggests Lois Thieleke of the Michigan State University Extension Service. But be sure it's food you normally use.

"Store foods you can incorpoate in your cooking later," hieleke said. Peanut butter and elly will store well in a cool lace. Honey stores beautifully. Pretend you're on a camping rip," Thieleke said. "Kids like alsa and chips." Set aside a case r two of soda pop. "Haye things in the fridge for a

alad," Thieleke suggested. It's a good idea to cut down my dead trees you have, said

"And I've heard about filling coar bath tub with water a couple days before the New Year."

Fill your car's gasoline tank after Christmas. That way you have a source of warmth, transportation, a radio (and perhaps a telephone).

Fill your snow blower's gasoline tank after each use.

Buying a battery-powered radio was Bill Cassell's first step in getting ready for any possible Y2K problem. Cassell, director of the Information Technology Management Association, put together a Y2K personal diary to help people prepare for all but the most violent Y2K reactions. Cassell can be reached at bcassell@ itms net

Cassell recommends partially filling your bathtub just before Christmas and then filling it a couple days later. Why so early? Would the water supply be enough for everyone in the U.S. to fill their tubs on Dec. 31,

Make sure you have fresh batteries for your radio. You can even buy a wind-up radio that needs no batteries.

The American Red Cross wants people to be sure they have a flashlight or two. A flashlight, too, needs fresh batteries.

Many cellular telephones are battery powered.

Is your cellular telephone battery fresh?

Check the weather-stripping around your home. Fix it if needed. Likewise, check the caulking around your home.

Don't count on candles. The Red Cross warns against using open flame, especially if communications with the Fire Department are dead.

If you smoke, buy a carton or two of cigarettes before the first or the year.

Withdraw some cash from the bank. Keep it (safely) around your home. If nothing happens, put it back in the bank to pay off those holiday bills.

"No adventurous travel for me. I plan to watch the (New Year's) ball drop on my TV," Cassell explained.

If you use a Visa credit card, also get a MasterCard or a Discover card or an American Express card, just in case.

Put aside a two-week supply of personal medication. If the medication needs to be cooled, find the ice chest.

Before the new year strikes, set your refrigerator to make extra ice cubes to keep the medicine cool.

'Pretend you're on a camping trip.'

Lois Thieleke MSU Extension Service



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think to yourself: To they know something that I don't know?

Sales in riot helmets worn by police have risen, too, Wais said, adding that area police departments have apparently updated their inventory recently.

Army surplus stores aren't the only businesses that are ringing in the new year with the sounds of cash registers opening and closing.

Preparing for it

A box of bandages and disin-

Do you have your vaccination

If you have a propane-fueled

If you have a charcoal grill,

If you have made other prepa-

rations, make sure you know

how to use them. It does no good

to have a gasoline-powered gen-

erator if you are not confident

you know how to hook it up and

run it - or if it has an empty

If nothing happens, you can

look back on these preparations

smugly, having spent very little

Use up all the things you

stored in day-to-day living -

except for the bottled water. Let

your heirs wonder what to do

records, as well as those of your

fectant cream are handy.

children?

grill, fill the tank.

buy charcoal.

gasoline tank.

money.

with it.

Customers preparing for Y2K are also putting dollars in the pockets of local business people who are selling everything from cords of wood to prescription drugs and bottled water.

For instance, homeowners buying wood are up 30 to 40 percent from this time last year, according to John Steinkopf, of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills.

"It's hard to keep it in stock right now," said Steinkopf adding that cords sell for \$75 each not including delivery.

Dan Mosher, manager of Livonia True Value Hardware, said the fireplace department in his store has had the highest volume of traffic recently.

"Wood burning stoves are becoming more popular," he said. "But I have a feeling that after the first of the year it will go bye-bye. Kerosene heaters had all but died out, and they came

Gas logs, kerosene heaters, oil lamps, and generators that start around \$750 are selling more than usual, too.

"If you live in Livonia you're going to keep your batteries and flashlights up to date, because of all the power outages we've had,"

"People are taking a certain amount of precautions, because of Y2K. Personally, I think it's calmed down a lot.

While survival type books aren't that popular with shoppers at B Dalton Bookseller in Westland, religious books related to Y2K, like "Y2K, The Millennium Bug," and commemorative millennium tomes, like "Century" by Peter Jennings are selling quickly, according to store manager Andie Brock.

Chris Kulesa, a bookseller at Waldenbooks in Livonia, said he fielded only a few calls from people looking for Y2K survival tip

Water sales flow

Across town in Plymouth, however, the story is different. While he didn't say exactly how much sales have increased, William Patrick, vice-president of retail sales at Absopure Water Co. in Plymouth, reported a significant rise in orders from this time last

"We are warehousing the product in the event that orders will go even higher as we get closer to the end of the year," Patrick said. "We have a lot of grocery store chains getting ready for December and individuals who are ordering larger amounts than normal and we're getting prepared to meet those needs."

Joe Belloni, assistant manager of Office Depot in Livonia, said customers aren't rushing in to buy new computers. But, they are stocking up on bottled water, toilet paper and computer programs that claim to detect whether or not computers are Y2K compliant. They cost

between \$15 and \$35.

Since no one really knows exactly what will happen when midnight strikes, it's hard to say how effective the software checks are, Belloni said.

"Honestly, I think it's (the Y2K scare) is a bunch of bunk," he added.

While arguments can be made that we can survive without computers, living without food is impossible. By mid-November people weren't running to their grocers to stock pile food

Jim Swoboda, Spartan Stores' director of strategic business development based in Grand Rapids, said there was an increase in bottled water sales during the summer that the company attributes to Y2K concerns. The company supplies independent retail grocery stores throughout Michigan, northern Indiana and northern Ohio.

"It's not happening now," he said. "The news has been good about Y2K and every system that has come to a critical date has all passed with flying colors. Y2K is already upon us. A lot of things have forced 2000 to be on dates and they're working just

Stocking ap vs. hoarding Food suppliers' biggest concern

is if people decide to hoard. "If business goes on as normal, from a consumer buying perspective, everything should be fine,' Swoboda said. "And every indication is that is what they're doing and we applaud them for that."

Aside from warmth and water, the next most important necessity is medication. "Yes, there is an increase, but it's really, really tiny," explained Philip Kraft,

Medi-mart pharmacist in West-

"In the last week, I got two calls about it," Kraft said. "One woman wanted a three month supply. I think it's (problems caused by Y2K) imagined and the media would like to create

something happening."
Sav-Mor Westland Maple Drugs pharmacist Charles Canvasser reported a larger increase in orders.

"I believe we're getting people who are stocking up, but I don't believe it's necessary," he said. "I don't believe there will be'a problem. It's mostly the elderly being afraid. I really couldn't put a number to it. But it certainly is there. I've been trying to allay their fear that there will be a problem.

If Y2K does cause problems, making sure that you're hitched to the right person might be another concern. Robert Burger of Cameo Wedding Chapel in Plymouth, has seen an increase in calls from people wanting to get married in November and December.

"I don't know if it has anything to do with Y2K, or not," he said, adding, however, that it is unusual to get a high volume of calls for weddings near the end of the year.

While some people are legitimately making money on Y2K concerns, others are pulling off scams. One of the most popular involves telephone calls from people saying they are from the customer's bank or credit card company and they need account numbers to either transfer money or change data.

Experts recommend never providing personal information.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ladywood ices Lakers

Katie O'Dea continued her scoring surge Tuesday with a hat trick, leading Livonia Ladywood to a 6-1 victory over West Bloomfield in a Women's Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game at Arctic Pond in Plymouth Township.

O'Dea, a senior, now has 14 goals

on the year.

Sophomore Mickie Fallon and senior Andrea Schmmel each added goal and two assists. Junior Tiffany McFaddin also scored for the victorious Blazers, now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in league play.

WHAC honors Malewski

Brandy Malewski, the junior middle hitter for Madonna University's volleyball team from Redford Thurston, didn't just land a spot on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-league team.

She was named player of the year. Malewski led Madonna - which tied Cornerstone University for first place in the regular season — in kills with 603, kill percentage at .496, solo blocks at 158 and total blocks at 575. She was third among the Lady Crusaders in digs with 566 and had 35 service aces.

Madonna finished 29-14 overall, 11-2 in the WHAC.

Stephanie Uballe, a senior middle hitter, and Kelly Artymovich, a junior outside hitter, were also selected to the all-WHAC team.

Sarkesian leads Irish

Talk about big goals.

Mia Sarkesian, a sophomore midfielder for Notre Dame's women's soccer team, scored her third goal of the season at the most opportune of times with nine minutes left in regulation in a scoreless deadlock.

Playing Stanford in a third-round match in the NCAA Tournament, Sarkesian fielded a rebound just outside the left side of the penalty area, settled it and rifled a shot into the upper right corner for the game-winning goal.

The 1-0 victory put the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish (20-3 overall) into today's NCAA quarterfinal against Nebraska (22-1-1 overall).

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Bobcats recently captured the boys under-9% Michigan Division of the Great Lakes Youth Soccer League with an 8-0-2 record. -

The Bobcats, coached by Chuck Cole and John Dzwonkowski, outscored their opponents 60-13.

Members of the Bobcats include: Kyle Caparella, Patrick Cole, Michael DeLuca, Andrew Dzwonkowski, Matt Greenman, Mark Johnson, Brian Klemczak, Chris Long, Sean Samaan, Max Schwartz, Austin Schwartzenberger, Colin Soltis, Alan Stackpoole and Zach Tigani.

Ambassador honored

Michael Smith of the Compuware Ambassadors has been named North American Hockey League player of the week for the second-straight week.

Smith scored five goals in two wins over the Grand Rapids BearCats last weekend, including four (two on power plays) in a 7-4 victory at Compuware Arena last Saturday (Nov. 20). Smith has scored 11 goals in his last five games.

He leads the Ambassadors with 16 goals and seven assists, 23 points.

Collegiate swim note

Kalamazoo College's Steve Domin (Livonia Stevenson) won both the 50and 100-meter freestyles, along with being a member of the victorious 200 freestyle relay team as the Hornets recently defeated proviously unbeaten Calvin College in men's swimming.

PCJBA hoop signup

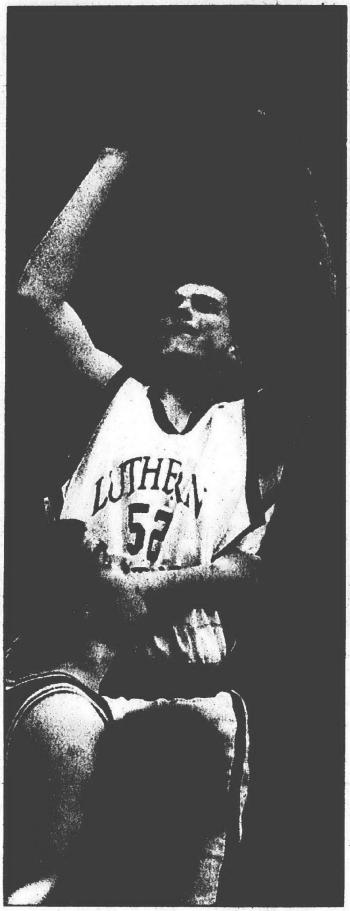
Registration for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 4 at East Middle School.

The cost for boys and girls in grades 9-12 is \$100 per person.

To submit items to the Observer Sports Scene, write to: 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Cagers ready for tip-off

2 transfers could bolster Glenn cause



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Sharpshooter: 6-foot-6 Andrew McLaughlin and his Lutheran High Westland teammates hope rise above the competition this season.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK

The good news at Westland John Glenn is that the Rockets have a lot of talent on their boys basketball team. It's also the bad news.

Coach Mike Schuette of John Glenn is challenging his players to remember that five players have to share one basketball and that the object of the game is to win.

"If everybody does what their role is," Schuette said, "we could have a pretty good season.

"But if everybody wants to be the star, we're going to have a mediocre season.'

The return of 6-foot-8 Yaku Moton gives Westland John Glenn what few other teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association have — a bona fide Sequoia in the middle.

North Farmington's 6-6 Emir Medunjanin and 6-5 Adrian Bridges are the only one-two post tandem who can match up with Moton's size and strength in the post.

Moton left John Glenn after his sophomore season for Mt. Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina. Things didn't work out, so he's back.

The Rockets also have 6-4 forward Ben Harris, a strong rebounder, plus guard Eric Jones, a four-year varsity player, to give other teams severe matchup problems.

And in the second semester, 6-5 junior forward Aaron Marshall, a transfer from Buffalo, N.Y. becomes eligible to

play and the word is that he is, indeed, a player. This means that right after Schuette's team has gone through December figuring out which players it can rely on in each situation, it will have to go through the process all

over again with Marshall factored in. Schuette wants this influx of talent this year to bring the team closer together, not break it apart.

How well the talented Rockets adjust will determine just how successful a season they have. The Western Lakes should be stronger than it was a year

ago. The league was short on tall players last year. In fact, the whole Livonia-Westland area has more experi-

enced decent players coming back. Livonia Churchill brings back 6-4 forward John Bennett (17 points per game), a prolific outside shooter, 6-2 forward

Avery Jessup and 5-11 guard Randall Boboige. Livonia Franklin has a core of 6-3 forward Derek Schema, 6-4 junior center Mike Copeland and 6-2 junior Joe Ruggiero to build around.

Livonia Stevenson brings back 6-foot guard Keshay McChristion, 5-11 guard Mike Lenardon, 6-3 forward Harland Beverly and 6-foot forward John Van Buren.

Rick Coratti of Redford Catholic Central lost a Division I player, guard Nick Moore, to Toledo along with multi-sport starts Dave Lusky, Dan Jess, Chuck Cash and Anthony

But he returns outside shooting in 6-4 guard Rob Sparks and 6-5 forward Matt Loridas. Sparks won't be able to play until at least January due to back surgery.

Coratti is also counting on quality minutes from 6-3 sophomore Tom Jackaki.

Schuette sees "North Farmington, Farmington, Walled Lake Western, Northville" as WLAA powers, "And Salem and Canton are always good. Then, too, Farmington Harrison has a lot of people back again."

"Canton will be much improved," Churchill's Rick Austin said. "They have a bunch back. Everybody in our division will be much improved.

"Northville has great size coming back, as well. It's going be a tough division this year. I don't see anybody standing

"The league is very good every year," coach Dan Robinson of Franklin said. "This year is not any different. It would be

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RU freezes Stevenson, 2-1

PREP HOCKEY

BY BRAD EMONS

This hockey score sheet resembled more of a rap sheet - two pages to be

Not a lot of scoring, but a lot of penalties - 36 all told - as Redford Unified defeated Livonia Stevenson for the first time in school history, 2-1, Wednesday night at Edgar Arena.

For Redford Unified second-year coach Pete Mazzoni, it was his first victory over his alma mater.

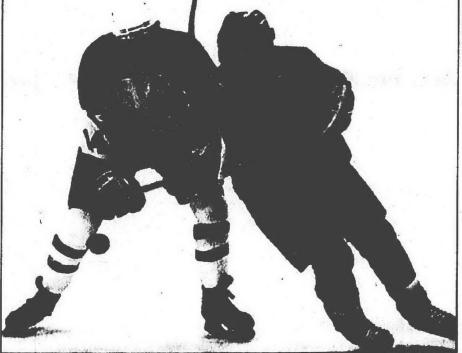
Two goals by junior Cody Bartlett and solid goaltending by sophomore Ian Hannan proved to be the difference as RU, made up of players from both Redford Union and Thurston high schools, ran its overall record to 3-0. Stevenson is 1-1.

"It was an emotional game and sometimes the heat of the moment gets the best of the kids," Mazzoni said. "The ice surface made it not the best of conditions. It negated our speed so we had to play a little more physical."

Many of the penalties were coincidental roughing calls, extracurricular stuff after the whistle. During one stretch in the second period there were as many as eight players in the penalty box at one time.

Eighteen penalties were called on

"It was a hard-fought battle," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "RU is a ern Lakes Activities Association, while



Checkmates: Stevenson's Mike Peraino (left) and Redford Unified's Kyle Robertson battle for the puck in Wednesday's game.

nice club and I wish them well.

"For us it's time to get back to work." The two teams were partners last year in the Suburban High School Hockey League, but now have gone

their separate ways. Stevenson belongs to the new West-

RU is a member of the Michigan Mega Conference.

"There was not a lot of flow, both teams played hard, physical, closechecking hockey - a great effort by both teams," Stevenson assistant coach John Fenech said. "Both times we came

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University of North Care Chifford Carrier (C.V.V.). America Money vill Sulah a the sensor has been 22 in Bloomington, Ind.

"It's amazing how she tage frogged from last year," UNC-charlots year," UNC-charlots David Hall say good all year. She did not have a lead trees. Start allow kind of athlete who was always motivated to get

Travis, who ran 17:22.7 on the hilly 6,000-meter course at the NCAAs, became only the second UNC-Charlotte woman to earn All-America recognition.

In the Conference USA Championships held last month in Charlotte, Travis finished second and broke Melly Kerin's SK 17:07.5. She then qualified for the NCAAs with a sixth-place finish at the Southeast Regional (17:24) in Greenville, S.C.

"I just took things more serie ly, I knew what I wanted to accomplish and I increased my mileage from last year," said Travis, who often put in 60-mile weeks. It felt stronger every week, and from there I set new

But Travis never dreamed about going to the NCAAs until she broke through at the Confer. ence USA meet

"I readjusted my focus in the middle of the year," Travis said. "It was scary, but it was also exciting.

"Sometimes my coach can be a little intimidating and sometimes he's hard to understand, but sue you know each other's goals, it can work out well. He's good at getting you to focus on the chall lenge at hand."

As a freshman, Travis not unly had to adjust to asthma and allergies, but also to a warmer cli and a new environment.

"She had some nice perfermances, but she also had to deal with the normal schee and I of a first-year runner," Hall "Over the winter she tra and you could see she a herself more and more."

Hall began to see Travis' emerge at the end of the spring

In the Conference USA most, Travis ran 17:23 in









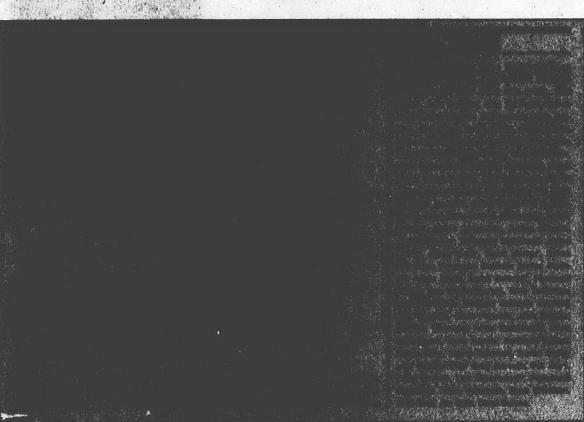














Salem, Stevenson secure 3 spots each on All-Area

Redford Thurston and Plymouth Salem have had very different traditions in boys soccer.

Salem is a perennial state champion contender while Thurston has never made a seri-

ous run at a

post-season

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Scott Duhl

ty team, while Thurston Plymouth Salem may have started a winning tradition behind the play of a talented

senior class. Each advanced this season further than some may have expected, thus making their coaches, Jeff Neschich at Thurston and Ed McCarthy at Salem, co-coaches of the year in Observerland.

The Eagles had their best sea-

son in Neschich's three years at the helm, winning a Division II district championship and finishing 16-3-1 overall. The Eagles' only two losses in

the regular season came to Garden City, which won the Mega Conference White Division championship.

"It's been challenging, a lot of work," said Neschich, a former



Plymouth Salem



Joe Zawacki Livonia Stevenson



T.J. Town



Lutheran Westland

year starters.



Ed McCarthy-Salom Co-Coach of the Year



Jeff Neschich-Thurston Co-Coach of the Year

junior varsity coach and varsity working with these guys and we were all on the same page. They assistant at Plymouth Canton. "The key to the season was havhad a lot of pride in winning, a ing eight seniors being threedesire to be successful."

"For three years I've been Please see ALL-CESERVER, B3







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All-Observer Boys Soccer Team from page B2

Salem, meanwhile, finished runner-up in the Division I state tournament despite losing nine starters to graduation from the 1998 team.

Among the returnees were only two seniors but McCarthy insisted he was optimistic at the start of the season, that his team would still win its share of games.

He was right. Despite the player losses, the Rocks went 23-2-2, winning the Western Lakes Activities Association championship and district and regional crowns before finally losing in the finals.

It was their fifth trip to the finals this decade, and the second in McCarthy's four years at the helm. In that span, Salem has posted a 70-10-9 overall record.

FORWARDS

Scott Duhl, Sr., Ply. Salem: There were all sorts of qualities Duhl brought to Salem's game — speed, scoring ability, passing skills. But, perhaps the reason he was one of the three finalists for the state's Mr. Soccer award was best summed up by his coach, Ed McCarthy.

"He is the hardest working forward in the state," he said. "He comes back great for the ball, and he really created all of our scoring opportunities.

"All of his goals were really big goals."

Duhl, a member of the state's dream team and an all-WLAA selection, finished with 24 goals and 12 assists. He is currently considering signing with University of Michigan and Michigan State, with U-M his top choice.

Tom Eller, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: A three-time All-Observer selection, Eller made the All-State Dream team this season after scoring 25 goals and adding 23 assists.

For his career, Eller has 60 goals and a school-record 61 assists.

He was also an All-Western Lakes

selection.

"In my opinion with my limited experience, I'd say Tom will go down as one of the best ever to play at Stevenson," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

"As far as pure talent and skills, there's nobody better in the state of Michigan — he's scary," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said.

Jeff Szypule, Jr., Garden City: Szypula established a new school single-season record for goals with 27. He had a streak of 15 straight games with goals, scoring at least one in 16 of the team's 18 games.

A two-year member of the Cougars' varsity, he rarely came out of games.
He more than tripled the goal-acoring

He more than tripled the goal-acoring production of his sophomore year when he finished with seven goals.

"He's deceiving in that he doesn't

"He's deceiving in that he doesn't look like the big, strong, tall striker that you're going to face a lot of the time," GC coach Bill Torni said. "But he knows what to do when he gets the ball. He has one goal in mind and that's the one between the posts."

MIDFIELDERS

Pat Griffin, Sr., Redford CC: Griffin scored eight goals with a team-high 14 assists.

A four-year varsity letterwinner, Griffin is drawing some interest from Division I colleges, coach Dana Orsucci said.

A two-year captain, Griffin was a firstteam All-Catholic choice this year. He was a second team Catholic League and Observer selection as a junior.

"His accolades and awards speak for themselves – how other coaches, players and writers respect his game," Orsucci said. "He was our midfield general – his offense, creativity, everything from midfield to the opponents' net. His skills are excellent. He can flip the ball within an inch of room between players. He has very intelligent runs and is extremely quick. He's an all-around solid player, among the top 10 or 15 in the state."

Brett Stinar, Sr., Ply. Salem: When Duhl was surrounded and engulfed by opposing defenders, the player who filled the scoring void for the Rocks was

Stinar.

The senior midfielder was second on the team in scoring with 18 goals and 16 assists. His two greatest assets were his uncanny ability handling a ball in the air and his durability. Stinar played every minute of every game for Salam

As for his ability handling balls in the air, McCarthy summarized it with one example: "The goal he scored against Stevenson in the state semifinals, on a throw-in from the sideline, was just unbelievable." The throw-in, from Sean Loewe, and Stinar's header gave the Rocks an early lead; they eventually won the match, 3-1.

Stinar was an all-state first-team selection. He is considering several instate NCAA Division I schools.

"He's a workhorse," said McCarthy
"And he always got back defensively."

Mike White, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The midfielder, another All-State Dream Team selection, was Stevenson's second leading scorer with 23 goals and 16 assists.

He was also an All-Western Lakes

"For somebody who wasn't a big number guy, in the past, Mike came through with big numbers for us this season," Richters said. "He was our inspirational leader. I feel blessed to work with him."

Tim Kaminski, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The catalyst for Churchill's second-half season surge, the midfielder led Churchill in scoring with 13 goals and four assists.

Kaminski also made All-Western

"Tim was a playmaker most of the year and he was central to our attack," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Everything went through Tim offensively and defensively.

"Tim will definitely play somewhere at the next level."

Brian Horr, Sr., N. Farmington: Horr made the Division II all-state third team after leading the Raiders in scoring with 19 goals and 14 assists this year. In three years as a varsity starter, he scored 33 goals and assisted on 41 others.

Horr played center midfield and

earned all-Western Lakes honors, as well as district and regional recognition. He was the North team MVP.

Horr is a member of the National Honor Society (3.7 grade point). He's also a drummer in the school band, sings in the school choir and performs in school musicals.

"He does it all," North coach Ron Meteyer said. "He's just a great kid. He's the kind of kid you'd want your daughter to meet.

as a soccer player, "He's the whole package. He's an excellent playmaker and scoring threat, and he comes back to play defense, too. He's a leader on and off the field."

DEFENDERS

Josh Rey, Sr., Red. Thurston: Ray volunteered to play defense after playing midfield his junior year but it didn't keep him from contributing to the Eagles' offensive attack

A first-team Division I all-state choice, Ray scored 10 goals and 11 assists, joining the Eagles' offense on most re-starts. A three-year starter, he was a solid presence on the Eagles' back line, deterring many opponents' opportunities to score.

His offensive production wasn't surprising since he scored 17 goals as a junior at midfield.

"We moved Josh up for a lot of free kicks, pushed him up on a lot of corner kicks, got him involved as much as we could in the attack," Thurston coach Jeff Neschich said. "He unselfishly moved back to defense and really made a huge difference in the overall performance. He has good reads and organizes matchups out there."

Justin Gerwatowski, Sr., Farmington: Gerwatowski was a four-year varsity player and an all-Western Lakes defender this year.

While his forte was stopping opposing forwards, he contributed two goals and two assists to the team scoring total.

"I think Justin is the best defender to play at Farmington in the last nine years." Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "He's just a very intense player, very competitive, very quick.

"He was very consistent all year.

Justin didn't have a bad game, He was able to shut out some of the best players in our league.

"Usually, his assignment was to guard the best offensive player on the opposing team, and he did well each

game."

Genwatowski, who played forward as a freshman, is an A student and plans to try out for the University of Michigan

team next year.

Neith Schenkel, Jr., Phymouth Science:
How big a piece was Schenkel to the Salem puzzle? Put it this way — when he returned from a broken foot suffered in a pre-season exhibition, the junior sweeper enabled the Rocks' defense to

They eventually shut out 11-straight opponents, including five in the state tournament. His talent was strong enough to earn him a slot on the all-Observer team, despite his missing eight games.

"He should be one of the top 10 or 15 players in the state next year, if he stays healthy," predicted McCarthy. "No question about it. He really is a true sweeper, it's his natural position. But next year, with all his speed and ability, we're just going to have to get him more touches on the ball."

That means opponents can expect to see Schenkel moving forward on the attack more often next season. He had three assists this year and was a WLAA all-division selection.

GOALKEEPERS

Jee Zawacki, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: In his first full year as a starter, Zawacki posted 12 shutouts with a 17-3-1 record. He allowed just 15 goals all season averaging less than one per game.

Zawacki was also first-team All-State

Division I and All-WLAA selection.

"Joe waited patiently for his turn,"
Richters said. "He's a first-class keeper

with first-class character."
This week Zawacki was in Florida competing for a spot on the U.S. Nation-

al team for his age-group. He is an Olympic Developmental Program player. "Michigan is very interested in Joe and he'll play college soccer and possi-

bly beyond," Richters said. "He's recog-

nized as one of the top goalkeepers in the country for his age group."

T.J. Tomasee, Jr., Ply. Cantes: The M.A. stone had several top-notch keep-ors, but Tomasee, was one of the heat

ers, but Yomeseo was one of the best.

An All-WLAA pick and third-teem All-Stater, Tomeseo allowed 0.84 goals per

Stater, Tomesoo allowed 0.84 goals per game along with 10 shutouts. On a team loaded with underclass-

men in most of the key positions, his efforts were typical.

"He placed some real solid sames for

"He played some real solid games for us," Canton coach Don Smith said. "We had a tough time scoring, but when we did T.J. kept us in there."

His brother George, now a starter at Eastern Michigan University, was also an All-State keeper. George helped the Chiefs capture the state title in 1994.

"T.J. is an enthusiastic kid," Smith said. "He has already been selected team captain next year.

"He's a little bubbly than George was.

T.J. is more of a leader out there. He gets you excited."

Andy Missessen, Sr., Latheres Westland: The 6-foot Gliesman shared Metro Conference Co-MVP honors with Grosse Pointe University-Liggett's Dan Ferrin, the Dream Team keeper who led his team to the Division IV state championship.

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The first-team Division IV All-Stater posted 13 shutouts this seaosn and allowed just seven goals in 19 games. The All-Region and All-Metro selection had four career shutouts.

He also carries a 3.9 grade-point average.

"Andy is very athletic and very knowledgeable of the game — he understands every position," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "He was like a coach on the field and he punts the ball extremely well. He can keep it down in a heavy wind by drop-kicking the ball, which you don't normally see.

"He redefined the position for us and nobody played the position like he did. He was very agile, good hands and a tireless worker. He will surely be missed."

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Griffs of English (WE) ence acquision for the grade on and see the collegement The history major was one of five Buccaneers to sarn All-Academic Midwest Conference. He was also all-Midwest honorable mention for the second straight year. Gulloty finished his career as the fourth all-time Buccaneer defensite-point leader as Beloit finished 7-3 over-all and 6-3 in the Midt. For his career, Culloty, who started 38 straight games, was credited with 412 defension points including 121 this full. In 1998 he of for the team lead in that category. Culloty also is second all-time in forces with 182. As freshman, Gulloty

see Beloit's defensive make-of-the-year.

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but of football player, was evach Ed DeGehaid. I enjoyed bing him because sough and enthusi-tic loves to play to make contact. Serge also recog-to Ryan's parents, nie and Marilyn des, at the team
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LIVERA COSTROLOLL

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Last year's events record 7-14.

s: Western Lakes Activities

on (Western Division). ulad access opener: Tues., Dec. 7,

Netichle leases to graduation: None. Leading returnees: 6-2 Sr. F Avery Jessup; 8-3 Sr. F Josh Odorn; 6-4 Sr. F John Bennett (All-Area honorable mention); 5-11 Sr. G Ran dall Boboige (All-Area honorable mention); 5-8 Sr. G Brandon Gerlacz; 6-1 Sr. G Brad Bea 8-0 Sr. G Ryan Cousino; 6-0 Sr. G Kevin Kotzien.

on Will Penderstrass 5 7. Jr. PG; Brandon Dziklinski, 6-2, Jr. G; Dan Kuaratko, 6-1, Jr. G; James Buchan, 6-5, Jr. C; Dan McMahon, 6-3, Jr. F;Shane Ramin, 6-5, Sr. C.

Austin's 1908-2000 outlast: "Things look very promising. I'm proud of our players and

"We're stronger, more athletic. We worked on our basketball fundamentals — each player in the program - so we're much more fundamentally sound than we have been in the last

Our players believe they can compete with the other teams in our division."

LIVONA FRANKLIN

Head count: Den Robinson, fourth year. Last year's everall record: 1-19. Conference: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

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ding retainment 6-3 Sr. F Derek Scheme ee honoreble mentlen); 6-4 Jr. C Mike ind; 6-2 Jr. G Joe Ruggelro; 5-6 Jr. PG Patterson; 6-3 Jr. G Ian Reed; 6-0 Sr. F

Mike Schultz; 6-0 Sr. F Jeson Micellef.

Robinson's 1900-2000 evaluati: "We've go one way to go and that's up, after last year. "Our kids worked hard over the summer The great majority did what we asked them to

"I think we'll be much improved. How that pays off in wins and losses remains to be

"We will be improved. How much, that's

LIVONIA STEVENSON k: Tim Newman, fourth season.

Last year's everall record: 6-15 Conference: Western Lakes Activities ciation (Lakes Division). ed seesen enemer: Tues., Dec. 7.

vs. Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Notable losses to graduation: Marty Kennedy (All-Area honorable mention); Brett

Leading returnees: 6-0 Sr. G Keshay McChristion (All-Area honorable mention); 5-

11 Sr. G Mike Lenardon; 6-3 Sr. F Harland Beverly; 6-0 Sr. F. John VanBuren. Premising newsemers: 6-0 Sr. F Todd Clouse; 5-9 Jr. PQ Pete Pinto; 5-10 Jr. G Ryan

Curl; 6-0 Jr. F Bob Zapalski. Newman's 1999-2000 outlook: "We're tooking to improve on that 6-15.

"We need to win more games in our

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smallest team in the league, so we're going to have to relay on speed and pressing

"The nights we shoot well and rebound well, we'll be okey. But there's some big

teams in our league.
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coast: Mike Schuette, eighth year. Last year's everall record: 14-8.

mee: Western Lakes Activities secciation (Lakes Division).

Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m. Notable leases to graduation: Ty Haygood (All-Area first team); Bill Foder (All-Area hon-

orable mention); Stephen Woods (All-Area Leading columness: 6-4 Sr. F Ben Harris (All-Area honorable mention); 6-0 Sr. PG Eric Jones (All-Area fourth team); 6-8 Sr. C Yaku

Moton (tranferred back from Mt. Zion Christian Academy, N.C.): ers: 6-1 Jr. G Michael

Franks; 6-0 Jr. G Brent Bogle; 6-3 Jr. F Darnell Dorris: 6-0 Jr. G Denario Adolphus: 6-1 Jr. G Chris Thauvette; 6-5 Jr. F Aaron Marshall (transfer from Buffalo, N.Y., not eligible until second semester); 6-1 Sr. G/F Jeremy Catari-

tte's 1999-2000 outlook: "They work hard and they play well but they just have to try to stay within themselves. If they do that,

"I think the Western Lakes is going to be a pretty balanced league again.
WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Chuck Henry, 23rd year. Last year's overall record: 7-14 Conference: Michigan Mega Conference

Scheduled season opener: Tues. Dec. 7.

vs. Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m. Notable losses to graduation: Jamar Davis (All-Area fourth team); Nathan Wade (All-Area

Leading returnees: 5-8 Sr. G Shane Nowak (All-Area honorable mention); 6-4 Sr. F Justin Goins; 6-3 Sr. G Taron Smith; 6-3 Soph. F Jeff Logwood).

Promising newcomers: 5-11 Jr. G Gary Johnson: 6-4 Jr. F Shannon Jeffries. Henry's 1999-2000 outlook: "We're hope-

ful that we're going to be better. "I think we have certain amount of depth, specially at the perimeter positions.

"We're not very big. I just hope that Logrood can get over his bad back. He hasn't had a full practice yet." LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head ceach: Bill Dyer, second year. Last year's overall record: 8-14. se: Metro Conference. Scheduled season opener: Tues., Dec. 7, at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: 5-11 Sr. G Corey McKendry: 6-0 Sr. G Scott Carr: 6-0 Sr. G Tim Riedi; 6-3 Sr. F Rick Burack (All-Area honorable mention); 6-4 Jr. C Scott Wion (All-Area honorable mention); 6-0 Sr. F Joe Keough; 6-2

Premising newcomers: None.

Dyer's 1999-2000 outlook: "We're looking

"We've got a lot of returning experience; plenty of guys who have played a lot The kids expect to do better. They've put

"We're going to play a little bit faster. We're looking for a solid season from these guys. We should be much improved over last year."

Head coast: Den Ramthun, fourth year Last year's everall recent: 14-6. Conference: Metro Conference.

Scheduled sessen opener: Fri., Dec. 10, at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7 p.m. Notable lesses to graduation: Tom Habitz (All-Area honorable mention) Gordie Engel; Ryan Ollinger (All-Area honorable me track hurdler at Michigan State); Mike Ran-

es 6-1 Sr. G Charlie Hoeft (All-Area honorable mention); 6-6 Sr. C Andrew McLaughlin; 6-2 Sr. F Brien Noel; 5-10 Sr. G Aaron Sant; 6-6 Jr. C Emie Fackler; 6-2

Soph. F Brent Habitz; 5-10 Sr. G Mike Mos Premising newsemers: 6-6 Jr. C/F Nate Meckes (transfer from Seginaw Valley Lutheran); 5-10 Jr. G Luke Kasten (transfer from Wisconsin); 6-9 Jr. C Nate Reinholz; 6-1 Sr. F

thun's 1998-2000 outlook: "We've got a lot of height.

"We'll try to run. We should be able to get some rebounds and go with them. 'As for a team goal, we were second in the conference last year and would like to keep

that standard or do better HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN Head essch: Tod Bartholomew, fourth year

Last year's everall record: 2-17. es: Michigan Independent Athletic

ner: Tues., Dec. 7, at

Taylor Light & Life, 7:30 p.m. de losses to gradu son; Pat Hoepner.

Leading returnees: 5-11 Sr. G Rene Arnal (All-Area honorable mention); 6-1 Sr. F Alan Kleinke; 6-0 Sr. F Jeremy Husby; 6-1 Jr. F Tom Brisbey.

mer: 5-8 Jr. G Steve Mac Donald (transfer from Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary)

Bartholomew's 1999-2000 outlook: "If we're going to have the success that I think we're capable of having, three or four freshmen are going to have to play a good amount

"It was just decided we're going to have a junior varsity team, so I haven't decided who's going to be where yet.

*Our three seniors give us a good nucleus. They're hard workers and pretty decent players. We'll do well, but how well depends on the (vounger) kids."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL Head coach: Rick Coratti, sixth year. Last year's overall record: 15-8. ce: Catholic League (Central Divi-

Scheduled season opener: Sat., Dec. 11, vs. Belleville at Birmingham Detroit Country

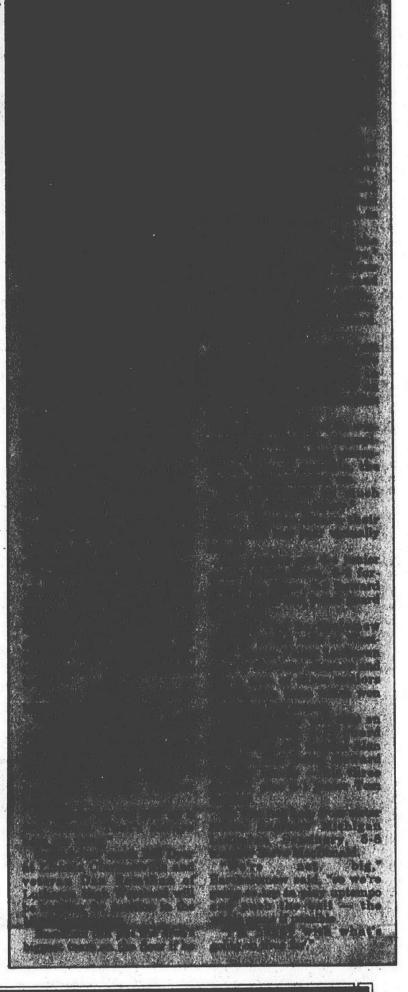
Day, 4 p.m. Notable losses to graduation: Nick Moore

(All-Area first team, basketball scholarship to Toledo); Dave Lusky (All-Area honorable mention, playing football at Eastern Michigan); Dan Jess (All-Area honorable mention, running cross country at Indiana); Chuck Cash (play ing basketball at Albion); Anthony Tomy (play ing baseball at Eastern Michigan) Leading returness: 6-5 Sr. F Matt Loridas

(All-Area honorable mention); 6-4 Sr. G Rob Sparks (All-Area second team, out until January due to back surgery); 6-5 Sr. F Jeff Moore; 6-2 Sr. F Rod Hunt; 6-0 Sr. G Steve

Promising newcomers: 6-0 Jr. G Anthony Coratti; 6-1 Jr. G Mark Willoughby; 6-2 Jr. G Ryan Celeskey; 6-5 Jr. C Steve Larkin; 6-3

Soph. F/G Tom Jackaki. Coratti's 1999-2000 outlook: "I think we're going to surprise some people. "We're a little quicker defensively. We're going to be young. We're going to start three jun Jackaki is going to play a lot, too.lt's always exciting when you're young, so we'll see what



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Sill party celebrates \$1 million

Everyone in the room shouted, "Surprise" as Aleta Sill stepped through the doorway.

Many of her closest friends, teammates past and present had arranged a grand surprise party in honor of her achievement: first female bowler to top \$1 million in career earnings.

It was a well-kept secret. She thought she was going to Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia to give another routine lesson.

Her mother, Lori Michael, flew in from Florida

for the occasion.

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After giving everyone hugs and kisses, Aleta gave a short speech; short because she was still breathless. But she said, "This tops everything." Sill lives in Dearborn now, but

her roots were in Garden City and Westland where she grew up and started bowling as a skinny little

The party was topped off by a fine buffet dinner and a cake decorated for the occasion. Cameras were clicking away and everyone signed her scrapbook for a memento of the occasion.

•On Sunday, Nov. 21, Jackie Haner, 17, became the first girl in the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic League to roll a 300 This took place at Cloverlanes in Livonia as she

boomed out a three game set of 233-300-256 for a 789 series, including 17 strikes in a row. Jackie is the daughter of Patrick and Sandy Haner and was carrying a nice 184 average in the

WWYTC. This series raised it to 192. She throws the Columbia 'Boss' ball, which has

been her favorite for some time. She is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.

Haner's 300 was also the first ever by a female youth bowler at Cloverlanes.

It beat the previous best WWYTC girls score bowled in February of 1997, when Jamie Goins rolled a 289 game and 731 series at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland.

•Winter is not yet here but the 'Snowman" has

The retirement of Ken Charrette brought in Lee Snow as the newly elected President of the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association.

Their 27th Annual banquet was held Nov. 20 at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club. The event included the induction of Chuck Bork of Bay City to the MMBA Hall of Fame.

Robert Eddy II was presented as the winner of the 28th MMBA championship, held at Cherry Hill



Pro eclipses \$1 million



Rolls 300 in youth league

Eddy came from the fifth position in the stepladder finals, first defeating his cousin, Ray Eddy, then Ed Rondot, Mark Applegate and finally Chris Jones by 241-192 for the victory.

The championship tournament was dedicated to Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills who has been a member of the association for eighteen years and has been generous in his sponsorship of leagues,

tournaments and teams. Ansara is also a very good bowler himself and has many awards from his many years of dedication to bowling. Mike Abbey received the Bob Garrett Sportsman Award.

The MMBA Hall of Fame is displayed in the concourse at Cherry Hill Lanes.

• Marianne DiRupo of the Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes created some excitement last Monday night with a 300 game. For Marianne, it was the 19th perfect game of her career, including some which were rolled on the Ladies Pro Tour.

She was using the Ebonite Matrix, a pearlized ball that was perfectly suited for her game on that

•In the Michigan High School Bowling Conference boys southwest region match last Thursday at Taylor Lanes, the Plymouth Salem Boys team led by Leon Walsh (207-221-225/653) defeated Plymouth Canton 19-11.

Other scores for Salem included Jeff Thomas (223/570); Justin Horvath (247/557) and Matt Bowden (136-137/273). Ken Bazman led Plymouth Canton with 206-157-213/578 followed by Alan Florka (209/564); Keith Moore (259/546); Keith Kingsbury (161/450); Jon Robison (178-169/347) and Brian Kaufman (180).

The next match will be held at 3:20 p.m. Thurs., Dec, 2, at Skore Lanes in Taylor. Salem will take on on Truman High and Canton will bowl against Gabriel Richard High School. Spectators are wel-



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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-

more information.

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

METRO-WEST STEELNEADERS 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 Lipareto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

BOAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of Thankful for turkey as symbol for nation As you relax today and eat your turkey leftovers, you might reflect on the fact that you could

have been eating our national symbol. Benjamin Franklin was a strong proponent of making the wild turkey our national symbol

- the bald eagle was selected instead. Europeans, before exploration to the New World, did not know of the wild turkey. Only two species of turkey exist in the world and both are found in the

New World. The North American wild turkey that we are familiar with today, and the species colonists found plentiful during their first Thanksgiving, ranges through-

out the U.S., southern Canada, Hawaii and parts of Mexico. It is not found in Alaska. Only one other species can be found in

the Yucatan Peninsula. Europeans became familiar with the wild turkey when it was brought from the New

World as domestic bird. Natives in Mexico and Central America

domesticated a race of the wild turkey that is now extinct. Explorers took birds back to Europe and then the early colonists brought them back to the New World.

In colonial days, turkey habitat was extensive and turkey populations were high.

Turkey need nut trees like oak, hickory and beech. They also rely on flowering dogwood berries, blackberries and other soft mast. Poults, or young turkey, eat primarily insects.

openings from recent fires were prime areas for wild turkey.

When human populations grew and forests were cut down for fuel, lumber, and clearing for agriculture, the wild turkey population declined.

with increasing hunting pressure due to increasing numbers of people, caused the wild turkey population in the U.S. to drop to an estimated 30,000 birds.

tion of wild turkey that were found in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula. In the 1830s. records show settlers hunting them in Dearborn and Clarkston. But by 1900 it was assumed that the wild turkey in

Fortunately the wild turkey did not go the way of the passen-

Several efforts were made between 1900 and 1954 to reintroduce turkey back into Michigan. These early efforts used domestic turkey which proved to be too vulnerable to predators.

DNR introduced turkey from Pennsylvania that were 7-eights wild. These birds and subsequent reintroductions were successful

Today, 175,000 wild turkey are found in Michigan. They are found throughout the Lower

This past summer when driving along US-23 toward Oscoda, I had to stop twice while hens and their poults crossed the

In spring, I was also fortunate their stuff next to hens.

Watching males fan their tail, fluff their body feathers to enlarge their appearance and listening to gobbling calls takes me back to the days of the colonists when they found the wild turkey

Thanks to the efforts of state agencies and private organizations, the wild turkey has now become a common sight in many

It is indeed a success story that illustrates what can be done to improve and maintain our wildlife heritage.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Motor City Mon's Early: Art Maki. 252-257/737: Mike Harris, Jr., 711; Mike phart, 253/709; Steve Rose, 247/668. Wonderland Classic: Garrett Nagle, 270-266/788; Ken Bashara. 707: Doug Ellison.

700; Brian Raf, 279; Bill Ashcraft, 278. Senior Men's Invitational: Don Martin, 257-253/686; Bob Wilson, 258/676; Bill New brough, 666; Jess Macciocco, 664; Al Messecar, 653; John Bierkamp, 257-254/733; Mike Bellovich, 244/640; Roman Bochenik, 264; Phil Horowitz, 653; B.C. Nunnery, 244/640.

Westside Senior Men: Floyd Morris, 279. Chuck Ruel, 259/679: Cliff Usher, 256/646. Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Ford Parts: Alan Wegela, 268/692; Minh Grougan, 258/717; Carl tokes, 256/713; Cliff Cavender, 279/717. Men's Trio: Mike Travis, 278/772. Verr

Flowers, 279/695: Dave Grtabos, 696. Early Birds: Fran Carlson, 249/628; Debbie Ellsworth, 206/511; Gerry Brady, 209/507.

Senior House: Dick Shoupe, 278/679; Pau Gadomski, 259/711: Pat Engebietson 277/749; Darin Kolb. 265/691; Frank Hoff Midnighters: Evans Brown, 258; Mark

Zielinski, 231; Wally Zielinski, 220, Doug McMillan, 233; Frank Nickowski, 226 Cay 90's (seniors): Joe Ducher, 235: John

Kilbourne, 212/556; Chuck Jensen, 203; Fred Alberts, 212; Harry Oumedian, 202. Sunflowers: John Schultz, 288 Rosedale Gardens: Rick Elliot. 721

Monday Seniors: Phil Insalaco, 204. Gler @ & G Auto: John Chouinard. 300,738

Randy Smith 280/718 Ken Meyer 246/709; Scooter Newton, 267/702; George Local 182 Retirees Mixed: Barb Omeara

208; Frank Bertani, 227

Lyndon Meadows: Maida Flynn, 200. Cloverlanes (Livonia)

All-Star Bowlerettes: Marianne DiRupo 300/748; Louise Johnson. 278/717. Robin White, 268/716: Angela Will. 246/710: Sandy Schultz, 256/684: Lisa Bishop

Friday Knight Mon: Bruce Bolt, 263/729. Tom Miner, 290/794: Brendan Heaney

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O'Rourke, 278/761; Bill Freeman, 268; Randy Thompson, 868: Mike Conatsei

St. Aldan's Mon: Mike Kowalski, 247/677: Dan Gadvin, 257; Bill Louiselle, 224; Pat Ram sey, 233/626, Jack Pomeroy, 236

Thursday Mens Junior House: Jim Gendjar. 277/661; Bob Gotts, 267/717, Pat Testa. 266/737; Mike Makowiec, 254/742; Dave

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It was a battle, start to finish. But in the end, this game turned out the same as too many of Madonna University's men's basketball games — as a loss. Rudy Elliott, who had hit just

six of his previous 19 shots, banked in a layup at the buzzer to lift St. Mary's College to an 80-78 victory Tuesday at Madon-

The loss dropped the Fighting



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The game was close throughout. Madonna led 28-24 with 7:28 left in the first half, but scored just four more points the rest of the half as the Eagles went on a 12-4 run to take a 36-32 lead into the intermission.

The biggest lead for either team came with 16:49 left in the game; a basket by Elliott put St. Mary's up 45-36. The Eagles were up 53-47 with 13:47 left when Madonna rallied, going on a 10-0 run to regain the lead, 57-53 with 11:27 to play.

The biggest lead for either side after that was five points.

A layup by Jason Skoczylas with 3:44 to go gave the Crusaders a 76-72 advantage; however, they scored just two more points, a pair of free throws by Aaron Cox with :23 remaining that knotted it at 78-all, setting up Elliott's game-winner.

Cox led Madonna with 19 points; he also had five rebounds and three steals. Skoczylas added 16 points (on 8-of-11 shooting from the field) and six boards, Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) had 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike Massey totaled 13 points, five boards and four assists.



Ballhawk: Schoolcraft College's Antonei Watson (front) picks off a pass against Lansing Community College..

St. Mary's was paced by Milius Jones with 20 points. Elliott had 18 and four steals, and Al Rogers and Chris Shepard had 13 points apiece; Rogers also grabbed eight rebounds and Shepard had five steals, while Isiah Carter scored six points and hauled in 13 boards.

St. Mary's forced 26 Crusader turnovers (the Eagles had 19), but Madonna hit 32-of-65 shots from the floor (49.2 percent) compared to St. Mary's 32-of-71 (45.1 percent).

Lady Ocelots stalled

A slow start to the second half proved costly for Schoolcraft College's women's team, which lost 65-61 to Lansing CC Tuesday at

The loss dropped SC to 1-2; Lansing evened its record at 2-2.

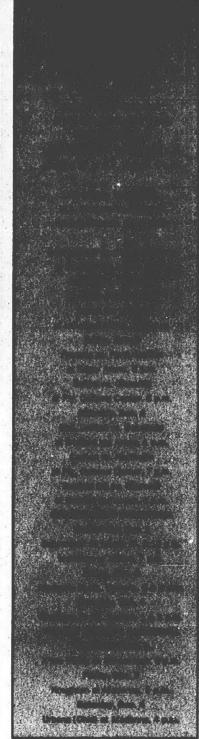
The game was close through the first half, with Lansing taking a 30-28 advantage into the intermission.

But the Lady Ocelots stumbled through the first 17 minutes of the second half and trailed, 61-

SC came alive in the final minutes, closing to within four, but time ran out on its comeback.

Antone' Watson topped the Ocelots with 16 points; she also had six rebounds and nine assists.

Carla Saxton had 14 points, and Angelica Blakely and Janel Olson had 11 points apiece, with Blakely grabbing 12 boards and



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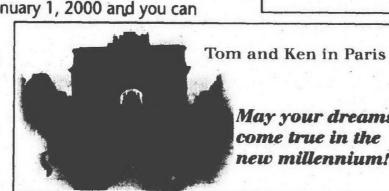
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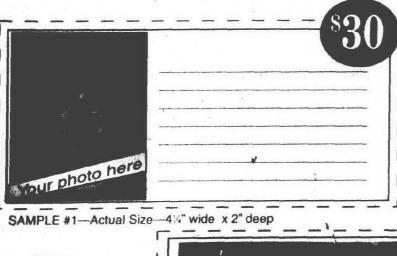
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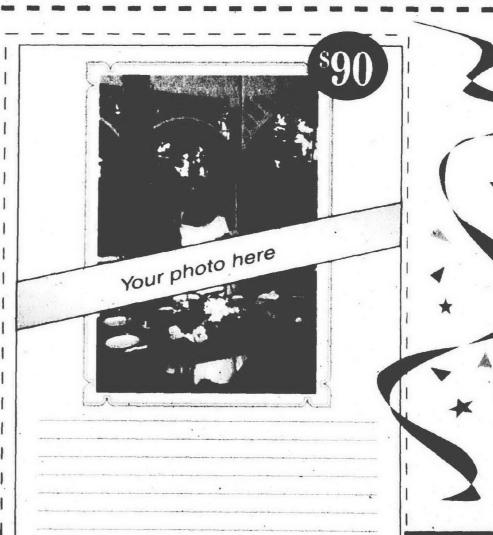
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mer Stevenson teammate Jeannette Stojcevski, a DePaul (Ill.) University senior who finished 13th this fall in the Conference USA meet. Travis also completed weekly progress cards and send them back to her coach.

We saw glimpses of Kelly's ability at the end of the spring, and then it was kind of unfortunate because then the season ran out," Hall said. "The reason she improved is the consistency of her training at a high level, day-in and day-out, every week.

The mileage and the pace got faster each day."

Hall also believes Travis has the will to succeed.

"It's hard to push every day, but Kelly wanted to do better," he said. "You have to make the commitment before you do it and she kind of bought into the training program. She bought into the whole package.

"You could see she did her work over the summer because when she came back to school she was fit and ready to go."

The NCAA meet in Bloomington could have been overwhelming experience for the UNC-Charlotte sophomore, but she hung tough against a quality field of 250 runners.

"It was really scary when I got there, it was a big shock because there were so many fans and so many people," Travis said. "It was very competitive. I just tried to focus in on the people from my region. I got bumped around the first mile, so I just kept my handsd out. Everybody

was fighting for position because it was so close.

Becoming an All-America is a big sacrifice, but Travis is willing to pay the price.

You have a set schedule, you run twice a day, go to class, then you have go home and do your homework, and then get to bed early," she said. "But I guess I'm never satisfied, that's what keeps me in the sport."

Travis plans to major in communications and obtain an minor in social work. She also

does volunteer work, coordinating a campus organization for advocating educational literacy.

Travis spent the Thanksgiving week at home before returning to school. She is under orders to take two weeks off.

For now, Travis is breathing easier. Then it's on to the indoor track season.

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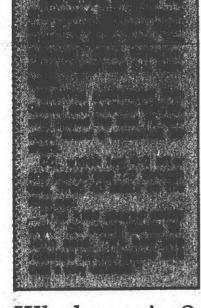
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Whalers win 2

The Plymouth Whalers inched closer to the .500 mark in the Ontario Hockey League with a 2-1 victory Thanksgiving night over the host Brampton Battalion behind Tomas Kurka's gamewinning goal in the final period. Shaun Fisher and Randy

Fitzgerald drew assists on Kurka's goal, his 11th of the season, as the Whalers improved to 11-12-3 in the OHL and earned their third straight road victory. Goaltender Rob Zepp, who

gave up a second-period goal to Lukas Havel (his 13th), made 19 saves to preserve the victory before 1,761 fans in Brampton. The Battalion lead the Midwest Division of the OHL at 13-

On Wednesday, the Whalers turned back the host Owen Sound Platers at the Bayshore, 4-2, as Justin Williams had a goal and assist for the winners. Kurka, Stephen Weiss and Bric Gooldy also scored for the

winners. The loss dropped Owen Sound to 8-13-1 in the OHL.

The Whalers also have to lose backup goaltender Aaron Molhar, who has reportedly left the team for unspecified reasons.

The Whalers have replaced

Moless on the roster with former conden Enights goaltender Bill

That brings the Whalers' roster to 11 Detroit-area players.



Give thanks by helping others

ver nine years of covering the arts for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, I've had the opportunity to meet many giving artists and everyday people who've been an inspiration to me.

I'm grateful to have shared, for however brief a time, in their work to help homeless people, survivors of domestic violence, and people going through trying circumstances.

They shy away from recognition for their good deeds. If not for writing stories about various benefits, I probably never would have known of their contributions. Due to the lack space, I can only mention a few but maybe they'll inspire you as much as they have me.

Two "heroes" who give consistently to causes are watercolorist Louis Redstone and Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti, whose 9-foot bronze sculpture was recently installed in front of the new Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plaza in downtown Detroit. Grateful for accomplishments in their respective fields, they believe in giving back to the community. Whenever asked, Redstone donates his vibrant abstract paintings to auctions for nonprofits such as Very Special Arts, which provides programs in music, drama and the visual arts for persons with disabilities. The 96-year old Redstone, whose architectural firm was in Livonia for many years, and his wife Ruth, have set up scholarships at the University of Michigan's School of Art and Architecture. They leave a legacy that will last longer than the Michael A. Berry International Terminal, Louis designed at Detroit Metropoli-

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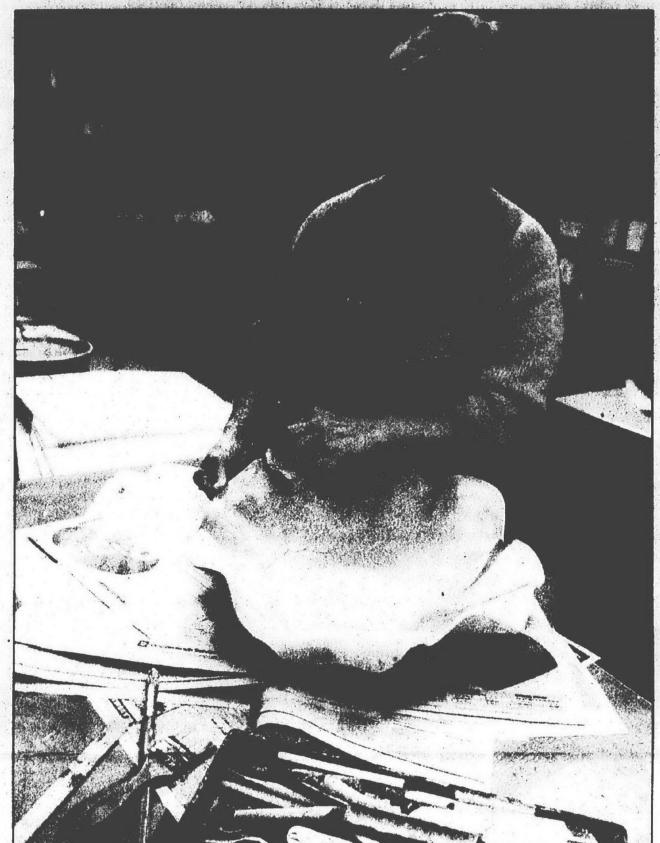
Sandra Shemanske's enthusiasm for Pewabic Pottery's annual Empty Bowls effort to help feed hungry people is catchy. I met "Sandy" when I wrote about the annual effort by pottery artists to craft bowls for the benefit. Money from the sales of soup and bowls help stock the shelves at Gleaners Food Bank.

COTS

Then there are the artists, including Carlos Diaz (chairman of the photography department at Center for Creative Studies and a former Livonia resident) and celebrities who painted masks for COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) "MaskorAide" auction. The event raised nearly \$100,000 for homeless people in April. Birmingham residents Dr. Robert Higgins, who is surgical director of thoracic transplants at Henry Ford Hospital, and his wife, Molly, chaired the effort with Beth McKeown. COTS helps homeless people help them-selves by providing shelter, meals, clothing and comprehensive life-manement services. The benefit auction will be Saturday, March 18, at the Detroit Yacht Club. For tickets, call (313) 831-8777.

As with all nonprofits, COTS could use more help. It takes a lot of resources to provide more than 300 mesis a day and 50,000 emergency shelter nights a year. COTS has to turn away 25 people a day due to lack of space, said starter Joyce Dallas.

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GIFTS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

A blanket of clay dust covers the work surfaces and wheels at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, but not for long. Come Dec. 2-4 those same tables and several shelving units will be filled with bowls, vases, fountains, wall relief, ornaments, and an array of functional and decorative art.

If you're looking for a one-of-akind work that says the recipient is special, several galleries and nonprofit art organizations offer everything from jewelry to decorative objects for the home. Table top fountains remain popular with buyers, according to Annette Horn at Native West in Plymouth and Ruth Price. one of 20 Guild members creating reasonably priced ceramic works for holiday giving.

"Everybody's creativity is different," said Price, who's been working in clay for nine years. A charter member of the Guild, she studied ceramics at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "There's quite an array in variation for gifts."

Price began hand building her works eight months ago after surgery on her hand for carpal tunnel syndrome left her unable to work on the wheel. Now after wedging, cutting and rolling clay, she forms bowls, platters and vases. An imprint of an evergreen bough adds texture to a large bowl she refers to as art for dining room or coffee tables. Price likes to work big. Sprigs of holly accent a turkey plat-

"You can use any materials that are interesting," said Price. .

The shelves in the kiln room are filled with works waiting to be fired. Shards of glass placed on the bottoms of Price's fluted bowls will soon melt into abstract patterns. This is just one of the techniques the Plymouth potter uses. Glazing then scraping surfaces allows the natural clay to show through sculptural floor vases. Access to chemicals means Price's colors are as varied as the forms. A square serving

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At left: Ruth Price hand-builds a fluted bowl for the Holiday Art Sale at Village Potters Guild in Plymouth.

Lower left: These works by Ruth Price are available for holiday gift giving.

Above: Don Schneider used his lamp-working skills to create these glass ornaments

Below: Native West offers jewelry such as



W Village Potters Guild 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at 340 N. Main St., Suite G-4 behind Jack Dunleavy's Grill. Plymouth (734) 207-8807.

M Native West

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 until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 455-8838.

III The Art Gallery/Studio

Noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, Dec. 6-10, ard noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, I ec. 11, at 29948 Ford Road in Sheridan Square, Garden City. (734) 513-4044.

M York Street Gis sworks

Noon to 5 p.m. Su iday, Nov. 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday through Friday, Dec. 24, at 875 York St., Plymouth, (734) 459-

ANIMAL ART

Artist paints 'purrfect' portraits



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Kristine Dumm admits it's unusual for a pet portrait artist not to have at least one dog or cat. After all, the Redford artist specializes in watercolor paintings and drawings of animals.

It's apparent by listening to Dumm speak about dogs, cats, horses, and iguanas, the love for them is there. She just hasn't had the opportunity to express it.

"Our only pet is a goldfish I won at a church festival," said Dumm. We lived in apartment so we couldn't have an animal. But now



that we have a house and our son is past the tail-pulling age, we hope to get a puppy in spring.

Dumm's sensitive portrayals of animals include a horse and colt at Maybury State Park, a kitten lounging in a bowl at Upland Hills Farm, and her brother's beagle

puppy who didn't want to sit still to have its photograph taken. Dumm uses photographs as reference for the paintings and draw-

"I'm always armed with my camera," said Dumm! "He was just a farm cat I tried to catch in differ-

ent poses." A black and white watercolor of a little girl and her dog was created after a vintage sepia-toned photograph. Dumm searched for the photograph for several years before creating this dramatic por-

"People didn't seem to have

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Pet portraiture: Kristine Dumm's watercolor portraits "Oscar" (above) and "Taffy" (at left), are on display at Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe in Farmington

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dish features a spiral of clay to hold choosticks.

What I like about the Guild is the camaraderie," said Price. You sort of pick their brains. You learn so much from other de. Each person does something fantastic and passes it on like the waterfalls and fountains. Paula Fulkerson came up with the idea to create water fountains and taught everyone else the process.

Water will soon drip from the maple leaves decorating Fulkerson's tall cylindrical fountain. It's hard to believe she's only been working in clay for five

"People love the soothing sound and the pleasure of watching the water fall," said Fulker-

Native West

"Art works for the wall, in addition to fountains, are selling like hotcakes at Native West, said co-owner Annette Horn. People have a lot of wall to fill. I like to tell people when you're

II 'People have a lot of wall to fill. I like to tell people when you're buying something for your home, buy it because you love It, because that's what you need to surround vourself with."

> Annette Horn co-owner, Native West

buying something for your home, buy it because you love it, because that's what you need to surround yourself with.'

John Running does rubbings from the petroglyphs in caves in the Southwest then turns them into rock forms called "frags." A running buffalo triptych is one of the scenes depicted in the sand and resin work.

"The running buffalo has been very popular," said Horn. "This

is what you would see out West. John makes sketches from actual petroglyphs."

All of Native West's wall art, including Fred Baier's sun and roadrunner metal sculptures, will be available at the gallery's 10th annual Art & Jewelry Festival Dec. 2-5. Indian trader Jonathan Cox of Albuquerque will exhibit a variety of silver and gold, turquoise, lapis, amber, opal and other semi-precious stones in the jewelry trunk show.

"Jonathan brings such a huge selection of the Native American jewelry from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars," said Horn. "Opal has really skyrocketed as far as a stone people are wanting. People are absolutely wild about it. It has an iridescence. Some of the opals are laboratory grown so they're more durable and less expensive but we also have Australian opals."

Some of the more unusual artworks at Native West are Theresa Vail's black and white pots. Vail fires the pots with horse

hair. The surfaces look like rambling rivers.

"Yes, there is the traditional Native art but Native artists are trying to find new ways of expressing themselves," said Horn. "There's glass vases etched with Native American subjects and candles painted with the images.

The Art Gallery/Studio

The Garden City Fine Arts Association leaves tradition behind as well when its annual Holiday Art Show and Sale takes a walk on the wild side Dec. 6-11 at The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City.

Show chairman Greg Lock promises "this event will be the last and the best of the millennium.

"It's a New York Pop Art theme," said Locke, a Westland resident. "I've encouraged people to step out and experiment with their art," said Locke, a Westland resident who will exhibit abstract and surreal paintings. We'll have theatrical lighting for the show and artists will dress in black and white for the opening reception (7 p.m. Mon-

day, Dec. 6)."
Wildlife artist Cal Kemp-

painen will judge the show, awarding prises in the categories of wet and dry painting, and three dimensional works.

Norma McQueen has painted an abstract work for the show. A tumultuous ocean of images relates the story of the Garden City resident's life. Her mother Eva's face, cotton balls symbolizing her birth in the South, and pet dogs highlight the tale.

The waves of turmoil indicate that sometimes I feel like going around in circles," said McQueen. "Red is anger and disappointment but the uplifted waves show my positive attitude."

In addition to art works by club members, The Art Gallery/ Studio exhibits paintings, ornaments, and clay by Plymouth potter Kathy Sandberg. Gary Wilson's vessels have a biblical theme. A professor at Monroe

Community College, Wilson also creates a vase with an abstract landscape. Bob Sheridan crafts a variety of ceramics and clay sculpture. Clay makes a great gift and adds a decorator's touch to an environment, whether it's at home or the office.

York Street Glassworks

Plymouth glass artist Don Schneider celebrates the 20th anniversary of York Street Glassworks Thanksgiving weekend through Dec. 24 by offering 10 percent off all vessels, paperweights, beads, earrings, ornaments, gazing globes, and glass objects in the gallery. His newest . works include beads that take on a rust color after Schneider lamp works 24 karat gold onto cobalt blue glass.

Schneider is known internationally for his lamp-worked beads, many with millefiore designs. Currently, the beads are featured in an exhibit "Glas Pa Kroppen" in Denmark. His work travels to Tel Aviv and Helsinki

early next year.

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the rest of the year, crayons and help? The number of organizapaint brushes for children, linens, clothing, and baby food

keep the shelters running. Please take time to think about how you could help, in whatever small way. Something as inexpensive as a blanket or plastic baby bottle could mean the difference between someone floundering in a sea of despair or swimming to shore. And you'll feel good doing it.

First Step

How do you choose who to

tions seems endless. One of my favorites is First Step, a nonprofit project on domestic and sexual violence that helps women, children and men rebuild their lives. They cannot accept used clothing because they don't have enough storage space at their offices in Plymouth and Taylor and their shelter in Westland. They prefer new sweatsuits and other wearables because such clothing increases the wearer's self esteem. First Step's wish list includes dishes, paper products

and linens as well as 10- to 12- House receives a bear, blanket or inch cuddly teddy bears. Many of the children at the First Step shelter flee violence in their homes with only the clothes on their backs - the bears provide a sense of security in a strange setting.

Ja'Noah House

Audrey and Carl Mattson, two special people I met in 1996, need many of these same items to continue their work. Audrey gets tears in her eyes every time the Livonia couple's Ja'Noah socks for less-fortunate people.

Their rundown motor home is on its last legs, but three times a week they collect bread and bakery goods donated by the Kroger store at West Chicago and Telegraph and take it into the Cass Corridor, Brightmoor area, Brewster Projects, and Westland's Norwayne neighborhood, to name a few.

This Thanksgiving, the Mattsons fed 150 homeless and lower-income folks from their motor home. Audrey's already started her Christmas shopping. During their trips to distribute bread and other food items, the Mattsons visit rundown hotels and projects in search of little boys and girls who will not have much of a holiday. They have more than 150 children to buy clothing, dolls and baseballs for. The Mattsons would like to have a building to sort the used clothing and other goods they collect but for now they make do.

"You make a commitment and you can't quit," said Audrey. "I'm so thankful for people who give

to us so we can give to them. We've seen lives change. We've had people say, 'we don't need a meal now. We're working."

And that's what all of these artists and everyday people are about - helping others to help themselves. Hopefully, they'll continue to inspire us all.

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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their portraits taken with their pets back then," said Dumm.

As with any portrait, Dumm's goal is to paint a likeness of the "When I'm working with

clients I let them supply photos," said Dumm. "I need clear photos, in focus and the pet is in a nice pose. The better the photograph, the better the painting."

Dumm will demonstrate the process of creating a pet portrait from sketch to finished work Saturday, Dec. 4, when she paints the store cat at Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe in Farmington Hills.

to create pet portraits about five years ago. After receiving an associate's degree in graphic design from Henry Ford Community College, Dumm designed print ads for local newspapers and mail order catalogues, which included horse related items, for several years. Since deciding to do the portraits, she's exhibited at cat and dog shows. One of her cat paintings is also on display at Canterbury Tails, an animal-

theme gift shop in Lake Orion. "I was looking for something to use my artistic talents while staying at home to start raising

Dumm came up with the idea a family," said Dumm, who enjoys having her 3 1/2 year old

they look.'

12-by-16-inch to \$175 for an 18cil drawing is \$100.

Dumm's pet portraits, call her at (313) 541-7425.

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

ART BEAT

FINAL DAYS

The weavings of Livonia resident Bob Owen will be displayed through Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Michigan Weavers Guild exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

The 82-year-old Owen started weaving while recuperating from a heart attack. His throws and table runners have won awards in shows at Alma College, the Lansing Art Gallery, and Northwestern Michigan University. He uses three looms and a Commodore computer to work out his designs before transferring them to the loom. Handwoven and Weavers magazines have published articles on how to weave his towel, lace runner and weaver's tote designs.

TASTE OF THE ARTS

The Westland Chamber of Commerce presents an evening of food, fun and entertainment 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 38315 Joy, between Wayne and New-

Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25

Family Resource Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Call (734) 326-7222.

There will be music and art provided by Wayne-Westland students. Pick up a work of art at the silent auction.

MINI CONCERTS

The Livonia Civic Chorus is practicing for its free program 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia.

Hear them beforehand at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh south of Eight Mile; 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the tree-lighting ceremony at Livonia City Hall, Five Mile east of Farmington Road, and the Livonia Mall 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

COMPETITION DEADLINE NEAR The Plymouth Symphony

Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton.

Deadline for entry is Friday. Dec. 10. In addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought. Winners will perform at the youth concerts in February 2000. For more

ARTRAIN

The nation's only traveling art museum on train returns with the "Artistry of Space" 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor.

Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Call (734) 747-8300.

The exhibition features artworks from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum. Peter Max, Robert Rauschenberg, Norman Rockwell and Andy Warhol are represented.

Children may make their own artwork 1-5 p.m. in the Creation . Station art center in the NEW Center. Co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Art Center, the Creation Station offers children the chance to paint ceramic tiles and create sandpaper prints for \$1

DANCE VIGNETTES

The Dearborn Ballet Theatre dances two mini-performances of "The Nutcracker" 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Wonderland Mall.

The ballet company performs with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 students and children. Call (734) 421- , 1111 or (734) 464-2741.

For more information, call

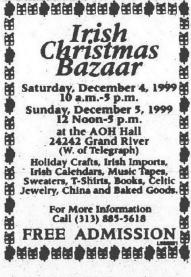


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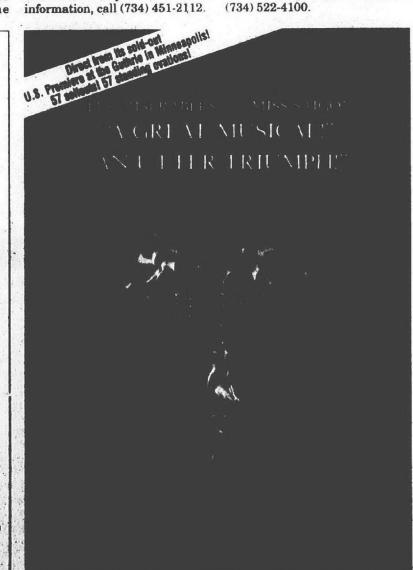
son Austin watch her paint. "What really draws me to painting animals is you get really honest portraits. They're not worried about their hair or how

Prices for Dumm's watercolors portraits range from \$80 for a by-24-inch. A 14-by-18-inch pen-

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

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Weekends of special holiday sales. The 'Small Works' fine art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery. The jewelry sale and glass sale is Sunday, Nov. 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.

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

Visit 35 galleries in Detroit featuring entertainment and food, 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Order ticket in advance at (313) .224-9500.

HUDSON'S FIRST FRIDAYS Programs and entertainment for all ages including a performance of Indonesian music by Gamelan Ensemble at the Detroit Institute of Arts 6-9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)

MEADOW BROOK HALL HOLIDAY WALK

View "The French Collection" at the hall's 29th annual walk through Sunday. Dec. 5 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. (248) 370-

The 10th annual art & jewelry festival is Dec 2-5 at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Plymouth. (734) 455-8838. NOEL NIGHT

The annual Detroit Cultural Center event leatures caroling, gallery viewing, entertainment and food, 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 in Detroit's Cultural Center Woodward at Warren

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP HOLIDAY

Student and faculty holiday art show and sale at the Karen Anne Knight Gallerie, Southfield-Lathrup High School Arts Academy. Begins 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 1 through Dec. 17. Gallerie hours during sale are 7-7:30 p.m. and 2:10-2:30 p.m. weekdays or by appointment. 19301 W.12 Mile. Lathrup Village. (248) 746-7291.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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 look ing 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 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

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.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Winter 2000 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music begin Jan 15, 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849

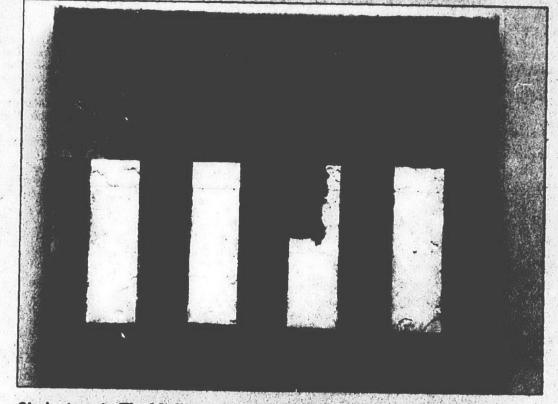
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classes take place Mon. Fri. at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

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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

AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS

The holiday treasure is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222

BRUNCH WITH BACH The Don Walden Ensemble performs at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833

7900 JUDY COLLINS

Performs a Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield. Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222

CHRISTMAS WITH MANTOVANI Conducts a Christmas show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Dec. 2 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp: (810) 286-2222.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL The classic play is 3 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222. **DANCE CONCERT**

Rant and Rage: New Dance from Irish Paintings 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Dec. 3 & 4. U of M Dance Dept., 1310 University Ct., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

Holiday Brass, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. (248) 362 9DCW **DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS**

"Hallefujah" chorus 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Ave. Detroit. (248) 988 0604.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Benefit concert for the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-development, 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28: Musical jewels from the Baroque era, 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec.2 and 10:45 a.m. & 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; Messiah, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec . 4-5: Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-

FORT STREET CHORALE

Performance of the Messiah 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., Detroit, (313) 961-4533

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The UMS Choral Union performs 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764

HARLEM NUTCRACKER

December performances 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 1: 2 p.m. Thursday Dec. 2; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 2 & 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (734) 764 2538

HOLIDAY FLUTES WITH ERVIN

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 546-2503. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

The heartwarming play is a 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 29 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222. NUTCRACKER Michigan Classic Ballet of Bloomfield

Hills performs this holiday classic at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Mercy Auditorium, Farmington Hills. (248) 334-6964. MADISON CHORALE

Two holiday cabaret concerts 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3 and 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R., Madison Heights. (248) 879-7444 MUSIC AT KIRK IN THE HILLS

Annual Advent choral concert 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 1340 West Long Lake Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515 NAVIDAD FLAMENCA

A Gypsy Christmas Holiday is at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1 the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222.

THE NUTCRACKER

3:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 11-12, featuring local dancers from tri county area, and New York City ballet soloist Arch Higgins. Presented by the Contemporary Civic Ballet at Kimball High School Auditorium, east of Crooks, north of 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$12/adults: \$8/seniors & students. (248) 641-9063:

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CHOIR

Performance of a traditional holiday program 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paulin Detroit. 4800 Woodward between Warren and Hancock. (248) 349-8175 SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

"An Afternoon of Music" featuring harpist Onita Sanders from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. 26000 Evergreen Road. Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

TIS THE SEASON A holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Lutheran Church of he

Birmingham. (248) 474 4997. PETER YARROW AND DAUGHTER Peter Yarrow of Peter Paul and Mary and Bethany Yarrow in a Chanukah concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4at Temple Emanu El. For information call the

Jewish Community Center at (248) 661

Redeemer. 1800 W. Maple.

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A Yiddish musical by noted American composer Abraham Elistein at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in Morris Adler Hall at Shaarey Zede in Southfield.



Countdown: "A Tribute to Time," a group exhibit, runs through Dec. 20 at the Arnold Klein Gallery, 327872 Woodward Avenue, (248) 647-7709.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY The Harlem Nutcracker, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Detroit Opera House.

1526 Broadway, Detroit. 1-800-221-1229. VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

254-0400

Performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. 44575 Garfield. Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222. NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Enjoy arias from popular operas performed by Aaron Caruso, accompanied by Tony Dannon, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 at la Bistecca Italian Grille. 39405 Plymouth Road at Eckles between Newburgh and Haggerty. (734)

DANCE

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE

Dancecapes, a concert of modern dance Dec. 2-4. Varner Studio Theatre.

at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Rochester. (248) 370-2030. EVENTS

GREENMEAD CHRISTMAS WALK

Seven homes and the Hill House at Greenmead will be decorated for the holidays and open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile Roads (734) 425-485

HOLIDAY GALA DINNERS A holiday celebration to benefit Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall 6:30 p.m., Thursday- Saturday, Dec. 2-4. (248) 370-3140.

FOR KIDS

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Special Planetarium Programs Sunday, Nov. 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. FLINT YOUTH THEATRE

"The Chicago Gypsies" 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2.11 at Bower Theater, Flint, 1.888 SCENTER.

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents e children's theater group in lians Brinker and the Bird's Christmas Carol, 7 p.m., Dec. 3, 2 & 7 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m., Dec. 5 at 774 N. Sheldon. Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

LECTURES

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Elaine Heumann Gurran, former acting

director of Granbrook Institute of Science will present a lecture 7 30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645 3361

MUSEUMS CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCI-ENCE

Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes The Natural Forces That Shape our World, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through Jan 9 - What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection, 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,

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from

Twentieth Century Ireland 525 South

Detroit. (313) 494 5800

State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY (OPENINGS)

ARIANA GALLERY

Opens Saturday, Dec. 4 - Feliz Navi-doodad! featuring doo-dads for holidays through Jan. 1, 119 South Main, Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810. JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Opens Thursday, Dec. 2 - The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples through Jan. 27, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER Opens Friday, Dec. 3 - An exhibit by the

Chaldean American Association of Fine Arts through Dec. 30, 47 Williams Street. (248) 333-7849. ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Opens Thursday, Dec. 2 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund through Feb. 4. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

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 through Saturday, Dec. 18, 21 N. Saginaw St.,

GALERIE BLU Opens Friday, Dec. 3 - Works by Lenore Gimpert through Jan. 4. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

HABATAT GALLERIES Opens Friday, Dec. 3 - new work by Kreg Kallenberger through Dec. 31. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

Opens Friday, Dec. 3 - Audrey Harkins watercolors through Dec. 30 in the Fine Arts Gallery, Opens Saturday, Dec. 4 -Bob Roderick LGB trains through Dec.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

29 in the exhibition cases. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Livonia. (734) 466-2490 PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS

COUNCIL Opens Wedhesday, Dec. 1 - *Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee through Jan. 26. 774 N.

Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART SISSON GALLERY Through Jan, 14 - "Unconformity." Artwork by Jeanne Bieri and Teresa Petersen. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

313 845 6490 SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY Opens Wednesday, Dec. 1 - Boys Hope-Girls Hope of Detroit: A Traveling Photography exhibit through Dec. 15. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield

(248) 948 0470 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 Uzeiac Gallery Artist reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Oakland Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw. (248) 957 2357.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY Opens Tuesday, Nov. 30 - Shirley Crane Galliher "Small Works" through Jan. 8. Opening reception, 2.4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor,

(734) 761-2287 **WOODS GALLERY**

Opens Saturday, Dec. 4 - The Plein Air Society Artists through Jan. 13. Opening reception 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 26415 Scotia Huntington Woods (248) 543 9720

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ARIANA GALLERY

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

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY Through Dec. 12 - 'The Michigan Friends of Photography Annual Membership Exhibition." Margigian Library, University of Michigan Dearborn campus 4901 Evergreen Dearborn

313 593 5400 CARY GALLERY

Through Dec. 24 - oil paintings by Lita Kaday, 226 Walnut, Rochester (248) 651 3656 GALERIA CASA DE UNIDAD

Through Dec. 17 - Day of the Dead-Ofrenda exhibit. 1920 Scotten, Detroit

GALERIA BIEGAS Through Jan 1- Breaking Through a

multi-media art exhibit. 35 Grand River Detroit (313) 961-0634 GALERIE BLU

Through Nov. 30 - Stephen Goodfellow New Work: 7 North Saginaw. Pontiac +248) 454 7797 **GALLERY 212**

Through Dec 12 - The Marriage, a solo exhibition of Rx. Harrington, 212 S.

Main, in Arbor (734) 665 8224 GALLERY AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE Through Dec 15 - The works of Sandra

Cardew / Marilyn Schechter 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 927 1336 G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry

Different Wants, Different Wishes 161 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642

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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 HILDERRY GALLERY Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by

Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Dercy Miro, 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-ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY Through Nov. 30 - Watercolor artist, Carol LaChiusa. 4750 Woodward,

Detroit. (313) 833-1300. 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 McCulloug. 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-

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

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 millenni um. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) **OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA** Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush painting. 1200 N. Telegraph,

Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE Through Dec. 23 - Barbara Abel Trag Béauties, 407 Pine Street, Rochester

PEWABIC POTTERY Through Dec. 31 - Earthy Treasures. the annual holiday show and sale. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit (313)

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SISSON ART GALLERY Through Jan. 14 - Unconformity Unexpected Layering, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 845-6490.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS Through Dec. 23 - Exhibition by Southfield photographer Christine Redmond. 24350 Southfield Road.

Southfield. (248) 424 9022 ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Through Nov. 30 - The art of Thomas Locker, 536 North Old Woodward.

THE SYBARIS GALLERY Through Dec. 4 - Exhibition of sculptur al baskets by Ferne Jacobs and Carol Eckert and mixed media jewelry by Andrew Cooperman, 202 East Third Street, Royal Oak, (248) 544 3388.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN Through Nov. 30 - "Gesture and Contemporary Painting." Through Nov. 30 - "El Caminoville," 2000 Bonisteel

VOLUNTEERS

Blvd., Ann Arbor, (734) 936-2082

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information confact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651. West Bloomfield, Mich. 48325 1651 (248) 626 2285

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Collection of mystery stories makes an ideal holiday gift

"Irreconcilable Differences: 20 Mystery Stories," edited by Lia Matera (HarperCollins, \$24).

By Victoria DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Not long ago, editor and writer Lia Matera approached a number of award-

winning writers with an idea for a new antholoand request that they each create a short mystery tale for inclusion in the collection. Matera's VICTORIA only stipulation was that the

story be structured around the theme of irreconcilable differences. In addition to her work as an

editor and writer, Matera is a veteran attorney, and when she made her request to the writers, she expected them to define the term in the same legalistic way

that she did. "I was. . . delighted to see how much more broadly they inter-preted it," she writes in her introduction. "My years as a lawyer had. . .limited the words for me, narrowing them to diminished potency. Appropriated by divorce statutes, irreconcilable differences had lost some

of the vigor. . . of its earlier, less specific usage." The stories in this collection are not just about irreparable marital relationships (although those are here); they also focus on myriad types of personal relationships that have reached a kind of impasse, or gone awry in some terrible way that cannot be "fixed" by any court of law.

After all, adds Matera, "judging from crime statistics, a great

many conflicts continue to cry out for vengeance, either in blood or money or tears."

Come along on this diverse and spine-tingling journey that opens with "Tusk," Joyce Carol Oates' dark account of adolescent anguish, and closes with Matera's own eerie tale, "It Can't Be True," which also deals with childhood's indelible brand of emotional pain.

In between, mystery mavens can delve into this collection as if it were Gump's box of chocolates. Some surprises can be found along the way, and some may really hit the spot.

If sepulchral humor is to your taste, Eileen Dreyer's "Fun With Forensics" will tickle your funny bone. In it, "the new Forensic Sciences Association. . . struggling to claim its place in the pantheon of professional organizations" finds, to its horror, that it is "saddled with a member who (is) not only completely unqualified, but a full-fledged psycho to boot." What the highly image-conscious group does to finally rid itself of misfit Wanda Mummerson is, shall we say, extremely bone-chilling.

Extremes of temperatures play a role in a number of other stories. Edna Buchanan's 'Miami Heat" shows us a man on a sultry night in the crimeridden Florida city, losing his family and perhaps his life because he insists that his dreamy past has not evolved into the violent present. Bill Pronzini's "Wishful Thinking" also takes place during a relentless heat wave. In it, we meet Jerry, an odd bird who lets off steam by pretending that he has murdered his nagging wife, Verna, in various ways. As part of his pretense, he announces his "crime" to his next-door

neighbor. In the colorful and inventive "Paleta Man," by Laurie R. King, an ice-cream vendor who commits a deadly deed possesses just the right stuff for disposing of his victim's remains.

Former Michigan author Marcia Muller, in "Up at the

Riverside," writes of an aging, gay couple who, on inheriting a decrepit hotel, come up against irreconcilable differences regarding its fate. Despite the darkness at the heart of the tale, this Sharon McCone mystery that examines the past and the future actually ends on an up-

Also looking at the interconnectedness of past, present, and future is Jeremiah Healy's wellwrought story, "Legacy," in which his popular private eye, John Francis Cuddy, encounters a dying woman who feels she must break the law in order to preserve her beloved family.

"The Perfect Revenge" (Amanda Cross), "Buried Treasure" (Sarah Lovett), "Just Desserts" Judith Kelman), "Heart Break" Gillian Roberts), and Jan Burke's "An Unsuspected Condition of the Heart" (the only story not set in the present) are some of the additional tales examining the common theme.

Naming the strongest story in 'Irreconcilable Differences" is a little like picking apples over oranges.

Though some pack more punch than others, there's not a really bad one in the bunch. If you're seeking out the ideal holiday gift for those on your list who love a mystery, you've found it with "Irreconcilable Differ-

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident who writes book, movie and theater reviews for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Here's a holiday sampler of books that deserve a place under the tree

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You know what is is even before you tear off the rectangular wrapping, but a book still is one of the most rewarding gifts to receive, and to give:

For grown-up minds

Photographer Fred Maroon had no inkling of its dramatic end when he began a project to photograph the Nixon presidency. "The Nixon Years: 1969-1974" (Abbeville Press, \$29.95 hardcover) portrays the period, from Richard M. Nixon's election to the end of his presidency with the Watergate scandal, with many photographs that have not been previously published. Text is by former New York Times columnist Tom Wicker.

Norman Rockwell used to be dismissed by critics as a mere illustrator. Nobody liked him except, it seems, the millions of readers who enjoyed his Saturday Evening Post covers. In "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People" (Abrams, \$35 hardcover), curators Maureen Hart Hennessey and Anne Knutson compile new critical acclaim from modern critics, who appreciate Rockwell's contribution to American 20th cen-

Aerial photography reveals the earth in fascinating patterns and perspectives. "Earth from Above" (Abrams, \$65 hardcover), by Yann Arthus-Bertrand, distills his five years of airborne photography across five continents and 60 countries.

For the young in age, outlook

Stormy Night" (Kids Can Press, \$18.95 hardcover), by Michele Lemieux, is a serious, philosophical book for children, approaching their fears and questions about God, life, death, abandonment, chance, happiness, sadness, and what-happens-if. Lemieux, with simple text and drawings. enables youngsters to grasp these abstracts. The book, first published in Germany and subsequently translated into nine languages, is winner of the Ragazzi Prize awarded at the Bologna Book Fair.

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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.

Author David Carson, who wrote "Rockin' Down the Dial: The Detroit Sound of Radio from Jack the Bellboy," will sign copies of his book at the Detroit Historical Museum. The signing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Louise C. Booth auditorium of the museum. Carson, whose book was recently published by Troy-based Momentum Books, will be joined by a few of the radio personalities featured, including current

WOMC-FM morning man and Detroit radio institution Dick Purtan, former WXYZ and WJLB radio personality Jack Surrel and veteran WJR and WJBK radio personality Clark Reid. The program is presented in con-

junction with the Museum's new "On the Air!" exhibit, which allows museum-goers to take a walk through time and the area's radio and television broadcast history. The program is free with regular museum admission. The "On the Air!" exhibit continues at the Detroit Historical Museum through April 30. The museum, located at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.25 for seniors and children ages 12-18 and free for children 12 and younger. Call (313) 833-1805 for more informa-

OTHER BOOK SIGNINGS 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. Seturday, Dec. 4. In "I'll be Right Back," Douglas writes about his more than 50 years of involvement in television, including his popular late afternoon programs from the 1970s, For more information, call (248) 348-0696. The store is located off of Haggerty and Six

Mile. Farmington Observer réporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book. "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" Saturday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m., Waldenbooks, Lakeside 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.

Author Sandi Brewer will read from and sign copies of her novel. "Murder for Beltene," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Borders Ann Arbor, 612 E. Liberty. The book is set in Brennan County, Mich., and tells the story of the Beltenes, a family like none you've ever encountered before. Considering that Rhiannon Beltene is a vampire novelist and loves going out for ice cream late at night, it's no surprise that someone leaves a bloodless, embalmed body in her path one evening, especially for

her to find. BORDERS ROCHESTER HILLS

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.

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'Some Americans Abroad' falls short for audience

Wayne State University presents Richard Nelson's satiric comedy Some Americans Abroad" through Feb. 5 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass at Hancock on WSU campus, Detroit. Tickets \$11-\$18; Group discounts are available. For tickets or more information, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry graduate theater company takes us to England with a group of American University professors in "Some Americans Abroad."

The comedy of manners shows how the worst comes out in some people when they are in a foreign environment and how they confront those flaws. Nelson, an American dramatist, was commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company to write the

Joe Taylor, the new head of the English Department, is at the center of the story. He covers his nervousness and inexperience with his charm and uncompromising liberal politics.

Throughout the play Taylor must find a way to inform one of his staff that he will not receive tenure or a renewed contract, a decision he is uncomfortable with because it bypasses the teacher's talent and focuses on his lack of prestigious credentials.

Along the way he has to deal with an AWOL student and a professor accused of unwanted sexual advances by a student.

The play itself is dialogue intensive. Professors and students who have actually been on a college-sponsored trip abroad will experience a somewhatamusing sense of dejá vu, but ful with a stiff smile, never her composure, if only to liven up dates them most of the play is weighed down allows a loss of temper, and one of the tedious scenes. The play by ponderous dialogue.

The opening scene, set in a restaurant, is a prolonged discussion of 1989 cold war politics. Undoubtedly boring 10 years ago, the topic inspires even more yawns today. The mealtime banter merely serves to establish the intellectual snobbery and political shallowness of the professors on the tour, a premise that could have been accomplished in less time with a livelier conversation.

Taylor, the neophyte department head, is played with calm and plodding efficiency by Erik Gratton. The character is a nice snob - a pleasant fellow, but a snob none the less - and spineless, as demonstrated by the character's unwillingness to tell Henry McNeil of his impending unemployment. Gratton keeps the character unflaggingly cheer-

rarely raises his voice. It's an interesting character study for a student actor but hardly a compelling protagonist for audiences

Mike Schraeder plays Henry McNeil, the young professor all but groveling to keep his position - even willing to forego tenure and work on a yearly basis. Schraeder plays the part with unabashed brown-nose enthusiasm, with enough desperation to make the audience squirm in uncomfortable recognition.

As he clings to his threads of hope that he'll keep his job, his wife Betty, played by Emily Miller, chafes at the hypocrisy of the situation. She's already accepted the inevitable loss of her husband's job and can barely maintain her civility toward the group. One wishes for her to lose

Gavin Lewis portrave Orson Baldwin, the retired English chairman who gives a voice to the outrageous thoughts that his successor, Joe Taylor, keeps tightly in check. His rude prenouncements add some life to the scenes, and occasionally jars his stuffy former colleagues out of their comfort zones. Even though his character is unpleasant, it's refreshing to hear his breaks with the arcane conversion and his irreverent pronouncements.

Sexual harassment is a side plot and dates the play. Today, a professor accused of inappropriate sexual conduct toward a student would be subject to extensive scrutiny at the very least. The play's willingness to sweep the whole incident quietly under the carpet emphasizes the characters' shallowness, but it also

The play is an interesting ener-cise for actors but not an interesting evening of theater.

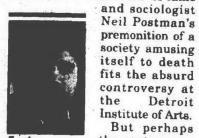
The changing locations - usually restaurants or public places - were announced with an over-head slide at the start of the scene, a slight shifting of neutral backdrops screens, and the arrival and departure of furniture and props. A Union Jack hung from the back of the set, partially hidden by the screens. The set was very neutral and bland - it did nothing to give the play a British flavor.

The rearrangement of the screens served little purpose beyond changing the entrance and exit locations; their rearrangement added work to the scene changes. Perhaps some scenes of London or Stratford might have added some color to an otherwise-dry show. .

Controversy at the DIA reveals a shocking reality

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

Somewhere between the Warholian 15-minutes of fame and sociologist



itself to death fits the absurd controversy at Detroit Institute of Arts. But perhaps the controversy

no more absurd than the times in which we live.

The raging controversy between an installation artist crying censorship and a museum defending its right to the select work it exhibits is densely packed with allegations, presumptions, hurt feelings and plenty of misunderstandings.

It's a controversy that could have been avoided. Why wasn't it? Who has been hurt by the subsequent reactionary debate? And what can be learned?

Controversy revisited

The ping-pong incident began 10 days ago when DIA Director Graham Beal closed installation artist Jef Bourgeau's exhibit Van Gogh's Ear," the first of the artist's 12 one-week exhibits. Bourgeau intended to document and offer a derivative interpretation of "shock art" of the 20th

Several pieces in Bourgeau's exhibit were deemed potentially offensive to museum visitors. While Bourgeau had been discussing the exhibit for the last two years with the DIA, apparently curator Maryanne Wilkinson was surprised by several elements when they showed up at the museum.

The DIA was concerned with Bourgeau's reference to a Brazilian nut using an inflammatory racial slur (the "n word"), a condom placed on a plastic doll called "Bathtub Jesus," a jar of urine (allegedly the same used by Andres Serrano without a submerged crucifix) and a video of a woman taking a shower in which the blood-tinged water simulated menstruation.

Bourgeau claims he was prepared to be in the gallery to respond to visitors as they were hit in the face with their own preconceptions and prejudices about race, religion, sex and gen-

Guerrilla campaign

The earnest and soft-spoken Bourgeau's work over the years has had an absurdist tone. Three years ago, he established his own museum in Pontiac.

The museum is an 8-by-10 space inside Galerie Blu. The museum" has exhibited Bourgeau's pieces and other provocative work.

The "museum" is run by a fictitious director after the equally fictitious founder mysteriously drowned. Bourgeau's point: Museums are stodgy repositories and must be prodded to show contemporary art. Bourgeau is waging a guerrilla campaign to force a rethinking of the role and responsibilities of museums.

What is "art?"

Inevitably, the decision to exhibit his "art" must be based

on a qualitative judgment whether it is indeed "art." That judgment belongs to the DIA.

The DIA did not censor Bourgeau's work. He was free to create his own interpretations of "shock art," many of which are derivative. When the DIA got something they didn't expect, they had a change of heart. And, according to Beal, they still wanted to work with Bourgeau to find a compromise.

Bourgeau claims any modification to his exhibit is censorship. Yet he had already prepared an alternative description to the Brazilian nut piece. If he was willing to modify his work, why was it "censorship" when the DIA asked him if there was an alternative description?

Bourgeau's message, that prejudice is often mindlessly passed down from one generation to the next, dissipated into a discussion of semantics.

Sign of the times

Like past controversies involv-

ing depictions of homosexuals, displays of body fluids and dungladen paintings, this dispute is another example of how our culture has become self-consumed. bizarre and reactionary.

Does what passes today as shock art" foster a broader debate about art, race, religion, sex and gender? Who's fooling who? Did Jesse Helms' opposition to public funding of art museums broaden the debate about the role of art in a democracy?

There's no doubt that an art exhibit can evoke a powerful response. The question, however, is whether an art exhibit can be about more than an individual artist's bowel habits or notions of identity.

On the surface, the DIA and Bourgeau became locked in the ongoing First Amendment drama about whose right takes precedence.

Maybe both should have asked what was the point of Bourgeau's exhibit. The point, if there was one, has to do with how we've

become so numb by the onslaught of information and images that we can't even find the time to reflect. We simply await the next jolt of controversy.

What makes curators and artists think that "shock art" is a remedy for our collective attention deficit disorder? "Shock art" is an end in itself and a reflection of who we are, a society that thrives on spectacles.

Maybe there's a chance to figure out what's at stake and what's important. The DIA must become more accessible and relevant to the needs of a highly diverse population.

A serious discussion must ensue about the need for a legitimate contemporary arts museum to enhance the encyclopedic DIA.

As long as artists become instant media stars and misunderstandings keep artists, curators and museum directors fighting with each other rather than joining together for the sake of the arts, we'll continue to be dis-

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Don't buy into the madness of the holidays



NICOLE

Yes, the madness, holiday shopping, has begun. And, it is madness. Even if you, unlike myself, bubble over with the spirit and magic of the season every year and wouldn't think of giving up the holidays for anything, it still is

That's because the joyful, giving and celebratory spirit of the

holidays never fails to mutate into a wraith of "I ought, I should, I have to, I better, I need ..." and so forth.

I think you know what I'm talking about. That moment in December when gold-colored cocktail napkins won't do because you need cocktail napkins with gold wreathes. Otherwise, your holiday napkins won't match your holiday china.

You've also decided you ought to purchase a dozen or so holiday-scented candles. They, too, should be gold.

While you're out shopping, which you seem to be doing every day, you realize you ought to buy your boss' dog a Christmas present. Everybody else in the office does.

Hey, maybe you should buy the next-door neighbor's kid's dog, a pet

Another should-do is the holiday newsletter. All your friends are keeping you up-to-date on their lives, thus you should, too. At the very least, you should write something more than "Season's Greetings" on the 150 cards you have to buy, address and send in the next few weeks.

Other common "ought-to's" include: aking and decorating cookies for Santa (even though the kids are grown and don't believe anymore); buying co-workers token holiday gifts; impulsively getting into the spirit by purchasing a red sweater to wear to the annual Christmas Eve party down the street; making jars of reliah to give to each and every host at each and every party you attend; and endeavoring on projects inspired by Martha

Before you know it, your to-do list is impossibly long, painful to consider, a constant reminder of your inadequacy as a cheerful, holiday giver.

And, as a proponent of having fun whenever you can, this saddens me.

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world. That the holidays ought to be fun is one of the few I support. However, unless you're willing give up your list of "ought-to's" in favor

There are many

"ought-to's" in this

of a list of "I-can's" or "I'll-try's," you'll fael like you're on the clock during the next month, rather than doing nice, thoughtful things family and de an your own time.

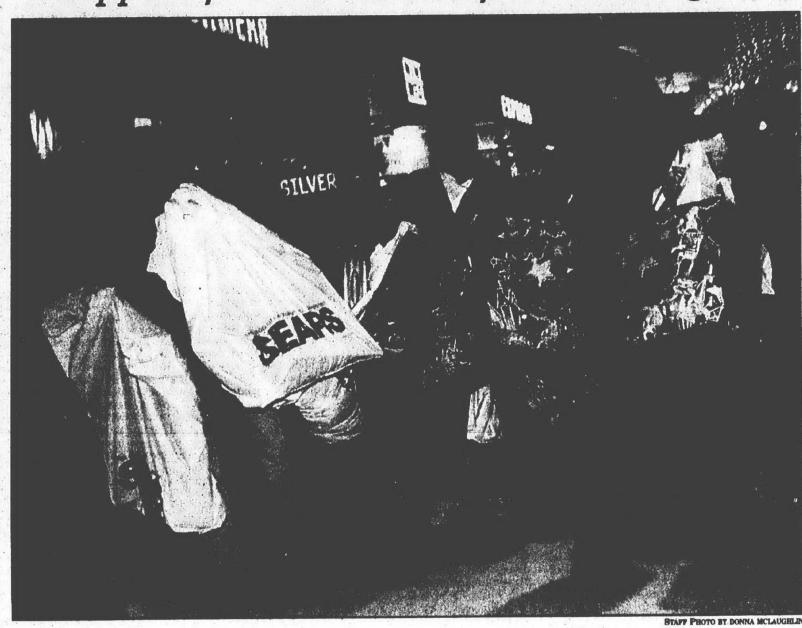
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rebel against the holidays by refusing to buy gifts or decorate the house. Hoy you even can bake a few contine and buy holiday candles, if you'd like Go ahead, buy a hone for the bose dog.

The point is: do whatever you want, but do what you can and want to do, so apposed to what you should and

It's a tradition

Shoppers flock to malls after Thanksgiving feast



Jackie Lock, at left, with their aunt, Linda Innes from Indiana, have a tradition of com-ing to Oakland Mall in Troy after Thanksgiving dinner at grandma's house. The trio rose from bed at 4 a.m. Friday morning, so they could stop by a few other stores before heading to the mall for bargains, giveaways and people watch-

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

nstafford@oe.homecomm.net Holiday giveaways. Merchandise discounts.

An opportunity to finish holiday shopping early.

There's a plethora of reasons so many shoppers head to local malls and downtown retail districts to shop the day after Thanksgiving.

But abiding tradition is probably their strongest motivation.

In a day of rampant commercialism, a sea of merchandise to choose from and long waits at computer registers, shopping rituals Search: Diane and mere tradition help keep shopping enjoyable.

"It's the religious shop- search Westland ping day of the year," said Shopping Cen-Troy resident Debbie ter.

Jakubowski, who, along with daughter Nicole, woke at 6 a.m. Friday morning to join hundreds of other shoppers at Oakland Mall in Troy.

You take off work and just shop. It kind of sets the mood for the holidays," said Jakubowski. But Jakubowski and other shop-

pers' post-Thanksgiving shopping traditions are more elaborate than just hopping in the car and heading to the

> before, The day per ads for merchandise bargains and giveaways, makes a list of items she'd like to purchase and jots down a shopping itinerary and ranks her tasks by

Disney's annual Christmas Winnie the Pooh stuffed animal, which Jakubowski purchases every year, topped her list.

Like Jakubowski, Tina and Jackie Lock, of Utica and their aunt Linda Innes from Indiana, "cruise" newspaper ads on Thanksgiving Day in search of bargains, then develop a shopping plan of action.

of bed at 4 a.m. Friday because, according to tradition, the needed to stop by Target and Meijer before making their

Mall. Once there, they make a beeline to Hudson's where yet another ritual is enacted - a wait in Santa Bear.

"We have like a master plan," said

In addition to getting a start on their holiday shopping, taking advantage of bargains and going home with a few freebies, the Lock sisters enjoy paying witness to the frenzy.

"We'll have stories to tell all year The group dragged themselves out long," Tina said of shoppers' behavior,

charging entrances, fighting for merchandise and down running department store aisle ways.

"I think for me it's the tradition of coming and watching these crazy people, and knowing we're one of those crazy people, too," said Jackie, adding, "It's fun. ... Not shopping today would be weird. I don't know what I'd do."



line to purchase a Pit stop: Debbie and Hudson's holiday Nicole Jakubowski, of Troy, rest after a morning shopping at the mall.

and Mary Bilek

Colebrate Lagniappe, "a little something extra" on Monday, Nov. 29 in downtown Rochester. Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, tree-lighting remony, caroling and a visit from Santa and real reindear. Also, merchants will give small gifts to their customers, 6-9:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 656-0066.

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Bates in downtown Birmingham, to visit with children over breakfast, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Photos with Santa are available. For additional information, call (248) 644-5832.

HOLIDAY MAGIC

Absolutely Baffling Magic presents Rudolph the Reindeer and 35 minutes of magic tricks for children of all ages on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Westland Shopping Center. Show starts at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., West Court near the J.C. Penny entrance.

ROCHESTER'S MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Merchants in downtown Rochester hold a moonlight madness sale for the holidays, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. with a variety of sales and discounts from participating retailers. Charity gift wrapping services and downtown Rochester gift certificates will be available in the Third Street Atrium.

SANTA ARRIVES AT NORTHLAND CENTER

Santa sets up shop at Southfield's Northland Center to visit with children for photographs during the mall's extended holiday hours through Dec. 24. For a mall schedule, call (248) 569-6272.

SANTA COMES TO PLYMOUTH

Santa visits with children in downtown Plymouth every weekend through Christmas, 5-8 p.m. on Friday and noon-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Kellogg Park band shell.

TREE OF LIFE

Volunteers from the Livonia Angela Hospice accept donations for their Tree of Life through Dec. 31 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Hang a paper ornament on the tree as a tribute to a loved one, in Jacobson's Court. For additional information, call (248) 464-7810.

HOLIDAY KINGDOM & BREAKFASTS

A majestic three-story castle comes to life for children waiting to visit Santa at the Somerset Collection through Dec. 24. The Children's Theatre of Michigan acts as the castle's royal family, jesters and jugglers and will continuously entertain Santa's guests in the North Grand Court area. Also, private breakfasts with the royal family and Santa Claus are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on both December 4 and 11. Tickets are priced at \$10 per person. For information, call (248) 643-6360.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Mails & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48000: Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the follow-

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ADDED ATTRACTIONS

latest pieces at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 1-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.

View a collection of Lagos jewelry at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine

Jewelry department. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

PRING & HOLIDAY ATTIES

View the spring collection of Joan Vass, USA or purchase pre-spring and holiday attire at Sally's Design women's clothing store, the Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield through Dec. 5: For store hours, call (248) 626-0886

MIT & JEWELRY PROTINGL

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, holds its 10th annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival featuring pieces by some of the finest Native American artists in the nation through Dec. 5. For store hours, call (734) 455-8838.

BEDERMANN ORNAMENT SHOW

Jacobson's hosts Carl Biedermann and a show of his collectible, limited-edition ornaments at their Birmingham store. Biedermann and his ornament collection also visit Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store in Livonia on Dec. 3. Both events, 3-7 p.m., Stationary department.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

ANTIQUE JEWELRY SHOW

P.R. Haig Jewelers, 436 Main Street in downtown Rochester, hosts Bernard Cohen's collection of antique and period jewelry with a visit from Mr. Cohen through Dec. 5. Store hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday.

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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 readers' 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 POUND:

- The game "Catch Phrase" is sold at Target and Kay-Bee Toy stores.

Buster Brown children's clothing is available at Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and at the Kensington outlet mall in Howell.

- Red Cross shoes can be bought at the Red Cross Shoe store on Ford Road, west of Lilly, in Canton.

- Personalized children's books are sold at the Livonia Civic Center Library gift shop.

~ Personalized children's book are made at Genesis Books, a home-based business, (248) 360-9677.

- Leather jackets repairs are done at Hands-on Leather, (734) 459-6560.

- Dream Catchers can be found at the following locations: Woodland Indian Trading Company on Six Mile in Redford; Scott Coburn Western Wear on Farmington Road; Fred Rocks on Dixie Highway in Waterford; Southeastern Michigan Indians' Detroit American Indian Center, (313) 535-2966; Hands-on Leather, (734) 459-6560;

Native West in downtown Plymouth; and Home Spun Gifts in Westland Mall.

- An under-the-cabinet knife holder can be bought through the Home Center catalog, (800) 303-5114, and at Kitchen Glamour stores.

 One six-inch Revere frying pan is available from a reader.

 Walled Lake Shoe Repair on Pontiac Trail repairs leather jackets, sells wallhanging shoe shine kits, and plastic rain boots.

- Replacement parts for antique oil lamps can be purchased at Great Midwestern Antique Emporium on Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains.

- A pattern for making quilts from T-shirts can be found in the Clotilde catalog, (800) 772-2891 or www.clotilde.com

- Yardley lavender talc powder can be bought at F&M stores and through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008.

 One 1948 Royal Copenhagen Christmas plate is available from a reader.

- Sander's products are available at The Chocolate Shop in Farmington. The original Sander's bumpy cake recipe is available at Hagelstein's Bakery stores, 800 S. Washington in Royal Oak, (248) 541-0566, and 14 Mile Road in Clawson.

- The game Mille Bourne can be found at Noodle Kidoodle stores in Rochester and Farmington.

- A female mannequin can be purchased through the Celebration Fantastic catalog, (800) 235-3272.

- A laptop desk with formica top and bean bag base is available at Gail's Office Supply stores in Birmingham, (248) 642-6330, and Bloomfield Township, (248) 626-4700, and at Big Lots on Livernois in Troy and the Meijer store in Westland.

- White shelf paper is sold at Damman's Hardware in Farmington.

One Quiet Village album
 by Martin Denny and Roger
 Williams with the song "Yellow
 Bird" is available from a reader.
 One American-Indian
 Barble is available from a read-

- Used bridal dresses are sold at Melinda's Custom Dressmaking in Southfield,

(248) 352-0993.

A reader called to say she knows the lyrics to "Little Buckaroo."

- We found Hudson's Santa

Bears for our readers.

- A reader has 200 Campbell's soup labels to denate to an organization.

A reader tells us Kathy's Cheesecakes went out of business three years ago.
 Another reader tells us there

was only one copy of the St.

Agatha 1984 High School
yearbook.

- We need the Birch Run

Vanity Fair store's telephone number.

A reader has St. Theresa

High School yearbooks from 1925, 1927 and 1928, if anyone is interested in having them.

 A video tape of the Gem Theatre being moved might be available through the Gem Theatre.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A Mackintosh of New

England jacket for Angie.

- Dishes sold at A&P in 1977-78 in the pattern "Diane" for Dell.

- The "Jesse" doll from the Babysitter Club for Gloria. - Farmington High School yearbooks from 1998 and 1990

- A doll that moves its arms and head when you pull a string from its back (8-12-inches) for Sandy.

- A "Helix" plastic spinning spiral for Barb. - A store where Arpege per-

fume is sold for Martha.

A Waterford crystal 1980
Christmas ornament for Mike.

- The video movie "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 Roy Rodgers lunch box

- A Roy Rodgers lunch box for Cleo.

- A Churchill High School varsity jacket for Anne. - A Bentley High School

varsity jacket for Ann.

– A 1954-55 University of Detroit High School year-book for Linda.

- The Halloween game (in a poem form) "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 that is in good condition for Carol.

- A store where Coty dry lipstick or a similar product is sold for Lynn. - A Big Ben wind-up clock

with two bells (not battery-operated) for Charlene of Canton.

- Oneida's deluxe stainless silverware in "Village Pfaltz-

silverware in "Village Pfaltzgraff" pattern for Pat.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Annual retail event raises over \$100,000

BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

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They shopped. They dined and danced. They helped school children:

And they did it all prior to the actual madness of the holiday shopping season.

More than 700 people attended the 14th Annual Mistletoe Madness event, held Saturday, Nov. 20 for the first time at Nordstrom in Troy at the Somerset Collection.

The annual event serves the Junior League of Birmingham and the group's signature charity project, Families Involved Together.

The benefit, which weds fine dining, live music, a silent auction and dancing with shopping in an elegant atmosphere, not only is a pleasant way for local shoppers to make a dent in their holiday gift lists, but also enables the Junior League to make a significant contribution to Frost Elementary School. Located in Pontiac, the school is currently developing a parent resource center, said Jennifer Klintworth, the league's co-chair of the event, which this year raised over \$100,000.

Mistletoe Madness also helps local retailers drum up business and create an excitement in the community about their offerings, services and merchandise, said Klintworth. The Golden Mushroom, for example, provided food and beverages, and more than 65 Oakland County businesses donated merchandise



Holiday attire: Mary Jelinek, of West Bloomfield, considers purchasing a red dress.

and services for the event's silent auction.

Nordstrom, which held their annual shopping night in conjunction with Mistletoe Madness, proved to be an excellent partner, added Klintworth.

"They (Nordstrom) were just a delight to work with. They were very accommodating to our needs and our focus," said Klintworth. "They helped us raise money and we helped them target the community."

In the past, the event has been held at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham and the Somerset Collection's Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue stores.

"We started this event, called the Holiday Benefit at Jacobson's, and we outgrew Birmingham," said Klintworth. "This just shows you that the event grows and grows each year."

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Spunky 'senior' doesn't miss much in New Mexico

BY BEVERLY A. LEN

The group cheered as Mom declined help, then charged down the face of a 35-foot sand dune. I scrambled after her, gave dune. I scrambled after her, gave her a pith on the back and wheeled. For bad for 80."

Twenty sets of eyes widered and 20 jaws dropped in union.

Traveling with my spunky senior flows is never dull.

Scorching daytime temperatures at White Sends, N.M., con-

vinced us that an early evening dunes tour would allow us to live to enjoy other parts of America's 47th state. During the day, temperatures often reach 115 degrees with a humidity of 4 percent. Under these conditions, a glass of ice water did not sweat. Mom and I did.

At night, however, tempera tures can reach freezing.

So at 7:30 p.m., we stood at the base of a gleaming, white gypsum dune. A park ranger conducted a walk among some of the smaller dunes of this 146,535acre National Monument. Most of the area appears barren, but a few tenacious plants, animals and insects have adapted to the harsh environment.

We watched a beetle-sized "stink bug" tiptoe across the sand. The bug is the equivalent of a skunk and nearly as potent. "Give the bug plenty of space," the ranger advised, as he led us to a tall dune to watch the sun-

As the sun sank lower in the sky, winds whipped fine mists of sand farther up the dunes. By 8:30, the sun winked behind the San Andres mountains creating a 360-degree pink ring around White Sands' Tularosa Basin.

We put on sweaters and walked back to the car in respectful silence of nature's awesome performance.

Nature performed another spectacular feat at our next-day destination, Carlsbad Caverns.

This time, we beat the heat by taking an elevator to the "Big Room," 850 feet below ground. The temperature is a constant 56 degrees.

There is also a mile-long natural entrance, from which thousands of Mexican freetail bats fly at sunset. We opted for the ride down because we faced a 1.5mile trail within the chamber.

The 60 million-year-old Big Room chamber is 1,800 feet by 1,100 feet. The ceiling rises to 255 feet in one area. Throughout



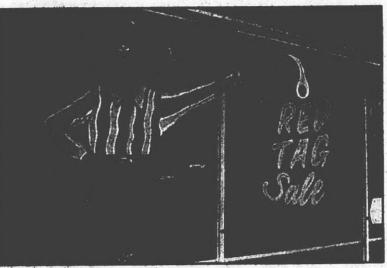
Bigger than life: More than one-and-a-half times life size, this bronze horse gallops outside the Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso.

the Big Room, huge stalagmites grow from the floor, reaching toward equally huge stalactites hanging from the ceiling. In the dimly lighted chamber, we walked slowly along the path, holding on to a railing.

On our self-guided tour, we listened to descriptive commentary through headphones. The commentary was triggered by electronic signals at points of particular interest. There were long stretches of silence, allowing us to gawk at the ghostly dis-

Suddenly, two thin hands grabbed my arm; I heard a muffled scream. I yelped and turned. Mom was holding onto my arm for dear life. Seems the volume on her headphone had been bumped up. When the commentary was triggered, it scared the daylights out of her. Now, we held on to the railing, weak from laughter.

We had had a lot of lands earlier. Mom had packed a "goodie bon, of low-calorie snacks, utensils, plates and LYSOL spray. At each motel, Mom sprayed and wiped until the room was shrouded in a LYSOL mist. We left a trail of surgically sterile rooms through seven states.



famous UFO town of Roswell.

has been the focal point of the

community. More than 100

shops offer everything from Indi-

an jewelry to unique modern art.

The 1700s adobe Church Street

Café serves authentic New Mexi-

Everything was so antiseptic,

heading for Albuquerque, Mom needed a rest (all that cleaning, you know.) She didn't want to miss having dinner at Sandia Peak, so she stayed at the motel while I toured Old Town Albucan fare, either inside or on the

If New Mexican food is not to your palate, everything from American hamburgers to French crepes can be found. I think I walked every inch of Old Town. By the time I returned to the motel, I was exhausted; Mom was ready to tackle all 10,378 feet of Sandia Peak.

We took the 2.7-mile tramway. From the tram, we had an

displays, re-creations and "art" focusing on sightings. A tour to the crash site is also available. I had to drag Mom to the museum. The crash site wasn't even Mom wanted to go to the new

Tinnie Mercantile where, unlike Main Street stores, there are no references to space aliens. Then, she wanted to be on the road

Less than two hours west of

Roswell is the late 1800s town of Lincoln. Here, Billy the Kid was to hang, but he killed his guards and escaped. Lincoln's sheriff, Pat Garrett, eventually tracked Billy down and shot him.

The courthouse, jail and other buildings are all open to the public. One home of special interest is that of Dr. Earl L. Woods, who reportedly graduated from the University of Michigan.

Twenty miles past Lincoln is Capitan, "Birthplace of Smokey the Bear." In 1950 the cub was found clinging to a burned tree after the Capitan Gap wild-

His fur was singed and his paws charred. He was nursed back to health, became the symbol of forest fire prevention and lived out his days at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

Only 30 minutes from Capitan is Ruidoso Downs, home of the famous racetrack and the Museum of the Horse. Outside of the museum seven breeds of horses are represented in a painted bronze sculpture "Free Spirits at Noisy Water."

More than one and a half times life size, the band of horses Although Roswell's economy is appear to be caught in mid-galbased on agriculture and oil pro-

> We had been galloping around New Mexico for almost a month. It was time to head for home. Mom had just enough LYSOL left to make the trip.



Good business: Space aliens help sell, especially in the

had to eat a spoonful of dirt just to keep my immune system

By the time we left Santa Fe.

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Even farther out of this world

is Roswell; at least some of its

visitors have been otherworldly.

duction, it is best known for the

purported 1947 crash landing of

an alien spacecraft, with occu-

pants. The International UFO

Museum and Research Center

on Main Street, houses tacky

flashes, was out of this world.

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he van is washed, oil changed, tires checked - we're off to the beautiful state of Kentucky. Our destination is Berea, a small college town on I-75 south of Lexington.

Berea is known as the Folk Art Capital of the state. Nestled among the Appalachian foothills is Berea College, a liberal arts college where students receive tuition-free education in return for working in one of their many departments.

Students produce exquisite furniture reproductions, woven items, rag rugs, brooms of all shapes and sizes, metal work, pottery, photographic essays of mountain people and much more. Berea is also the home of Boone Tavern Hotel a popular Southern inn built in 1909. Students from the college's hotel management and culinary arts programs operate the inn. The servers are enthusiastic and friendly. Crisp white table linens, sparkling glasses and fresh flowers on tables create an atmosphere of Southern hospitality at its best.

Regional flavor

The dinner menu is prix fixe, but you are sure to find new and different menu offerings with regional flavor. The real reason I keep going back to Boone Tavern is their southern spoon bread. For those of you who haven't tried - or even heard of - spoon bread, it is the most elegant preparation of cornmeal in all of Southern cooking. I find white stone-ground cornmeal makes the best spoon bread and the tastiest, but the white cornmeal found in supermarkets will also produce a fine product. Spoon bread should be moist and soufflé-like with the consistency of baked custard.

Spoon bread is best served throughout your meal in a simple stainless steel bowl straight from the oven just scoop it out with a large spoon, with butter and enjoy.

The following recipes can produce a delicious meal just in time for holiday entertaining that show Southern hospitality at its finest!

SPOON BREAD

- 1 1/4 cups cornmeal (white)
- 3 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon sugar (optional; the recipe the Tavern Hotel uses does not include sugar)
- 1 teaspoon salt 3 eggs (well beaten)
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder

Bring milk to a boil, add cornmeal gradually and stir constantly for 10 minutes until thick.

Remove from heat - allow to cool for 5 to 10 minutes. The mixture will be very

Combine eggs, salt, baking powder and melted butter in the bowl of a mixer. Use whip attachment and gradually add cornmeal until well combined. Beat for 15 minutes. Pour into a wellgreased, large skillet or two wellgreased baking dishes. Bake at 375°F in a pre-heated oven for 30-35 minutes until puffed and lightly browned. Serve immediately.

FRUIT PUNCH

Juice of 3 lemons

- Juice of 3 oranges 1 1/2 to 2 cups of sugar
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 quart chilled iced tea 1/2 cup maraschino cherries,
- chopped
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherry juice -1/2 pint grape juice
- 1 quart ginger ale
- 1 1/2 cups water

Boil the pineapple, water and sugar for 15 minutes. Cool. Add lemon,

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What to watch for in Taste next week:

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eautiful, big blocks of butter making their way up the conveyer belt toward a huge vat of sticky croissant dough:

Such was my introduction to Awrey Bakeries the day they were making croissants, biscuits, Danish and chocolate cake. Mmmm, the aromas coming from those cavernous baking facilities ... like mom's kitchen on steroids!

"It's a precision mom's kitchen. We're trying to define what all those moms do instinctively," said

John Curtin, Awrey's president.
The croissant dough - all 1,000 glorious pounds - soon would be layered with the butter, rolled to just the right thickness, cut and trimmed to just the right shape, and, finally, baked to perfection. Depending upon the customer's order, Awrey's uses either butter or margarine, but always the meticulous process is the same.

We'll end up with 32 layers, and that's what make croissants flaky," said Larry Whitucki, director of quality assurance.

in the Detroit kitchen of Mrs. Fletcher Awrey. As her reputation grew, the company opened a succession of neighborhood baked goods stores, aupplied from the family's first volume baking facility on Tireman. The three Awrey boys - Elton, Wilbur and Thomas often made deliveries in a horsedrawn wagon and later in a Model-

T truck. sent 25-acre site on Farmington Road in Livonia in 1967. It now has 477 employees with nine family members at the helm. A \$20 million renovation is planned over the next two years. According to Curtin, Awrey's is the largest family-owned bakery in Michigan, probably in the

The entire operation is based on blend of technology and taste buds. Every product is tested for height, diameter, weight, appearance and, of course, taste. Working at Awrey's requires self-discipline. I was amazed there weren't a ton of chubby employees. The bakery definitely wouldn't be a stop on a Weight

Watcher's tour. After cooling, the baked goods head to a freezer area the size of the North Pole, where they're held before being shipped out. "Once it's thawed, it tastes homemade," said Curtin, who seldom leaves the office

without an armful of goodies. If the intoxicating smells of almond and chocolate permeate the air at Awrey's, then it's a dusting of flour that covers the floor. It takes a lot of ingredients to produce the 90,000 cases of sweet stuff that's shipped across the nation and to Canada every week. Flour is shipped in by rail car.



Rolling in dough: (Top photo) Chuck Goldston keeps a watchful eye as a load of croissant dough gets poured into a trough.

(Above) Kim Oatneal uses a deft stroke to smooth out the icing on an Awrey's Tropical Chocolate Cake. Care to lick the spoon? (Below) Reese Gordon loads trays of unbaked Danish.

Whitucki provided the statistics: 15 million pounds of flour a year, 8 million pounds of sugar a year, and 700 pounds of butter an hour. That's right, an hour!

From croissants, our entourage headed to the Danish department, where the dough is funneled into a coneshaped twister, pre-

cision cut by a culinary guillotine and plopped into a well-greased pan. After they're baked, the Danish are plucked up, a dozen at a time, by a robotic arm

and sent on their way to be iced. Take your pick - raspberry, apple, strawberry or cheese. Whitucki prefers strawberry, while Curtin loves the cheese, but employee Darryl Junior, who loads and unloads trays of Danish all day, doesn't like Danish at all.

"I don't eat sweets. That's not



bad, is it?" he asked. When I look at the fat calories in our Danish Grande, it stops me in my tracks," said Curtin,

shaking his head.
As if anything could top croissants and Danish, our next stop was the cakes. A sillion layers of Awrey's Tropical Chocolate Cake passed before me on a winding conveyer

belt. Employees in white suits and hair nets put the layers together, first slathering them with a coconut filling, then frosting the tops and sides with

chocolate. "It's supposed to taste like an Almond Joy candy bar. That's what we went after," said Rick Krolicki, director of research and development.

Our last stop was the taste-test room. Krolicki had formulated a new chocolate cake recipe, and two

For many metry Detroiters, the halidays wouldn't is the holidays without a stop at the Awryy Baharies Cutlet Store.

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STORE SOURCE Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. CREDIT CARDO: All majors, except American Express.

The outlet store, which Awrey's has expanded four times, offers thrift in prices, not quality. There are no returns from supermarkets Perhaps the icing on a Danish will be missing a squiggle or two, but all items are fresh.

"If we don't have enough run ner-ups, it's front-line pro-ucts," said John Custin, Awrey's president.

Awrey's also supplies the

outlet with products not available in supermarkets. When it comes to cakes, the outlet sells Peanut Fantasy, Rasphe and Cream, Cherry Cordial, Death by Chocolate, Raspberry Nut, and Cream Cheese Carrot.

We're kind of the test market," said Betty Jean Awrey, vice president.

Awrey's doesn't bake pies, but the outlet carries Grand Traverse pies. They're deli-cious, said Awrey.

Best of all, said Awrey, everything sells at a reduced price. "We take off the rent we pay in a supermarket.

Would you like to see the face of a loved one on a cake? No problem. That's a piece of cake at Awrey's. Thanks to greatgranddaughter Kelly Jean Awrey, the bakery now does "Photo Cakes." A quarter sheetcake sells for \$15, and a half sheetcake sells for \$25.

For more information about the outlet store and Photo Cakes, call (734) 522-1100 or fax (734) 522-1453.

recently baked layers awaited us. The suspense mounted as he inverted the layers onto the counter and sliced off small pieces.

The morsels received more scrutiny than a glass of Chablis at a wine-tasting festival: Good texture, fine but dense. Not too crumbly. Will stand up to frosting. Nice color. Great taste.

"I'd give it a 100 percent," said Betty Jean Awrey, vice president. I love it."

"I'm the quality control guy. I'd give it a 99," said Whitucki.

"Ninety-nine percent," said As for me? I knew I was partici-

pating in an Awrey's milestone: the birth of a new recipe. I gave it a 99.9. After all, I make a pretty good chocolate cake myself.

A little taste of history



Thomas Aurey peddles bushets of freezity made bushets of freezity made busher gooding in a Detroit neighborhood in the bakery's early days.



were the days: Two of the Awrey boys, Tom (left) and Wilbur, stand in front of one the company's first delivery vehicles, a horse-drawn



Sweet delivery: A Model-T truck pulls out of Awrey's first "volume baking" facility on Tiremen Street in Detroit.

An Awrey's memory

Margaret Cartier, 81, of Redford Township remembers when the Awrey's delivery truck would come through her neighborhood twice a week in the late '50s and early '80s. Her_children were young," and she was a stay-at-home mom who didn't know how to drive a car. She counted on the milkman at her back door and the Awrey's men at he

"There were two brothers, Ralph and Bob, I think. They'd come to the door with big baskets full of goodles. I'd buy the lunch sticks with white frosting, the cupcakes piled high with chocolate froating and nuts, and I'd buy the Long John coffee cake."

The two brothers often let Cartier come into their truck "I remember that truck smelling so good. They'd pull out the shelves, and I'd say, 'I'll take this. I'll take that.'
"Sometimes, if1 didn't have enough money, they would charge it. They kept track in a little brown book. I'd pay

them at the end of the week. They were so nice," Certier longs to step inside that truck one more time. "I'd give anything to have a Long John coffee cake. I wish they still made deliveries."

Conquest from page D1

age, cherry juice, cherries ton. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and grape juice. rover ice in a punch bowl to serve or make a smaller quantity and serve as an appetiser.

ROAST LEG OF LAMB

6-7-pound leg of lamb (trimmed of all excess fat) tablespoons butter 8 sprigs of fresh resembly 2 cloves of garlie, thinly

sliced 1/2 teespoon salt 1 tablespoon flour

Wipe meat well. Place in roasting pan and cut shallow slices across leg. Make small cuts with the point of a knife and insert garlic slices. Melt butter - tie the sprigs of rose-mary together and dip it in the hot butter. Brush the meat thoroughly with it. Sprinkle the meat with salt and pepper and dredge lightly with flour. Roast in a slow oven (250°F) for about 3 hours, basting frequently with your rosemary bundle.

You will find that slow cooking is hard to resist. The result is tender, evenly cooked meat with an intense depth of flavor. Use a meat thermometer to reach your desired temperature. Cooking at 200-250°F is perfectly safe for almost any cut of meat.

CAPER GRAVY

'2 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons flour 1/2 cup drippings from lamb (skim off melted fat)

Pepper to taste

1/2 cup heavy cream 1/2 cup drained capers

Make a roux (a light sauce made of butter and flour) in roasting pan and cook for 2 minutes. Pour the gs into the roux and stir to

min well and prevent lumps. Cook

Add pepper and cream. Add capers. Cook for an additional 2

Chef's note: The reason for making a butter roux and not using the lamb fat is to achieve a mild lamb flavor. The lamb fat is eften too overpowering. If you don't have enough pan juices for the gravy, add warm water to the right quantity. Finally use a whisk in making sauces and gravies.

Chef Carol Haskins is the pastry and consulting chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham. Haskins was the first certified female executive chef in Michigan.

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Recipes inspired by Awrey Bakeries

AWREY STYLE STUFFING MIX

8 cups dry cubed bread (a 20 ounce loaf of Awrey Stuffing Bread, trimmed of crust)

- 1 tablespoon rubbed sage
- 1 teaspoon dry minced oregano leaf
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1/2 teaspoon dry minced
- parisey
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt

Mix all ingredients together as listed, thoroughly coating cubes of dry bread in the seasoning ingredients. Store in an air-tight container at room temperature to use within 30 days.

To use mix - Melt 1/4 pound butter in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add 1 1/2 cups prepared chicken bouillon or canned chicken broth to the melted butter and stir in stuffing mix to moisten well, keeping the mixture on medium

See related story on Taste - heat until all dry pieces have been moistened in the butter-soup mix-

> Cool, cover and refrigerate until completely cold before applying to the cavities of a 10 to 16 pound turkey prior to oven roasting the bird. Remove stuffing from roasted bird before serving.

Recipe from Betty Jean Awrey, Awrey Bakeries, Inc.

Remember when the Fuzzy Navel cocktail was introduced? An Awrey Bakeries employee, who has since retired, invented a recipe for Fuzzy Navel Cake. The cake is no longer offered by Awrey Bakeries, but you can make it home. Betty Jean Awrey prepared this recipe for publication in "Traditions America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook" printed a couple of years ago by the Parade Compa-

"It's delicious," said Awrey. And you'll discover it's easy to

FUZZY NAVEL CAKE

1 box orange cake mix

1/2 cup orange juice 3/4 cup peach jam Peach Buttercream Frosting

- recipe follows

Using an orange cake mix, prepare the cake according to directions for two 8-inch round cakes. After the cakes are baked and cooled, pour 1/4 cup orange juice over each layer.

Spread one cake layer with peach jam. Place the other cake on top of the jam layer. Finish the cake by frosting it with peach butter frosting. Serves 8-10.

PEACH BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

- 2 cups butter, softened 2 cups plus 1/2 cup, plus another 1/2 cup sifted confectioners (powdered)
- 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
- 2 large eggs whites only 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 teaspoons water 1/2 cup peach jam

sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

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Place butter and 2 cups confectioners sugar in a large bowl. Mix at low speed until mixture is smooth. Mix at a higher speed while slowly adding the sweetened condensed milk. Continue to mix until fluffy. Set aside.

In a double boiler, stir together 2 egg whites, 1/2 cup confectioners sugar, 2 teaspoons water and 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar. Cook over low heat, mixing with a portable mixer at low speed until egg whites reach 160°F. Whip the egg whites until stiff.

Add this meringue slowly into the butter mixture. Add the vanilla and remaining 1/2 cup confectioners sugar. If stiffer frosting is desired, add another 1/2 cup of confectioners sugar. Slowly stir in the peach jam and spread over the entire cake

Note: You can substitute your favorite buttercream frosting. Add a splash of vanilla and peach jam for flavor.

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ed recipes. There are even some recipes by local chefs.

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Cookbook co-chairwoman Lori

Lipshaw called to share one of the recipes from the cookbook, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes submitted by Executive Chef Jeff Baldwin of Mac and Ray's Restaurant in Harrison Town-

ROASTED GARLIC MASHED **POTATOES**

4 pounds red skin potatoes, washed well (unpeeled) 3 whole garlic bulbs, peeled

into individual cloves 2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup heavy cream 3 tablespoons whole butter, softened

1 cup julienne cut fresh spinach leaves

Salt and white pepper to

Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat garlic cloves with olive oil and roast in oven until golden brown, about 10 minutes. Remove from oven and reserve. Boil red skin potatoes until fork-tender and thoroughly drain.

While red skins are cooking, heat cream in a pot on a stove top until simmering. Add roasted garlic cloves to cream. Continue to simmer on low heat to thoroughly combine flavors. Mashed cooked red skins with a fork or potato press. Add butter, roasted garlic, cream, salt, pepper and spinach. Keep warm until ready to serve. Serves 5.

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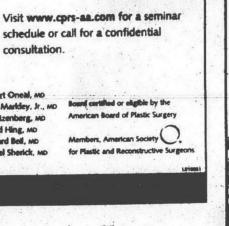
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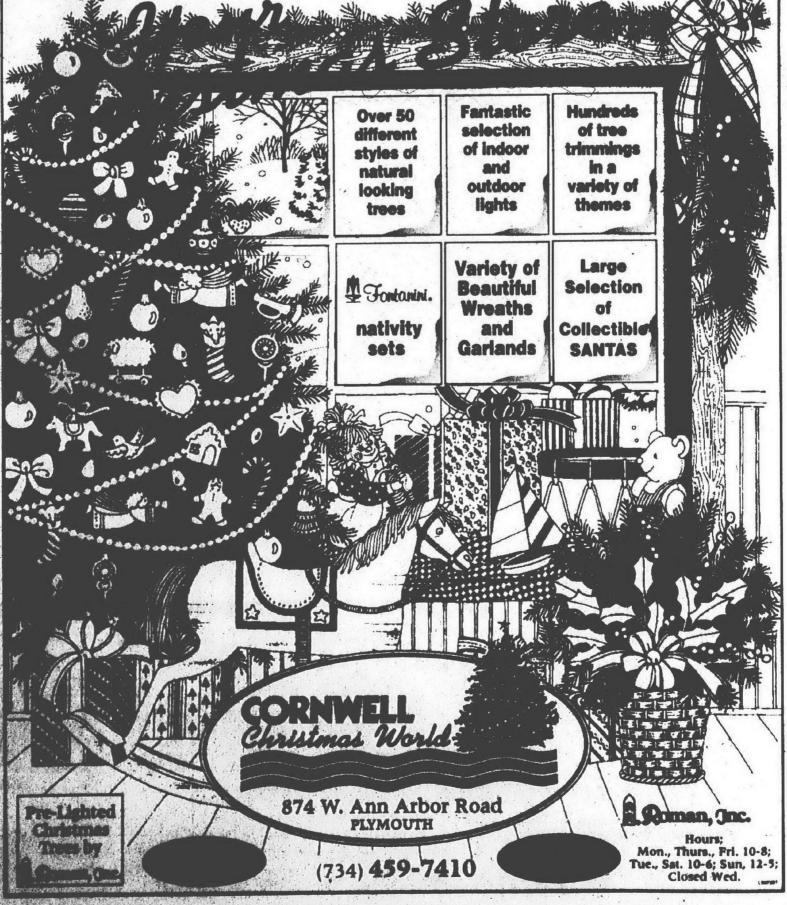
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Go to the Web for latke recipes

MAGGIE BOLEYN

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, celebrates the victory of the Maccabees against the ancient Greeks, and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. It honors the miracle of a small flask of oil, which lasted eight

Hebrew The word "Hanukkah" comes from the same root as the word for education, "chinuch." The first night of Hanukkah 5760 (1999) is Friday, Dec. 3, and the last night of candle lighting is Friday, Dec. 10. The candles are lit starting at nightfall, and they should burn for at least half an hour.

It is traditional to give Hanukkah gelt (chocolate coins, or other presents) to children after testing them on Jewish subjects.

Typical fare for the holiday includes dishes prepared in oil. such as latkes (potato pancakes), or sufganiot (doughnuts) to recall the miracle of the oil.

If you are looking for Hanukkah on the Net, you can find such things as a virtual dreidel, and a cantor to sing for you in real audio at www.jcn18. com/scripts/ jcn18/paper/ Article.asp?ArticleID=703.

There's even an on-line menorah, with daily candle lightings www.torah.org/ chanukah.html.

And, of course, there are recipes! So, fire up your comput-

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er and visit any of these eight House of Latkes for some inter-

An easy recipe for perfect potato latkes can be found at the Hagshama Department of the World Zionist Organization Web site. The page is entitled, "A byte of Hanukkah." A recipe for sufganiot (doughnuts) is also available on the website at www.wzo.org.il/ encountr/recipes.htm.

Lots more latkes, as well as Italian or Parisian Hanukkah dinners for eight and more, can be found at http://food.epicurious. com/b_ba/b02_menus/ hanukkah.html. The site includes wine recommendations, and offers different recipes for each night of Hanukkah. Visitors may post reviews and cooking tips for individual recipes on the site.

Suggestions for putting variety in the holiday, while deepening your understanding of the celebration, can be found at www.jcn18.com/ scripts/jcn18/paper/Article.asp? ArticleID=1853.

Follow the link to the JCN

down rice pudding. These recipes can be found at www.womensedge.com/holiday/recipes/ hanukkah/

Healthy holiday recipes are showcased at www.maven.co.il/ r.asp?ID=10431.

"Oil is for menorahs" says the site, which provides a collection of hearty, yet low-fat fare. Web site author, Rosalyn F. Manesse, has published a cookbook, "Easy Kosher Cooking." You'll also find links to other Jewish holiday menus are at her Web site.

Links to seven different recipe sites can be found at www.4hanukkah. com/oil.shtml.

Following the link to Hanukkah recipes at www.ourdaily- bread.com/recipes/ category/hanukkah.htm yielded 11 holiday selections, with links to other recipes covering more than 30 categories, such as bagels and dairy-free fare.

The vegan section includes 45 vegetarian recipes. An easy five ingredient applesauce recipe and directions for a delicious sweet and sour brisket were taken from the site. The brisket can be cooked on top of the stove, or in a Crock pot.

Maggie Boleyn is a registered nurse at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and enjoys surfing the Internet for food and nutrition information. See recipes

1/4 cup rad wine vines 1/2 teaspoon paprika 4 large being poletoes: cut in 1/2 inch alice Saft/pepper to taste

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each side.

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe. homecomm.net

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esting twists, such as jalapeno

latkes served with salsa. Note:

This site may include far too

much variety for some. One of

these recipes was not kosher, as

it called for crab meat. Perhaps

you may want to try adding

leeks, parsnips, zucchini, or car-

rots to a favorite recipe, instead.

recipes as there are grandmoth-

ers who made them, "crispy" is

the word from friends that iden-

tifies some of the best latke fare.

But, since "crisp" and "fried in

oil" generally mean "fattening,"

I went surfing for some lighter

so much oil, www.jfood.com

offers the following solution:

Spray a cookie sheet with veg-

etable oil spray or Pam and put

your latkes in a hot (450 degree

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A holiday menu that is

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lightened sweet potato latkes

topped with golden cinnamon

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POLISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Two-session workshop about the culture and culinary traditions of Poland's Christmas celebration includes visit to Hamtramck for traditional Polish Christmas dinner. First session 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30; second session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Offered by

Henry Ford Community College's Center For Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$39, call (313) 317-1500.

HOLIDAY BAKING

Learn how to make a variety of holiday cookies and elegant party foods in classes offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning at the college's main campus in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights Center. Classes Start Wednesday, Dec. 1. Call (877) 855-5252 for more information, or visit the Web site www.hfcc.net



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Pre-marriage counsel

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers of Livonia will offer couples applying for a marriage license, counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted disease and AIDS. \$25/couple/\$15 single. Program runs from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 1. To register call (877) 345-5500.

Chemical sensitive

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends (MCSF) is a free support, group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical and/or environmental irritants, such as smoke, fragrances, pesticides, cleaning supplies, new construction materials, etc. Informational meeting is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at 14550 Stonehouse Street in Livonia. Call (248) 349-4972 for information or a newsletter.

Fit to ski

Get conditioned for skiing as Frank Kava, M.S., P.T. presents a seminar for all individuals interested in skiing. The objective will be to identify common musculoskeletal weaknesses in skiers; demonstrate proper exercises to strengthen key muscles used for skiing; demonstrate proper stretching techniques for muscles important in skiing. Comfortable exercise attire is recommended. Program begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 through Oakland Physical Therapy P.C. at the Providence Park Medical Center (Physician Office Building), 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B 124 in Novi (at Grand River and Beck Roads). There is no charge for this class, but class size is limited. RSVP by calling (248) 380-3550.

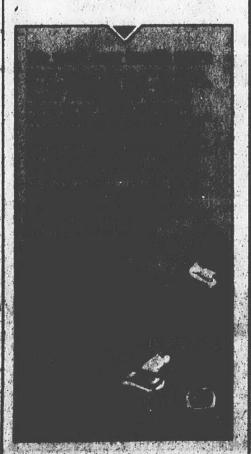
Thyrold support

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet Jan. 10 with therapist Jacqui Magon Yoga, speaking. Members meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. For more information call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945. Or you can visit their Web site at http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid

The soy story

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Learn more about the benefits of soy, different types of soy products and how to cook with soy. Cost is \$10. Program begins at 6 p.m. at the Providence Medical Office Center in Novi.



Putting a face on epilepsy

Livonia woman strives to diminish stereotypes about neurological disorder

Best friend: Keni Birch-Wan-

baugh gets a hug from her son,

Nicholas. After his 1996 birth,

the Livonia mother decided to

improve her seizure situation.

undergo brain surgery to

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

eni Birch-Wanbaugh is one of an estimated 45,000 women in Michigan who suffer from epilepsy. After more than a decade of seizures, emotional pressure, depression and discrimination she's speaking out about her personal pain in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan during Epilepsy Awareness

Birch-Wanbaugh, a resident of Livonia, looks back over the last 12 years and quietly breathes a sigh of relief. She's been seizure free since May 1998 after undergoing brain surgery under the care of Henry Ford Hospital neurologist Dr. David Burdette and neurosurgeon Dr. Kost Elisevich.

The 31-year-old was not born with epilepsy but began having seizures in 1987 after a serious auto collision from which she suffered a closed head injury and slipped into a six hour coma.

A common misconception about the neurological disorder is that people are born with epilepsy. On the contrary, 70 percent of cases have no known cause while the remaining 30 percent are frequently caused by head trauma, brain tumor, stroke, poisoning, infection or maternal injury.

"My life really changed after the car accident," said Birch-Wanbaugh. "I was 19-years old, trying to go to school, work and have a social life and I was having grand mal seizures that were really impacting the three things that were most important to me."

The trauma her head suffered led to disturbances in the electrical activity of the brain. These disturbances would take the form of seizures. Epilepsy is actually a generic term for a variety of seizure disorders differentiated by recurring seizures of varying degrees that affect the nervous system.

Birch-Wanbaugh's grand mal seizures continued for two years beyond her car accident with no relief

from medication. They would most often occur during her menstrual cycle due to changes in horher mones, over the holidays and at final



exam time when her stress and anxiety level was up. Usually a temporal lobe seizure would precede the grand mal. These are "red flags" so-to-speak, an individual experiences prior to the grand mal. Temporal lobe seizures do not result in unconsciousness or convulsions but in "auras" or brief periods of time when the person appears to be staring off in a trance for nearly one minute.

Asking for help

Living in Lansing at the time, Birch-Wanbaugh was forced to rely on the kindness of friends, college acquaintances and the public transportation

system to go to school, shopping, the grocery store, or out socially.

"Not being able to drive wasn't easy. Especially being in my 20s. It was really hard to have to rely on people to take me places and I was too stubborn to ask my parents for help," recalled Birch-Wanbaugh. "Some of my friends stopped calling

A person with epilepsy isn't eligible for a driver's license unless they are seizure free for at least six months.

The stress from

the seizures and depression took their toll and she eventually dropped out of college. "I went for a good part of the semester without telling my family. I would just go and sit in the lobby. The only person that knew was my best friend at the time."

Then in the spring of 1989, Birch-Wanbaugh met her future husband, Jeff, a Redford Township police officer. The Livonia woman says it was Wanbaugh who put her at ease about her disorder by coming right out on their first date and asking questions. "He drilled me with questions. He never had a problem with it and has been amazingly supportive."

The pair were married in 1994 and she continued on what she calls a "roller coaster" of mood swings and weight gain from her constantly changing medications. Eight months into their marriage the Livonia couple learned they were expecting a child. nancy because it was necessary for her baugh, "but I had to try." to remain on epilepsy medication because a grand mal seizure could easily harm the baby.

Although Nicholas Wanbaugh weighed less than 5 pounds at birth he was healthy and proved to be the turning point in his mother's life.

"I was still having seizures after he was born and I worried I would have one when I was holding him. I didn't want to have my son grow up watching me have seizures."

After reading about a surgical procedure in a newsletter from the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, she met at length with a neurologist from Henry Ford Hospital who initially prescribed two different medications before considering surgery. Neither worked.

She then underwent six months of testing according to Dr. Kost Elisevich, senior staff member of the department of neurosurgery and surgical director of the epilepsy program at Henry Ford Hospital. One of the last procedures Birch-Wanbaugh went through during the phase I series of tests involved her

hospital so that Elisevich could exam her brain activity by way of 24-hour video and EEG monitoring.

"Epilepsy is not caused by the brain but by something going quite wrong in the brain substance. It's not the damaged tissue or a tumor that's making the brain spontaneously generate abnormal electrical activity but the area immediately around or in the neighborhood of the tissue or tumor," said Elisevich. "The scalp recordings we take

help us to define where the focus is in the brain." Elisevich said patients' epileptic

medication is gradually tapered down and leveled off so they can gain as much information as possible about the process that occurs in their brain during these episodes. If the neurosurgeon fails to confirm the area of the focus, more intensive testing during phase II is performed that involves electrodes being implanted under the scalp.

In Birch-Wanbaugh's case her area of focus was determined without phase II testing and she was discharged. Elisevich said upon discharge patients return for a clinic appointment to discuss the findings, ask any questions of the neurosurgeon, learn the risks of the procedure, then a surgery date is scheduled if they wish to move forward.

"I wasn't scared. What did I have to lose? If the surgery didn't work and I had to continue living with epilepsy then that was something I was going to Hers was considered a high-risk preg- have to deal with," said Birch-Wan-

Under the knife

According to Elisevich the procedure involves gaining access to the head by making an incision behind the hairline. Entry is then made through the bone and the dura (the outermost membrane covering the brain). Electrodes are attached to the surface of the brain for approximately 30 minutes to confirm they are dealing with an epileptogenic area and the extent to which they are required to resect (cut). A computer grid system helps the surgeon measure the tissue they will remove by referring to a "library of the patient's brain." This is created through a series of MRI impressions, that stacked together, create a three-dimensional image of the

"My surgery was May 1, 1998. It lasted about six hours and a 1-inch by 1inch area of my brain tissue was removed." She was in the hospital from Friday through Monday and then discharged to the care of her husband and family who were required to stay with

admittance to the her on a 24-hour basis for at least two weeks.

"I don't ask that the person be eyeballed 24-hours a day but that someone is there to help them look after things for a couple of weeks," said Elisevich.

An assessment is taken six weeks out from surgery, then again at three and six months. Elisevich said patients can remain on their anti-seizure medication for more than two years after the surgery but are lessened with each check up if their progress warrants a

It's not uncommon for patients have seizures after the surgery but they're significantly reduced in number and intensity. Elisevich estimates that 70-80 percent of patients who undergo surgery come away seizure free.

"From a psychological standpoint brain surgery is quite a thing to go through. I have a lot of respect and ... awe for patients when you realize what they go through and how debilitating a seizure disorder can be."

In November 1998, Birch-Wanbaugh, six months seizure-free, received her driver's license after 11 years without one. "It was incredible to be able to go places without having to rely on someone else to take me there."

Today, 18 months after the surgery, Birch-Wanbaugh is fully recovered from brain surgery with only a memory of her epilepsy. "I want people to understand that there is no stereotypical epileptic. Epilepsy has been a closet disease too long. There are more than twice as many people with epilepsy than there are of people with muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and cystic fibrosis combined."

Epilepsy resources

If you would like more information about the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan call (800) 377-6226 or visit their Web site at symichigan.org

Additional resources include:

Henry Ford Hospital has a support group for persons considering surgery to improve their seizure situation or for individuals who have already undergone the procedure. For meeting times and dates call (313) 916-7414.

Epilepsy Foundation www.epilepsyfoundation.org www.efa.org

Epilepsy International www.epilepsy-international.com

American Epilepsy Society www.aesnet.org

The Epilepsy Network

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Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area 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 fixed to (734) 591-7279.

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Surgeon appointed

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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 see patients on Wednesdays and Thursdays and practices general dentistry, root canals, extracti



tistry 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

For more information call (734) 981-1800.

Elected position

Judith Caroselli, director of Operations at Westland Convalescent Center, was 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 as a director runs through

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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, 15100 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 SEMMAR 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 Aragones, 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 accu-

rate 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

MON, DEC. 6

MEART 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

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 informa-

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

St. Mary Hospital will be presenting a Carelink Lecture on Estate Planning from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Paul Lubienski, 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-

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.

BREATHER'S 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.

BELATION

"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

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THUR, DEC. 9

LOW BACK PAIN

Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C. will present a lecture for all individuals interested in preventing low back pain, especially those with pain that interferes with daily living, sports or occupation. Objectives will be to identify positions and postures to avoid and prevent low back pain; demonstrate the most stable position of spinal alignment for exercise and functional activity; and describe the most appropriate strengthening and stretching exercises to achieve spinal stability. Program begins at 7 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center (Physician Office Building), 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B 124 in Novi (at Grand River and Beck Roads). There is no charge for this class, but class size is limited. RSVP by calling (248) 380-3550.

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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-

SAT, DEC. 11

LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP

Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffer 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 CEU's 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 (laryngectomes 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 res cue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Call (734) 458-

BEAT GOES OIL.

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"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/AMEURYSM SUPPORT For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/ friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promoted a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.

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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.

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trapezuis muscle originates on the wingbone (the scapula) and anchors in the middle of the posterior Strain on the trapezuis occurs when you stand and sit with your shoulders hunched forward This

posture represents a response to tension. However, in individuals with arthritis of the shoulder, the trapezus contracts in an effort to give you a few additional degrees of rotation and elevation. You feel neck pain but the cause of the strain is the shoulder. If you have a pinched nerve in your neck, you are likely to feel numbness over the back of the skull. If the pinched nerve is at the side of the neck then you will have numbness, weakness, or both in your shoulders or harids.

If you have rheumatoid arthritis, you can have neck pain because the cervical vertebra attempts to counter a rare complication of upper spinal cord compression.

In most cases, the treatment for neck pain centers on either relieving the tension state that brings you to strain your neck muscles or attending to the shoulder problem that torces the trapezuis to

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Bill would mandate safe medical needles

Working for a doctor or in a dentist's office might not sound like a dangerous occupation, but health care employees may be putting their lives at risk every time they break out a hypodermic to give an injection or draw

A mere prick to the finger from that needle, after being used on a patient, could transmit diseases like HIV or Hepatitis B or C. According to state Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, there are 20 incurable "bloodborne pathogens" that could be transmitted to a doctor, nurse or dentist through a needle stick

injury.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that some 600,000 needle stick injuries occur across the nation each year, yet less than 15 percent of hospitals and medical facilities use safety needles, designed to reduce the risk of stick injuries and already available on the market today.

Woodward and Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, are proposing legislation to mandate that medical offices in Michigan switch to safety needles. Wood-ward explained that the cheapest of these devices simply have a retractable guard that moves to cover the needle after the injection is finished.

Rather than mandate which device be used, DeWeese said the bills would create a panel under the state Department of Community Health to review safety needles available on the market and list those acceptable for use in Michigan. The bills require that half of that panel would have to consist of frontline health care workers employed in Michigan.

The bills are sure to be popular with hospital nurses, whose unions and associations have been advocating the switch to the safer needles. But hospital administrators are concerned with the cost of the new regulation, DeWeese explained.

"Obviously, there is a cost versus benefit factor to everything," said Donald Potter, president of the Southeast Michigan Hospital Council. "If we are going to have a risk free world, that does not come without a cost. Right now, nobody is happy with the cost of health care.

According to Woodward, the cost of safety needles comes to about 20 cents per needle. While that may not sound like much, DeWeese pointed out that hospitals use needles in very high vol-

Still, Woodward said that the costs of treating a health care employee who has suffered a needle stick injury is very high as well. Once stuck, the worker must be monitored through the use of blood tests every six months for several years to determine if some disease has been passed. Each blood test costs \$500, he said. And then there is the cost of treating and caring for those who do get sick.

Nurses associations have estimated the cost of monitoring and blood tests can run to \$3,000.

DeWeese explained the bills, House Bills 4621 and 4780, would grandfather existing inventories of hypodermic needles, as a cost savings for medical facilities.

Dentists are concerned that safety needles are not available for all the procedures they do. But DeWeese said the bills exempt those types of needles, used in specific procedures, for which safer versions are not available.

He noted that medical facilities do already make some efforts to avoid such accidents, known as "universal precautions." These include the use of rubber gloves, goggles and specially marked red disposal containers, all designed to reduce accidental pricks. But the representative also said he does not believe they are sufficient, because rubber gloves will not protect an employee if an accident occurs during an injection.

Both bills have been referred to the House Committee on Health Policy. DeWeese said the bills will likely come up for a vote early next year.

son offered the following safeguards to ensure appropriate patient care if the rules should

■ Specify a delegating physician at the same location to retain responsibility for direct patient supervision.

be adopted:

Limit the number of nurse practitioners and physician assistants that a delegating physician can supervise to a total of four.

Require a defined action plan if a delegating physician is not available to assume clinical responsibility to ensure safe drug interaction.

Prohibit a nurse practitioner or physician assistant from changing a patient's pharmaceutical regimen at a patient care facility, except in an emergency.

St. Joseph opens mall education center at Briarwood

Holiday shoppers at Briarwood Mall are in for an extra treat this December when Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) opens one of only a few mall-based health education centers sponsored by a health system in the United States.

The Saint Joseph Mercy Health Stop is a 3,300 square foot storefront featuring two classrooms, consultation rooms and office space for community education staff - all designated to educate shoppers about living a healthier life.

Health Stop will open to the public on Dec. 1. Several free classes, programs and demonstrations will be offered during the two-week grand opening, which runs through Dec. 15.

Health Stop is also equipped with a full kitchen where a team of dietitians and a certified chef/registered dietitian (one of a handful in the nation) will offer demonstrations and healthy, hands-on cooking classes with a culinary flair.

Staffed by nurses, dietitians, health educators, exercise physiologist and other health professionals, Health Stop will offer a wide range of classes, seminars, physician lectures and health screenings.

"We're redesigning the way we deliver community health education," said Denise Williams, SJMHS director of Community Education. "This holiday season, mall shoppers can learn about healthy and delicious holiday recipe ideas and participate in programs to help keep their family in good health."

Health Stop classes cover topics such as nutrition, cooking, weight management, women's, men's and children's health, worksite wellness and disease management.

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Health Stop will also offer classes for smoking cessation, stress and time management, cancer education and support. senior health, sports medicine, parenting programs, pregnancy, childbirth, infant care and exercise.

"Briarwood is a perfect location for us because it is highly accessible by bus and major highways and is open seven days a week," explained Williams. "Our overall goal is to improve access to learning for a healthier life."

Health Stop is located between Hudson's and JC Penney on the north side of Briarwood. Ann Arbor's Briarwood Mall is located just off the State Street exit from I-94.

Financing for construction of Health Stop was provided through community philan-thropic support. Call (734) 827-

TV show focuses on women

Detroit Public TV will present a variety of specials that promote physical and mental health during "Winterfest," airing Nov. 27 through Dec. 15.

"For Women Only!" with Gary Null, a new special airing at 4

p.m. Saturday, covers topics specifically related to women. Included are heart disease, menopause, breast cancer, osteoporosis, PMS and dieting. The program provides a comprehensive, alternative point of view.

Osteopaths oppose prescription rule change

Legislators risk harming patients if they pass rules extending the authority to write prescriptions for controlled substances to nurse practitioners and physician assistants and should proceed with caution, according to members of the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA).

MOA members recommend more safeguards to protect the health and lives of Michigan citi-

The proposed rule changes are currently before the Michigan Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). If the changes pass, nurse practitioners and physician assistants will be allowed to write prescriptions for controlled substances without on-site supervision by physicians.

'As they're written now, the

proposed rules don't provide enough adequate safeguards for our patients and the general public," said Carol Monson, D.O. in her testimony before JCAR last Thursday. "The committee should reject the proposed rules until changes are made to ensure patients are safely prescribed the right medicine at the appropriate time."

Specifically, Monson pointed to the following concerns under the proposed rule changes:

Michigan law places strict controls on controlled substances because they could cause great harm to adults and children if abused or miaused.

The law already allows advanced practice nurses and physician assistants to prescribe ordinary medication under delegation from a physician, and with regard to a physician assis-

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tant, under supervision of a physician.

About 20,000 Michigan physicians qualify to prescribe controlled substances.

Changing the rules would permit 25,000 nurses and 3,000 physician assistants to prescribe controlled substances, including opium, morphine and lysergic acid (LSD).

Additionally, the proposed changes would not require a physician to be at the same location as someone prescribing medicine for a patient.

"Under the proposed rules, a retired physician living in Arizona could delegate authority to prescribe narcotics to 30 advanced practice nurses scattered throughout Michigan," said **MOA Executive Director Dennis** Paradis.

In her written testimony, Mon-

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I was seduced. Yes, I had lust in my heart. I admit it. But I was seduced and now I feel, well ... used.

The lust was born out of my increasing dependence on technology and the Internet. Call me a geek, but I've really

dreamed of what I could do with reliable wireless handheld connectivity - how much more productive and efficient I'd be.

So when the hype came promising just that, I was a

What I'm talking about is all the advertisements, promotions and online buzz about the new Palm VII handheld organizer. The promises were bold: Just pull up the little antenna and you'd be able to receive and send

e-mail, get live Web site information on traffic conditions, weather reports, news and sports information.

It was supposed to be so easy. So, as soon as the connectivity service became available in southeastern Michigan last month, I rushed to my local computer store and shelled out \$500 for the Palm VII. I gave my old Palm V to my son and signed up for the \$39-a-month access charge for the Palm VII.

I know, that's steep. I could have gone for the \$9.95 a month basic charge. But I'm a power Internet user and wanted maximum connectivity.

Now, I regret it all. In all fairness to Palm, the unit does make wireless connec-

But it connects slowly. Very, very slowly. Yes, you can get email and surf certain Web sites. Most of the time. If you have a

lot of patience. I've tried out my Palm VII across the country, in Las Vegas, Tampa, New York City and all over metropolitan Detroit.

In fact, as I write this. I'm waiting to catch a flight at LaGuardia Airport in New York back to Detroit. The plane has been delayed because of fog, and I have appointments that I will be missing. Ah ha!, I thought. I'll use the Palm VII to alert my associates that I'll be late.

Well, I just tried to access email on my Palm VII. And for the fourth time today, even though the signal strength indicator says I'm making a solid wireless connection, both e-mail applications I have on the Palm VII stalled. They just hung up, something they seem to do about every third or fourth time I try

That's bad enough.

Later, I found out that one of the e-mail programs had crashed for the better part of the day. There was no explanation why the second application didn't

But even when they run correctly, the process is frustrating. You have to enter your password and log on. That takes a good minute. Then your e-mail messages come in a list. All you get is the sender's name and a few characters of the subject line.

Too slow

To actually read a message. you must select it and then go back and retrieve it. That takes another minute. If it's a message that's more than several hundred characters long, you only get part of the message. Often. you'll find yourself having to do repeated downloads to get an entire message.

To reply, you just write on the screen with the stylus, a character at a time using the Palm's Graffiti character-recognition program.

Once that process is finished. you then hit the send button. And there goes yet another remakes the connection, logs on and sends the data.

I've found it sometimes takes as long as five minutes to handle a single e-mail - if you can get through.

But that's not my only source of disappointment with the newest Palm organizer.

The screen on the Palm VII is nowhere near as clean and crisp on the Palm V. The whole unit is more cumbersome, too, about a third bigger than the Palm V.

stretching from the extra bulk of the VII, frustrated by not being able to read my e-mail and realizing all the other things I could have done with \$500. On the plus side, my son is delighted with the Palm V he

So here I sit, my pocket

inherited. Unfortunately for me, he's too smart to consider a trade "up" to the Palm VII. Over the long haul, this tech-

NBC-television stations coast-tocoast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadie 1270, WXYT. You can reach. Mike through his Web site at

day. Nokia, the huge wireless,

communications company, has announced plans to incorporate

the Palm operating system into

That will be sometime in mid-

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Promotion

Caribiner International, a global business communication recently appointed Dennis

O'Comnor to the position of Group Director of its newly formed Industrial Education Group in Dearborn.

O'Connor, a resident of Novi. joined Caribiner last year as the director of Account Management. He has been in the business communications and automotive training industry for more than 14 years - serving clients as a writer, project manager and account executive. Prior to that he was a sports editor for 10 and training services company, years for a suburban-Detroit. newspaper group.

Ameritech, United Way collaborate on directory

United Way Community Services and Ameritech have collaborated on an new venture to reach out to area youth.

As a result, the Ameritech Youth Yellow Pages was produced. The pocket-sized directory is a compilation of 185 area agencies that provide services to youth. It also serves as a resource to help youth face every day issues, providing places to turn to for help and 24-hour emergency phone numbers.

The new directory was unveiled at a recent press confer-

ence by Detroit's Mayor Dennis Archer: Robert Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan; and Virgil H. Carr, president and CEO of United Way Community Services. More than 40,000 directories will be distributed to Detroit-area middle school and high school students. Detroit is one of six cities that will receive the customized directory for youth, thanks to a \$300,000 Ameritech grant. Approximately 184,000 directories will be distributed among the school dis-

addition to Detroit include Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus. Milwaukee and Indianapolis.

"We're so pleased to provide Detroit teens with this unique reference guide, which can help make a difference in their lives and communities," said Cooper. The Ameritech Youth Yellow Pages is a portable resource guide that fits into backpacks or purses. It gives kids easy access to a list of 24-emergency services phone numbers, an alphabetical agency index and taped messages that deal with a variety of

The directory covers a variety of topics including job hunting, prevention services, positive leisure activities and volunteer opportunities, diversity programs and mentorship programs, just to name a few.

For more information or to receive a free copy of the Ameritech Youth Yellow Pages, please call the George W. Romney Volunteer Center at United Way Community Services at (313)226-9430.

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ers and networks. In addition to creating sales literature and a direct marketing campaign, Western will be producing a multimedia CD-ROM presentation for Dynamic Computers.

The Byrd Eye Clinic specializes in diseases of the eye. Western will be creating commercials and an informational video about LASIK eye surgery.

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AAH INVESTOR MEETING

The AAII Eastern Michigan Chapter will host J. Michael Lipper who will give an overview on mutual fund analysis. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library (Lone Pine Road and Telegraph). Cost is \$15 for members; \$20. non-members. Contact Cookie

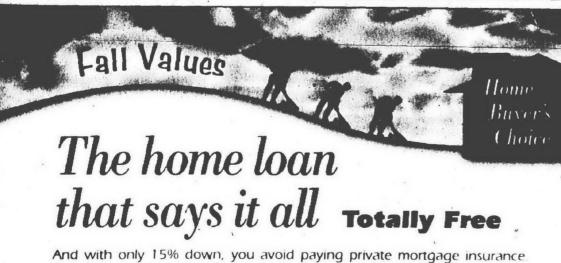
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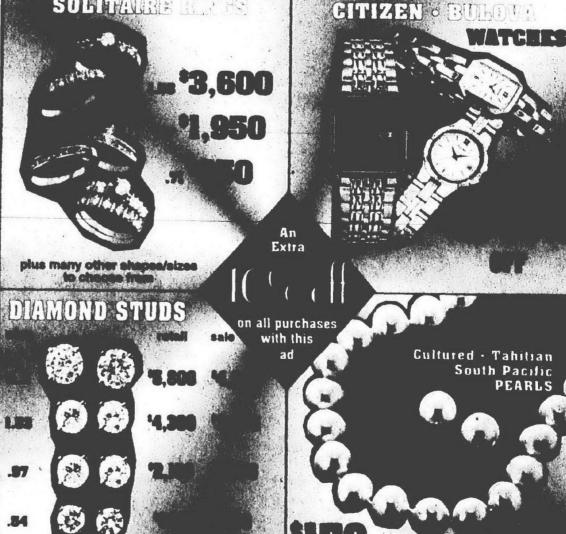
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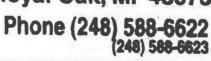


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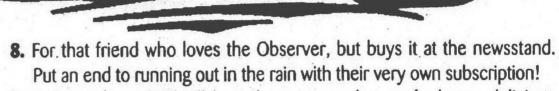
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9. A favorite aunt? She'll love the garage sales, craft shows, delicious recipes and church news.

10. How about the people on your list who spend half the year in the sunny southern climes? Help them keep track of what's going on "up north."

- 11. Don't forget your friends in business. Their hometown paper will keep them up to date on the local business scene.
- 12. Hunters. Know someone who always seems to be hunting for a job, a house, a car, they're going to love our huge Classified section!





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