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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Lights: The city of Westland's annual tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Monday in front of Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

Council: The Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

TUESDAY

Remembering: The Wayne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be holding a Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Hope at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, 23300 W. Davison in Detroit, south off the I-96 service drive (Schoolcraft) between Telegraph and Outer Drive.

WEDNESDAY

Ceremony: The ninth annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Nankin Mills will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The annual holiday event is free. Call Wayne County Parks Naturalist Carol Clements (313) 261-1850 or Pat White at (313) 261-0874 for more information.

Opening: Garden City Hospital will hold a grand opening ceremony and open house from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday for its new sports rehabilitation center. The new center is on 35550 Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, Westland. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Green season



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Dedicated: Colleen Wizinsky (foreground) and Kathy Echols (left) carry and drag several Christmas items to the check out at Kohl's Friday morning at Westland Center.

Shoppers boost local economy

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland Shopping Center officials expect booming holiday sales this year, fueled partly by a healthy economy and a new Sears store.

"We are expecting a wonderful year," senior marketing director Claudia Frederick said Friday, as shoppers besieged Westland's retail hub.

As the post-Thanksgiving Day shopping frenzy began Friday morning, thousands of enthusiastic shoppers swarmed Westland's mall.

In the first two hours of shopping, a traffic count indicated that the mall drew twice as many shoppers compared to the same time frame just one year ago, Frederick said.

"We've had double the amount of people that we had during the first two hours last year," she said.

Shoppers such as Westland grandmother Jane O'Kray couldn't resist joining the holiday throng.

"It's a tradition. I love the crowds," she said. "I love the excitement of it. Some people think it's horrible, but I love it."

"I'm just about done with my shopping," she added. "I have most of my presents wrapped already."

O'Kray rushed to Hudson's for a stuffed mouse that the store gave away for each \$25 sale. She said she spent \$100 to receive four mice — one for each grandchild.

"I was buying some things anyway," she said, "and I have four grandchildren under the age of 2."

O'Kray made one trip to her car to put packages in the trunk, then walked briskly toward the mall, again.

"I'm back for more shopping," she said, smiling.

Shoppers like O'Kray are expected to boost holiday sales dramatically this year, although Frederick stopped short of predicting record sales.

"We've seen some great holidays," she said.

The mall parking lot was virtually filled with cars early Friday morning. Frederick said the new Sears store,



No small mall: Richard Priebe of Livonia carries items that he purchased in the hardware area of Sears at Westland Center. Traffic snarled at the mall Friday as parking lots filled.

which opened in October, helped to draw more customers this year.

"It's definitely an advantage for us this holiday season," she said.

Other retail places also drew large numbers of shoppers, as throngs of people flocked to businesses such as Best Buy and Circuit City. Traffic snarls occurred early.

Dearborn resident Maureen German rose from bed at 6 a.m. Friday and squeezed fresh orange juice to entice her friend Susan Boldrick, visiting from Chicago, to get an early start for Westland Center.

"I dragged her out of bed," German said. "I like to get my shopping done."

Boldrick, visiting parents and friends in metro Detroit, agreed.

"We're trying to get all the shopping done early," she said, her arms loaded with packages as she left Westland Center.

"I came in from Chicago, the best shopping place in the world," Boldrick said. "And here I am shopping."

Scrooge strikes at yuletide display in Westland

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Santa and his reindeer were in an accident last week in Westland, but don't fret, it looks like they'll be up and ready for Christmas.

John Molesky found the crash site in front of his house when he woke up early Nov. 25 and discovered the 11 reindeer, Santa Claus, a sleigh and two ornamental Christmas trees had been in a wreck.

An unidentified driver rode on his lawn and mowed down the display on a corner lot of Tawas Trail north of Warren Road east of Wayne Road in Westland. The vandals struck sometime between 10 p.m. Nov. 18 and 6 a.m. Nov. 19. Aside from damaging the display, tire marks gouged out part of the lawn.

"I woke up in the morning and looked outside and the reindeer were down and the trees were down," said

Molesky, 76.

"I couldn't believe it. The neighbors were out looking shaking their heads. They couldn't believe it, either."

The driver traveled the entire length of Molesky's 110-foot wide lot.

"I'll put it up again and hope nothing happens before Christmas," Molesky said last week.

But, he isn't going to let the phantom grinch take away his Christmas spirit or ruin a 15-year holiday tradition.

In fact, people who have been watching the display on an annual basis look forward to seeing what's been added. This year the house and reindeer twinkled and glistened with more than 8,000 lights.

"You buy one piece and another piece and another," Molesky explained.

The reindeer cost between \$75 and \$100 each. Molesky said he thinks he can fix a lot of the damage done by the

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White Christmas

If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and live in the city of Westland, you can compete to win a guaranteed white Christmas.

Draw a poster of what your house would look like covered in snow on Christmas day. Include your name, address, phone number, the grade you are in and the name of the school you attend on your poster.

Entries must be brought or mailed to the Bailey Recreation Center at 36651 Ford Road, behind City Hall in Westland, by Monday, Dec. 15. The winner will be notified by Dec. 21.

If there isn't any snow on the ground on Dec. 23, a truckload of snow will be dumped on the winner's front lawn on that date. If there is snow already covering the ground, another prize will be given.

PLACES & FACES

GOP meeting

The Westland Republican Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Amantea's Restaurant, at Warren and Venoy, and feature guest speaker Steve Jentzen, attorney from the American Center for Law and Justice. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. with Jentzen addressing the group at 7:30 p.m.

Jentzen is the attorney representing the parents' group that has had concerns about the constitutionality of the recently rescinded "sexual orientation" policies of the Wayne-Westland school board. Jentzen is also the leader of COST, Citizens Opposed to Special Treatment.

Decorating contest

The 11th annual "Christmas Decorating Contest," sponsored by the Westland City Council, is open for nominations, according to the chairwoman of the event, council president Sandra Cicirelli.

Residential displays will be judged by members of the city council and plaques will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998.

The council will look at all nominations on Monday, Dec. 22.

Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another resident for this award may call City Clerk Diane J. Fritz at (313) 467-3190 or (313) 467-3191.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Those selected for the awards will be notified by the city clerk.

South Redford district to pay settlement in sex assault suit

By JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

An 18-year-old Redford woman will receive a \$100,000 settlement from the South Redford school board in exchange for not pressing a lawsuit against the schools.

The settlement stems from charges that a former teacher sexually assaulted the woman while she was a student at Thurston High School.

The teacher, Conway A. Jeffress III, is facing trial in Wayne Circuit Court on two charges of criminal sexual conduct. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison upon conviction.

Jeffress, 26, of Westland pleaded innocent to the charges and said at his preliminary hearing on the charges in Redford District Court that: "I absolutely never, ever touched her."

"The money for the settlement will come out of the general fund for right now," said Murray Tobin, school board president. "We're talking to our insurance company right now."

He said the district has insurance to cover such instances.

The board approval came when members unanimously approved paying the district's bills.

The former student testified at the August court hearing that the alleged sexual relations were not consensual on her part. That testimony contradicted her documented statement during a meeting with school officials who were investigating the allegations after the incidents.

The woman was 16 years old at the time of both alleged incidents, according to police.

She testified at the hearing that she first met Jeffress while he was a substitute teacher at Thurston. The first of the two alleged incidents occurred during the afternoon of Nov. 14, 1995, when no one was home in the southeast Redford house of her mother, she said.

They had sexual intercourse, but Jeffress had not asked her permission and she didn't tell him

■ The woman testified she didn't want to have sex with Jeffress and indicated to him her reluctance, but he didn't stop.

she wanted to have sex beforehand, she testified. "I felt dirty and I wanted to tell someone," she testified.

But she didn't because Jeffress and former Thurston principal Marlene Kukuzke are the best of friends, the woman testified.

She was concerned her education would be "screwed up" by receiving bad grades and expulsion as retaliation for reporting the alleged incidents, she testified.

The second alleged incident occurred in February of 1996 when she drove Jeffress from Thurston to a Westland bowling alley where they again had sexual intercourse in her car.

The woman testified that Jeffress told her that he would hurt her if she didn't do as he demanded.

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Redford police began an investigation in March after receiving a complaint from Wayne County's Family Independence Agency that originated from staff at Thurston, according to police.

The woman graduated in June, the same month Jeffress resigned. He was completing his second year at Thurston.

School officials have declined to say why Jeffress resigned and wouldn't explain why he was suspended for a period of time prior to his resignation.

Jeffress was hired as a substitute teacher at Thurston in the spring of 1995, then hired as a full-time teacher in October.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Counting:
Brian DeGiorgio (from left), Steve Tamaraglio and Sean Leonard, ninth-graders at John Glenn High School, drop pennies into a change machine to be counted for the program "Jar Wars" among the students at the high school.

Jar Wars at John Glenn supports aid to the needy

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They called it Jar Wars, and they raised almost \$3,800 for charity by competing in it.

Students at John Glenn High School competed recently to see who could collect the most pennies for charity.

The brainchild of Steve Tamaraglio, a freshman and member of Student Council, all the second-hour classrooms had a container to collect pennies in for eight days.

The wars part came in when competing students would put silver coins and dollar bills in the enemy classroom's jar — because those amounts were subtracted from the total number of pennies.

But, all of the money is going to charity. The \$3,768.73 will be donated as evenly as possible between the Junior Civitans and the Salvation Army, according to Lorraine Brickman, assistant principal at John Glenn.

The winning class, a second-hour physical education class which raised 18,421 pennies, will be treated to a continental breakfast by the Student Council, Brickman said.

Melody Farms Dairy donated milk jugs for the classrooms to use to collect coins. When those ran

out, coffee cans were used.

John Glenn High School borrowed the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' change counting machine to help count all the change.

NBD Bank also agreed to waive the fee for turning in bags of change, Brickman said.

The fund-raiser went "extremely well," Brickman said. It took several days to get all the change counted, she said.

Tamaraglio said he presented the idea because it had been done at Marshall Middle School last year.

"It went great," he said.

At Glenn, students were going all over trying to change their dollar bills into pennies, he said.

"The spirit was just great," Tamaraglio said.

The school also conducted a canned food drive to help the needy which was also successful, Brickman said.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. KOSKI

Funeral services for Robert L. Koski, 45, were held recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with chaplain Robert Keller officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion No. 32 in Livonia. Mr. Koski also worked as a welder for an automotive company.

He is survived by mother, Thelma; son, Robert L. Koski, II; sister, Julia B. Wood; and brother, Edward.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield 48076.

JOVANNINA MAKOWSKI

Funeral services for Jovannina Makowski, 80, of Westland were held recently in St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerard Bechard officiating. Internment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Survivors include daughters,

Stephanie Place, Caroline Shimmel, Mary Ann Allen and Diane Kochan; son, Anthony Rubino; brother, Sam Vitale; sisters, Rose Evola and Laura Tardino; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

VIOLA MANGRUM

Funeral services for Viola Mangrum, 83, of Westland were held recently at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

She was employed as a manager and was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews, including Bill D. Taylor of Northville. She was preceded in death by her parents.

GLADYS BUCHANAN

Memorial services for Gladys (Spencer) Buchanan, 50, of Saline were held recently at Uht Funeral Home with Brother Randy Bone officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

The former Westland resident was employed as a hairdresser.

Survivors include daughters, Denise Melian, Sherry Lynn Steele and Carla Ricketts; son, John Steele Jr.; brother, Melvin D. Spencer; two grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and other family and friends. A sis-

ter, Alice F. Park, preceded her in death.

DANIEL F. FREDERICK

Services for Daniel F. Frederick, 66, a Garden City resident who moved to Westland two weeks ago, were scheduled for Sunday from the John Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, followed by cremation. Deacon Michael Markulike of St. Dunstan Catholic Church officiated.

Survivors include sons, Daniel (Sherry), David (Janet) and Alan (Lori); daughters, Diane Frederick and Joan (Kenneth) Frederick; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ronald Frederick.

Memorials may be donated to the American Diabetes Association.

BARBARA ROGERS

Funeral services for Barbara Rogers, 58, of Westland were held recently at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Deborah Kerr officiating.

She was employed as a clerk. Survivors include daughters DaleLyn Burbary and Elizabeth (Vernon) Hixson; son, Elvis (Karen); sister, Earlene (Henry) Wasik; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Duane.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY December 9, 1997 - Board of Review

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on Tuesday December 9, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors. PA74 of 1995 authorizes the December Board of Review to hear appeals for poverty exemptions, but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March or July Boards of Review. This applies to current year only.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk

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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
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Serving sweets: Satoko Rann (left, below at right) of Royal Oak and Jessica Horkey of Westland, students at Madonna University, serve sweets to Stan and Carol Wasilewski of Westland before the demonstration at the Salvation Army in Westland. Horkey prepared this program for a class on "Program Planning for Older Adults." Above, Rann prepares tea. At right, Horkey narrates the ceremony.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Learning

This tea ceremony is steeped in tradition

One lifetime, one meeting" is the essence of the Japanese tea ceremony.

A recent program at the Salvation Army building in Westland illustrated the ancient art of the Japanese tea ceremony to senior citizens during a special program.

As part of a project by Westland resident Jessica Horkey, a student at Madonna University in Livonia, the Japanese tea featured Horkey's friend Satoko

Rann, who is from Japan, came to the United States three years ago and is also a student at Madonna.

Horkey, who is majoring in gerontology, did the project for her class on "Program Planning for Older Adults."

Rann performed the ceremony for senior citizens at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps in Westland Thursday, Nov. 13.

Powdered green tea is used in the ceremony and Japanese

utensils are used including a "furo" to warm the tea, a "kama" which is like a kettle, "chawan" which are bowls for the tea, "natsume" which contains the powdered tea, a ladle called a "hishaku" and a water jug called a "mizusashi."

Rann had practiced the ceremony for several years and performed the formal ceremony for six or seven years, Horkey said.

A sado is a formal ceremony for serving green tea to guests in

a special setting and is based on the idea of "ichigo ichie," or "one lifetime, one meeting."

The whole ceremony is based on the idea that each encounter is unique and never to be repeated in a lifetime, Horkey said.

Green tea was introduced to Japan from China by Buddhist monks in the 8th century, Horkey said.

The style of the ceremony developed in the 16th century, she said.

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Local cycling program garners national honors

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A local cycling program has won a national award.

The Arc Cycling Program, based in Westland, won the Boggs/Mitchell Award from The Arc United States this month.

The award honors an exemplary recreational program that integrates individuals with disabilities with individuals without disabilities.

Winning the award was "fantastic" considering it was a national competition. Cycling program founder John Waterman said.

After starting the program nine years ago in Battle Creek, Waterman started the program in Wayne County five years ago after relocating here. He was inspired to begin the program when a student of his was injured in a car-bicycle accident. The student had been riding on the wrong side of the road and had received no safety instruction, Waterman said.

A teacher at Franklin Middle School in Westland, Waterman's program now numbers about 150 members ranging in age from about 4 to 72 with all types of disabilities, he said.

New applicants go through an assessment test which tests for basic riding skills, ability to follow direction and safety awareness.

After the assessment, riders are scored and then a pre-scripted program begins with an hour of training twice a week. Training includes intense safety and cycling instruction so that riders can safely ride in the community with local cycling clubs, their families and friends.

They are being trained to ride independently, and although some cycling candidates may be expected to have limited success, in general the riders surpass their goals, Waterman said.

In one case a young girl with cerebral palsy who has to use a walker wanted to learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle. Surprisingly, she has been able to learn to ride down hill on the bike, Waterman said.

Three-wheel and tandem bikes are also available for program participants.

The program, open to all Wayne County residents, operates out of the Coil Center in Wayne, the Jo Brighton Center in Wyandotte, the John Dieter Center in Detroit and Lenox Center in Detroit.

Trained riders also have the opportunity to join

■ Three bicycle clubs have welcomed participants of the Arc Program to be part of their weekly rides: The Downriver Cycling Club, Cycling Saddlemen of Dearborn, and The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.

local cycling clubs and ride with cyclists without disabilities.

Three bicycle clubs have welcomed participants of the Arc Program to be part of their weekly rides: The Downriver Cycling Club, Cycling Saddlemen of Dearborn, and The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.

There is also a family ride night where families come out and ride together, Waterman said. Between 20 and 30 people ride in that group.

Waterman said he fell in love with the sport of bicycle riding nine years ago when he started out with a \$49 Huffy bike.

He has advanced in the sport and now helps others to become advanced.

The goal is to have riders with disabilities who can compete in races with people without disabilities, he said. The more advanced riders, though, have to learn strategies when competing. "Bicycle racing is a chess game and that is a tough thing to teach," Waterman said.

The program was honored at a ceremony in Utah earlier this month, Waterman said accepting the award in front of 1,500 people was quite impressive.

To be nominated for the award the program had to first win local and state awards.

Waterman attributes the success of the program to support from the Wayne County Community Mental Health Board, Detroit Lions charities, DALMAC Fund, Detroit Public Schools, Boy Scout Trail Blazers, Clinton River Riders, Monroe County Cycling, Downriver Cycling Club, Wyandotte Public Schools, United Way Community Services, and Civitan Club of Westland.

Applications go out in the spring for the program, Waterman said. They can be obtained at 2257 S. Wayne Road Westland 48185.

Students offer helping hand

The Adams Middle School Student Council and Honor Society collected about 3,000 canned goods which will be donated to the Salvation Army and distributed to the area's needy.

Honor Society marched in the Wayne Christmas Parade Nov. 22, and also collected donated canned goods along the parade route.

"The spirit of giving is alive and well at Adams Middle

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School," according to Mike Paladino, Adams Middle School student council coordinator.

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Non-plaintiff districts to wait for Durant money

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

School districts that won a court decision in the so-called Durant case will receive their \$211 million total in checks from state Treasurer Doug Roberts around next April 15.

However, non-plaintiff districts such as Wayne-Westland will have to settle for receiving the bulk of their money over 10 to 15 years, local officials said.

The Michigan Legislature recently put the finishing touches on bills to pay 84 mostly suburban districts the money Lansing owes them for shorting them on special education and other mandated services over 17 years.

The bills await Gov. John Engler's signature.

It was a major bipartisan victory for House members, who fought Engler's and the Senate Republicans' plan to pay off the winners over three years. The

state will use about one-sixth of the budget stabilization fund, known as the "rainy day fund," to make the payments. Engler and Senate Republicans wanted to use only the fund's interest.

Rep. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, won unanimous approval of an amendment requiring that school boards convene a public meeting within 90 days after receiving their settlements and before spending any of the winnings.

"After all the controversy surrounding this matter," Middleton said, "I insisted that the public have a strong voice when important choices are made."

The House on Nov. 13 gave final approval to a conference committee report on a vote of 99-7. Here is how area representatives voted:

Yes - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-

Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

No - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Kelly was one of the three House conferees that put together the final versions.

The 84 plaintiffs filed suit in 1980 charging the state violated the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution by failing to pay them for such state-mandated services as special ed, transportation for special ed and other categoricals.

The suit, named for Donald Durant of Warren School District, was decided in the spring by the state Supreme Court. The court awarded local districts about 43 percent of the \$492 million they were seeking.

The Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on the money damages, awarding \$210 million of the \$492 million sought by 84 school

districts.

The bills also dealt with related school finance issues. The deal:

■ School districts which weren't plaintiffs in the suit, but could have filed claims, will get a total of \$768 million - about \$350 million from state-issued bonds, the rest in equal installment over 10 years from the rainy day fund. Engler and Senate Republicans had wanted to pay them off in one lump sum, restricting use of the money to capital improvements and not salaries.

■ Programs for "at-risk" pupils will get \$250 million in the current fiscal year and \$260 million in fiscal 1998.

■ Special education this year will get \$66.7 million more and next year another \$48.2 million. This avoids violating the court decision in future fiscal years.

■ The per-pupil minimum school aid

grant will rise \$46 to \$5,170 for the lowest-funded districts.

■ A handful of districts with large numbers of at-risk students will get \$20 million to reduce class sizes. Flint lawmakers, in particular, had pushed hard for this money.

■ School districts will have to pay 3.54 percent less into the employees' pension fund for the next two years. Estimated savings: \$246.6 million in fiscal 1998 and \$252.7 million less in fiscal 1999.

■ Adult education will be given \$80 million despite Engler administration efforts to shift much of those funds to the Jobs Commission.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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bond issue," Baracy said.

Just \$25 million of the total would be used to improve classroom technology, he said. The remaining \$83 million would lead to long-delayed building repairs ranging from new ceilings to new boilers to classroom additions.

Even though the district's finances have risen above a multi-million deficit that officials formerly projected, Baracy said the district still needs the bond issue.

The bond proposal has received a nod of approval from state officials who plan to do more homework by conducting on-site school building inspections this week, Baracy said.

Wayne-Westland school board members are expected to vote Dec. 8 to place the \$108 million proposal on a Tuesday, Feb. 17, ballot. The dollar amount was recommended by a citizens committee that studied district-wide building needs.

Baracy said the 4-mill, 22-year bond issue would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$200 a year.

He said the money is needed not only to make school buildings structurally safer, but also

to enhance learning opportunities by giving students greater access to the Internet and other classroom technological advances.

"It will be at their fingertips," Baracy said. "Our students will have access to that technology. And why shouldn't our students?"

The question, however, will come down to whether district residents are willing to loosen their purse strings to pay for building repairs and technology.

Tough time

Wayne-Westland school boards have historically had a difficult time convincing voters to increase their own taxes.

Only time will tell whether officials can mount an effective campaign that will win voter support by Feb. 17.

"I think it will be a difficult sell, of course," board member Ed Turner said.

District residents who only see Wayne-Westland schools when driving by them don't realize the "hidden" problems inside, he said.

"Not that many people really go into the schools and see what's going on," Turner said. "I

don't know of a school that doesn't have something major that needs to be done."

Ceiling tiles fall at even the newer buildings, he said. Teachers often use duct tape to cover floor holes or to tape down ragged carpeting that could trip students, he said.

In Wayne-Westland, he said, it's often said that "duct tape is a teacher's best friend."

"The Band-Aids just don't work anymore," he added.

Although Turner conceded that officials face a difficult time convincing voters to support the bond proposal, he offered a couple of points that he said should be made during the campaign.

■ If taxpayers approve the 4-mill bond proposal, they would be paying only 1 mill more in taxes than they paid before an earlier-approved 3-mill tax expired in June.

■ If taxpayers don't pay to repair school buildings and make them more competitive with technology, the entire community could see reduced property values.

"If we don't have an A-1 district," Turner said, "then the entire community will suffer."

Livonia district expects more than \$10 million

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public Schools' rainy day fund will more than double next April 15 when the district gets a lump-sum payment of more than \$10 million from the state.

But much of the money - the district's share in the settlement of a long-standing lawsuit against the state - won't remain in the savings account for long, once debate gets under way on the 1998-99 school budget, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

"There's no immediate rush, no pressure to spend the money," Watson said. "It needs to be done wisely and with deliberation. We'll certainly not spend it all at once. It will be factored into the 1998-99 school year budget."

Some of the money could be spent on continuing the district's push to lower class size in both elementary and secondary schools, Watson said.

"This will remain a goal until we get class size to a lower level; but not every dollar will be spent on class size," Watson said.



Ken Watson

"Ultimately, it's the school board which makes the decision."

As required by the compromise that finally settled the 17-year-old lawsuit, residents will have a say in how the money should be spent in a public hearing to be held next year.

School administrators are happy the case has finally been resolved. The complex lawsuit filed by 84 school districts was

settled in a compromise agreement struck in Lansing this fall.

The suit contended the state underfunded state-mandated special education and other programs. The suit challenged state reductions in funding, claiming it was illegal under the Headlee Amendment. The amendment requires the state to pay for programs it mandates.

Local special-education programs and bilingual and driver education classes were state-mandated programs that the suit claims were underfunded.

The state paid about 29 percent of the cost for special education programs in 1978, but the payments gradually declined to about 6 percent last year.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of the 84 districts this summer, awarding varying amounts of money to them.

In the tri-county area, Livonia's \$10,207,936 award is the second-highest of districts involved in the suit. Pontiac schools will receive \$12.8 million. The Farmington School District is third, with \$9.4 million.

Credit union staff lauded for helping

Four Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union staffers were taken for a ride recently.

But it was all part of a recognition effort by Thelma Wright, the credit union's CEO.

She hosted three employees on a limo ride from their offices to a Livonia restaurant for a free lunch.

The employees were Robin Dahlman, Star Harvat and Kim Abraham, lauded for their roles as "reading assistants" in the Jefferson-Barns Elementary School's Learn to Read program.

Dahlman, the credit union's

member service supervisor, and her two co-workers volunteered on their days off at the school.

Dahlman has been involved with Jefferson-Barns School as the credit union's liaison for one year. She attends the school's monthly school improvement team meetings to get information of how the credit union is helping and what else can be done for the kids.

The credit union adopted the school in 1986 and has helped out with donations of books and cash to the school, Wright said.

For their next project, fourth-

graders will participate in a yearlong "Christmas Savings Program" so when they return to school in the fall they will have money for Christmas presents.

Dahlman was honored with the Credit Union Community Service Award and received \$150 to donate to a charity of her choice. She donated the \$150 to Pete Palasinski, Jefferson-Barns' principal.

She has also been the coordinator for the past two years of the credit union's seven-year involvement of the City of Wayne's Wheelfest activities.

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pranksters.

"You can't buy them now, because they don't make them anymore," he said.

Molesky starts putting up his display in early November spending between 50 and 60

hours during a week or so span putting it out.

His hard work and spirit haven't gone unnoticed. In fact, his house has become a tourist attraction of sorts with motorists often slowing down and stopping

in front of his house.

And the tradition, he said, will likely continue.

"I think I can manage next year - if they don't bring it down again before Christmas," he said.

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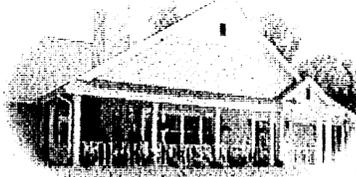


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Term limits

Some fear higher education will suffer under new system

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It's not unanimous, but the majority view is that Michigan's public universities will be hurt when legislative term limits take effect in 1999.

"Term limits will be a bad deal. You'll see some absolutely gonzo appropriations bills in the next few years," predicted Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, who chairs the Senate's Appropriations subcommittee on higher education.

Reason: While many new legislators know local government, farming or natural resources, few bring a background in Michigan's 15 public universities and 28 community colleges. Higher ed takes time to learn; state representatives now are limited to six years and senators to eight, under a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1992.

"State universities have been fortunate that higher ed appropriations subcommittees have been supportive of them," Schwarz told a meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities (MAGB) in East Lansing Nov. 19.

"But the money is falling off (as a percentage of the state gen-

eral fund). The trend will continue. Tuition and fees will make up the difference. If I could, I would flatten that (downward) curve," Schwarz said.

Some 65 of the 110 state representatives will be unable to run again in 1998. For senators, the turnover will come in 2002.

Schwarz predicted these effects:

■ Legislative committees will be "trivialized and marginalized."

■ If you have a governor who knows as much as (John) Engler, it's going to be curtains; the Legislature will be like a complacent Trilby to his Svengali" (submissive and dominant characters in an 1894 British novel).

■ "Lobbyists will be empowered far more, though I do not know any lobbyists that like this."

■ "Legislative staffs will have an inordinate amount of power."

■ Bureaucrats will have "extraordinary, arbitrary power."

Strong governor OK

Disagreeing was Ferris State University President William Sederburg, a former three-term Republican state senator, one-time State Board of Education member and pollster.

"The governor will be more

significant in setting the agenda," said Sederburg, who has a doctorate in political science. Lawmakers are good at responding intuitively to public mood swings but not at long-range policy setting.

"The percentage of the state budget going to higher ed has shrunk steadily, but there's no proof term limits will affect higher ed. I think it depends on executive leadership - on who sets the agenda."

"Legislators represent districts. It's impossible (for a legislator) to be a statesman," said Sederburg, whose Senate district included the Michigan State University campus. "It makes sense to shift power to the governor."

Agreeing with Sederburg from the audience was Carl Pursell, an Eastern Michigan University regent who represented western Wayne County in both the state Senate and U.S. House.

"The Presidents Council (the 15 state university presidents) has an opportunity to develop an equitable (funding) formula," said the Plymouth Republican. "Rather than debating term limits and spinning our wheels, we should take the opportunity to do a professional effort."

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Bill would end party nod for university boards

The Big Three university boards should be nominated in primaries by voters rather than at state party conventions, said Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, who's angry about his own Republican Party's behavior.

Schwarz told a meeting of state university board members he will sponsor a bill to end party nominations of candidates for the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University boards.

Schwarz recalled the case of Judy Frey, an experienced Grand Rapids civic worker who was recruited in 1996 by Gov. John Engler to run for the U-M board. Engler even made her nominating speech.

"Judy Frey was treated shabbily, shamefully, by my party," said Schwarz. Frey lost the nomination to Mike Bishop, a

Rochester Hills attorney whose chief claim to fame was serving as president of his fraternity while on the U-M campus.

The issue was abortion. Frey was pro-choice; Bishop, who put together his campaign in three days, was pro-life and was backed by Right to Life and the religious right.

Schwarz said it was "not only wrong but absolutely wrong" for GOP delegates to make their choices for university trustees on the basis of the abortion issue. He said parties tend to pick candidates for "ideological reasons or services rendered."

There are two methods of changing the way U-M, MSU and WSU trustees are selected:

■ A constitutional amendment giving the governor the right to appoint them, as he appoints trustees to 12 other university

boards. Though the constitutional amendment procedure is slow, Schwarz credited Engler with "doing quite a good job" with appointments.

■ A legislative statute using primaries rather than conventions to select two candidates from each party. This could be enacted more quickly.

Few in the audience liked Schwarz's bill idea.

"His bill won't fly," predicted Carl Pursell, veteran Republican legislator and congressman now serving on the Eastern Michigan University board.

"Who would have enough money to run for a non-paying job?" asked a skeptical Annetta Miller, Democratic member of the WSU board and former member of the State Board of Education.

Judge Duggan to hear lawsuit on term limits

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Patrick Duggan may have been taking notes when a federal court on C-SPAN quizzed lawyers in the California legislative term-limits case.

Duggan, a Livonia resident and Reagan appointee, is a U.S. district judge in Detroit. He will hear the lawsuit against the Michigan Constitution's term limits section passed by voters in 1992.

All 11 judges in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in California heard the case *en banc* (sitting together) Nov. 20. Several judges practically leaped

down the throat of Joseph Remcho, the attorney for Assemblyman Tom Bates, who was attacking California's legislative term limits.

"This is an unseemly confrontation," said Judge Pamela Rymer. "I have some question whether we (federal courts) even have jurisdiction to entertain this kind of case."

A day earlier, Bill Ballenger, proprietor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, predicted Duggan may be in no hurry to decide the Michigan case. Ballenger sees the case going to the U.S. Supreme Court in October of 1998 for a decision in 1999.

Ballenger predicted a 5-4 decision, with Justice Anthony Kennedy casting the swing vote. He didn't predict the outcome.

2 Harsh rules

California's and Michigan's term limit rules rank Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in harshness, said Ballenger.

■ California allows an eligible to serve three Assembly terms of two years (total six years) or two Senate terms of four years each.

■ Michigan's rule is three House terms and two Senate terms, a total of 14 years.

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Dr. John P. Jacobi, has been working with these children with learning difficulties, and with tremendous success. "These are little boys who are acting out in frustration, third graders who have run into a brick wall academically, even college students who can't study without getting terrible headaches," explains Jacobi.

Extensive testing for attention and learning problems is often given, without a single test for vision and eyesight. In most cases, vision has a great deal to do with the child's problems.

"I'm finding many kids who have 20/20 vision, but see double at reading distances or lose focus after only a few minutes of reading. They often experience headaches and eyestrain," Dr. Jacobi continues. "They struggle so hard, and sometimes give up."

Basic school screenings or basic eye health exams will not specifically probe these areas, so it may go undiagnosed. But once the vision dysfunction is detected, these kids have a whole new outlook.

One parent shares her "feeling of helplessness when you know you have a bright child and she can't read," and adds that "finding the missing piece to the puzzle allows us to move ahead."

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- Headaches, especially after school
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- Loses place while reading
- Poor handwriting but may be a detailed artist
- Squirms and tilts head while studying

MADD vigil will remember victims

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will hold a candlelight vigil to remember victims of drunk driving crashes at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, 23300 W. Davison, in Detroit.

"We would like to invite all

people who have lost loved ones in drunk driving crashes to attend this beautiful night of remembrance," said Carol Nalepka, a spokesperson for MADD's Wayne County chapter. The monastery is located south off the I-96 service drive (Schoolcraft) between Telegraph and Outer Drive.

MADD will also conduct a Victim Support Group Meeting on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. These support group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Gabriel Richard Center on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

Liferide Program also needs

volunteers to take phone calls from drinking drivers on New Year's Eve. The calls are taken from a central location with volunteers calling taxi companies to provide rides.

For more information, call the MADD Wayne County office at (313) 721-8181.

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Both states have lifetime bans on further service in the Legislature.

Michigan's term limits amendment already has been modified by the courts. Originally, Michigan voters set term limits for U.S. senators and representatives. Unconstitutional, said the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Constitution alone sets rules for Congress.

It's possible that, if a court doesn't strike down Michigan's term limits entirely, it could modify them by lifting the lifetime ban on further service in the Legislature.

Interruptions

Back to the California arguments:

Judge Andrew Kleinfeld interrupted attorney Remcho immediately to say, "I can't find the provision of the U.S. Constitution that's supposed to be violated" by California's term limits.

Remcho: "States may not violate basic constitutional rights," for example, by barring a minister from attending a political convention.

There followed a debate over whether Assemblyman Bates had a "basic" constitutional right

to run for legislative office.

Remcho: "The U.S. Supreme Court said term limits are fundamentally undemocratic."

Kleinfeld, interrupting: "That's not what it said. It said the states lack power to impose qualifications for Congress" (as in Michigan's original ban).

Remcho, continuing: "Term limits put a severe limit on the right of voters to elect whom they want... a severe burden."

Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain: "Your brief says the evil is lifetime term limits. But we also have term limits for the governor and attorney general."

Remcho: "Term limits are inherently unconstitutional. There are less restrictive means to accomplish the goal of keeping lawmakers from becoming entrenched."

Burden on voters?

Chief Judge Proctor Hug: "Is the right to vote for a particular candidate a state interest?"

That question had already been answered by attorney Deborah LaPetra, of the Pacific Legal Foundation, the group which advocated term limits.

LaPetra said Bates' Assembly district has 370,000 residents of

whom 100,000 are barred from running because they are underage, felons, aliens, etc. California's term limits rule raised that number "infinitesimally," to 100,001. "The voters didn't have their votes diluted or debased in any way. There is no burden on the right to vote," she said.

Remcho replied the term limits rule is unfair because it tilts the choice of candidates to voters who prefer inexperience. Power belongs "only people who don't believe in experience."

Arguing for the state, and in favor of term limits, was Harvard law professor Einer Elhauge. He quoted the Declaration of Independence on the right of the people to institute government for their own ends and organize it as they wish.

Foes of term limits, Elhauge said, say in effect that the U.S. Constitution, which limits the president to two terms, "somehow denies the same right to people in limiting the terms of their legislator."

Term limits don't work any hardship in the civil rights area, Elhauge said. Since California passed term limits, "the number of women (in the Legislature) is up 25 percent, the number of Hispanics is up 250 percent,

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"Carl Pursell is right," added Craig Ruff, panel moderator, president of Public Sector Consultants and once a top aide to Gov. Bill Milliken (1969-82). "We should expand the pie (chunk of appropriations going to colleges) rather than fight over carving it up."

Smith and Ruff agreed that higher ed would be challenged for state general fund appropriations by the Corrections Department (prisons), Family Independence Agency (welfare), and Community Health.

Bill Ballenger, former Republican legislator and now proprietor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, predicted the constitutionality of California's term limits law will go to the U.S. Supreme Court for oral arguments in 1998 and be decided in 1999 by a 5-4, with Reagan appointee Anthony Kennedy casting the swing vote.

Ballenger said term limits will bring legislators who are "less professional" and increase the chances that a popular governor can sweep in a score of new lawmakers from his own party.

'A terrible thing'

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, joined Schwarz in deploring the effect of term limits - "a terrible thing. It will be a shift of power to the executive and lobbyists. Newcomers to the Legislature will rely on that flow of information."

Programs like the Indian tuition waiver and the University of Michigan's Douglas Lake project will become vulnerable in the budgeting process, said Smith, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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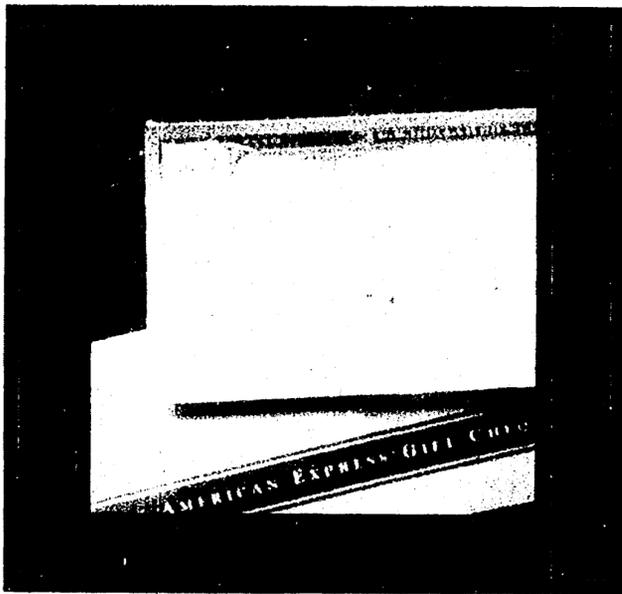
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'Stop revolving door'

LaPetra, for the Pacific Legal Foundation, said voters didn't have their votes "debased or diluted in any way" by term limits. The state has a right to determine qualifications of its own officers.

"Incumbents are an entrenched, dynastic bureaucracy" able to raise money to perpetuate themselves in office, LaPetra said. Since there is no burden on the voters, there is no need to narrowly tailor the term limits rule to lift the lifetime ban on running for the Legislature.

"The purpose of a lifetime ban is to stop the revolving door," LaPetra said. "These are policy judgments, your honor, that the people of California made."



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This is the season for cooking and baking. But what happens if you run out of an ingredient for that special tasty delight? Your choices are to go to the store or substitute one ingredient for another. There are many substitutions you can make when baking, however you may end up with a somewhat different product. The taste, moisture content, texture and weight of a product can be affected by changing ingredients.

A frequent question is, "What can I substitute for cream of tartar?" The answer is, there is not a good substitution. If cream of tartar is used along with baking soda in a cake or cookie recipe, omit both and use baking powder instead. One teaspoon baking powder is equivalent to 1/4 teaspoon baking soda plus 5/8 teaspoon cream of tartar. It may just be better to make that trip to the store for cream of tartar.

Sugar modifications

Sugar substitutions are a little easier. Granulated white sugar can be substituted for brown sugar, however, this changes the color of the product. To get the brown color, use a cup of granulated sugar plus 1/4 cup unsulfured molasses.

One cup of corn syrup can be used for regular syrup, but you'll need to reduce other liquids by 1/4 cup. Sugar can be reduced by 1/4 to 1/3 in quick breads, cookies, pie filling, custards, puddings and fruit crisps. Do not reduce sugar in yeast breads as it acts as food for the yeast.

Here are some rules to remember when making sugar modifications to a recipe:

- Do not over bake, bake until firm on the outside and soft in the middle.
- Products with less sugar are less brown.
- Add applesauce, additional cinnamon or vanilla to enhance the sweetness. Non-fat dry milk can replace up to 1/4 of the sugar.
- If you want to use a non-sugar sweetener, substitute, find and use a recipe designed especially for them. Some of the non-sugar sweeteners do not react very well to baking or cooking.
- Many cookie recipes do not take too well to sugar and fat reduction.

Reducing fat

Fat provides flavor, richness, improves texture, tenderness and flakiness in baked goods. You can try to substitute oil for shortening in a recipe to reduce the fat by 1/4 to 1/3. For example, if the recipe calls for 1 cup hydrogenated shortening, try 2/3 cup oil. Drop cookies may be more successfully adapted to less fat than rolled cookies.

As a general rule, for minimal fat content in cakes and cookies, use no

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SUBSTITUTIONS

Instead of 1 teaspoon baking powder try 1/4 teaspoon baking soda and 5/8 teaspoon cream of tartar

Instead of 1 tablespoon cornstarch try 2 tablespoons all purpose flour

Instead of 1 cup buttermilk try 1 cup low-fat yogurt

Instead of 1 teaspoon lemon juice try 1/2 teaspoon white wine vinegar or cider vinegar

Instead of Sweetened condensed milk try Low-fat/non-fat sweetened condensed milk

Instead of 1 egg try 2 egg whites or 1/4 cup liquid egg substitute

Instead of 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips (melted) try 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate and 2 tablespoons shortening plus 1/2 cup sugar

Instead of 1 cup yogurt try 1 cup buttermilk or 1 cup cottage cheese blended until smooth, or 1 cup sour cream.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Holiday pantry



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All in the family: Executive Chef Louai Sharkas (left to right), Oakland Grill; Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West; Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's. Photo was taken at Oakland Grill.

Too many chefs don't spoil the broth!

BY ELEANOR HEALD • SPECIAL WRITER

Three brothers, all executive chefs at high-profile restaurants in the Detroit metropolitan area — this is a one-of-a-kind phenomenon. It may be duplicated, but diligent research has failed to find it in another U.S. metro area.

Thirty-four-year-old Louai Sharkas is executive chef/owner of Oakland Grill in Royal Oak. His 30-year-old brother Bassam "Sam" is executive chef/partner at Colangelo's in Pontiac. Lee, 29, is executive chef at Andiamo West in Bloomfield Hills.

In 1977, all three emigrated from Baghdad with their parents Amelda and Saib Sharkas. Because they had relatives there, the family settled in Southfield and call this city "home" today.

Louai's father wanted him to have a "respected" career, so Louai attended Walsh College and studied business and finance. But his love of cooking, a passion that began with his first kitchen job at the former Bijou 20 years ago, won out. There he met Bobby Komoto, now maitre d'hotel at Oakland Grill, and Marty Jenkins, an Oakland Grill head waiter.

After a few positions in area restaurant kitchens, Louai was hired at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel where

he became executive chef upon the retirement of Chef Carolyn Haskins (now special projects chef at Birmingham's Big Rock Chop and Brew House), whom he cites as his culinary mentor.

"Carolyn insisted on classic cooking techniques," Louai remarked. "But Douglass Grech (former owner of Douglass Douglass in Southfield, now a personal chef and New York food designer) taught me the meaning of flair."

Louai thoroughly enjoys being owner, managing Oakland Grill and directing the kitchen. "I love doing my own thing and controlling my own destiny," he added.

Louai's brother Sam needed a part-time job when he was a high school senior. "I was hired as a busboy," he

said. "A chef didn't show up for work, but I did. Opportunity knocked and I had a kitchen job after a few weeks."

Sam credits Picano's (Troy) executive chef Bill Hall as his mentor. After nearly two years at Colangelo's, Sam says he enjoys his work because "I can be creative without limitations."

When Lee Sharkas needed his first job, he applied at Larco's (now in Troy). From there he went to the kitchen at Andiamo Italia Ristorante in Warren to work under Master Chef Aldo Ottaviani, Andiamo's corporate executive chef. Lee says he loves the rush of running a kitchen in a very busy restaurant, cooking for people and still being guided by Chef Aldo.

Believing that the apple does not fall far from the tree, I talked to the Sharkas brothers about holiday dining experiences in their home.

"My mom makes literally hundreds of time-consuming kibbe, a cracked wheat dumpling stuffed with beef and onions," Louai responded. "Only a mother has the love and would take the time to do this. We have 30 people for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and we each eat six or seven kibbe per person per seating."

Lee and Sam like Christmas Eve because restaurants close early and remain closed Christmas Day. "When we were growing up, we helped cook for the family get-together on Christmas Eve," Sam said. "That's when we open presents and have a big meal at midnight."

Lee added, "We still help, once we get to my parents' home. My father is a great helper, also."

Could the three brothers work together professionally? "Never," came the unhesitating chorus answer. "That's too many chiefs and not enough Indians," said Sam. "It's like three artists trying to paint one picture together," Louai added. "Each of us is too opinionated; it would not work," Lee concluded.

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Brothers share holiday recipes

Because their food memory bank is brimming with Christmas nostalgia, all three brothers offer Observer & Eccentric readers original recipes they like to cook for the holidays. All are exceptionally colorful on the plate. For example, to enhance presentation of his Marinated Calamari with Roasted Peppers, Sam Sharkas reserved some red and green peppers to use as a sprinkled garnish around the outside of a plain white plate.

Louai Sharkas chose a lobster entrée that reads long, but is very easy to prepare once all ingredients are gathered. The versatile chutney that accompanies is also a low-fat condiment for ham, pork or grilled chicken. For a new spin on left-over turkey, use unleavened flat bread, substitute the chutney for mayonnaise, then roll a sandwich.

Lee Sharkas remarked that although he heads up an Italian-style kitchen, there are daily specials that are not regionally focused. He offers two in his Roasted Corn and Pepper Soup and Honey-Glazed Salmon.

If you don't want to tackle the recipes yourself, just drool a little as you read them, then visit one of the brothers' restaurants and order up.

Amelda Sharkas thinks Louai serves portions that are too large. "She says the same thing about me," Sam added. "But she loves my lamb chops and lasagna."

"Hey, Lee, I'm looking at your salmon recipe," Louai chided. "It's simple and I'm going to steal it for New Year's Eve at my restaurant!"

RECIPES

LOBSTER EGG ROLLS WITH PAPAYA & MANGO CHUTNEY & CURRY OIL

Ingredients for Lobster Egg Roll:

- 2 pounds cooked Main Lobster meat, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil plus more for deep frying
- 3 cups julienne leeks
- 1 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 head Napa cabbage
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 small Thai pepper
- 1 large onion
- 24 Lumpia circle wrappers (available at Oriental food stores)
- 6 egg yolks, lightly whipped

In olive oil, sauté all vegetables until soft. For each egg roll, form a triangle with 3 of the circle wrappers. Brush with egg yolk. Place some of the vegetable mixture on the two circles forming the base of the triangle; top with four ounces of cooked lobster; fold in sides and roll. Once rolled, brush egg yolk on edges and outside of egg roll. Using a heavy skillet, sauté in shallow oil until golden brown, then place in a 350°F oven for 6 minutes.

INGREDIENTS FOR PAPAYA AND MANGO CHUTNEY

- 4 ripe mangoes, peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 4 ripe papayas, peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon toasted mustard seed
- 1 teaspoon ground clove
- 2 ounces shaved ginger
- 3 ounces lemon juice
- 2 ounces rice wine vinegar
- 1 pound dark brown sugar
- 2 ounces chopped cilantro

In a heavy skillet, heat brown sugar, lemon juice, vinegar and spices until sugar is caramelized. Add papaya, mango and ginger until soft. Chill, then add chopped cilantro.

FOR CURRY OIL

- 1 cup pure olive oil
- 1 tablespoon curry

In a small pan, heat olive oil until warm. Add curry; simmer for 3 minutes on low heat. Strain through cheese cloth.

To assemble:

Place chutney in middle of plate. Cut cooked lobster roll in half and place on each side of chutney. Spoon curry oil on plate. Serves 8 adults.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Louai Sharkas, Oakland Grill.

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ROASTED CORN AND PEPPER SOUP

- 2 pounds corn kernels
- 3 bell peppers, one each red, green, yellow, roasted
- 1/2 pound lean bacon
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 celery ribs, diced medium
- 2 onions, diced medium
- 1 1/2 quarts chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon ham base (available in gourmet grocery stores)
- 1 cup cream
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 1 tablespoon roasted garlic
- 1/2 cup roux (4 ounces clarified butter to 4 ounces flour, cooked for 15 minutes on low heat)
- salt and pepper

Place bacon on a sheet tray; cook in the oven at 350°F until crispy. Place corn on a sheet tray. Broil

at 500°F to brown evenly. Roast peppers, remove skin and seeds then purée. Sauté garlic in bacon fat until tender then purée.

Sauté celery, onions and corn in oil. When tender, add peppers, garlic, ham base, bacon and parsley. Cook for 3 minutes. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer. When simmering, add roux. Adjust consistency with cream. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West.

HONEY-GLAZED SALMON WITH CARAMELIZED SWEET POTATOES

- 6 (7-ounce) salmon filets
- 6 large sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 stick butter
- salt and pepper

Boil sweet potatoes until tender

then remove skin. Cut into wedges and place into a sauté pan with brown sugar and butter. Cook until caramelized. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Rub salmon with honey and place on sheet tray. Bake in oven for 12 minutes. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West.

MARINATED CALAMARI WITH ROASTED PEPPERS

- 2 each red, yellow and green peppers
- 2 pounds cleaned calamari
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 3 ounces sesame seed oil
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 2 tablespoons sun dried cherries
- salt and pepper

Clean calamari and place in a bowl with soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce and sesame seed oil. Marinate one hour.

Roast peppers over a grill. Remove skin and seeds.

In a skillet, sauté calamari in marinade mixture for 5 minutes. Turn every 90 seconds. Drain off most of the marinade. Set aside.

Julienne peppers. Place them in a bowl with the calamari and all remaining ingredients. Mix well. Let stand one hour before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's.

GRILLED AND ROLLED STUFFED CHICKEN WITH

LEMON-GARLIC SAUCE

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved
- 2 cups Italian-style bread crumbs
- 1 cup plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup fontinella cheese, finely shredded
- 1 cup olive oil
- salt and pepper

In a bowl, place bread crumbs, cheese, tomatoes, 1/3 of the olive oil. Mix well.

On a flat surface, pound chicken breasts flat. Salt and pepper lightly.

Place 2 tablespoons of the bread crumb mixture on each breast half, then roll.

Brush each breast with olive oil and grill seam-side-down for 15-20 minutes or until cooked. Cut each breast on the bias and serve with lemon garlic sauce.

Lemon-garlic sauce: In a saucepan over medium heat, add olive oil and garlic. Sauté for 2 minutes

Prepare a beurre manié: on a flat plate, use the back of a wooden spoon to combine butter and flour

In a saucepan, bring chicken broth, salt and pepper to a boil. Add the beurre manié. Mix well and let simmer until thickened. Spoon over grilled, rolled chicken. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's

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more than 2 tablespoons fat (oil or margarine) per cup of flour.

In quick breads, muffins or cookies, substitute applesauce for up to 3/4 of the margarine or oil.

Prune puree or low-fat yogurt can be used in place of butter, margarine or oil. Look for margarine where liquid vegetable oil is the first ingredient listed on the label.

Don't use tub margarine or lower-reduced fat margarine when baking cookies unless you have a recipe designed especially

for those products. Skim or low-fat milk can be substituted for whole milk, or for added richness, use evaporated skim milk. Salt can often be reduced by half or omitted entirely. Salt's main function in most recipes is for flavor only.

The exception is a yeast bread where it controls the action of yeast.

Find a reliable cookbook for a complete list of substitutions. Making a rich butter cookie is a real challenge if you aren't using butter or margarine.

When you reduce or eliminate an ingredient you'll have to experiment with your recipes to get a product that is acceptable to eat.

Instead of a regular pie crust, use a phyllo crust or graham cracker crust. Serve angel food cake rather than pound cake.

Use a dusting of powdered sugar instead of thick frostings, or if a recipe calls for a large quantity of chocolate chips, cut down the amount.

Since substituting sugar and fat is an "iffy" thing at best, it may be a better idea to make the original recipe with all the ingredients and just eat less of your favorite cookies or cakes.

How to store cookies

Low-fat cookies taste better if eaten when very fresh. Keep them in an airtight container for only a few days or freeze for longer storage. Thaw only what you need.

Storing Cookies

- To store cookies for short term (1 week)
- Cool cookies completely after baking.
- Do not mix soft and crisp varieties in the same container or the crisp cookies will soon become soft.
- Store soft cookies in a container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Store crisp cookies in a container with a loose-fitting lid.
- Store bar cookies in the pan in which they were baked; cover pan tightly with aluminum foil or plastic wrap.

Freezing Cookies

- To freeze cookies for six months
- Arrange cooled cookies in a container with plastic wrap or foil.
- If layering the cookies, put waxed paper between layers.
- Keep varieties separate so they maintain their best flavor.
- Seal containers tightly, label and freeze.
- To thaw, let cookies stand loosely covered for 20 minutes.

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Grilling your holiday turkey

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS back foil 30 minutes before roasting is finished.

If you want to speed up the cooking time for your holiday turkey, wrap the turkey in aluminum foil and roast it at 450 degrees F. Using this method, a turkey can be ready for carving in just over three hours.

If you grill outdoors year-round, you can grill your holiday turkey. While the bird's on the grill, you can use your oven for side dishes and desserts.

FOIL WRAPPED ROASTED TURKEY

- 8- to 24-pound turkey, thawed
- Vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Remove neck and giblets from turkey; rinse turkey and pat dry. If desired, loosely stuff turkey. Brush with vegetable oil.

Tear off a sheet of 18-inch wide heavy-duty aluminum foil that is 2-1/2 times longer than the turkey. Place turkey, breast side up, lengthwise in center of foil sheet. Close foil loosely by overlapping the ends. Turn up short sides of foil to hold in juices. Do not seal airtight. Place foil-wrapped turkey in roasting pan at least 2 inches deep. Insert meat thermometer through foil into thickest part of thigh, not touching bone. Roast turkey until meat thermometer reads 180 degrees F to 185 degrees F. For stuffed turkey, add 30 minutes to roasting time.

To brown turkey, open and turn

Grill turkey in covered grill over medium, indirect heat until meat thermometer reads 180 degrees F. For easy slicing, remove turkey from the grill, cover with foil and let stand for 15 minutes. Makes 8 to 20 servings.

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Cookie swaps make sweet connections

When friends and family get busy with their separate lives, it's hard to stay connected, even around holidays. A cookie swap is a special way to get together with the people you'd always like to see but seldom do. It's also the perfect excuse to both indulge in some delicious seasonal confections and lighten your holiday workload.

In a cookie swap, people bring a tin filled with one kind of cookie and leave with it refilled with a variety of the treats everyone else brought. Not only do the wide assortment of goodies serve as refreshments for the cookie swap participants themselves, but they are the perfect treat to serve when guests stop by during the holiday season.

Schedule the cookie swap for a late afternoon two or three weeks before Christmas. That's when all the plans and pressures of the season feel overwhelming, making it a good time to pause briefly and do something emotionally satisfying for yourself.

A cookie swap works best when each guest brings five dozen cookies. Homemade sweets are nice, but since this is a gathering meant to relieve holiday stress, they are not mandatory. Start your cookie swap by relaxing for an hour or two, visiting with one another while enjoying a cup of hot tea, mulled cider, or a glass of chilled wine. Guests munch on the various cookies, so there's minimal work for the hosts.

The real swap occurs when empty tins are filled with an assortment of the cookies which are left.

Cookies for a swap should be easy to make. Spice cookies, fig bars, jumbles, and biscotti are

idea. They all will stay fresh for a couple of weeks when sealed in an air-tight tin.

CORNMEAL BISCOTTI

- 1 1/2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 9 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup currants or dried blueberries
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- Grated zest of 1 lemon, optional
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons water

In a food processor, pulse together the flour and cornmeal to blend. Cut the butter into 9 pieces and add to the food processor. Pulse until the butter is blended into the dry ingredients. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and mix in the currants.

Beat the eggs, lemon zest (if using), vanilla and 2 tablespoons water into the dry ingredients. Divide the dough into 3 parts.

Place the pieces of dough on a non-stick baking sheet. Shape each piece into a long rounded-top, flattened log, 2 1/2-inches by 8-inches by 1-inch.

Bake at 350 F. for about 20 minutes, until the dough is a light gold. Let cool 5 minutes. Cut each log diagonally into 3/4-inch slices. Place the slices, cut side down on the baking sheet.

Bake the biscotti 5 minutes. Turn them over, and bake 5 minutes longer, until they are firm. Transfer the cookies to a rack and cool completely. Store the biscotti in a tightly covered tin. They will keep 1-2 weeks.

Each of the 36 cookies contains 89 calories and 3 grams of fat.

Entertain with classic dinner for 4

The holiday season is synonymous with entertaining. When a small intimate gathering of good friends is on the calendar, you'll want to serve something extra special.

Beef Wellington has always been a special-occasion dish, often reserved for restaurant dining. You can easily prepare the '90s version of this classic for elegant at-home holiday entertaining.

Mini Beef Wellingtons are every bit as delicious as the original. The time-consuming puff pastry and pate are gone, replaced by a seasoned mushroom filling and paper-thin phyllo sheets which make this version leaner and easier to prepare.

The phyllo sheets (available in the freezer case at your grocery store) are gathered up around the lean beef tenderloin steaks and mushroom filling then twisted closed to give the appearance of small packages.

The cooking process is accelerated by partially panbroiling the steaks in a skillet before assembly. Even with the panbroiling, the entire dish can be prepared and served in less than an hour making Mini Beef Wellingtons the perfect holiday entertaining choice for hosts with busy lives.

A vegetable medley such as green beans, carrots and red potatoes makes a colorful accompaniment, and for dessert, serve lemon cake with raspberry sauce.

MINI BEEF WELLINGTONS

Total preparation and cooking time: 40 minutes

- 4 small beef tenderloin steaks, cut 1-inch thick (4 ounces each)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons dry red wine
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped green onions
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste



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Elegant dish: Updated for today's tastes and time constraints, Mini Beef Wellingtons can be prepared and served in under an hour.

- 6 phyllo dough sheets, defrosted
- Vegetable cooking spray

Heat oven to 425° F. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until tender. Add wine; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until liquid is evaporated. Stir in green onions, thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Remove from skillet; cool thoroughly.

Heat same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Place steaks in

skillet; cook 3 minutes, turning once. (Steaks will be partially cooked. Do not overcook.) Season with salt and pepper, as desired.

On flat surface, layer phyllo dough, spraying each sheet thoroughly with cooking spray. Cut stacked layers lengthwise in half and then crosswise to make 4 equal portions. Place about 2 tablespoons mushroom mixture in center of each portion; spread mixture to diameter of each steak. Place steaks on mushroom mixture. Bring together all 4 corners of phyllo dough; twist tightly to close. Lightly spray each with

cooking spray; place on greased baking sheet.

Immediately bake in 425° F oven 9 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings (serving size: 1/4 of recipe).

Nutrition information per serving: 277 calories; 26 grams protein; 11 grams carbohydrate; 4 grams fat; 41 mg iron; 232 mg sodium; 71 mg cholesterol.

Recipe and information from the National Live Stock & Meat Board Test Kitchens.

Holiday cookies omit wheat and dairy

Food allergies won't dampen the holiday festivities at your house with this recipe from a new line of cookbooks for people with food sensitivities.

HOLIDAY COOKIES

(Makes 24)

- 1/4 cup butter, canola oil spread, shortening or margarine
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup sugar

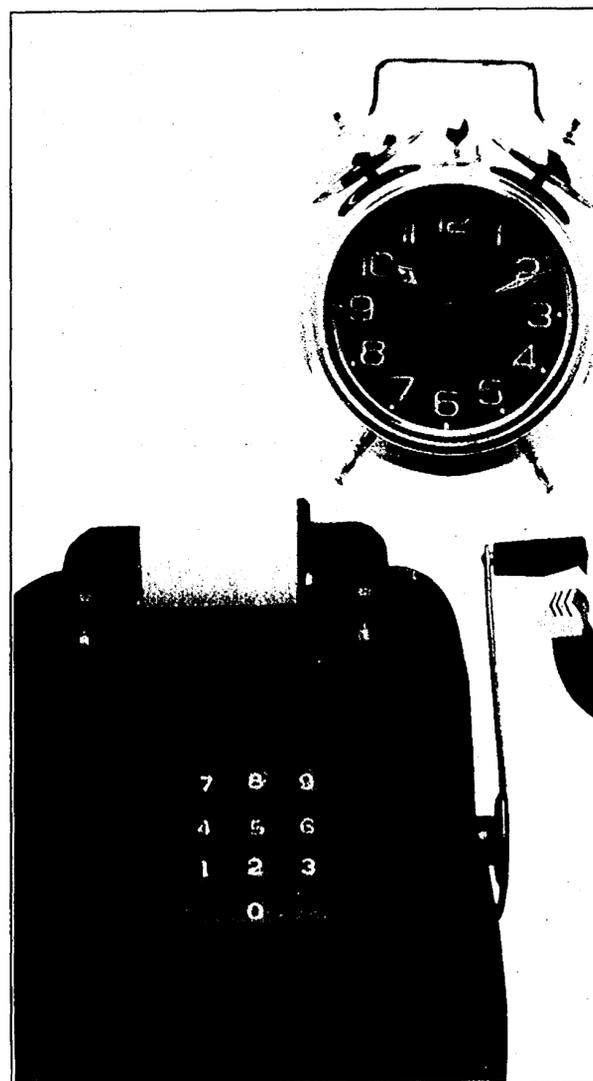
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups white or brown rice flour
- 3 tablespoons potato starch
- 2 tablespoons tapioca flour
- 1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (optional)
- 1 large egg white

Have all ingredients at room temperature. Combine in food processor and blend thoroughly, until mixture forms large clumps. Shape into ball, cover, and refrigerate for one hour. You may also freeze the dough in log shape at this point and bake cookies later.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Divide dough in half, keep remaining half covered. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness between sheets of waxed paper or plastic wrap that are

sprinkled with rice flour. Use metal cookie cutters to cut into holiday shapes and transfer to ungreased, nonstick baking sheet. Or, line standard cookie sheet with parchment paper or non-stick baking liner.

Repeat with remaining dough. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until edges are set. Cool for two minutes before removing from pan. Decorate with frosting or sprinkle with sugar.



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Fern Bratten

Big ideas for looking great at any size

Turn on the nightly news, and you'll probably hear at least one sound-bite about Americans being overweight.

So what! says Fern Bratten, a former comedian-turned fashion-consultant. "There's nothing wrong with being a size 20," said Bratten, a plus-size woman herself. "In our business, we believe that a size 20 is twice as good as a size 10."

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

Her motto is, "If you can't hide it, decorate it."

She imparted those messages plus some fashion tips to a crowd of noon-time shoppers, at a fashion show she emceed at Crowley's New Center One store in Detroit, Nov. 10. The show featured casual, career and social

occasion clothing for plus-size women, sizes 16 to 26, from a variety of manufacturers, including Elizabeth (by Liz Claiborne), Koret, and Baxter & Wells, to name a few.

Some of the clothes were from Bratten's own line, Fern Bratten for Melrose. Crowley's sponsored the show to highlight the extensive selection of merchandise in its Women's World departments. Crowley's has nine locations in southeast Michigan, including Farmington, Livonia Mall, New Center Place in Detroit, Tel-Twelve Mall, Macomb Mall, Westborn Shopping Center, Universal Mall, Lakeside.

For 19 years, Bratten traveled across the country, emceeding fashion shows and conducting fashion workshops, as a representative of Koret. She and Koret parted ways in 1995, and last year, Melrose, a Los Angeles-based clothing manufacturer, asked her to represent its line of plus-size women's sportswear. That's how Fern Bratten for Melrose was born.

She said that the clothes in her line are comfortable, moderately priced (most items are between \$48 and \$60), and have a youthful spirit, yet are meant for women of all ages.

"And of course, they look good," she said. Her line features a lot of animal prints (such designs will be popular for the next two years, so don't be afraid to invest in them, she insisted); the color black (because it's slenderizing); and a lot of slinky knits. "That's what the fabric is called - slinky knit. It's a 100-percent poly with a soft, slinky feel, and it's wash and dry."

One of the highlights of the show was an evening, tank dress with a matching swing coat (\$120 to \$160), by Onyx Nites. The dress and coat were made out of iridescent purple and lime "shimmer" material. The fabric appeared to change color - from purple to lime and back again - as the model moved.

"I just love these shimmer dresses," Bratten told the audience. "Aren't they yummy? They're so pretty."

Here are some of her fashion tips for plus-size women:

- Make sure that your clothes fit properly, even if it means having them altered. Pants with adjustable tabs at the waist are great, because they let you adjust the fit.

- You may be petite and not know it. Petite, in the fashion world, refers to a woman's height, not her width. Petite clothing is designed for women 5-foot-4 and under. Many stores carry petite sizes up to a size 16; some go even higher.

- Wear shoulder pads, to create a balanced look. Also, wear long necklaces and scarves, and make sure that your hair and makeup look good, to draw people's attention north and south, "never east and west."

- It's O.K. to wear pants. But make sure that you pair them with a long top that covers your hips.

- Wear black hose and black suede pumps at night, and during the daytime, wear opaque hose and a chunky loafer.

Artists celebrate with their own shops



Traditionally, artists create, leaving the marketing and selling of their work to others. But these days, several savvy crafters have opened their own stores, eliminating the middleman.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

It was once the dream of an artist to exhibit work in a gallery of renown.

Today, many artists open galleries of their own, stocking their stores with items they've made themselves.

Folk artist Barbara Bourgeau-Richards of Romeo just opened her namesake gallery at 154 West Maple in Birmingham, down the street from the gallery/store impressionist painter Pierre Bittar opened last year.

Paige Stanton of Bloomfield Hills also just opened her store in downtown Franklin, lining the carefully-papered walls with her custom pillows, beaded bags and vintage-looking necklaces.

Groups of area artists take turns supplying the shelves of two co-op galleries at Summit Place Mall in Waterford and Great Oaks Mall in Rochester Hills.

"Having your own store allows you to work with your

own work," said Bourgeau-Richards. "I also sell country antiques in the shop which blend very well with my watercolors and prints."

Collectors have been seeking out her cherubic, pear-shaped characters in European-styled frocks, since she began painting in 1986 after one watercolor class at the local education center. Though she suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, she transfers a positive outlook to her "characters," drawing them enjoying the simple pleasures of life - fishing, gardening, sipping tea.

With help from her family, Bourgeau-Richards turned her artwork into a profitable career, adding wool rugs, cross stitch patterns and limited edition prints to her repertoire. She has customers around the globe.

Stanton used craft fairs as her proving ground, networking with other artisans to learn the trade and collect names of reliable crafters who could supplement her

work. "I specialize in taking old photographs and transferring them onto quilts and pillows to create heirlooms suitable for brides and new mothers," she said. "These are absolutely custom gifts, personalized with lace, satin, beads and embroidered flowers."

"I also make little bags on beaded straps that double as a necklace, and jewelry. The shop is complete with folk art dolls, fabric-covered boxes and lamp shades, hand-knit sweaters, and hand-painted frames, candlesticks and dishes by other very talented artists."

Bittar who has had his gallery/store on West Maple in Birmingham for three years, said promoting business in his own store, as well as the rest of the city, has become an important part of his life.

"If you own a gallery, you must become involved in promoting the town as a cultural center," he said. "It's difficult, you have many hats to wear. I've started painting in the area schools and teaching an art class or two. Children are so eager and hungry to know about art."

For this kind of business to succeed you must be in an area that draws people who desire beautiful things."



Making memories: Paige Stanton poses with her pillows.

Designer breaks new ground in glass

BY JUDITH HARRIS SOLOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

Ann Morhauser, owner and designer of Annieglass, always had an artistic bent. She started taking private art lessons when she was only nine years old and by the time she turned 19, she was studying printmaking and dance at college in California.



Ann Morhauser

But, as Morhauser explained last week during a personal appearance at Neiman Marcus, her epiphany came one night on a beach in Santa Cruz. There, under a full moon, Annie saw a man blowing glass.

"Glass making was very fluid. . . like dance," she said. "And you got immediate gratification. You blew it and the piece was finished the next day. I was hooked, obsessed. It's been my passion ever since."

Annie got a scholarship to the College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, where she studied under Marvyn Lipofsky, the leader of the American Studio Glass



Movement. "He was a real taskmaster," she said. "He pushed me to do new techniques. . . like bending flat glass (technically called slumping). He pushed me to do sculptures. It made me look at things differently."

After graduating in 1979, Annie went to work in a glass gallery in Santa Cruz to learn the retail end of the business. By 1983, she had opened Annieglass, her own glass studio. And, as the pundits say, the rest is history.

Annie first marketed her one-of-a-kind pieces at juried national craft fairs. One of her very first customers was Neiman Marcus. "But the store that really put me on the map was Zona in New York," she said. "In the mid '80s many individual retailers went to Zona to see what they were selling, then those retailers would try to find me."

Today, Annieglass offers more than 17 different designs and is sold worldwide. President and Mrs. Clinton own Annieglass. It's also in the personal collections of such celebrities as Oprah, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler and in the permanent collections of the Corning Museum of Glass and the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian.

Annieglass is now created at Morhauser's new 16,000 square foot pro-

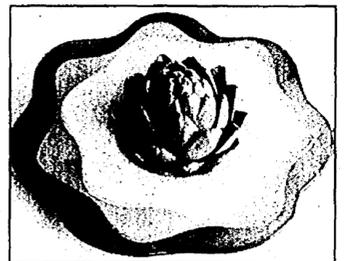
duction-office complex in Watsonville, California, just south of Santa Cruz. With 25 full-time employees, the company produces over 100,000 handmade glass plates, bowls, serving dishes and decorative accessories per year.

Yet, Annie related, "It's practically medieval the way we do things. It's a lot of hand work. We only use machines to sand and ovens to melt the glass." Each piece of Annieglass is still crafted and signed by hand and the decorative edges are hand-printed.

Morhauser is probably best known for her highly textured, Roman Antique glass dinnerware which is banded in either 24-karat gold or platinum and can mix or match with practically anything ranging from heirloom china to the funkiest contemporary pottery.

But she doesn't rest on her laurels! Annie continues to introduce new products twice a year. Last January it was Flora, a white-glazed pattern designed to look like a "sculptural dogwood flower." In August it was Diva. Inspired by a gold bracelet, Diva is highly-textured with a matte gold finish.

"My newest 1950s linoleum, retro-look black and white pattern called Santa Cruz Modern will be introduced in New York in February," she said. The serving pieces will have a black and white drizzle pattern, dinnerware will be solid beige or black. Annieglass is sold at Neiman Marcus, Hudson's (Somerset store only), Jacobson's, Art Loft Gallery, Magnolias, Studio 330 and Slades.



Shapes and settings: A few of the best selling Annieglass designs.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

Holiday exhibit open

Through Dec. 31, stroll through Victorian England recreated in 23 animated vignettes portraying the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. The 8th annual holiday exhibit is presented by Hudson's during regular store hours. Group tours are available to classes, clubs. There is no charge for admission. Critics are calling this year's offering "the best so far!"

Summit Place Mall.
Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. Waterford.
(248) 683-5299.

Holiday Puppet Event

Children's Theatre of Michigan presents *Whose Ear-muffs are these anyway?* at the Pageant Wagon Theater in the Somerset Collection South rotunda, through Dec. 24 at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays 1, 3, and 5 p.m. Free.

Santa Claus photos in his three-story castle in Somerset North's Grand Court. Photo operation runs through Dec. 24 with option of Polaroid shot \$10, or roll of 35mm film for \$15, processed at parent's convenience. Appointments with Santa optional. A copy of the book "The Giving Season," available for \$19 at Ritz Camera with \$2 from each sale to Toys For Tots.

The Somerset Collection.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 816-5484.

Village Santa

The local skating rink features children at play and forest animals with Santa Photos under a snow-cov-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ered pavilion through Dec. 24.
Meadow Brook Village Mall.
Walton/Adams. Rochester Hills.
(248) 375-9451.

Dept. 56 Village

Kids can send Santa E-mail messages from a computer station on the upper level, near JC Penney's. Santa visits and photos through Dec. 24. Snow Village by Dept. 56.

Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy.
(248) 585-6000.

Carousel Santa

A 36-foot tall holiday carousel imported from Germany in mall's center court amuses visitors waiting for Santa. Laser light shows in the food court, Thursdays/Fridays 6 and 7 p.m. Saturdays/Sundays 1 and 3 p.m. through Dec. 22. The 15-minute show ends with a can drive for the Humane Society.

Wonderland Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt. Livonia.
(313) 522-4100.

Santa photos

"Wishes Can Come True," theme with giant reindeer and Santa sleigh, photos (\$6.95) through Dec. 24. Annabelle's Wish video and plush toy, \$16.98 to benefit Make A Wish Foundation, Information Desk.

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

Polar Bear Christmas

Kids who join Holiday Bear Club by Dec. 5, receive letter from Santa inviting them to breakfast. Digital image Santa photos through Dec. 24.

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-5001.

Crystal Forest Set

Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136-life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen through Dec. 24. Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.
(248) 348-9411.

Snowflake Express

Santa Claus photos plus an exhibit highlighting the December holiday traditions around the world.

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.
(248) 353-4111.

Charlie Brown Christmas

See the Peanuts gang in various holiday settings with an 18-foot high Snoopy doghouse featuring a 36-foot tree through the roof. Santa photos through Dec. 24.

Lakeside. M-59/Schoenherr. Sterling Heights.
(810) 247-4131.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

Holiday music series

Carolers and music groups perform Fridays through Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. in Lord & Taylor Court. Santa photos in Fountain Court.

Fairlane Town Center.
Michigan/Southfield. Dearborn.
(313) 593-1370.

Santa photos in the park

Santa Claus poses for photos with children Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Main Street. Plymouth.
(313) 453-1540.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Summit Place Holiday

"Is it Christmas Yet?" stories and sing-a-longs with Children's Theatre of Michigan, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 21 from 4-8 p.m. "Wrens and Roosters" are the strolling carolers.

Summit Place. Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph.
(248) 682-0123.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement!) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input the following Sunday.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Chain handles for a purse that needs replacements were spotted at **Miner's Den** on Rochester Road along with stone polishers. Call the store for more information at (248) 585-6950.
- Another source for the **BoJo** is the **Jest For The Health** of It catalog, to receive a copy call (916) 758-3826.
- Stores that buy old records include **Solo Records** (14 Mile/Woodward); **Flipside** (14 Mile near Main, Clawson); **Car City** (Harper north of Eight Mile, Detroit).
- Several callers said Betty of Farmington might have to wait until spring to buy **Lily of the Valley** fragrance by **Coty**. It is just a seasonal scent now. However, a reader spotted a **Lily of the Valley** fragrance by **Jovan** at **Sears** and another at **Crabtree & Evelyn** stores.
- **Adidas** warm-up pants in youth-sizes were spotted at **Footlocker**, in Laurel Park Place, Livonia.
- A few readers offered **electric corn poppers**, **hot rollers**, **Holly Days** dishes, **old Password** games, **dice** from the **Kismet** game, and names of **Mary Kay** distributors.
- **Emprin aspirin** might only be available in **Windsor**, reported one reader.
- An **appraiser** for an antique, duck decoy is the owner of the **Wild Wings Gallery** in Plymouth.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

- **Corelle** dishes in the very old, gold butterfly pattern for **Peggy**.
- **Barb Thomas** is looking for a **1995 Santa Bear** and a plastic **popcorn bowl** with stripes on the side.
- **The Wizard card game** for **Barb of Westland**.
- **Sarah**, a picture of **Elvis Presley** on black velvet.
- **Ruth** needs a distributor who sells the "miracle cleaner" **Swipe**.
- **The rust spot remover** **Magica** for **Michelle**.
- **Aziza** crease resistant powder eye shadow base.
- **Jean** is desperately trying to come across a **Cary Grant** recording of **Red Roses** for a

Blue Lady from many years ago.

- **The Lone Ranger board game** for **Linda** of Garden City.
- Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy Doll" with pull string, too.
- A **Bell and Howell #850 slide projector** with vertical carousel for **Beverly Gillette**.
- Replacement **cutting blades** for the **Hair Wiz** for **Ron Petrella**.
- Pleated **rainbonnets** that fold to 3-inches and pleated rainbonnets that have a snap on the bottom.
- A **Hallmark 15" red, bean bag Santa** bought in 1988, for a handicapped boy whose "favorite friend" is falling apart, according to his mom. "Santa's wearing black shoes and has green mittens."
- The old board game **Call My Bluff**, for **Joe** of Livonia.
- A **filter** for a **Norelco** clean water machine for **Gertrude** of Troy.
- A yellow, **Answer Finder**, to use with the **Scribbles Learn With Me Club** by **Western Publishing** for **Sue** of Canton.
- An **original cast recording** starring **Albert Finney** in **Scrooge** for **Bill Jacobs**.
- A 1941 copy of **Jolly Jingle Picture Book** by **Rand McNally** for **Sharon Gage**.
- The board game **Cathedral** "popular about nine years ago," for **Mr. and Mrs. Elliot**.
- A **TV tuner adapter** for **Game Gear** and a **hockey game** for **Game Gear** for **Colleen** of Redford.
- **Dick Clark cologne** for **Gloria** of West Bloomfield.
- **Lunch or dinner plates** from **Lynn Steimeist**, **Colorways** pattern, for **Joan Marinelli**, who's also looking for small, glass wind-chimes.
- An **instruction manual** for the **Apple LC II** for **Mary of Livonia**.
- A **basket** for the **crystal Frymaster**, about 10 1/2-inches across for **Shirley**.
- **Sega Genesis Shining Force One** game for **Norma**.
- **Toni permanent rollers**, 4-inches long, for **Mary Callahan**.
- **Bugle Boy elastic waist pants** and elastic ankles with **Velcro** closures in child's size **Large** for **Jo**.
- Two toys, **Weebels Treehouse** and **Don't Go With Strangers** book for **Mary Ann** of Canton.
- **Donna Karan's Toner body stocking** in nude or black, plus a **book** about a black, **Scottie dog**, **Pieface** for **Dottie** of Plymouth.
- A **rocking wooden kangaroo** (in the spirit of the hobby horse) for **Mary of Livonia**. "I bought the last one from The General Store on 10 Mile/Meadowbrook, but they're no longer there."

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MALLS OFFERS FIELD TRIPS
Attention teachers! Both **Lakeside** (Sterling Heights) and **Twelve Oaks** (Novi) debut interactive holiday decor programs created by **Technomasters of Birmingham**. Each event lasts about two hours and costs \$5 per student.
At **Lakeside**, children visiting the exhibit can design programs (grade level appropriate, PreK through Grade 8) that focus on computer literacy skills, view the **Peanuts** classic **A Charlie Brown Christmas**; design their own wrapping paper using **Peanuts** cartoons to take home; explore Internet sites where **Peanuts** animation comes to life; and work with computer quick cams to learn how movies are created. At **Twelve Oaks** similar projects have the **Exploration Station** theme. Reservations can be made by calling **Technomasters** (248) 258-9075.

LOCKER ROOM STUFF ON SALE
The Palace Locker Room retail stores opened two new locations - **The Somerset Collection North in Troy** and **Macomb Mall in Roseville**. Both stores will offer a selection of team merchandise and wearables featuring **Detroit Pistons**, **Vipers**, and other sports teams. The new stores will put shoppers "in-the-action" with color television monitors showing continuous sports highlights and live action among the colorful displays of merchandise.
The **Somerset Locker Room** will also provide a **Ticketmaster center** so shoppers can pick up tickets to their favorite events. The shops are operated by **Palace Sports and Entertainment's Merchandising Department**, which also runs the two **Locker Room** locations in **The Palace Atrium** and the souvenir stands at the organization's three venues: **The Palace**, **Pine Knob** and **Meadow Brook Music Festival**.

CELEBRITY NECK WEAR benefits kids in need **Save the Children**, one of the world's largest and oldest non-profit organizations assisting children abroad and in the U.S., launched a creative neck wear line featuring artwork designed by popular personalities. The new collection, "CelebTie for Save the Children," includes

original art contributions from **Whoopi Goldberg**, **Jerry Seinfeld**, **Larry King**, **Tom Chapin**, and the cast of hit NBC television show **Friends**. Most ties are available in three-color variations for \$25 at **Lord & Taylor** and other department stores. Each celebrity donated a drawing to **Save the Children**, which was incorporated into silk neck wear bearing the celebrity's name and a **Save the Children** authentication label. The neck wear is produced by **Salant Menswear Co.** in New York City. Approximately three percent of the price of **CelebTies** will benefit children. For nearly five years, the neck wear collection, featuring the original artwork of young children, has raised awareness and funds, for **Save the Children** and its work with children.

NEW TO STAR SOUTHFIELD
A coffee shop, **Frisco Bay**, has been added to the lobby's lineup of concessions at **Star Southfield**. Movie-goers can enjoy a latte, dessert or smoothie during the film or after. The **Star Southfield** is on 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern.

NEW CD AIDS LEUKEMIA FIGHT
Motor City Riffs a compilation CD of original songs recorded by Detroit-area musicians is on sale for \$10 at all **Harmony House** stores to benefit the **Leukemia Society of America**. The promotion is co-sponsored by **WRIF** and **Miller Genuine Draft Beer**.

SHOE STORE HOSTS FOOD DRIVE
Shoppers who bring in non-perishable food items to **Richard's Stride Rite on The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield** or **Summit Place in Waterford** receive \$5 off a new pair of shoes. The food will be collected through Dec. 13 and passed on to **The Sanctuary and Haven**.

SPECIAL TO TEL-TWELVE
Tel-Twelve Mall in **Southfield** has many new shops open for Nov.-Jan. Among them: **The Warming House** (family accessories), **Toys For Less** (discount playthings), **N&J Tailoring**, **Christmas By Frank's**, **Wilson The Leather Experts**, **Pager One**, **Great Lakes Hotdog** (Vienna beef variations), **The Sports Gallery** (memorabilia and collectibles). The mall, at 12 Mile and Telegraph, welcomes inquiries at (248) 353-4111.

NEW TO BIRMINGHAM
Kevin Westfall opened a paint store, **Teknicolors**, two blocks north of 14 Mile on Woodward. He welcomes inquiries at (248) 646-5924.
Sarah Verlinden welcomes shoppers to **The Great Indoors**,

163 N. Old Woodward. Her store offers home decorating accessories and furniture. Inquiries at (248) 645-2325. **The Purple Bear**, an upscale children's clothier is open at 244 East Maple. The store is owned by **Joan Halminiak** and her daughter-in-law, **Daphne**. **Tutto Bene, Good Things Italian**, is at 217 N. Old Woodward. Owner **Jennifer Rancilio** said the shop is filled with imported items including hand-painted ceramics, Venetian glass, hand blown ornaments and jewelry. She welcomes inquiries at (248) 723-8310. **Larry Joseph's Brooklyn Bagel** opened at 33401 Woodward. On the way... **Roots** is coming back to Maple, and **Grienstein Jewelers** is set to open at 162 S. Old Woodward.

NORTHLAND BLANKET BENEFIT
"Share The Warmth" to benefit the **Salvation Army** will be held at the **Northland Center**, Nine Mile and Greenfield in **Southfield**, Dec. 6-24. For every \$150 in mall receipts, **Northland** and **Cotton Incorporated** will donate a blanket to the shelter in the shopper's name. Redeem receipts at the **Customer Service Center**.

HOLIDAY STORES AT OAKLAND
The following temporary shops are open for more gift ideas at **Oakland Mall, Troy**: **Brookstones**, **Entertainment Passbooks**, **Gift Haven** (holograms), **Glass Gallery**, **Hickory Farms**, **Stockings to Stuff**, **Sharkey's**, **Tough of Silver**, **Walden Books**, **Sweaters USA**, **Frame A Name**, **Massage Pillows**, **Classic Miniatures** and **Claudia Promotions** (crafts and wreaths).

BOUTIQUE ADDS NEW LINE
Tender, 271 West Maple in downtown **Birmingham**, has added the **Alicia Lawhorn** collection to its selection of fashion-forward merchandise. The ethnic-inspired designs are of rich, unevenly-dyed tones including

hand-painted dresses, patchwork cardigans and denim suits.

TWELVE OAKS HORSE PATROL
The **Oakland County Mounted Division** reservists and their personal steeds will help monitor the **Twelve Oaks** shopping center parking lot in **Novi**, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 24. The officers will assist shoppers with spotting cars or other car problems.

FYE OPENS AT WONDERLAND
The multi-media store **FYE** (For Your Entertainment) is open at **Wonderland Mall** in **Livonia**, selling books, video, games, tapes and CDs in a 20,000-square foot emporium (in the former **Woolworth's** space.) The store is part of the center's west wing \$10 million renovation. **Jeeper!** a 25,000-square foot indoor, themed entertainment center, also opened in the west wing, a month ago. **FYE** based in New York, is a division of **Transworld Entertainment**, which owns and operates the **Record Town** stores.

KIDS CAN DECORATE TREES
Livonia Mall hosts its annual **Tree Decorating Contest** for Children, ages 3-12 years, Dec. 6 from 10-11 a.m. in the **Community Room** near **Entrance G**. Kids pick up their trees this day and return them for judging on Saturday, Dec. 13 between 11-11:30 a.m. near **Entrance H**. Winners announced at noon in three categories: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Participants must register by Dec. 3 in the mall management office. Prize for all who decorate a tree.

ALL-BRAND WATCH SHOW
Triple Crown Watch Co. at 1940 East Maple (west of John R) will offer 20,000 watch styles for holiday shoppers, Dec. 4-6 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Choose from **Longines**, **Fendi**, **Citizen**, **ESQ**, **Delma** and **Wittnauer**, and more. Inquiries are welcome at (248) 585-2777.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the 1996-97 Appropriation Ordinance to place \$5,000,000 of surplus funds in the County Delinquent Tax Fund in the Capital Projects Fund to support pay-as-you-go Capital Plan. The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997, 10:00 a.m.
Henry Ford Estate, U of M Dearborn Campus
(north of Michigan Avenue, south of Ford Road, west of Evergreen)

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Dentistry in the 90s

by **Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.** & **Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.**

CHALLENGING CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Conventional wisdom holds that wisdom teeth should be extracted because they are likely to cause trouble as people get older. And, it is true that impacted (stuck beneath the gums) wisdom teeth can develop infections or cause damage to neighboring teeth. A recent review, however, found that no more than 12 percent of impacted wisdom teeth ever cause problems after age 30. In these cases dentists can usually detect a problem early enough to remove the tooth before damage occurs. The wisdom-tooth review also calculated that only one percent of those with impacted wisdom teeth would benefit from a preventive extraction. As for normal wisdom teeth, there is no proof that they tend to push neighboring teeth out of alignment.

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P.S. Wisdom teeth is the common name for third molars.

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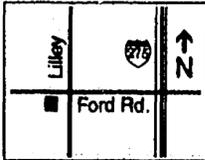
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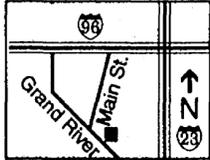
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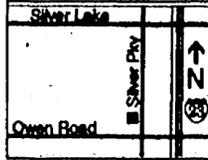
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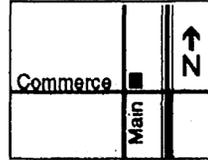
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Rational Recovery

Rational Recovery is an international non-profit, self-help organization for men and women who are experiencing problems as a result of alcohol/and or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. Rational Recovery meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Harrison School in Garden City in classroom #5 and every Friday at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital in the lower level of the Medical Office Building.

RR has its roots in Cognitive Behavioral psychology. The distinguishing features from other prevailing abstinence programs are its rejection of the "disease" concept and the belief that individuals who engage in self-defeating behaviors have the power to overcome their problems by replacing their irrational thought processes with a rational belief system thus eliminating the previous outcome of self defeating behavior. For additional information call (248) 476-2657.

Providence to open Canton facility

The new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, which will include an urgent care, pharmacy, physician offices and other services is scheduled to open in February 1998. The facility is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.

The building will have a focus on women's health, including specialists, service and educational programs for women of all ages. The facility also will be home to Michigan's first Interactive Health Education Center, set to open in Jan. 1999. The interactive center will draw visitors from across the state. For more information, please call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at 800-231-2211.

New outpatient rehab

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation has acquired I.H.S. Therapy, P.C. located at 42801 Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth. The location will operate under the name HEALTHSOUTH Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Center and will specialize in sports medicine, spine rehabilitation and aquatic therapy.

"HEALTHSOUTH is pleased to expand its health care services in Plymouth," said P. Daryl Brown, president of HEALTHSOUTH outpatients centers. "With every addition to our network, we are able to further enhance HEALTHSOUTH's reputation for high-quality, cost-effective care."

World AIDS Day - 1997

Oakwood Healthcare System will be holding its fourth annual free conference in support of World AIDS Day. This year's theme is *Children Living in a World with AIDS*, beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn.

Key parts of the program include a play about people with AIDS; a panel of teens affected and infected with the virus; the epidemiology of HIV and the display of a panel of the AIDS quilt. "This conference will give families more information to help protect their children from HIV and will also address coping issues," explained Nicholas Lekas, M.D., conference director and chief of infectious disease at Oakwood Hospital/Medical Center.

To register or for more information on the symposium, call (313) 593-7195.

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LEGISLATION TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN DONATIONS

WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

There are approximately 2,200 Michigan residents currently waiting for an organ transplant to save their lives. What's more discouraging is that they live in a state that ranks 45th of 50 in the nation for organ and tissue donors — one of the worst in the country.

Proposed legislation pending in the Senate has the potential to position Michigan among 19 states, including Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania, that have aggressively sought to increase tissue and organ donations, saving thousands of lives annually.

One of the most ironic tragedies that arises out of a death is that countless people could go on living healthy and complete lives from the organs of a single donor. A donor whose wish often goes unfulfilled because it was never shared with the family.

"The single most frequent response we hear when families are asked about donating organs and tissues from a loved one is, 'We never talked about it, we'd better say no,'" said Tom Beyersdorf, executive director, Gift of Life Agency of Michigan.

A set of bills that already passed in the House will require the Michigan Secretary of State to:

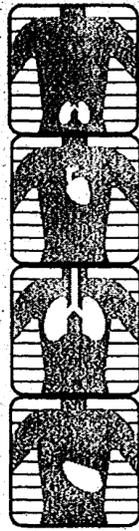
- Provide every driver's license applicant with information about organ and tissue donation.

- Allow every applicant the opportunity to register as a future donor and have that donation status affixed permanently to the license.

- Transmit the list of donor registrants to the Michigan Donor Registry maintained by the Gift of Life Agency. The registry will be for future use in communicating with families at hospitals following the death of a loved one.

Supporters believe the current system of affixing stickers to the back of licenses "falls short" of the potential in the state. Public education and increased awareness are two of the keys, say backers, that will shed light on a problem that often goes unaddressed.

"When the wishes of the deceased are known,



Transplant waiting list: Currently waiting for a transplant as of 9/01/97

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| Kidney | 1587 |
| Heart | 70 |
| Heart/Lung | 1 |
| Lung | 120 |
| Liver | 243 |
| Pancreas | 96 |
| Cornea | 258 |

**273 patients received an organ transplant year-to-date
95 patients died waiting.**

family members invariably honor those wishes. The registry is a vital tool in communicating those wishes," said Beyersdorf.

The computerized donor registry, maintained by the Gift of Life Agency, is an efficient method of maintaining donor wishes from which health care professionals have access, that automatically checks the pool of potential donors to match with recipients.

Families at the hospital can be made aware of their loved ones' wishes and make a decision about donating. The registry presently has a list of 12,000 future donors. With the successful passage of legislation, the donor list could grow dramatically, resulting in the reduction of recipients waiting on a transplant list.

In Arizona where a revised anatomical gift act was enacted in May 1996, tissue donation increased by 62 percent in an eight-month period.

The state of Illinois has seen dramatic percentage increases since a "Live and Learn" law was signed in 1993. Today, there are 3.7 million people on the state's donor registry, the largest in the nation; organ donation has increased by 52 percent in only four years; and registry participation at driver license facilities serving mostly minority customers has increased by more than 100 percent.

Michigan legislators are optimistic about furthering legislation that can bring about positive change — turning tragedies into charitable acts of heroism.

• Three proposed bills currently remain idle in committee. Legislators are not expected to make a decision in the Senate until the first of the year. If you would like more information about The Gift of Life Agency of Michigan (Transplantation Society of Michigan), call 1-800-482-4881.

Tragedy eased by mom's heroic decision



Hero: 18-year-old Phillip Lewis lost his life in 1994 but thanks to organ donations - five transplant recipients were saved.

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Cynthe Lewis made a decision Oct. 15, 1994, that saved the lives of five people. Her heroic act was born out of a tragic accident that left her son, Phillip Lewis, brain dead. He was just 18 years old.

Lewis consented unselfishly to have her young son's organs donated to transplant patients whose chances of living, rather than dying, were made greater by her generosity.

"I was told there was no hope," said Lewis, "and I was given the chance to help someone else. I didn't have to think twice about saying yes."

The Redford teen's heart went to a 65-year-old retired teacher from Kentucky. She has since returned to enjoying normal activities with her children and grandchildren.

Phillip's liver restored life to a 64-year-old widow from North Carolina. Both of his kidneys went to men from Tennessee. The youngest of the two recipients was a diabetic for more than 30 years who had been on a waiting list since November 1992.

The second man, a 53-year-old father, no longer endures hours of dialysis he would undergo each week as a result of cysts that formed in his kidneys.

A 47-year-old wife and mother from Kentucky, suffering from a chronic disease, became the recipient of his lungs. The second day following the transplant, she was removed from a machine that breathed for her and had normal blood oxygen levels. Previously simple tasks were impossible as a result of her advanced illness.

Greatest gift

Their only hope was a transplant. Cynthe Lewis's only wish was that something good come out of a bad situation.

Phillip, a spirited teen who loved music and playing guitar with his band, was in Kentucky staying with a friend at the time of the accident. Cynthe remembers receiving the call from Kentucky authorities who notified her that Phillip had been transported to a local hospital after falling out of a four story window to the cement pavement.

"I knew something wasn't right when they asked me if I had a child named Phillip Lewis," said Cynthe Lewis. "The news can't be good when they start out with a question like that."

She and her sister drove to the University of Kentucky in Lexington where Phillip had been airlifted because of the severity of his injuries. He was unconscious with broken arms and legs, a fractured skull, extensive facial damage

Gift puts new heart in minister's life

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

In September, the Rev. Jack Spitzta of Westland celebrated his second anniversary. Not a marital milestone or an observance of his dedication to the church but a celebration of the gift of life. In 1995, his failing heart was replaced with that of a 20-year-old accident victim.

"I'm living, breathing proof that organ donations work," said Spitzta. "Someone saw the chance to give or extended the life of a stranger who couldn't live without the donation and they gave the greatest gift any of us can — life."

The Westland grandfather's health began to decline in 1988. He was experiencing chest pressure, water retention, extreme fatigue and an overall lack of strength.

"I was getting so weak it took all of me to get to the altar every Sunday for service," remembered Spitzta, "but I never missed a sermon."

After being diagnosed with congestive heart failure and undergoing a battery of tests, Spitzta was placed on a transplant list in March of 1995 at the age of 66 and began a costly waiting game. Despite his age, he was a candidate thanks to his general good health. "I never drank or smoked and I was in pretty good shape except for my heart," said Spitzta.

Labor Day weekend of the same year, Spitzta was contacted by the transplant team at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. A young male accident victim's family agreed to donate their son's organs and Spitzta was a match for his heart.

"I remember waking up after the surgery on Tuesday staring at the beige ICU wall and thinking, 'I don't have congestive heart failure any more.'"

Just nine days after the transplant, he was released from the hospital and returned to the pulpit at New Hope Baptist Church like he had every Sunday for the last 36 years.

"Families faced with a tragedy need to know their loved ones organs won't do them any good," Spitzta said frankly, "but they can help save the lives of countless others."

In the last two years, Spitzta has resumed all normal activities with no limitations holding him back. Last summer, he and his 9-year-old grandson traveled to Florida and enjoyed riding "all the roller coasters" they could during a vacation to Disney World. "I've been given a chance to watch my grandson grow and be a part of his life — for that I am grateful."

In addition to sharing his story with his congregation, Spitzta speaks to ser-



Grateful: Rev. Jack Spitzta has a new lease on life since receiving a new heart through the generosity and charity of a caring stranger.

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Please see HEART, C2

Winter itch indicates dry, chapped skin

As we say goodbye to November we find days are getting shorter while temperatures take an uncomfortable downward spiral. That crackling sound you may hear, however, isn't chestnuts roasting on an open fire, but the dry touch of your chapped skin.

Skin dryness is not uncommon, particularly in the winter months when wind exposure and freezing temperatures take a toll on all parts of your body, including those you think you've kept under wraps. Dermatologists warn that even short stints outside require a complete coverup to help avoid serious skin damage (frostbite) or windburn.

"Skin needs hydration to stay healthy, and usually it protects itself from drying out by producing a layer of oil," said Dr. Michael Mahon, D.O., Botsford dermatologist. "Unfortunately, as we grow older, our skin gener-

ates less oil naturally. Although all skin 'soaks up' moisture from the air when it's humid, low humidity can really cause damage."

Dry skin is a natural component of the aging process - it can be accelerated by a lack of moisture or slowed if proper care is taken to keep skin supple, moist and well-hydrated.

Another source of dehydration is the tendency to "turn up the heat" in the winter that leads to a serious lack of moisture in your home where you spend a good portion of time from November through March. Moisture needs to be returned to the

'I tell patients to cut down on those long, hot bubble baths and beware of harsh detergent soaps.'

*Michael Mahon
—Botsford dermatologist*

air to keep yourself properly hydrated. One solution may be the installation of a mobile room humidifier that redirects moisture back into the air.

"I tell patients to cut down on those long, hot bubble baths and beware of harsh detergent soaps," said Mahon. "To combat chapped, dry skin, you should consistently use moisturizing lotions or creams - Eucerin, Lubriderm, Vaseline or the like several times a day, especially after washing your hands or bathing. Any of these over-the-counter products can help soothe and prevent moisture from evaporating."

Mahon strongly cautions outdoor enthusiasts and those not so fond of winter to wear gloves and hats, "even if out only for a short time."

If dry skin becomes severely cracked or inflamed, you may want to seek treatment from a dermatologist. Prescription medications can be very effective in preventing infection and further damage to chapped, cracked and scaled skin.

Just because it's winter, it doesn't mean you shouldn't be using sunscreen. "In addition to moisturizing, sunscreen is the best sure-fire way of protecting your skin and your health - as well as reducing the signs of aging," said Mahon.

Health-related information can be obtained from the Botsford Web site on the Internet at <http://www.botsfordsystem.org>.

HEALTH NEWSMAKERS

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New St. Mary staff

Jayshree Desai, M.D. recently joined the staff of St. Mary Hospital and opened her office at Marian Professional Building/St. Mary Hospital, 14555 Levan (Suite E-307).

Desai became a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in Nov. 1997. She will soon be on the staff of Botsford and Beaumont hospitals and was a senior medical staff member with the Henry Ford Medical Center before deciding to go into practice on her own. She provides all general medical services including flu and pneumonia shots, gynecological checkups and pap smears. Basic lab tests, including EKG, spirometry, ultrasound and echocardiogram are provided. Same day appointments, 24-hour availability, evening and Saturday hours are available. For an appointment call (313) 591-7666.

Doctor joins Providence

Dr. Leslie Ponesse Arroyo has joined the staff of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers. She recently was one of 500 family physicians nationwide to receive the degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) at the AAFP's Annual Scientific Assembly in Chicago.

For four years she practiced out of Botsford Family Health Center in Livonia where she was clinical director. She is a member of the core faculty in the Providence Family Practice Residency Program and is accepting new patients for weekday and evening hours.



Arroyo

Medical administrator named

Cheryl Canvasser Schwartz has been named to The American Academy of Medical Administrators as an affiliate. This honor is conferred upon those whose outstanding credentials in healthcare administration merit such recognition.

Schwartz is the Administrative Director of Cardiovascular Clinical Associates, a 16-physician cardiology group with offices in Farmington Hills, Garden City and Wayne.

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Coordinator earns certification

Juanita Pastula, R.N. of Livonia, education coordinator, Nursing Administration, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, recently earned her certification as a Clinical Specialist in Medical/Surgical Nursing through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

As an education coordinator, Pastula is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating orientation, inservice and continuing education programs for nurses. A graduate of the Mercy School of Nursing and has worked at St. Mary Hospital for 10 years. Currently, she is involved in postgraduate studies in Business Administration at Madonna University.

Oncologist joins St. Mary staff

Harmesh Naik, M.D., has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Naik is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine and has served a fellowship in medical oncology at Wayne State University and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

His office is located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 408 Livonia, in the Marian Professional Building next to St. Mary Hospital.



Naik

Tree of life - remember loved ones

Angela Hospice of Livonia is extending an invitation to the community to honor and remember their loved ones this holiday season at the tenth annual "Tree of Life." The tree will be on display at Laurel Park Place from now to Dec. 31.

For more information on the Tree of Life, contact Angela Hospice (313) 464-7810.

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vice organizations and students about the need for aggressive legislation to further organ and tissue donations. "I stand before them as living proof they can help save a life," said Spitz. "If you've never talked about your wishes, let your family know what they are or become a registered donor."

"Organ recipients should be an inspiration to everyone."

Hero from page C1

scious with broken arms and legs, a fractured skull, extensive facial damage and head trauma. "I believe Phillip waited for me to get there knowing this was an opportunity to help someone. He knew I would consent and he hung on."

The chief neurological surgeon at the University of Kentucky consulted with Lewis following two days of treatment in the Intensive Care Unit where Phillip was being kept alive by a respirator. The physician explained that Phillip had no brain activity and little chance to survive.

"I agreed to donate his organs because it was the right thing for me to do," she said. "I give blood so it seemed only natural to feel that way about organ donations."

Three years have passed since Phillip died. His mother's face lights up when she talks about her son but it's easy to see her pain lies just below the surface. On her sweater lapel she wears a green ribbon that symbolizes support of the Gift of Life organization and their crusade to increase awareness of organ/tissue donations. She says it's a good conversation piece to get people talking about organ donations.

"It reminds me of Phillip, too."

Besides wearing the green ribbon, Lewis has become a public speaker for the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan. She tells Phillip's story in formal presentations or to anyone who will listen in an effort to "promote organ and tissue donations" as much as she can. "That's where the pin comes in handy. Someone will ask me about it and that gives me another opportunity to talk about donating. I always say yes when they ask me to speak. Whatever it takes to make people more aware."

"It helps me heal and gives me a sense that I'm still taking care of Phillip."

Lewis is also in full support of proposed legislation to provide every license applicant with information about donating and have donation status permanently affixed to driver's licenses. "Whatever it takes to make more people aware of the need and importance of making their wishes known to their family."

While the final decision remains with the family, Tom Beyersdorf, executive director of Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, says families will usually honor those wishes if they were made known or are made aware the potential donor was listed on a donor registry.

Many lives were changed forever in October 1994. Lewis has the option to call the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates to find out how each of the recipients are doing since the transplants. Sadly, the man whose kidney's failed from diabetes died - not as a result of organ rejection but from colon cancer.

The other kidney recipient and transplant patients are doing great. In fact, Lewis received what she called "a very touching letter" from one of the recipients' daughters last June. The young woman expressed her sympathy for the loss of Lewis' son and explained how grateful she was for having her father back thanks to the kidney transplant.

"She wrote that her dad no longer had to drive three hours one way, sometimes four times a week, for dialysis treatments," said Lewis. "It was a hard letter for me to read."

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TUE, DEC. 2

WBO DECEMBER MEETING
The meeting of the Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan (WBO) will host a round table discussion titled "Achieving Balance in our Lives." Whether you work outside your home or maintain a home-based office, creating symmetry between one's work and personal life becomes paramount for achieving success and happiness. The meeting takes place on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower at State Street in Ann Arbor. Business Mixer begins at 6:30 p.m. The program follows from 7-8:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 for nonmembers and free for members. Reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information on WBO, contact WBO President Monica Milla at (313) 332-0770 or through our Web site at <http://www.wbo.org>

WED, DEC. 3

FINANCIAL PLANNING
Free seminar on Financial Planning Solutions for Long Term Care is being sponsored by Maurice A. Betman, Long Term Care Specialist of Comprehensive Financial Planning Corporation. The seminar is being held at the Farmington Hills Borders Books and Music store located at 30995 Orchard Lake Road at 7:30 p.m. Call 800-598-7834 to register.

THE BUSINESS OF RACING

An inside look at racing performance, professionalism and teamwork will be presented by renowned race care driver Bobby Rahal, of Team Rahal, at the monthly dinner meeting of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Detroit (SMED) at 5 p.m. at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road (at Crooks Road) in Troy. Tickets are \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$250 for a member's table of eight. Advanced registration is required. For information call meeting coordinators, (248) 643-6590.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Business Network International, regular meeting of the Laurel Park Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m.

at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh roads. Call BNI for more information, (313) 844-3432.

THUR, DEC. 4

TAX EDUCATION CONFERENCE
The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) announces a conference scheduled for December at the Laurel Manor in Livonia on Federal Tax lectures. The conference fee is \$130 and the recommended CPE credit is eight hours. For more information call (248) 855-2288.

FRI, DEC. 5

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International, regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI for more information, (313) 844-3432.

TUE, DEC. 9

ASQ GENERAL MEETING
The Greater Detroit Section American Society for Quality (formerly ASQC) will meet at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North in Livonia beginning at 5:45 p.m. with registration and networking. Carol Ward will facilitate section business at 6:15 with a sit down dinner at 6:45 (members \$20; non \$25) and the main speaker at 7:15 p.m. Stephen Gill will discuss the role of evaluation in Human Performance Technology/Improvement and how that help companies plan programs to achieve their strategic goals.

WED, DEC. 10

EXECUTIVE WOMEN INT'L
The Executive Women International Detroit-Windsor Chapter holiday business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$26 (U.S.) Special presentation: Martini Revival by Fris Vodka: The Perfect Martini. For more information call Cynthia Hazard (810) 448-8682 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business Professionals, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Director joins firm

Jack F. DiFranco has joined Stout Risius Ross of Farmington Hills as a managing director. DiFranco will head the firm's Corporate Finance Group. Prior to joining Stout Risius Ross, he was a vice president, corporate finance at First of Michigan in Detroit. Stout Risius Ross is the largest full service valuation and financial advisory firm based in Michigan.

Advertising director

Dawn M. Herren of Farmington has been appointed the director of advertising for Sibley's Shoes, Inc. She has been with Sibley's for seven years and most recently assistant director of advertising. Herren is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree.

O'Connor promoted

Thomas F. O'Connor of Livonia, senior associate, has been promoted to the position of manager in Arthur Andersen's International Executive Services practice where he specializes in human resources. O'Connor joined the firm in March 1996.

He is currently a member of the Michigan State Bar, the Society of Human Resources Management and the Institute of International Human Resources. O'Connor also serves as a consultant to Junior Achievement and a volunteer for Renaissance Home Health Care.

Planning conference attendee

Russell Navarre, District Manager of Money Concepts International Inc. Centres in Livonia recently attended the company's annual Planning Conference in Juniper, Fla. Money Concepts Int'l, is a worldwide network of Financial Planning Centres. This event was attended by MCI advisory board members, Financial Centres owners like Navarre, and associates from all across the United States.

The Internet: News and information on demand

The biggest problem with the Internet is its size. It is too big and the information it offers is overwhelming. What's needed is a Gatekeeper.

What we have are Personal Agents - Geek Speak for Internet applications that allow us to customize the news and information we receive on our web start-up pages. There are dozens available, with more being released every day.

I am always amazed at how many people never set up their Internet browser to reflect their personal tastes and interests.

This week, we're going to get personal with our browser.

Let's start with Netscape's Communicator and Microsoft's Internet Explorer, the two browsers used by close to 95% of the 56 million adults in the U.S. who currently have access the Internet.

By default, when you open up either one of these browsers, it goes to the home page of either Netscape Communications or Microsoft. All that is fine. Both companies offer very complete and useful home pages. But with so many users opening up the same start page on the same site at the same time, it often takes a long time to draw on your screen. Besides, they're pretty boring.

The solution is setup another start page. You do not have to settle for what they provide. You can choose to begin your web sessions with any site you want.

Here's how to change the start-up page:

In Communicator, you go to Options, then General Preferences. Click on the Navigation tab. See where it says Startup? In that box is a place for a URL. That stands for Universal Resource Locator, or the Internet address of a Web site. Just type in the URL of whatever page you want to begin with, say... my page. For example, www.pcmike.com, or the Observer & Eccentric site, www.oconline.com. Click OK and, next time you start Communicator, it will open with your new selection instead of Netscape's or Microsoft's boring home page.

You can do the same thing with Microsoft's Internet Explorer. Go to View, then Options and then click the Navigation tab. Type in the URL under the space for the Start Page, click OK and, that simple, it's got your own

favorite page up front, instead of Bill Gates' favorite.

But maybe you don't have a page you like that much but you would like something a bit more useful than the standard offerings served up by Communicator and Explorer. That's where these Personal Agents come into the picture.

Personal Agents allow you to customize your own start page with specific, personally-selected material. Once again, Communicator and Explorer are head-to-head in competing for you to choose their Personal Agent.

In Netscape, go to the home page (www.netscape.com) and look for a hyperlink to something called Powerstart. Click on it and you'll be led to a template. You fill in the things you want to see on your own start page. You can have a localized weather report, movie listings and start times for the theaters in your neighborhood, a stock ticker that scrolls across your screen listing only the companies you're interested in, and headline news and sports. You can even have your own to-do list pop up, as well as current information about your favorite stock.

Microsoft Explorer will let you do the

same thing from the Microsoft Network Home Page (www.msn.com). Explorer uses your zip code to call up the movie schedule for what's playing in your neighborhood theater. It also has local TV listings and, my favorite, a direct link to the daily Dilbert comic strip.

You don't have to stick with just the so-called "Browser Big Two."

Just about every major presence on the Net these days is offering users the opportunity to customize their Web start-up pages.

My current favorite is from Excite, which is known for its very fast and reliable search engine. But it also has a custom start page, called Excite Live! (live.excite.com), and I think it is the slickest on the Net. It opens with a very easy to follow look at the top news headlines of the hour. The headlines are all hyperlinked. Click on the one, and you get the full story. And while Excite Live! has its share of ads and self-promoting features, it is the most straightforward in giving the user just

what's wanted. Excite Live! really shines when it comes to displaying business news and information, especially stock prices. Most of the other custom start pages limit you to only a few stocks and funds to monitor. Excite lets you fill in a virtual portfolio.

Another neat site that concentrates on business news and a personalized portfolio that updates your holdings each day is from Intuit (www.intuit.com), the company that makes the popular Quicken financial software.

One suggestion: Because this is obviously highly personal information, I would not suggest entering too much detail on the computer you access from work. You can still have it report how your holdings are doing, but just don't enter in the number of shares you

own...unless you want anyone wandering past your screen to know your intimate financial details.

For general news, entertainment, business and sports information, take your pick. Every major online news presence these days is on the Personal Agent bandwagon. My favorites include CNN (www.cn.com), MSNBC (www.msnbc.com) ABC (www.abc-news.com) and Wired Magazine's Newsbot (www.newsbot.com).

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270 and he is the author of a series of Internet books (call 888-222-1866). You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

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WISHING UPON A STAR

SWF, 32, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys traveling, long walks, music, line dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, seeks SWCM, 28-35, to share same interests. Ad# 2732

LOVER OF LIFE

Artistic, creative DWCM, 43, 5'1", participates in bible study, N/S, non-drinker, loves playing the guitar, looking for enjoyable S/DWCM. Ad# 4283

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CALL!

Catholic SW mom, 33, 5'1", interests are animals, horseback riding, music, movies, reading books, TV, gam's, seeks family-oriented SWCM, 28-42, N/S, for a serious relationship. Ad# 5564

LOVE ANGEL

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'2", 118lbs., green-eyed blond, caring, N/S, enjoys barbecues, going to church, seeking spiritual, tall, active, down-to-earth SM. N/S. Ad# 6258

A BRIGHTER SIDE

Friendly WWBCF, 47, 5'6", enjoys going to church, seeking easygoing, sincere, level-headed SBM, 40+, for friendship. Ad# 2346

VERSATILE

SW mom, 24, 5'9", enjoys dancing, reading, movies, photography, seeking a SWM, 24-32, with high morals. Ad# 3237

LOVES THE LORD

Active, carefree, professional SWCF, 38, 5'11", 140lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks tall, enthusiastic SWCM, friend, to enjoy all that life has to offer. Ad# 6755

SOUTHERN BELLE

Educated SWF, 54, 5'7", 125lbs., platinum blonde, green eyes; lives in Oak Park, enjoys cooking, antiques, movies, art, seeking a SJWM, 50+. Ad# 2020

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWF, 26, 5'5", outgoing, friendly, from Oak Park area, employed, enjoys traveling, shopping, the casino, concerts, seeks SWCM, 26-35, for serious relationship. Ad# 9811

LOOK MY WAY

Catholic DW, 45, 5'2", no children at home, from Oakwood County, hobbies are dancing, long walks, candlelit dinners, the beach, concerts, hoping to meet a DWCM, 41-49. Ad# 2234

NEW CHAPTER

SWF, 70, blonde hair, enjoys long walks, quiet evenings at home, dancing, seeks caring SWM, 62+ for companionship. Ad# 6255

SOUND INTERESTING?

Protestant SWF, 23, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, friendly, enjoys sports, movies, fishing, computers, seeking congenial SWM, 23-30. Ad# 1273

INSPIRED?

Catholic WWBF, 47, 5'5", full-figured, gregarious, from Detroit, loves Bingo, current events, singing in the choir, attending church, seeks Catholic WWBMC. Ad# 3190

ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL

DWCF, 48, 5'5", full-figured, dark hair, green eyes, bright, pretty, down-to-earth, professional, seeks sincere, sociable, fun-loving SWCM, 42-52, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 7455

SHE'S THE ONE

Friendly DWCF, 47, 5'6", long blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys singing, seeks SM, 35+, for friendship first. Ad# 2285

FOCUS HERE

Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 29-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 5658

FAITH & HOPE

DWCF, 48, 5'4", 112lbs., reddish-blonde hair, brown eyes, sociable, self-employed, lives in Rochester Hill, likes dining out, jazz, concerts, plays, seeks well-balanced, spiritual SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 7777

ONE OF THE FINEST

Catholic SWF, 47, 5'9", sort of shy, educated, employed, looking for Catholic SWM, under 49, who is optimistic and understanding. Ad# 2250

EXTRA NICE

Sociable DW mom, 28, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

FUN-LOVING GAL

Protestant SWF, 37, athletic, lives in Rochester, employed, loves dogs, enjoys animals, enjoys travel, seeks happy, Protestant SWM, 30+, who has a positive attitude. Ad# 1514

PATIENT & LOVING

Born-Again DW mom, 44, 5'2", resides in Troy, enjoys Bible study, science fiction movies, Star Trek, seeks compassionate, honest, Born-Again SWCM, 38-53, Troy area preferred. Ad# 2948

ACHIEVER

SWCF, 26, 5'6", 125lbs., never-married, career-oriented, likes hockey, football, dancing, movies, seeks clean-cut, educated, confident SWCM, 24-30, without kids. Ad# 1564

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

Catholic WWWF, 68, 5'4", honest, lives in Sterling Heights, enjoys golf, dancing, travel, easy listening music, seeks SWM, with similar qualities. Ad# 5569

WORTH THE CALL

Catholic SWF, 27, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, friendly, enjoys running, camping, dancing, seeks secure, professional SWCM, 27-38, with a positive attitude. Ad# 3267

CHILD OF GOD

Religious DW, 38, 5'3", 165lbs., red hair, brown eyes, affectionate, kind, enjoys long walks, movies, the country, seeks down-to-earth, caring, humorous, loving SWM, N/S. Ad# 1000

LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS

Baptist SWF, 26, 5', sincere, honest, enjoys hockey, the theater, movies, singing, reading, seeks SWCM, 25-36, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 1526

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Catholic SW mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8648

SWEET & CUTE

Outgoing, never-married SBFC, 23, 5'6", student, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking understanding, sensitive SCM, 25-33. Ad# 8044

LOVING AND CARING

Protestant DW, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, warm, witty, fun, happy, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks neat, professional SWM, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3334

CLASSY

SBF, 42, 5'8", well-educated, compassionate, God-fearing, enjoys the theatre, opera, aerobics, tennis, the outdoors, ethnic cuisine, seeks easygoing, caring, loyal, non-deceptive, SWM, 40-60, with children at home. Ad# 4020

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Catholic DW, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

HAVE TIME FOR ME?

Catholic DW, 45, 5'3", medium build, enjoys concerts, barbecues, amusement parks, dancing, museums, the beach, quiet times at home, seeks DWCM, 40-49, children welcome. Ad# 7259

END MY SEARCH

DW mom, 43, 5'6", 160lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, faithful, honest, employed SWM, 40-55. Ad# 3845

SUPER WOMAN

Protestant SWF, 59, 5'4", upbeat, loving, laid-back, kind, hobbies include walks, reading, golf, religion, seeks honest, open SWM, 57-77, integrity a must. Ad# 5557

GET TO KNOW ME

Protestant SWF, 33, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, educated, employed, enjoys Bible study, fishing, golf, concerts, line dancing, seeks Protestant SWM, 29-37, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 5264

RELIGION IS THE KEY

Baptist SB mom, 33, 5'7", outgoing, intelligent, attractive, lives in Detroit, likes movies, working out, quiet times, seeks good-hearted, compatible SBM, 27-39, with good morals. Ad# 1936

GOD COMES FIRST

SWF, 45, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, hobbies include Bible study, family activities, seeking SWM, 46-56, for friendship first. Ad# 3257

HARDWORKING

Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

NEW DIMENSION OF LIFE...

DWCF, 49, 5'6", from Commerce, ready to make a commitment, in search of an educated SWCM, 47-56, N/S, light drinker preferred. Ad# 3569

TEDDY BEAR TYPE?

Methodist DW, 62, 5'6", full-figured, blue eyes, from Belleville, romantic, enjoys stamp collecting, reading, cuddling, crosswords, seeks honest SWM, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1934

LET'S TALK

Energetic, pleasant SBF, 19, 5'6", goal-oriented, enjoys biking, dancing, watching sunsets, seeks SBM, to share great times, lots of laughter. Ad# 4610

A WARM WELCOME

Professional DW, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, owner of dog and parrot, seeks SWM, 35-48, for relationship, kids okay. Ad# 3957

MEANT TO BE?

Catholic SWF, 23, 5', shy, honest, romantic, from Royal Oak, enjoys rollerblading, movies, dancing, seeks N/S, childless, Catholic SWM, 23-27, with similar interests. Ad# 4808

TIRED OF GAMES?

SWF, 24, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys camping, cooking, the theatre, children, seeking honest, sincere, commitment-minded SWM, under 30. Ad# 2572

LONG-TERM?

Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks childless, compatible SWM, 21-29, who has never been married. Ad# 3842

COLLECTS TEDDY BEARS

Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

HONESTY COUNTS

Catholic SWF, 50, reserved, practical, enjoys skating, walking, photography, dancing, music, theatre, looking for supportive SM. Ad# 3839

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Catholic SWM, 40, easygoing, open-minded, lives in Redford, employed, enjoys outdoor sports, seeks slender Protestant SWF, under 43, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2225

ONE OF THE FINEST

DWM, 51, 5'11", professional, outgoing, social drinker, enjoys dining out, symphony, opera, seeks SWF, 46-65, to share same interests. Ad# 7098

SPIRITUAL START

Well-educated, physically fit, professional SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, likes bicycling, jogging, the outdoors, long walks, music, seeks slender, educated SWF, with compassion for others. Ad# 1717

WARM & OPEN

Loyal Catholic SWM, 38, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, lives in Detroit, likes sports, seeks slender Catholic SWF, 28-37, without children, for loving, long-term relationship. Ad# 2037

A HAND TO HOLD

DWCM, 45, 5'9", lives in Brighton, likes most music, long drives, the beach, picnics, dancing, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 35-49, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 1469

WELL EDUCATED

Professional SWCM, 62, 6', 188lbs., seeks an intelligent SCF, 50-62, outgoing, slender, fit, adventurous, for possible relationship. Ad# 3344

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Catholic DWM, 53, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, open-minded, likes sports, movies, walking, seeks warm-hearted, caring, monogamous Catholic SWF, 40-53, without kids at home. Ad# 2740

BELIEVE IN US

Baptist DWM, 57, 5'8", N/S, sensitive, caring, likes family events, concerts, walking, flea markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

GOOD TIMES

SWCM, 29, 6'1", medium build, student, interests include sports, the outdoors, reading, people watching, and many more, seeks SCF, under 29. Ad# 3374

SINCERELY

SWM, 25, 5'9", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes poetry, writing songs and good conversation, seeking compatible SWF, under 36. Ad# 7458

REBUILDING

Kind-hearted, well-rounded DWCM, 46, in search of attractive, caring and mature SWCF, 26-35, for companionship. Ad# 7404

HEART TO HEART

SBCM, 34, 5'5", perceptive, energetic, enjoys Bible study and more, from the Detroit area, seeks kind-hearted SWCF, 26-35. Ad# 1573

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU

Patient, understanding DWCM, 34, 6', participates in youth ministry, lives in Rochester Hills, seeking an attractive SWCF, under 49, who believes in God, family and honesty. Ad# 2677

INSPIRED?

Catholic SWM, 27, 5'8", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, professional, from Redford, enjoys biking, dancing, movies and rollerblading, seeks active, slender and commitment-minded SWF, 21-30. Ad# 4445

SOLID RELATIONSHIP

Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, lives in Plymouth, professional, enjoys walking, the theater, seeks educated, sensitive, romantic, fit SWCF, 34-45, who is down-to-earth. Ad# 7450

DECENT MAN

Protestant DW dad, 35, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, easygoing, from Garden City, participates in Bible study, enjoys bike riding, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 30-45, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1944

YOUNG WIDOWER

Catholic WWWM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs., professional, honest, educated, no dependents, home in Livonia, enjoys dining, movies, dancing, sports, seeks SWF, under 43, N/S, who has good values. Ad# 1002

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Catholic SWM, 44, 6', professional, faithful, communicating, sincere, likes weekend trips, seeking slender, attractive, relationship-minded SWCF, 32-45. Ad# 6683

EASY ON THE EYES!

Catholic DWM, 50, 6'2", 175lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, bowling, antique browsing, fishing, the outdoors, fireplaces, seeks Catholic SWF, under 50. Ad# 9106

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR

Catholic SBM, 42, 6'2", independent, lives in Western Wayne, enjoys concerts, movies, walks, quiet dinners, seeks understanding, affectionate, SWCF, 28-45, who is generous with her time. Ad# 9876

HEART OF GOLD

Church-oriented, good looking DWCM, 44, 6'2", 214 lbs, in the Waterford area, hobbies include parachuting and the opera, seeks compatible, childless SWCF, 29+. Ad# 1111

TRUE BELIEVER

Pentecostal SWM, 29, 5'10", 190lbs., never-married, compassionate, enjoys church activities, movies, bowling, theme parks, race cars, seeks compatible SWCF, 23-27. Ad# 1975

MAYBE WE SHOULD MEET!

Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", from Western Wayne county, enjoys museums, movies, the theater, skiing, snowmobiling, seeks warm, sincere, fun-loving SWF, 28-44. Ad# 1599

ENERGETIC

Catholic SWM, 32, 5'9", friendly, enjoys sports, music, the outdoors, boating, movies, socializing, seeking SWF, 25-34, with similar interests. Ad# 3335

THE TIME IS RIGHT

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", athletic build, sincere, understanding, professional, enjoys golf, downhill skiing, looking for Catholic SWF, 30-45, who is romantic and athletic, to spend time with. Ad# 1967

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU

Catholic SWM, 49, 5'7", 150lbs., N/S, non-drinker, never married, athletic, enjoys jogging, biking, camping, the movies, dining out, seeks affectionate, honest Catholic SWF, 42-52. Ad# 1247

CELEBRATE LIFE

Non-denominational DWCM, 37, 6', caring, enjoys Bible study, Christian music, dining out, movies, long walks, seeks SWF, 27-36. Ad# 1224

VERY SHY

DWJM, 38, heavyset, charming, participates in Bible study and youth ministry, enjoys reading, the arts, seeks free-spirited, financially secure, SWJF, 25-35. Ad# 6969

KIND & CORDIAL

Catholic DWM, 55, 5'6", 170lbs., N/S, active, fit, professional, outgoing, friendly, enjoys outdoors, attends Christian activities, seeking compatible, attractive S/DWF, 35-48, N/S. Ad# 1234

FINALLY...

Slim DWCM, 55, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, bowling, going for walks, seeking SWCF, 45-55. Ad# 1885

SEARCHING IN ROMULUS

Hardworking SWCM, 36, 6', never married, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys four-wheeling, gardening, music and traveling, seeks honest, open-minded, family-oriented SWCF, mid 30s. Ad# 7418

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Cheerful SWJM, 52, 5'9", slim, never married, from Southfield, loves long walks, rock and roll, country music, films, inspiring conversations, seeks SWJF, 40-50, to share life with. Ad# 4568

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!

Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, professional, enjoys dining out, movies, the Casino, long walks, concerts, sports, seeks spontaneous, outgoing SF, 25-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 4593

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Creative, spontaneous SWM, 42, 6'1", from Canton, enjoys classical music, reading, long walks, seeks gentle, marriage-minded SWF, 28-44, who is slender and trim. Ad# 4758

NO TIME FOR GAMES

Sincere, outgoing, fit SWM, 39, 6'1", 190lbs., professional, seeks slender, fit SF, with similar traits, for long-term, monogamous relationship. Ad# 8742

ISN'T IT TIME?

DWCM, 59, 5'5", 156lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, cheerful, likes walking, movies, flea markets, shopping, seeks slender SWCF, 54-60, for pleasant times. Ad# 2526

QUALITY FRIENDSHIP

Protestant DBM, 40, 6', attractive, friendly, lives in Southfield, enjoys traveling, boating, concerts, the outdoors, seeking open-minded SCF. Ad# 1625

JUST YOU AND ME

Catholic DW dad, 38, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes camping, weekend getaways, candlelit dinners, cooking, water skiing, seeks pretty, slender Catholic DW mom, 32-40, no hang ups. Ad# 5858

FEELING LONELY?

Athletic SWM, 33, 5'9", enjoys the great outdoors, interested in meeting outgoing, easygoing SWF, for companionship, no kids please. Ad# 1013

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Protestant SWM, 35,



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Attractive SWF, 45, 110 lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. #8044

IN YOUR DREAMS
You're in mine, if you're a tall, medium-large built SWDM, honest, affectionate, NS and financially secure. DWF, 37, 5'9", light-brown/blue, attractive, full-figured, lots of various interests, with one child. #8176

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?
I didn't know it would be this hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired, in a shape, college educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman. Please help me end my search - quick! #7337

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWFF, 25, enjoys movies, racquetball, softball, quiet evenings at home, seeks affectionate SWM, 30-40, who shares similar interests. NS/irritable. #7478

PICK ME
Lonely, attractive SWF, 25, seeks honest, reliable, sincere, hard-working semi-intelligent SM, for companionship, friendship, possible relationship. If you cheat, don't bother calling. #7660

OLD-FASHIONED
Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110 lbs, enjoys dancing, cider mills, at winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7853

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn/blue, hopes for a long-term relationship. Seeking SWM, 25-30, who enjoys the outdoors, museums, sports, quiet times for LTR for Mr. Right. #7907

HUSKY MAN WANTED
Attractive, honest, and SWF, 24, 5'11", blonde/blue, enjoys movies, sports, enjoys concerts, parks, and not the bar scene. Seeking tall, 5'8", husky built SWM, 24-34, honest, caring, and romantic, for friendship, possible LTR. #7939

LARGE LOVELY WOMAN
SF, 35, brown/brown, mom, seeks dark-haired, handsome WPM, similar interests for fun, movies, traveling, friends, walks, children etc. If this sounds interesting to you, please respond. #7460

STOP!
Look no further. You have just entered the dark and lovely zone. Gorgeous BF, 30, 5'7", one dependent, seeks attractive, gorgeous WM, 30-45, 5'10", NS, ND, for friendship and dancing. #7608

WHERE'S MY KNIGHT?
Cute, nice DWF, 35, 126 lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son. NS, enjoys jogging, travel, concerts, travel. Looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, financially secure, NS, to enjoy life with. #7692

54 AND PRETTY
Two kids can be joined together in friendship. Pretty SWF, short blonde/blue, sometimes shy, but always honest, enjoys fine dining, and casinos. #8042

I HAVE A LAMN
Elegant, attractive, active, classy slender SF, 57, brunette/hazel, NS, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, most music, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking tall, special, loyal, active flexible fun gentleman. SW, #8086

LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE
DGF, 54, 126 lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks SD/industrial with long hair, 5'7", 5'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, kind, for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. #7936

CAN YOU GIVE 100%?
If treated the same, you get it all, loving, caring, passionate, blonde/blue, 41, no one believes in love, honest, outgoing, wheelchair, strolling. Seeking Mr. Wonderful, 30-42, attractive, loves kids who won't be disappointed. #7964

GEMINI GIRL
DF, 43, 5'6", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outdoorsy type of guy, who's happy, caring, communicative, financially secure, who likes kids, for friendship and possible romance. #7761

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Widowed WF, 59, 5'2", NS, social drinker, blonde/blue, emotionally/financially secure, seeks honest SWM, 55-65, with sense of humor. #7575

ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde/hazel, home owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock cars, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, animal lover with passion for life for romantic monogamous LTR, possible marriage. #7824

NEW TO THIS AREA
Humorous SWFF, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys going climbing, going up North, boating, amusement parks. Seeking humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, Catholic SWM, 29-38, 5'10", physically fit. NS, for friendship first. Plymouth/Nov area. #7760

PRETTY BLONDE LADY
Refined, young, loving, educated young 60ish, 5'5", good figure, NS, many interests, seeks gentleman, NS, many interests, for fun, caring, intelligent, secure, NS, for lasting relationship. #8117

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWF, 50, NS, seeks SD/WPM, 45-55, 5'8", HW, proportionate, for CW/dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side Area. #8121

HAVE HERPET?
SWF, 38, smart, attractive, fun-loving, great sense of humor, enjoys traveling and more. Seeking a humorous, honest, marriage-minded, NS, man with herpes, to build a relationship. #8130

TEDDY BEAR WANTED
Seeking warm, cuddly SDW, 38, who's a fun, honest, NS, romantic, caring active SWF, 41, 5'5", 160 lbs. #8135

BEST WHEN SHARED
Attractive, warm female, 42, seeks attractive, healthy, warm male for friendship, possibly romance. #8142

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!
SBF, 24, 5'4, dark skinned, curvaceous, feminine, seeks financially secure, WM, 30+, for fun and friendship. #8049

FUN-LOVING, PRETTY, CULTURED
Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciable kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, secure, tall gentleman, 45-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. #8056

SINCERE, PRETTY, PROFESSIONAL
Pette, slim SWF, 36, blonde, enjoys working out, dining, theater, travel, some sports. Seeking sincere, honest, attractive SWM, 30-39, physically fit, NS, financially/emotionally secure. #7358

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Down-to-earth divorced WF, mid 50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, the movies and dining out. Seeking SD/WPM, 50-65, great sense of humor with similar interests for friendship first, possible LTR. #7949

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Versatile, open and very honest DWF, 41, with a few cats, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, NS, to enjoy life with. #8003

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, warm, romantic DWF, 34, blonde, seeks gentleman, 5'9-6'4", 48-62, who's honest, NS, who likes the arts, outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. #7765

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES
Attractive, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous JF, 54, blonde, green, 5'5", seeks classy guy who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #7819

PRINCESS NEEDS PRINCE
Playful, fun SWF, 27, 5'2, medium build, brown/brown, enjoys outdoors, sports, playing, dancing, and much more. Seeking SWM, 24-35, with similar interests to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. #8061

A GOOD WOMAN
Intelligent, attractive DWF, 38, blonde, great sense of humor, seeks tall, great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. #7846

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES
Attractive DWF, young, 49, 5'4", brown/blue, NS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8083

SEEKING THE MAGIC AGAIN
Are you DWF, young, 44, varied interests. Seeking older, soulmate, social dining, traveling, drag racing, boating. Seeking honest man, good relationship. South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. #8023

YOU WONT BE DISAPPOINTED IF...
You're looking for a petite, creative, sensitive, intelligent, multi-degreed SFF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and rollerblades on her feet. Seeking intelligent man, 45-60. Physical fitness important. #7821

FAST, CHEAP, OUT OF CONTROL
That's not me! Humorous, multi-degreed DWF, mid-40s, NS, seeks fun, romantic, financially secure gentleman, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games I'll play are monopoly and pinball. #8091

BEN THERE, BOY!
Hazel, 5'5", 120 lbs, dark brown hair, never married, no children, enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining, drag racing, boating. Seeking honest man, good relationship. Values for LTR. #7933

SPECIAL WOMAN
Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red head, loves dancing, cuddling, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, NS, 40-50, who's warm, caring, honest, and fun. CAW dancing a plus. No games please. #7935

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE
Professional DWF, with a passion for love and life, enjoys jazz, the arts, fine dining, some sports, outdoors. Seeking financially secure, handsome, tall, confident, NS, PM, 40-53, Date open. #7958

A LITTLE SHY
SWF, 38, 5'7", red/blue, honest, loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. #7862

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
Young 62 year old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship/love of a man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/bikes, dining, travel. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #7965

LUCKY YOU
Pette SWF, NS, outgoing, senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 66-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7991

CASINO ROYALE
DWF, 36, full-figured, shy, hard worker, smoker, enjoys BINGO, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality unimportant. #7999

SWEET, SENSITIVE...
Intelligent, attractive full-figured woman, 22, seeks tall, financially secure, attractive, non-smoking, God fearing man. Race unimportant. #8000

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH
Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130 lbs, MA degreed, into biking, reading, travel, and more. Seeking a humorous, honest, marriage-minded, NS, man with herpes, to build a relationship. #7968

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE
Fun, honest SWF, 33, 5'6", 110 lbs, actively looking for marriage minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7864

GO NO FURTHER
DWF, 40s, professional, blonde, attractive, slender, seeks gentleman, NS, professional, 40s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet evenings at home, possible LTR. #7814

HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE!
Attractive DWF, 50ish, 5'3", 125 lbs, looking for Mr. Nice Guy, 50ish, professional SWM, with positive attitude and great smile, for friendship or more. #7525

SECOND TIME AROUND
Spunky, attractive, widowed WF, 56, 5'3", 125 lbs, blonde, Pisces/Aries-Capricorn, retired consultant, seeks SWM, 59+, to share bathroom dancing, movies, travel, good conversation and family get-togethers. #7572

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Passionate, honest, upbeat, humorous DWF, 43, 5'6", 160 lbs, long brown hair, hazel, smoker, social drinker, NS/Drugs, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking gentleman, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7701

YOU AND ME
Shapely, sharp, first class, modern SF, 5, 122 lbs, natural blonde/green, seeking DWF, 45-50, not a cougar, with similar qualities, to share life's simple pleasures and 7 Truths is foremost. #7666

IM NOT BARBIE
so you don't have to be Ken. DJF, 40sh, realizes we still look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, funny SWM, 39-49, NS, drinker. Let's play! #7667

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWF, 70, feels younger, seeking WM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. #7849

PETITE, BRUNETTE
DJF, 40sh, NS, single mom, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out. Seeking NS/Man, 40-65, who is into it. #7902

51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, going, loving, likeable, plays, concerts, traveling, boating, swimming, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, successful, Caucasian gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #794

SEEKING ROMANCE
I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking guy who is 50-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. #7756

101 WAYS
SWF, Mom, Big Beautiful Woman, seeks NS/Man, 40-65, who is into it. #7813

LOOKING AND WANTING
Intelligent, attractive SWF, 39, 5'6", interested with kids, romantic/heartbeat seeking tall, down-to-earth, intelligent, honest, caring, humorous, romantic SM, 34-45, NS, financially secure, for friendship/more. #7515

FIRST TIME AD
Attractive, sincere SWM, 40s, seeking companionship, SWM, 40-55, for dining out, travel, quiet evenings at home and all the good things it has to offer. #7522

SINCERE REPLIES ONLY
Versatile, romantic SWFF, 43, 5'8", attractive, medium build, blonde/brown, NS, sound heart, mind, seeks love/looking for confidence, handsome, tall, confident, NS, knows how to love. #7476

PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL
DWF, 38, 5'11", brown/brown, romantic, caring, kind, seeks SD/WPM, 35-43, for friendship, enjoyable weekends, a little hand-holding, slow dancing, and good conversation. #7601

SOLID SECURE GENTLEMAN
Independent, WF, 38, full-figured, working mother, own home with sense of humor, seeks male 30+, with a patient heart, who enjoys watching/participating in sports, quiet times, nights out, for friendship. #7568

DOWN-TO-EARTH
DWF, 41, 155 lbs, NS, mother of two, employed, affectionate, romantic and honest, likes camping, boating, music, art, antiques, almost all sports. Seeking WM with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7570

MISSING SOMETHING?
Me too - someone to share fun, quiet times with. SF, 45, 5'2", brunette/green, hair in northwest side, seeks honest SM, to care about, who cares back, who enjoys movies, family, having fun. #7683

FUN-LOVING
Attractive, intelligent DWF, 40s, 5'4", 115 lbs, black/brown, seeks secure, handsome, sincere SD/WPM, 40-50, HW, proportionate, for companionship, fun, possible LTR. #7693

YOUR LUCKY DAY!
Classy, upbeat, witty, vivacious, professional WF, 52, 5'6", 150 lbs, quiet, a package. Needs athletic, romantic, humorous, NS, PM, 5'9", to let her cherish. #7706

FULL FIGURE
If you're looking for a full-figured woman, please contact me. SF, 5'6", red/brown, seeks fun-loving man, 45+. #7481

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN
Non-smoking, slim, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. #8040

I'D LIKE TO WATCH
"Friends on Thursdays" Single mom of three, 30+, straight-forward, honest, enjoys rollerblading, camping, working out. Looking for a friend, 26-35, Relationship possible. #7604

SOULMATE
WHERE ARE YOU?
SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies. #8034

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL, PH.D.
Cultured, mean apple pie, Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater add-on, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47, #7699

LADY IN WAITING
Foxy 45 year old, DBCPF, hopeless romantic, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater, and quiet evenings at home, seeking, SCH, 40-55, with similar interest, NS, prosperous, for friendship, possibly more. #7700

LAUGH WITH ME
DWF, seeks SD/WM, 55-62, who likes to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, family oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquires only. #7712

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, caring, slim DWF, 20-40, for friendship, possible relationship. #8099

AFFECTIONATE
DWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, caring, slim DWF, 20-40, for friendship, possible relationship. #8099

S.O.S.
Please leave this somewhat shy, professional, slim SWM, 29, from being alone, enjoys racquetball, music, computers, and trying new things. Seeking SWF, NS, for friendship leading to LTR. #8139

HONEST AND AVAILABLE
SWM, 34, athletic, enjoys outdoors, seeks courageous, compatible, communicative SWF for friendship and possible LTR. #8025

HANDSOME MIDL-AGED GENT
Contemporary, mature, rational, compassionate, caring, but lonely SWM, My virtues are many, my needs are few. If you can believe that. Seeking same and loving female, 40-55. Race unimportant. #8114

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS?
Handsome, educated SWM, 30, 5'9", 35 lbs, NS, never married, money manager, enjoys romance, openness, simplicity, commitment. My princess is an elegant, articulate, truly beautiful SF, 23-33, NS, size 6. #8116

FIRST-TIME AD
Seeking SWF, who's under 54, NS, HW proportionate. Profession of social status unimportant. Will return at cats. #8175

HAPPINESS COUNTS
SWPM, 33, 5'10", never married, nice-looking. Enjoys dinner, dancing, sports, comedy, movies, travel. Seeking SWF, 25-30, down-to-earth, for meaningful relationship. #8177

DOES ANYONE READ THESE?
SWM, 35, NS, HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover. HW proportionate, college-educated. Profession of social status unimportant. Will return at cats. #8138

ONE IN A MILLION MAN
Financially secure, early 50s, good SWM, 35, 5'10", to travel, enjoys sports, movies, quiet weekends, seeks female, 20-45, with same qualities. Kids ok. #7950

SINCERE AND HONEST
SBPM, 35, 5'5", 145 lbs, no dependents, seeks attractive, romantic, honest, 23-39, who has a great sense of humor, is well-educated, and professionally employed. #8006

CHILI COOK
Seeking missing spice for seasonal favorite. Seeking SWF, 34, 6'2", attractive, professional, and humorous. Seeking a dash of attractive spirit to complete my love before smothering. #7965

A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD
SM, 5'10", 160 lbs, blond hair, home owner, looking for a woman who's outdoors, boating, strolling, having fun, working out, traveling. Seeking tall, female, must work out, have a sense of humor and be employed. #7954

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, 28, 5'10", professional, dark hair, eyes, considered good-looking, enjoys traveling, sports, evening events, good conversation, humor, romantic interests, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. #7947

A GOOD CATCH
SWM, 5'9", 175 lbs, 49, other kindness, sunny, fun, romantic, all responses answered. #8119

LET'S SHARE THE HOLIDAYS
SWPM, 45, 5'11", 195 lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, no dependents, college-educated, NS, social drinker. #8134

TALL
WM, 60, 6'11", handsome, college graduate, good health, financially independent. Seeking WF, 45+, pretty and slender. #8137

TALL GENTLEMAN
Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", black/green, comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. #8028

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Handsome, mature, honest, romantic, sincere, athletic SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks sunsets, moonlit walks, outdoors music, biking. Seeking pretty, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-28, to talk, walk and journey through life with. #7951

ONE IN A MILLION
Handsome SWPM, 38, 5'10", 175 lbs, fun in great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, dining, dancing, comedy, being spontaneous. Seeking sweet, attractive, slender, independent female, with similar interests. #8048

WIZARD SEEKS WIZARDRESS
You'll find it amusing. Humorous SWF, 26, 36, handsome, professional, secure, optimistic, romantic, open-minded male. 6' who enjoys indoor/outdoor activities and fun. Let's put a spell on each other. #7960

CHILD OF UNIVERSE
Soulful, growth-minded SWM, 41, seeking stable, proportional SWF, 32-42. #8118

RELATE, THEN IT'S A DATE!
Slim, sensual, Teanur, spritful SWM, 44, 5'7", 155 lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF, soulmate, 30-43, who enjoys boating, beach walks, volleyball, movies, art, dancing, coffee, roses, ethnic dining. #8120

WANT TO HAVE FUN!
DWM, 59', 160 lbs, dark, dark, seeks SF, 25-35, NS, social drinker, who enjoys sports (especially water sports). Must love kids. #8126

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
Loving, caring, honest, sensitive SWM, from overseas, 26, 5'6", 170 lbs, black/blue, seeks same in an attractive SWF, 18-35. #8128

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"
Attractive, humorous, honest, educated, never married, Catholic WM, 44, 5'10", 165 lbs, blonde/blue, NS. Appreciates classy style, walks, live music, and small towns. LTR. No games. #8129

QUIET GENTLE
DWM, mid-40s, 5'6", 155 lbs, seeks companionship for dinner, movies, theatre, comedy clubs, sporting events, romantic evenings at home, age/looks not as important as friendliness and compatibility. #8131

NORMAL
Active, hard-working SWM, 39, 5'6", 150 lbs, considered good-looking, honest, open, principled, outgoing and romantic. More interested in who you are, than what you do. #8136

WHY BE ALONE?
Good-looking, thoughtful, caring, affectionate, honest SM, 57, 160 lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR, monogamous relationship. #8140

TENDER
Good-looking SWM, 43, 5'9", 158, sincere, spunky, romantic, passionate, adventurous and a good sense of humor. Enjoys movies, dining, and quiet evenings at home. Are 28-45, local SWF, 42, for a forever relationship. Troy area. #8027

SINGLE IN WESTLAND
Independent, tall, honest, affectionate, attractive SWM, 27, blonde/blue, 5'5", 230 lbs, well-built, drinks occasionally. NS, ND/Drugs, enjoys traveling, camping, walking, movies, and kids. seeks SWF, 24-35, for friendship/companionship and trust. #7931

WIN AT THE GAME OF LIFE
SWM, 41, physically fit, 5'4", multi-talented, professional, music interests, seeks petite SWF, 32-45, for companionship and possible relationship. No games. #7934

A SUPERIOR CARING MALE
Is what I promise to you. Attractive DWM, 43, 5'9", 160 lbs, gentle, caring, dancing, sports, and quiet evenings. You are attractive, 35-45, slender, NS, professional with similar interests. #7940

CHARMING PROFESSIONAL
Attractive SWM, 40, 5'6", 130 lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, like children, seeks attractive SWF, for LTR. #7946

FAMILY MAN
DWM, 49, 5'11", family-oriented, caring, average man, looking for an average woman. 38-50, country club music. #7954

COUNTRY CLUBBASIC
Young SWPM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large frame, western dances often has hangover of 6 golfing. Seeking attractive SWM, 35-50, who's fun, outgoing, formal, good at private country club. #7992

GIVE ME A TRY
Do you like a one-on-one friendship, which could possibly lead to more? Enjoy the outdoors, movies, dinners and friends? Are 28-45, local SWF, I'm a blue-eyed DWM. 40. #7993

YES, I'M LOOKING FOR YOU!
SWM, 20, seeks a SWF, 30-45, for the time of your life! #7998

SEEKS MOLE/DANCER
Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks honest, caring, affectionate, sun W, 18-32, with good personality for friendship, maybe more. You can count on us together. #7969

PREFERS BLACK FEMALE
Handsome, athletic, honest, romantic, sincere, Italian SWM, 24, 6'4", dark hair, 180 lbs, seeks a black female, fun, seeking slim, attractive, sexy, romantic BF, 18-30, for friendship, fun, possible relationship. #8115

FINANCIALLY SECURE
Good life, could be waiting for you. SWM, 34, 5'8", enjoys travel, outdoors. Needs a lady, 25-35, to share my toys with. #8029

NICE GUY?!
SM, 32, 5'7", 160 lbs, Italian, muscular, working on weight. US, serious only when necessary, considering after-hate, caring, decent, 28 team, NS, not on weight. You, 25-38, look cool to 20 kids. #8036

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Handsome, hardworking, honest SWM, 34, 6', 180 lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive SWF, 20-35, for friendship and relationship. #8092

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY
Honest, open-minded, intelligent SWM, 27, 5'10", 165 lbs, long brown hair, very hard working, part-time college student. Seeking lady, 20-31, who's honest, looking for friendship, sharing good times, possibly more. #8024

CARING
Intelligent SWPM, 50, 5'10", 170 lbs, enjoys movies, dining out, music, and dancing. Seeking tall, 35-50, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. #8026

TOO GOOD TO BE THROUGH
Hard working, intelligent, humorous SWM, 41, 5'10", 160 lbs, HW, proportionate with similar qualities. #7932

CONSIDERATE AND AFFECTIONATE
Sensitive, considerate DWM, 37, NS, HD, interests vary from family activities to craft shows, country music, to dancing, rockers etc. Seeking SD/WF, 40+, who desires a sincere, trustworthy, communicative relationship. #7947

ONE-ON-ONE FOREVER
Handsome DWM, 41, 6'2", 200 lbs, very hard working, affectionate, seeks woman, 30-40, for fun, loving, laughing, cuddling, dining, lasting relationship. NW Detroit/Redford area. #7943

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP
Handsome, open-minded SWM, 45, 155 lbs, 6', brown/brown, enjoys movies, dining out, and music. Seeking SWF, 40-50, for long-lasting relationship. #7945

NEW TO THE AREA
Outgoing, sensitive SWPM, 20, 6'1", 160 lbs, part-time student, enjoys walking, movies, going to the gym. Seeking a sensitive woman, 20-30, who shares similar interests. #7948

BEASTIE BOYS
Smashing Pumpkins, Led Zepplin (my three favorites) Good-looking, tall, athletic, outgoing SWM, 22, great personality, enjoys concerts, the outdoors, muscular physique, biking. Seeking slender SWF, 18-28, with similar interests. Friendship first. #7966

A NEW BEGINNING
SWM, late 40s, 5'11", 180 lbs, blonde, blue, retired truck driver, enjoys going out, singing, country rides, and long walks. Seeking WF, 30+, for serious, outdoors, committed relationship and future family. Must want children. #7967

AUTO WORKER
Steady and dependable SWM, 45, 6'3", 250 lbs, new home owner, NS, HD, interested in movies, reading, etc. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, with similar values to work together for a positive future. #7996

KIND-HEARTED
Easy-going, SWM, 42, 5'7", 170 lbs, 150 lbs, considered good-looking, honest, open, principled, outgoing and romantic. More interested in who you are, than what you do. #8136

ITALIAN STALLION
SWM, 44, 6', attractive, muscular, very active, financially secure. Seeking attractive, fit female, 30-40, for possible relationship. #8035

YOUNG WIDOWER
SWM, 39, 5'7", 160 lbs, professional, honest, intelligent, good-natured, caring, humorous, outgoing, fun-loving, outdoorsy, home owner. Enjoys dining, movies, dancing, sports, outdoors. Seeking SWF, NS, fit, similar interests, for friendship. #8037

HEART OF GOLD
Good-looking, mature SWM, 24, 5'11", romantic, communicative, enjoys outdoors, music, sports, biking, running. Seeking slender, lady-oriented, tall, attractive SWF, 20-30, for friendship, fun, and possible intimate happiness. #8041

THE ULTIMATE MAN
Extremely attractive, honest, honest, passionate, sincere SWM, 24, 6'4", great kisser, seeks slender, attractive active SWF. Age unimportant. If you like being loved, you'll love me. #8052

I LOVE OLDER WOMEN!
Handsome, romantic, athletic, confident, passionate about SWM, 30-45, 6'4", dark hair. Seeking attractive, slender, caring, active, sexy WF, 25-45, for heavenly friendship/relationship that will keep you smiling. #7959

ROMANTIC QUALITY TIME
Sincere, honest, romantic, 5'10", 160 lbs, 200 lbs, bond hair, college educated, professional, seeks SWF, with similar interests, for friendship, companionship, and LTR. #7952

COULD IT BE YOU?
Good-looking SWM, 44, 5'11", 190 lbs, full head of grey hair, brown eyes, no dependents, seeks SWF, 30-45, for friendship. Seeking SWF, late 30s-47, please be intelligent, humorous, HW proportionate, ready for serious relationship. #7957

GENTLEMAN
Romantic, humorous, educated, down-to-earth SWM, 50, 5'8", who enjoys nature, travel, dancing, and home life. Seeking loving SWF, 40-50, to share good times. #8038

PALACE AWAITS PRINCESS
Honest, shrewd, loving, special DWM, 43, 5'7", 160 lbs, multiple home owner, financially secure, various interests. Seeking sincere, caring, slender, DWF, 30-40, HW, proportionate, who likes variety, nature, travel, romance for possible LTR/marriage. #8045

AS TIME GOES BY
Honest, kind, humorous, romantic SWM, 53, 5'11", NS, social drinker, communications manager, sense of humor, enjoys simple things in life, nature, vacations, etc. Seeking SWF, #8045

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Unique, tall, romantic DWM, 50, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining, dancing, plays, travel, etc. Seeking sincere, slender, lady-oriented, active SWF, 30-40, who's fun, outgoing, and time together. #7963

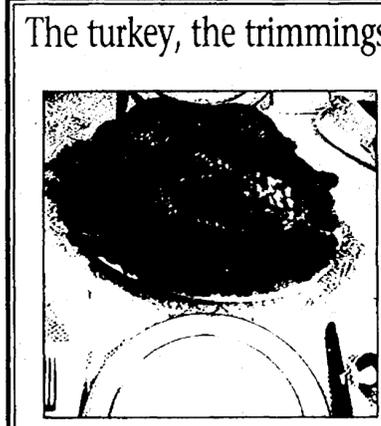
SPICE GIRL TYPE?
Very attractive, blue-eyed, blond, tall, and trim SWM, 32, great smile, average income, 195 lbs, seeks a slender and hot, very pretty SWF, 5'5", 22-32, 130 lbs. #8039

NO ASSEMBLY REQUIRED
Outgoing, fun, well put together SWM, 22, blonde/blue, 6', 165 lbs, enjoys out doors, travel, dining, going out, and so much more. Seeking SWF, with similar interests, sense of humor, fun and fun. #8053

TALL, DARK, AND SEARCHING
SBM, 19, enjoys sports, art, poetry, and just looking back, relating and enjoying life. Seeking SF, for conversation and fun. #7957

RED WINGS RULE!
The Stanley Cup is ours! Handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 24, 6'4", sports, rollerblading, music, movies, romance, outdoors. Seeking attractive, athletic, slender, outdoorsy SWF, 18-28, for friendship, summer fun, maybe more. #8127

LOYAL AND SINCERE
Tall DWM, 53, 6'4", slender, in good physical condition, honest, sense of humor, NS, self-employed, would like to meet a slender, somewhat attractive lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. #8122



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OUR TURN NOW
why not DWF late 40s, seeks degreed NS, for life's finer moments, let's journey through life together, enjoys dining, plays, stimulating conversation, travel and antiques. How that the kids are raised is our turn to enjoy life. #8090

SPECIAL LADY
Sensuous, attractive DWF, 5'5", 135 lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, seeks tall WM, 5'5+, to share, fun, romance, and adventure in rewarding LTR. Serious only reply. #8033

NORDIC SKI ENTHUSIAST
Attractive, fit, petite SWF, 40 plus, seeks SM, over 50, for companion and to share the beauty of life. Tell me where you want to be! #7518

LOOKING FOR THE SAME!
Let me introduce myself. I'm a 49, NS, DWF, with red hair, only have one natural hair and that's life! I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon. #7953

ABOVE THE LAW
SWF, 5'2", brown/brown, seeks law enforcement officer. #7861

LOVING LADY
Warm-hearted SWF, mid 50s, seeks SM, over 50, for companion and to share the beauty of life. Tell me where you want to be! #7518

PRETTY
Full-figured, 32, seeks employed WM, who enjoys country music, night life, evenings at home. Smoker and social drinker. #7818

TIRE OF BAR SCENE?
Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, romantic, outgoing, fun-loving, multi-talented, enjoys outdoors, music, animals

HEALTH News

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48160 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, DEC. 1

FREE FOOT SCREENINGS

Dr. Rajeev Sehgal, D.P.M. of the new Canton Podiatry Group of Canton, will be conducting free foot screenings co-sponsored by World Gym at 42621 Ford Road in Canton beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please come if you have any questions or call the Canton office, (313) 981-0600 for further information.

TUE, DEC. 2

FREE COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 4:30 p.m. (Walk-in).

ADOLESCENCE IN THE 90'S

Oakwood Teen Health Centers, Oakwood Women and Children's Center of Excellence, and Metro Parent Magazine are proud sponsors of an event featuring renowned speaker and author, Mary Pipher, Ph.D. She will address the topic: "Adolescent Girls in the 90's" at Romulus High School at 3:30 p.m., 9650 S. Wayne Road - Romulus. Books written by Pipher will be sold following the lecture. Advanced tickets are \$5 per person/per lecture and \$10 per person/per lecture at the door. To register or for more information, call the Oakwood Health Line at 800-543-WELL.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Instruction in adult, child and infant CPR. Certificates given upon completion of the course. Cost is \$25 (\$18.75 for Oakwood Health Advantage members) at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne from 6-10 p.m. Contact: 800-543-WELL.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Annual holiday event to honor or memorialize someone you love. Cost is \$5 to honor a loved one with a single light and an angel ornament at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne 5:30 p.m. Call 800-543-WELL.

DIABETES EDUCATION

Certified by the Michigan Department of Public Health, this five week series of sessions is planned to help you Live Well with Diabetes. Includes hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, foot care, meal plan exchange system and glucose monitoring. Physician referral is required. Classes begin on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3. Please call 458-4330 to register.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer support. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Open to both males and females - call 458-3395 for information.

WED, DEC. 3

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting begins at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650. Each meeting gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Free seminar on Financial Planning Solutions for Long Term Care is being sponsored by Maurice A. Betman, Long Term Care Specialist of Comprehensive Financial Planning Corporation. The seminar is being held at the Farmington Hills Borders Books and Music store located at 30995 Orchard Lake Road at 7:30 p.m. Call 800-598-7834 to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a two-part class on "The Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure," beginning today from 7-9 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room A, near the Levan Road entrance. Learn about this silent killer - what it is, how it is checked, and how it is controlled. This class will provide information about methods to promote a

healthy and active lifestyle. A \$10 class fee covers course materials. Registration is required before Nov. 26. For more information or to register, call (313) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650.

WORLD AIDS DAY

Oakwood Healthcare System will be holding its fourth annual free conference in support of World AIDS Day. This year's theme is Children Living in a World with AIDS, beginning at 8 a.m. at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn. Program will include: a play about people living with AIDS; teen panel of those affected and infected with the virus; display of a panel of the AIDS quilt; educational issues/prevention in the public schools and more. Speakers will include area teens, physicians specializing in HIV, representatives from the Michigan Department of Education and James Curran, MD, MPH. To register or for more information about Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center's free World AIDS Day Symposium, call (313) 593-7195.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Receive bone density x-ray and results within minutes. Cost \$10 (\$5 for Oakwood Health Advantage members) at the Oakwood Healthcare Center - Livonia from 1-5 p.m. Contact 800-543-WELL.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

Learn how to change your attitude about this special time of the year if you find yourself becoming more emotional because you're an empty nester or are having difficulties with hormonal changes - the holidays present a challenge to women at mid-life. A free lecture, "How to Make Holiday Time Happy," will be presented by the Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital by Ann Bradley, M.S.W., C.S.W. The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services in West Addition Conference Room B. No registration is necessary. For more information call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-1100 or 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia.

SIBLING CLASS

A special night devoted to siblings which will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is two hours and is recommended for children three to eight years of age. Call 458-3330 for class dates and registration.

CHILD & INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 7 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 for registration.

DEC. 3, 10, 17

COMMUNITY FIRST AID/SAFETY

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult and Infant/Child CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, infants and children). Three certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 3 program on Wednesday in Livonia runs from 6-10 p.m. and the Dec. 10 & 17 program from 6-9 p.m. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

THUR, DEC. 4

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, the Angela Hospice-Bereavement department offers a two-hour workshop designed to help these families cope with the holiday season. This free of charge workshop is open to the community and will be held on Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The workshop will last ninety minutes and will be followed by a half hour of fellowship and refreshments. Call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810.

PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS

State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Romulus at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

SIBLING CLASS

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center, next to St. Mary Hospital, will offer a sibling class from 6-8 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room A. Children and parents are invited to attend and learn how much fun it can be to be a big sister/brother or to see what you new sibling will look like. Cost of the class per family is \$10, registration is required by calling (313) 655-1100.

FRI, DEC. 5

DIABETES SUPPORT

Meets the first Wednesday of each

month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. December's activity will be taste sampling of holiday recipes and you must RSVP to 458-4330.

HEALTHY SENIOR CLUB

This group is open to anyone over the age of 50, and offers members discounts on hospital services, help with filling out medical insurance claim forms, a health information newsletter and special educational and screening programs. The topic for the meeting on Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. is "Holidays: Bliss or Blue." Please call 458-4330 for additional information.

DEC. 5, 12, 19

COMMUNITY FIRST AID/SAFETY

This course teaches Standard First Aid (identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, and injuries) and Adult and Infant/Child CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, infants and children). Three certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length is 10 hours. Fee includes course cost and materials (\$43). The Dec. 5 program on Friday in Livonia runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Dec. 12 & 19 program from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for the American Red Cross program call (313) 422-2787.

SAT, DEC. 6

HOLIDAY BALL

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's 22nd annual Holiday Ball will take place at the Michigan League with the theme - Joy de Vivre, or Joy of Life. Guests will be treated to an elegant evening in the romance of Paris. Proceeds will support St. Joe's Campaign for Women's Health, a \$10 million, comprehensive fund-raising effort to address women's special health care needs. A limited number of tickets are still available for \$1,000 per couple. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information please call (313) 712-3192 or visit the Holiday Ball Web site at <http://www.intergalactic.com/sjball.htm>

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Opening in February!

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Concerts conjure up holiday spirit

If Thanksgiving left you feeling full of everything but the holiday spirit, "Come All Ye, Faithful," "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and Frosty the Snowman are alive and well, and in concert. "Have a Merry Little Christmas" by joining the fun as local choirs and performing artists sing and dance their way to the holidays. Before long, you'll be humming "Jingle Bells."

Here's where sleigh bells will be ringing, and people singing:

Plymouth Community Chorus

The 120-voice chorus, under the direction of Michael Gross, perform Christmas favorites and inspirational carols 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets are \$8 and available by calling (313) 455-4080.

Rehearsals for the 25th Christmas concert began the week after Labor Day. Members range in age from 21 to

70 and live in 26 metro Detroit communities.

"It's a fantastic chorus," said Steve Kovacheff, who joined the chorus six years ago. "It's really an eclectic mix, a lot of professional people - doctors, lawyers, engineers. The director goes out of his way to get fresh arrangements, and singers have to audition so we have excellent voices."

The chorus has appeared with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and at Tiger Stadium singing the National Anthem.

Whistle Stop Players

"Babes in Toyland," the Victor Herbert Musical, comes to the Plymouth Community Arts Council 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$5. (313) 416-4278.

Cynthia Zeitz directs two casts of 35 kids each, ranging in age from 5 to 15. Jennifer Tobin, former director and now the new arts council executive director, wears a different hat choreographing and coordinating the production.

"It's singing, dancing, acting, the march of toys," said Tobin. "They'll also see Santa who saves the day. It's very Mother Goose with Little Bo Peep and her Sheep. She's a modern Bo Peep with 14 kids and a single mom."

Janice Derian accompanies the production on piano. A community and family effort, mom Kathy Zaumail coordinated other moms to costume all of the performers.

"There is all kinds of wonderful color and sparkle," said Tobin. "It's just stunning when all of the toys in the shop come to life - the tin soldiers, dogs and cats."

Livonia Civic Chorus

Plan on "Making Spirits Bright!" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Clarenceville High School auditorium in Livonia. And for an added treat, admission is free.

Guest artists are the Tinderbox Show Choir, a chorus of children from the Livonia and Redford area directed by Ray Schmidt. Christine Gach accompanies the singers.

"It's standard holiday fare - Christmas, Hanukkah and seasonal songs," said chorus director Jim Whitten of Farmington Hills. "We like to have a

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Ethereal harmony: The Detroit Oratorio Society created post-cards with this painting by Italian artist Fra Angelico to announce their "Messiah" performance. Many local choirs have made Handel's "Messiah" an annual community tradition. Photo credit by Detroit Institute of Arts.



SING HALLELUJAH!

Handel's 'Messiah' a triumph of the soul

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Even with the spreading superstitions about imminent Armageddon, and what lies beyond the edge of the millennium, it's not an easy task to persuade audiences to come see the messiah.

In a busy shopping season, time and place are paramount concerns. So naturally, in the age of instant replay and digital recordings, there'll be more than one playing of the Second Coming from now until the end of the year.

In a diverse range of performances and venues, several local choirs will conduct George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah," considered by many as much of an annual rite of the holiday season as a Christmas tree, crowded malls and mistletoe.

Unlike many operas or other oratorios sung in a foreign language, and dealing with obscure mythic tales, the power of the "Messiah" comes from being immediately accessible, said Dave Wagner, program director at WQRS-FM, prior to the station's recent format change from classical to hard rock.

"It's sung in English, and it's based on a story

that most people know quite well," he said. "There are few more powerful texts than the Bible, and there's few other as inspiring works as Handel's."

Unfortunately, the sudden format change at WQRS has left many choirs without an effective means to advertise their holiday concerts.

The Detroit Concert Choir with 110 members from southeastern Michigan, for instance, estimates that more than one-third of its audience could be tracked to promotional spots that aired on the station.

Meanwhile, the Detroit Oratorio Society of Rochester Hills has been forced to re-evaluate how in stays in touch with prospective ticket buyers.

"We're heart-broken about WQRS," said Jeanne Bourget of Bloomfield Hills, a DOS board member. "A crucial part of sustaining ourselves was based on finding patrons through the station's listeners."

Ironically, DOS has lost its main advertising medium at a time when audiences for its rendition of the "Messiah" have been growing, said

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PERFORMANCES OF HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

■ **Detroit Oratorio Society** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets: \$15-\$25. (248) 650-2655.

■ **UMS Choral Union** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets: \$10-\$18. (313) 764-2538.

■ **Detroit Concert Choir** - 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell at Canfield, Detroit. Tickets: \$12, (313) 882-0118.

NOTE: The choir will perform parts of the "Messiah" along with classical Christmas music.

■ **Rochester Hills Symphony Choir** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, East Jefferson (at St. Antoine), Detroit. Tickets: \$12-\$15. (313) 341-3468.

■ **Orchard Lake Music Series** - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. Tickets: \$10, (248) 363-7222.

■ **De Haven Choral** - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. James Church, Woodward at Pearson, Ferndale. Tickets: \$10 (\$9 in advance); \$2 students, (248) 542-8835.

Egyptomania Volunteers

What: Volunteers needed to serve as hosts and hostesses in the galleries of the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibition. Morning and afternoon available. Shifts run 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Shifts for the final week of the exhibition are 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 1:30-6 p.m. When: Through Sunday, Jan. 4. Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Contact: Volunteer Services, (313) 833-0247.

'Mummy' needs help at the DIA

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

While most people are looking forward to the holidays, the Detroit Institute of Arts Volunteer Services is hoping to keep its galleries open by asking people to give a few hours of their time.

The mummies, in particular, would appreciate it since they are the stars of the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibit, which is drawing record crowds.

This exhibit features more than 200 masterpieces from the Roemer-Pelizaeus Museum in Hildesheim, Germany. Mummy cases, jewelry, statues, wall relief and ceramics, from the predynastic period to seventh century A.D., create a panoramic view of the pharaohs, technical achievements, political unrest, and fascination with afterlife.

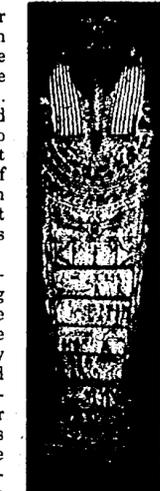
"We are desperate for volunteers on Dec. 24, 27 and 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 2 and 4," said Eileen Kozloff of Farmington Hills.

Since the July 16 opening, Kozloff has scheduled 2,200 volunteers who greet visitors. Some volunteers have come back as many as five times so that others may enjoy the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt."

Volunteering for the exhibition promises to be enriching in more ways than one. Where else could you experience up close the largest collection of ancient Egyptian treasures to visit the United States in decades?

"It's a wonderful, rewarding experience because of the education they receive," said Kozloff, a volunteer since 1950 for organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association and the Detroit Opera House. "I cannot express enough the pleasure of working in this beauty from thousands of years ago and knowing that future generations will be able to appreciate this, and that's the point of my helping. I'm giving back. I feel God sends us angels to help us through hard times, and I want to be an angel for others."

Kozloff tells prospective volunteers they should wear sensible shoes because shifts range from 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 hours. All shifts include a 30 minute orientation and training session. In return for their help, volunteers will receive a two for



Sold Gold: This sarcophagus (332 B.C.-A.D. 330), from the Roemer-Pelizaeus Museum in Hildesheim, Germany, is one of 200 artifacts on display in "Splendors of Ancient Egypt."

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DANCE

Dancing doll: Hilari Smith plays the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" presented by the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec. 12-14.



Tchaikovsky's horns announce holiday season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sugar plums dance in artistic director Dawn Greene's eyes as she talks about the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company's production of the "Nutcracker." It's turned into a real family affair.

Greene's 12-year-old granddaughter Hilari Smith of Canton performs Clara in three performances with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Daughter June Smith serves as ballet mistress, rehearsing the troupe. Greene's younger daughter Dawnell Dryja, a member of the Cincinnati Ballet plays the Sugar Plum Fairy. Dryja's husband Mark Nash, also a member of the Cincinnati Ballet, dances the role of Cavalier.

"I'm excited about having my granddaughter and daughter in the lead roles," said Greene. "Hilari's been working up to do this for so long. She danced her first Nutcracker as a mouse at age three."

Last September, 100 dancers auditioned for 50 parts. The company held a separate audition for the 12 mice roles for which three times as many dancers turned out. "It was so hard to tell them they couldn't be mice," said June Smith.

Added Greene, "some of them were too small to fit into the costume."

For a seventh year the Plymouth Symphony Orches-

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Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI or fax (248) 644-1314.

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ENTRIES

VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN
Call for Art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075; (248) 423-1080.

FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF DANCE
Auditions are open for the first annual Farmington Festival of Dance. All styles of dances are invited. You must be associated with Farmington or Farmington Hills by being a dance studio student, resident or attending school in the area. The concert will be at Farmington High School on Dec. 12. For more information, call Eric Johnston (248) 474-3174.

MUSIC COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET CO.
Open auditions for dancers. Fee: \$5. Company will perform "The Nutcracker" in mid-December. 41333 Southwind, Canton (313) 397-8828.

MISS MICH/MISS MICH TEEN
Now accepting applications to state preliminaries of "Miss USA & Miss Teen USA." Miss Michigan requirements: single, state resident between ages of 18-26; Miss Michigan Teen requirements: single, state resident between ages of 14-18. Competition categories: swim wear, evening wear, interview. (248) 334-7700.

DOCUMENTA USA
Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

HARBOR BELLS
English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept.-June. (248) 681-6453.

NAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT AT PCCA
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks entries for national juried all media exhibition. March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for slide entries: Jan. 15, 1998. For prospectus send a SASE to PCCA/Exhibitions, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-4110.

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

BENEFITS

MS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD
A calendar of 12 images selected from the 87-piece international exhibit, and holiday cards and note cards. Write/contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017; (800) FIGHT MS.

BLUES

BRIGHT NEWS
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, "House of Blues Tour" brings four preeminent blues musicians to Orchestra Hall: Dr. John and his band, Charlie Musselwhite, Robert Jr. Lockwood and Alvin Youngblood Hart. Tickets: \$13-\$60. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 962-3610.

VOCAL MUSIC

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
"A Baroque Holiday," featuring conductor Jaime Laredo, violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, cellist Marcy Chanteaux. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; 8:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday/Dec. 6-7. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 962-3610.

NOVI CHORALAIRES
Novi's Community Chorus presents music for Christmas celebration - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Farmington Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Donation: \$5, purchased at Novi Parks and Recreation office, or at the door. (248) 347-0400.

OAKLAND SINGERS - NOEL NIGHT
4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, "25th annual Noel Night," featuring the 78-member group, exhibits, dance, carriage rides, food and children's activities in and around Detroit's Cultural Center, between Ferry and Warren, Cass Avenue and John R. (248) 651-5351.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR
"Alleluia, Rejoice!" featuring Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham. Dates: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street, Plymouth; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia; (313) 462-4435.

A CAPELLA
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, "The Grunyons," perform extensive repertoire including seasonal music.

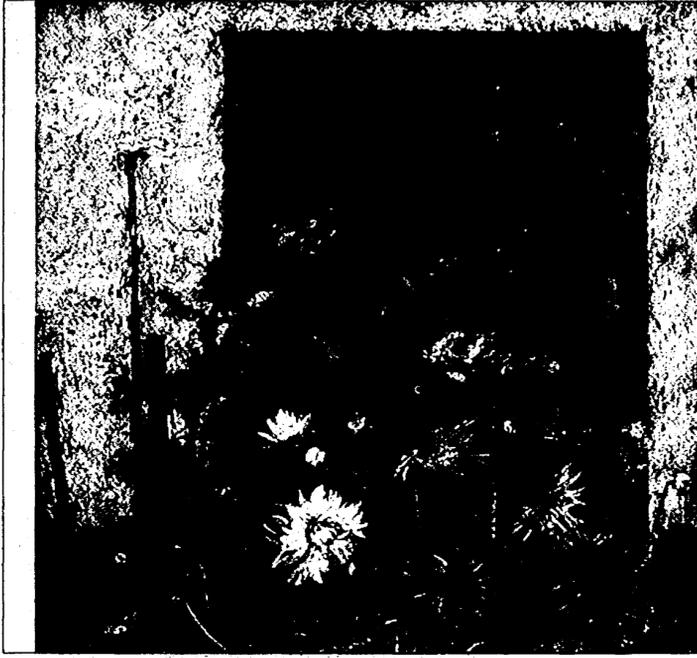


Exhibit: Richard Jerzy's New Paintings are on display through Jan. 5 at Creative Resource, 162 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, (248) 647-3688.

Sponsored by the Fair Lane Music Guild, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, U of M Dearborn, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road; (313) 593-5330.

TUESDAY MUSICALES OF PONTIAC
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, "Annual Christmas Concert," Central United Methodist Church, Waterford; (248) 673-6568.

CANTATA ACADEMY
"Holiday Favorites" - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, St. Hugo of the Hill, 2215 Opydyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 546-0420.

VANGUARD VOICES
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "Christmas Concert," featuring Respighi's sequence of carols, "Laud to the Nativity of the Lord," St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, south of Ford Road, Dearborn; (313) 317-6566.

CLASS

PCCA WINTER CLASSES
Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

CLASSICAL

KLEZMER-MANIA
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, The Klezmatics, Brave Old World, The Klezmer Conservatory Band and The Andy Statman Orchestra in a "Klezmer Summit" based on Itzhak Perlman's bestselling recording, "In the Fiddler's House." Tickets: \$20. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (313) 764-2538.

DSO'S BAROQUE HOLIDAY CONCERT
Featuring conductor/violinist Jaime Laredo. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; 8:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 6-7. Tickets: \$17-\$60. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-3700.

MADRIGAL CHORALE
"Annual Holiday Concert" - 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown (St. Antoine & Monroe), Detroit. Tickets: \$10 general; \$8 students/seniors. (810) 445-6199.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
"Handel's 'Messiah'" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opydyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$25 preferred; \$18 general; \$10 students. (248) 650-2655.

UMS CHORAL UNION
"Handel's Messiah" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 & 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Featuring conductor Thomas Sheets, soprano Nicole Heaston, counter-tenor David Daniels, tenor John Aler and bass Nathan Berg along with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$10-\$18. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (313) 764-2538.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Song and Style," featuring the Living Christmas Card Vocal Quartet. Tickets: \$30. At the home of Dr. William Kupski of Grosse Pointe. For details, call (248) 357-1111.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Annual Christmas Concert," featuring Mercy High School vocal ensembles, the Mercy Orchestra and the Mercyaires. 29300 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8020.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
"Holiday Brass," an annual seasonal celebration for large brass choir, includ-

ing works by Handel, Mancini, Bizet and Gershwin. Tickets: \$20 general, \$16 students/seniors, \$10 children under 12. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook.

DETROIT BRASS SOCIETY
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 546-2503.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Holiday Celebration," conducted by Judith Premin and accompanist Eleanor Whelan, including carols and seasonal songs featuring soprano Grace Ward, Joan Chandler Boves and John Muller. Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver at Adams Road, Troy. (248) 475-5978.

CONCERT BAND

B'HAM CONCERT BAND
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Concert," featuring seasonal favorites and inspirational music. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 5-6; 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Spectacular." Tickets: \$6-\$10. Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3013.

FLAMENCO
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Flamenco without Limits," featuring Omayra Amaya and her dance company. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Nov. 30 - "Memory and Transformation," a Latin heritage exhibit, featuring Bertha Cohen. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Group exhibit of modern and contemporary masters. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Through Nov. 30 - "2 x 2," the works of alumni Pamela Giurlanda of Farmington Hills and Anna Helkowsky of West Bloomfield. 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia; (313) 432-5737.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Dec. 3 - "Magical World of Children's Book Illustration," featuring Dennis Nolan, Lauren Mills and Kathryn Brown. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

MACOMB CENTER
Through Dec. 8 - "Macomb Arts Council Prestige Art Show." 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CENTER
Through Dec. 8 - "Collective Visions," a group exhibit. 30055 Northwestern Hwy. at Inkster Road; (248) 865-4000.

BOOK BEAT
Through Dec. 10 - "Gods of the Spirit: Haitian Vodou Flags and Objects." 26010 Greenfield; (248) 968-1190.

ARTSPACE II
Through Dec. 11 - "Gold: Sculpture and Painting by Barbara Kovacs." 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 258-1540.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Dec. 11 - "Platters 119 S MaHer," works by 30 artists. 119 S Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Dec. 12 - 7 p.m., "Graduate Works in Progress." Wayne State University campus, 150 Art Building, Detroit; (313) 577-2203.

HILL GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - 6:30-8 p.m., "Carl Toth: Recent Works." 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 19 - "Fiber, Clay, Metal," alumni invitational exhibition. Ford Gallery Art Dept., 114 Ford Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti; (313) 487-0465.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Dec. 28 - 6 p.m., "The Christmas Show," featuring works by Diana Gernerman, David Mandiberg, Vinlander Chaudhry, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

C POP GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - "Nocturnal Planet: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Glenn Barr. 515 S. Lafayette, Ste. D, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.



At the gallery: Tyrone Mitchell's recent Works, are at the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery through Dec. 27, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-2700.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Threads," an exhibit of and sale of quilts, fabric art, textiles and tapestries. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

KNOLLWOOD GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Food Art of David McCall Johnston." 6447 Inkster Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-9844.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Dec. 31 - "50th anniversary exhibit of the Michigan Weaver's Guild." 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Second Floor, Executive Office Building, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY/PERFORMANCE VENUE
Through Dec. 31 - "The Hi & Goodbye Show," paintings by Jacques Karamanoukan and sculptural wood cuts and prints by Karl Schneider. 2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-9192.

CLIQUE GALLERY
Through Jan. 3 - 7 p.m., "8 Years, 3 Floors," Elaine Redmond's mannequin series. 200 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 545-2200.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through Jan. 5 - "Richard Jerzy: New Paintings." 162 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes, Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper." 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Jan. 15 - New glass work by Pavel Hlava. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (810) 333-2060.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
Through Jan. 17 - "Transforming Visions," an international exhibit based on the theme of the "need for peace." 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 31 - "National Horse Show," an invitational featuring 45 artists. Thru Jan. 31, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

EXHIBIT OPENINGS

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Dec. 3 - "From Nature's Mould," featuring eight artists from Michigan's Thumb area, thru Dec. 20. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

NETWORK GALLERY
7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, "New Work" by Susan Goethel Campbell, and "Enclosures," an exhibit of picture frames, thru Jan. 10. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Dec. 5 - 6 p.m., "Feliz Navidad, Celebrate the Holidays," children's book illustrations by Elisa Kleven. Book signing 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Thru Jan. 3, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Dec. 5 - 7:30 p.m., "Annual Holiday Party," featuring work by Dale Chihuly. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

REVOLUTION
Dec. 6 - 5:30 p.m., Sculpture by James Shrosbree, including wall mounted and free-standing sculpture; and "On Paper II," prints and drawings of Frank Auerbach, Dara Walker and Sue Williams. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Dec. 6 - "Sculpture" by Susan Martin, thru Jan. 10. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

IMAN
Dec. 7 - 5:30 p.m., "Muslim Women Artists: An exhibit of contemporary and traditional artwork," thru Dec. 21. Oak Park Public Library, 13600 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park; (248) 377-2266.

FESTIVALS

GUILD OF ARTISTS AND ARTISANS
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 & 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6-7, "Holiday Art Fair," presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who organize the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Tickets: \$4 adults; free for children under 12. Oakland Community College, Bldg. H, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills. (313) 662-3382/(248) 548-3779.

GALLERY CRAWL

PONTIAC ART DISTRICT
6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, "Second Annual Holiday Auction and Gallery Crawl." Proceeds go to Lighthouse of Oakland County. (248) 334-5566/(248) 332-5257.

HOLIDAY ART GIFTS

HOLIDAY SALES SHOW
Through Dec. 13 - "Gifts of Art," featuring ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, toys, wearables, ornaments. Preview party, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Dec. 20 - "RED," two and three-dimensional work inspired by the color. The gallery is an artists' cooperative. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit; (313) 831-2862.

PAINT CREEK ART CENTER
Through Dec. 20 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, "Holiday Gift Gallery Party." Proceeds go to nonprofit art center. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Dec. 26 - Holiday Gifts show, featuring 28 artists. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

SILK PHOTOGRAPHY
Through Dec. 28 - "Annual Holiday Photo Sale." 14261 Nadine, Oak Park; (248) 544-1203.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM
Through Dec. 29 - Holiday exhibit, featuring Manel Anoro, John Asaro, Sohol Hohn and Rick Laney. 390 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 540-8505.

CHRISTIE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments. 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Through Dec. 31 - Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES
Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "African Gift Items," including baskets, batiks, dolls, masks and jewelry. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 64-SHONA.

PARK WEST
Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Knief. 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show, "Earthly Treasures." 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD
Annual holiday sale, Dec. 4-6, featuring 25 ceramic artists. 340 N. Main, G-4, Plymouth; (313) 207-8807.

JAZZ

SOLOS AND DUOS
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Jazz piano masters Burton Greene and Fred Van Hove. Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Room F-113, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 845-9676.

LECTURES

BALDWIN LIBRARY
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, "Internet workshops." 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 2.

ARCHITECTURE
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, "Recent Projects for the 21st Century," a discussion by noted architect John Johansen of the energy and daring of architecture. Lawrence Tech University, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 204-4000.

RECENT DISCOVERIES
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, "Recent Discoveries in the Valley of the Kings: The Theban Mapping Project and KV5," a lecture by Dr. Kent Weeks, professor of Egyptology, American University in Cairo. Tickets: \$5 general; \$3 DIA members. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MEETING

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
7 p.m. second Wednesday every month, September-May. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3707.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects. 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Jan. 4 - "Photography and Site," an exhibit of nine contemporary photographers; "Fragments Toward a City: Architecture and Photography." 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

DIA'S "SPLENDORS OF ANCIENT EGYPT"
Through Jan. 4 - Mummies, pyramids and mysteries of Egypt. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

NEW AGE

WINDHAM HILLS CONCERT
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, "Winter Solstice," starring Tuck & Patti, Liz Story, David Arkenstone and Lisa Lynne. Detroit Opera House, Madison Avenue at Broadway, Detroit; (313) 953-3300.

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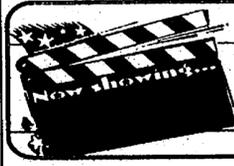
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2:20, 9:35
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MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
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THE JACKAL (R)
10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:00, 9:40
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MORTAL KOMBAT (PG-13)
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THE JACKAL (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
BEAN (PG13)
11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:00
EVE'S BAYOU (R)
12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R)
11:00 (4:00) 7:15
THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE (PG)
1:45, 10:00

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11:00, 12:00, 1:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45, 6:45, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15
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NP WINGS OF THE DOVE (R)
11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:15
STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
11:45, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00
BEAN (PG13)
11:10, 12:45, 1:30, 3:10, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45, 10:50
EVE'S BAYOU (R)
12:15, 1:45, 7:45, 10:30
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NO VIP TICKETS
NP MORTAL KOMBAT 2: ANNIHILATION
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NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE LITTLE MERMAID (G)
11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 7:20
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NP THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE (PG)
12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00
NO VIP TICKETS
FAIRY TALE, A TRUE STORY (PG)
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1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:10
THE RAINMAKER (PG13) NV
1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
& 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
THE WINGS OF THE DOVE (R) NV
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05
SOUL FOOD (R) NV
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1:55, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45

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THE RAINMAKER (PG13) NV
12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
& 1:30, 4:30, 8:00

Fairy Tale (PG) NV
1:00, 4:15
ONE NIGHT STAND (R) NV
7:15, 9:40

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THE RAINMAKER (PG13) NV
1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55
BEAN (PG13) NV
12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 6:45, 9:00
STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
"I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) NV
7:40, 10:05
FAIRY TALE (G)
12:40, 3:00, 5:15

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ANASTASIA (G) NV
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
THE RAINMAKER (PG13) NV
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
THE JACKAL (R) NV
1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
MORTAL KOMBAT (PG13) NV
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LITTLE MERMAID (G)
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12:30, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05, 9:15
NP MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
12:30, 3:45, 6:50, 10:00
NP THE JACKAL (R)
11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
SUN. ONLY: THE LITTLE MERMAID (G)
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STARSHIP TROOPERS (R)
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9:15
MEN IN BLACK (PG13)
5:15, 7:30, 9:45
GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE (PG)
5:00
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BOOKS

Author tells a strong story

Orphan in the Sands
By Virginia Haroutunian
(Self-published)

By HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Everybody has a story to tell, if you dig deep enough, wait long enough, care enough to pay attention.

The story that Virginia Haroutunian of Bloomfield Hills tells is two stories of how the hardships and loneliness of one life influenced another life.

This self-published book is simply told though interestingly structured to delay the most dramatic elements until the end. It's a story that is painfully honest and sometimes confessional, but as all heartfelt stories do, it reaches out to us.

The book begins with the arrival of Tourvanda Ahigian at Ellis Island in New York, an Armenian immigrant who must wait more than two months on the island before being allowed

to go with her cousins to Water-vliet, New York. It follows her as she marries Michael Haroutunian, moves to Michigan, changes her name to Victoria and gives birth to two children. The focus then shifts to the youngest of these children, Virginia.

At the center of the book is Virginia's confusion over her mother's emotional coldness, penny-pinching, nagging and general unhappiness. It has a strong and damaging effect on Virginia's life.

Virginia's dream of being a concert pianist never comes to fruition. Her relationships with men never develop. Her attempts at independence are always thwarted. But she finds comfort in her family, especially her warm and understanding father, her friends and her work as a choral music teacher.

This story is told baldly, each incident suggesting how the emotional repressions of her homelife have created a crushing reserve in Virginia.

As she reaches her 40s, the whole story begins to reveal itself. On a trip to Armenia in the late '70s, as the Soviet Union begins its first melting period, Virginia learns of her father's escape from Turkish soldiers.

But it is later, after her mother comes through a bout with

cancer, that the mother insists on taking a trip to Ellis Island. Here, surrounded by the memories of her arrival in a free country, the mother (Myreeg in Armenian) finally breaks down and tells her daughter of her involvement as a child in what is called the Armenian genocide of 1915 at the hands of the Turks.

The story of the forced starvation march, told in Myreeg's careful, broken English is effectively handled and placed for best dramatic effect. The story continues as Myreeg is placed in the home of a harsh Turkish family and then in an orphanage. She then tells how she finally made her way to her cousins in America.

It must have been painful for Virginia Haroutunian to recreate this emotional watershed, which gives such insight into the special power of Ellis Island as a refuge from the tyranny of ethnic battles, political oppression and rank human cruelty.

The revelations finally allow Virginia to come to terms with her own life. She ends the book with a nicely done coda in which she meets a friend and comes to terms with the life she has.

"Orphan in the Sands" is available at the Border's Bookstore, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham.



By Virginia Haroutunian

BOOK HAPPENINGS

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Joe Falls signs his new book, "Joe Falls: 50 Years of Sports Writing," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2; Dr. Judy McKee gives workshop on children's gifts, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; cartoonist Mark Crilley gives workshop, 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the store 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 737-0110.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS (NORTHVILLE)
Richard Paul brings his book "The Magic Telescope," to life with puppets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3; a discussion of Martha Stewart's Healthy Quick Cook, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at the store 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville, (248) 348-1420.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)
Storytime features "Thanksgiving Day," by Gail Gibbons, 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2; fiction group discusses Joan Didion's "The Last Thing He Wanted," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at the store 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 626-6804.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)
Detroit Women Writers features five local writers 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1; Robert Lytle of the Mackinac Passage series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; pianist Charley Gehringer 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; Mitch Albom signs "Tuesdays With Morrie," 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; "Where's Waldo," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the store 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248) 652-0558.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Elsa Kleven signs her book "Feliz Navidad, Celebrate the Holidays," 6 p.m. open house Friday, Dec. 5; 1-4 p.m. book signing Saturday, Dec. 6; exhibit Dec. 5-Jan. 4 at the gallery 536 North Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248) 647-7040.

COOPERSMITH'S
Stephanie Mellen signs her book "God Doesn't Leave the Toilet Seat Up - Why Would She?" 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the store at Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

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Eastern Michigan theater production is a classic

Eastern Michigan University Theatre presents "Guys and Dolls" 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 to Saturday, Dec. 6. Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti. \$5 bargain night Thursday; \$10 general admission Friday and Saturday; \$7 and \$5 for Mainstage members; \$8 and \$6 for EMU students in advance. Add \$2 for tickets purchased at the door. (313) 487-1221
By TONY LAWRY
SPECIAL WRITER

With all of the new age theatrical musicals such as "Rent," "The Life," and "Bring in da Noise, Bring in da Funk," classics such as "West Side Story," "Hello, Dolly!" and "Guys and Dolls," still remain in the hearts of many longtime theatergoers. Eastern Michigan Theatre is presenting one of these classics — "Guys and Dolls."

This musical fairy-tale deals with the love acquired between Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown. What is the problem you ask? Well, Sky is the sinner of all sinners, a gambler. Sarah however, is the Virgin Mary reincarnate, a mission's sergeant

and inspired to rid all of Broadway of its' devilish attitudes. They do not meet until a bet is set by Nathan Detroit for Sky to win over the heart of Miss Sarah.

Mister Detroit has his own problems though. Not only does he need Sky to lose this bet so he may conduct his crap game, but hide these illegal activities from the law and his fiancée of 14 years Miss Adelaide.

Adelaide and Detroit are not quite the star crossed lovers that Sky and Sarah are but more in it for the longevity. Poor Adelaide suffers with her constantly breaking heart in such a way that she has become "sick" over it.

In many ways this production of the musical theater phenomenon is different than any other. In a well directed way, it is sexy and less cartoony. Sadly though, it is also less funny. This however, is not a reflection of the directing, but obviously a misinterpretation by the actors.

Not all is lost though. The four leads obviously are on a different professional level than the rest of the company. They plainly

seem natural whereas many of the other characters have created a contradicting way of portraying themselves or are just too stiff on stage.

Michael Jaworski, despite his less than perfect singing, has incredible comedic timing as Nathan Detroit. Erik Schark, working through his feminine hand movements, makes for a very realistic Sky and developed the perfect characterization for this particular production.

Tricia Smith, as the pure and naive Sarah Brown, was utterly wonderful in every way — a beautiful soothing voice matched with a beautiful and soothing face and a character that seemed part of herself.

Careful not to totally steal the show from her counterparts is Laura Dysarczyk as Miss Adelaide. She portrays Adelaide as a stronger character than most productions let on but none the less she is what the audience is hoping to see following every blackout. A strong voice and immense stage presence make this Adelaide one Nathan should succumb to quickly.

The music of course is timeless

but one thing Frank Loesser was careful to do was to put the show's best number in the latter portion of the second act. As in most musicals that showstopper comes either at the end of the first act or in the beginning of the second. Not true for "Guys and Dolls." The biggest crowd pleaser falls well into the two and one-half hour mark and is beautifully put together by director Pirooz Aghssa and choreographer Kerry Graves. Just when the theater patrons think the show is coming to an end, "Marry the Man Today" takes off as the high point of the evening. A duet by the two dolls Sarah and Adelaide is no more than a cute and fun song about the girls solving their romantic problems in interesting ways. This is the one moment in the show where the audience's grin got perpetually bigger and bigger as the song went on.

One other interesting concept is the more realistic costumes for the period. If any guys are looking for some dolls to brighten up their holidays, make a trip to Quirk Theatre and let Sarah and Adelaide entertain you.



Classic: Michael Jaworski as Nathan Detroit and Laura Dysarczyk as Miss Adelaide in the EMU Theatre production of "Guys and Dolls."

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

FIRE UP YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The Friends of Nankin Mills are inviting everyone to their ninth annual Christmas Tree Lighting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the historic Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Edward Hines Drive in Westland. The event is free. Call Wayne County Parks Naturalist Carol Clements (313) 261-1850 or Pat White at (313) 261-0874 for more information.

The Friends will gather outside the mill to sing Christmas

carols, light the mill for the holidays, and welcome Santa. The new naturalist for Wayne County Parks will be there as well. Nankin Mills Christmas cards and note cards will be available for a donation of \$5 per package.

There is free parking behind the mill. Take Hines Drive south from Ann Arbor Trail. Those attending will be permitted to drive past the barricades as Hines Drive is closed to through traffic due to the Festival of Lights.

SPECIAL SHOW

Rivers Edge Gallery owners Jim and Patt Slack are hosting a one-day portfolio showing of Edna Hibbel's work 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 44934 Ford Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon roads in Canton. A

representative of Hibbel's will bring 2-300 stone lithographs to the gallery. For information, call the gallery at (313) 254-9880.

Born in Boston in 1917, Hibbel has been painting for more than 65 years. In 1939, she was awarded the Ruth B. Sturtevant Traveling Fellowship for study and painting in Mexico from the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts. Afterwards, she returned to the Boston Museum School to study the Renaissance masters.

Hibbel has displayed work in exhibitions at major museums and galleries in 20 countries on four continents. Her awards include a Medal of Honor and Citation from Pope John Paul II and the Presidential Award from the John F. Kennedy Foundation's Very Special Arts in Washington, D.C.

GIFT IDEAS

Clay art is one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone. From tiles to vases and ornaments, the Village Potters Guild offers a variety of ceramics which are

pit-fired, raku, porcelain and stoneware at its second annual show Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 4-6, at 340 North Main, Building G-4 in Plymouth. Call (313) 207-8807.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Harpist Diane Kimball will perform noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

Prices range from \$4 for jewelry to \$100 for a bird bath.

EGYPTIAN TOMB LECTURE

In 1995, Dr. Kent Weeks discovered the largest tomb ever found in Egypt, the burial place of many of the 50 sons of the pharaoh Ramesses II. Weeks will discuss his recent work in the tomb, designated KV5, and his other work at Thebes in "Recent Discoveries in the Valley of Kings: Theban Mapping Project and KV5" 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 in the theater at the

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

Weeks, a professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, is director of the Theban Mapping Project.

Tickets are \$5 for Founders society members, \$3 nonmembers. Call (313) 833-2323.

JAZZ CONCERT

European jazz piano masters Burton Green and Fred Van Hove perform 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in Room F-113 of the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Tickets are \$10 and available by calling (313) 845-9676.

OPENING RECEPTION

The public is invited to a reception for the 84th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition 5-9 p.m. Dec. 6 (Noel Night) at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Norman Brown, owner of the

Ashley-Chris Gallery in Grosse Pointe, juried the club members' all media show featuring painting, photography, drawing and sculpture.

Start your holiday shopping at the club. The annual Holiday Sales Show of art works selected and priced for gift giving continues through Jan. 4 as does the Gold Medal show. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Call (313) 831-1250.

CLARA MEETS HER PRINCE

"On Stage," a division of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's education committee, presents renowned storyteller Ruth Burr, telling Tchaikovsky's tale of the "Nutcracker." Clara Meets Her Prince" 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Hard Rock Cafe at Plymouth Salem High School.

Tickets for the "On Stage" presentation are \$2, and available by calling the Plymouth Symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

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one voucher to purchase timed-tickets to see the exhibition.

"We'd like to have 10 volunteers each shift or a total of 20 a day," said auxiliary coordinator Karen Carey of Milford. "Week-day afternoon volunteers are desperately needed, but we're facing a critical need during the holiday week from Dec. 26 to Jan. 4 including New Year's Eve day. If they love to be around people we'd love to have them volunteer. We call them our DIA ambassadors. They don't need to know about art. They just need to be a smiling presence and help in the galleries."

Kozloff suggests volunteering as a couple as she and husband, Sol, did. They began volunteering at the museum six years ago. "It's nice because we spend time together and we have something we like to share," said Kozloff.

This was the first time Martin and Geraldine Free volunteered at the museum although they frequently donate their time at the Detroit Opera House and Fox Theatre.

"It's an enjoyable experience," said Martin Free, a Westland resident. "We usually volunteer as a couple. We enjoy working together. We volunteered for the Egyptian exhibit because you get a sense of being a part of things, and if you're interested, you have the opportunity at the museum to be involved on a deeper level."

This was also Carol and Harve Massey's first time volunteering at the museum. A Plymouth resident, Carol Massey thought it would be fun.

"We got to spend the day together and have lunch together

or plus we got to see the exhibit," said Carol Massey.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Churchill girls qualify

Livonia Churchill sent two swimmers to the state Class A girls meet Nov. 21 at Michigan State University's McCaffree Pool in East Lansing.

Adrienne Doyle, a junior, and Angela Simetosky, a sophomore, both qualified in the 500-yard freestyle.

Doyle swam a 5:19.9, dropping six second off her performance at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet on Nov. 8, while Simetosky dropped off one second in the 500 and placed in the top 20 in the 200 freestyle.

Both Simetosky and Doyle, coached by Ken Stark, posted personal bests in the 500 freestyle.

They were Churchill's first girls state qualifiers in three years.

Crusaders get bounced

The Madonna University men's basketball team continued its slow start with a lopsided 72-46 loss Wednesday at Oakland University.

A non-conference matchup, the Crusaders fell behind 42-29 at halftime and couldn't mount a second-half rally.

John-Mark Branch led Madonna with 15 points while Mark Hayes added 11.

Poor shooting was Madonna's (2-4) downfall.

The Crusaders shot just 37 percent from the field and 40 percent at the free throw line.

Oakland (3-3) got a team-high 15 points from Dan Champaign and 13 from Denny Amrhein.

Falcon gridders go 9-0

The Livonia Junior Football League Falcons varsity football team, coached by Fred Miller, recently completed a 9-0 season.

The Falcons, made up of 12- and 13-year-olds from the Holmes Middle School area, racked up over 2,500 yards in total offense while outscoring their opponents, 220-24 (including six shutouts).

Members of the Falcons include: Greg Arrowsmith, Cliff Carlson, Ryan Crowell, Eric Gray, Steve Johnson, Bill Marsack, Jeff Niemiec, Bill Rabe, Ryan Schacht, Chris Baker, Mike Childers, Jim Ferry, Chris Hoskins, Jim Koskela, Mike McConkey, Kevin Orlik, Charlie Reed, Bill Williams, Scott Brodie, Joshua Cork, John Ferry, Lindon Ivezaj, Anthony Longordo, Matt McCowan, Anthony Phelps, Dan Ross and Ryan McNally.

Assistant coaches include Sonny Micallef and Tom Smith.

The LJFL JV squad, coached by Dave Falzon, also finished 9-0. The JV Falcons, made up of 11- and 12-year-olds from the Holmes Middle School area, gained over 2,000 yards in total offense while holding their opponents to 387. They outscored the opposition 218-6, shutting out eight of nine opponents.

Members of the JV Falcons include: Steve Armstrong, Chad Coleman, Levi Govan, Mike Khoe, Darryl Nippes, Andy Redington, Rick Schoenberger, Kyle Stutzmann, Blake Weldon, Brendan Burke, Dan Dinardi, Jeff Hollandsworth, Chris Keimig, Doug Novack, Griffin Schager, Andrew Sittler, Robert St. Clair, Pat Childers, Kevin Domingo, Brandon Hoots, Garrett Mette, Matt Radley, Adam Schick, Steve Schonce and Rob Thomas.

Assistant coaches include Rick Coley, Tim Hollandsworth and Russ Thomas.

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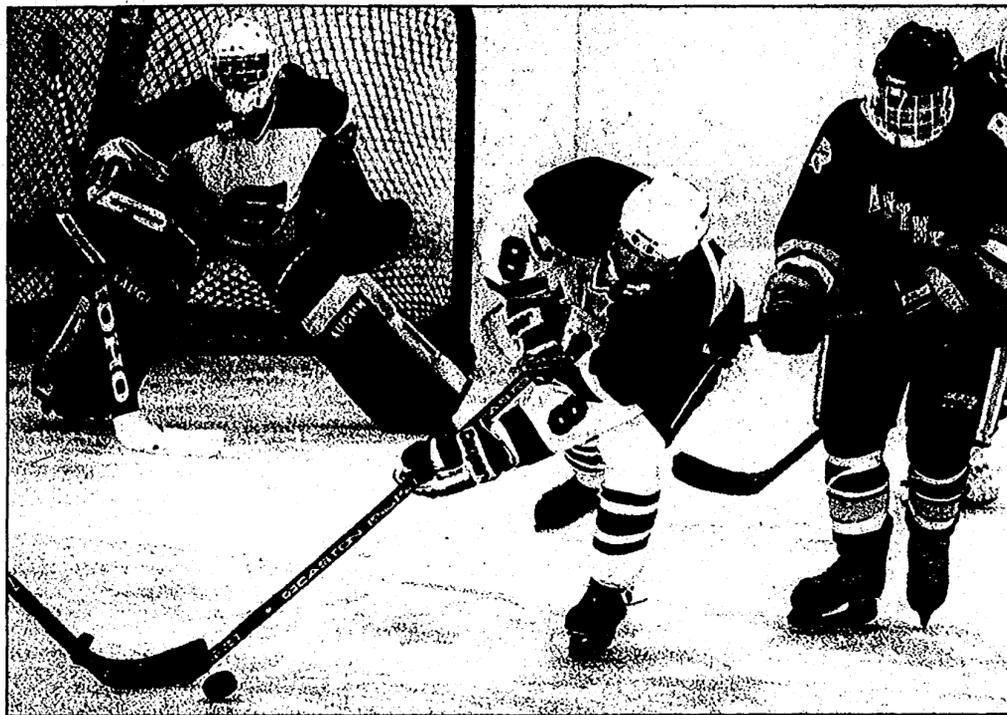
Livonia natives Liz Gunn (Ladywood) and Kerri Verardi (Churchill), both members of the Western Michigan University women's soccer team, were recently named to the inaugural Mid-American Conference All-Academic First Team.

Gunn, a dietetics and exercise science major, and Verardi, a biomedical science major, both own cumulative grade-point averages of 3.79.

A senior goalkeeper, Gunn appeared in six games, recording a 1.57 goals-against average and a 3-2 record. She was a three-sport athlete at WMU also competing in volleyball and tennis.

Verardi, a sophomore midfielder, tied for second for the Lady Broncos in scoring (four goals and one assist).

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Clearing out: Livonia Stevenson's Joe Suchara (No. 8) protects the net during Wednesday's Suburban High School Hockey League game against Redford Union.

Balanced attack

Stevenson pounds Redford Union, 8-0

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

Livonia Stevenson may be young but the Spartans' hockey team plays old.

Redford Union's extremely young team found that out Wednesday night when it went to Eddie Edgar Arena and lost to Stevenson, 8-0.

Like jam on toast, the Spartans spread their scoring around.

Junior Ryan Sinks scored twice, opening and closing the game, while junior Dan Cieslak had a goal and two assists to help the Spartans improve to 4-0 while handing the Panthers their third loss in four tries.

"We were thoroughly outplayed," said Panthers' assistant Rusty Lynch, behind the bench in place of ailing RU Coach Kirk Hunter. "They're a well-coached team with a lot of speed and a lot of talent."

"I can't say enough about their speed, the way they moved the puck."

Stevenson totally dominated the first period, piling up a 16-1 shot margin and scoring three times. But Redford Union came out hitting in the second and by game's end the shot margin stood at 37-15.

"It was a great team effort," Spartans' coach Mike Harris said. "This was our third shutout in a row. We have a lot of pride in our defense. We play sound defense."

Sophomore Chris McComb played the first two periods in goal for the Spartans with Matt McLeod working the final 15 minutes.

The game deteriorated a little at the end with pushing, punching and shoving. Some Redford Union partisans also felt Stevenson might have played some key players too much in the final minute.

"We're not trying to run up the score on anybody," Harris protested. "We played four lines."

"Everybody came ready to play and everybody played. We're not trying to embarrass anybody. This is hockey. You try to score. That's what we're trying to do."

Both teams are quite youth. The Panthers have three seniors, seven juniors, 11 sophomores and a freshman. The Spartans carry four seniors, 14 juniors and a pair of sophomores.

"We still have to develop a little bit," Lynch said. "We're going to get better as the season goes on. We're still learning. We should be better by the next time we play them."

Bruce Caskey had some strong shifts for Redford Union and Mike O'Keefe, who played the first two periods, did a good job in goal. Joe Roe came in to play goal with 3:11 gone in the third period.

Sinks made it 8-0 with an unassisted goal off a faceoff with 41 seconds to play. He skated in on left wing and fired in a short shot.

Bill Marshall blasted in a drop pass from Cieslak 5:44 into the final period. Cieslak scored unassisted just 1:52 into the period.

Willie Wilson, another junior, gave Stevenson a 5-0 lead at 8:21 of the second period. Wilson's goal and one by Mike Radakovich early in the period came on power plays as Stevenson scored four of its first five with a man advantage.

Sinks, junior Roy Rabe and junior Steve Anderson scored in the opening period for the Spartans. Junior Mike

Walsh had two assists in the game while junior John May, junior Mike Zientarski, Jeff Lang, Marshall and junior Adam Heseltine each assisted on goals.

In other games:

MILFORD 7, FRANKLIN 4: Paul Schiebold and Chris Neyn each scored twice Wednesday, leading the unbeaten Redskins (4-0 overall) to the non-league victory over host Livonia Franklin (2-1) at Edgar Arena.

Milford led 2-1 after one period and increased its lead to 6-2 after two periods.

Dave Tyler scored a pair of goals and added one assist for the Patriots. Tony Saia (power-play) and Jeremiah White added the other Franklin goals.

Erik Rakoczy, Justin Sawyer, Brandon McCullough, Greg Job and Trevor Skocen each drew assists.

Franklin used two goaltenders — Phil Brady and Rob Williams.

"It was a penalty-filled game," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, who had two players disqualified. "Milford is a good team, very well-coached and I think they'll do very well in the state tournament."

The Patriots will also be missing two other players for Wednesday's game with Livonia Churchill because of disciplinary reasons.

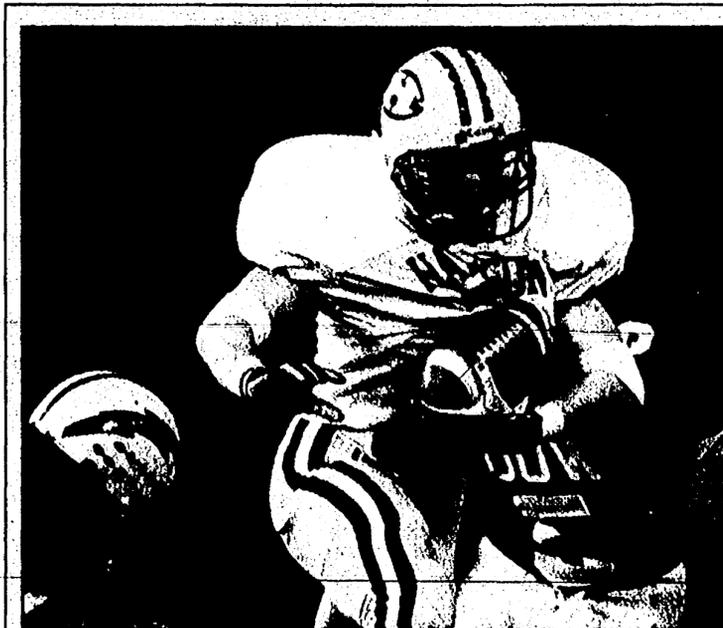
On Tuesday, Franklin won its second straight behind a pair of goals from Greg Job in a 4-2 non-league victory over host White Lake-Lakeland.

Franklin outshot the Eagles 32-19.

Patriot netminder Williams stopped 18 of 19 shots.

After a scoreless opening period, McCullough notched Franklin's first goal from Skocen and Adam Sexton and Job followed with his first from Sexton and Jeremiah White for a 2-1 lead.

White then scored from Jeff Job and Nick Tilt in the third and Greg Job finished off Lakeland with his second, a power-play effort, from Tyler and Sawyer.



Class A champs

Hawks soar: Zack Corwell rushed for 103 yards in 14 carries as Farmington Hills Harrison won its eighth state championship under coach John Herington Friday at the Pontiac Silverdome with a workmanlike 21-6 victory over Midland Dow. The Hawks have won eight of 11 state title appearances. Harrison jumped out to a 14-0 halftime lead against the Chargers and were never seriously threatened the rest of the way. See game report on page E3.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Too tough: King rolls by Blazers in regional

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Detroit King had Thanksgiving dinner a day early.

The Lady Crusaders, the Public School League champions, carved up Livonia Ladywood and left few leftovers Wednesday evening on the Southfield High table en route to a 68-28 victory.

It was coach William Winfield's 10th regional title in 13 years. He has guided King to three state titles and three runner-up finishes.

King, now 23-2 overall, advances to the Class A quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday at Roseville.

Ladywood finished its season 12-12.

"It's rare you see a team with quickness and skill, but they're a combination of both," Ladywood second-year coach Andrea Gorski said of King.

Nine King players scored, led by 5-3 senior guard Shalondra Booker, who had a game-high 16 points.

Ovliana Lewis, a 6-foot sophomore center, and 5-8 junior forward Marnina Sullivan each added 14 points.

King simply just had too much speed, strength and depth for the Blazers.

"We like to play all of them because it makes for good spirit on the team and it makes for good practices when they all know they're going to play," said Winfield, who uses all 12 girls.

Winfield, who missed four minutes of the opening quarter, had to make an emergency stop at his nearby Southfield home to pick up a jersey for senior Alisa Holley.

His assistant, Curtis Green, capably manned the sidelines as the Lady Crusaders nailed three triples to gain a 17-10 first quarter lead.

"I told him to take over until I got back," Winfield said. "We've been together quite a long time. He likes the same thing I do — press and play defense."

Ladywood's 6-foot senior center Sarah Poglits, playing her final game as a Blazer, tallied all 10 Ladywood first-period points.

Poglits, who finished with a team-high 14, could get off one shot during the second quarter as King opened up a 36-15 halftime advantage.

"I thought we play a 2-3 zone (defense) to start to keep some of our people inside because I was worried about their inside game," Gorski said. "But they (King) shot well from the outside, so we went to a 3-2 to combat that, so we could matchup up with their guards out-front. Then, they just killed us on the boards and we would have had a real problem matchuping up with them in a man-to-man."

King hit seven shots beyond the three-point arc.

"I knew they'd pack it in," Winfield said. "But we hit some shots early and it opened things up. We've shot the ball from the perimeter pretty well this year. And if teams are going to pack it in, then we're more than happy to shoot from outside."

The Lady Crusaders finished the night hitting 37.8 percent (25 of 68), but took 30 more shots than their counterpart from the Catholic League's Central Division.

"We like to run to run, but we're patient enough when the fast-break is not there to set it up," said Winfield, who last won a title in 1991.

Meanwhile, Ladywood was 10 of 36 from the floor (27.7 percent) and committed 26 turnovers (to King's 10).

"I was impressed with their ball movement versus the zone," Gorski said. "We needed more shots, but didn't get it because we couldn't get into our offense. They were

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STATE TOURNAMENT GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Bishop Borgess shuts down Goodlow to advance into Class C quarterfinal

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Dominican senior forward Rayna Goodlow is a strong candidate to win the state's Miss Basketball award, but Redford Bishop Borgess senior center Ayisha Smith made a strong case for herself in Wednesday's Class C regional final between the two schools.

Smith made a pair of three-point shots and scored eight points in the first quarter of the Spartans' 65-26 victory.

That's all coach Dave Mann needed to see to secure his vote.

Smith added only two points the rest of the game as Mann was content to use her as a decoy with as many weapons as the Spartans have.

Goodlow, ranked the No. 1 player in the state according to one pre-season poll, finished with 14 points, including all nine of the Ravens' points in the second quarter.

"I think she's the best player in the state," Mann said of Smith. "She didn't need to prove to me. When they went man (man to man defense) I was quite happy to put Isha in the corner. I told her to stand there and the rest will play four on four. I felt we could win that

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game."

The win sends the Spartans, No. 1 ranked in Class C, to the state quarterfinal to face Sandusky at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Troy Athens.

The Spartans took control early, going on an 11-1 run to end the first quarter with a 15-8 lead. Smith sparked a 9-0 run during that spurt with a three-point shot from right of the key and a 15-foot jumper, both in the half-court set.

Smith is surprised people still let her shoot those.

"They say 'Oh she's a tall girl, she's not going to shoot that,'" Smith said. "Coach Mann gives me the green light. He gave me the green light last year."

Smith isn't the only player that gives teams a matchup problem when they face the Spartans.

If Smith isn't scoring from inside or out, senior point guard Christina Anderson is penetrating and scoring or dishing off, senior forward Koren Merchant is driving for baseline baskets (when she's not called for traveling) and junior forward Tiffany Simon is scoring points on the fast break.

Merchant led the Spartans with 21 points and seven rebounds, Simon contributed 12 points and Anderson 10.

The Spartans forced Dominican into 30 turnovers, including 11 in the fourth quarter when the Ravens went scoreless for the first 4:25.

Borgess outscored Dominican, 26-2 in the fourth quarter, which didn't leave as much of a bad taste in Ravens' coach Diane

Jones' mouth as the way the Spartans played at times.

Jones wasn't happy when Mann chose to have his team stall in the half-court offense in order to get Dominican out of a zone defense.

"He does that passing around, stalling stuff and their athleticism is tough to stop in the open floor," she said. "It's not like they're executing, they're just taking advantage of their athleticism. Once they got it started, there's no stopping them."

Mann said it's tough to teach his players to enjoy the stall tactics as well.

"I don't want them to settle for jump shots because there is no one in rebounding position," Mann said. "Merchant and Simon are still settling, but they've gotten better. We want them to wait, wait, then be aggressive."

The two teams each had 20 rebounds but the Spartans had their fair share of offensive errors that led to second shots in the paint.

"We couldn't keep them off the boards, that was our biggest problem," Jones said.

Jacuzise Purifoy, a 5-10 sophomore forward, had the Ravens' first four points before finishing with six.

After Goodlow and Purifoy, no one else had more than two points.

Point guard Latisha Martin, who makes the Ravens' offense go, made several turnovers and had only one point.

"We more or less worried about Tish and Rayna," Merchant said. "We had a plan from the start to lock Tish and Rayna up, and make the other three players decision makers. They don't want to be."

Plymouth Canton can't hold off late Mustangs' comeback, 42-36

BY C.J. RIBAK
SPORTS WRITER

CLASS A

Something was going to give.

A test of wills? This was more like a war, and for 3 1/2 quarters, Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team was winning it. Birmingham Marian, the defending Class A state champions, had been unable to get its high-pressure, fast-tempo game into gear.

The result: a low-scoring game with plenty of fouls, a game in which a six-point lead seemed insurmountable.

And that's just what the Chiefs had with under three minutes left to play in a game in which their slow, deliberate style was prevailing.

But it was then, in those final three minutes, that the Mustangs showed their mettle, refusing to surrender their championship banner, battling back with a 16-4 run in the final 2:40 to post a 42-36 triumph Wednesday in a regional final at Plymouth Salem.

Marian, now 20-4, advances to the state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Waterford Mott. Canton ends its season at 19-5.

When Janell Twietmeyer's two free throws put Canton in front 32-26 with 2:55 left, Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone had a sinking feeling. "I thought, if we don't score this time down, it's over," she recalled.

Cicerone had taken steps to get her team on track offensively. The Mustangs had been unable to get much of anything to drop early on — they were a miserable 2-of-14 from the floor in the first quarter (14.3 percent) — due largely to Canton's "tremendous, in-your-shorts defense" as described by the Marian coach.

So Cicerone called over the

team's captain, point guard Breean Walas. "I told Breean she was going to have to take over this game. And she did."

Indeed she did. Fifteen seconds after Twietmeyer's free throws, Walas hit a short jumper. What followed after that was something Canton had dealt with the entire game.

The difference was, the Chiefs couldn't cope with it down the stretch — Marian's trademark pressure defense.

"The bottom line is, we just didn't handle their pressure very well (at the end)," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "The rest of the game we did, except for a three-minute time span in the fourth quarter."

The Chiefs committed 11 turnovers in the first 3 1/2 quarters; in the game's last three minutes, they had seven — four of them in their own backcourt.

An offensive foul by Melissa Marzolf led to another Walas basket with 2:25 left, and when Kristin Lukasik was pressured into a third-consecutive turnover, Markeisha Thompson followed with a free throw to pull Marian within a point, 32-31, with 2:04 to go.

Marzolf stopped the Mustang run briefly with two free throws, but Kellie Byers drained a three-pointer on Marian's next possession and the game was tied at 34 with 1:49 left.

The Chiefs could never regain the momentum. Four more turnovers fueled Marian's fire; the Mustangs scored six-straight points before Marzolf got a basket — Canton's only field goal of the fourth quarter — with 12 seconds left.

Walas finished with a game-

high 15 points, eight in the fourth period. Byers scored 10, seven coming in the fourth. The Chiefs got 10 from Marzolf and eight from Nkechi Okwumabua, all scored at the free-throw line.

"We just got a fire under our heinies," said Cicerone. "We stepped up our defense and said we were not going to lose this game."

Blohm had to agree. "Rehash it all you want, but they made some plays," the Canton coach summarized. "We did what we wanted. I thought if we could keep the game around 40 (points), we had a chance."

"And we made some plays, too."

That the Chiefs did. They led 7-4 after one quarter and 16-15 at the half, despite making just 4-of-17 of their first-half floor shots (23.5 percent).

Fouls were mounting, particularly against Marian; early in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs — who trailed 26-22 after three periods — had two starters with four fouls and another with three.

It all added up to Canton's kind of game. The Chiefs were 17-of-23 from the line (73.9 percent); Marian was accurate as well, converting 9-of-11 (81.8 percent) free throws.

"I thought we'd be gassed," said Cicerone. "We played defense 80 percent of the game."

In the end, shooting was the difference: Marian was 15-of-41 from the floor (36.6 percent) to Canton's 9-of-36 (25 percent). But the Mustangs made 6-of-9 (67 percent) in the fourth quarter.

"I couldn't be prouder of this team," Blohm said. "They always give a championship effort."

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throwing two people at our ballhandler and we didn't handle the pressure very well."

Ladywood tightened up its defense in the third quarter as King held a 9-8 scoring edge.

But the Lady Crusaders made sure they had all they could eat in the final quarter, knocking the stuffing out of Ladywood with a 21-5 run.

Winfield, doing his best Perry Watson impersonation, finally took off the full-court press with 1:08.

Ironically, King's only losses this year have come against Catholic League champion Birmingham Marian (53-48 in the Operation-Friendship game) and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

"Both teams have tremendous post players," Winfield said. "We were outmanned in the post. Both teams had two good post players."

"How good is this team? We might be six points away from the lead group. But we'd love to play Marian again."

King will meet Troy Athens (21-3) in Tuesday's quarterfinal.

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Harrison clips Midland Dow gridgers, 21-6

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

It seems a fitting coincidence Farmington Harrison senior quarterback Jared Hopkins wears the same No. 7 on his football jersey as does John Elway of the Denver Broncos.

Just as Elway is noted for orchestrating long scoring drives, Hopkins did the same Friday as the Hawks captured the Class A championship with a 21-6 victory over Midland Dow at the Silverdome.

It was the eighth state title overall for Harrison, which has won four in this decade and three of the last five in Class A.

A 99-yard drive in the second quarter, during which Hopkins completed all four pass attempts, gave Harrison a 14-0 halftime lead and an advantage the Chargers couldn't overcome.

"That was the turning point of the whole game," Dow coach Frank Altimore said. "If we stop them there, we have a chance to come back. But they turn around and mix the pass with the run beautifully."

It wasn't his best game as a passer, nor an easy day for Hopkins, who was pressured early by Dow's defensive ends and was sacked twice in the game.

Hopkins was 6-of-13 passing for a modest 67 net yards, but he threw for 68 yards on that drive, including a 26-yarder to junior wideout Ricky Bryant for the touchdown.

"When we saw how their ends were playing, we went to a

quickly passing game," Hopkins said. "We could get off the ball quicker and let guys like Ricky create."

"That made us feel like we were in control of the game. We knew our hearts were in this, and nothing was going to stop us."

Bryant, who had four catches for 56 yards, caught the ball in the right flat. He dodged one tackler and tightroped the sideline to the end zone with 6:10 remaining in the half.

"It was a quick screen," Hopkins said. "I didn't think it would be a touchdown, but that's what I get for doubting Ricky's talent."

Holding a two-TD lead, the Hawks (13-0) looked to be in good shape. Harrison's defense played well all afternoon, containing Dow's run-oriented offense, and the Chargers (11-2) didn't have the passing attack to mount a comeback.

"For the first time, somebody stopped our offense and put us in a situation where we were down 14," Altimore said. "It was very uncomfortable having to pass when we haven't been forced to do it all year."

Dow quarterback Mike Johnson was 3-of-9 passing for just 32 yards. The rushing stats were virtually even, but the Chargers were never inside the Harrison 15 except for scoring their only touchdown late in the game.

"They had more heart the whole game," Johnson said. "They were ready for us and everything we threw at them. We just got outplayed."

Tailback Matt Samocki rushed for a game-high but rather-quiet 130 yards on 28 carries and scored Dow's only touchdown at 5:47 in the fourth quarter.

"(Coach Bob) Sutter's defense did an outstanding job and held them," Herrington said. "Defense was the key to the game, and we did just enough on offense to get ahead."

The Hawks sandwiched a pair of short touchdown drives around the 99-yarder by taking advantage of Dow turnovers in the process.

Dow's first possession stalled at its own 48. The ball rolled through the legs of punter Phil Brabbs, and Harrison senior tackle Mike Fisher recovered at the Dow 26.

After being three-and-out on its first possession due to the pressure coming from the outside, Harrison ran the ball up the middle seven straight plays with senior tailback Chris Ghannam scoring from the 2.

"All my assistants said 'Run the ball,' so I figured I'd better," Herrington said. "Dow's ends were tough to stop, so we weren't able to throw the ball like we wanted, but we were able to get some nice turnovers and capitalize on them."

The Hawks might've had a couple more scores before halftime except for a great play by Dow defensive end Doug Church and an unsportsmanlike penalty on Harrison.

Senior upback Zack Cornwell, who kicked three extra points, had the ball stripped from

behind by Church after he made nearly a 50-yard run.

Senior linebacker Matt Walker's interception gave Harrison the ball at the Dow 37, but the Hawks were unable to get the first down after the penalty pushed them back.

Harrison increased its lead to 21-0 in the third quarter when senior tackle Brian Lewis stole the ball from Dow fullback Jason Spiece at the Dow 13. The Hawks needed just five plays to score again on Cornwell's 1-yard run.

"We had too many mistakes — the punt, the fumble," Altimore said. "Their defense stymied our offense."

"I told our coaches we had to score three touchdowns today to beat them, and we just weren't able to do that."

Samocki scored on a 12-yard run. Harrison senior Jason Sharp blocked the extra point, and Dow's last two possession ended with turnovers — an interception by Cornwell and another fumble recovery by Lewis.

"Coach (Sutter) said that was the first time all year I was running through my tackles," Lewis said. "We worked real hard on

our reads. We did a real good job and shut down their threat, which was the running game."

Junior linebacker Mike Hoad and Walker led the Hawks with 10 tackles apiece; Lewis and Fisher made eight stops each, senior outside linebacker Matt Struble seven. Junior noseguard Bryan McGhee also forced a fumble.

"Their defense was outstanding and their offense was more dominating than I would have liked," Altimore said. "Their down guys and linebackers played great. Their quickness to the ball on defense hurt us."

"I wasn't surprised their wideouts were so quick, but they had great quickness from their running backs. They were able to make the quick cut and get an extra 3 or 4 yards."

The Chargers had 187 total rushing yards, the Hawks 186. Harrison outgained Dow 167-139 in net rushing. Both teams had nine rushing first downs.

Cornwell gained 103 yards on 14 carries, Ghannam 73 on 22. Spiece added 25 on seven attempts for the Chargers.

Harrison had a 234-171 advantage in total yards and the edge in total first downs, 12-11.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL
No. 1 team: Quarterback Jared Hopkins lets it be known after Harrison completed a perfect 13-0 season.

Herrington wins 8th state title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

John Herrington has reached the summit among Michigan high school football coaches.

The Farmington Hills Harrison head coach now shares most state titles won (8) with the late Ron Thompson of Detroit St. Martin DePorres, but he's not about to quit now.

"That's terrific, but I really wanted it so bad for the kids because they're the ones who really deserved it," said Herrington, who has compiled an astounding overall record of 248-54-1 in 28 seasons (all with Harrison), including a 21-6 victory over Midland Dow in the state Class A championship game play Friday before 15,320 fans at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Herrington has taken 16 teams to the playoffs and is now 8-3 in state championship games.

Two years ago, the Hawks were demolished in the first-round of the playoffs by South Lyon and last year Harrison lost to Grandville, 24-17, in the state championship.

"As a coaching staff, we thought we could get back here with this group," he said. "Our job was don't mess it up."

Herrington remembers his first state final like it was only yesterday. Back in 1976, the Hawks fell to 36-27 to Dow.

"Sometimes I pinch myself because in '76 I didn't know if I'd ever come back and get another chance," he said. "Now it kind of hits you."

Herrington is also a big hit with his players.

"He's the most dedicated and the greatest coach I'll ever play for," Harrison senior quarterback Jared Hopkins said. "As an individual, he's very caring of people. It's his love for the game and his players."

Hopkins has also been one of Herrington's students in Civil War classes where discussions about military maneuvers often lead into football strategy.

"Personally for me, he always emphasized the two golden rules of passing — first, don't ever throw a fade out of bounds, and number two, don't ever throw the slant behind him," the Hawk QB said.

Harrison's lead running back all year, senior Chris Ghannam, believes Herrington has the Midas touch.

"He's extremely, extremely talented at getting the most out of his players," said Ghannam. "Actually, all four coaches — coach Herrington, coach (Bob) Sutter, coach (Steve) Dollaway and coach (Jon) Witkowski — break things down so well in their areas."

"And the coaches are like brothers. They eat together on Sundays and watch film together. They probably see each other more than their own families."

"But that's the beauty of the Hawk family. They're watching

over each other."

At least 40 to 50 former Hawks were in attendance Friday afternoon including former All-Staters Mike Bowden, who played in the first state championship; John Miller, who later starred at Michigan State; and Mill Coleman, the state's all-time passing leader now playing for the Montreal Alouettes.

"We had a few leftovers from the Turkey Bowl yesterday," Herrington said. "They get together each Thanksgiving to play (touch football). And we had quite a few of the Hawk family come over to the school this morning to wish us well."

What may separate this state championship team from the others, according to Herrington, is the close-knit atmosphere.

During the victory press conference, Herrington got a little choked up.

"I'm happy, but I'm sad, too, because these guys have been like sons, every last one," the Harrison coach said. "We've had not had off-the-field problems. I wanted them to win this as bad as any team I've had. They're so close, even with the many different ethnic groups. They love each other and they're academically sound. It's just a joy to coach because I don't have teachers coming down to my room asking me to take care of a problem."

So how high can Herrington climb?

To his immediate right at the podium was junior wide receiver Ricky Bryant, a standout.

"He's one of the reason why he'll make me come back again," Herrington said.

And, of course, Herrington would feel naked without his assistants.

"As long as Sutter, Dollaway and Witkowski stay on, I wouldn't coach without them," Herrington said. "I orchestrate, but they do all the work. We're a team. Right now football is my hobby. I really don't do anything else."

"But I suppose there will be a day when I wake up and won't want to coach anymore, I guess, but right now that's not on my mind," he said.

After a much-deserved day off, Herrington and his staff will get together today review the season.

"Monday we'll watch film and then we'll do individual player interviews Tuesday with the returning varsity kids Tuesday and bring in the JV players who want to play next year on Wednesday," said Sutter, Herrington's longtime sidekick and expert line coach. "And we'll probably have some kids coming into the weight room with coach (Bill) Slobin to start working out for next year."

And even though the winter sports season has officially started at Harrison, football will also be on the back of Herrington's mind.

And it doesn't seem the Hawks or their head coach are settling for any kind of plateau.

Herrington's number nine is well within sight.

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1997 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Solid Rocks

Plymouth Salem cast dominates All-Area

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

If there is such a thing as a "sophomore jinx," Ed McCarthy was never infected by it.

The second-year coach nearly guided Plymouth Salem to a perfect record this season. After going 19-0-3 in their first 22 games, the Rocks season came to an end with a 2-1 loss to Troy Athens in the Class A title game.

But the significant strides by Salem helped earn McCarthy the 1997 All-Area Coach of the Year honor. In his rookie season, McCarthy led the Rocks to a 13-4-2 mark.

McCarthy will be the first person to admit that the play of senior forward Brett Konley made his job much easier. Konley, who scored a league-high 26 goals last season, scored a remarkable 38 goals this season, along with collecting 29 assists (both school records).

Konley, along with Livonia Churchill defender Dave George, were the only repeat members of this year's All-Area first team. The impressive group of performers consists of 10 seniors, and a pair of juniors, as well as a rare sophomore selection (Livonia Stevenson's Tom Eller).

The Rocks weren't the only local team to enjoy success this season as the Observerland and Western Lakes Activities Association were again filled with perhaps the state's best talent.

Stevenson's only blemish in the Lakes Division was a tie to Salem as the Spartans finished 4-1. Livonia Churchill had a perfect 5-0 mark in the Western Division, while North Farmington enjoyed an above .500 record thanks to junior forward Craig Hearn (26 goals).

And you can't omit Lutheran Westland, as the Warriors finished third in the Metro Conference — their best finish ever — and compiled a 15-5-2 mark.

Here is the 1997 All-Area first team selections.

FIRST-TEAM PICKS

Brett Konley, forward, Ply. Salem: The runner-up for the state's Mr. Soccer honor was again the best player in Observerland. After scoring 26 goals last season, the senior dominated the WLAAs by notching 38 goals and 29 assists this year. His 38 goals broke Salem's record of 30 goals, set by Jeff Gold.

Konley, who was named to the State's Dream Team, scored the winning goal in Salem's regional final victory which sent the Rocks on to the state championships.

"I certainly didn't expect him to have that kind of terrific year," McCarthy said. "There weren't many games he didn't score. He has a terrific shot and is very creative. You won't find anyone who will be able to replace a 38-goal scorer."

In addition to leaving with Salem's season records for goals and assists, Konley will be remembered as scoring the game-winning goal as a sophomore in Salem's state championship game.

Rob Bartoletti, forward, Liv. Churchill: The senior led the Chargers in goals with 24 and led Churchill to a perfect 5-0 record in the WLAAs Western Division. It was his best year scoring of his three years as a varsity player.

"He has improved each year he's been here," Churchill coach Chad Campeau said. "He was out go-to guy up front and was a threat to score at all times. He could make the most out of the smallest holes and be able to create something."

Craig Hearn, forward, N. Farmington: This junior recorded a school record 26 goals this season, breaking his own mark of 19 he set last season. Hearn was named to the all-state third team and is only one of three underclassmen on this year's all-area first team.

"He made a big improvement this year and not just in goal scoring," coach Ron Meteyer said. "He was able to bring the other players along with him. Last year he had no assists and this year he had 14. That's a huge improvement."

"He became a playmaker. I told him 'If a good player doesn't bring his teammates along with him, the team doesn't get any recognition and, consequently, you as an individual don't get the proper recognition. If we can highlight the team, you'll be seen in a better light,' and he understood that. He was a much better player overall."

Tim Rals, junior, Farmington: What a career Rals has had — and he still has a year remaining. The forward scored 26 goals this season, bringing his three-year total to 54 goals. He also recorded three assists this season.

Andy Power, midfielder, Ply. Salem: Power used the same speed and agility he utilizes as Salem's point guard to

score 14 goals and collect nine assists. The 5-foot-8 midfielder knows how to use his size to his advantage, according to McCarthy.

Power also helped Salem forget about the graduation of Matt Sarkesian, a two-time All-Area first teamer.

"He lives on his quickness," the Salem coach said. "He's as quick as they come and he did a terrific job running our transition game."

Tom Eller, midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: Eller is the first sophomore to make the All-Area first team in two years. He proved he deserved to be on the squad by tallying six goals and recording four assists.

The Spartans, who were forced to play without injured defender Steve Roy for most of the season, still finished 4-0-1 in the WLAAs Lakes Division, thanks in big part to Eller.

Scott Rich, senior, Garden City: If someone told Scott Rich to "break a leg" before his freshman year, he took the words to heart as a broken leg sidelined him most of that year.

Rich excelled when healthy the last three years, finishing his career with 17 goals and 31 assists. Primarily a playmaker his first two seasons, Rich scored 12 goals with 14 assists as a senior, making first team Mega Conference Red Division the last two years.

"He is highly skilled with a great touch on the ball," coach Bill Torri said. "I can't even think about replacing him. He was a playmaker, setting up goals his first three years. We needed him to score this year and he finished for us."

Rich has also excelled on the club level, playing for the Livonia Wings and Northville Sting organizations.

Brad Woehlke, midfielder, Luth. Westland: The senior not only led Lutheran Westland to its best finish ever in the Metro Conference (third place with a 6-2-2 mark), but was also named the league tri-MVP. Woehlke became the first Warrior in seven years to claim the league's MVP honor, and was later named to the all district and all region teams, as well as being the fourth rated player in the region.

Woehlke netted 18 goals and collected eight assists while playing superior defense.

"He helped us control the midfield area and anchored that whole section of the field for us," Westland coach Rich Block said. "He will very tough to replace."

Dave George, defender, Liv. Churchill: Other than Konley, this senior was the only repeat member to the All-Area first team. The four-year starter was the leader in the backfield for the Chargers and has played sweeper for the past two years.

"He takes over in the back for us and things run smoothly for us when he's out there," Campeau said. "He's very skilled with the ball and he's excellent in the air. He will be a tough guy for us to replace in the back."

Rob Zdrodowski, defender, Ply. Salem: The senior was the best defender, on perhaps the best defensive team in the state.

Zdrodowski led a stingy Salem defense which surrendered only 13 goals in 23 games this season. The Rocks allowed only three goals to be scored in 12 WLAAs contests.

"There wasn't a better defender in the league," McCarthy said.

Jared Page, defender, Ply. Canton: It was the first year Page played on defense, but no one could tell. The senior did a fantastic job filling in for Matt Ammons, a first-team defender from Canton in 1996.

"He brought a lot of hustle and determination," Plymouth Canton coach Don Smith said. "He was a real scrapper. He's not real big or strong or a superstar, but he did a heckuva job for us this season."

Mike Skolnik, goalkeeper, Liv. Churchill: It wasn't the fact that Skolnik recorded five shutouts this season. What was impressive was who he blanked: Stevenson, Troy Athens, Ann Arbor Pioneer and in Churchill's first two district games (Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn).

"He had a great year as he only gave up a total of 14 goals, compared to 20 last year," Campeau said. "He made some huge saves in big games for us and allowed us to stay in some games. In several of those games, we were able to win."

"He's strong on one-on-one breaks and is very acrobatic. He's very tough to score on."

Matt Kessler, goalkeeper, Catholic Central: The senior saved his best season for his last as he posted 11 shutouts. This three-year starter used his big 6-foot-3, 180-pound frame to make incredible saves for the Shamrocks.

"I think he was one of the best two goalkeepers in the state," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "He makes smart decisions and knows every inch of his net. He's solid and has all the tools a good goalkeeper needs."

"He has unbelievable potential and single-handedly won some games for us this season."

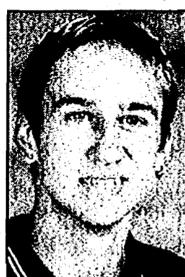
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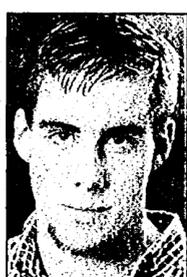
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Ed McCarthy-Salem
Coach of the Year

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| Forwards | | Bill Fischer, junior, Liv. Franklin |
| Brett Konley, senior, Ply. Salem | | Chris Kostara, senior, Farm. Harrison |
| Rob Bartoletti, senior, Liv. Churchill | | Casey Cook, senior, Catholic Central |
| Craig Hearn, junior, N. Farmington | | Nick Szezechowski, junior, Ply. Salem |
| Tim Rals, junior, Farmington | | Ryan Dyer, junior, Ply. Canton |
| Midfielders | | Goalkeeper |
| Andy Power, senior, Ply. Salem | | Joe Suchara, junior, Liv. Stevenson |
| Tom Eller, sophomore, Liv. Stevenson | | Honorable Mention |
| Scott Rich, senior, Garden City | | Redford CC: Jeff Boogren, Andrew |
| Brad Woehlke, senior, Luth. Westland | | Kogut, Kevin Graff, Matt O'Neill, Joe |
| Defenders | | Digirolamo, Dylan Valode; Churchill: Matt |
| Dave George, senior, Liv. Churchill | | Wysocki, George Kithas, Mike Slack, Joel |
| Rob Zdrodowski, senior, Ply. Salem | | Stage, Ken Kozlow, Mike Koivunen; |
| Jared Page, senior, Ply. Canton | | Franklin: Adam Shanks, David Moldovan, |
| Goalkeepers | | Ross Bohler, Fernando Cazares, Ken Dou- |
| Mike Skolnik, senior, Liv. Churchill | | glas, Ryan Kracht; Stevenson: Steve Roy, |
| Matt Kessler, senior, Catholic Central | | Steve Scheel, Brandon Good, Ryan Broder- |
| Coach of the Year | | ick, Naum Popovski, Tony Maldonado, |
| Ed McCarthy, Ply. Salem | | Mike White; John Glenn: Matt Trussler, |
| SECOND TEAM | | Tony Canfield, Justin Ballard, Jeff Shelby; |
| Forwards | | Canton: David Meyn, Steve Epley, Ben |
| Scott Wright, senior, Ply. Canton | | Davis, Brandon Anulewicz, Trevor |
| Ryan Kravn, senior, Red. Thurston | | Anulewicz; Salem: Brian Wozniak, Jeremy |
| John Stelling, junior, John Glenn | | Finley, Aaron McDonald, Mike Shull; Farm- |
| Giuseppe Ianni, junior, Ply. Salem | | ington: Scott Morelli, Patrick Faloon, Jeff |
| Midfielders | | Frederick, Brad Gerwatowski; Harrison: |
| Shaun Kahanec, senior, Redford CC | | Jesse Solocinski, Chits Wong, Jay |
| Mark Sicilia, junior, Liv. Churchill | | Mentzel, Josh Duffy, Jeff Bouschet; N. |
| Justin Street, junior, N. Farmington | | Farmington: Amit Klatchko, Benji Salter, |
| Dan Wietechowski, junior, Ply. Salem | | Brian Horv, Viktor Juncal, Tony Munaco, |
| Randy Sage, senior, Farmington | | David Beaver; Wayne Memorial: Rob Kan- |
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| Justin Street, junior, N. Farmington | | Ryan Ollinger, Andy Glesman; |
| Dan Wietechowski, junior, Ply. Salem | | Clarenceville: Adam King; Thurston: Josh |
| Randy Sage, senior, Farmington | | Boven, Tom Brice, Dave Durocher; Josh |
| | | Ray; Garden City: Floren Zahari, Bob Whis- |
| | | man; Jeff Zechos; Redford Union: Dave |
| | | Moore, Jamie Sutton, Mike Dadorian. |

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WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

The last few articles we featured were informative referencing the importance of automotive repairs and preventive maintenance. Since winter is here, and a little earlier than typical, I feel the need to stress the issues of emergency breakdown.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the leading cause of death during winter is transportation related accidents. Knowing how to react if stranded or lost on the roads are the keys to safe winter driving.

Everyone driving a vehicle should carry some basic equipment. At a very minimum, an emergency kit should be in your vehicle. This should include a flashlight, flares, reflective triangles, blanket, distress sign, jumper cables and some basic tools. If you and your vehicle should become disabled, please follow these very simple procedures.

- Pull off to the far right lane or shoulder and turn on your hazard lights

- Light flares and/or put the reflective triangles behind your vehicle to warn oncoming traffic.

If you decide to stay with your vehicle, roll up all the windows and lock the doors. If someone approaches your vehicle to offer assistance, talk through the closed window. Simply ask the good Samaritan to call the local police or towing facility for you. Do not get out of your car!

I am sure, all that are reading this have already taken the needed preventive measures in order to make sure your vehicle is road worthy. If not, please consult your local repair facility for more information and guidance to vehicle maintenance schedules. Now is not too late!

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ROLLER SPEEDSKATING

Craven that gold

Trip to Argentina rewarding for Canton student

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SPORTS WRITER

PEOPLE IN SPORTS

Charlie Craven missed quite a bit of school to travel to Mar Del Plata, Argentina late in October for the World Speed Roller Skating Championships.

But it can definitely be considered a learning experience.

Indeed, Craven will certainly go down as a fast learner. Must be, to come away with gold medals in two races and silvers in four others.

Quite a haul for the 16-year-old Plymouth Canton HS junior. And in a competitive atmosphere that was a bit different than what he is used to.

"It was so . . . different," Craven said in describing his overall experience, which lasted from Oct. 27 through Nov. 10.

The competition alone took some adjustment. Not that Craven was unfamiliar with the races — it was how they were raced.

On his first day of competition, he was in front in his race when he felt a tug on his shirt. His Colombian adversary "pulled me, then went flying by me."

"It was my first race. I didn't let that happen again."

That tactic cost Craven a gold medal. He finished with a silver.

Although the American team arrived five days prior to the start of the championships, to get adjusted to the conditions and climate, there was nothing that could adequately prepare them for that kind of racing.

And yet, none of the other 24

teams competing could knock the U.S. team off stride. Top medal honors for men and women, in both the junior and senior divisions, went to the U.S.

Craven did more than his share. He was the top point-scorer among the U.S. junior men.

It wasn't something he was specifically aiming to do, but it was something he knew he was capable of. "I just wanted to do the best I could," he said.

His time in Mar Del Plata was no vacation. The pre-tournament workouts were difficult; then came his nine races, which combined all sorts of different elements.

This wasn't just get on the track, stay in position, then win it with a strong closing burst.

Craven won both his golds in the 5,000-meter races. Skaters earned points for their position on each of the 25 laps. For the first 13 laps, points awarded were 3-2-1 for first, second and third; for the next 11 laps, it was 5-3-1. And for the last lap, points scored counted down from 10 for first to one for 10th.

So crossing the finish line first is hardly a guarantee of victory.

Then there's the 10,000-meter elimination races (both on the road and track), in which Craven got silvers. At certain times in the race, the slowest skaters are eliminated — which means one must stay near the front the entire time.

What race was the toughest for Craven? It might well have been the half-marathon, a through-the-streets skate that was on all sorts of surfaces, including cobblestone which "left my feet numb." He placed 10th.

Factor in all the physical contact, something officials allowed, and it becomes clear this was no skate through the park.

Other silver finishes for Craven came in the 5,000-meter relay and in the 1,500-meter time trial, in which he raced as part of a team of three.

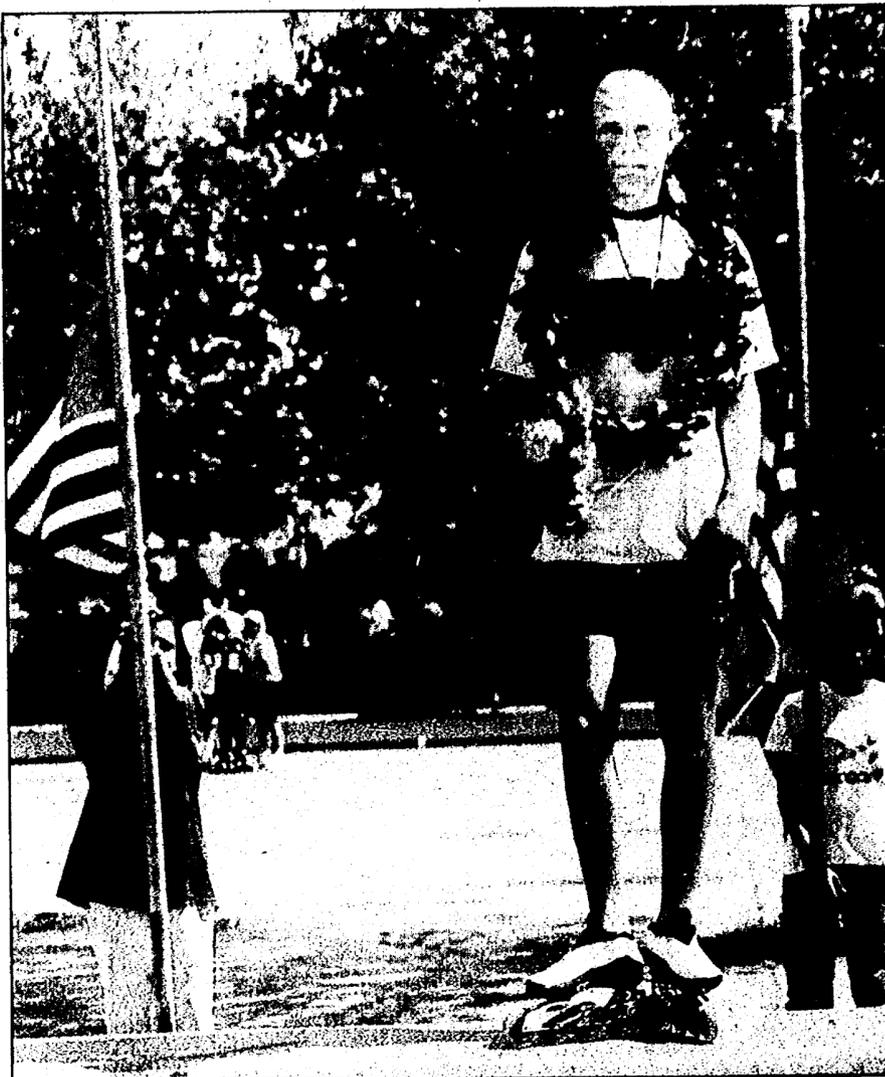
His world-championship performance capped a year marked by improvement. Craven was second in the Professional Inline Racing Series, which consisted of seven races around the country.

"I started slow at the beginning of the year and improved like big-time," he said, crediting his time spent at the Olympic Training Center last summer as well as his coaches, Robb Dunn and Jay Ingram.

As far as relishing his accomplishments, Craven hasn't the time or desire to do so. "I just keep on setting new goals," he said. "At the Worlds, I was already thinking about next year. I just want to get better."

Craven has one more year of eligibility in the men's junior division; however, he could qualify for the senior men's, a challenge he is contemplating.

It would be a big step up, with even more to digest, but as Craven has already proven — he's a fast learner.



Top skater: Plymouth Canton High student Charlie Craven goes to the victory stand in the World Roller Speedskating Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHALERS ADD RUSSIAN

In an effort bolster their defense, the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League resigned defenseman Sergei Fedotov.

A 1995 second-round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes, Fedotov rejoins Plymouth after playing five games for the New Haven Beast of the American Hockey League. The 20-year-old, 6-foot 1-inch, 190-pound native of Moscow, Russia, recorded 10 goals and 27 assists for the Whalers last season.

In other Whalers' news, two Plymouth players have been named to the United States national junior team. Forward Jesse Boulerice and goalkeeper Robert Esche return to the squad, which claimed the silver medal in last year's International Ice Hockey Federation Junior

Championship.

This year's tournament will be held Dec. 25-Jan. 3 in Helsinki and Hameenlinna, Finland. In all, 16 National Hockey League draft picks will play for the American team.

WINTER BASEBALL CLINICS

West Bloomfield Community Education will hold two sessions of baseball clinics (ages 8 and up) from 1-4 p.m. and 4:30-7 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 29-30 at West Bloomfield High School.

The cost is \$65 per session or \$100 for both.

For more information, call West Bloomfield varsity coach Mike George at (248-426-7462) or West Bloomfield Community Education at (248) 539-2290.

The Bernie Carbo Pro Baseball School will be staging sessions of winter small group or

individual velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding.

Philadelphia Phillies minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford will help coach.

For more information, call Mark or Gordie Rutherford at (313) 421-4928.

AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tryouts for the West Metro Cougars, an AAU girls basketball team will be from 10-11:30 a.m. (ages 11-13) and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 15-16) at Livonia Ladywood High School.

For more information, call evenings at (248) 349-0369.

HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

The Hoop Shoot free throw shooting contest will take place Saturday, Dec. 13, at Livonia Churchill High School.

The contest, sponsored by the Recreation Department and the

Livonia Elks Club, is for youth ages 8-13. Contestants will be divided into their respective age groups.

Contestants are given 25 tries to shoot from the free throw line. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through three tiers of competition to qualify for the National finals.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the contest starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 313-466-2410.

SWIM COACH WANTED

Walled Lake Western High School needs an assistant boys swim coach for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Walled Lake Schools athletic director David Yarbrough at (248) 960-8373.

THE WEEK AHEAD

STATE TOURNAMENT GIRLS HOOPS

CLASS C QUARTERFINAL

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at TROY ATHENS

Bishop Borgess vs. Sandusky, 7 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Dec. 4

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Birmingham, Churchill vs. Franklin at Edger Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Churchill at Troy, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5

Stevenson vs. Dearborn at Edger Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 8:20 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Oakland CC at Kellogg, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Wm. Tyndale at Schoolcraft, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5

Madonna at Ill. Benedictine, TBA.

Oakland at Macomb Tourney, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Oakland CC at Macomb, 2 or 4 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Siena Hts., JV, 5:30 p.m.

Madonna at Ill. Benedictine, TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 3

K'zoo Valley at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Albion College at Madonna, 7 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

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RECREATION PAGE

Deer season success rate high

Firearms deer season ends today, but already it appears the season has been a good one. With snow cover and mild winter temperatures throughout most of the state on opening weekend hunters were greeted with near perfect hunting conditions for the first week.

If you haven't bagged your buck yet, don't give up. There's still time, and for muzzleloader hunters the season hasn't even started yet. Successful hunters are reminded to report that success. Call or write to me at the number and address listed at the end of this column.

Good luck for the remainder of the season and remember to think safety first.

•Joe Thumal, of Rochester Hills, shot a doe with his bow and arrow and took a 5-point buck on Nov. 16 with his 12 ga. shotgun. Thumal took both deer while hunting private land in Oakland County.

•Seventy-year-old Virgil Thill traveled "north of the Big Mac" for the start of the firearms deer season as he has for most of his

life. The trip to St. Ignace paid dividends this year as the Farmington Hills resident tagged a buck around 9 a.m. on opening day.

"I saw a huge buck and a doe but I couldn't get them in my scope because it was so thick," explained Thill, who grew up around Fayette at the west end of the Upper Peninsula. "Then I noticed a smaller buck behind them and he stepped out and I got him."

That "smaller buck" turned out to be a 9-point with a 16-inch spread and nine-inch brow tines. The buck dressed out at 160 pounds.

"I like to hunt the old fashioned way," explained Thill. "I don't use bait and I don't use a blind and it has worked pretty well. I've got three deer in the last three years."

•Redford's Kevin Veith enjoyed a fantastic hunting season and was able to tag a pair of bucks. On Oct. 13 Veith shot a spike with his bow and arrow. On opening day of the firearms season Veith dropped a 3-point buck. Both were taken in Crawford County.

•On Nov. 15th Mike Kafila broke a 13-year drought. The Canton resident shot his first buck since 1985. Hunting state land in Hillsdale County, Kafila watched as a group of hunters

jumped two big bucks out of a marsh area.

"They got the 12-point and I got a 7-point," explained Kafila.

Kafila's 7-point was a dandy buck. The antlers featured a 15-inch spread and the buck dressed out at 180 pounds.

•Last month a group of Oxford Lions went on a pheasant hunt at the Harsen's Island Hunt Club. Bob Collins, Ed Spinazzola, Carl Szoff, Jim Klauza, Stan Sala and Mike Sauer combined to drop 29 birds.

Clay target champs

Wings & Clays hosted the 1997 A 1-Around Clay Target Championships earlier this month at the Bald Mountain Gun Range in Lake Orion.

Clarkston's Gerald Perzyk won the Top Gun Trap, Jim Siudara of Metamora won Top Gun Five Stand, Jim Beckman of Owosso won Top Gun All-Around and Sporting Clays, and Hank Jensen of Naples, Florida won the Top Gun Skeet.

Volunteers honored

A number of area residents were recently honored for their volunteer work at Kensington Metropark near Milford.

•Dave and Kathy Renwick and their nine-year-old daughter Bridgett made volunteering a family affair. The Walled Lake

family helped the park naturalist conduct a number of programs throughout the year.

•Southfield's Georgia Reid, an avid birder, has been a leader in the park's three annual bird counts since 1978. This year Reid and others helped spot 97 bird species in the park for the spring count and 89 species in the fall count.

•Canton's Roland Brege donated pictures he took at the Farm Center, providing a valuable pictorial history of the facility.

"In 1996, more than 1,640 volunteers gave 16,700 hours of their time throughout the Metroparks system," said Tom Smith, chief of interpretive services and head of the volunteer program. "These volunteers have really helped improve the Metroparks system."

Anyone interested in volunteering at their favorite Metropark may call the park directly or call the METROPARKS administrative office at 1-800-47-PARKS.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

Garden City's Walker prevails in playoff

For the past 30 years the Michigan Majors Bowling Association has been running a monthly tournament for better scratch competition bowlers.

This level of competition always brings out the best in the game to vie for the dollars and the honors that go with the victories.

Last weekend proved to be the biggest of the year for the organization. It was the championship tourney at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights, but it also featured the 25th annual championship banquet and hall of fame Awards held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

Now that the association is sponsored by Budweiser "King of Beers," the prize money is greater and the level of competition is at an all-time high as there are now 535 members consisting of the best bowlers in the state of Michigan.

The leadership of executive secretary and tournament director Ken Charrette has a lot to do

with the success of this organization.

The Qualifying Rounds took place on Nov. 22 to determine the 12 finalists.

Among the top six: 1. Lee Snow of Farmington Hills who set a new nine game qualifying record for this event with 2,232 and that is averaging 248; 2. Lonnie Jones of Detroit, 2,218; 3. Val Sherlock of Flint, 2,187; 4. Rick Eiermann of Garden City, 2,170; 5. Jon Putti of Roseville, 2,166; 6. Todd Subka of Grand Haven, 2,158.

The next six included: 7. Larry Walker of Garden City, 2,154; 8. Chris Sand of Roseville, 2,149; 9. Mark Applegate of Dorr, 2,145; 10. Bill Froberg of Baroda, 2,143; 12. Arnie Goldman of Plymouth, 2,126.

There were two 300 games in the qualifying round rolled by Bob Wiszowaty and Chuck Morris.

Eiermann posted a 299 game and celebrated his 44th birthday during the finals on Sunday by qualifying for the 5th spot in the TV finals.

However, we must backtrack a few hours to the evening of the banquet at Hawthorne Valley.

For it was there that he received the ultimate honor, being inducted into the Michigan Majors Bowling Association

Hall of Fame.

The two other inductees were Ted Bakatselos and Ken Wyatt of Southfield.

This group is truly elite and consists of names that have become legendary in our area. The MMBA Hall of Fame is on display permanently at Cherry Hill Lanes.

The day of the finals was a cold and cloudy day, but the sun must have been shining on Walker, who prevailed over the rest of the best for a first-place trophy and \$4,000 prize money.

He defeated the top-seeded Chris Sand in an exciting match 244-215. The game was decided in the 10th frame after both lefties were stopped by a stubborn 7-pin.

If Sand had carried the seven, he might have won.

Walker started with the first four strikes, then left the door wide open with a split in the fifth frame. Sand was unable to take advantage of the break, and Walker ran up the next four strikes in a row which proved to be decisive.

Eiermann was eliminated in the first match by Jones 238-208, then Walker defeated Jones, 238-225, and crushed Goldman 254-187.

This was the second championship win for Walker.

Lee Snow of Farmington Hills, president of MMBA, finished 8th in this event. The finals will be shown on some local access TV stations in December. Look for it on your TV schedule.

•While the MMBA has celebrated 30 years, the Metro Bowling Tour has just begun.

The November event was held at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston on Nov. 16.

The big difference in the two tournament organizations, the Metro Tour is an 80 percent handicap event.

Quite often, a lower average bowler can compete very competitively.

Shawn Furman of Waterford took first by defeating Michael Rose of Pontiac 204-180, his second victory on the MBT.

In the opening match, Bruce MacDonald of Clarkston defeated James Robertson of Waterford, 223-155.

The second match featured MacDonald disposing of Brett Tieman of Waterford. Tieman then was defeated by Rose in a low scoring match 165-140.

For information or entry forms for the next event is Saturday, Dec. 27 at Lakewood Lanes in Waterford. For more information, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407.

Honor roll to appear Dec. 7.

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

DEER

The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

DUCKS

Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs through Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

PHEASANT

A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS

December 1 is the deadline to apply Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program small grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To receive an application contact the DNR at P.O. Box 30180; Lansing MI 48909-7680 or e-mail your request to sargen12@state.mi.us. The grant application and examples of past grants awarded are also available on the DNR Wildlife Division web site at: http://wildlife.dnr.state.mi.us/homepages/Natural_Heritage/.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

3D LEAGUE

A 3D league begins Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 891-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 856-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-8767 for more information.

PORTE MOUILLEE

The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
Create hand-made gifts for the holidays during this craft session, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6787. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



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Canadian Geese keep close family ties

Holidays are the time when families get together.

Aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews all get together at the holidays.

It's a time when everyone gets to renew old acquaintances and see how each person is doing.

Many, but not all, animals disband after the young leave the nest or mature to adolescence and never associate with each other again.

Canada geese have seen flying around during winter, however,

can be a family that was together this past summer.

Adults allow their young to stay with them during the winter. This can be very important for geese that are migratory.

Older adults are those individuals that guide the young birds to their overwintering site. Not only do they show the young birds where to go and how to get there, they are also strong flyers.

Generally, an older bird is the first bird in the traditional V formation of geese flying during migration. Their strength allows them to cut through the air and provide uplifting currents to make it easier for those flying behind them.

Black-capped chickadees that frequent your feeders are also

members of an extended family. There may be young of the year and young from the previous year in the same group. Since chickadees do not live very long, there aren't too many generations.

Crows in the neighborhood are also members of the same family.

Young from the summer will stay with their adults until spring.

Most adult birds would exclude their young from the family unit in spring when nesting starts, but adult crows actually enlist the help of their one year old offspring to help raise the new nestlings.

This is in sharp contrast to the white-tailed deer.

Though the adult female will

allow her young of last May to join her all winter, when spring arrives she will force them off on their own.

She establishes her own little territory and will exclude other females from her area. Her fawns from last year, if not pregnant, will grow and mature in their own areas until they are pregnant next spring and can establish their own territory.

Social animals like bees and ants that remain relatively inactive during the holiday season are still together and remain with their relatives all their lives.

Sometimes just visiting on the holidays is enough!

In-line part of New Year's Eve race day

Detroit Edison and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will be sponsoring the 28th annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk on Belle Isle.

Join the runners and walkers beginning at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Belle Isle Casino.

Both the one- and four-mile races follow the Detroit Grand Prix course. You can either walk or run, but a new feature includes a 4-mile in-line skate.

All children 12 years and younger will receive trophies. Plaques will go to the first

RUNNING

500 runners in the four-miler, the first 25 in the in-line skate race, and the top 50 in the race walk. All others will receive commemorative awards.

Early registration is \$17 for adults and \$12 for children (before Dec. 27). Race day entry fee is \$20 (\$15 for children 12-and-under) which includes long-sleeve T-shirt, post-race refreshments, trophies and awards.

Registration is from noon to 3 p.m. race day.

Beginning at 6 p.m., a post-race New Year's Eve Party will be open only to those 21 years and up.

The \$10 party cost includes dancing, DJ, beer, wine, pop, food and door prizes. Included will be a champagne toast at midnight.

For party information, call Dennis Hanley at (248) 545-3792.

For more race information, call (313) 886-5560.