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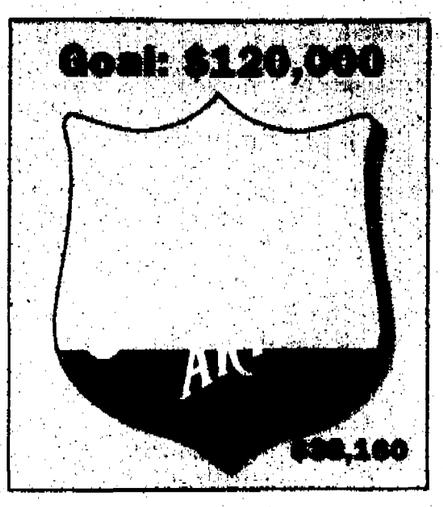

Educators' vow: Raise scores

Wayne-Westland educators are disappointed in local student performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program social studies test. Poor local scores mirror the weak performance of students statewide.

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An overwhelming number of Wayne-Westland fifth- and eighth-graders fell short of state standards on a new social studies test.

Local students aren't alone though. Across the county and state, pupils performed poorly on the new Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

The disappointing results will help steer social studies teaching methods, although Wayne-Westland had already started implementing a new curriculum that holds promise, said Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent of instruction.

"Wayne-Westland is in the very early stages of the implementation of a curriculum that now reflects the state framework," he said.

The new social studies test, administered last winter with results just in, marked some of the worst MEAP results in recent memory.

"It's certainly something that is disappointing," Barresi said.

The test measured student performance in civics, economics, geography, decision-making and history.

Among fifth-graders:

- Only 0.2 percent of students exceeded state standards.
- A mere 8.1 percent met state standards.
- The remaining 91.7 percent fell below state standards. Of those, 24.1 percent achieved a "basic" rating while 67.6 percent wound up in the lowest category, termed "apprentice."

Eighth-graders fared only slightly better:

- Only 1.4 percent exceeded state standards.
- Just 11.6 percent met the standards.
- Fully 86.9 percent didn't meet expected standards. Of those, 28.5 percent fell into the "basic" category and 58.4 percent scored in the lowest "apprentice" group.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Busy day: *The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6:15 p.m. on the front steps of City Hall. Participants will greet Santa Claus and sing Christmas carols. Refreshments follow.*

School board: *The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. in the school board office, Marquette east of Newburgh, Westland.*

City Hall: *The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in council chambers of City Hall, Ford near Carlson.*

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This one: *Chris Dudley carries the Christmas tree that Lee Marttila picked out at Clyde Smith & Sons in Westland.*

Halls easy to deck in Westland

BY DOMENIC ANDREASSI
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John and Gary Wagatha of North Star Christmas Trees have been in business for 20 years. This year, sales have been slow.

Maybe it's the mild temperatures that make it hard to believe Christmas is almost here and people are putting off decorating. It's hard to say, John Wagatha said, but it could also be the competition.

"I expect it to pick up as it gets closer to Christmas," he added. "The past five years have been better than previous years, though. But it's always been worthwhile and it's always a gamble."

The Westland resident takes vacation time and personal leave from

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Tender loving care: *Nancy Overgaard gives the brightly colored poinsettia plants a drink at Clyde Smith & Sons.*

Net case going to trial

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A judge refused to lower the bond for a Westland man, 26, charged with raping a 14-year-old boy he contacted over the Internet.

Jeffery Clay Lacey remains in jail in lieu of $150,000 cash bond. At a preliminary exam Thursday in 18th District Court, Lacey's attorney asked that his client's bail be reduced to $10,000 surety bond.

Lacey voluntarily waived his exam, which is used to establish probable cause that a crime was committed.

Lacey was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court, where he'll have a hearing Thursday, Dec. 16.

With a surety bond, a defendant can be released if he posts 10 percent of the bail. Cash bond requires the full amount be paid.

In arguing for reduced bail, attorney Norman Kohlstrand said Lacey's encounter with the boy happened nearly a year ago. He also termed the relationship between his client and the 14-year- old as consensual.

■ Lacey was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court, where he'll have a hearing Thursday, Dec. 16.

Judge Gail McKnight dismissed the attorney's argument as irrelevant.

"There is no such thing as consensual when the child is of the age that he is in this case," McKnight said.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Thomas J. Beck noted that Lacey tried to contact the victim even after learning the boy was 14.

"In my mind, that makes him a predator," said Beck, who asked that Lacey's bond remain at $150,000 cash.

Wayne County Sheriff and Livonia

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Charges against woman defendant are reduced

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A Westland woman will not stand trial with her boyfriend on charges of trying to kill an upstairs neighbor at Scotsdale Apartments.

However, Michelle Daneen Davis will face trial along with boyfriend Michael Wayne Steeple on charges of first-degree home invasion.

The couple is accused of convincing a 27-year-old woman to open her apartment door at 2:20 a.m. Nov. 22 by telling her that they needed to use her phone to seek help for an ailing child.

Once inside, 30-year-old Steeple allegedly tried to strangle the victim to death with an electrical cord and a belt, according to allegations that surfaced Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

Police have said Steeple was upset following allegations that the victim cashed his welfare check.

Following the victim's testimony Thursday, 18th District Judge Gail McKnight ordered Steeple to stand trial for assault with intent to murder and first-degree home invasion.

McKnight ordered Davis to stand trial for home invasion but dismissed a charge of assault with intent to murder. McKnight said prosecutors didn't prove that Davis committed any other crimes or even stayed inside the apartment once the door was opened.

"There was no testimony that she knew that he (Steeple) had the belt and the electrical cord," McKnight said.

Steeple remains jailed in lieu of a $250,000 cash bond as he awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

McKnight reduced Davis' bond from $50,000/10 percent to $15,000/10 percent, meaning Davis would have to post $1,500 to be released.

Westland police Sgt. Michael Gould

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Crafts attract children

Some kids looking for handsome homemade gifts had a good day on Wednesday.

A Little People Holiday Craft Workshop, sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, was held at the Bailey Center. That session for kids 3-5 was followed by a Holiday Craft Workshop for youngsters ages 6-10.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity for kids to do something creative," said Margaret Martin, therapeutic and program supervisor. "This was a fun way to do that."

Kids who missed the sessions are in luck, they'll be repeated this Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Bailey Center. To register or for information, call (734) 722-7620.

"It's a different craft," Martin said of the upcoming sessions, which are limited to 12 children each.

The sessions provide good gifts for family members, she said. The craft workshops are part of holiday activities being offered by Westland Parks and Recreation this season.

There's a children's play coming up

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Cleaning up: *Connor McManus, 4, washes the paint off his hands after making a handprint wreath during the craft workshop at the Bailey Center.*

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Livonia district has empty desks

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Livonia Public Schools are a few students short of a full projection.

The most recent Fourth Friday Count, which was taken the fourth week of September, showed 17,751 students enrolled in the district's kindergarten through grade 12 program.

That's a drop-off from 17,809 registered in September 1998 and 98 less than officials anticipated.

Numbers are down by 13 students at both the elementary and secondary levels.

"We expected to be a little larger and we ended up a little smaller," said Terrence Davidson, assistant director instructor who monitors enrollment trends.

In a district of nearly 18,000, a drop-off of 98 students is but a blip.

However, this shortfall caught the district by surprise. Livonia officials figured enrollment increases would eventually subside and then decline somewhere after the year 2000.

"We anticipated enrollment would level off in the long term," said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business. "But it's happened faster than we thought."

On Dec. 13, Davidson is expected to give board members a report on enrollment projections during a study session.

He'll also provide some insight on where enrollment is heading and reasons for the drop-off. Such forecasts are crucial in terms of planning.

More so, with Proposal A, enrollment directly affects state aid.

Livonia receives $7,301 per student as a state foundation grant, which is 3.3 percent increase from $7,067 in 1998-99.

A decline of 98 students means a $710,000 shortfall in projected state revenue.

Though the district is receiving $44 more per student from the state, that extra money times every one of the 17,751 students adds an extra $790,000 to the budget, offsetting the less-than-expected student enrollment.

During the post-war boom, the district had upwards of 39,000 students.

However, as the city became largely built up and families got smaller, enrollment subsided and then declined to a low of 15,000 in the mid-1980s. Since then, enrollment has rebounded to current levels.

The situation is not uncommon in older communities. Superintendent Ken Watson underscored the problem during a study session Monday.

"We don't have any areas of (large) housing development," Watson said. "We're not like a Canton, We're not like a Westland ... They're still building new subdivisions. We won't be.

"We're in (a situation) where if someone moves out, someone better move in – quickly."

While fewer new families are moving in, officials are counting on secondary enrollment to grow slightly for awhile.

"In a community like Livonia, when (the enrollment) is going down, the elementary falls off while the secondary continues to grow for awhile," Davidson said. "Now we're on the opposite side of the growth curve."

Athletic facility improvements weighed

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While Livonia Public Schools' plan to upgrade its athletic facilities ultimately rests in the court of voter opinion, there's no lack of hardwood floor space in the proposal.

New field houses at each district high school would feature three basketball courts.

Also included on the ground floor are two sets of retractable bleachers, fitness rooms as well as an area to practice cheerleading, pompon or gymnastics. A second-floor, 8,200-foot running track will surround the first-floor courts.

At last Monday's study session, Superintendent Ken Watson shared preliminary plans with board members.

Athletic and physical education improvements at both the high schools and middle schools are expected to cost $29.2 million.

However, board members haven't decided whether to put the measure on the April 10 ballot. If they do, the district will likely ask voters to authorize a 0.4-mill bond to raise $30 million.

Cost for the proposed high school field houses, which are nearly 68,000 square feet in size, are $7.63 million each.

"This will be a very impressive facility for our school community," Watson said. "It will be the equal but not the better of what is being built in the metropolitan area and outside."

Middle schools are not left out, either.

Emerson, Front and Riley would get 72-foot-by-76-foot gyms. The auxiliary facilities would be attached to the schools' existing gyms.

Holmes would not receive an additional gym, since it already has two. Middle school auxiliary gyms are expected to run $1.27 million each. However, outdoor running tracks would be built at both Holmes and Emerson schools. Cost for each track is estimated at $469,000.

"Our goal here was to keep the entire project under $30 million," Watson said. "All things considered, we got everything in the proposal we wanted with the exception of significant office space and classroom space added on."

Indirectly, fitness areas in the field houses would free up classroom space at Franklin and Stevenson high schools. Wrestling and free weight rooms will be lodged on the second floor.

Though Churchill already has a larger gym area, the school would still get a field house so it could host the district-wide gymnastics program.

Additional facilities would allow freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams to practice at reasonable hours instead of until 9:30 to 10 p.m., school officials said.

At the study session, trustee Frank Kokenakes wanted to know if the facilities would be open to the general public. That's possible, Watson said.

"If (students are) out, basically the facilities are open," Kokenakes said.

Field houses are not intended to replace existing high school gyms for competitive events like basketball games. Auxiliary facilities would seat 750 people, which could be used for freshman basketball.

"This would not be a competitive gym," said Fred Price, assistant director for instruction. "It would be mostly used for practices."

If approved, construction is expected to take 18 months. New facilities could open by summer 2002, school officials said.

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Salvation Army kettle stolen at grocery store

Some people embrace the spirit of giving at Christmas. Others – like those who steal from The Salvation Army – prefer to take.

A bandit stole one of The Salvation Army's familiar red kettles Tuesday night outside of Farmer Jack, 34414 Ford Road.

The kettle was stolen when a bell ringer left it unattended while using the bathroom, a police report said. The incident happened between 11:20 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

It wasn't known how much money was inside the kettle.

Police have no suspects or witnesses. Anyone who can help is encouraged to call (734) 721-6311 or (800) 831-3111.

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Copter boon to injured

A medical helicopter descends as Westland firefighters scurry below to help get an injured person ready for a flight to a hospital.

This particular "rescue" was a recent firefighter training session provided by Midwest MedFlight from St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Medical helicopter personnel are highly trained to perform lifesaving procedures en route to hospitals, but they depend on ground-level help when they arrive at emergency scenes.

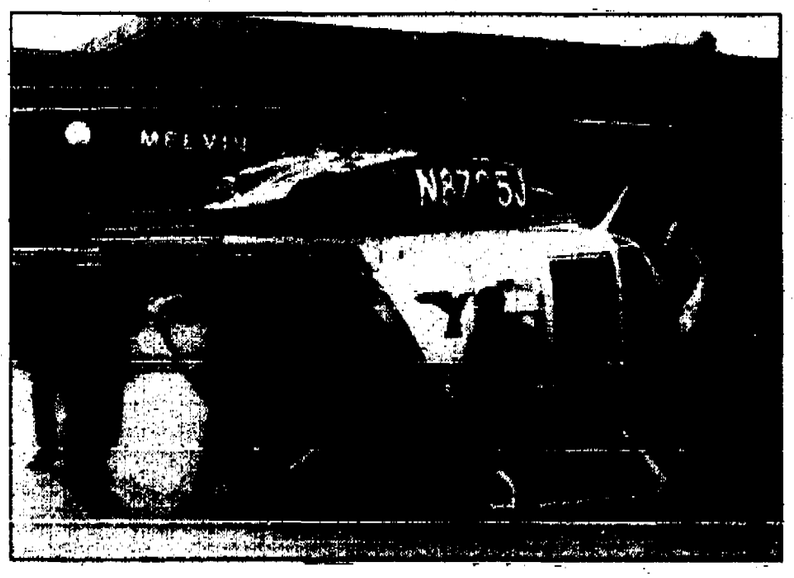
The training session could become crucial "should we respond to a major accident or disaster that requires immediate advanced medical treatment," Westland Deputy Fire Chief David Carignan said.

The session, near the city's main fire station on Ford Road, also underscored the importance of helicopter safety.

"Critical to a successful (patient) evacuation is the safe landing and taking off of the helicopter itself," Carignan said. "Wind direction, landing surface and nearby obstacles all come into play when trying to land."

Overhead wires are a particular concern because they are "virtually invisible to the pilot, especially at night," he said.

The training session is important, Carignan said, because the Westland Fire Department has used medical helicopters on numerous occasions to help save lives.



Saving lives: *A recent firefighter training session was provided by Midwest MedFlight from St. Joseph Hospital. The training took place at the main fire station area on Ford.*

■ 'Critical to a successful (patient) evacuation is the safe landing and taking off of the helicopter itself. Wind direction, landing surface and nearby obstacles all come into play when trying to land.'

David Carignan
—deputy fire chief

Needy get help from Jar Wars

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Forget Jar-Jar Binks and "Star Wars" – John Glenn High School has Jar Wars.

Students raised $2,090 for charity by placing money jugs in their second-hour classes.

"It's a fantastic program," Principal Neil Thomas said. "The kids get into it, and the teachers get into it."

Students and school employees tossed in coins and even dollars to raise money for the Salvation Army of Westland and Wayne Civitans.

Teacher Richard Gordon's social studies and history class raised the most money at $500, said Jar Wars committee chairman Steven Tamaroglio, an 11th grader.

That meant Gordon's class won a pizza party paid by the student council.

"They decided to give the money to charity," Tamaroglio said.

Under Jar Wars rules, second-hour classes tried to collect as many pennies as they could, earning one point for each penny.

But students from other classes could reduce the points by putting larger coins or bills in the jugs. A dime reduced the total by 10 points; a dollar by 100 points.

Although Gordon's class raised the most money overall, teacher Wendy Jensen's French class collected the most pennies – $169 worth – and won the pizza party.

This year's contest ended Nov. 23 and marked the third year for Jar Wars.

"I think overall it's a good thing for the school. It binds us together and does something good for the community, too," Thomas said. "Everybody seems to have a good time with it."

Embest Inc. donated 100 milk jugs for the project. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' circulation department loaned students a change-counting machine.

Yule gala on tap

Westland residents have an opportunity to participate in holiday cheer while collecting toys and canned/boxed food for families in need.

Residents are invited to attend a 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, holiday program being sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road.

Admission is an unwrapped toy for children helped by The Salvation Army in Westland, or canned/boxed food.

The program will feature a sing-along with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Pianist Stefan Kukurugya will perform at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Northwest Vicariate Handbell Choir and Singers at 7:30 p.m.

The Westland Community Foundation announced the annual program in Christmas cards drawn by local students.

The foundation will donate the money it otherwise would have spent on holiday cards to P.D. Graham, Hayes and Johnson elementaries in Westland. The schools will designate the money for charities.

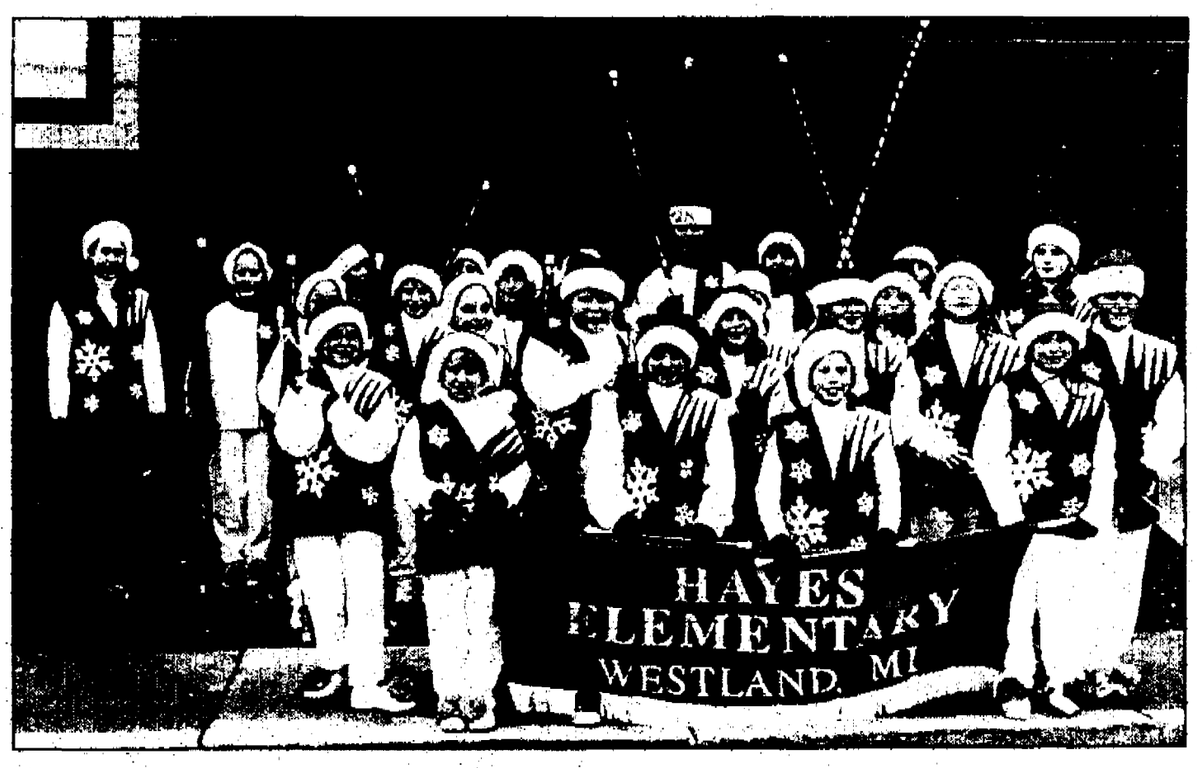
"Our hope is for each child to experience the joy of helping others," the foundation said in a statement. Anyone planning to attend the Dec. 15 event is asked to try to respond by Dec. 8. Call (734) 595-7727.

Trees lauded

An Arbor Day observance will be 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, prior to the start of the Westland City Council meeting at City Hall, Ford near Carlson.

This year marks the 127th anniversary of Arbor Day, which was first observed in Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees.

For information, call Scott Veldhuis, (734) 467-3220.



Team time: *Members of the Hayes Elementary Majorettes and Flag Corps show off their outdoor winter wear after their recent award-winning performance in the Livonia Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade.*

High-stepping Hayes students garner top honors in parade .

■ LIVONIA SCHOOLS

The 24 youngsters in the Hayes Elementary Majorette and Flag Corps will be having quite a Christmas party this year.

On the strength of the group's first-place award for marching units in the Livonia Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade Nov. 20 (and the $500 award), Judy Monarch is planning more than just the usual pizza bash. Instead, they'll all go out to see the film "Toy Story II," enjoy pizza at a restaurant and get special trophies.

Of course, Monarch said, they won't spend all that $500 on themselves. Most will go back into the Hayes PTA fund set aside for expenses for the majorettes.

Monarch, who was head majorette at Cody High back in 1977, brought her interest in baton twirling to Hayes six years ago, volunteering to teach youngsters. The once-a-week, after-school classes drew plenty of children to learn the intricacies of twirling batons and waving flags for parades. In the summer, they march three times a week, for training or

"To me this is a great thing," Monarch said. "It keeps the kids off the streets. I know all the kids in the school and they know me."

Now, as her daughter moves to middle school, Monarch is leaving the Hayes majorette program too. She's willing to show someone else the ropes of running the program. "I would love for someone to come forward and take it over," Monarch said.

It should be easier than when she started the program – when she made flags for the team, worked out patterns for their uniforms, and even set up discounts for fabrics and batons.

Now, the program is up and running, with strong support from the school and other parents. She noted that she ran the majorettes program even while working outside the home; other parents can too. "We all work," she added. *To volunteer to teach the program, leave your name at the office at Hayes Elementary.*

■ 'It keeps the kids off the streets. I know all the kids in the school and they know me.'

Judy Monarch
parent volunteer

This year's Hayes Majorettes and Flags Team includes:

■ Majorettes Mandy McArthur, Ashley Gardocki, Breanna Hardy, Chelsea Harrelson, Katie Trudell, Kodie Hengtgen, Kelsey Garbutt, Stephanie Lunn, Alicia Naser, Ashley Buda, Lisa West and Tasha Knox.

■ Flags Sarah Monarch, Tara Topolewski, Nicole Mueller, Bridget Hintz, Danielle Kalajian, Brittany Henry, Stephanie Troy, Ryan Killebrew, Lisa Opett and Lindsay Garbutt.

■ Banner girls Katie Kalajian and Chelsey Jones.

■ Coaches Judy Monarch and Grace Topolewski.

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Scores *from page A1*

Across the board, the Wayne-Westland scores also came in lower than statewide results.

Many neighboring districts, such as Livonia and Plymouth-Canton, also scored poorly on the new social studies test.

Many educators place partial blame on the test itself, calling it too difficult.

"I would imagine there would be a great many adults who couldn't pass that fifth-grade social studies test," said Steve Becher, president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association. "I think the test is going to have to be revamped."

Barresi said students stumbled on the social studies test, in part, because it was new.

"Any time a new MEAP test is first administered, typically the scores are lower than after the students have had a chance to get acclimated to the test," Barresi said.

Moreover, the new test was given in some cases before a new social studies curriculum could be implemented.

In Wayne-Westland, elementary students just received new classroom materials this school year, Barresi said.

"This will certainly give our children the skills that they need to be more successful with this particular assessment," Barresi said.

Becher acknowledged that many Wayne-Westland social studies materials are new, and he said teachers will have to continue receiving new materials to keep abreast of changing teaching methods.

"We've gotten away from the old idea of just memorizing dates and things," he said.

Practice yule tree safety

Special care should be taken when decorating with live Christmas trees and decorative lighting, according to Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal.

The National Fire Prevention Association estimates that between 1992 and 1996 there were approximately 500 fires annually that were reportedly started with Christmas trees. These fires accounted for 5 percent of the civilian deaths and 4 percent of the reported fire loss.

Westland Fire Marshal Patrick Harder gives the following safety tips:

- Live Christmas trees should be purchased as fresh as possible. Green pliable needles indicate freshness. Trees that are browning, shedding and/or have brittle needles should be avoided.
- Make a fresh cut across the base of the tree stem before it's set up.
- Use a stand with an adequate water reservoir. One gallon or more is recommended. A live Christmas tree will use the maximum amount of water during its first several days indoors.
- The tree should be displayed in a sturdy stand.
- Do not place trees by heat sources.
- Avoid placing trees in or near doorways.
- Decorative lights should have the label of an approved testing laboratory, like Underwriters' Laboratory, for indoor use.
- Use the lights according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not connect too many light sets together. The manufacturer's recommendations will specify how many light sets can be safely connected to prevent overheating. Avoid the use of electrical extension cords.
- Use the correct wattage replacement bulbs specified in the manufacturer's instructions.

Call the Westland Fire Department public education division at 467-3182 for more information.

Court appearance: *Defense attorney Norman Kohlstrand (left) and suspect Jeffery Lacey stand in front of Judge Gail McKnight for her ruling 18th District Court in Westland. The preliminary exam was held Thursday.*

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Case *from page A1*

police arrested Lacey Nov. 20 as part of a sting set up by the victim's dad.

The boy's father posed as his son in an Internet online chat room to arrange a meeting at their Livonia home where authorities took the suspect into custody.

Lacey is charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of using the Internet to solicit sex from a minor. Third-degree CSC involves penetration and is a felony. If the defendant is convicted, each count carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in jail.

Halls *from page A1*

his job, as a surveyor for Roskelly & Associates in Plymouth, to sell trees on Wayne Road, just south of Joy.

"It's a fun job and gets you into the Christmas spirit," John Wagatha said. "As one of my workers put it at the end of last season: 'It sure is nice to see the smiles on kids' faces.' "

The brothers annually try to put smiles on older peoples' faces, too, with a Singles Night, which was held last year. Customers are invited to shop for a tree and take a break with hot chocolate and candy kisses in a heated tent.

The Wagathas are willing to hold another Singles Night this year if they see an interest.

Tree prices vary from $13 for a table top apartment style of about 4 feet to $80 or $90 for bigger trees. In recent years, the Douglas and Fraser firs have become more popular.

"This may be because they seem to last longer," said John Wagatha.

They also offer scotch pines, white firs and blue spruces, which they grow on their farm in Mesick near Traverse City. They fertilize and trim the trees throughout the year and decide when they are ready to be cut down. The average age of a tree is eight to 10 years.

Each North Star customer, whether buying a tree or wreath, receives a raffle ticket for a chance to win a color television.

Down the road at Wayne and Hunter, Eric Gunstrom said his tree selling business is off to a slow start, too. A maintenance worker at Fitness U.S.A., Gunstrom and his partner, Derek Otter, have been selling Christmas trees for seven years.

"It's been a good business. We haven't had a bad year yet," Gunstrom said.

"It's great to see the smile of the little Petes' faces when the family purchases a tree," added Gunstrom. "It really gives you the spirit."

His company, which buys its trees wholesale, has 136 standing Fraser, Blackhill spruce, Douglas firs, blue spruce and Douglas pines. Prices range from $30 to $85 depending on the shape and size.

If customers bring in their tree stands, Gunstrom and Otter will help prepare the stems and assemble them in the holders.

Gunstrom and Otter are particularly happy with this year's healthy crop. Each year, they donate some of their trees to area fire departments and churches. Like North Star, they are open seven days a week.

At Clyde Smith & Sons, located on Newburgh between Joy Road and Warren, the Christmas season means reopening their doors. They close after Halloween and open again after Thanksgiving.

In business for 165 years, they offer scotch pines starting at $18.99 all the way up to about $60 for Fraser firs. They also sell Douglas firs, blue spruce and white pines.

"The first week is always the slowest, but then things pick up," said Carol McCreedy, who owns the business with her brother, Dave Smith.

"We also have some very nice poinsettias, handmade bows, grave blankets and fresh-cut flowers," McCreedy said, adding that Clyde's also does custom decorations for customers that may have a special arrangement in mind.

When asked why some people prefer a real tree to an artificial one, McCreedy said she thought a lot had to do with families following a holiday tradition.

"They are also helping to support a big Michigan industry," she said. "There's a lot of people and effort involved in growing and caring for the trees."

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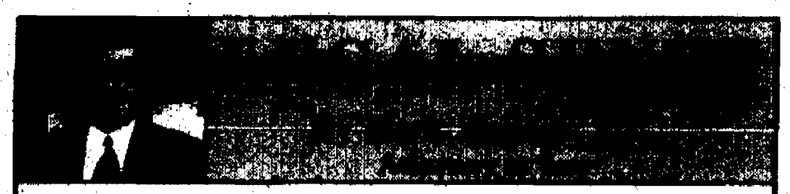
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In the case of some willful torts, the perpetrator may also be prosecuted criminally. If you state indicts and tries the person who injured you on criminal charges, it does NOT mean that you are not also able to sue him or her for damages in a civil suit. When in doubt, please ask your attorney.

HINT: The intentional infliction of emotional distress is a willful tort that involves outrageous conduct, which causes severe emotional pain or discomfort.

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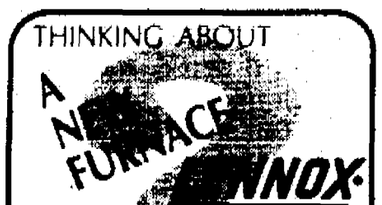

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Rouge advocate wants restriction on flood plain permits

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Michigan residents may remember the television footage from this fall of the North Carolina floods, where heavy rains created overflows of millions of gallons of pig waste housed in basins.

Bill Craig does.

Craig, a Livonia resident who chairs a habitat committee on the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, expects to introduce a motion at the next council meeting on Dec. 15 to advise the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to restrict approval of flood plain permits, specifically in the Rouge River watershed, and only in the "necessity of public safety."

The council is a public advisory body established by the DEQ that is comprised of citizens, city or township representatives, businesses, environmental advocates and academia. It makes recommendations to the DEQ.

"The flood plain issue is an issue that is happening nationally," Craig said. "The Mississippi flooding a few years ago exposed the flood plain problems there. In North Carolina, they had absolutely terrible consequences from building on a flood plain."

Craig said the council should follow the trend that "you don't mess with the flood plains."

Craig expects the council will study the motion, which the habitat committee members wanted introduced because they want the flood plain issue discussed in light of the council's work in developing the Remedial Action Plan to clean up the Rouge and improve water quality, including stormwater runoff. He hopes the DEQ can provide input as well.

The RAP was developed after the Rouge was identified as an "area of concern" by the International Joint Commission, a binational organization charged with water quality oversight in the boundary waters of the Great Lakes. U.S. District Judge John Feikens also oversees the cleanup progress through updates at court hearings every other month.

Craig isn't sure how his motion will be received by the council, community leaders or the state.

"They may say 'we don't want you to mess with the 100-year (storm) event,' but right now, we don't have anything," Craig said. Land is characterized by surveyors and engineers with elevations categorizing flood plains according to the frequency and severity of storm events.

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WANDA C. JEDYNAK
Services for Wanda Jedynak, 78, of Westland were held Dec. 2 in St. Damian Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Lawrence Zurawski.

Mrs. Jedynak was born April 8, 1921, in Dubois, Pa., and died Nov. 29 in Westland. She worked in sales.

Surviving are her son, Mark Jedynak; and daughters, Judith Jed, Suzanne Jedynak and Ann (William) Zurenko.

Mrs. Jedynak was preceded in death by her husband, Henry.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

IRA C. SAWYERS
Services for Ira (Ty) Sawyers, 79, of Westland were held Dec. 2 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Maple Grove Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Eggebeen from St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Sawyers was born April 28, 1920, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and died Nov. 29 in Livonia. He was a maintenance person for the city of Westland.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Sue; sons, David (Susan), Timothy (Chanda) and William (Eden); daughters, Linda Planko and Cathy (Robert) Ankony; and 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Sawyers' family members live in Westland, Garden City and Livonia.

FRANK A. DAVIDSON
Services for Frank Davidson, 92, of Westland took place Nov. 29 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Oatis Buchan from Northville Christian Assembly.

Mr. Davidson was born Aug. 11, 1907, in Saco, Mont., and died Nov. 24 at his residence in Westland. He was a produce buyer.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; daughters, Dorothy (Donald) Walter and Jane Zebrowski; two sisters; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Davidson was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Susan.

RICHARD L. HARDIN
Services for Richard Hardin, 57, of Westland took place Dec. 2 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Rowland.

Mr. Hardin was born June 29, 1942, and died Nov. 28 in Wayne. He was a senior systems analyst.

Surviving are his daughter, Susan (Edward) Fischer and Sharon Hardin; brother, Ronald Hardin; sisters, Marion Anderson and Marlene Leahy; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hardin was preceded in death by two brothers.

WOODROW W. WEAVER
Services for Woodrow Weaver, 83, of Westland were held Nov. 30 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. James Severance.

Mr. Weaver was born March 9, 1916, in Mercer, Tenn., and died Nov. 28 in Dearborn. He worked in quality control for Burroughs Corp. He served with the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his son, Roland (Linda) Weaver; daughters, Gloria (Jim) Lucas and Patricia (J.D.) Burke; and five grandchildren.

DOROTHY J. RAMSAY
Services for Dorothy Ramsay, 70, of Westland took place Dec. 2 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Kenneth Fresh.

Miss Ramsay was born Dec. 25, 1928, in Detroit and died Nov. 30 in Westland. She did clerical work for an insurance company.

Surviving are her brother, Harry (Deana) Ramsay of Asheville, N.C.; and sisters, Joyce Adams of Canton, Phyllis (Bert) Avis of Livonia and Arlene (Bill) Greenwald of Farmington Hills.

JOSEPH A. F. BLANCHARD
Services for Joseph Blanchard, 72, of Westland were held Dec. 4 in Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church.

Mr. Blanchard was born July 19, 1927, in Lowell, Mass., and died Dec. 1 in Westland. He was a tool cutter/grinder.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; sons Ross and Kevin (Stella); sisters, Cecile and Pauline; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Blanchard was preceded in death by his son, Scott.

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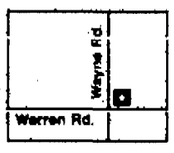

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THE CITY OF WESTLAND, a Michigan Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, an Oregon Corporation, qualified in Michigan RICHARD LEE PETERSON, JEAN GAUTZ and unknown heirs, devisees or assignees,
Defendants.

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ORDER TO ANSWER BY PUBLICATION WITH MAILING REQUIREMENT EXCUSED

At a session of said Court held in the City-County Building, City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on: November 23, 1999.

On August 25, 1999, an action was filed by the Plaintiff, the City of Westland, against Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, in this Court to quiet title on a parcel of real property located in the City of Westland described as The North 72.0 feet of Lot 860, Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 18, as recorded in Liber 70, Page 1, of Plats, Wayne County Records.

The Plaintiff acquired title to this property via a tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan on February 18, 1988.

Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff believes that the Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, at one time claimed or may have claimed an interest in this property which, by virtue of the tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan to the City of Westland has expired. The purpose of this action is to declare that the Palintiff, the City of Westland, is the fee simple owner of said property and that any interest the Defendants may have had in said property has expired.

Upon consideration of the Verified Motion of Plaintiff, and the Affidavit in Support thereof, attesting to the fact that the Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, in this action cannot be personally served with a Summons and a copy of the Complaint herein because their present whereabouts are unknown, and they have no last known address, and that publication of notice of this action in a newspaper of general circulation is most likely to give notice to these Defendants, and it appearing to this Court that Plaintiff, after diligent inquiry, has been unable to ascertain the Defendants' residence either within or without the State of Michigan, and it further appearing that personal service of the Summons and Complaint in this action cannot be made on the Defendants for the above state reasons, and that publication is the best means available to apprise Defendants of the tendency of this action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, shall on or before the 28th day of February, 2000, serve an answer on Mark A. McConnell, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 35330 Nankin Blvd., Suite 702, Westland, Michigan, 48185, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks, commencing, December 5, 1999, December 12, 1999, and December 19, 1999 in the Westland Observer and Eccentric Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Defendants named above. Publication shall occur within the County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within five (5) days from the date of entry of this Order; and that mailing a copy of this Order be dispensed with because Plaintiff cannot, with reasonable diligence, ascertain a place where the Defendants would probably receive this matter transmitted by mail.

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KATHLEEN MACDONALD
Circuit Court Judge

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Public Service Commission gets an earful on outages

BY RICHARD PEARL
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We'll do the best we can.

That, in effect, was what the Michigan Public Service Commission said Monday night in Farmington Hills after hearing a barrage of complaints from elected officials and residents about ongoing problems with Detroit Edison's electrical power service.

The three-member commission came from Lansing to the William Costick Center in the Hills to conduct the second of three metropolitan-Detroit fact-finding sessions – the first took place earlier Monday in Dearborn, the last is slated for Thursday in Rochester.

The hearing's focus: The long-standing and well-documented consumer problems with the big utility regarding continuing power outages, poor customer service and complaints about poorly trained repair crews.

"We will try to get some things resolved," said PSC Chairman John Strand.

He noted, however, that while the PSC's purpose is to regulate the state's utilities, it is governed by state law and by interpretations of those laws by state courts.

In view of that, Strand said, he and fellow commissioners David Svanda and Robert Nelson and their staffs will study the information, then "sit down with Edison and see if we can reach some kind of settlement."

"If not, it will become a contested case" that will go to the Appeals Court and likely will take several months to resolve.

Seemingly, "The Courts of Appeals are always trying to figure out where our authority ends and where it begins," he said.

In fact, "The Michigan Supreme Court told us last year that we are 'creatures of the Legislature,'" Strand said.

"Being that, if the state says we have the power" to do something, then "we do."

The roughly 2 1/2-hour hearing in the William Costick Center – the second PSC session there since 1998 on the same subject – drew about 80 people, including present and former elected officials and a contingent of some 20 Edison executives and staffers.

Among the officials were Hills Mayor Nancy Bates; her predecessor, Aldo Vagnozzi; county commissioners David L. Moffitt and Terry Sever, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Heading up the group from Edison – now known as DTE Energy – was Robert Buckler, president and chief operating officer of the firm's power-transmitting division.

Bates, the Hills' recently elected mayor, turned up the heat on Edison at the outset.

Quality of life

"Our private citizens' quality of life is being challenged" and Hills businesses are threatening to leave due to DTE's failure to provide reliable electric power service, the mayor charged in opening the hearing.

"This is simply not acceptable and it cannot continue," she said.

"We are past public relations and feel-good talk. It is time this issue be resolved."

One way, Bates told the PSC, is for Edison to "be at least as inconvenienced" as its customers: Make it pay during power outages for electric generators and dry ice to prevent food spoilage.

"Until it hurts Detroit Edison as much as it hurts citizens, nothing will happen," she said.

Vagnozzi said though there's a new Hills mayor, there's "no change in the intensity" of the quest for a resolution.

He suggested the establishment of a PSC citizens advisory committee so the PSC could "get input from the average citizen – the one whose electricity goes off at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, just when they're putting the turkey in the oven."

Strand told Vagnozzi the PSC can't, under existing law, buy the dry ice and bill Edison, but that a proposal by Sen. Matt Dunaskiss may change that.

Vagnozzi said the presence of DTE's Buckler didn't surprise him because another top executive came to last year's hearing.

Moffitt (R-Farmington Hills) said DTE needs to be pushed into using underground lines for "more reliable delivery" of power. He also urged the company to spend more to keep up with Oakland County's growth.

'Nitty-gritty answers'

Sever (R-Farmington Hills), who pushed for and got a county commission task force on Edison, called for "some nitty-gritty

See PSC, A9

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Listening: *David Svanda, John Strand and Robert Nelson sit on the Michigan Public Service Commission. They were at the Costick Center to listen to residents' comments about Detroit Edison and local power problems. Hours later, parts of northwest Detroit and Oakland County lost electricity.*

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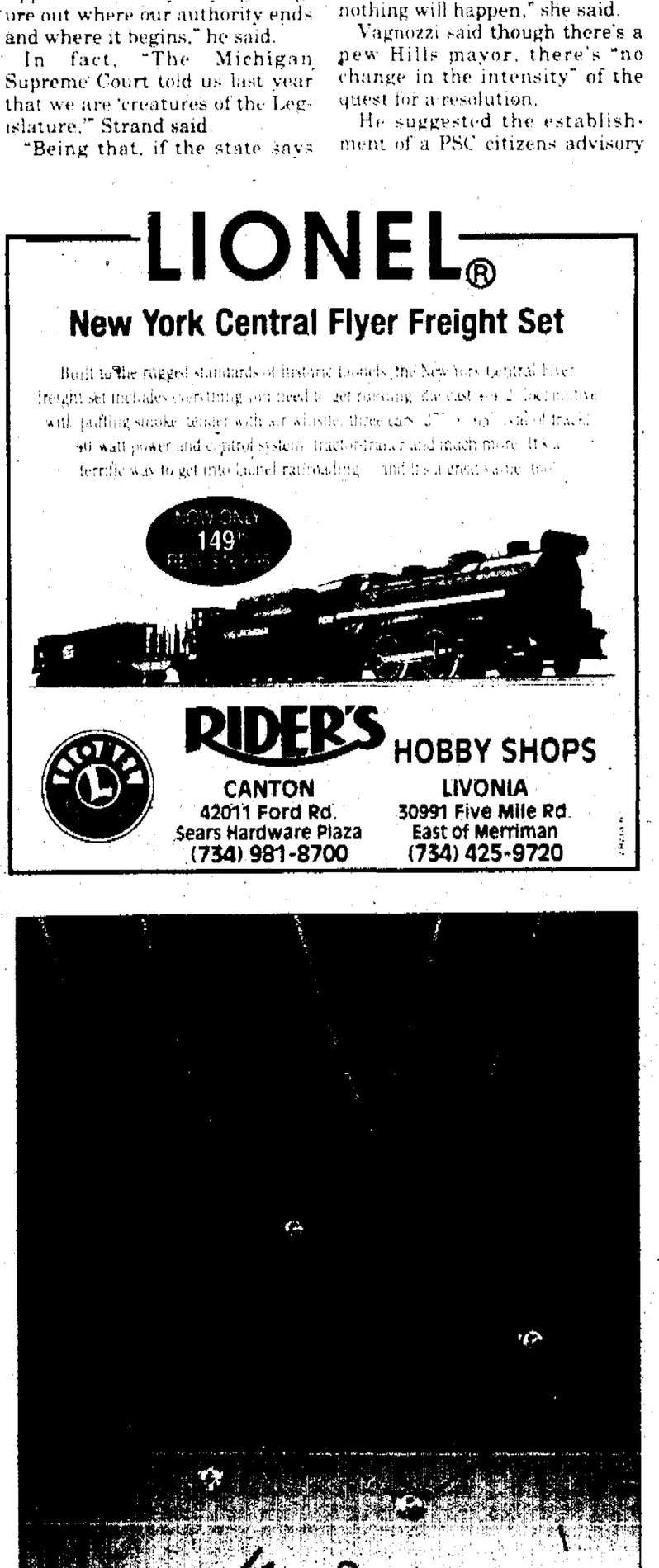
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Crafts

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The Westland All-Stars Drama Club is presenting "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be presented at the Bailey Center, on Ford near Carlson in Westland. Tickets, at $5 each, will be available at the center or at the door.

There was also a middle school dance, sponsored by the Westland Rotary, Friday, Dec. 3. At 6:15 p.m. this Monday, there will be the tree lighting ceremony.

Breakfast With Santa will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 18, on a drop-in basis at the Bailey Center. There's also a holiday poster contest for grade school kids from Westland who will draw a picture of their home on Christmas Day with snow. The winner will receive a white Christmas, even if there's no snow, courtesy of a snow delivery for the yard.

"We're trying to offer a diverse program for the holiday season," Martin said. The crafts workshops haven't been offered in recent years, but appear to be popular, she said.

■ There was also a middle school dance.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Talent: *Jena Clark, 3, works on a handprint wreath during the workshop Wednesday at the Bailey Center.*

Charges

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conceded that an attempted murder charge against Davis wasn't convincing to the judge.

"We just weren't able to show that (Davis) had knowledge ... that Steeple was going to try to kill the victim," Gould said.

Police found the victim nearly dead after neighbors reported hearing her and her child screaming from her second-floor Scotsdale Apartment, 8131 N. Newburgh.

With help from a police dog, officers found Steeple hiding inside a bedroom mattress inside the first-floor apartment he shared with Davis, Lt. Marc Stobbe has said.

Police said Steeple had sliced open the mattress and climbed inside, but police dog Zeke climbed atop the bed, chewing and clawing until he reached inside and grabbed the suspect's arm with his mouth, Stobbe said.

CLASS REUNIONS

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(248) 437-9735

BERKLEY
Class of 1950
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(248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Class of 1965
Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham.
(248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM
Class of 1970
A reunion is planned for July 1.
(510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER
Class of 1979
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy.
(248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy @ameritech. net

BRIGHTON
Class of 1980
Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
(248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy @ameritech. net

CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August.
(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

CLINTONDALE
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(810) 465-2388

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Is planning a reunion.
(313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

DETROIT CENTRAL
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for April.
(734) 464-1692

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for April.
(734) 464-1692

DETROIT DENBY
Class of 1950
A reunion is planned for June.
(810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286

DETROIT FINNEY
Classes of 1970-72
A reunion is planned for April 1.
(313) 837-5880

DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY
Classes of 1953-55
A reunion is tentatively planned for May.
(810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

DETROIT MACKENZIE
Class of 1949-51
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.
(734) 453-7561

DETROIT PERSHING
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9.
(313) 835-9642, (810) 773-3952, (248) 547-0664 or (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/index.htm

DETROIT REDFORD
Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for July 8.
(313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1966
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 280-0053 or (517) 546-8874

FERNDALE
Classes of 1929-1958
Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferndale.
(248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1950
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 618-9865

HIGHLAND PARK
January-June classes of 1950-51
Are planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023
January Class of 1950
June 4 at the San Marino Clubhouse.
(313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

LINCOLN PARK
June Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for August.
(734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Class of 1990
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com

MERCY
Class of 1950
Is planning a reunion for June.
(248) 851-7620

NOVI
Class of 1980
June 24 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia.
(248) 366-9493, press #1

PLYMOUTH CANTON
Class of 1980
Aug. 12 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield.
(248) 366-9493, press #6 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy @ameritech. net

PONTIAC
January and June classes of 1940
Sept. 8-9 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn Hills.
(248) 682-3719

ST. HEDWIG
Class of 1955
A reunion is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16.
(734) 675-8244 or (313) 295-2373

ST. JUDE ELEMENTARY
Class of 1965
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 254-3498

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE #99-016
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, November 29, 1999,the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 78-021 AND 91-001, CODIFIED IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY AT TITLE 3, CHAPTER 35, SECTIONS 35.01 TO 35.08, AND ADDING SECTIONS 35.09 AND 35.11 PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OR CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT TO BE MADE BY THE CITY AS ESTABLISHED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS: COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES: SINGLE SOURCE; CONTRACTING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT THE CODE OR ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY BE AMENDED BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 78-021 AND 91-001, CODIFIED IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY AT TITLE 3, CHAPTER 35, SECTIONS 35.01 TO 35.08 AND ADDING SECTIONS 35.09 AND 35.11, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 35.01 Definitions.

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows.

A. "Purchasing Agent". The City Manager or his duly authorized representative shall act as Purchasing Agent of the City. The City Manager shall adopt any necessary rules respecting requisitions and purchase orders pursuant to this Chapter.

B. "Bid" or "Request for Proposal (RFP)". a written response to a request by the City for pricing on specific goods or services in a format acceptable to the City.

C. "Bidder". Any respondent to a request by the City for goods, services, or contracts in a format acceptable to the City.

D. "Bidder's List. A nonexclusive list maintained by the City of interested vendors for which the City shall use to obtain bids for goods, services, and contracts. Vendors who wish to be included on such list shall submit a request to the Purchasing Agent in writing. Vendors who do not respond to any City bid request may be removed from the bidders' list.

E. "Bulletin Board". A board located in the Civic Center accessible to the public during normal hours of operation on which notice of public interest may be posted.

F. "Deposits". Monetary funds or surety which may, when deemed necessary by the Purchasing Agent, must be accompanied with a bid as a promise to enter a contract, provide a service or good, or fulfill a bid for sale of City property. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their deposit or surety. A successful bidder shall forfeit any deposit or surety required upon failing to enter the contract within a time determined by the City.

G. "Quotes". Written or verbal offer to sell or buy at a stated price.

Section 35.02 Purchases or contracts over $3,000.00.

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which exceeds, or is estimated to exceed, $3,000.00 in value shall require approval of the City Council after receiving sealed bids in accordance with this Chapter. Products and Services available only form a single source will not require sealed bids. The City Manager shall determine available source(s) for a product or service.

Section 35.03 Purchases or contracts between $2,000.01 and $3,000.00.

Any purchase or contract for supplies, material, or equipment, the price of which is, or is estimated to be, of a value between $2,000.01 and $3,000.00 shall require the approval of the City Manager after receiving sealed bids in accordance with this Chapter. Products and services available only from a single source will not require sealed bids. The City Manager shall determine available source(s) for a product or service.

Section 35.04 Purchases or contracts between $1,000.01 and $2,000.00.

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which is, or is estimated to be, of a value between $1,000.01 and $2,000.00 shall require the approval of the City Manager after receiving three (3) quotes or diligently attempting to obtain three (3) quotes form qualified suppliers. Products and services available only from a sole source will not require three (3) quotes. The City Manager shall determine available source(s) for a product or service.

Section 35.05 Purchases or contracts between $100.01 and $1,000.00.

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which is, or is estimated to be, of a value between $100.01 and $1,000.00 shall require the approval of the Department Head after receiving three (3) quotes or diligently attempting to obtain three (3) quotes form qualified suppliers. Products and services available only from a sole source will not require three (3) quotes. The Department Head shall determine available source (s) for a product or service.

Section 35.06 Purchases or contracts $100.00 and below.

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which is or is estimated to be of a value of $1000.00 or less shall require only the approval of the Department Head.

Section 35.07 Federal, State, or Interlocal Government Contracts.

Where there is a federal, state, interlocal government consortium conducting mass purchases of goods or services on a competitive basis, the City may purchase in collaboration with these units without complying with the competitive bidding practices of this Ordinance.

Section 35.08 Emergency Purchases.

(A) The City Manager, in case of emergency, may purchase directly any supplies, materials, or equipment, not costing in excess of $3,000.00 when immediate procurement is in the best interest of the city. The City Manager shall certify in writing that the emergency exists, and detail the reasons for he claimed emergency and why he is waiving formal bidding procedures. The City Manager shall file his certification and reasons for waiving bidding procedures with the City Clerk.

(B) For emergency purchases exceeding $3,000.00 the City Manager shall meet the requirements of Section 35.08(), and obtain City Council approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 35.09 Bidding Procedures.

Purchases requiring sealed bids in accordance with this Chapter shall adhere to the following procedures.

(A) Notice inviting bids. Notice inviting bids shall be published in one of the following manners at least ten calendar days proceeding the last day set for receipt of the proposals. The notice shall include a general description of the articles to be purchased, where bid blanks and specifications may be obtained, and the time and place for the public opening of the bids.

(1) Electronic Internet Posting. A Commonly accessible internet site; accessible without direct charge to the bidder, and/or
(2) Newspaper. A newspaper or publication of general circulation in the City, and/or
(3) Bidders' List. The Purchasing Agent may solicit sealed bids from all responsible suppliers who have requested their names to be added to a "bidders' list" which the Purchasing Agent shall maintain, by sending them a copy of such newspaper notice or such other notice as will acquaint them with the proposed purchase, and/or
(4) Bulletin Board. The Purchasing Agent may also advertise all pending purchases by a notice posted on the public bulletin board in the Civic Center.

(B) Bid Deposits. When deemed necessary by the Purchasing Agent, bid deposits shall be prescribed in the bid specifications. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their deposit or surety. A successful bidder shall forfeit any deposit or surety required upon failing to enter into a contact within ten days after the award, or other such time frame at the discretion of the City.

(C) Bid Opening Procedures.

(1) Signed and sealed. All bids must be signed by an authorized official of the bidding entity. Bids shall be submitted sealed to the Purchasing Agent by the appointed time and date, and shall be identified as bids on the envelope. Bids submitted by electronic mail must be identified as bids in the subject field.
(2) Opening. Upon request, bids shall be opened in public and read aloud at the time and place stated in the public notices.
(3) Tabulation. A tabulation of all bids received shall be made part of the public record, and, if required by this Chapter, submitted to the City Council along with the appropriate recommendation.

(D) Rejection of Bids. The Council shall have the authority to reject all bids or parts of bids for any one or more supplies, materials, or services included in the proposed contract, when the public interest will be best served thereby.

(E) Award of Contract. The Council shall award contracts or bids within the purview of this section to the "lowest responsible bidder," as defined in this subsection. In determining "lowest responsible bidder," the Council shall consider the following factors which are of equal importance with no one factor being more important than any other factor:

(1) The amount of the bid;
(2) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the services;
(3) Whether bidder can perform the contract promptly or within the time specified without delay;
(4) The character, integrity, reputation, experience and efficiency of the bidder;
(5) The quality of performance of previous contracts or services;
(6) Previous or existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the service of contract; sufficiency of the bidders' financial resources to perform the contract;
(7) Ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject matter of the bid;
(8) Any other factor which would ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Garden City.

(F) Award of Contract. When the award of the contract is made, a full and complete statement of the reasons for determining a particular bidder is the "lowest responsible bidder" shall be made part of the public record.

(G) Tie Bids. If all bids received are for the same total amount or unit price, and all other factors being equal, the contract shall be awarded to a local bidder. Where such tie is between local bidders and between non-local bidders, the contract shall be at the discretion of the City Manager or City Council.

(H) Performance Bonds. The City shall have the authority to require a performance bond before entering a contract, in such amount as it shall find reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of the City.

(I) Prohibition Against Subdivision. No contract or purchase shall be subdivided to avoid the requirements of this section.

Section 35.10 Sale of Property.

Whenever any City property, real or personal, is no longer deemed needed for corporate or public purposes, the same may be offered for sale. Personal or real property not exceeding $500 in value may be sold for cash by the Purchasing Agent upon approval of the City Manager after receiving quotations or competitive bids for the best price obtainable Property with a value in excess of $500 may be sold after advertising and receiving sealed competitive bids, as provided in this Chapter, and after approval of the sale has been given by the Council. However, the competitive bid provisions shall not apply to the sale of property if the sale of said property is made to another governmental unit or agency.

Section 35.11 Prevailing Wage and Fringe Benefit Requirements for Certain Defined City Projects.

(A) For the purpose of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows.

"CONSTRUCTIVE MECHANIC." A skilled or unskilled mechanic, laborer, worker, helper, assistant, or apprentice working on a city project, but shall not include executive, administrative, professional, office or custodial employees.

"CITY PROJECT." Any new construction, alteration, repair, installation, painting, decorating completing, demolition, conditioning, reconditioning, or improvement of public buildings, works or roads authorized by a contracting agent as defined herein and which costs or is estimated to cost in excess of $20,000.

"CONTRACTING AGENT." Any officer, City Council, board or commission of the city or any institution of the city supported in whole or in part by city funds, authorized to enter into a contract for a city project or to perform a city project by the direct employment of labor.

(B) Every contract executed between a contracting agent and a successful bidder as contractor, and entered into pursuant to advertisement and invitation to bid for the city project which requires or involves the employment of construction mechanics and which is financed in whole or in part by the city shall contain an express term that the rates of wages and fringe benefits to be paid to each class of mechanics by the bidder and all of his subcontractors shall not be less than the wage and fringe benefits rate prevailing in the city as established by the most recent survey of the Michigan Department of Labor for Prevailing Wage Determination under Michigan Public Act 166 of 1965. (MCLA 408.551, et seq; MSA 17.256(1) et seq):

(C) A schedule of the prevailing wage and fringe benefits for all classes of construction mechanics called for in a contract shall be made a part of the specifications for the work to be performed and shall be printed in the bidding forms where work is to be done by contract.

(D) Every contractor and subcontractor shall keep posted in a conspicuous place on the construction site a copy of all prevailing wage and fringe rates prescribed by the contract and shall keep accurate records showing the name and occupation of and actual wages and benefits paid to each construction mechanic employed by him in connection with the contract. This record shall be made available on demand for inspection by the contracting agent or city.

(E) The contracting agent by written notice to the contractor and the sureties of the contractor known to the contracting agent shall terminate the contractor's right to proceed with that part of the contract, for which less than the prevailing rates of wages and fringe benefits have been paid or will be paid, and shall proceed to complete the contract by separate agreement with another contractor. The contracting agent shall withhold payment for work done until liabilities for unpaid wages and excess costs to the city of reletting the work have been met.

(F) Any person, firm or corporation or combination thereof violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, any contractor found to be in violation of this act by any contracting agent shall be disbarred for two years from bidding on any City project.

REPEAL. That Ordinance Nos. 78-021 and 91-001, codified at Title 3, Chapter 35, Sections 35.01 to 35.08 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City and all other ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY. The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City of garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from any such portion as may be declared invalid.

SAVINGS CLAUSE. That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings pending in any court or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or any remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

DATE OF EFFECT. This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be in effect upon publication as required by law.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, Mayor
ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

Adopted: November 29, 1999
Resolution # 11-99-469
Publish: December 5, 1999

HEAT advises care to prevent a holiday auto theft

Area malls have kicked off the busiest shopping season of the year. It is also the prime season for auto thieves who prey on shoppers who are preoccupied with packages, parking and gift lists, so shoppers should think about safety during the holidays, says Terri Miller, director of Help Eliminate Auto Thefts, a statewide auto theft prevention program.

The HEAT program, funded by Michigan auto insurance companies, operates a toll-free, confidential hotline at (800) 242-HEAT, offering cash rewards for information on auto thefts, chop shops, auto-theft related insurance fraud and carjackings.

"This time of year people become distracted by hectic schedules, revving up to a fever pitch as the holidays approach," Miller said. "These holiday safety tips are to remind shoppers to stay alert and not forget about safety concerns, so that everyone has a happy and safe holiday."

HEAT offers these 10 holiday safety tips:

- Park in well-lit areas near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near Dumpsters, large vans or trucks. These obstacles decrease the ability to see clearly around vehicles, where carjackers could be hiding.
- Consider using the valet services offered at some malls if out shopping alone at night. Leave only the ignition key with the attendant. Identification pieces, including car registration and proof of insurance, should be left in wallets or purses and taken into the mall.
- If you shop late at night and park in the lot, ask the store clerk if it is possible for store security to escort you outside.
- If purchases and gifts must be left in the car, place them in the trunk and out of view.
- Even if burdened with packages, try to keep one hand free with the ignition key in hand. Look around and inside the car before getting in.
- If threatened by a carjacker with a gun or other weapon, give up the car. Don't argue. A life is more important than any car.
- If you are carjacked or witness a carjacking, try to remember what the carjacker looks like – sex, height, build, race, age, hair, eye color and special features.
- When driving in traffic, always leave room between you and the car in front, so that if you sense trouble, you can maneuver quickly and get away easily.
- Report the crime immediately to police.
- If you witness a carjacking or an auto theft, call the police immediately. If you have information on a carjacking or auto theft, call the HEAT tip reward line at (800) 242-HEAT, or if you have an Ameritech cellular phone, dial *H-E-A-T to be automatically connected with HEAT law enforcement officials.

HEAT rewards tip callers with up to $1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected car thief; up to $10,000 if the tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring members or chop shop operators. HEAT rewards $2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

HEAT, now in its 14th year, has recovered 2,790 vehicles valued at $31.6 million with arrests of over 2,286 suspects. HEAT has awarded $2.1 million to callers since 1985.

CMU holds open house

Central Michigan University is hosting an open house 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday for prospective students, area chamber of commerce members and human resources professionals at its new Livonia center, 38695 Seven Mile Road.

The CMU center, in one of three office buildings behind Cookers, offers a variety of programs for bachelor degree completion, master's degree and certificate programs in metro Detroit for more than 25 years.

The university annually has about 1,200 enrollments in Livonia.

Open house visitors will be able to talk with CMU staff and pick up program materials. Business leaders and human resources staff will be able to explore partnerships between their organizations and the university. CMU frequently tailors programs to meet specific business or employee needs.

For more information about the open house or Central's metro Detroit degree programs, contact CMU at (248)244-1200.

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anawers ... The wait is long enough."

Keen McCarthy, vice-chair of the Conference of Western Wayne County, which represents 600,000 residents, said she learned Edison "is playing one community off against the other" by telling each that the other has more pressing problems.

Now that communities are comparing notes, "we're getting worried," she said.

Dana Whinnery, Hills assistant city manager, told the PSC the power outages stretched across Farmington Hills.

Buckler looked pained following the hearing.

"They are not the company I know," he said of the DTE employees Edison customers described Monday night as rude, indifferent and poorly trained.

But he also acknowledged, "A lot of customers (in the Hills area) have too many power outages."

And even though DTE spends $500 million on transmission and distribution of electrical power and is rated among the best in the country in general reliability, "that does not mean anything to the people here."

Overall, he stated, "There are some things we're going to have to figure out how to do things differently."

Ron May, DTE vice president of energy delivery and services, reiterated the company's claim that it's the trees – "the mature large trees" which make the Hills area so attractive – that also cause the problems.

When they die or are hit by lightning, they can fall onto power lines – problems homeowners don't consider when planting them.

He said DTE readily provides information – at greenhouses and elsewhere – telling concerned residents which are the best trees to plant, and where, from a slow-growth, low-growth perspective.

Who says Santa Claus hasn't already come to town?

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Engler lauds work done by community colleges

Friendly greetings: *Gov. John Engler talks with the Williams family of Novi following his address at Oakland County Community College.*

BY MIKE MALOTT
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One quarter of students enrolled in community colleges already have undergraduate degrees from universities, Gov. John Engler noted Tuesday evening on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. His talk was part of the college's Distinguish Speakers Series.

Yet those students, he said, sign up for community college courses to get further job training, "I suspect, to pay off the loans they took out to get those four-year degrees."

The comment underscored Engler's belief that community colleges will continue to "play a pivotal role" in preparing students to enter Michigan's "dynamic economy."

The state is enjoying an economic boom at present, the governor said. He noted Michigan has recently seen unemployment figures as low as 3.2 percent. He compared the strength of the economy currently to that of the late 1950s or early '60s.

Because much of the economic growth is in high-tech areas, and because community colleges specialize in preparing students for work in fields such as engineering, technology, applied science and math, the colleges "have exactly what is required."

Community colleges train students for what he called "gold collar jobs," technically-oriented occupations receiving high pay and benefits.

And because the economy is so good, OCC students "have the ability to be choosy" in deciding what jobs they will take.

"The role of community colleges is not well understood," he said, "even on campus." But the state does. Since taking office, he said, Michigan has increased appropriations to its 28 community colleges by 44 percent, at a time when inflation rose only 25 percent. He said that on a per-pupil basis, the increases in funding work out to a 50 percent increase. Additionally, facilities at colleges have been improved as part of an effort to make sure they have the resources they will need in the future.

More help is on the way. At present, state and federal tax credits return a significant portion of tuition costs to students, but Engler said increased credits "are coming" that could make enrollment at community colleges virtually free.

Engler also expressed strong support for M-Tech programs. OCC was one of the first to receive state assistance for its own M-Tech center, located on the Auburn Hills campus of the college. Ground was broken earlier this fall with Engler's help.

M-Tech centers work with businesses to design training that is specific to companies' needs, he explained.

"For example, one company may need 15 weeks of training. The next company in the door may need a 19-week training program. Through M-Techs, you don't have to wait for the turn of the semester," he said.

Engler predicted such centers will also take courses off-campus, right to the companies' own buildings.

Engler noted that not all areas of Michigan currently have community colleges. Livingston County, just to the west of Oakland, is one example. Engler said it is his goal to provide community college coverage to all areas of the state.

Engler also said he believes the state should improve "credentialing," that is the granting of certificates for students who have received training in specific job areas. He also called for the standardization of courses, through work quality programs such as ISO 9000, so that classes at various colleges can be compared.

Certificates and standardization would allow for "portability of skills," which he said will be increasingly important in the future "global marketplace."

"By this credentialing and benchmarking, we could add value to the degrees you receive," he said.

Questioned by the audience about his plans for the future, Engler said that when his current and final term ends, he does not plan to run again for elective office. He also said he has no plans of stepping up to a national-level office.

Engler will be term-limited out of office at the end of 2002. That would end a political career that started in 1970 when he was first elected to the state House. Eventually, he was promoted by voters to the state Senate and finally to the governor's office in 1990.

Speculation has often placed Engler as a potential congressional candidate, or a presidential running mate or cabinet appointee. But Engler said he won't seek such positions.

"I've been in public service a long time," he said. "I'm eager to try something else. I'm looking forward to that opportunity, so I'll be taking a non-governmental role when my term is over."

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Flames capture title

The Livonia Pee Wee B Flames defeated the St. Clair Shores Ice Hawks, 3-2, in the finals of the fourth annual City Sports Arena Thanksgiving Championship Nov. 30 in Detroit.

The Flames were led by captain John Clancy, who was voted MVP and led the team with 11 goals and seven assists (including two hat tricks).

Other forwards who led the charge were Brian Louwers, four goals and five assists; Denver Malenfant, seven points; Ryan Burke, three goals.

Goaltender Alex Witte also played solid with a 1.8 goals-against average.

The defense was led by assistant captain Tom Korch, along with Chris Zylik, Ricky Crowe, Sean Hostetter and Jacob Shaffer.

Rounding out the Flames' team: Derek Swintek, Mike Horgan and Jason Dunn, Mike Rusaki, Ricky Serlyo and Matthew Vicini.

The Flames are coached by Vic Vicini, John Louwers and Dale Swintek. The team manager is Cecilla Zylik. SHS, Inc. is the team sponsor.

Knights turkey winners

The Livonia Pee Wee AA Knights moved up to the Bantam A bracket of the Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament at Novi Ice Arena capped by a come-from-behind 3-2 win over the South Pointe Capitals, an '85 select team from Leamington, Ontario.

It was the Knights' third tournament title of the season. They are also 12-0 in league play.

Other wins came against the Birmingham Rangers (6-2), Amerinet (9-3), the Michigan Devils (5-1) and South Pointe (3-0 at Westland Ice Arena).

Members of the Knights, who also captured the Sports Extravaganza Early Bird and Terry Terrier (Ont.) tourneys, include Steve Mnich, Justin Bolla, Matt Fortier, Garrett Radford, Sean Sachau, Adam Stoner, Steve Slovoski, Chris Fairbanks, Dave McGrorty, Craig Dulman, Chris Barczuk, Jimmy Nawrocki, Kevin Horal, Tony Swarthout, Jeff Paison and Zac Macvoy.

The coaching staff includes Pat Fairbanks, Doug Blanzy, John Swarthout and Kevin Fairbanks. The team manager is Jim Radford.

Madonna hitting clinic

Madonna University will have a softball hitting clinic in the school gym 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 19. The cost is $35 per player.

Players must register in advance by calling Madonna softball head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Sports Academy training

Open training at the Sports Academy's indoor baseball and softball facility will be from 3:30-5 p.m. each Thursday.

The Sports Academy is located at 22515 Heslip Drive, off Nine Mile between Meadowbrook and Novi roads in Novi.

Players can use the pitching mounds, batting cages, tees and workout area. Professional instructors will be available to assist in batting practice, pitching and fielding drills. All five cages will be open for unlimited batting practice.

The fee is $20.

For more information, call (248) 380-0800, Ext. 112.

Flyers win in Troy

The Bantam B Flyers of the Livonia Hockey Association defeated the Lakeland Jets, 4-2, Nov. 28 to win the Troy Turkey Tournament with a 4-0 record at the Troy Sports Center.

Members of the Flyers include Nick Arnold, Nick Beauchemin, Kevin Bendert, Johnathon Brenneman, Corey Clearman, Corey Huhn, Andrew Kisic, Nick Kostoff, Chris Miller, Adam Myrold, Stephen Samelko, Bryan Schulmeister, Joe Stewart, Mat Schilk, Kevin Schulmeister and Mike Tokarsky.

Coaches include Greg Beauchemin, Pete Rogers, Mike Schulmeister and Holly Huhn. Team manager is Bill Arnold.

Barrett helps build U-M team

By Brad Emons
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Walt Barrett will always be a Livonia Stevenson High Spartan, but now his allegiance is to the Maize and Blue.

The former Stevenson boys coach and player is on the ground floor of building the men's varsity soccer program at the University of Michigan.

Michigan will be implementing its first men's varsity sport since 1932.

Barrett, who served the past two seasons as an assistant under Brian Tinnion at Eastern Michigan University, will assume similar duties at Michigan under Steve Burns.

"This is very rare to be involved with something that hasn't been done before at Michigan," said Barrett, who guided Stevenson to two state championships (1991 and '96). "We're going into uncharted waters, but it's exciting.

"We've already had overwhelming interest from players around the country and non-players congratulating us and wishing us well."

Burns, who coached the highly successful Mid-Michigan Bucks of the U.S.L., also served as club coach for U-M and has worked with Barrett in the Olympic Development program.

"Walt sees how special Michigan is from the outside and he brings excitement and adds to my excitement to building our program," Burns said. "Walt is a tremendous salesman and he is going to pitch our program to the nation's best players.

"And as far as Walt goes, he brings more name recognition in the state than me. He also complements my weakness and will be a big help filling my holes. We always had a good relationship working together in the ODP program."

Barrett will concentrate his duties on recruiting, promotion and building a strong defense.

"We think we can establish a fan base and we're going to have a booster club," Barrett said. "It's a new frontier, but we hope to play a heart-stopping brand of soccer that the people can relate to at Michigan."

The Wolverines will be a fully-funded NCAA Division I program in 2000. They will also play a complete Big Ten schedule next fall.

Although the schedule is not yet set, Michigan will play some of its games on campus (at the women's field). Night games are also slated for nearby Elbel Field in Ann Arbor. Friday or Saturday night games under the lights are a strong possibility. The Wolverines may also fill few home dates on the road.

"We may be barnstroming a little bit at the some of the local high schools," Burns said. "I could envision us playing Michigan State at Canton High School. I think a game like that in an area, which is known as a hotbed for soccer. It would create a lot of interest."

Barrett also plans to document and chronicle much of Michigan's first varsity soccer season.

"Our theme is the 'Original 22,' " Barrett said. "We're bringing in 22 players next year and those guys will be part of history. We're going to be videotaping a lot of our first season."

Barrett would like to see the Wolverines be competitive nationally in the near future.

"Gradually we're going to be releasing new scholarships so the program will mature and progress intelligently," he said. "Within three years we expect to compete for the top recruits and be able to play with the big boys."

Going to Michigan fulfills a lifelong dream for 39-year-old Barrett, who has coached at nearly all levels of soccer for the past 15 years.

His record is outstanding, including a 25-4-1 mark as ODP coach (where he captured four regional titles in five years). He also coached a club team, the Michigan Blazers, to a 127-24-18 record in five seasons. His 1997 team reached the U.S. Youth Soccer Association national finals.

At Stevenson, Barrett was 125-15-23 in six years. He guided the Spartans to a pair of state Class A titles, along with one runner-up finish (1993). Under Barrett, Stevenson also won three Western Lakes, three regional and four district crowns.

In two seasons at Southfield High, Barrett was 23-5-2. His 1987 squad reached the state Class A semifinals.

"It was hard to leave Stevenson, but Eastern Michigan was a great stop for me because it helped me understand the Division I game," Barrett said.

Burns believes he has the right component in Barrett to help put Michigan soccer on the map.

"The athletic and academic reputation precedes us and makes our job easier," said the new head coach. "Our main premise is to make sure these kids are of good character. That's the kind of team we want to put on the field."

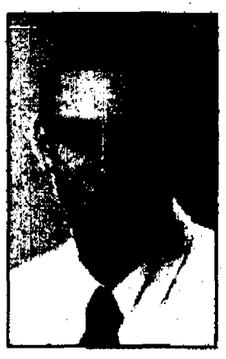
Last splash for Spartans' Buckler

By Richard L. Shook
Staff Writer

It's the last go-around for Doug Buckler and so, if you please, the Livonia Stevenson boys swim coach would like to go out on top."

"This is my last year," Buckler said. "I'm going to retire. I'm going to have a lot of fun with this team going out."

Fun for Buckler might be a whole of fun for everybody else in the Western Lakes Activities Association. So what's new?



Joe Bublitz
Livonia Stevenson

"Plymouth Salem looks tough again," Buckler said. "There's only the two of us ever to win the league. And North Farmington has a nice team. We'll see where we settle up at the end of the year."

Livonia Stevenson has the usual losses to graduation, such as Keith Falk, but as usual has top talent returning, such as junior Joe Bublitz.

Bublitz finished third in the state in the individual medley last winter and is a two-time All-Area swimmer.

His 1:53.82 was the best time in the area for the 200 IM by more than three seconds. He also posted the area's best time, 54.38, in the 100 backstroke, the No. 4 time in the 100 butterfly (55.45), the sixth-best time in the 200 freestyle (1:50.61) and the ninth-best time in the 50 freestyle (22.88).

So like the 500-pound canary, Bublitz will pretty much fly where he wants.

The Spartans' captains will be senior Kevin VanTiem and multi-sport star Brad Buckler, whose dad is retiring as coach because Brad is completing his varsity career at Stevenson.

Junior Mike Nemer and VanTiem posted the third- and fourth-best times among area breaststrokers, 1:04.97 and 1:05.13, respectively. VanTiem will also compete in the IM and some freestyle events this season while Nemer will swim to complement him.

Buckler will work the sprints, the 500 and 100 freestyle plus relays.

Staff Photo by Paul Hubschmann

Senior Leader: *Joe Bublitz returns to lead Livonia Stevenson's boys swimming team this season. He is shown winning the 200 IM in 1:59.22 at the WLAA meet last March.*

"We're young," the coaching Buckler said. "We're going to be a decent team. I think our goal is going to be to repeat again.

"We seem to consistantly be able to get into the top 10 in the state. Our goal is to do it again.

"I've been doing this for 23 years, 21 as head coach. This is it.

"This team is a very hard-working team. What we lack for experience early in the year we'll make up for in hard work."

The Spartans have 20 swimmers and four divers, which Buckler says is a nice number to have.

His squad opens up at home on Dec. 14 against Dearborn then hosts Monroe Dec. 16 but the unofficial season opener is Dec. 18 when Plymouth Salem hosts the WLAA relays.

"This is a good training bunch of kids," Buckler said, "but then, they always have been for us."

Another key returning junior for Stevenson is Justin Ketterer, who like VanTiem is a returning All-Area Second Team swimmer. Ketterer will swim the distances after posting the area's fourth-best time in the 500 freestyle last year, 5:04.58.

Also returning is Rob Cambridge, who will swim the 200 freestyle, the IM, butterfly and backstroke.

Senior Pat Rodemeyer will swim the distances while sophomore Brandon Truscott will work the butterfly and sprints. Truscott turned in a 58.66 in the 100 butterfly, the area's ninth-best time, as a freshman.

Senior Jeff Lowes will compete in the IM, butterfly and backstroke and junior Eric Dabowski is working out in the IM, breaststroke and some freestyle events.

George Earhart, who was injured last year, has looked good in the sprints during early workouts.

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Flyers zero in on Patriot ice squad

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Farmington hockey coach Glenn Breuhan compared his team's strong finish last season to a snowball rolling down a hill, picking up momentum with every turn.

Friday night at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena, that snowball turned into a full-fledged avalanche.

The Flyers rolled over Livonia Franklin, 8-0, behind a balanced scoring attack and near-flawless goaltending by senior goalie Logan McLean.

With a record of 5-0, the second-year program has already matched its victory total from the inaugural 1998-99 campaign in which it finished 5-18-1. The Patriots dropped to 1-2.

"We only won five games last season, but we won a couple at the end and it kind of snowballed into the district tournament, where we played well, but lost in overtime to Brother Rice," Breuhan said.

"Tonight, we met every goal we've been working to achieve. It was a total team effort in which everyone contributed."

The lopsided loss stung Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, who questioned his team's desire.

"Our performance tonight was absolutely atrocious," Jobbitt said. "We played with a total lack of effort and lack of heart. A couple of kids gave 100 percent, but for the most part it was an embarrassing performance.

"Farmington has a very good hockey team. Their goalie was outstanding, and their top line is very good. We just didn't come to play tonight and it showed."

McLean did his best Y2K bug imitation — he turned the lights out on the Patriots' forwards and made their lives miserable with acrobatic saves.

The 6-1, 210-pound goalie stopped 18 Franklin shots, at least five of which came from point-blank range.

The shutout was the second of the season for McLean, who shares net-minding duties with sophomore Chris Tobe.

"That may change after tonight," Farmington goalie coach Bernie Buller said. "Logan played a great game. He made every big save when we needed him to."

The final score didn't do justice to the performance of Patriot goalie Chris Garbutt, who faced a 35-shot barrage from wave after wave of Flyers.

Garbutt's night could be capsulized in one 30-second stretch in the third

Please see HOCKEY, B8

Canton stuns Salem in early wrestling meet; both defeat other foes

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem opened their wrestling seasons Thursday at Monroe, and there was a surprise for both: Final score: Canton 46, Salem 34.

"I'm still suffering from the shock," said Canton coach John Demsick, whose team also defeated Farmington 41-33. "But I'll survive, no doubt."

Kyle Pitt, Greg Musser, John Pocock, Joe Faraoni and Phil Rothwell were all double-winners for the Chiefs.

In the win over Salem, Pitt at 103, Dustin Armor at 112, Pocock at 140, Faraoni at 145, Scott McKee at 152, Rothwell at 215 and Derek McWatt at heavyweight all won on pins.

Pitt beat Salem's Mike Goethe in 1:15; Armor topped Nick Moniodis in 3:00; Pocock won over Steve Dendrinos in 3:59; Faraoni was a winner over Brian Saltzer in 4:35; McKee beat James March in 1:57; Rothwell bested John Early in 1:12; and McWatt stopped Zach Jensen in 1:17.

Canton's other winner was Musser over Lucas Stump, 1-0, at 130.

Salem got pin wins from Rob Ash in 3:30 over Doy Demsick at 125; Josh Henderson in :59 over Jon Palmer at 135; Phil Portellos in 4:50 over Shahein Rajee at 171; and Mike Popeney in 3:40 over Derek Miller at 189. Andrew Bennett also defeated Mike Bonner 10-0 at 160 and Ron Thompson won by void at 119.

Against Farmington, pin winners for the Chiefs were Pitt over Bryan Proven in 1:29 at 112; Doy Demsick over Robert Ensterday in :58 at 119; and Musser over Aaron Turk in 1:37 at 130.

Technical falls were won by Pocock against Tom Mahon, 20-5 at 140 and Chris Hosey over Josh Webb, 16-1 at 125. Faraoni had a major decision over James Clarahan, 16-2 at 145, and Rothwell got an 8-6 victory over Kyle Domagalski at 215.

Salem earned a 40-30 victory over host Monroe, with wins by fall going to Dendrinos over Troy Maxwell in 4:56 at 140; Henderson over Steve Rumpo in 2:30 at 135; and Stump over Steve Ohms in 5:49 at 130.

Other winners for the Rocks were Ash over Carson Pepperal, 17-6 at 125; Andrew Bennett over Scott LeRoy, 2-1 at 152; Jensen over Matt Morris, 9-5 at heavyweight; and void wins by Nick Moniodis at 112 and Craig Blair at 171.

Canton, now 2-0, travels to the Novi Round-Robin Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday. Salem, 1-1, hosts the Salem Eight Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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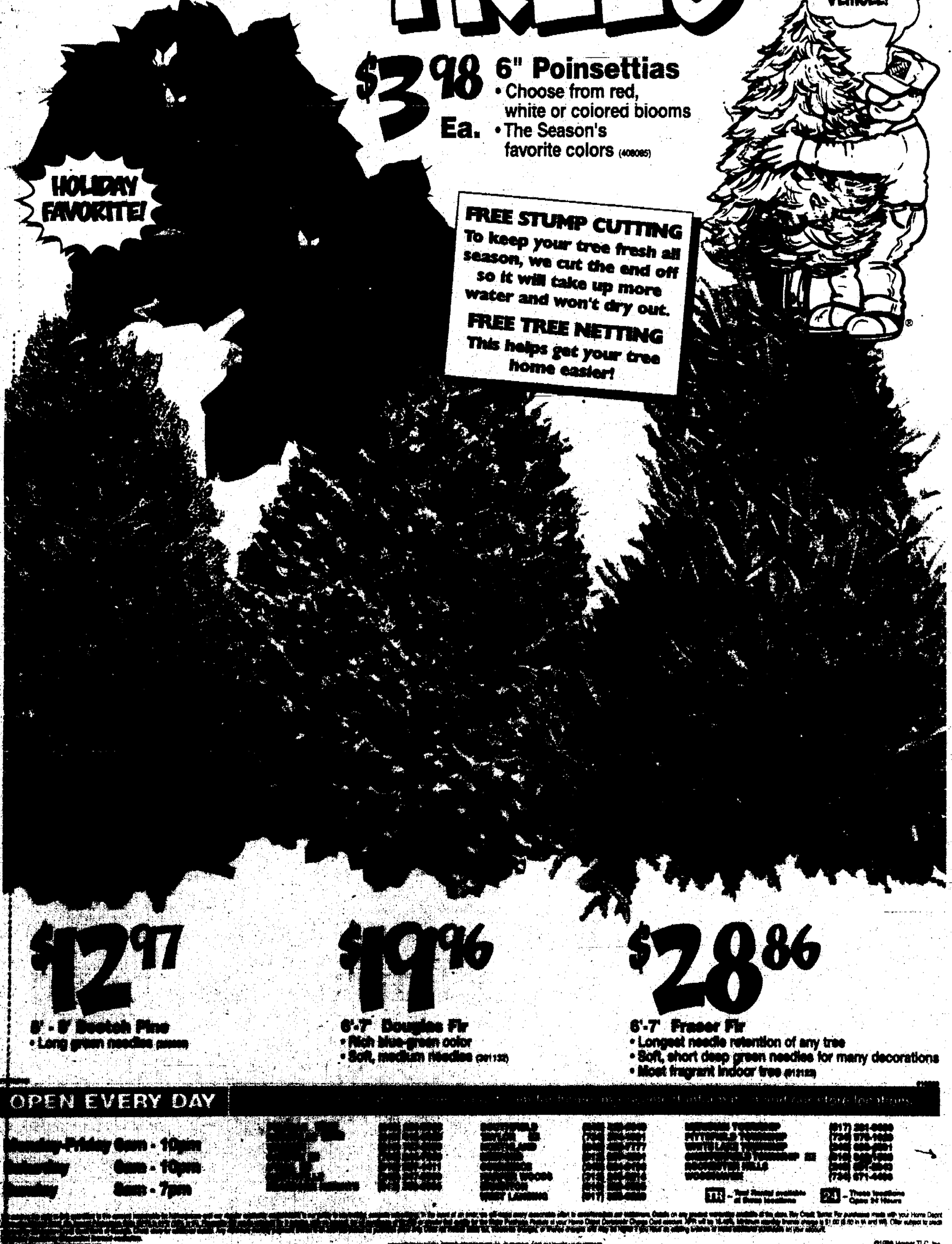

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New Charger coach

Livonia Churchill has a new swim coach, Jennifer Pierce, and she's very enthused over her job and her Chargers.

"They all look good," the rookie coach said. "They're very strong swimmers. We're looking for a little more stroke work and endurance training.

"They look good on the basics. They look really strong and I'm encouraged over the way the team looks and as prepared as they are for the season."

The Chargers tied for first in the WLAA Western Division last season and Pierce hopes to build on that this year with her 15-person squad.

Assisting Pierce, a diver at Eastern Michigan, is Kim Bruska, a swimmer who graduated from Churchill in 1994 and also swam at Eastern Michigan. Both are excited about coaching.

"I like it a lot," Pierce said. "I'm really excited about this year. It's so rewarding to watch them succeed. It gives you such a good feeling that you helped them.

"They all seem to have a real positive attitude about this season. I'm excited about how they're approaching practice and the swim team."

Pierce will be able to pass along her knowledge to a pair of freshmen diver/swimmers, John Collins and Morgan Truscott, the younger brother of Stevenson swimmer Brandon Truscott.

The two captains are senior Aaron Miles, who will swim the IM, butterfly and breaststroke, and Nathan Ford, who will swim the longer freestyle distances.

Sophomore George Shereda will also swim the 200 and 500 freestyle with junior Justin Boyd working the butterfly, backstroke and IM.

Sophomore Kyle Grant swims the butterly, sprints and backstroke, junior Chris Risner had the sprints and senior Matt McKee the IM, breaststroke and freestyle races.

Junior Doug Greenes will tackle the longer freestyle distances, junior Dan Fine the sprints, junior Dan Rosta the sprints and breaststroke, sophomore Brad Baron and butterfly, IM and freestyle and sophomore Jeremy Lim the sprints and breaststroke.

Justin Ketterer
Livonia Stevenson

Chris McFarland
Westland John Glenn

Kevin VanTiem
Livonia Stevenson

Rockets looking ahead

Westland John Glenn hopes to go through the middle to get its swimming program off the bottom.

"We are starting our middle school swim program in the district," Coach Jim Daniel said. "We hope for the future we will be recruiting some freshmen from them.

"We want to generate a little more interest in swimming."

That should help the Rockets, 2-9 a year ago, swell the numbers in the swimming program.

"We have a very small squad this year," Daniel said. "Only about 15 guys are out, including two freshmen who are new."

John Glenn lost its best swimmer from a year ago, All-Area butterfly ace James McPartlin, who was eighth in the state meet in his specialty. His best time of 52.64 was more than a second lower than anybody else's in the area.

But the Rockets do have a returning force to rally around in junior diver Chris McFarland, whose best point total of 257.20 was second-best in the area. He was second-team All-Area but is the best returning diver.

"He qualified for the state meet last year," Daniel said, "and his goal is to place in the top 12 in the state this year. He's doing real well.

"We have some promising young divers too: sophomore Scott Clark and Derek Bell, a freshman who looks promising but who needs to stick with it and work hard."

John Glenn has a talented sophomore in Garrett Stone, who scored points in the backstroke in the WLAA conference meet last season.

"I'm expecting him to do well at the conference level," Daniel said. "He's a good IMer, in the backstroke, butterfly and distance freestyle. He's a well rounded swimmer."

Senior Dan Zoumbaris, who placed seventh in the WLAA in the 50 freestyle, looks to crack 23 seconds this season and will also swim in the breaststroke.

Others who could help John Glenn's point totals include Dan Fowler, Cory Marschall and Jeff Anderson.

"Basically we're just trying to be patient this year," Daniel said, "work with what we have and look toward the future. Hopefully we can turn the corner with this middle school program and generate some interest with the young guys coming in."

Patriots getting ready

Livonia Franklin's small (15 swimmers) team is getting ready for its season opener as quickly as it can.

"Our first meet is Thursday at home at 7 p.m. against Walled Lake Western," Coach Jennifer Accra said. "It's coming up real fast.

"We only have 12-14 days to get ready. But I'm excited about the season and wish them all the luck."

Accra hopes the Patriots can better their one-win season of a year ago (over Garden City).

It has two seniors to lead, John Hicks and Eric Fraske.

Hicks will work the IM, the butterfly and anything else Accra can dream up. Fraske will swim the backstroke and relays.

Junior Joe Randall will compete in the backstroke, butterfly and freestyle distances while diver Ken Douglas will be called upon to swim some events to help out, as will another junior diver, Tony Matta.

Accra said Randy Burda will swim the sprints with sophomore Steve Gordon taking the distances. Newcomer Pat Carden will sample the breaststroke and backstroke, as will Justin Kriemes.

Another newcomer, Jerry Cooley, will get broken in on relays while sprinter Dustin Wilson, a sprinter, will also sample some diving.

Three freshmen, Patrick Duffy, Daniel Bolek and Brian Henry, have impressed Accra thus far.

Zebras hopeful again

Wayne posted a 10-1 dual meet record a year ago and Coach Mike Greuber hopes to approach that this time around the Mega White circuit.

"It's a wide open league," Greuber said, "and any of five schools could win the league championship. Us being one of them.

"Edsel Ford is very strong and has a lot of returning kids, as do Southgate and Wyandotte."

Greuber has a squad of 17 young men to work with.

Seniors Jeremy Johnston, Justin Smoes and Mike Stafiej will lead the Wayne Memorial effort.

Johnston will compete mainly in the freestyle distances while Smoes works the 100 freestyle plus the breaststroke and Stafiej swims the 50 freestyle plus the breaststroke.

Junior Greg Sarkozi has been targeted for the IM and butterfly, while sophomore Josh Raub will attack the freestyle distances and Chris Webber will take the IM and backstroke.

Sophomore Kyle Scott will compete in the 200 freestyle and butterfly while diver Jeff Tallman, among the three freshman on the team, figures to have the biggest impact this season.

Freshman Rob Bolish will get his feet wet in the freestyle sprints and Jeremy Boling will to the distances.

"Smoes will be very good," Greuber said, "and Sarkozi also. Tallman should be very good eventually and Scott, too.

"We lost four really good seniors — Josh Cecil, Adam Chaisson, Sonny Webber and Sam Raub — but I think we'll be all right."

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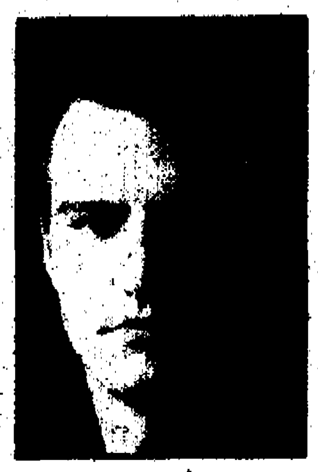
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Herrington, top gridders earn accolades

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FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Offensive Linemen
sr. Mike Morris (6-2, 275), Redford CC
sr. Steve Dominguez (6-3, 265), Redf. CC
jr. Nick Samples (6-6, 260), John Glenn
sr. Josh Abels (6-2, 280), Garden City

Tight End/Wide Receiver
sr. Brian Nelson (6-2, 185), Fmn. Harrison
sr. Brad Buckler (6-0, 181), Lv. Stevenson

Quarterback
sr. Grant Weber (5-10, 182), Farmington

Running Backs
sr. John Kava (6-1, 225), Catholic Central
sr. Mike Sparks (5-10, 180), Garden City
sr. Eric Jones (5-11, 190), Westland Glenn
sr. Mike Macek (6-0, 225), Redford Union
soph. Tim Shaw (6-1, 205), Clarenceville
sr. Kevin Woods (5-8, 180), Fmn. Harrison

Kicking Specialist
sr. Jeremy Catarino (5-11, 140), W. Glenn

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Linemen
sr. Jeremiah Hicks (5-11, 260), Redf. CC
sr. Kent Taylor (6-2, 230), Farm. Harrison
sr. Jeff Moore (6-5, 220), Catholic Central
sr. Dominic Freda (5-9, 210), Stevenson
sr. Scott Rycerz (5-11, 195), Farmington

Linebackers
sr. Jake Tharp (6-3, 235), Westland Glenn
sr. Brian Brinsden (6-2, 240), Farmington
sr. John [illegible] (6-0, 212), Stevenson
sr. Eric Stupyra (5-11, 190), Garden City
sr. Kalen McPherson (5-10, 190), C'ville
sr. Rory Crittenden (6-2, 192), Farmington
sr. Brian Reid (6-10, 185), Red. Thurston

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[illegible] Herrington, Farmington Harrison

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE
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Tight End/Wide Receiver
sr. Brian Lafer (6-1, 160), N. Farmington
sr. Ian Riley (6-2, 190), Plymouth Canton
sr. Dan Smitherman (5-10, 167), W. Glenn

Quarterback
sr. Rob Hudson (6-0, 175), Garden City

Running Backs
soph. Dan Boulter (6-3, 180), St. Agatha
sr. Dan Wilson (5-8, 150), Liv. Stevenson
sr. Kareme Hampton (5-9, 160), Wayne
sr. Nick Stonerock (5-9, 180), Ply. Canton
sr. Andy Kocoloski (5-11, 175), Ply. Salem
sr. Todd Weiss (6-0, 190), N. Farmington
sr. Gabe Cable (6-1, 185), Ply. Salem

Kicking Specialist
sr. Mike Sgroi (6-6, 180), Catholic Central

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Linemen
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Linebackers
sr. Jeff Potts (6-2, 220), Catholic Central
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BY DAN O'MEARA
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You didn't see Farmington Harrison ranked among the top football teams in the state last August. Neither did the Hawks have anyone on the preseason list of outstanding players.

But there they were at the end once again. When it was all over, the Hawks were back on top as state champions.

Coming off back-to-back Class A championship seasons, Harrison had just one full-time starter back and was not considered a strong contender to win a third straight.

John Herrington
Coach of the Year

But the Hawks not only reloaded for 1999 but overcame early-season adversity to do just that. Harrison won three in a row for the first time and captured its 10th state title when it defeated Grand Rapids Creston in the Division 3 final Nov. 27.

For the job he and his coaching staff did to remake the Hawks into a championship team, Harrison's John Herrington has been selected Observerland Coach of the Year.

"I think we were more talented than some people think," he said. "We did have four or five really outstanding players. The great thing was how other players stepped up and did the job."

The Hawks, who forfeited two victories for using an ineligible player, were 2-4 and facing early elimination from playoff contention. But they won their final three regular-season games, including wins over Division I qualifier Livonia Stevenson and Division 5 champ Country Day, to qualify as a wild-card team.

The Hawks went on to have a Cinderella-like finish, winning their last last eight games, including five in the post-season.

"It was really gratifying to see the improvement the kids made from Game 1 to 14," Herrington said. "A lot of players were asked to switch positions and we had so many combinations of starters — offensively and defensively — and they just kept winning.

"When we got to the tough competition at the end of the year, they were up to the task of beating those teams like (Livonia) Stevenson, Country Day and the last three playoff teams."

The consensus opinion is that Herrington and his staff did one of their best coaching jobs.

"The coaching staff put in a lot of hours and thought, trying to prepare for each game," Herrington said. "We probably did more preparation for every game than we ever did. Coach (Steve) Dollaway's scouting reports were very thorough and really helped us prepare.

"The key to our season was special teams. Right from the start, our special teams were outstanding. Coach (John) Witkowski did an excellent job."

Herrington owns a career record of 271-58-1 spanning 30 seasons, all at Harrison. The Hawks have appeared in the playoffs a state-record 18 times and posted a 52-8 record.

Herrington, whose teams have averaged nine wins per season, plans to be back for a 31st with 300 wins on the horizon.

"I haven't thought much about that, but it would be a nice goal to go for," Herrington said. "We'll just look forward to next season and see what the boys can do.

"I think we'll have a fine team next year. I don't know if the results will be as good, but we'll have experienced players coming back."

Other coaches leading their teams to successful seasons and receiving consideration were Greg Hudkins (Clarenceville), Mike Salter (Garden City) and John Bechtel (Farmington).

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Mike Morris, OL, Catholic Central: Morris did a lot for the Shamrocks, and some of it he did through pain. The three-year starter played the last several games with a cast over his broken hand. He injured his shoulder and sat out the second half of the playoff win over Livonia Stevenson, but he played the following week against Walled Lake Western.

Nimble on his feet, Morris played tackle on both sides of the ball. He had 45½ tackles, including 4½ sacks. The strongest CC player, he bench presses 420 pounds and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.9 seconds. Iowa and Toledo are among the teams recruiting Morris.

"He went through a lot of pain just to get out there," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Colleges are looking at him as a defensive player, but I think he's good enough to play offense or defense. He has excellent movement.

"I looked at him as the kind of impact player Doug Brzezinski (Philadelphia Eagles) was. He controlled his side of the line and was able to chase down backs; he has the speed for defense."

Steve Dominguez, OL, Redford CC: Dominguez anchored the other side of the line for the Shamrocks. He started two years at left tackle on offense and also excelled when playing defensive tackle this season. Dominguez recorded 15 tackles.

"He's very hard-nosed, a great base blocker, excellent one-on-one," Mach said. "He has very good technique and great temperament for the game."

Nick Samples, OL, Westland Glenn: A varsity performer since his freshman year, Samples' junior season was cut short in a second-round playoff win over Detroit Henry Ford when he suffered a knee injury. The tackle underwent successful surgery last month and is on the road to recovery.

Samples was only one of two juniors to make the All-WLAA squad.

"We're counting on Nick to rehab and come back strong next year," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "He was our best offensive lineman. He just had a great year.

"We brought him up to the varsity as a ninth grader and maybe that was too soon, but he had the size (6-6, 260) and we wanted to work with him early."

Josh Abels, OL, Garden City: Abels was voted Garden City's most valuable player on the offensive line the last two seasons. The strongest player on the team, Abels started two years on the varsity.

He also played defensive tackle in short-yardage situations, registering 12 solo tackles, including one sack, with five assists. Playing tennis in the spring helps his foot work.

"Josh has improved a lot since last year. He put on more muscle mass and got a lot stronger," coach Mike Salter said. "For a big guy, he has very good feet; he moves well. He's a very good pass blocker; he sets up well with strong legs and upper body.

"On fourth-and-1 from the goal line against Wyandotte, we went behind Josh and scored. On fourth-and-4 against Lincoln Park, we went behind Josh and got the first down. When we need yardage, that's who we'd go to."

Brian Nelson, WR, Farm. Harrison: Nelson was the only full-time starter Harrison had returning at the start of the season. He was a two-way regular, playing free safety on defense in addition to wide receiver.

Nelson caught 20 passes for 400 yards and five touchdowns. He also was 4-of-4 passing for 120 yards, and he punted 37 times for a 36.4 average. On defense, he was one of the leading tacklers with 102 hits, and he led the team with eight interceptions.

"He was our best pass receiver," Herrington said. "He had to play tight end when our tight ends got hurt, but he's really more of a split end. He turned into an outstanding punter, too.

"He knows coverages well and was able to get our defensive backs in the right positions. On offense, he has outstanding hands. If he was near the ball, he would catch it."

Brad Buckler, TE, Livonia Stevenson: The senior was a stalwart on both sides of the ball for the Spartans.

He led Stevenson with 15 receptions for 201 yards. On defense, he was the team's leading tackler at linebacker (91) and had four sacks.

"Brad was just relentless on defense," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He played every down just this side of out-of-control, which caused him to win our weekly 'Big Hit' award four times in 10 games.

"On offense, he uses incredibly soft hands to make every catch with textbook form. He was our go-to receiver."

Grant Weber, QB, Farmington: Weber was the main offensive threat for the Falcons, rushing for 1,167 yards and 15 touchdowns on 195 carries. He made 37 plays that went 20 yards or more. Weber also passed for 654 yards and three touchdowns, completing 55 of 105 attempts.

One of the strongest players on the team, he also started at defensive back. He was in on 56 tackles, had 11 pass breakups, intercepted two passes and blocked a field goal. Weber punted 26 times for a 35.4 average.

"I'm not sure anybody in the area is any tougher than he is," coach John Bechtel said. "He never came off field; he never missed a snap from center. He made big plays when we needed it all year long.

"The more physical the game was the more impressive he was, because he liked playing that way. He's a hard-nosed kid; he's just a great high school player."

John Kava, RB, Catholic Central: Kava amassed more than 2,000 yards rushing in two years as the Shamrocks' starting tailback. He totaled 1,334 yards in 197 carries this year for a 6.6-yards-per-carry average in 10 games. He scored 13 touchdowns. As a starting linebacker he had 41 tackles and one sack.

Kava's outstanding high school career ended on a down note. He sat out the district championship game against Walled Lake Western with a spinal problem.

"He's one of the best backs we've ever had," Mach said. "He has a great combination of speed and power. He's the type of back who can run over you or around you. He never played in a losing game on the varsity. He got the tough yards but also broke the big one when we needed it."

Mike Sparks, RB, Garden City: Since Garden City West and East formed to make Garden City High in the early 1980s, no running back has enjoyed a better season than Sparks had this fall.

Extremely quick at getting to the line of scrimmage, he rushed for 1,494 yards in 250 attempts and scored 18 touchdowns. Both are single-season records.

Sparks also played outside linebacker on defense, recording 54 solo tackles, including two sacks, and 17 assists with two fumble recoveries.

"Mike hits holes hard and, after he hits the hole, makes people miss," Salter said. "He has great moves and studder steps. He's the best back we've had in Garden City as far back as I can remember, either playing with or coaching for."

Eric Jones, RB, Westland John Glenn: Nobody had a better year running the football than Jones, who was never held under 100 yards in any of the 12 Glenn games. That's not bad for a converted first-team, All-Observer wide receiver.

Jones had a school-record 2,183 yards on 311 carries and 22 touchdowns this season. He averaged seven yards per carry. He also broke Tony Boles' single-game rushing mark with 289 against Plymouth Canton.

"Eric just had a tremendous year for us," Gordon said. "Teams knew he was going to get the ball a lot, and he still piled up the yardage.

"We knew he had good speed, but this year he also became a powerful runner."

Mike Macek, RB, Redford Union: Few players in the state have better highlight film material than Macek, a three-year starter on both sides of the ball.

Hobbled by a leg injury midway through the year, Macek still gained 844 yards, for an average of 6.4 per carry, and six touchdowns. He also scored three times on special teams, runs that covered 95, 93 and 54 yards.

Macek caught seven passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns and filled in at quarterback, completing four of 18 pass attempts for 150 yards and one score. He also excelled at linebacker, finishing with 185 career tackles, 13 sacks, and seven interceptions.

Macek owns most RU records on offense, accounting for 4,622 total yards and 53 touchdowns. He amassed 3,146 yards rushing and scored 39 touchdowns. He also caught 29 passses for 476 yards and five TDs. Macek also handled the punting.

"Mike is one of the best players I've ever coached in 20 years," RU coach Glenn Scala said. "He did whatever it took to give us the advantage and win the game. He never gave up, even this year, when he was hurt a few games (pulled hamstring), he played as hard as he could."

Tim Shaw, RB, Livonia Clarenceville: Just a sophomore, Shaw is already rewriting the record books for the Trojans and is one of the reasons Clarenceville was undefeated during the regular season.

With the torch passed from all-stater Walter Ragland (Adrian College), Shaw was the area's second-leading rusher with 2,025 yards on 179 carries (11.3 average).

He also had an area-leading 28 touchdowns. Shaw rushed for a season-high 300 yards in 27 carries against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, while accounting for over 400 total yards in that game.

"Offensively, as he went, we went," Clarenceville coach Greg Hudkins said. "As the season progressed, we upped his carries from 14 to 25 a game. Tim was definitely our go-to guy.

"He's one of the hardest-working kids we have in the weight room. If he stays healthy, we look for him to get stronger

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Top coach: *Farmington Harrison football coach John Herrington was named the Observer Coach of the Year after leading the Hawks to a 10th state title. He's the only head coach the Hawks have ever had, compiling a 271-58-1 record in 30 seasons.*

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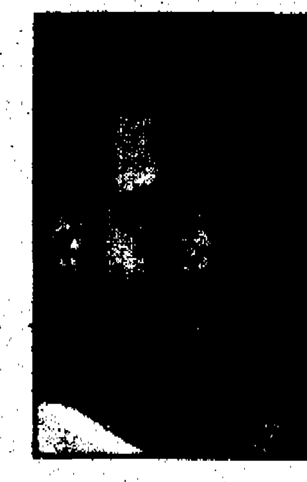
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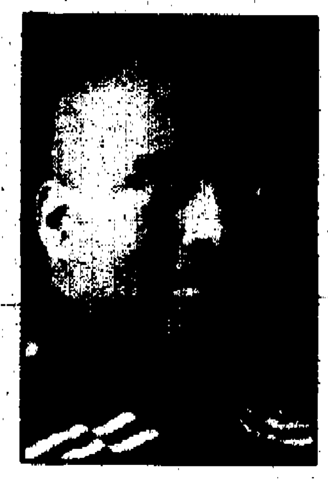
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LB-Jake Tharp
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LB-Brian Brinsden
Farmington

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and faster and to keep improving."

Kevin Woods, RB, Farm. Harrison: Woods was Harrison's offensive leader with 1,519 rushing yards and 23 (he wore No. 23) touchdowns on 248 carries for an average of just over six yards per carry.

He also averaged nearly 19 yards on kickoff returns and more than 15 on punts. He ended his career with 2,429 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns.

"I thought he stepped up big in the state championship game and ran with a lot of authority," Herrington said, adding Woods appears destined to play in the Mid-American Conference.

"Northern Illinois was here today and really likes his potential. He has great speed; he can break tackles, as he did in the Silverdome, and he cuts back against the grain well."

Woods has trips planned to Toledo and Bowling Green, as well as NIU.

Jeremy Catarino, K, Westland Glenn: The senior handled the kicking and punting duties with equal effectiveness.

Catarino, an All-WLAA selection, hit 29 of 30 extra points and 10 of 13 field goals. His kickoffs went to the 7-yard line on average while 14 reached the end zone. He also averaged 35 yards per punt with a long of 68.

"In the off-season, Jeremy worked harder than any kicker we've ever had," Gordon said. "He did as much drill work as possible to improve.

"He had a quality senior year, and he's one of the most dedicated ever to play at Glenn."

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Jeremiah Hicks, DL, Catholic Central: For two years, Hicks was hard to move in the middle of the defensive line.

A co-captain, Hicks led CC's down linemen and was second on the team with 53½ tackles, including 4½ sacks.

"He's a great leader, extremely quick and agile," Mach said. "He was a very difficult guy to block. He stayed low to the ground. He made a lot of great, outstanding plays over the last two years."

Kent Taylor, DL, Farmington Harrison: Taylor started at defensive tackle and fullback, anchoring the defense and providing key blocks for Woods on offense.

Taylor, the strongest player on the Harrison team, had four sacks and 51 tackles. He carried the ball 37 times for 168 yards and seven touchdowns, and he also caught a touchdown pass.

"He has good quickness for a defensive lineman," Herrington said. "He's a good pass rusher, and it was very tough to run against him.

"As a fullback, his best quality was his blocking ability, but he was also a good, short-yardage runner."

Jeff Moore, DL, Catholic Central: Prior to the season, most observers felt the Shamrocks had two potential Division I college players in their senior class; Morris and Kava. You can add Moore's name to the list. College coaches like his potential and are impressed with his ability every time they watch tape.

Moore played some as a junior but prospered this year, recording 48½ tackles, including 4½ sacks. He returned one of two fumble recoveries for a TD.

"He was probably one of our greatest surprises this year," Mach said. "He stepped in and did a tremendous job. I would say, overall, this season he was the best defensive end we saw.

"He has excellent movement and good technique. He controlled his side with great tenacity. He's a great prospect."

Dominic Freda, DL, Stevenson: The All-WLAA pick came up with 68 tackles (tied for third on the team), two sacks and two safeties for one of the area's top defenses, which didn't allow more than 100 points (in 10 games).

"Dominic made the jump from a steady player a year ago to a real force this year," Gabel said. "He has great awareness for a defensive lineman. His great technique and quickness allowed him often to go unblocked into the offensive backfield."

Scott Rycerz, DL, Farmington: Rycerz was one reason the Falcons were so good on defense. The defensive tackle played bigger than his size, using strength and technique to plug the middle and make trouble for opposing offenses.

A three-year starter, Rycerz had 17 first hits and 52 assists. He played all but one game despite a broken wrist, which limited his play on offense. As a fullback, he rushed for 302 yards and four touchdowns on 66 carries.

"He was a diehard in the weight room," Bechtel said. "His main job was to keep people off the linebackers, and because of that he didn't make a lot of tackles.

"One his greatest assets was his technique and great pad level. Nobody was able to knock him off the football. He stalemated offensive linemen or moved them backward, and a lot of times he was being double-teamed. They didn't have any choice; they had to deal with him. That's one reason (Rory) Crittenden made so many tackles."

LB-John Van Buren
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LB-Rory Crittenden
Farmington

LB-Brian Reid
Redford Thurston

DB-Nick Hall
Farmington Harrison

Jake Tharp, LB, Westland John Glenn: A two-way player who made first-team All-Observer last year, Tharp recovered from knee surgery to enjoy a banner senior year.

The two-time, All-WLAA selection led Glenn with 72 first hits and 57 assists. He also had six fumble recoveries and five interceptions.

Offensively, he was one of the Rockets' most powerful one-on-one drive blockers.

"Jake had to come back from reconstructive knee surgery and had to work hard in the off-season," Gordon said. "To come back and play the way he did was a compliment to his dedication, and it says a lot about him as far as getting ready for the season."

Brian Brinsden, LB, Farmington: Brinsden was a one man wrecking crew for the Falcons, anchoring the strong side of the defense. The three-year starter recorded 16 sacks; he had 41 solo tackles and assisted on 60 more.

A high-ankle sprain prevented Brinsden from playing offense more than he did. He rushed for 280 yards and two touchdowns on 53 carries.

"He's probably the most dominating run defender at his position in the state," Bechtel said. "His size and strength made him dominant over there, and he read his keys so well.

"He was the key in our defense, because we put him head-up on the tight end and he was our only two-gap player. He had to destroy the tight end's block and take on whoever came next, and he was great at it."

John Van Buren, LB, Stevenson: Another Spartan who excelled on both sides of the ball, Van Buren was a three-year varsity starter. He was second on the team in tackles (68) and is Stevenson's second all-time career tackler.

Offensively, the fullback rushed for 372 yards in 93 carries and seven touchdowns.

"We expected a lot of John this year on both sides of the ball, and he met every expectation as a runner, a blocker and a tackler," Gabel said. "He combines athleticism with a genuine understanding of football and game planning. He's been a pleasure to coach."

Eric Stupyra, LB, Garden City: Stupyra led the Cougars in tackles this year after finishing second as a junior. He finished with 68 solos, including 10 sacks, and 31 assists. He had one fumble recovery and one pass interception.

Stupyra was a wingback on offense. He rushed for a 4.9-yard average, gaining 133 yards in 27 attempts. He caught four passes and had an astounding 34.5-yards-per-catch average.

Salter coaches the outside linebackers and knows how much Stupyra meant to the entire defense.

"He's a very hard-working player; he's hard-nosed and wants to be in on every play," Salter said. "He's a great outside blitzer with good instincts for the ball. He takes on blockers and is very tough against the run. We liked to blitz him in passing situations."

Kalen McPherson, LB, Clarenceville: The senior was voted Defensive Player of the Year in the Metro Conference and was the Trojans' leading tackler with 113 total. He also recorded seven sacks and three fumble recoveries, one of which he returned for a touchdown.

McPherson also averaged three to four knockdowns (blocks) per game and stood out as an offensive guard.

"Kalen is the kind of kid who just goes at you 100 percent all the time," Hudkins said. "We had to spot him because he'll run himself into the ground. He's just a tough, fierce competitor."

Rory Crittenden, LB, Farmington: Crittenden is a versatile athlete who played several positions during his career but was outstanding at inside linebacker this year. He was Farmington's leading tackler with 150. He had 96 assists.

"I'm not sure there's a better linebacker around than Rory," Bechtel said. "He had pretty good people around him, but he was obviously at the football. He knew where to go and had the athletic ability to get there and make something happen."

"Last year Rory was an offensive guard (when Farmington installed the wing-T offense), because we thought we needed our best athletes there. When we were looking for a backup quarterback this year, (coach Tim) Schafer said he should be the backup. (First-year coach Darrell) Harper said: 'You must've been nuts having this kid play guard. Look at his athletic ability.' He's a great athlete who can run."

Brian Reid, LB, Redford Thurston: Reid was a three-year starter, excelling at fullback and linebacker this year. He led the Eagles with a school-record 142 tackles, including 26 for losses.

He also led the Eagles in rushing, gaining 715 yards in 154 carries and scoring six touchdowns. For his career, Reid gained 1,210 yards and had 10 touchdowns. He had 297 career tackles, 39 for losses.

"What makes him unique is his great ability to find the ball," Thurston coach Bob Snell said. "He practices and plays with great intensity. He entered every practice looking to get better.

"He was a little undersized as a fullback but did everything 100 percent full speed ahead. If you didn't hit him big with your pads, he was going to make yards. If he was 6-2 and 220 pounds, he'd be a blue-chip recruit."

Nick Hall, DB, Farmington Harrison: Hall played strong safety and was one of the hardest hitters in the area. He was one of Harrison's top tacklers with 88; he also had three interceptions.

As the starting swingback on offense, Hall caught 10 passes for 227 yards and three touchdowns. Hall is a post player in basketball and one of the area's best hurdlers in track.

"Nick is an extremely talented athlete," Herrington said. "He has all the qualities to play college ball; he can run, he can jump, and he's strong.

"He's a big hitter, too. He was great on the kickoff team, and he was the best hitter coming out of the secondary. He also has good hands, he can catch the ball on offense."

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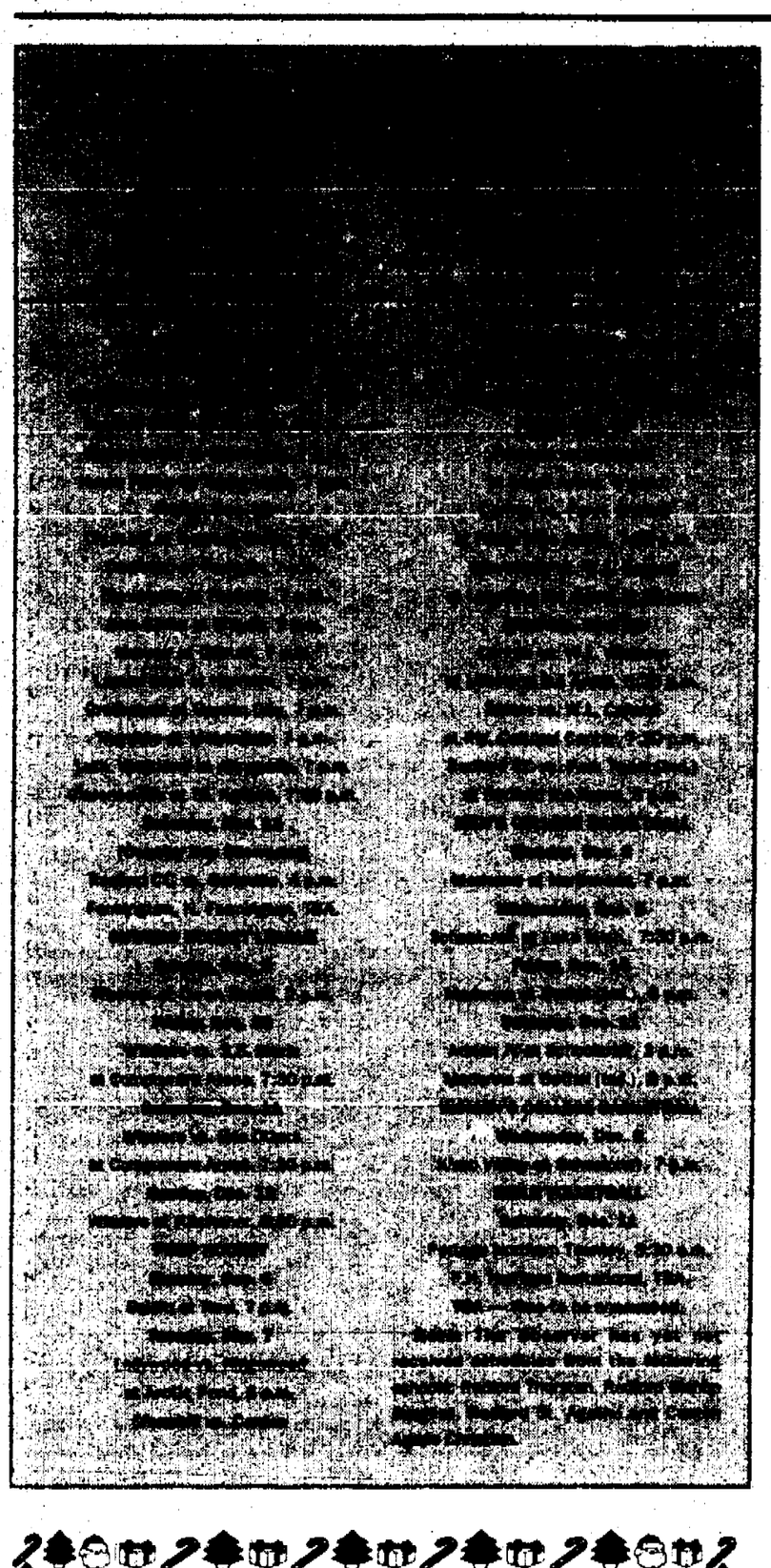

Panthers purrrfect: *The Westland Squirt B Panthers hockey team captured first place in the 18th annual Thanksgiving Tournament at Viking Ice Arena in Hazel Park. The Panthers, now 19-0 on the season, defeated five straight tournament opponents including the Mount Clemens Thrashers in the championship game, 3-0. They also scored victories over the Southfield Sioux (8-1), Royal Oak Club (3-0), Novi Cougars (10-1) and the Farmington Hills Ice Dogs (2-1). Members of the Panthers, coached by John Ballarin IV, include Chris Allen, Ellis Allmond, John Ballarin V, Jon Dean, Derrick Esposito, Matt Haskell, Craig Hensley, John Johnson, John Litwinczuk, Brad Popiel, Travis Reed, Garrick Rice, Ryan Shepard, Shawn Tague, Shaun Towler and J.T. Turrin. Assistant coaches include Darren Haskell and Jim Turrkin. The team manager is John Dean.*

Chargers win twice on ice; Spartans rebound and beat Chiefs

Livonia Churchill trimmed Plymouth Salem's fledgling team, 6-0, Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities hockey game at Eddie Edgar Arena that was a warmup for a Saturday tussle against Redford Catholic Central.

"We put in a neutral zone trap," Coach Jeff Hatley of the Chargers said. "We played Catholic Central on Saturday and we wanted to have things in place for that game.

"If we're going to do battle in the North Atlantic, we'd better practice like we're in the North Atlantic."

Matt Williams played the hot goal for Churchill against the first-year Salem team.

Sean Smith opened the scoring with just 59 seconds left in the first period to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead.

Adam Krug, from Nate Jakubowski, made it 2-0 at 4:01 of the second period and then assisted, along with Sean Szostak, on a Jeff Andes goal at 6:48.

Kevin Gessler scored a power play goal at 7:51, Jason Turri and Jakubowski drawing the assists. Szostak assisted a Turri score at 10:43 to make it 5-0.

Adam Jakubowski, assisted by Krug and Tom Sherman wrapped up the scoring at 4:54 of the final period.

"We need to do things that are going to improve our hocky team," Hatley said, "not worry about the score, statistics and all the other stuff."

The victory put Churchill at 2-0; Salem was 0-3.

•STEVENSON 2, CANTON 0: Kevin Marlowe (18 saves) was sharp in goal Wednesday, leading host Livonia Stevenson to its a 2-0 WLAA victory over Plymouth Canton at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans improved to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA with the win. Canton is 2-2, 1-1.

Stevenson's Bryan Dery scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 3:04 of the first period.

Sophomore Matt Calus tallied his first varsity goal from Dave Bonello at 8:58 of the second period.

Brad Arznov was solid in goal for the Chiefs, making 24 saves.

"It was basically a penalty-free, good hockey team," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "For a first-year team, Canton was quite impressive."

•CHURCHILL 5, WL WESTERN 0: Jason Turri scored a pair of goals Wednesday to lead Livonia Churchill (1-0, 1-0) to a season-opening win over Walled Lake Western (1-2, 1-2) at Edgar Arena.

Nate Jakubowski, Adam Krug and Ryan McDonnell also scored for the victorious Chargers, who led 3-0 after one period.

Kevin Gessler had a pair of assists, while Jakubowski, Matt Krug and Sean Smith added one apiece.

Goaltender Matt Williams earned the shutout.

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Holyfield pays a bowling visit to Cloverlanes

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The man was wearing a black fedora and bowling was just a fun hobby for former world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield as he and several friends went bowling.

I watched as he had several strikes and made most of the spares between signing autographs for anybody who asked.

Judging by his athletic ability, I would say that if he chose to take up bowling seriously, he could be very good at it.

Holyfield lives in Atlanta and was in the area with Vice President Al Gore to take part in the award ceremony for Rosa Parks.

His stretch limo took up almost half the parking lot, but it was late last Monday night and there were plenty of other spaces.

•A few minutes before meeting Evander Holyfield, I watched as Lisa McCardy of Hazel park shoot an 805 series in the All-Star Bowlerettes.

It was her first 800 in adult competition, something she had done twice as a youngster. She had to get the first two strikes in the last frame to reach 800.

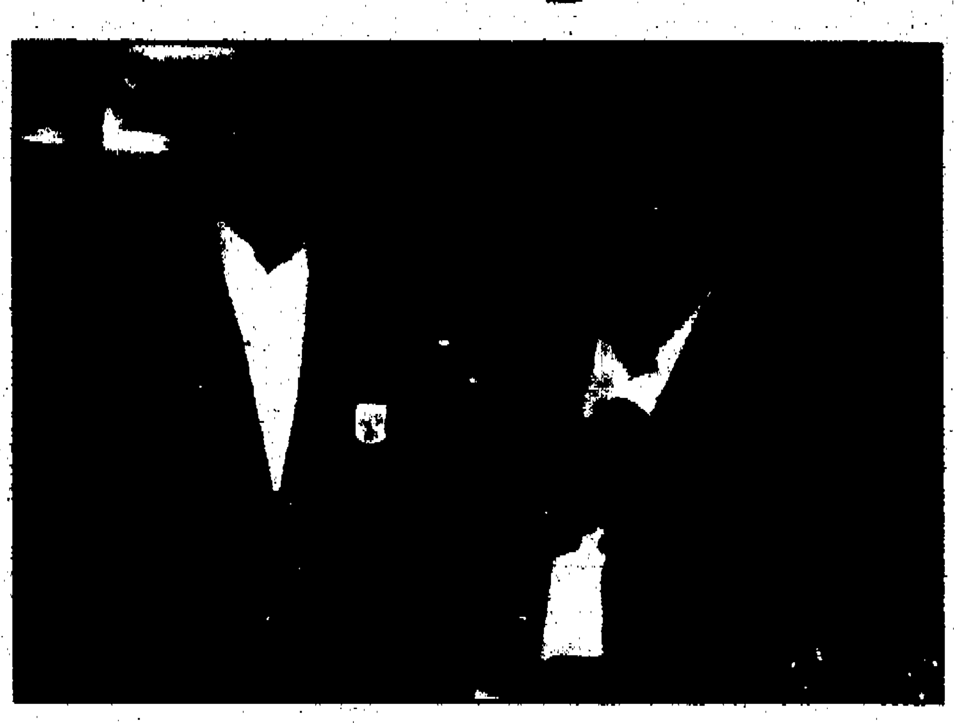
She did better, going out with all three to finish with eight in a row. Her games were 258-279-268.

•The Old Timers 69th Annual Tournament and Party last Saturday at Thunderbowl Lanes was a complete success, based on the turnout of more than 500 entrants.

The only one missing was Joe Norris, 91-year-old legend off the old Stroh's team era who was unable to attend due to an injury.

It is expected that he will be fully recovered and able to come in for the year 2000 event.

The overall champion this year was Ernie Segura Sr., 66, who shot 253-228-268 for a 749 actual. He figured the lanes out much better than myself and a whole lot of others.



A new era: *Lou Ivancik (left) hands over his gavel as outgoing president of the Old Timers Bowling Association to new president Al Harrison (right).*

Each winner in the various age categories received a watch. Second place finishers got a plaque.

In the under-50 group, Charles Ditto, 49, won with 269-258-223/750. Marvin Holly, 44, of Garden City took second with 268-209-235/712.

In the 50-59 group, Joseph Oskarek Jr., 51, won with 706 and Mike Callaway came in second with 701.

The next group, 60-64, saw Don Hayes, 62, win with 287-209-197/693 and Joseph Masselle, 62, second with 651.

In the 65-69 group, it was Bob Arnold, 65, first with 257-196-249/702 while Ken Deneau, 66, took second-place honors with 665. Windsor's Scotty Laughland, 69, a previous winner, came in third with 663.

For the 70-74 category, it was Frank Darabos, 73, first with 661, followed by Burt Price, 74, at 650.

The 75-79 group had George (Chico) Chicovsky, 77, and Jack Dahlstrom, 75, both from the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League. Chico took first with 268-274-224/666 and Jack second with 634.

The 80-over category had Louis Balint, 80, at 604 for the first prize and Joe Paulus of west Bloomfield in second at 572.

Walter Schultz of Plymouth, 99, was recognized as the oldest of all competitors and he bowled well.

Next year he will qualify for the 100-year-old group, in which there has only been one bowler — last year.

During the awards ceremonies, yours truly was installed as President of the Old Timers Bowling Association of Greater Detroit for the coming year.

•Sunday, Dec. 11, will mark the second leg of the Bacardi Brunswick Blue Ribbon Group scratch Tournament series.

It will be held at Westland Bowl with an 11 a.m. start. Top prize is $1,500 and it is open to 217 and under in yearbook and current average.

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•High School bowling report: November 30 at Mercury Lanes, Stevenson High boy's team took 19 of 21 points vs. Crestwood led by Tim Allen, 245; Josh Smith, 224-212/616 and Joe Campo 217/583.

The Livonia schools' unified girls team took 29 of 30 points against Crestwood led by Melissa Wilson, 190/509 and Ali Cichon, 502.

Upcoming schedule for the Southeastern Michigan High School Bowling Conference Western Division: 4 p.m. Dec. 8 at Cherry Hill Lanes; 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at Merri Bowl; 10 a.m. Dec. 19 at Ford Lanes; 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at Cherry Hill Lanes; and 4 p.m. Jan. 7 at Oxford Lanes.

The eight teams in the conference represent the following high schools: Stevenson, Crestwood, Annapolis, Detroit Mackenzie, Fordson, John Glenn, Dearborn and Dearborn St Alphonsus.

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Lyndon Meadows: Carol Pozan, 215/540.

Local 182: Frank Bertani, 221-210-249/680; Ambrose Smith, 212.

Ford Parts: Dave Cervenak, 298, 768; Jim Bagrie, 279-290/760; Charles Sprosek, 279/702; Brad Strange, 259/744; Darrell Knox, 267/704.

Morning Stars: Fran Multiken, 206.

Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Wednesday Sundowners: Myrna Landreville, 228/523; Jean Pashakamis, 212/526; Donna Kress, 226/598; Stacy Templeton, 203/518; Jayne Chase, 557.

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Karen Milligan, 235/555; Dorothy Zancanaro, 201/554; Vi Blythe, 202.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

All Star Bowlerettes: Lisa McCardy 279/805; Louise Johnson, 260/735; Aleta Sill, 245/709; Tina Barber Judy, 253/673; Michelle Anger, 277/653.

St. Aidan's Men: Bob Racey, 215/631; Dan Gjernes, 230; Cliff Merritt, 255/617; Joe Naujokas, 223; Joe Wanielista, 245.

Metro Tuesday: Carrol Sheridan, 224/620; Mike Poke, 246; Mike Klauza, 232; Paul Migda, 255/662; Pete Feni, 259/679.

PrimeTime: Sherman Cochrane, 225/633; Aly-Khan Harper, 236/577; Larkin Gilliam, 248.

Wednesday Juniors & Majors (youth): Scott Jones, 226/601.

Tuesday Seniors: Joe Newton, 299-225-225/749; Andy Wright, 248/614; Joe Buhagiar, 203-202/533; Frank Baron, 212/557; John Gonsior, 217.

Friday Seniors: Larry Slavin, 226-217/567; Harry Buhl, 222/593; Mary Bowman, 200/511; Bob Charbonneau, 203/561; Joe Newton, 200/575.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior Men's Invitational: Don Martin, 256-267/758; John Bierkamp, 708; B.C. Nunnery, 248/686; Ed Dudek, 685; Jess Macciocco, 651.

Wonderland Classic: Don Haase, 258/709; Greg Cohen, 279/714; Mark Sitko, 275/715; Don Parks, 259/711; Ron Elsenbeis, 733; Mitch Jabczenski, 723.

Nite Owls: Alan Biasutto, 267/712; Rick Haist, 670; Ray Card, 267; Larry Ezerkis, 268; Jeff Koshen, 267/659 (150 pins o/a).

Westland Bowl

Sunday Sleepers: Tom Johnson Jr., 279/790; Terry Tesarz, 279; Larry Collins, 278, 702; Rich Trulfard, 278/742; Ryan Wilson, 269/690.

A.M. Ladies Trio: Patricia Bowles, 191; Janis Tavormina, 178; Carol Daniel, 173.

E/O Hard Times: Paul Massie, 239/618; Dick Brown, 237/578; Gary Shiemke, 233/662; Marge Villerot, 228/589; Betty Stankoff, 201/502.

E/O Double Trouble: Terry Hanley, 256/674; David Miscovich, 225/557; David Fisk, 224/614; Bill Barron, 223/555; David Labon, Jr., 220/598.

Monday 6:30 p.m. Men: Sean Colburn, 277/583; Tim Lakatos, 249/633; Carl Kuehnel, Sr., 246/632; Jim Przybyla, 246/622; Ed Grimm, 239/611.

Town en Country Lanes (Westland)

Wednesday Night Merchants: Clarence Mundinger, 290/749; Jerry Wiseley, 258/720; Doug Briney, 257; Jim Green, 255; Gary Turnquist, 253/684.

Friday Nite Mixed: Andy Deverich, 300.

Youth/Adult: Gary Sheimke, 247-234-225/706; Gary Pack, 229-258-215/702; Bev Bugeja, 571.

Oak Lanes (Westland)

Back Forty Mixed: Carl Grimes, 289/710; Craig Carpenter, 236/629; Ken Peer, 231; Chuck Thompson, 227; Pam Mack, 203/518.

M.E.A. Mens: Chuck Cruz, 299/747; Frazer Swanger, 257; Buel Ryan, 251; Greg Kowalski, 243/664.

Tuesday Night 6:00 Men's: Ken Eldred, 300/728; George Brewer, 259; Gerald Wnuk, Sr., 257/706; Bill Collard, 255; Rich Bohr, 670.

Cherry Hill Lanes

Friday Night Suburbanites: Cora Conroy, 222; Cherie Nolan, 213, 593; Donna Long, 555.

Match Play: Cindy Marcath, 257/697; Kathie Maser, 255/688; Carol welsh, 673.

Thursday Suburbanites: Jill Barr, 233; Gina Johnson, 215/574; Brenda Overbay, 552.

Monday Nite Men: Joe Parks, 284; Steve Klein, 280, 709; George Juszczyk, 727.

Kings & Queens: Kevin McQuarrie, 234; Steve Willoughby, 236, 635; Michelle Dziekan, 190/501.

Suburban Prop. Travel (men): Ralph Walters, 256; Norm Leppala, 237, 622; Bob Pittaway, 233, 655; Mark voight, 231/620; John Hurley, 229.

Suburban Prop. Travel (ladies): Margy Brothers, 209/523; Nancy Pano, 204; Judy Washington, 202/571; De Jaye Jones, 193.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

St. Collette's Men: Kevin Bainbridge, 245-255-258/758.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Double Nickel Plus: Evelyn Miller, 200/508; Gene Wietecha, 204/541; George Marvay, 200/550; Chuck Schumacher, 533.

Wednesday Morning Ladies: Norma Horn, 225-247/627; Linda Simpson, 231-208-230/669; Kathy Hill, 214; Candy Tuttle, 200.

Friday Funsters: Cliff Richards, 258-229-215/702; Joe Cabrera, 596; Ed Dely, 202.

Monday Canton Seniors: John Kozleski, 218; Joe Cabrera, 555.

Thursday Juniors/Majors (youth): Chad Romej, 173; Bethany Atwell, 120.

Friday Preps: Brandon Garcia, 124.

Friday Juniors: John Geisler, 143.

Friday Majors: Keith Kingsbury, 225/618; Brent Moore, 232/614; Jon Robison, 224/570; Brian Peczynski, 221/595; Tim Moncrieff, 211/579.

Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Nate Proteau, 178.

Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Pat Brown, 218/582; Todd Schemanske, 215/618.

Saturday 11 a.m. Preps: Katelyn Ingraham, 167.

Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Matt McCaffrey, 214, 554; Eric Dipietro, 180; Diane Thomas, 146.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Greenfield Mixed: Rich Nizza, 225-211/626; Ryan Wilson, 207-248-222/677; Ken Smith, 212-233/656; Jim Taylor, 222.

Sunday Goodtimers: Keith Oswald, 223; Larry Lipson, 208; Ray Buchalter, 214; Tony Aiuto, 222; Sam Havis, 221.

University Men's: Jim Schaeffer, 299; Tony Camerella, 280; Terry Fischer, 723; Mark Abele, 694.

Tuesday trio: Alan Bonne, 276; Joe Staknis, III, 268, 689; Paul Dust, 710.

Temple Israel: Dan Bagdade, 266; D. Abramson, 258, 663; Neil Leftor, 664.

Country Keglers: Patrick McComb, 267, 607; Chuck Shimko, 256, 689; Kris Doudt, 255/615; Gerald Heath, 247, 630; Keith Brandemihl, 246.

EVER-7: Don Coughlin, 269/669; Tom Hamill, 268/683; Tony Mauti, 267; Bob Stewart, 265/703; Dan Heffernan, 257/677.

Tuesday Morning ladies: Mary Meyers, 210; Pearl Friend, 209/541.

Spares & Strikes: Lila Smith, 209/532; Tawanna Capo, 192.

Monday Night Men: Larry Sperbaum, 269; Julius Marsano, 267; Paul Koenig, 700; Chris Brugman, 689.

Monday Midnight Men: Mike Kassa, 279/725; George Kassa, 265; Shawn Karmo, 680.

Strikers: Yazdan Kassab, 201/544; Rita Dawood, 215/509.

Afternoon D'Lites: Sue Osten, 196, 565.

Ladies Semi-Classic: Pam Jones, 246/651; Pat Okerstrom, 225/602.

B'Nai Brith Leadership Network: Craig Bauer, 241, 595; Wynn Schwartzman, 201, 545.

Shirts & Skirts: John McAleer, 246; Alan Hedger, 213; Donna, 204, 575.

Country Couples: Keith Suda, 216; Ed Stroud, 214, 590; Patty Fox, 198, 537.

Country High School: Doug Ginotti, 243/582; Robbie Smart, 221; Jenny Long, 245/639; Dana Ginotti, 197/566.

Country Preps: Derek Wesch, 175; Robby Rhinehart, 164; Rachel Dubiel, 122.

Country Juniors: Ryan Meyers, 186; Jordan Gorosh, 167; Caitlyn Sidor, 153; Kerriann Sidor, 164.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills)

B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim, Zeiger-Gross: Steve Hoberman, 248-278/722; Allen Kiegon, 233-215/618; Ryan Lash, 257/612; Sandy Freeman, 224/603; Lee Arnstein, 203-226.

B'Nai Brith Downtown Fox: Jack Blaine, 235-235/665; Bruce Rosenblatt, 226-216/633; David Lazarus, 259/608; David Shanbaum, 243/603; Mark Feinberg, 210-206.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Jack Dahlstrom, 277-249/680; Dale Hayes, 221-232-217/670; Frank Palmieri, 258/649; Charles Lawrence, 219-241-238/698; Tony Golchuk, 259/617.

Friday Seniors: Frank Federico, 266/706; Ben Lanetta, 234/655; Stan Gagacki, 244/650; Walt Arsenault, 243/648; Bud Kraemer, 224/637.

Monday Seniors: Ted Mack, 245-247/717; Howard Davis, 258/669; Tim McCarthy, 244/660; Jerry Woerkle, 653; Gary Nagle, 245/649; Bill Britton, 264/621.

St. Paul's Mens: Gary Trojnar, 288/720; Jim Duff, 259/718; Gary Shatter, 247/700; Mike Dimambro, 238/687; Robb Sieminski, 269/677.

Ford Parts Men: Jamie Jones, 256; Tom Nowicki, 259-261/733.

Westland Center Ladies: Cheryl Tamm, 190/521; Sandy Richter, 207/500; Karen Waara, 194/547; Denise Gorman, 213/555.

Westland Center Men: Randy Blankenship, 237, 656; Mike Jacobs, 244, 646; Dan Pielecha, 236, 655; Jim Popek, 266, 735.

Thursday Men: Bud Bogotay, 269; Mitch Jabczenski, 299, 804; Larry Franz, 279.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: A. Dobies, 276-223-214/723; Dan Bolinger, 258-214-230/702; Dave Clark, 235-243-227/685; Rob Fielek, 200-243-216/659; A. Josin, 233-225/653.

Ladies Friday Nite Classic: Kim Even, 234-212-257/702; Sue Siemiesz, 237-245/662; Jean Schmid, 221-233/659.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES

DEER

The late archery deer season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

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

ELK

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

GROUSE

A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

A special late pheasant season runs through Dec. 15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING

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

ROD BUILDING

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

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

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

CLIMBING CLASS

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

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS

Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Bald Mountain Range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

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

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 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 (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

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

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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 at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

Madonna men lose; women win

Madonna University's men's basketball traveled to Albion College Wednesday for a non-league game, but the final outcome indicates it was a wasted trip: 78-40 in favor of Albion.

The Crusaders, 1-7, trailed 37-21 at the half and lost the second half, 41-19.

COLLEGE HOOPS

One Crusader reached double figures in the game — Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) had 12 points, four rebounds and three blocked shots. Jason Skoczylas added nine points and Mike Massey had eight. Aaron Cox had five points, four assists and two steals.

Albion got 14 points from Tim Czarnecki, 13 from Jon VanderWal, and 10 apiece from Travis Balzer and Eric Petroelje.

The Brits outrebounded Madonna 40-18 and converted 29-of-54 floor shots (53.7 percent) compared to 14-of-44 for the Crusaders (31.8 percent). Albion also made 6-of-15 three-pointers (40 percent) and 14-of-15 free throws (93.3 percent), while Madonna hit just 2-of-14 threes (14.3 percent) and 10-of-19 free throws (52.6 percent).

Schoolcraft men romp

Five players scored in double figures to lead Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team to an 85-60 victory over the Albion College junior varsity Wednesday at Albion.

Lamar Bigby led the Ocelot entourage with 18 points. Rob Brown added 15, Dwight Windom had 12, and Chris Colley and Reggie Kirkland scored 11 apiece.

SC, which converted 24-of-33 free throws (73 percent), led 42-16 at the half.

Lady Ocelots falter

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team traveled to the Durham Big Eight Classic last weekend in Oshawa, Ont., but came away with nothing to show for it, losing to Mohawk College 69-62 in overtime on Nov. 26 and to John Abbott College 73-64 on Nov. 27, to drop to 1-4.

In the loss to Mohawk, the Lady Ocelots led 29-26 after one half but couldn't hold it. Mohawk tied it at 57-all at the end of regulation, then outscored SC 12-5 in OT.

Antone' Watson led the Ocelots with 16 points; she also had eight rebounds, six assists and four steals. Janelle Olson added 13 points, eight boards, five assists and two steals, and Carly Wright had 12 points and six rebounds. Angelica Blakely added eight points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots.

SC outrebounded Mohawk 61-44, but committed 28 turnovers (compared to 21 for Mohawk). Mohawk also made 16-of-29 free throws (55.2 percent), while SC was just 2-of-11 (18.2 percent).

Against John Abbott, the Ocelots fell behind 40-27 by the end of the first half and never recuperated. Carla Saxton paced SC with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Olson had 13 points and four assists and Wright totaled 11 points and eight boards.

SC had trouble ball-handling, making 35 turnovers.

Madonna women reign

Strong defense and solid shooting led Madonna University's women's team to a 65-55 triumph over visiting Houghton College Friday.

The Lady Crusaders improved to 5-3. Houghton is 2-3.

Madonna built a 34-25 lead by halftime, then held off the Lady Highlanders with pinpoint free-throw shooting. The Crusaders were 23-of-25 at the line for the game (92 percent), including 9-of-9 in the second half.

Chris Dietrich paced Madonna with 21 points, going10-for-10 from the line plus four assists. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) had 10 points and five rebounds, and Lori Enfield had eight points and five boards.

Alicia Campbell's 19 points, five assists and three steals were best for Houghton. Janelle Tomlin added 16 points.

Madonna made 19-of-44 floor shots (43.2 percent) while limiting Houghton to 21-of-56 shooting (37.5 percent). The Crusaders also hit 4-of-6 three-pointers; the Highlanders were 4-of-19.

Sharp eyes can see Coyote sign

NATURE NOTES

TIM NOWICKI

A recent axle and spokes pattern discovery reminded me of a similar find from years ago.

Surveying some land at Independence Oaks County Park, I came upon a grassy meadow surrounded by 40-to-50 foot tall spruce trees planted years ago.

The light cream color of the dried grass in contrast with the dark evergreen of the spruce trees on the perimeter was striking.

Following a deer trail along the edge, I found a deer leg that was nothing but bone. Further along the edge I flushed an accipiter hawk, either a female sharp-shinned or a male cooper's.

Just a few more steps along the trail and I flushed a medium sized owl. It did not look dark enough to be a great horned owl — my guess was a barred owl.

This meadow is off the beaten trail and is not even visited by park maintenance, so animal life is mostly undisturbed in this area.

As I continued, I spotted some trash in the center of the meadow. Upon closer examination I saw a chewed plastic milk jug, another deer leg, a chewed dog leash, some scrap metal and cloth, a deer antler and a raccoon skull. All the surrounding grass was matted down.

Then I look up and to the east and saw an excavated area; a den. Based on the size of the opening, scratch marks on the wall and scat in the vicinity I felt I had found a coyote den.

From my position at the den I began to survey the area. That is when I saw the spokes/wheel pattern I found a fox den on my grandfather's property near Gaylord, Michigan one winter.

There were several trails radiating outward from the coyote den through the undisturbed meadow grasses.

Not far from the coyote den I had found scat that suggested a coyote, or a dog that was feeding on dead deer. It was full of hair and too large for a fox.

This same area is where two park employees actually saw a coyote run across the park road.

All these clues suggest it is the den of a coyote, even though I did not actually see the animal.

Putting signs together to identify wildlife is like being a detective and solving a crime.

Many times there are too few clues to make an intelligent guess, but this time I had the satisfaction of feeling pretty confident in my assumption.

For now I will have to be satisfied with the evidence left behind, because I know coyotes are wily, but maybe someday I'll get to see one.

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period when he dove to the ice to knock away a shot from the doorstep.

The puck flew off Garbutt's pads, deflected off the back boards and right to Farmington's Kevin Temerowski, who flicked it past the sprawling Garbutt. The exasperated goalie tossed his stick into the air as the Flyers celebrated a few feet away.

Farmington scored early and often, getting the ice-breaker 1:57 into the game when Chris Hone deposited a pass from Brian Marion into the net.

Ten minutes later, the two forwards reversed roles as Hone assisted Marion.

Ross Patterson closed out the first-period scoring when he snuck the puck in the short side of the net after taking a perfect pass from Brad Heraghty.

Farmington sealed the Patriots' fate 43 seconds into the second stanza when 6-3, 210-pound senior defenseman Scott Salomonson beat Garbutt top shelf to make it 4-0. Patterson and Matt Lee also scored Flyer goals in the second period.

Danny Mooney fired in the the winners' final goal with just over two minutes left in the contest.

Seven different Flyers scored goals and seven notched assists.

Heraghty was the top point man with three assists. Marion finished had two assists.

The Flyers scored two shorthanded goals.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Theater Guild needs help

Steve Belcher isn't trying to be dramatic when he says The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is about to fold. Belcher joined the group six months ago after he realized the dire straits that the community theater is in. He and president Matt Ripper are optimistic about the future but they also realize that without help the theater's days are numbered.

They're hoping for an infusion of new members who aren't afraid to work hard to get the theater back on its feet.

"We're calling on interior designers, technicians, costumers, anyone who'd like to help us rebuild the theater," said Belcher, a Redford resident. "We're the opposite of every other group in the area. We have a home we just don't have the people. We need to build a core of individuals."

Upcoming production

Belcher and Ripper said revenue from the theater's production of "Godspell" in February and March will add to the coffers. But they've also set other plans into motion because this will be their only production this season. In addition to possibly holding a Cabaret-style fund-raiser for which they'll need singers and dancers, Belcher and Ripper have begun to invite community theater groups without a home to produce their plays at The Theatre Guild. It will not only help keep the lights on and the roof repaired but build a network of fellow theater lovers.

"I'm continuously optimistic but have gaping doubts that it will work," said Belcher, who's been repairing and cleaning the facility in his spare time. "I'm optimistic if we have a flow of talent we can do it but right now there's nobody to do any work."

Theater history

Founded in 1953 by Pat Secor and originally sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford produced a full season of plays until a few years ago when they began losing membership. Belcher would like to extend an invitation to those former members to come back and help rebuild the theater. Only he and Ripper are left along with Ruth Davis and Jennifer Rembisz, the director of "Godspell."

"Basically we need help everywhere from someone with business management skills to technicians, and someone to handle props and tickets," said Belcher. "We'd eventually like to do children's theater."

The theater also plans to continue its association with the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Livonia's Churchill High School. Last spring, CAPA students performed "Anne Frank" at The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford. Belcher and Ripper would like to invite other schools to use the facility because it allows students the opportunity to experience the world of semi-professional theater.

"You learn sociology and psychology skills studying a character," said Ripper. "Theater is a learning experience and you learn to rely on other people to do it. Community theater is important because it opens people's mind to creative horizons."

"It makes people laugh and cry and what more could you ask," added Belcher. "It's a great social alternative to what's out there on the streets. It's organized and inexpensive."

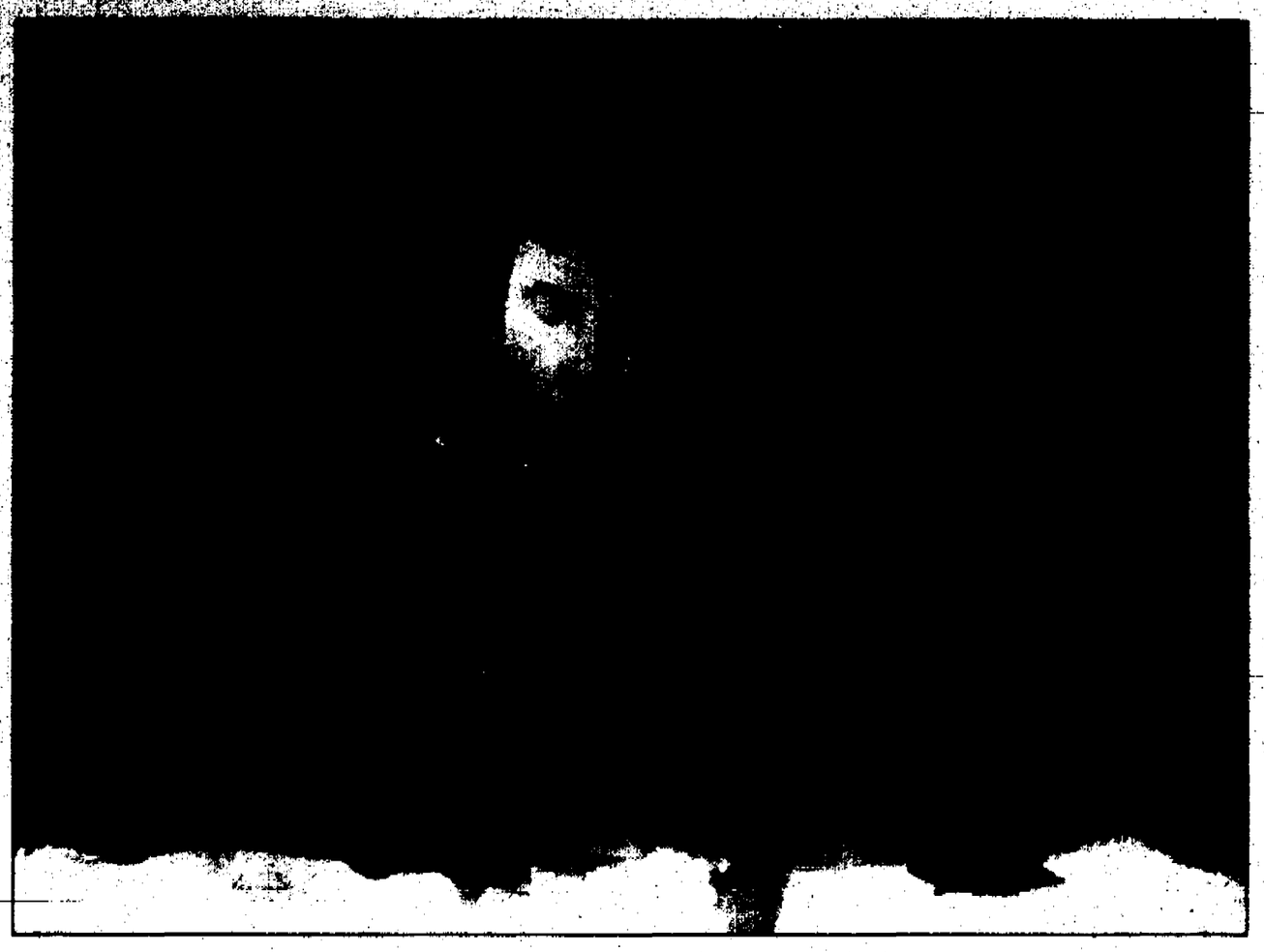
Helping hand

Membership in The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is $16 a year. The public is invited to a board meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

If you can help the struggling community theater in any way, call the Guild and leave your name, number and area of interest at (313) 531-0554.

"I was so desperate I put a sign in a window with a noose around it and the words please help me," said Belcher. "Out of 100 calls you might get five people who are serious but it's a beginning."

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



Moment of silence: *(Upper left) Henry Casselli's watercolor, "When Thoughts Turn Inward," captures John Young in an introspective moment before the 1981 launch of Columbia.*

Imagine: *(Top photo) Norman Rockwell painted this oil, "Man's First Step on the Moon," as a cover for Look Magazine three years before Neil Armstrong set foot on the lunar surface. (Normal Rockwell Family Trust)*

Giant step: *(Photo above) A silkscreen of Buzz Aldrin on the moon by Andy Warhol.*

All aboard the Artrain

Art exhibit reflects NASA explorations

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Norman Rockwell's "Man's First Step on the Moon" strikes awe in viewers especially when they learn the large scale oil was painted as a cover for Look Magazine three years before Neil Armstrong set foot on the lunar surface.

It was imagination like Rockwell's that led man to think he could one day walk on the moon: Pres. John F. Kennedy's 1961 directive made space exploration a reality.

Artrain USA, the nation's only traveling art museum, offers an inside look at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) program in an exhibit that recently rolled into Ann Arbor. "Artistry of Space" features works from the NASA and National Air and Space Museum art collections in three gallery cars.

PHOTO BY KRISTIN BRADLEY

On view: *78 pieces of art on exhibit on Artrain.*

Of the 78 paintings, drawings, prints and sketches on exhibit in the train, Rockwell's work is the exception in that it was not created as part of the NASA Art Program. Begun in 1962 by NASA administrator James Webb, the program invites artists such as Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, and Peter Max into the inner sanctum of the astronauts, scientists, engineers and architects.

Artrain USA president Debra Polich thinks the American people, young and old alike, will relate to the fascinating works reflecting the passions aroused during the unmanned space explorations and the 240,000 mile, nine-day trip to the moon.

"This exhibit marries art, science and history," said Polich, who grew up in Westland. "Science is not devoid of art. That's the reason NASA started the art program. They had photos and technical evidence, but something was missing – the human emotion that this project brought."

Deep blue walls set the tone for "Artistry of Space." Launched in Washington, D.C., in July, the space art exhibit will visit more than 100 cities in 40 states during the three-year tour. Susan Lawson-Bell, former curator of the National Air and Space Museum, selected the works from the 800 created by more than 250 American artists between 1963 and 1999. Lawson-Bell concentrates on three eras in the railroad car exhibit sponsored by DaimlerChrysler: art inspired by the American lunar missions, the Space Shuttle, and deep-space exploration.

Polich's favorite piece is Henry Casselli's watercolor, "When Thoughts Turn Inward." The portrait captures John Young in an introspective moment before the 1981 launch of Columbia.

"The view we have of these heroes almost takes on a persona that's bigger than the rest of us," said Polich.

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Artrain USA

What: The nation's only traveling art museum on a train returns with the "Artistry of Space." Admission is free, but donations are encouraged.
When: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12.
Where: 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 747-8300.
Related activity: Children may make their own artwork 1-5 p.m. in the Creation Station art center in the NEW Center. Co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Art Center, the Creation Station offers children the chance to paint ceramic tiles and create sandpaper prints for $1.

DANCE

Dancers stage Tchaikovsky's enchanting tale

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Brittany-Turner always dreamed of dancing in "The Nutcracker." Turner, along with hundreds of little girls and boys from Livonia to Canton and Rochester Hills, will have the opportunity to live their dreams when several upcoming productions turn stages into enchanted worlds of Sugar Plum Fairies and life-size dancing dolls.

A Bloomfield Hills resident, Turner joins with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale for 12 performances of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet at the Detroit Opera House. Her experience playing a munchkin in the Wizard of Oz at the Fox Theatre in April helped the 11-year-old dancer overcome jitters at open auditions for the DSO's "Nutcracker."

"It was a dream come true," said Turner, who studies dance at Annette and Co. in Farmington Hills and the American Dance Academy in Commerce. "I was kind of nervous at the beginning of the audition but toward the end I felt confident."

Turner, a student at West Hills Middle School, is one of 85 local dancers filling the roles of party-goers, pages, mice, dolls, harlequins, soldiers, shepherds and snowflakes in the DSO production Ballet Internationale, under the direction of Eldar Aliev, brings together dancers from Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Italy, Japan, Korea, Austria, Latvia, Columbia, Armenia, Uzbekistan and the U.S. Ogulcan Borova of Turkey, a bronze medalist in the world's oldest ballet competition in Bulgaria; Chieko Oiwa, a Japanese dancer who won the Asia Pacific International Dance Competition. Irina Komarenko from Ukraine's renowned Donetsk Ballet, and Russian dancer Alexei Tiukov, gold medalist in the Arabesque International Competition in France, will share the roles of Prince and Sugarplum.

Holiday classic: *(Above) Haley Albertsen and Thomas Job bring Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet to life. (At right) The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale present "The Nutcracker" at the Detroit Opera House.*

"I'm having a lot of fun," said Turner who began rehearsals for the Waltz of Flowers two months ago.

Turner will have plenty of local dancers to keep her company on the Detroit Opera House stage. Also in the production are Cameron Groenewoud, Plymouth; Blaise Badynee, Livonia, Robbie Parks, Redford; Carlie Harrison, Garden City; Micha Mathews and Noelle Hardy, Farmington Hills; Holly Fusco, West Bloomfield; Sarah Tilden and Megan Tallman, Rochester Hills; Angela Gambo, Rochester; Paige Hardie and

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"The Nutcracker"

■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Ballet Internationale Thursday, Dec. 9, to Sunday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Dec. 9-11 and 16-18, 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. $14-$60. (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. $13, $10 seniors/ students, $8 ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103.

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra with Dearborn Ballet Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. $15, $10 students/ children. (734) 421-1111/ (734) 464-2741/ (248) 645-6666.

■ Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with Plymouth Canton Ballet Company, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy and Canton Center, Canton. $17 adults, seniors, $10 students through 12th grade, and $5 Sugar Plum Tots that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112.

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"Casselli's able to capture that persona behind the hero."

American heroes

One would never guess by looking at Tony England that he's one of the heroes of the space program. As he prepared to talk to school children visiting the exhibit, the former NASA astronaut was anxious to see the artists' impressions of his experiences. A professor at the University of Michigan, England said 1967-72 and 1979-1988 were intense years for him in the NASA space program.

"I'm, always impressed by art because it adds something that photography can't," said England. "I admire Artrain for bringing this to the public."

Car One focuses on NASA's formative years – Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. From Hereward Lester Cooke's sketch of Houston Mission Control Center technicians monitoring the 1969 moonwalk to a 1969 oil, "Power to Go," by Paul Calle, the images stir excitement in the viewer. Using vibrant color and sweeping brushstrokes, Calle conveys the power behind Apollo 11's Saturn 5 booster rocket with its five F-1 engines.

Stand back from Atilla Hejja's 1984 oil, "The Light Ship," to fully take in the breathtaking sight of Challenger's first night-launch. Hejja's dynamic painting focuses on the vehicle thrusting skyward above the Kennedy Space Center.

Car Two records NASA's greatest achievements: the space shuttles Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavor, and the tragic loss of the seven members of the Challenger crew in 1986. Greg Mort's graphite drawing relays the sadness of the moment by depicting a shrouded spacecraft. The 1989 score for an orchestra and jazz suite written by Jane Ira Bloom after the tragedy sounds hope for the future.

Car three focuses on recent and future initiatives including the planetary probes Mariner, Pioneer, Viking, Voyager, Magellan, Galileo, Mars Pathfinder, and the Hubble Space Telescope. John Solie witnesses the assembly of the telescope in the white room in a 1988 acrylic. Linda Draper gives an up-close view of astronauts performing extravehicular activities in space in 1994. Stephen Sprouse's dress mirrors elements of Martian landscape.

Artrain history

To date, more than 2.6 million people in 600 communities in 44 states and the District of Columbia have visited the train, which is based in Ann Arbor. Founded in 1971 by the Michigan Council for the Arts to reach communities without access to metropolitan museums, Artrain USA seeks to enrich lives through the arts. Artrain USA expanded its tour nationally in 1973 with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

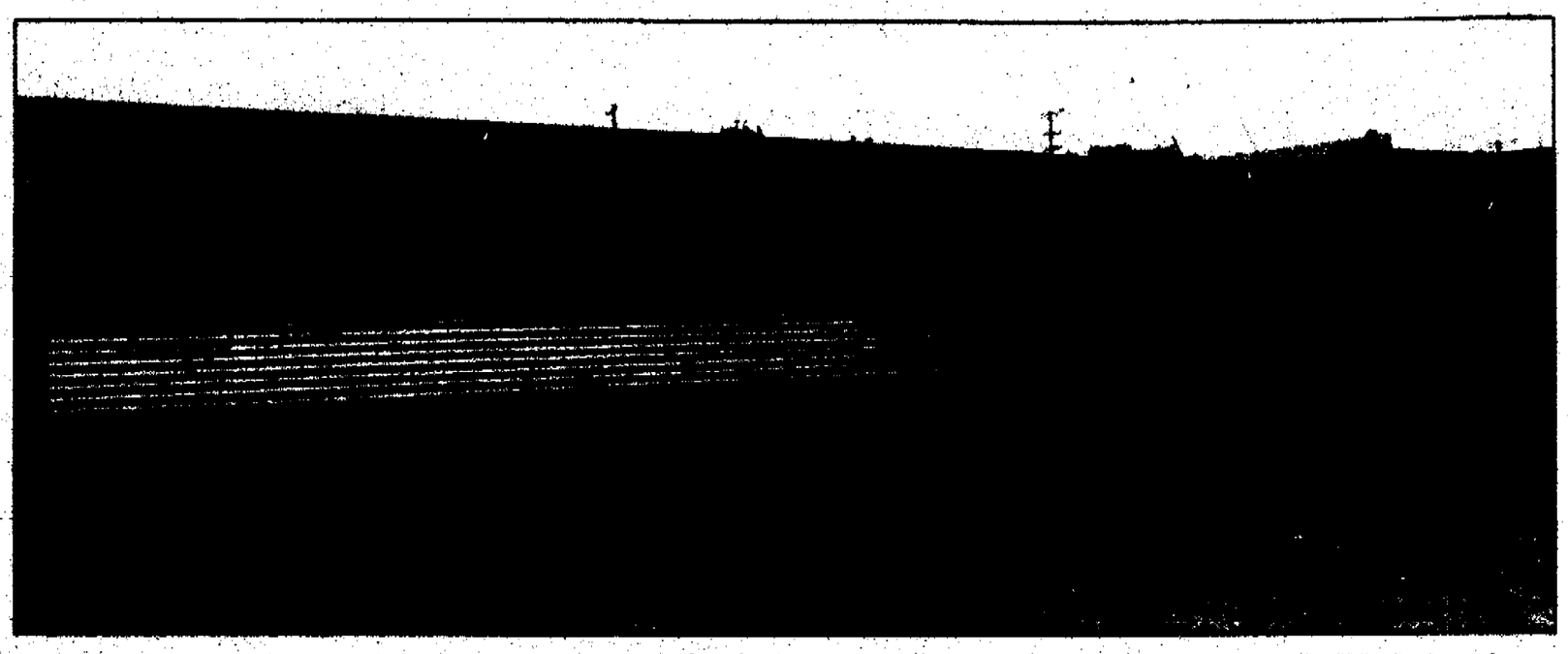
"In the beginning they had to create an arts organization before our train would come into their community," said Polich. "The things that happen are magical when Artrain shows up.

"In Healdesburg in Sonoma Valley they refurbished an old abandoned train depot. An artist was sent into the schools to work with students. Art from these kids was hung all over town. The community came together to do this, but Artrain was the catalyst.

"A peanut mill in North Carolina was turned into an arts center. It's people working side by side to make this happen. A lot of them don't have art programs. We look for communities which will best benefit from our program. Yes, we're introducing people to visual arts but also developing programs in communities that don't have them."

Money from corporate and private contributions, foundations, and grants account for 80 percent of the nonprofit Artrain's budget. Funding from sponsor DaimlerChrysler will keep the "Artistry of Space" exhibit rolling through 2002. Education programs, including demonstrations by local artists such as Nancy Weiss in the exhibit's last car, are underwritten by Target to teach children about line, color, and subjects.

"Without DaimlerChrysler, we wouldn't be able to do it," said Artrain USA spokesperson Laura Drew. "There's no locomotive, so we rely on CSX, Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, and Burlington Northern railroads to move the cars from location to location. Everyone's interested in space. Maybe space will introduce people to art and vice versa."



Artistry of Space: *Artrain houses a space art exhibit featuring works by Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Peter Max.*

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Julia Pyko, Bloomfield Hills; Katie Weed, Franklin; Michelle Kasprick, Molly Wagener, Jaclyn Hildebrand and Rebecca Fisher, Troy; Kamari Patrick and Jasmine Harris, Southfield; Megan Okoniewski, Oxford, and Brittany Buchanan, Adam Brenner and Ryan Steele, Walled Lake.

Plymouth Canton Ballet Company

Haley Albertsen is dancing in two Nutcrackers this season. Not bad for someone who put on her first pair of ballet shoes 2-1/2 years ago. It was Angie Chadwick, Albertsen's teacher at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia, who encouraged the 12-year-old to audition for a part in the production by the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Albertsen and Emily York, a Canton dancer, share the role of Clara.

"Angie encourages me to go to all the auditions," said Albertsen, a straight-A student at Frost Middle School in spite of taking 10 dance classes a week. "I'm learning all new dances and acting. It's really fun. I like doing all the partnering and the Pas de Deux."

Albertsen is looking forward to working with Dawnell Dryja again. Dryja dances the role of Sugar Plum Fairy in the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company production. Albertsen studied alongside Dryja, a member of the Cincinnati Ballet, at the Burklyn Ballet Theatre in Vermont this summer. Quillan Nagel, a member of the Cincinnati Ballet, plays Dryja's Cavalier. Born and trained in Canada, Nagel's danced everywhere from New York City to Paris, Beijing, and with the Washington Ballet in Washington, D.C.

"I learned a lot from Dawnell and from Dawn (Greene company artistic director)," said Albertsen. "Dawn is very encouraging, and I appreciate having mentors like (fellow dancers) Bonnie Parrish and Lindsay Moore. They're always helping me with my steps."

This is Emily York's second year in the company's "Nutcracker." She likes sharing the role of Clara with Albertsen because it allows them to exchange ideas and feelings about the character. The 13-year-old York began her studies at the American Dance Academy in Garden City. She now takes six classes a week at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth.

"I enjoy being able to dance and act all at once," said York, a student at Central Middle School in Plymouth. "Dancing really gives me time to be myself and when I'm down it, cheers me up. In the first act in the party scene, I get to act a lot and show a lot of emotion."

York thinks the knowledge she's amassed while working with the company will help her along the way to becoming a professional dancer one day.

"When I first started dancing, Baryshnikov was my biggest role model," said York, who's already danced at Disney World. "He jumped so high."

The Plymouth Canton Ballet Company version of "The Nutcracker" blends original ideas held over from Mariud Petipa, the story line and some choreography from the version set by Dimitri Romanov, and the rest by Greene. Greene has been working with this ballet every year since 1984 when she directed the New Dawn Ballet Company downriver. Adjustments are made each year in the choreography, props and acting. New this year are the costumes Greene sewed for the Arabian number.

"It's hectic," said Greene, who recently began Metro Shores Ballet Company for downriver dancers. Albertsen is also dancing in their "Nutcracker" production.

"Thanksgiving weekend is always the biggest rehearsal. The new conductor (Nan Washburn) will be there, and we'll set tempo."

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Dancers from Livonia to Lincoln Park will bring Tchaikovsky's Magic Kingdom to life when the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Dearborn Ballet Theatre take to the stage at Churchill High School in Livonia.

Guest artists are Lori Christman of the Carolina Ballet, and Daring Project and Phillip Gardner of the Joffrey Ballet. The Livonia Churchill High School Choralation Choir will accompany the orchestra and company during the "Snowflakes" dance in the first act.

This is the second season the dance company, under the direction of Loni Lane, has performed with the orchestra conducted by Volodymyr Schesiuk. It's also the second time this season. The two performed "The Nutcracker" Thanksgiving weekend in Dearborn.

"This is the 21st year of doing the Nutcracker," said ballet company mistress Tracy Siwiecki. "The company allows dancers to have a semi-professional experience."

Livonia Civic Ballet

The audience will be treated to all homegrown dancers in the Livonia Civic Ballet Company's production of "The Nutcracker." Founded more than 30 years ago, the Livonia Civic Ballet Company was recognized as the official ballet company of the city of Livonia by then Mayor Robert Bennett. Members come from throughout southeastern Michigan and are selected through annual open auditions. Over the years, the company's performed with the Oakway Symphony (now the Livonia Symphony) and the Livonia Youth Philharmonic.

Nutcracker: *Emily York dances the role of Clara in the production by the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.*

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Dreamland: *The Paintings of Ned Bittinger are on exhibit through Jan. 2 at the Elizabeth stone gallery, 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 647-7040 for more information.*

ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART FAIR
The 29th annual fair takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Oakland Community College, Building H, Farmington Hills. (734) 662-3382.

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

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

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

NATIVE WEST
The 10th annual art & jewelry festival is Sunday, Dec. 5 at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-8838.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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

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

CLASSES

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

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

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

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Open registration begins Dec. 14 for the Winter Semester which runs Jan. 19-March 11. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) [illegible]

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
"Home for the Holidays – a Michigan Wreath," an organ concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. **(248) 335-7160.**

BOB CARLISLE
The Grammy Award winning star performs in a Variety Christmas Show at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. (800) 585-3737.

BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM
The University Musical Society presents the choir at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

BRUNCH WITH BACH
The Don Walden Ensemble performs at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

CANADIAN BRASS
Performs 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222.

CEREMONY OF CAROLS
The Women's Chamber Chorus the Chamber Maids presents a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Twp. (313) 534-7730.

CHANUKAH CONCERT
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
The Pacifica String Quartet performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 in the Library of Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. To reserve tickets call (810) 751-2435.

DEHAVEN CHORALE
Handel's Messiah 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Old St. Mary's in Greektown, Detroit. (810) 323-2895.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
Holiday Brass, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Christ Church Cranbrook. (248) 362-9DCW.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
"Star of Wonder" classical gems and festive international carols at 8 p.m. Dec. 11, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. (313) 882-0118.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS
"Hallelujah" chorus 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Ave., Detroit. Also, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. John Lutheran Church, 16339 14 Mile Road, Fraser. (248) 988-0604.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Messiah, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5; The Color of Christmas featuring Dionne Warwick, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Dec. 9-11. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DSO NUTCRACKER
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Internationale perform the Nutcracker Thursday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit. (313) 576-5100.

FEAST OF CAROLS
6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4100.

FOLK VESPERS
The Little Dickens Band, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

FORT STREET CHORALE
Performance of the Messiah, [illegible] p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., Detroit. (313) 961-4533.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS
The Detroit Lutheran Singers offer a sing along at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit, 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. John Lutheran Church in Fraser. (248) 988-0604.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH
The UMS Choral Union performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

HARLEM NUTCRACKER
December performances 3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (734) 764-2538.

HOLIDAY FLUTES WITH ERVIN MONROE
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 546-2503.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
The North Farmington High School and O.E. Dunckel Middle School perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at North Farmington High School, 32900 West 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

JACKSON CHORALE
Annual Christmas Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Central United Methodist Church, Waterford. (248) 651-3085.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Presents the Nutcracker ballet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the James P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School in Livonia. (734) 421-1111.

MADISON CHORALE
A holiday cabaret concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R., Madison Heights. (248) 879-7444.

MICHIGAN CONCERT CHORALE
Handel's Messiah, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit. (313) 921-2667.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Sounds of the Season, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND
The band performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. (248) 370-3013.

PATTI PAGE
A Tennessee Christmas 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222.

PIPER'S HOLIDAY CONCERT
Featuring Ervin Monroe and Alex [illegible] Zonjic 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222.

FREDERICA VON STADE
The mezzo-soprano performs with Martin Katz at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Performs Noel Night at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road. (248) 349-8175.

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

'TIS THE SEASON
A holiday concert benefit for the Birmingham Concert Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 473-1367.

YIDDLE WITH A FIDDLE
A Yiddish musical by noted American composer Abraham Ellstein, [illegible] p.m. Sunday, [illegible] of Shalom [illegible]

YULTIDE CONCERT
The Oakland [illegible] Chorus presents its 87th annual concert at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10 in Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus. (248) 370-3013.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Holiday Dance Spectacular at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, Lake Orion. (248) 362-9329.

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET
Presents "The Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Clarkston High School Auditorium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, (off of Clarkston Road, east of downtown Clarkston). Tickets $14, $12 and $10, call (248) 666-1971 or (248) 625-7500.

EVENTS

A DAY AT THE DIA
The Southfield Public Library and the DIA are offering a free shuttle bus from the library to the DIA at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 for adults and children. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL SUPPER
A traditional family wigilia is at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at St. Mary's at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in Orchard Lake. (248) 683-1748.

LIVING NATIVITY
An enactment of the story of the birth of Jesus at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 10-12 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

NATIVITY PAGEANT
The annual festival of gifts is at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 when parishioners bring a gift to the cradle. Gifts will be distributed the next day to Wayne and Oakland County human service agencies. Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210.

USED INSTRUMENT SALE
Farmington Public Schools offers this sale open to anyone willing to buy or sell band or orchestra equipment, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, East Middle School Cafeteria, 25000 Middlebelt, Farmington. (248) 489-3412.

WASSAIL FEAST
Royal Court begins 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9-11, 17-18 with an open bar in the Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The revelry continues in the Great Hall with a five-course meal fit for nobility. Entertainers, jugglers and strolling minstrels perform nightly. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-[illegible]

FOR KIDS

DIA HOLIDAY PARTY
Breakfast with Santa, the Dancing Dreidel and the Kwanzaa Candle: A Holiday Celebration for Families at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in Prentis Court, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

FLINT YOUTH THEATRE
"The Chicago Gypsies" 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 11 at Bower Theater, Flint. 1-888-8CENTER.

LUNCH WITH SANTA
ArtSpeak presents a Holiday Luncheon with Santa, noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

ST. NICHOLAS WORKSHOP
Adults are invited to submit children's names to the 16th annual St. Nicholas Workshop at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake. Requests may be mailed by Dec. 15 to St. Nicholas Workshop, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324. A fee of $[illegible] [illegible]

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

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Jan. 2 – Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. Sunday Brunch lecture at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 is "Reality Check: Fake, Forgery or Copy?" 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Opens Wed., Dec. 8 – Robert Frank: The Americans through March 26. Through Jan. 9 – "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection. Through May 31 – "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Jan 2 – Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching from the Morgan Library. Through Jan 2 – paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 – The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

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

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

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

CASS CAFE
Opens Saturday, Dec. 11 – An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill Waters. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Opens Friday, December 10 – Graduate Works in Progress exhibition. 28 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Jan. 1 – Feliz Navi-doo-dad! featuring doo-dads for holidays. Through Jan. 1 – "Let There be Light." 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

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

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Through Dec. 12 – Paintings, drawings and prints by Jud Coveyou. 651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 647-2380.

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 – oil paintings by Lisa Kada. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY
Through Jan. 9 – "364 Days" featuring Paul Snyder, James Stephens and Robert Berry. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

GALERIA CASA DE UNIDAD
Through Dec. 17 – Day of the Dead, Ofrenda exhibit. 1920 Scotten, Detroit. (313) 843-9598.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 27 – The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Dec. 30 – An exhibit by the Chaldean American Association of Fine Arts. 47 Williams Street. (248) 333-7849.

FORD GALLERY
Through Dec. 17 – Martha Gelarden and Bruce Thayer. Eastern Michigan University, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through Feb. 4 – Misbehaving: Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONART
Through Dec. 18 – Michigan Student Furniture: Functional Art Design Competition. More than 30 works by area students will be on display. 21 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

GALERIA BIEGAS
Through Jan. 1 – Breaking Through: a multi-media art exhibit. 35 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

GALERIE BLU
Through Jan. 4 – Works by Jerome Gimpert. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY 212
Through Dec. 12 – The M[illegible] exhibition of R[illegible] Harrington. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) [illegible]

GALLERY AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE
Through Dec. 15 – The works of Sandra Cardew/Marilyn Schechter. 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 – Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Dec. 31 – new work by Kreg Kallenberger. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 – Donald Sultan: Selected Drawings. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Dec. 7 – Abstraction: New Directions for a New Millennium. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

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

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Dec. 18 – Fresh Views. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through Dec. 11 – Suzanne McClelland: Correspondence. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Dec. 30 – Audrey Harkins watercolors in the Fine Arts Gallery. Through Dec. 29 – Bob Roderick LGB trains in the exhibition cases. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490.

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

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

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

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

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Jan. 17 – Views and Visions, an exhibit of the Milford Village Fine Arts Association. 12 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

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

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 – "Earthy Treasures," the annual holiday show and sale. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through Jan. 26 – "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

POSA GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 – Works by Patti Auerbach. Summit Place Mall, Waterford. (248) 683-8779.

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

REVOLUTION
Through Jan. 22 – Recent works by Robert Turner, John Lees and a Christopher Yockey billboard. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

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

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 – Exhibition by Southfield photographer Christine Redmond. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Dec. 15 – Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit: A Traveling Photographic exhibit. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Jan. 2 – The Paintings of Ned Bittinger. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

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

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Jan. 8 – Shirley Crane Gallisher "Small Works." Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 31 – "Talking Shops: Detroit's Soulful Signage," photographs by David Clements. Walter P. Reuther Library, Woodcock Gallery, Cass Ave. at [illegible], Detroit. (313) 577-2662.

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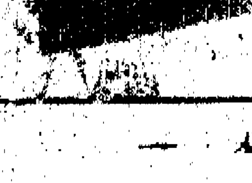

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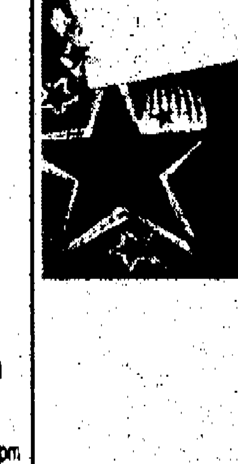

Season's lavish art books make glorious gift ideas

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■ Here is a roundup of some of this year's best art books covering painting, buildings and even crafts.

It's not hard to find wonderful art books to give as holiday gifts. The hard part is deciding *which* book to give. This season, as in past years, the selection is gloriously, confusingly varied.

To help clarify matters, here's a sampling of the wide range of the latest art books.

For specialists:

■ "Egyptian Treasures From the Egyptian Museum in Cairo" (Abrams, $75), edited by Francesco Tiradritti, photographs by Araldo De Luca.

Lovers of Egyptian art need look no further. This sumptuous book gives the reader a private tour of a priceless collection, the legacy of one of the world's most intriguing civilizations. Its overview covers early and late periods, more than 5,000 years of art: sculpture, paintings, jewelry, furniture and ceramics.

This is a large-format book, its lavish illustrations laced with enough informative and scholarly text to keep a recipient enthralled well into the next millennium.

■ "Surrealism: Two Private Eyes" (Guggenheim-Abrams, $95) is a massive, two-volume, slip-cased set that surveys the collections of surrealist art assembled by magazine publisher Daniel Filipacchi and record producer Nesuhi Ertegun.

The highly-rated collections were publicly exhibited for the first time at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum earlier this year. These volumes are made up almost entirely of full-page color reproductions of the works; there are more than 1,000 illustrations.

For anyone who's a fan of surrealism, its fantasies, dreams and nightmares, this is a special treasure. The collections include paintings, sculpture, photographs, works on paper and rare books by most of the movement's leading artists, from Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte to Giorgio de Chirico and Frida Kahlo.

The books were edited by Filipacchi, with essays contributed by art historians and scholars.

■ "French Art Treasures at the Hermitage: Splendid Masterpieces, New Discoveries" (Abrams, $75) by Albert Kostenevich gives readers multiple insights: handsome reproductions of legendary artworks and an insider's comments about them.

Kostenevich is the curator of modern European art at the museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, so who better to have as a guide to its wealth of French art from 1860 to 1950? The tour only starts with some 60 works by Matisse and 40 by Picasso; the tally of other artists represented and illustrated meanders richly, via Manet and Monet, Gauguin and Rodin, and on through a familiar litany of revered names.

The author's stories about the works smoothly combine individual history with art history, and the illustrations include six gatefolds.

For further enjoyment of French art, two more modestly priced books take a look at Impressionists.

■ "Monet and Bazille: A Collaboration" (High Museum of Art-Abrams, $24.95) is about the relationship between Claude Monet and his fellow artist Frederic Bazille as they struggled to develop the new style of painting that became Impressionism.

And "Faces of Impressionism" (Baltimore Museum of Art-Rizzoli, $50) by Sona Johnston et. al. is related to a current exhibition of portraits.

This last title is echoed to very different effect in "Masks: Faces of Culture" (Abrams, $60) by John W. Nunley and Cara McCarty, a series of startling encounters.

Turning the pages can bring one face-to-face with a 5,000-year-old stone funerary mask – or the most celebrated film mask of recent years, that gleaming black head of Darth Vader. A hockey goaltender's mask recalls another movie villain, Hannibal Lecter.

There are contemporary fencing masks, masks of Samurai warriors and headpieces of medieval armor, ceremonial masks of African tribesmen and American Indian dancers.

The range presented is full of drama and contrast, the masks executed in a dazzling variety of materials. The text surveys the record of mask usage, worldwide, from prehistory to today.

■ "Art in Venice" (Abrams, $39.99) by Stefano Zuffi. Text and about 500 color plates take readers on a chronological tour of Venetian art – paintings, sculpture, architecture and decorative arts – from the Byzantine era through the Renaissance and into the modern age. Artists represented include Bellini, Carpaccio, Titian, Veronese and Tintoretto.

■ "Buildings that Changed the World" (Prestel, $29.95) by Klaus Reichold and Bernhard Graf takes readers on a series of picturesque visits to 180 remarkable structures, spanning at least 5,000 years.

Start with Stonehenge, a magnificent mystery looming out of the shadows of prehistoric times. As a grand finale, contemplate a visionary design for a Millennium Tower, twice as tall as Chicago's Sears Tower, that has not yet been built.

En route, enjoy fine color photographs of the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China, the Acropolis and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Compare the Tower of London with Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater house at Bear Run, Pa., and you have some idea of the range. The text is helpful and succinct, and the book is an excellent value.

■ "Treasures of Taliesin: Seventy-Seven Unbuilt Designs" (Pomegranate, $50) by Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer focuses on two elements touched on in the previous book: an architect and his visions.

It is a collection of designs by Wright, from that American master's extraordinary range of creative achievement. There are 106 color plates of exquisite drawings - churches and bridges, monuments and private houses, buildings for a world's fair and a dress shop. You do not have to be a student of architecture to appreciate the fantasy here.

■ "Collecting African-American Art: Works on Paper and Canvas" (Crown,$50) by Halima Taha combines a very practical text with a selection of glowing images.

The writer, an art consultant, encourages aspiring collectors by offering a helpful survey of points to consider, including the basics: what to collect, prices, display and care of artworks. Her text is profusely illustrated with examples, details of styles and individual artists, plus pages of glossy reproductions that are a pleasure to contemplate even without any thought of acquisition.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

LOCAL INTEREST

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

■ Author David Carson, who wrote "Rockin' Down the Dial: The Detroit Sound of Radio from Jack the Bellboy," will sign copies of his book at the Detroit Historical Museum. The signing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Louise C. Booth auditorium of the museum. Carson, whose book was recently published by Troy-based Momentum Books, will be joined by a few of the radio personalities featured, including current WOMC-FM morning man and Detroit radio institution Dick Purtan, former WXYZ and WJLB radio personality Jack Surrel and veteran WJR and WJBK radio personality Clark Reid.

The program is presented in conjunction with the Museum's new "On the Air!" exhibit, which allows museum-goers to take a walk through time and the area's radio and television broadcast history. The program is free with regular museum admission.

The "On the Air!" exhibit continues at the Detroit Historical Museum through April 30.

The museum, located at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is $4.50 for adults, $2.25 for seniors and children ages 12-18 and free for children 12 and younger. Call (313) 833-1805 for more information.

OTHER BOOK SIGNINGS

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies – Little Thumbs Up!" Saturday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m., Waldenbooks, Lakeside Mall, Hall Road, Sterling Heights, (810) 247-0420, and Thursday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Borders Books and Music, Oakland Mall, 14 Mile Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

GREAT BOOKS

Discuss the great works of Western literature in Room C at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile east of Farmington Road. For more information and a reading list, call (248) 349-3121. The group usually meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Upcoming discussions include "On Dreams" by Sigmund Freud, led by P. Tombeau, Dec. 16. It's also "goody night." Bring cookies, drinks, nuts, etc., to pass.

BORDERS FARMINGTON HILLS

Photographer Ted Nelson has documented the wonders of Kensington Metropark in his book, "The Nature of Kensington." The 94 images captured within the book's covers bring the understated beauty of southeast Michigan's crown jewel as near as the living room coffee table. Meet the author and see the stunning photos for yourself at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Farmington Hills Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 737-3980.

BORDERS ROCHESTER HILLS

Story teller Laura Kamienny will entertain children with rousing renditions of favorite winter tales by great kids' authors such as Leo Lionni and Jan Brett. The fun starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9. Call (248) 652-0558 for information.

KINDERMUSIK

Parents and their children are invited to experience free interactive 20-30 minute programs of seasonal story telling, music and movement during Story Times with Miss Karen. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the sessions. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. Call (734) 455-5220 to register at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main in Plymouth. Story times are planned for the first or second Saturday of each month. Story times are also planned for the first Tuesday of each month at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman in Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0178 to register. And Baby! Baby! Children's Resale Shop, 153 E. Main in Northville, also offers sessions. Call (248) 347-2229 for registration information. Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music, will instruct.

'Sang Sista Sang' a tribute to six soulful divas

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When Birmingham resident Bill Dufty talks about the legendary blues artist Billie Holiday, he knows of what he speaks. He did, after all, pen her autobiography "Lady Sings the Blues."

But the hit movie that followed, and subsequent stagings meant to capture the essence of "Lady Day" have left him flat.

Still, he's intrigued by the premise of "Sang Sista' Sang," a musical production by Motown legends Smokey Robinson and Mickey Stevenson which opens at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday.

"It proves that Billie is unforgettable," said Dufty.

Indeed, the six African-American divas profiled – Holiday, Bessie Smith, Josephine Baker, Dinah Washington, Dorothy Dandridge and Mahalia Jackson – are as legendary for their passionate voices as they are for their tragic lives.

Motown mentors

Stevenson, the show's writer and producer, said the inspiration for this production, which incorporates drama, comedy and music, came after researching the lives of early blues singers, most of whom were men.

"Then I thought about the women," said Stevenson, a former vice president of Motown Records who helped advance the careers of Stevie Wonder, Martha and the Vandellas and Marvin Gaye.

"They fought to be somebody at a time when women couldn't do anything," he said.

"They were supposed to mop floors and have babies. These women made a stand against the system, men – black and white – to make a point."

The strength of these women in the face of adversity were points well taken by co-producer Smokey Robinson, who gave Motown its first million seller, "Shop Around," in 1961.

After seeing Stevenson's early productions in Los Angeles, the former Miracles frontman was so impressed that he provided the financial backing to send the musical around the country.

"I thought it was such a wonderful thing. I'm a fan of all these ladies," said Robinson.

"The play is not only good viewing, it's educational. I found out so many things about these ladies that I didn't know."

What: Sang Sista Sang, a musical celebrating the talent of Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, Dorothy Dandridge, Josephine Baker and Mahalia Jackson
When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 7-9; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11; 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12
Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit.
Tickets: $20.50-$31.50. For information, (248) 645-6666, (313) 983-6611
Proceeds will go to the Lifeline Information & Support Network for the Fight Against Breast Cancer.

Divas dish it out

Individually, each woman achieved triumph despite immeasurable pain. Collectively, they all were all fighters.

"They had problems as kids which made them say 'Never again,'" said Stevenson. "Their stories are so similar, right down to being abused early in life."

Hollywood has kept the legends of Holiday, Baker and Dandridge alive with motion picture and made-for-TV movies about their lives and loves.

In "Sang Sista' Sang," the women are allowed to meet with each other for the first time.

"They've all passed away and none of them realize that they're dead yet. They're just going through – for lack of a better term – some bitch-stuff on each other to see who was the greatest," said Stevenson.

Are the egos about to fly? How couldn't they with the likes of Baker (1906-1974), known as the Duchess of Europe, who was so loved in France that at her death, she was given a 21-gun salute. (The only woman of American birth ever to receive the honor.)

And then there's the Empress of the Blues, Bessie Smith (1894-1937), who began her career singing in the streets for pennies and, with her sensuous, self-assertive style, went on to influence generations of blues singers including Holiday and Janis Joplin.

Dorothy Dandridge (1922-1965), the Goddess of Love recently popularized in an HBO movie starring Halle Berry, made her mark performing at Harlem's Cotton Club. Dandridge went on to be the first African-American woman nominated for an Academy Award.

It was Dandridge, Dufty said, who was the first actress considered to play Holiday in the movie version of "Lady Sings the Blues" when the movie was first proposed soon after the book was published in 1956. The role eventually went to Diana Ross in the 1972 movie.

Dinah Washington (1924-1963), the Queen of the Blues, and Mahalia Jackson (1912-1973), the undisputed Queen of Gospel began their careers singing in church. But they both went on to bigger things: Jackson once brought down the house at Carnegie Hall and Washington was Mercury Records' resident "Cover Girl."

And, of course, there was Holiday (1915-1959), who had one of the most notable voices of the jazz era.

Charitable ties

Despite their musical success, the divas' lives descended into tragedy. "Sang Sista' Sang" captures the soul and pain of these six women, and gives viewers an opportunity to journey deep into their lives and loves.

"It's something that all women can be proud of, especially women of color, when they see what these women had to go through just to pave a way," said Robinson.

In a fitting tribute, proceeds from the production will benefit the Lifeline Information & Support Network for the Fight Against Breast Cancer. Stevenson's sister and mother died from the disease.

"The reason my sister and mother passed is that they had no information. They didn't know what to do until it was too late," said Stevenson.

"This show draws women together, puts the information in front of them, and when they leave, they read it and start making calls."

A mobile mammography unit has been a constant companion at tour dates, and free testing is provided to women over 40 who can't afford the test.

The response thus far has been tremendous, said Stevenson.

"It's almost as good as hearing someone sing your song."

ART BEAT

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MUSICAL COLLABORATION

One of the most exciting concerts of the season takes place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Joy and Canton Center Roads, Canton. The Plymouth Canton Educational Park's annual Holiday Concert features the High School Festival Singers and Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Counselors Chorale from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church collaborating on Vivaldi's "Gloria."

Tickets are $2, $1 students/seniors, with a maximum of $5 per family. Call (734) 453-0326.

The Festival Singers, under the direction of Don Daniels, have made two recent appearances at Carnegie Hall. Ensembles from the choir have performed with the Plymouth Symphony, Plymouth Oratorio Society, Ann Arbor Cantata Singers, and the Michigan Sinfonietta.

The Plymouth Canton Educational Park Symphony Orchestra has enjoyed a resurgence during the last two years, nearly doubling in size under the leadership of Catherine DePentu.

The Plymouth Counselors Chorale is directed by Michele Johns, a faculty member at the University of Michigan School of Music. The chorale recently completed its third European tour. The 74-member choir ranges in age from 17 to 80 and takes prides in singing more than 200 pieces in English, Latin, French, German, Polish, Czech and African dialects.

YOUTH CONCERT

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic presents their "Winter Splendor" concert at noon Saturday, Dec. 11 at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia.

Tickets are $6 adults, $3 seniors/students, and available by calling Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 or Linda Jackson at (734) 422-6439.

The program features selections from Wagner to a Star Wars medley.

Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an audition call Bernard.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission offers everything from trains to watercolors in December at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Livonia watercolorist Audrey Harkins exhibits her paintings in the Fine Arts Gallery through Thursday, Dec. 30.

Bob Roderick of Livonia displays his personal collection of LGB trains in the circular showcases at the library through Wednesday, Dec. 29.

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

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a luncheon with Santa at noon Wednesday, Dec. 8. Tickets are $10 per person. Seating is limited so call early, (734) 416-4ART.

ADVENT CONCERT

Vanguard Voices present concerts at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill at Telegraph, Dearborn.

Tickets are $10, $7 students/seniors/groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 317-6566.

ON EXHIBIT

Debra Danko, a former Livonia resident now living in Grand Blanc, is exhibiting eight of her quilts in the art gallery of the Department of Industry and Consumer Services in the State Capital Building Complex in Lansing through March 17.

Danko, who received a 1999 ArtServe Michigan Creative Artist Grant, also has floral quilts installed in the Waterford Library gallery through Dec. 31. Danko has exhibited her quilts internationally and recently won First Place in the Innovative Wall Quilt category at the Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara, Calif.

FREE CONCERT

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents "Once Upon a December" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

BLUE LAKE BALLET

Auditions will be held for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit.

Students unable to audition may send a video. For more information, call (800) 221-3796.

The west Michigan summer arts school offers two two-week session for junior high school students, two two-week sessions for high school students, two one-week sessions for young people ages 7-11, and a four-week session for junior and senior high school students selected to perform with the Blue Lake Ballet Ensemble. Last year, 353 ballet students from 21 states participated in the Blue Lake dance program.

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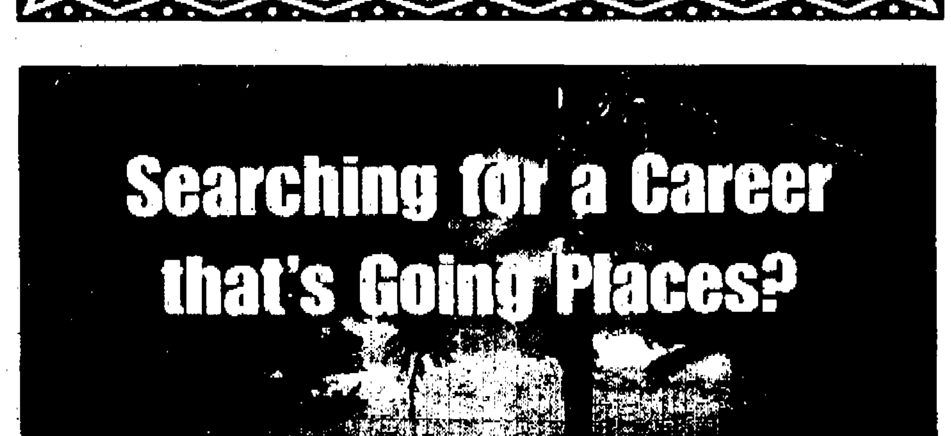

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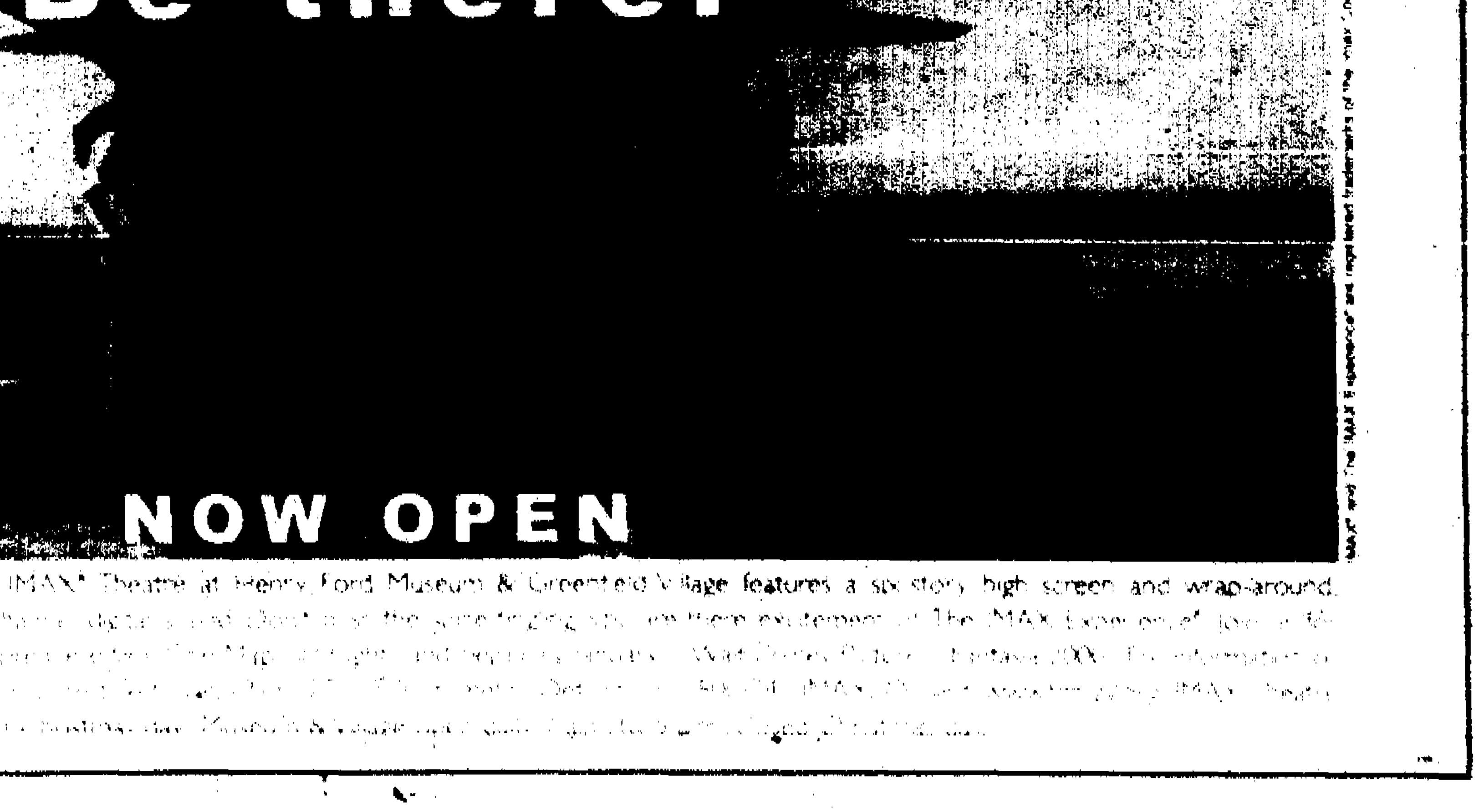

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This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1361

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She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a handsome, intelligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad#.6262

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This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2469

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JUST US
SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

IS IT FATE?
This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.2345

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Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#.1237

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Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad#.4528

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Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad#.4108

BORN-AGAIN
This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad#.5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad#.6684

TO THE POINT
SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

VIVACIOUS
Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#.1103

LOVES THE LORD
Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

FRESH START
Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWM, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad#.3907

LIFE GOES ON
This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

DEDICATED
She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9",, N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad#.1980

IS IT YOU?
This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#.4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#.8888

HEAVEN SENT
This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad#.6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER
Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested ! Ad#.9915

THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

END MY SEARCH
Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#.2525

SIMPLY PUT
Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#.5555

IS IT FATE?
Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#.9455

UP FOR IT ALL
Friendly DWCF, 52, 5'10", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, rollerblading and just keeping active, is seeking an easygoing, monogamous SWCM, 48-60. Ad#.3747

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad#.4488

COMPANIONSHIP
Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad#.4536

LET'S CUDDLE
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad#.1992

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad#.1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#.6789

CELEBRATE LIFE
Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad#.1018

A GOOD MAN
Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad#.6683

CONTACT ME
This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

SHORT BUT SWEET
Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad#.9317

A PEACEFUL MAN
Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad#.4278

AN ANGEL
Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.6321

INTERESTED
Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#.4374

JOYS OF LIFE
He's a friendly SWPM, 58, 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad#.1939

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad#.1260

WALK DOWN THE AISLE
Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad#.1515

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND
Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

JUST YOU AND I
Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad#.2739

COMMON BOND
This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1580

HAVE YOU SEEN...
My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

LISTEN TO ME
Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile, Ad#.8989

NEVER-MARRIED
SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

SEARCHING
Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad#.6900

WANT TO HEAR MORE?
Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#.4523

A REAL TRUE HEART
This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.1514

HEAVEN SENT
Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS
Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad#.5150

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad#.6211

ONLY THE BEST
Educated WWWCM, 49, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SCF, age unimportant. Ad#.9876

HONESTY COUNTS
Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sporyts, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4123

IT'S FATE
Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad#.4251

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2942

HONESTY COUNTS
Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad#.4141

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SCF, for a LTR. Ad#.1414

HE COULD BE THE ONE
Catholic DWM, 41, 5'6", of Italian heritage, who enjoys skiing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, without children at home. Ad#.2015

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad#.1534

DOWN-TO-EARTH
He's a friendly Catholic DWP dad of two, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair, green eyes, and glasses, a smoker, who enjoys bowling, golfing, movies, and much more. He is seeking a SWF, 35-47, for a special, one-on-one, romantic relationship. Ad#.6569

FAITH & DEVOTION
Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad#.1111

FOCUS HERE
This friendly, handsome DWM, 46, 5'11", who enjoys most sports, traveling and comedy clubs, is seeking a fun-loving, attractive SWF, 33-44, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1301

DELIGHTFUL
Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.3580

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He's an outgoing, employed DWJM, 44, 5', who enjoys sports, bowling and movies, ISO a commitment-minded Catholic SWF, 39-49. Ad#.2251

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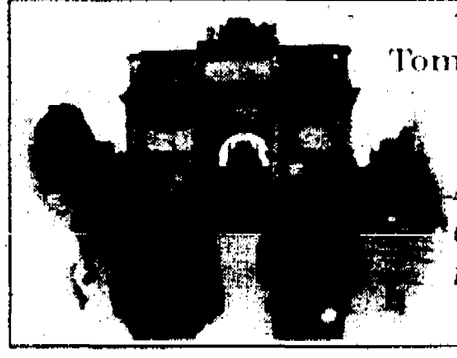

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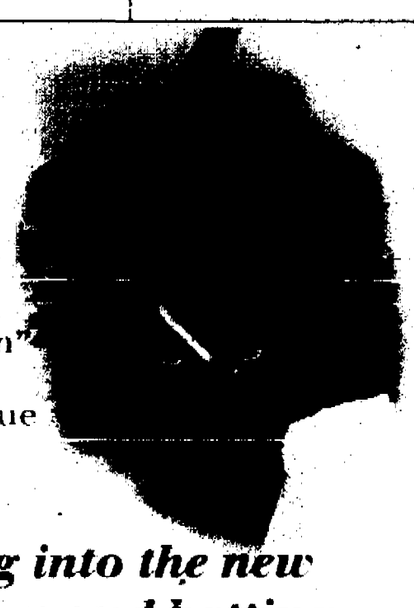

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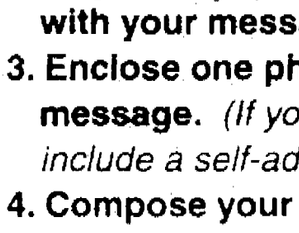

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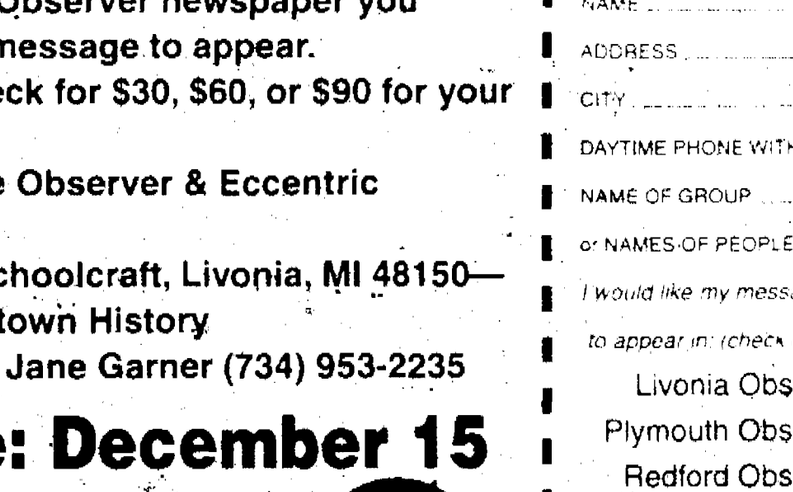

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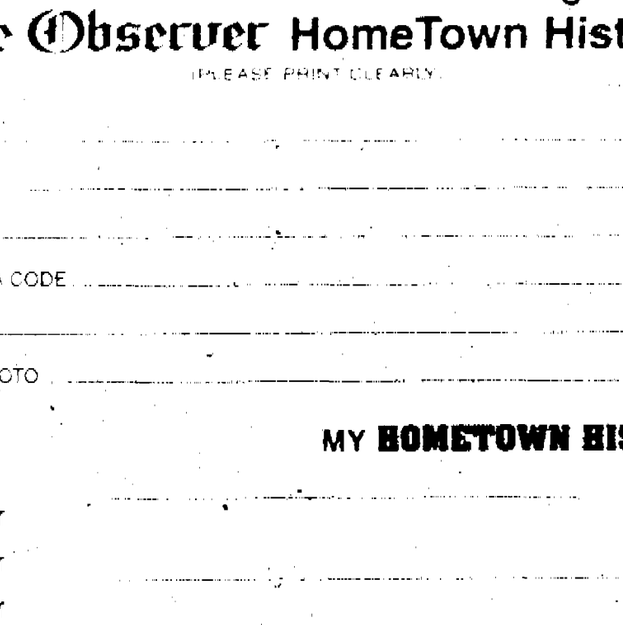

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Stocking gifts abound in local stores

THE REAL DEAL

CARI WALDMAN

Stuffing Christmas stockings is a ritual, but don't underestimate your ability to tailor each one to the recipient.

There's a plethora of pint-sized merchandise out there designed to tickle just about everybody on your list without burning a hole in your pocket.

Since we're in the midst of the holiday shopping season, I thought I'd put together a list of stocking stuffers aimed at easing the process of finding the right item for the right person. Good luck and happy holidays!

For the hard-to-buy-for:

– Emergency survival kit for the car, $17.95 at Moosejaw Mountaineering in Birmingham

– Magnetic grocery list for the refrigerator, $9.95 at Barnes and Noble stores

– Photo cube for a stylish display of photographs, $5 at Old Navy stores

For the pet lover:

– Antlers for dogs and cats to don during the holidays, $2.50 at Adventures In Toys in downtown Birmingham

– Dog cookie mix with cookie cutter to bake the pooch a personalized bone, $9.95 at Harrison Luggage in Berkley

For the gourmet:

– Hot pepper raspberry jelly, $5.25 at A Matter of Taste in Commerce Township

– American Spoon's winter compote, $8.50 at The Great Harvest Bread Co. in Birmingham

– Peppermint straws for cocoa and other winter beverages, $4.95 at Caribou Coffee stores

For the outdoor enthusiast:

– "M-Go-Blue" or MSU cocoa mix, $8 at The Village Barn in Franklin

– Fleece hats, $19.95 at Moosejaw Mountaineering

For good little boys and girls:

– Black paper note pads, $4, with "Milky" white pens, $1.25, both at Write Impressions in Royal Oak

– Pokémon key chains, $5 at Adventures in Toys

– Plastic airplane spoons, $3.50 at The Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe in downtown Clarkston

For the millennium-mad:

– Millennium time capsule filled with chocolate cookies, $12 at The Basket Shoppe in Berkley

– Millennium snow globe, $5 at Old Navy stores

– Millennium chocolate champagne bottle, $14.99 at Omaha Steaks stores

For the feminine and romantic:

– Chenille gloves, $8 at The Sock Shop in Farmington Hills

– "Unwined Vinotherapy" body oil made with grapes, $12 at Lori Karbal

For the man-in-your-life:

– Anything tiny – a pair of Ralph Lauren socks – from The Claymore Shop in downtown Birmingham (they promise to wrap each stocking stuffer for you!)

– Football and golf ball, by-the-slice soap, $7.50 at Lori Karbal

For the stressed-and-seeking-relaxation:

–Deep Steep herbal bath tea in sweet rose milk, $5 each at Lori Karbal

– Orange and mango massage cream, $5.99 at Attitudes in West Bloomfield

– Homeopathic stress mints and pick-up drops, $5 at The Discovery Channel Store at the Somerset Collection in Troy

– Stress relief jelly, $10 at Bath & Body Works stores

– Gingerbread tea, $5.95 at Caribou Coffee stores

For holiday revelers:

– "And So This is Christmas," tape, a collection of music featuring Babyface and Harry Connick Jr., $5.99 at Target stores

– Pine and cranberry candle votives, 99 cents each at Wicks 'N' Sticks stores

For the teen-in-your-life:

– Rhinestones for the hair, $10 at The Sock Shop

– Body glitter and Candy Stick lip gloss, $5 each both at Limited Too stores

– "This Is Christmas" compact disc by 98 Degrees, $14.99 at Harmony House stores.

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Holiday appearances

Gift-wrapping takes center stage

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It's the thought that counts? Don't judge a book by its cover? First impressions are everything?

While all these sayings hold weight, they present a paradox when it comes to gift-giving and, more importantly, gift-wrapping.

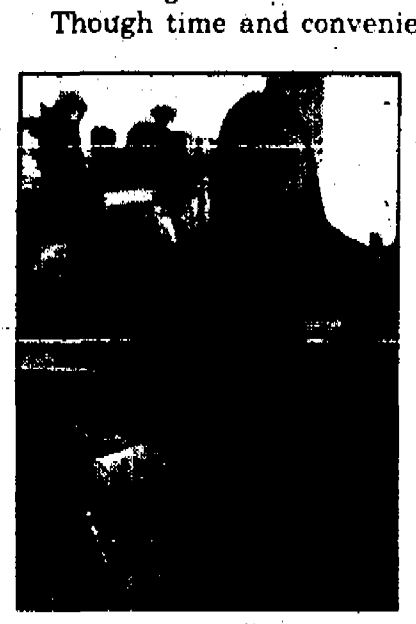
While the item inside the box certainly matters, how a gift is presented seems to have taken on greater importance these days. It only makes sense. We live in a time when it's possible to buy containers for our containers and write memos in fonts that grace wedding invitations.

Hoping to help local shoppers present their holiday gifts in a manner befitting the times, West Bloomfield's ~~recently opened~~ organization and storage store, Organized Living, is holding a series of gift-wrapping workshops this month.

Slated for Dec. 11 and 18, the seminars will teach participants how to create unique gift packages, pack and send holiday gifts and make interesting bows.

"I think it's easier not to be creative," said Jan Wilmot, Organized Living's assistant manager. "It's also a matter of convenience."

Though time and convenience explain why many people resort to solid-colored wrapping paper and stick-on bows, most people simply fear the outcome of creative experimentation, said Wilmot, who conducts many of Organized Living's gift-wrapping workshops.



Details: *Jan Wilmot at Organized Living shows how small details make packages more personal – and unique.*

"Once you see it, see how it's done and examples of gift packages, you're much more comfortable that you can do it," she said, encouraging area shoppers to attend a seminar or visit the store, which is overflowing with examples of creative holiday packaging.

The store also carries everything required to wrap a gift and a plethora of unique packaging options, from reversible, European sheets of wrapping paper to elegant, red velvet gift boxes.

While specific techniques for making holiday packages more decorative and unique will be covered in Organized Living's workshops, Wilmot said a few basic principles – paying attention to details, personalizing gift packages and experimenting with colors and patterns – make all the difference.

Creative gift-wrapping, like home decorating, only requires a little extra time, energy and thought, she said. "I can't draw. I can't paint. But, all these things I just did look great. It shows a lot about my personal taste. ... And, the person who ~~is going to~~ receive the gift knows I took the time."

STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Inspiration: *From unique boxes to festive bows, Organized Living has plenty of examples of creative holiday packaging.*

Wrap it!

What: Holiday gift-wrapping workshops

When: 10 a.m. Dec. 11 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 18

Where: Organized Living, 7230 Orchard Lake Road at 14 Mile Road in the Gateway Center in West Bloomfield

Workshops are free, last 30 minutes and cover different subjects, from creative gift-giving to creating holiday bows. For details about each workshop, call (248) 538-1640.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping programs, services, events and boutiques during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MOONLIGHT SHOPPING SPREE

Restaurants and shops in **downtown Birmingham** are open late, and carolers and live entertainment fill the streets, **6-11 p.m., Friday, December 10**. Also, meter and deck parking is free after 6 p.m.

CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a presentation of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at **7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11**, Food Court stage. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

SANTA FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED

A signing Santa listens to the holiday wishes of hearing-impaired children and uses American Sign Language to communicate with them, **1:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn**, Fountain Court Stage. For additional information, call (313) 593-1370.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SHOP

Volunteers help children shop for gifts in a children's holiday gift shop at **The Community House in downtown Birmingham through Sunday, Dec. 12**. Hours are: **3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday** and **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday**. For more information, call (248) 644-5832.

SALVATION ARMY BAKE SALE

The Salvation Army holds a bake sale at **Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11**. Proceeds help feed hungry children. For details, call (248) 443-2242.

HOLIDAY CAROLING

Enjoy holiday caroling by area high school choirs at **Art Van Furniture stores in Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, Southfield, Waterford and Westland, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12.**

SHOPPING BENEFIT FOR ANIMALS

Shop for shoes at **DSW Shoe Warehouse stores in Troy, Novi and Southfield** on **Saturday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12** and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan. Also, shoppers will be able to adopt a dog or cat from the agency. For more information, call (248) 349-0404.

NORTHSTAR TROLLEY SERVICE

Northstar Express trolley service between **Southfield's Northland Center** and area businesses **begins Monday, Dec. 6.** Sponsored by the Southfield Downtown Development Authority and the Northland Center, the trolley service runs **11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 6-9** and **Dec. 13-16**. Shoppers may use the trolley service, which includes a box lunch en route to the mall, from designated Southfield businesses. For details, including pick-up and drop-off information, call (248) 443-5311.

SANTA VISITS JACOBSON'S

Children who visit and speak with Santa receive a special gift at **Jacobson's stores in Birmingham** and **Rochester Hills, noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8** and **Saturday, Dec. 11**, Children's Department.

CHOIR PRESENTATIONS

Livonia Mall hosts the Plymouth Academy Children's Choir at **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6** and the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir at **3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11**, both near the Sears fountain. Also, carolers from the Church of Holy Spirit perform throughout the mall, **7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9** and members of the Mitcham Chapel choir perform throughout the mall, **5-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11**. For additional information, call (734) 476-1160.

COOKIE WALK

Purchase your holiday treats at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's Sixth Annual Cookie Walk, **9 a.m. until sold-out, Saturday, Dec. 11**. The **Livonia church** is located at 36075 Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburg roads. Call (248) 476-3432.

SANTA BEAR APPEARANCE

The Hudson's Santa Bear visits with children in his millennium costume between **Thursday, Dec. 9 and Monday, Dec. 13** at the retailer's stores at **Oakland Mall in Troy** and **Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn**. Please call individual stores for appearance times.

TOYS FOR TOTS DROP-OFF

Laurel Park Place in Livonia serves as a drop-off place for Toys for Tots donations. Please bring new toys to the mall **between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14.** For more information, call (734) 462-1100.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

CHRISTOPHER RADKO EVENT

Christopher Radko's United for Peace ornament is introduced at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills. Also, customers receive a Radko ornament with Radko purchase of $60, noon-5 p.m., Trim A Home department.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

KNITS TRUNK SHOW

Hersh's in The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield hosts a trunk show of Margaret O'Leary sweaters, knits and separates through Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call (248) 626-7776.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOWS

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts several jewelry trunk shows, including collections from St. John, John Hardy, Steven Lagos, Bibigi, Scott Kay, Jeffrey Roberts and Wynne Sevitt, who will make a personal appearance, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry and Precious Jewels Salon, first floor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

ST. JOHN CRUISE & HOLIDAY SHOW

View St. John's collection of cruise and special order holiday wear at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., St. John Collections, second floor.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

CELEBRITY FASHION SHOW

Local celebrities, including WXYZ-TV 7 news anchor Guy Gordon and WDIV-TV 4 reporter Lila Lazarus, strut down the runway in holiday fashion at the Northland Center in Southfield to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets include lunch and a chance to bid in a silent auction and cost $30. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 353-6444.

DIAMOND TRUNK SHOW

Astrein's Creative Jewelers, 120 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of contemporary diamond pieces by Jewelers Aspery & Guldag through Dec. 11 and a Swiss watch trunk show on Dec. 10. For show times and more information, call (248) 644-1651.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

BERNARD COHEN APPEARANCE

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Bernard Cohen and his collection of estate jewelry pieces through Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Jewelry Collection, first floor.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

MILLINERY TRUNK SHOW

Meet designer Gena Conti and view her collection at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fashion Accessories department.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

TASTE OF LAUREL PARK

Enjoy free food samples from Max & Erma's restaurant while you shop at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, noon-4 p.m., near Center Court.

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW

New and used dolls and accessories are on sale at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children under age 12. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

– **Used bridesmaids' dresses** can be **bought at Rosebuds Consignment Bridal Exchange**, 7655 Highland Road in Waterford, (248) 666-3035.

– **Three B'rer Rabbit cartoons** are shown on **Walt Disney's movie video *"Song of the South."***

– An individual reader called us with **information about musical birthday cake plates.**

– **A half-slip undergarment to wear beneath cullotes or a split-skirt** for Cecelia, who lives in Redford.

– **A female mannequin** is available at the **Detroit Fixture Store** on West Eight Mile Road in Detroit, (313) 341-3255.

– **One copy of the 1943 Fordson High School yearbook** is available from **a reader.**

– The **game Mille Bourne** is sold through the **Betty's Attic catalog** (item #BE40303), (800) 294-4068.

– A reader called with **information about making a helix from plastic canvas.**

– **"Diane" pattern dishes** are available from **one of our readers.**

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

– We need Nancy (regarding **1999 Susan Seddon Boulet calendar**) to call us with her phone number.

– We no longer need information about **Hudson's Santa bears** and **Campbell's 200 soup labels.**

– The **telephone number at the Vanity Fair store at the Birch Run shopping outlet** is (517) 624-6055.

– A reader has a **1994 Hudson's anniversary bear** with a fur-lined jacket to sell.

– A reader has **29 Hawaiian leis** to donate.

– Another reader would like know **how to recycle or donate cellular phones.**

Clarification

Hagelsteins Bakery in Royal Oak, Berkley and Clawson does not sell Sander's bumpy cake. The local bakery does make and sell a similar cake but does not use Sander's formula.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

– We need **information about the Dimensions Kitchen catalog with a phone number** for Andrea.

– **A store in the Farmington area that sharpens knives** for Gertrude.

– **A yogurt maker with 678-ounce containers** for Mary.

– **A silver-colored "Nerolizer" from the movie *"Men in Black"*** that was available at Burger King restaurants for Teresa.

– **John Willard Bloody Mary seasoning and a 18-by-56-inch, non-standard ironing board** cover for Marlene.

– **A place setting of Minton china in the black "Saturn" pattern** for Allison.

– **A sheer, mesh cosmetic bonnet with a zipper to protect clothing from make-up** for Alice.

– **A Milton Bradley game made in the 50s called Pirate and Traveler** for Karen.

– **A recipe book with blank pages and index tabs** for Janice.

– A store where **English Ironstone "Crown Ducal" pottery** made by A.G. Richardson in Staffordshire, England is sold for Mary Jane. (L.B. King in the Fisher Building formerly carried the pottery).

– **"White Christmas" china** that is or was sold through the Spiegel catalog for Karen.

– **A doll named Ellie from the Faithful Friends doll group sold at Target stores** last year for Jo Anne.

– **A Timex wind-up watch for women** or a similar watch made by another company for Tony, who lives in Birmingham.

– **A store where bayberry candles are sold** for Loretta.

- **A store or catalog that sells Cheetah all-nylon wind breakers** for Candy.

– **A store where 12-by-12-inch carpet tiles with self-adhesive backing (in gray and brown) are sold** for William.

– **A 1949 Barbour Hall Military School yearbook** (located in Nazareth, Mich.) for Margaret.

– **1997 and 1998 Barbie ornaments** (two of each) for Mary.

– **A store where "Straw Hat" perfume by Faberge is sold** Helen.

– **A store where photo albums, which hold new sizes of photos, are sold** for Mary.

– **A store where a Regal bathroom rug, 55 to 60-inches in length by 28 to 32 inches in width, can be purchased** for Mimi.

– **A store where furniture decals are sold** for Grace.

– **A doll from the 60s called Little Miss No Name (in a burlap dress)** for Sue.

– **A 1960 Detroit Holy Redeemer High School yearbook** and **Norell lipstick, #19**, for Gary.

– **A store where freezers are sold** for Ada.

– **A store where Sander's hot fudge is sold** for Mrs. Cavanaugh.

– **Land Before Time dinosaurs** for Travis and Trevor.

– **A 1994-95 Christopher Radko Third Day of Christmas ornament** for Stacey.

– **A Rainbow Brite doll** for Sally.

– **Sunshine Biscuit's iced gingerbread men cookies** for Diane.

– **Three hand rails for concrete steps** for Kim.

– **A store where a Hair Ball (like a Kosh Ball) with straight or curly hair in blue, orange, yellow, and purple can be purchased** for Laura.

– **A Santa bear with bag pipes that was sold this year at Jacobson's stores** for Margaret.

– The **Little Women doll Amy** for Evelyn.

– **A rhubarb recipe from a recipe book published by Tupperware** 15 years ago.

– **An electric potato peeler** for Janet.

– **A set of Bookhouse books** for Barbara.

– **Milton Bradley's Pizza Game** for Jeanine.

– **Two front parts for a He-Man Castle** for Marge.

– **A person who will sew clothing for a Baby Jesus** for Wanda from the Westland area.

– Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Twelve days: *De Carlini's "12 Days of Christmas" ornaments are a colorful addition to any holiday tree, about $25-40 at Hudson's stores.*

Catch the wave: *For a unique take on fisherman knit, try a roomy, Merino wool backpack made in the style, $68 at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.*

Golden touch: *For holiday entertaining, Kmart offers a golden touch, including table cover, napkins, napkin rings and gold-band dinnerware, $4-18.*

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$ Automotive

11 Mile/Henley Marathon ... Berkley
Oil Change only $15.95 (with full-up)
Augers Auto Body Collision ... Clawson
Free Exterior Wax/Polish With Any Repair
Dons Done-Rite Auto Wash ... Berkley
$1 Off Our #3 "Best Wash and Dry"
Eclipse Window Tint, 9206 Telegraph ... Redford
10% Off Purchase Over $200
Huntington Woods Mobile ... Huntington Woods
Free 20 oz. Pop with purchase of min. 8 gallons super
Jim Fresard Pontiac Buick ... Royal Oak
10% Off Parts and Service
Stop and Go Auto Repair ... Ferndale
$80 Brakes, Front or Rear, Inclusive, plus Tax
Tom Halbeisen Goodyear ... Birmingham/Royal Oak
10% Off All Services
Wetmores ... Ferndale
Free Oil Change With Two Tire Purchase

$ Beauty & Health Care Professionals

Affordable Optics ... Royal Oak
15% Off Any Frames
Allisons Tanning Salon ... Clawson
10% Off Any Reg. Priced Membership or package
Berkley Beach Tanning Salon ... Berkley
3 month bed $80/3, month hex $100
Better Health Store ... Walled Lake
10% Off On All Supplements
Checker Drugs 190 S. Wayne Road ... Westland
Barbasol 11 oz. • Assorted Types 89¢
Dr. Daniel V. Tominello ... Royal Oak
Free Initial Consultation & Exam
Dr. Lefkowitz ... Ferndale
Free Initial Consultation
Dulas Hair Fashions ... Farmington Hills
10% Off Reg. Price Cuts & Rusk Products
Ferrell Rele ... Birmingham
$5 Off Any Hair Service
Family Dental Center 734-427-9300 ... Livonia
10% Off First Visit & Free consultation
Great Nails ... Berkley
10% Off Any Service
House of Optical ... Royal Oak
15% Off Complete Pair of Eyeglasses
Medical Center Pediatrics DMC ... W. Bloom. Bing. Farms
Special Offer for New Patients. Call for Details
Millanos Barber & Stylist ... Berkley
$1 Off Haircuts + $5 Off Highlights & Colors
Partners Salon 478-2849 ... Farmington Hills
10% Off Color Services, 10% Off Massage, Haircut
Posh Salon ... Southfield
20% Off All Services
Sheer Radiance Sheridan Square ... Garden City
10% Off First Service
Sir Davids Hair Salon ... Westland
20% Off of Hair & Tanning Products
Spunkys Womens Gym ... Clawson
15% Off Any Membership
The Gallery of Hair ... Royal Oak
10% Off All Services
Yaniah Electrolysis ... Ferndale
10% Off Second Treatment

$ Coffee, Bagels & Bakeries

Mary Dennings Cakes ... Westland
10% Off Special Order Cakes
New York Bagel ... Ferndale
$1 Off Any Food Purchase of $5 or More

$ Day Care

Hands & Hearts Around the World ... Garden City
10% Off 1st Months Tuition

$ Dry Cleaners & Laundry

Huntington Cleaners ... Huntington Woods
10% Off Incoming Orders for New Customers
J.B. Prestige Cleaners on 5 Mile ... Livonia
20% Off Dry Cleaning (No Other Coupons)
Mai Kai Cleaners ... All Locations
Free Sealer or Pant W/$9.95 Incoming Cleaning
Park Ave $1.75 Cleaners 844-5091 ... Canton
$1.50 Per Item for Dry cleaning
Rags to Riches Cleaners ... Clawson
15% Off Dry Cleaning Only (Min. $25 Order)
Touch of Class ... Plymouth
15% Off All Dry Cleaned Garments
White Cleaners & Coin Laundry ... Berkley
30% Off Incoming Dry Cleaning Orders

$ Entertainment

Ambassador Roller Rink ... Clawson
Buy One Admission - Get One Free (Sat. Only)
Detroit Zoological Society ... Royal Oak
10% Off All Membership Packages
Electric Stick ... Westland
Pay for One Hour of Pool - Get One Hour Free
Hartfield Lanes ... Berkley
Free Shoe Rental for Cardholder

$ Florists & Gifts

Home ... Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase (not to be combined w/other offers)
Kevins Floral Expressions ... Ferndale
10% Off - Excluding Wire Orders
Mary Jane Flowers ... Royal Oak
$5.00 Off Any Purchase Over $10.00
Steve Codens Flowers ... Southfield
Free Delivery in Metro Detroit Area
The Green Bee ... Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase over $10

$ Home Improvement

ABC Plumbing ... Clawson
$20 Off Service or $25 Off SNR
American Blind and Wallpaper Factory ... Plymouth
10% Off Order $50 Min. Mention Code HE10
Bergstroms Inc Plumbing & Heating ... Livonia
$15 Off Service Calls 734-522-1350
Berkley Plumbing ... Berkley
$15 Off Plumbing Repair/Sewer Drain Service
Beyer Heating & Cooling Inc ... Ferndale
10% Off Air Conditioning Special
Burton & Sons ... Garden City
$15.00 Off Service Call 734-427-3070
Burton Plumbing & Heating ... Wayne
10% Off All Materials Service/Store
Cassmore Electric Inc ... Royal Oak
$25.00 Off Any Electrical Work Over $200.00
Coachs Carpet Care ... Ypsilanti
10% Reg. Scheduled Services, Carpet, UPH, Ducts
Colbys Decorating Center ... Livonia
10% Off in Stock Borders & Wallpaper
Horton Plumbing ... Plymouth
Free Laundry Tub & Faucet with Repipe
I Do Windows 313-827-4990 ... Redford
First Clean Free with Pre-Paid Service
KTP Designs Inc ... Berkley
One Hour Free Interior Design Consultation
New Beginnings LLC 734-513-0758 ... Livonia
10% Off Painting Two or More Rooms
Sumner Plumbing & Sewer ... Royal Oak
$15 Off Service or $RS $20 Off
United Temperature ... Livonia
Furnace Cleaning & Inspection $57.00

$ Jewelers

Bright Jewelers 44344 Cherry Hill 734-844-3404 ... Canton
50% Off 14K Gold Chains
Chinn Jewelry ... Royal Oak
We Will Pay Your Sales Tax Excluding Loose Diamonds
Dobbs Jewelers ... Berk/Bhm/Fern/Claw/Hunt Woods/Pl Ridge/Royal Oak
1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding platinum)
Miners Den ... Royal Oak
Free Watch Battery (One Per Customer)
O & D Bush Jewelers 734-455-3030 ... Plymouth
50% Off All Silver Jewelry
Woods ... Pleasant Ridge/Royal Oak
1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding Platinum)

$ Landscape & Maintenance

Bills Outdoor Care ... Canton
Commercial Snowplowing Contract 10% Off
D. A. Alexander & Co. ... Livonia
10% Discount
Saxtons Garden Center ... Plymouth
10% Off All Hand Garden Tools

$ Pizza

Cottage Inn Pizza ... Birmingham
2 Large Pizzas W/One Item $12.99
Marias Deli & Pizzeria 734-981-1200 ... Canton
$5.00 OFF a $50.00 Purchase (excluding tobacco & alcohol)
Papa Romanos ... Ferndale
$1.00 Off Bambino Bread with any purchase
Pizza One ... Ferndale
2 Small Pizzas for $8.99 + tax
Ralios Pizza ... Royal Oak
$1.50 Off Large Square Pizza

$ Restaurants

Alexander The Great ... Westland
10% Off Entrees - Not Valid on Specials
Barbs Pasties ... Livonia
10% Off When You Buy 4 Pasties
Beehive Family Dining ... Wayne
20% Off Any Order
Christines Cuisine ... Ferndale
10% Off Any Dinner Entree (Carry Out Only)
Clubhouse BBQ ... Ferndale
Free 2 Liter of Faygo with Any Purchase ($7 Min
Code 30 Coffee Cafe Inc. ... Redford
$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte
Dairy Queen of Royal Oak ... Royal Oak
10% Off Total Bill
Deli Delite ... Royal Oak
15% Off Purchase of $10 or More
Don Pedros ... Redford
10% Off Food Over $10 (No Other Offer)
Duggans Irish Pub ... Royal Oak
10% Off Total Food Bill w/$10 Purchase or more
Faym-us Chicken & Ribs ... Clawson
Buy One Dinner and get $1 OFF Second Dinner
Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington S. of Plymouth ... Livonia
10% Off Any Item including Senders Cakes
Hat Trick Pub/Deli ... Berkley
10% Off Any Food Purchase
Max & Ermas ... Birmingham
10% Off Purchase, excluding alcohol & gratuities
Mitch Houseys Schoolcraft/Middlebelt ... Livonia
10% Off Your Bill - Lunch or Dinner 734-425-5520
New King Lims 248-474-2781 ... Farmington Hills
10% Off Total Bill
Paynes ... Berkley
10% Off Total Food Bill With $10 Purchase or More
Samuel Hoffmans New York Deli ... Clawson
10% Off Total Food Bill
Steves Deli ... Bloomfield Hills
$10.00 Off Any Catering Order
Subway ... Berkley Ferndale
$1.00 Off Any Footlong Sub
Soupreme Deli ... Clawson
$1.00 Off Any Sandwich
Woodys Diner ... Royal Oak
10% Off Total Food Bill With $10 Purchase of More

$ Retail

A Shady Business ... Walled Lake
10% Off Any Lamp Purchase
Alcove Hobby Shop ... Royal Oak
10% Off Any Purchase
Alexanders Framing ... Royal Oak
15% Off Any Purchase
Altas Greenfield Market ... Southfield
5% Off Any Meat or Produce Purchase
America' Vitamin & Nutrition ... Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase Every Day
Beads S.R.O. ... Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase of $10 or More
Border Outlet 3500 Lilley 734-397-6326 ... Canton
10% Off In-Stock Only
Bourliers BBQ & Fireplace ... Ferndale
10% Off Replacement Parts
Chet's Rent-All ... Berkley
10% Off Any Rental
Champions Cellular Warehouse ... Southfield
10% Discount
Chris Furniture Farmington/Plymouth Rd ... Livonia
40% Off All End Tables
Circa ... Berkley
10% Off on All Circa Antiques & Collectibles
Contract Design Group ... Royal Oak
10% Off New Orders Carpeting/Linoleum
Crossing Bridges ... Berkley
10% Off Candles, Incense & More (Books/Sales excluded)
Dalley Carpet 8 Mile W. of Merriman ... Livonia
10% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor)
Dimitrie Upholstering ... Royal Oak
10% Off Complete Order
Dining Furniture Ltd ... Roseville
10% Off Regular Prices
Doll Hospital 3947 W. 12 Mile ... Berkley
20-40% off See in store Flyer
Dolls and Trains ... Lathrup Village
10% on Selected Items
Express Photo 5 Mile ... Livonia
20% Off Processing 25% Off Enlargements
Four Seasons Garden Center ... Oak Park
10% Off Reg. Price Shrubs & Perennials (not w/discount)
F & N Floor Covering 16 & Dequindre ... Troy
15% Off All Carpet & Pad - Showroom Price
Frentz & Sons Hardware ... Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase
Henderson Glass ... Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase excluding sale items
Hersheys Shoes 29522 Ford Road ... Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Merchandise
Independent Carpet One ... Westland
10% Off Labor
J & K Trophy & Engraving 248-473-7871 ... Livonia
10% Off All Awards Signs & Gift Items
Just Waiting Maternity Shoppe ... Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase excluding Sale Items
Kitchen & Bath Depot ... Royal Oak
Free Professional Design Time (2 hours)
Looking Glass Antiques ... Plymouth
15% Off Any Item $25.00 or More
Marcys Groom-A-Pet ... Birmingham
20% Off Retail Supplies (does not include grooming)
Mattress King ... Pleasant Ridge/Madison Heights/Troy
10% Off Any Purchase
Metro Bikes Inc ... Berkley
10% Off All Accessories, excluding sale items
Metropolitan Uniform ... Berkley
10% Off Police, Fire, Army, Navy, Camping, Carhartt
Mistys Cards & Gifts 734-421-1066 ... Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Items
Nile Gallery ... Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase
Once Upon A Child 5804 N. Sheldon ... Canton
10% Off Any Purchase 734-459-666
Peacha Books & Gifts 5 Mile ... Livonia
10% Off Purchase of $50 or More
Paperbacks Unlimited ... Ferndale
10% Off All Hardcover Books
Randys Elf of Troy ... Troy
15% Off Any Reg Priced Merchandise thru 12/99
Rema Collectibles 42839 Ford **734-981-7500** ... Canton
20% Off Storewide
Red Wing Shoes ... Garden City
$20.00 Off Any Regular Price Shoe/Boot
Robins Nest Gifts & Collectibles ... Plymouth
10% Off Entire Store including Holiday Items (*Excluding Pokemon & Beanie Babies)
Smokys Cigarette Outlet ... Berkley
Free Lighter with Purchase of Carton of Cigarettes
Talking Book World ... Lathrup Village
Up to $10 Toward 1st Purchase or Rental (new Customers)
Tasty Health ... Berkley
50¢ Off Fruit Smoothies & 10% Off Supplements
The Framery & Gallery ... Troy
20% Off Art, Merchandise, Incoming Frame Orders
Therapeutic Books 985 N Mill **734-453-4950** ... Plymouth
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Shopping and thrills await at Mall of America

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for a holiday one-stop option where you'll accomplish lots and enjoy yourself under the same roof? It's possible at Mall of America in Minnesota.

You can shop, visit an aquarium, play video games, compete in a stock car race, see a movie, ride a roller coaster, shop some more, and, get married (there's a wedding chapel).

"I've been there twice with several family members," said Holly Tornow of Plymouth: "We always found bargains. And, the fact that Minnesota doesn't charge a sales tax on clothing, made it a better deal."

The stores, including upscale and novelty varieties, furnish a great excuse for an extended weekend getaway.

Here's a peek at what you'll find in the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex.

The Mall of America, in Bloomington (a suburb south of Minneapolis-St Paul), is shaped like a square. Four major department stores, Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears, hug the outside corners.

There are three retail floors and a fourth-floor entertainment district. In the center of the mall is a seven-acre theme park; beneath the surface of the complex is an aquarium.

What's the best strategy to navigate this mega-mall with its more than 500 stores? You'll need four days, recommends Tornow.

"We actually spend one day on each of the three shopping floors," she said. "On the last day, we hit the stores we missed and the ones we 'must go back' and visit."

Merchandise runs the gamut from sleek swimwear and bowling balls to exquisite jewels and funky furniture.

Thinking about buying in-line skates? Try them out on a rink at Oshman's Supersports USA. If locomotives interest kids, wander into The Great Train Store. Chico's, Ann Taylor and Victoria's Secret cater to women.

Watch for Daffy Duck in the Warner Bros. store. And, if you or someone you know is a fan of Mary Engelbreit, peek inside the shop with her name over the door.

"I tell people, if you can't find something, look for it at Mall of America," said John Lambrecht, public relations coordinator of the Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Bring the family, he suggests. "Everybody will have a good time."

Camp Snoopy not only has a roller coaster, there's a log ride (yes, you'll get wet), carousel and kiddie rides. Or let the youngsters play at the Lego Imagination Center.

This four-story showplace allows guests to create, marvel at the full-size Lego models and buy sets.

It's noisy. It's electrifying. And teens love it. The NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway experience allows visitors the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a stock car and jockey for position with 29 others with simulated racing machines.

Not really in the mood for the roar of 700-horsepower engines? Then head to UnderWater World.

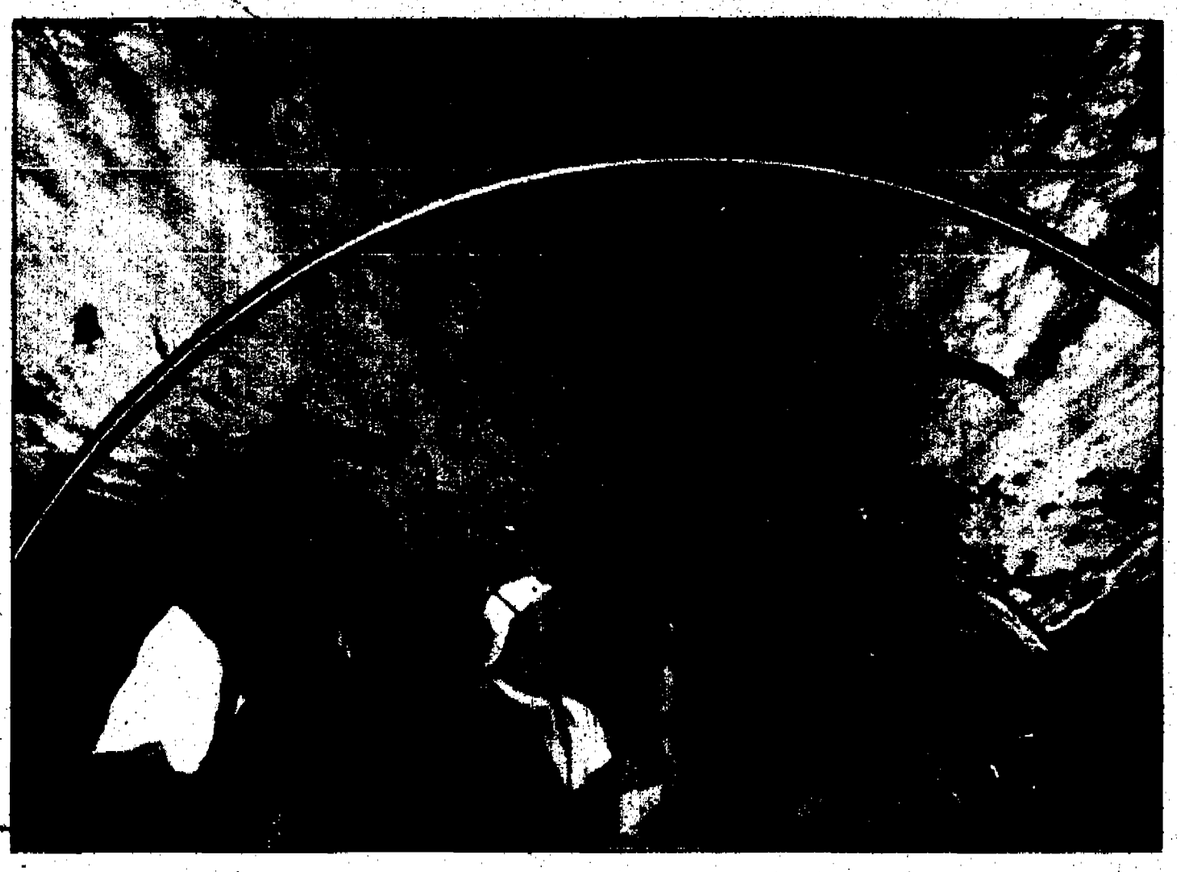
Walk inside the aquarium and listen. The gentle rush of running water creates a soothing atmosphere. Here, you'll observe a fabulous collection of more than 350 species of aquatic creatures.

In the acrylic tunnel, equipped with a moving walkway, sturgeons, sharks and stingrays surround you. Be sure to wave to the octopus before you leave the aquarium.

Hungry? For a quiet lunch, check out Nordstrom's Cafe. There's also a '50s diner, a kid-friendly steakhouse, the Napa Valley Grille, traditional fast-food restaurants and numerous other eateries.

If you're considering a visit, Maureen Cahill, director of public relations at Mall of America said: "It's easy if you plan. First, look us up on the Web. Then you won't be so overwhelmed."

Typically, Monday and Tuesday are lighter days, she said. Parking is plentiful and there's enough space in the mall to accommodate large crowds.



Best lookout: *UnderWater World, which is beneath the surface of the Mall of America, provides visitors with a diver's eye view of thousands of aquatic creatures.*

Kids' delight: *The LEGO Imagination Center, a four-story LEGO showplace, is equipped with LEGO bricks to play with, models to look at and sets to buy*

For the kids: *Knott's Camp Snoopy, the largest indoor family theme park in the nation, features 28 rides and adventures, entertainment, and appearances by the Peanuts Gang.*

Getting to the Mall of America

- Northwest Airlines offers several flights daily from Detroit Metro to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport. Bloomington is next to the airport. Northwest and the Mall of America offer $50 off a round-trip airfare of $100 or more to several destinations, including Detroit. Restrictions apply. Call (800) 225-2525 and mention Code PR969.
- Take a one-day trip from Detroit to the Mall of America on Dec. 7, 8 or 15. The price is $149.90 (includes air, transfer to the mall and other perks). Call your local travel agent or HMHF Fun Vacations at (800) 669-4466.
- For information on the Mall of America, call (612) 883-8800 or visit their Web site: www. mallofamerica.com.
- All hotels in Bloomington provide shuttle service to the mall. Some hotels are within walking distance of the mall.
- The Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau offers a "Dream of Discounts" brochure good through March 2000. Call them at (800) 346-4289 or visit www. bloomingtonmn.org

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CHRISTMAS TRAIN RIDES

The Grand Traverse Dinner Train, a 1950 passenger train that offers scenic tours near Traverse City with dining experiences, has scheduled a holiday trip. "Victorian Christmas" leaves at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Participants are encouraged to come in Victorian costumes. The trip will include a special Christmas dinner. Cost is $68 per person. Call (231) 933-3768.

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FOCUS ON WINE

RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Go Portside for the millennium

Going back to the 1960s, an average of three vintage years each decade have been declared by Port houses. The third in this decade, and perhaps the last in this century, is 1997.

A long-standing tradition has Taylor Fladgate and Fonseca Ports announce their intention to "declare" their latest vintage on St. George's Day, April 25 each year. The "declaration" process takes place two winters after harvest; sufficient time to assess the wine's complexity and longevity.

Historically, Cockburn's has been more conservative than other producers in declaring vintages. But all three of these producers "declared" 1997 as truly excellent.

It was a year in which the growing season started with snow falling in the upper reaches of Portugal's Douro River Valley, home to its famed Porto.

Yet vines flowered five weeks earlier than usual. Fonseca's winemaker David Guimaraens noted that "yields were down 30 percent, particularly for older vines, and led to very concentrated musts. High quality was evident from the start. There's good integration of the spirit and powerful, attractive aromas."

Much of this is due to the quinta (vineyard) where the grapes originated.

Standouts

Taylor Fladgate standouts are Quinta de Terra Feita and Quinta de Vargellas.

Those of Fonseca come from Quinta de Santo Antinio, Quinta do Panascal and Quinta de Cruziero. For Cockburn's, the top is Quinta dos Canais.

These quinta names are not idle mention. In an undeclared vintage, wines from a single quinta are often bottled. To make the best buy, it's

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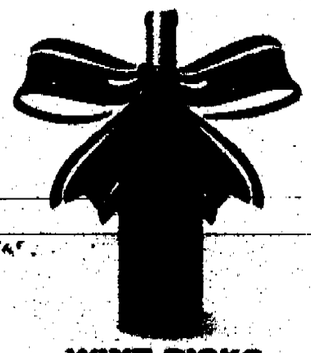

WINE PICKS

Looking ahead to some special red wines to drink, collect or give as holiday gifts? Cabernet sauvignon from California's 1995 and 1996 vintages are outstanding, but some of the 1997s we've tasted merit serious consideration.

Our sure-fire picks are listed by price.

$60 and above:

- 1995 Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District $110
- 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley $60

$35 to $59:

- 1996 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages $33 (a blend of all five Bordeaux varietals with 75 percent cabernet sauvignon)
- 1996 Stags' Leap Winery Cabernet Sauvignon $32
- 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford $26

$25 and under:

- 1997 Byington Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz $24
- 1996 Villa Mt. Eden Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon $20
- 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon $20
- 1997 Geyser Peak Cabernet Sauvignon $18
- 1997 St. Francis Cabernet Sauvignon $16
- 1997 Quilt and Cabernet Sauvignon $15
- 1997 Robert Mondavi Coastal Cabernet Sauvignon $12.50
- 1997 Beringer Founder's Estate Cabernet Sauvignon $11

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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PATHWAY TO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Cookie WALK

When: The Cookie Walk begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.
Where: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile Road
Costs: Cookies sell for $8 a pound and nut rolls are $8 each. Homemade bread, frozen and fresh pierogi, priced individually, are also sold
For information: (248) 476-3432

STORY BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Passing on the tradition: *Evelyn Olszewski credits her grandmother for showing her the technique for making kolacky, one of the most popular cookies (pictured at right) sold at the Cookie Walk.*

On a roll: *Anna Smerechnak (pictured left to right), Helen Hall, Beverly Karol, Luba Smerechnak, Maria Zagari, and Angie Gillum work together to make kiefles that will be sold at the Cookie Walk.*

The creamy creations pastry lovers come from all over metropolitan Detroit to buy at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church Cookie Walk in Livonia on Dec. 11 are surpassed only by the rich legacies of the doughy recipes.

Evelyn Olszewski, the wooden spoon and mixing bowl behind one of the most popular Cookie Walk entries, credits her grandmother for showing her the technique of making kolacky, a cookie with prune, apricot or ground nut filling.

Growing up she stood at the apron strings of her mother, Margaret Frenchek, watching her slowly add the ingredients and mold the dough into stars. But, the little girl grew to be her grandmother's apprentice.

"I would help her," Olszewski explains simply.

"It was just something that I took for natural that (learning the recipes) was something that you did," she continued.

The varied recipes she has today were handed down from her mother, her grandmother and others are variations from her husband's family, especially his grandmother.

Most Cookie Walk regulars don't know who's responsible for the dough that has origins from Eastern Europe. Olszewski said she isn't quite sure where the recipe hailed from originally, because of border changes among countries over the years. She does, however, trace it to her grandmother, who came to the United States when she was 14.

"My grandmother came over here probably around the turn of the century," Olszewski said. "I don't know if she brought the recipe with her or if it was a recipe she got from her aunt who was living here.

Legacy

"I guess I never really thought about it as a legacy," the Plymouth resident said. "It was a tradition in my family that has gone on. At Christmastime and Eastertime these special cookies were made. It just seems that they're part of my background, Eastern European."

Her baking prowess came in handy, too, when she was working a few years ago as an industrial nurse for Kmart and business people from Czechoslovakia were in town.

"Someone in the organization asked if I could bake some pastries that would be familiar to them," she said. "I made nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and kolacky. They were really very happy, because they said they only get these at holiday times."

Olszewski spends half a day making

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Rating the diets: Diet for the new millennium

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY

BEVERLY PRICE

'Tis the season to rate the popular weight loss methods or diets of the last decade, and focus on living better sensibly for the new millennium. Let's take a look at some of these programs along with their potential impact on your health.

Atkins Diet

This diet has recently reinvented itself since its birth in the 1970s. It restricts processed or refined carbohydratessuch as foods high in sugar, breads and pasta, cereal and starchy vegetables.

The rationale behind the Atkins program is that diets high in sugar and refined carbohydrates increase your body's production of insulin. When insulin levels are high, the food you consume is readily converted to body fat.

In addition, Atkins claims that high carbohydrates meals leave you less satisfied than those that contain adequate fat. The diet also boasts a "lifetime of body fat burning" along with alleviation of fatigue, irritability, depression, joint and muscle pains, and headaches

Sugar Busters

This diet, written by four physicians at Tulane University, steers you away from "insulin stimulating foods" such as potatoes, pasta, white bread, white rice, carrots and corn. The diet's rationale is that significant quantities of sugar are converted in our digestive system from carbohydrates and starches. In addition, fructose (the sugar in fruit) eaten at the wrong time or in the wrong combinations can create both digestive and metabolic problems.

The Zone

Developed by Dr. Barry Sears, this diet focuses on the link between diet and the body's hormone, insulin. Sears reasons that eating an appropriate balance of carbohydrates, protein and fat induces the body to produce ideal levels of this hormone. If insulin levels are maintained in a therapeutic zone, you can avoid the effects of too much insulin including weight gain and low energy levels.

In order to get a scientific viewpoint, I asked Rochester Hills registered dietitian, Nancy Kennedy, past president of Nutrition Entrepreneurs of Michigan, to comment on these programs.

According to Kennedy, "The biggest drawbacks of these diets are that people totally focus on weight loss and not their health. We know that diets high in animal fat, as promoted by many of these programs, is a risk for heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis.

"In addition, many individuals have reported diminished ability to exercise as the limited carbohydrates have depleted their glycogen stores."

Although some individuals have reported improved cholesterol as a result of following these diets, the actual lowering is mainly attributed to the weight loss itself. The weight that is lost is mainly muscle mass needed to preserve metabolism.

As individuals regain their weight once they "go off" the diet, the regained weight is mainly fat. If your body has a high fat composition, this makes it difficult not only to maintain your weight, but also to lose weight in the future. In addition, there isn't any research to show that the preciseness and rigidity of these programs, particularly The Zone, helps your metabolism in any way.

Kennedy also notes that in all three of these programs, the whole concept of insulin is misconstrued. The authors blame a high carbohydrates diet for causing insulin resistance, when in fact, it is increased exercise that will help your body become more responsive to insulin, not drastically cutting out carbohydrates.

The authors also state that everyone who is overweight is insulin resistant, which is why cutting out carbohydrates works. Actually, only 25 percent of overweight people fall into this category, so there is no support for cutting out carbohydrates as a blanket remedy for weight loss.

The Sugar Busters program, in particular, focuses on the glycemic index as a way to control weight. Here, the glycemic index is misconstrued, as eating foods that have a higher glycemic index would cause a ready conversion to fat. However, not only was the glycemic index a small study conducted several years ago, it looked at single foods. Obviously, we don't eat single foods at a time, we eat combinations, which would change the glycemic index and make it

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the dough that calls for 10 cups of flour, which makes an awful lot of kolacky. But keep in mind, Olszewski explained, that her grandmother had nine children.

For the annual cookie walk, Olszewski triples her grandmother's recipe and winds up with 1,000 some cookies. When she's baking for the church's Cookie Walk, Olszewski also gets a lot of help, forming the cookies and adding the filling, from other women in the church.

"And my husband has really become involved with this," she explained. "When we make it at the church he does the mixing of the dough."

Another big seller at the Cookie Walk is the kiefle made by Anne Hyrila, who also lives in Plymouth. She plans to make 2,800 kiefle for the sale this year.

"The first year (of the Cookie Walk) I made about 1,500, but we sold them out so fast that I make more now," said Hyrila who has been making the recipe for 25 years.

She enlists the help of 16 church members to keep the sweet tooths at the Cookie Walk satisfied.

In fact, Hyrila was taught the kiefle recipe from another church member. But Hyrila has been making them for so long "it feels like my cookie," she explained.

Lots of work

"They are a lot of work and people don't want to go through all that work for them," Hyrila said. "And you get quite a bit in a pound at the Cookie Walk. It's a lot less work for them."

At home, Hyrila makes kiefle for special family occasions, like baptisms, Easter and graduation parties.

"But, my daughter, Arlene Sudia, is more of a baker than I am," Hyrila said.

A bag of cookies here, a nut roll there, turns out to bring in a lot of dough for the church, too. The Cookie Walk was launched six years ago and has become an important fund-raiser to help raise money to build a new church on the site at west Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh roads.

"The first year we made $4,000 and every year we've gone up on it," Jury said.

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church was established 10 years ago when suburban members of St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Detroit decided to relocate to Livonia with their pastor the Rev. Michael Matsko.

The Cookie Walk is a far cry from a run-of-the-mill bake sale. Just like any good recipe, the directions are precise and have to be followed for it to be successful.

The routine goes like this: Beginning at 9 a.m., between 10 and 15 customers are allowed in the cookie room at a time. Each customer is given a bakery box and a disposable plastic glove to wear as they walk up and down the aisles of tables laden with hand made pastries. Over 40 different varieties are available and most are made with butter and not substitutes. The Cookie Walk ends when all the cookies are sold.

"The members are all second generation of different nationalities and they have the recipes that come from their mothers and grandmothers," according to Anne Jury, who heads the Cookie Walk with Olszewski and Sudia.

"More than 10 nationalities are represented in the church, including Eastern Orthodox, Russian, Romanian, Greek, Ethiopian, Italian, Macedonia and converts from other nationalities," Jury said. "We're asking every family to make seven recipes. And out of the families we have we almost have a 90 percent turnout. The Cookie Walk has involved bringing the members of the church together and forming camaraderie of doing something together."

See related recipes on D3

Wine *from page D1*

good to remember the top ones from important producers.

Aging Port wines

After two years in old wooden casks and bottled unfiltered, vintage Port typically demands at least 10-15 years of bottle age to soften its powerful tannins and permit the robust fruit elements to marry and harmonize. Vintage Port is usually considered fully mature after 20 to 30 years.

Can you wait that long? You should try with at least a few bottles.

Both the 1997 Taylor Fladgate and Fonseca are about $75. Cockburn's is approximately $60. Money spent now will be handsomely rewarded in a taste experience 15 to 20 years down the road.

However, the house of Sandeman understands that a growing number of Porto wine lovers are looking for exceptional, rich, full-bodied wines, well-balanced to drink at an earlier stage of maturity, yet with aging potential.

To meet this, it has launched 1997 Sandeman Vau Vintage $34, tasting quite good now, but it will be better appreciated in five to 10 years.

For any of you who have cellared Ports, Taylor Fladgate's Director Adrian Bridge offered his 20-year assessment:

- 1977, best of the '70s and beginning to drink well
- 1980, lightest of the '80s and should have been consumed
- 1983, just coming around
- 1985, the best of the '80s; five to 10 years from optimum
- 1992, long lived; optimum drinking 2010 to 2015
- 1994, immediately attractive, plump, full fruit; longevity jury still out.
- 1997, very concentrated; could be long lived.

Vintage 1998 will not be declared. Therefore, about a year from now, look for those single quintas we mentioned. Vintage 1999 is still in its diaper era and too early to assess. Perhaps 1997 is the last classic Porto vintage of the millennium. Take a chance!

New wine book picks

- Get to know wine better from A to Z, that is from Abruzzo to Zinfandel. Oz Clarke's "New Encyclopedia of Wine," (Harcourt Brace, 1999, $40) is as good a wine source as you'll find. Much of the same information is in stocking stuffer pocket size, without all the graphics and a lot smaller print as Oz

Clarke's "Pocket Wine Guide 2000," (Harcourt Brace, 1999, $12).

- To research a bubbly for the millennium celebration, "Christie's World Encyclopedia of Champagne and Sparkling Wine" by Tom Stevenson, (The Wine Appreciation Guild, 1999, $50) is a good read. Stevenson guides you through the maze of the world's best bubblies and offers his global assessment on a 100-point scale.

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

Diet *from page D1*

a moot point.

The only way to be successful with weight loss is to empower yourself. Every diet that promotes a certain regimen that supposedly works for everyone allows you to simply plug into the diet, have the diet do the work for you, and not require any thought process.

Maintenance requires thinking and making choices. If you haven't learned to think on your own during the weight loss process, weight is easily regained. Remember that weight loss is a partnership between you and your health practitioner.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist in Farmington Hills. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in taste.

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- Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline: (800) 782-9606. Bakeline is available 7 days a week, through Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST. Consumers may speak with a trained home economist and baking expert, to ask questions, request a free brochure or order a cookbook.

  Web site at www.landolakes.com.
- Ocean Spray consumer helpline (800) 662-3263. Year-round, weekdays (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and major holidays) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Consumer department staff field questions on cranberries, offer recipes, cooking tips, nutritional information, menu-planning worksheets, product information.

  Year-round Web site: www.oceanspray.com.
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- Reynolds Turkey Tips Line (800) 745-4000. A year-round 24-hour automated hotline; through Dec. 31 offers advice on turkey defrosting, preparation and cooking options, free brochure and recipes.

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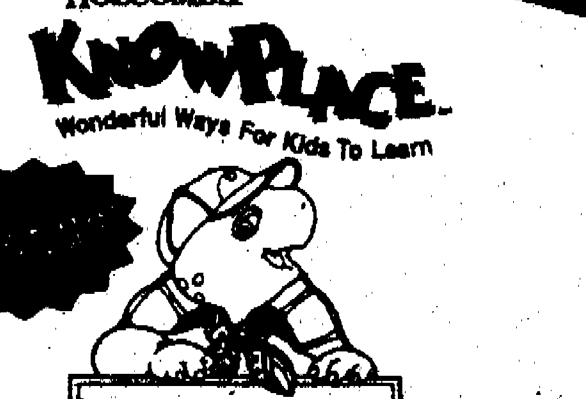

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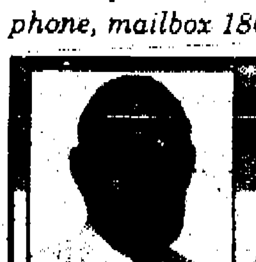

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Eastern European cookies are holiday treats

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ANNA RATICA'S KOLACKY

Dough
1 1/2 packages (1/4-ounce size) yeast (about 3 1/8 teaspoons)
1/2 cup warm milk (110 to 120 degrees)
Pinch of sugar
5 to 5 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) margarine (shortening may be substituted)
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
Filling
1 large egg white
1 teaspoon plus 1/2 cup sugar, divided
3 cups finely ground walnuts
2 tablespoons honey
Warm milk (about 2-3 tablespoons)
1/2 teaspoon shortening for each baking sheet
Assembly
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
Powered sugar

To prepare the dough: Dissolve the yeast and warm milk in a small bowl.

Sprinkle in a pinch of sugar. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside in a draft-free place. It will become bubbly in 10-15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine 5 cups of the flour, sugar and salt. Cut in the margarine or shortening and butter using a pastry blender or two knives until the mixture becomes crumbly. Stir in the beaten eggs and vanilla. Add the yeast mixture and blend thoroughly until mixture forms a ball. If mixture is too wet or sticky, add more flour, 1-2 tablespoons at a time. Dough should be slightly stiff. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours or overnight. Dough will rise slightly.

To prepare the filling: Using a mixer, beat the egg white until foamy.

Sprinkle in 1/2 teaspoon of the sugar and continue beating until peaks start to form. Sprinkle in another 1/2 teaspoon of sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the walnuts, remaining * cup sugar and honey. Add enough warm milk to moisten the mixture. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg white.

At baking time, remove the dough from the refrigerator. Let stand at room temperature about 10 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease several baking sheets using about 1/2 teaspoon shortening for each.

To roll out the dough: In a small bowl, combine the flour and sugar. Lightly sprinkle the work surface with a few tablespoons of the flour/sugar mixture.

Cut a small piece of dough and roll-out into a rectangle 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. Cut dough into 3-by-3 inch squares or smaller if desired. Place about 1 teaspoon of the filling mixture in the center of the square.

To make a pinwheel shape, cut a 1/2- inch slit diagonally on each corner of the square. Bring every other corner to the center and press into the filling.

Place on baking sheet and bake 12-14 minutes or until the edges are just starting to brown. Remove from the oven and transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool. When cool, store in an airtight container. Just before serving, sprinkle lightly with powdered sugar.

Makes about 7 dozen 3-by-3 inch Kolacky, 1 cookie per serving.

KIEFLE

8 cups of flour
8 egg yolks
3 cups (1.5 pounds) of unsalted butter
1 cup plus 3 Tablespoons of sour cream.
Two packages of dry yeast
1/2 cup of water
1 Tablespoon of sugar

Mix the sugar in water and heat to 110°F. Add the yeast and mix. Set aside until it rises.

Separately cut the butter into the flour and make a well. Separately again mix the egg yolks with the sour cream.

Add the egg yolk and sour cream mixture to the butter and flour well. Add yeast mixture and fold in like a pie crust.

Make 24 balls. Roll each ball out into a circle and cut each circle into eight wedges. Add filling on the widest part and roll it like a crescent. (Bake on parchment paper)

Bake at 375°F for 10 to 12 minutes.

When you're ready to serve, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 192 cookies.

Recipe compliments of Anne Hyrila

Nutritious dishes will help you keep diet promises

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BLUEBERRY LEMON STREUSEL CAKE

2/3 cup soy milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup oat flour
1/2 cup brown rice syrup
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon dried grated lemon rind (or 1 tablespoon fresh)
1 egg white
1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
Topping:
1/4 cup quick-cooking oats
1 tablespoon toasted wheat germ
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons brown rice syrup

To make topping, combine oats, wheat germ, and nutmeg. Stir in the honey until the mixture is moist and crumbly. Set aside.

Combine the milk and lemon juice, and set aside for 2 minutes.

Combine the flours, brown rice syrup, baking powder, and lemon rind, and stir to mix well. Stir in the lemon juice mixture and the egg white. Fold in the blueberries.

Coat an 8-inch square pan with nonstick cooking spray. Spread the batter evenly in the pan, and sprinkle with the topping.

Bake at 350°F for 35-40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Recipe yields 9 servings.

BUTTERCUP SQUASH, PARSNIP AND CRANBERRY BEAN STEW

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 cup sliced celery (about 2 medium stalks)
2 or 3 garlic cloves, minced
1 chipotle pepper, minced (large jalapeno pepper that has been dried and smoked)
4 large tomatoes, cored and diced
1 1/2 tablespoons paprika
1 tablespoon dried oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
2 cups peeled and diced buttercup or butternut squash
2 cups peeled and diced parsnips (about 2 large)
12-16 pearl onions, peeled
1 cup diced carrots
2 1/2 cups water
1 1/2 cups cooked or canned cranberry beans, drained
1 cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
8 broccoli florets

In a saucepan, heat oil; add celery, garlic, and chipolte. Sauté 3-4 minutes. Add tomatoes, paprika, oregano, and salt and pepper; cook about 8 minutes more over low heat, stirring frequently until thickens.

Add squash, parsnips, onions, carrots, and water; cook, stirring occasionally, until squash and parsnips are tender, about 30 minutes. Stir in beans, corn, and broccoli. Cover and cook 5-10 minutes. Recipe yields 4-6 servings.

MUSHROOM STROGANOFF

1 oz. Dried shiitake mushrooms
1 1/2 cups boiling water
8 oz. Medium or firm tofu
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons canola oil or safflower oil
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon tahini (sesame seed paste)
2 tablespoons water or sesame oil
2 medium onions, finely chopped
1 lb. Domestic white mushrooms, thickly sliced (about 3 cups)
freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons tamari sauce
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves or 1/4 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
2 tablespoons minced fresh dill weed or 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
3 cups cooked buckwheat groats, brown rice or buckwheat noodles
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

In a bowl, combine shiitake mushrooms and boiling water. Cover and soak for 1 hour.

Squeeze liquid out of mushrooms; cut off stems and discard. Slice caps as thinly as possible. Reserve mushroom-soaking liquid.

Combine tofu, salt, lemon juice, oil, and tahini in a food processor. Process until smooth; set aside.

Add onion, sauté until almost tender, about 3 minutes. Add sliced shiitakes and white mushrooms, pepper, and paprika; continue to sauté about 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup reserved mushroom-soaking liquid, wine, and tamari sauce. Cover and cook over low heat 5 minutes.

Stir in tofu mixture, thyme, and dill weed. Cook until slightly thickened. Serve over hot groats, rice, or noodles. Garnish with parsley and additional paprika. Recipe yields 4 servings.

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Raspberry coffee cake a breakfast treat

BY AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Among the 175 recipes collected in "Pillsbury: Best Muffins & Quick Breads" (Clarkson Potter, $19.95) is Raspberry Cream-Cheese Coffee Cake. In case you need to visualize its creamy appeal, the cake is illustrated in one of the book's many color photographs.

As well as being attractively presented, the book is full of practical details. Each recipe tells you how long it will take to make, and includes a nutritional analysis.

With this recipe, the editors point out that apricot preserves go equally well with the cream-cheese filling, and remind readers to always store in the refrigerator baked goods that have cheese fillings.

RASPBERRY CREAM-CHEESE COFFEE CAKE

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup margarine or butter
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 egg
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup raspberry preserves
1/2 cup sliced almonds

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour bottom and sides of 9- or 10-inch springform pan.

In large bowl, combine flour and 3/4 cup sugar; mix well. With pastry blender or fork, cut in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve 1 cup of crumb mixture.

To remaining crumb mixture, add baking powder, baking soda, salt, sour cream, almond extract and 1 egg; blend well. Spread batter over bottom and 2 inches up sides (about 1/4 inch thick) of greased and floured pan.

In small bowl, combine cream cheese, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 egg; blend well. Pour into batter-lined pan. Carefully spoon preserves evenly over cream cheese mixture.

In small bowl, combine reserved crumb mixture and sliced almonds. Sprinkle over preserves.

Bake at 350 F for 45 to 55 minutes or until cream cheese filling is set and crust is deep golden brown. Cool 15 minutes; remove sides of pan. Store in refrigerator.

Makes 16 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 320 cal., 18 g total fat (7 g saturated fat), 45 mg chol., 250 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.

Banana tart part of chef's legacy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Cooking With Patrick Clark" (Ten Speed Press, $35) is subtitled, "A Tribute to the Man and His Cuisine." It combines Clark's recipes with those of a host of affectionate, admiring colleagues.

Clark, who died in 1998 at age 42, was a renowned chef at several New York City restaurants, notably at Tavern on the Green. He created a wide variety of dishes, and his menus featured such favorites as Fried Oysters, Roasted Clay Pot Chicken and Pecan-Banana Tart (recipe follows).

The cookbook was conceived and coordinated by chef Charlie Trotter; the handsome color photos were made by Tim Turner. There are some 60 of Clark's recipes and another 50 contributed by friends such as Trotter, Alice Waters, Daniel Boulud and Jacques Pepin.

All royalties from the sales of the book go to benefit the Patrick Clark Family Trust, a nonprofit fund created to assist in the education and support of Clark's five young children.

This recipe is a mouthwatering variation of the traditional banana cream pie.

PECAN-BANANA TART

1/2 cup butter, cold
1 1/2 cups ground pecans
1 cup plus 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
11/4 cups plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
Pinch of salt
5 egg yolks
2 cups plus 1 tablespoon milk
1/4 cup butter at room temperature
1 egg
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 ripe bananas
36 toasted pecan halves
Confectioners' sugar for dusting

To prepare the tart: Combine the cold butter, 1/2 cup of the ground pecans, 1/3 cup of the granulated sugar, 1 cup plus 3 tablespoons of the flour, and the salt in a food processor until crumbly. Add 1 of the egg yolks and 1 tablespoon of the milk and process until the dough forms a ball. Roll out the dough to 1/8-inch thick and cut into a 9-inch circle. Line an 8-inch tart pan with the dough, place on a sheet pan, and refrigerate for 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown.

To prepare the pecan cream: Combine the softened butter, the whole egg, the remaining 1 cup ground pecans, 1/2 cup of the granulated sugar, the cream, and 1/4 teaspoon of the vanilla in a mixing bowl. Spread a 1/4-inch layer of mixture in the bottom of the tart. Bake at 350 F for 10 minutes, or until the pecan cream is set. Remove from the oven and set aside.

To prepare the pastry cream: Bring the remaining 2 cups milk and 1/3 cup granulated sugar to a boil. Whisk together the remaining 4 egg yolks and 1/3 cup granulated sugar in a bowl. Sift the remaining 2 tablespoons flour and the cornstarch together over the egg yolk mixture and whisk until smooth. Add the remaining 1/4 teaspoon vanilla and one-third of the milk mixture and whisk until combined. Return the remaining milk mixture to a boil. Pour the yolk mixture into the milk, stirring continuously, until thickened and remove from the heat.

To prepare the tart: Cut the bananas into 1/4-inch-thick slices and arrange in a single layer over the pecan cream in the tart shell. Spoon the pastry cream over the bananas and smooth with spatula. Lower the oven heat to 350 F and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool slightly, then refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Cut the tart into 6 slices and place a slice in the center of each of 6 plates. Arrange the toasted pecans on each slice and dust with confectioners' sugar.

Makes 6 servings.

Low-fat cooking: Italian broiled salmon

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This aromatic salmon is as beautiful to look at as it is to eat. It's low in fat, with only 8 grams per serving, and is quick to prepare: 10 minutes' advance work and 12 minutes in the oven.

ITALIAN BROILED SALMON

3 lemons
1 pound salmon fillet
1/3rd cup finely chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh garlic
Two 15 1/2-ounce cans Great Northern beans, rinsed and drained

Heat broiler. Spray broiler pan with no-stick cooking spray.

Cut 1 lemon into 6 slices. Place salmon and lemon slices on prepared pan, skin-side up. Broil 5 inches from heat, turning once, until fish flakes with a fork (12 minutes to 13 minutes).

Meanwhile, grate peel on remaining 2 lemons to make about 4 teaspoons of zest. Squeeze the lemons and reserve the juice.

Combine lemon peel and parsley in a small bowl.

Melt butter in a 10-inch skillet until sizzling; add garlic. Cook over medium-high heat 2 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons lemon peel mixture and beans. Continue cooking until heated through, 4 minutes to 5 minutes.

To serve, place fish, lemons and bean mixture on serving plate; sprinkle with lemon peel and parsley. Drizzle with reserved lemon juice. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 350 cal., 34 g pro., 34 g carbo., 12 g dietary fiber, 8 g fat, 60 mg chol., 310 mg sodium.

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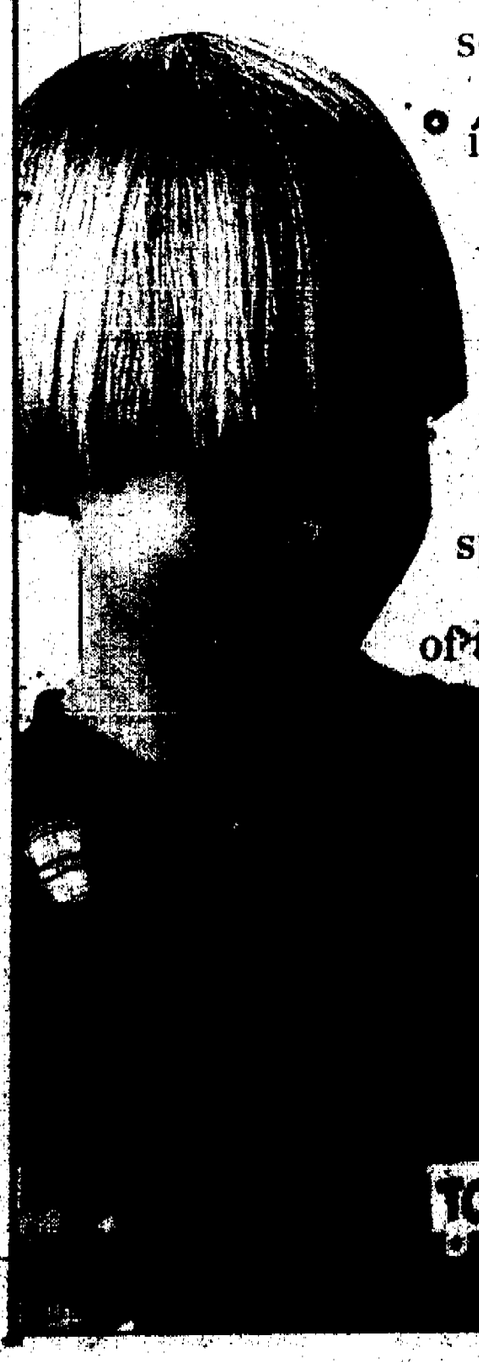

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Everything in moderation

Dietitians offer hints for eating during the holidays

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Knowing that the average person gains between two and 10 pounds from Thanksgiving to New Years is depressing enough to make you not want to eat.

But registered dietitian Darlene Zimmerman says it is possible to get through the holidays without the guilt and the extra notch on your belt buckle.

Zimmerman

"Don't set yourself up for failure, set yourself up for success," said Zimmerman.

Establishing realistic goals that will improve a person's health is the key.

"Make small changes. Losing 5 or 10 percent of your body weight might make a big enough change ... a change that would lower your blood pressure and cholesterol levels," said Zimmerman.

"Losing weight at the holidays might be an unrealistic expectation but maintaining your present weight is more reasonable."

She makes several suggestions for people who just can't resist the goodies by making substitutions and additions to recipes. Several might just surprise you.

Renovating recipes

■ Replace some or all of the heavy cream in your recipes with evaporated skim milk.

■ Replace all or part of the oil in muffins, cakes, quick breads or brownies with applesauce or prune puree. For example, if your zucchini bread recipe calls for 2 cups of oil, use 2 cups of applesauce instead. With every 2 cups of oil you eliminate, you cut 960 calories and 112 grams of fat from the recipe.

■ Since much of the fat in cake is in the frosting, top your favorite cake with fresh fruit, a fruit sauce, or a sprinkle of confectioner's sugar.

■ If your recipe calls for nuts, cut the amount in half and toast them. Toasting nuts brings out the flavor so you only have to use half as much.

■ In most recipes two egg whites can replace one whole egg.

■ Use low fat or skim milk instead of whole milk.

■ For low fat pie crusts, use crushed graham crackers moistened with fruit juice.

"Enjoying the holidays without gaining weight isn't as difficult as you may think. All it takes is a little know-how and an extra ounce of control," says Zimmerman.

Gail Cox, registered dietitian from Botsford's Health Development Network, says you should start planning around Halloween how you hope to manage your food intake during the holidays.

"Fast forward to January and think about how you want to feel then. Do you not want to gain any weight, can you afford to put on a couple of pounds or are you going to be depressed if you gain 10 pounds?" said Cox. "It may take some strategic planning but looking ahead will help you navigate through the holidays."

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The first matter Cox encourages clients to deal with is the realization that "overindulging" is a normal part of living. "Learn to forgive yourself. You'll get up the next day and start all over again but I wouldn't beat myself up over doing it."

Handling additional food encounters is easier if you go to an office party or a New Years celebration with more than an empty stomach.

Cox says:

■ Don't starve yourself before a gathering or you'll just eat more. Don't skip breakfast and lunch.

■ Freeze food gifts or give them away.

■ Serve fruit with traditional holiday foods so there's a nice mix between healthy staples like fruits and vegetables and heavier fare such as cakes and saucy entrees. "You'll be full without the calories if you keep fruits and veggies around and snack on those in between lunch and dinner."

■ If you're going to make a resolution start now. Don't wait until New Years to make a change.

■ After a meal go out for a walk. Don't sit down. "Going for a walk will give you a brighter perspective. If you sit down after you eat you're more inclined to keep eating."

■ At a social event, socialize. Concentrate on meeting and greeting and not the food.

Cox says she follows the "anything goes for two days rule."

"I pick just two days during the holiday season to eat what I want and not worry about it. Like Christmas and New Years day and then the rest of the time I make a conscious effort to maintain some control. If I look ahead on how I want to feel a month from now I get a better idea that an unlimited amount of eating is not the best choice. Everything in moderation!"

■ *Darlene Zimmerman, MS, RD, is a registered dietitian who started her own private practice in 1995. She created "Eat Right for Life" – a seminar series designed to motivate, educate and empower people to obtain optimal health by making sensible food choices. She is an adjunct instructor at Madonna University, a member of the American Dietetic Association and president-elect for the Nutrition Entrepreneurs of Michigan. For information about her program call (248) 347-4285.*

■ *Gail Cox is a registered dietitian with Botsford Health Development Network in conjunction with Botsford Hospital of Farmington Hills. She will be teaching an innovative weight management program called "The Solution" beginning in January. For more information call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI (248) 477-6100.*

Beating the holiday blues with a positive attitude

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Relieving stress at the holidays is easier said than done. The busy lifestyles we carve out for ourselves are often a chaotic blend of work, family, social responsibilities and volunteerism.

It's not unreasonable to think that the holiday season doubles the stress and anxiety we already feel due to these added pressures.

Sounds awful, doesn't it? Aren't the holidays supposed to be a festive time with family and friends?

Bari Berkowitz, a psychologist with Insight Outpatient Services of Livonia, says staying grounded isn't out of reach whether you're just starting to feel the heat or are at the end of your rope.

"Society, the media and TV places expectations on us to have the perfect Christmas and Thanksgiving. That's so unrealistic. Nine times out of ten that doesn't happen and we feel badly," said Berkowitz. "The key is bringing the values back into the home and not buying into what we perceive or what we are made to perceive is the perfect Christmas."

Berkowitz

Berkowitz referred to a recent "family gathering" she had with her husband and three children as a way of illustrating how easy it is to scale back on the what she calls "all the fuss."

"Create simple rituals for your family. Sit down with them and find out what they want to get out of Christmas this season. What are their goals. I did that with my kids and found out they didn't want what I thought they did. Most of the time children, especially those whose parents both work, might want to spend quiet time with them," said Berkowitz.

The Livonia psychologist suggests watching a movie or playing a game one evening as a family. "People don't realize — that's the gift. Spending time with your children doing simple things. It's not the toys, because most of the time they're forgotten or broken in a week. It's the time you spend, together, that they'll remember."

Acknowledging the holidays are her busiest time meeting with clients, Berkowitz suggests slowing down long enough to find out what's really important to everyone. All that fuss and the money you spend can be quite unfulfilling. "You wake up the day after Christmas to a big letdown and you're $5,000 in debt. It can be a very sad time of year."

The holidays can be particularly depressing for people away from their families or who have lost a loved one. Berkowitz encourages them to visit friends or have friends over to their house. "People who are lonely tend to isolate themselves. Get out and keep busy," said Berkowitz.

If you are suffering and in need of support, Insight Outpatients Services, located in Livonia, can be reached at (248) 367-0405.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

SUN, DEC. 5

PUBERTY/GROWING UP
"A Heart to Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up." This class provides mothers with daughters ages 9-12 with accurate information about the normal physical and emotional changes that girls will experience as they enter puberty. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor from 1-5 p.m.

MON, DEC. 6

HEART PALS
Support for cardiac patients and/or their significant other will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-3242 for information.

BALANCE YOUR BODY
Dr. Ed Taub will present a step-by-step wellness program titled "Balance Your Body, Balance Your Life," at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public TV to educate and motivate viewers to take steps to change the way they live. The program airs on RBS as part of the December 1999 pledge drive.

AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION CLASS
A Life is in Your Hands. Heartsaver/Airway Obstruction Classes. Both day and evening classes available. $20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

TUE, DEC. 7

EATING DISORDERS
A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for person who are in need of peer group support at 7 p.m. Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Open to both men and women. Call (734) 458-8395 for additional information.

BREASTFEEDING
A one-session class providing information to expectant parents on the many aspects of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off Folsom Road, between Grand River and Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-7400.

HEART TO HEART
Heart to Heart Discussion/Support Group, "Laugh Your Way Through the Holiday Blues." This relaxed forum enables patients and their families to gain knowledge and insight into heart disease. No charge. 2-3 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Conference Room 3 West, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

WED, DEC. 8

OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION
Drs. Jenny and Alan Schenne, Botsford osteopathic physicians, will demonstrate osteopathic manipulation as well as stretches you can use at home to increase your flexibility. They will describe how osteopathic manipulation can be used to alleviate sinus blockage and breathing problems, to reduce pain in the back, hip and joints and to treat constipation. Meets at 1 p.m. Space will be limited so preregistration required. Botsford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East A and B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to register, call (248) 471-8020.

ESTATE PLANNING
St. Mary Hospital will be presenting a Carelink Lecture on Estate Planning from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Paul Lubienski, J.D., will discuss what a will, trust and power of attorney is as well as the advantages and differences. There is no charge for this lecture but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Free, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

BREATHER'S CLUB
A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free. Call 458-3481 for information.

RELATIONSHIPS
"Valuing Ourselves in Relationships." This presentation will focus on relationship dilemmas that are particular to women and showshow you can enrich relationships for yourself and others. From 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

BEAT GOES ON...
"And the Beat Goes On!" Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Managing Your Stress." From 6-7:30 p.m. at Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

CARELINK LECTURE
"Let's Talk About Estate Planning", from 1-3 p.m. No fee. Call St. Mary Hospital, (734) 655-8940 for information.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
The St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m. to discuss "Low Blood Glucose — What You Don't Know Can Hurt You." There is no-

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cost. Call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, DEC. 9

LOW BACK PAIN
Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C. will present a lecture for all individuals interested in preventing low back pain, especially those with pain that interferes with daily living, sports or occupation. Objectives will be to identify positions and postures to avoid and prevent low back pain; demonstrate the most stable position of spinal alignment for exercise and functional activity; and describe the most appropriate strengthening and stretching exercises to achieve spinal stability. Program begins at 7 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center (Physician Office Building), 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B 124 in Novi (at Grand River and Beck Roads). There is no charge for this class, but class size is limited. RSVP by calling (248) 380-3550.

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh Day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Jason Goliatch, M.D.; Aroldo Aragones, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Rudy Gomez, M.D.; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information call (734) 844-8660.

WONDER WALKERS
St. Mary Hospital is offering a health talk at Wonderland Mall as part of their sponsorship of Wonder Walkers, a walking club at the mall. Participants will learn ways to make better eating choices and about the role cholesterol plays in our diet on from 9-10 a.m. in the Wonderland Mall Community Room. There is a no fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY
Learn how you can designate a Patient Advocate who can act on your behalf regarding medical decisions should you become incapacitated. Program is held from 7-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Building - Farmington Hills/12 Mile. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

EATER'S CHOICES
The Eater's Choice group will discuss cholesterol education from 9-10 a.m. at Wonderland Mall. No Fee. Call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-8940.

PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT
A Life is in Your Hands: Pediatric Basic Life Support & Airway Obstruction Classes. Both day and evening classes available. $20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

JAPANESE PLAY GROUP
This monthly play group, designed for moms with infants up to 18 months of age, provides a supportive environment where they can share concerns and engage in activities that strengthen the mother/baby bond. Facilitated by a nurse and a Japanese translator. 1 p.m. $10 donation. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

FRI, DEC. 10

MUSIC SOOTHES
Mind/Body/Spirit Classes: "Music Hath Charms to Soothe." Ellen Bryan, a music therapist, will demonstrate ways to use music to lift your mood, motivate you through your tasks, relieve anxiety, and relax tension. 12:30 p.m. at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. $9 Generations members, $10 non-members, prepaid by December 7. For more information or to register, call (248) 471-8020

SAT, DEC. 11

LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP
Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1-7 p.m. The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St. Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system; recount indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage; learn how to detox the body; and discuss deep cellular supplements. 6.5 CEU's available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is $50, single; $90 couple.

MON, DEC. 13

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
This course is intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. Does not meet the requirements for daycare providers. $25 course fee includes manual. Class runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center - Providence Park (Assarian Cancer Center) 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

TUE, DEC. 14

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT
The St. Mary Hospital breast cancer support group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CPR
This course is designed for healthcare professionals who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card issued by the American Heart Association or Red Cross. Adult, child and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered. $25. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia (37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh). Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

WED, DEC. 15

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomee) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. Meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call (734) 458-3381.

ADULT CPR
Three hour evening class conducted at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Call (734) 458-4330.

BEAT GOES ON...
"And the Beat Goes On ..." Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. This week's topic will be "Integrating Exercise Into Your Lifestyle." Location: Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT
The St. Mary Hospital caregiver support group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. No Fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

MALL WALKING
Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club: Free December blood pressure screening. Enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise. Blood pressure screenings available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall is open to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.) For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

THUR, DEC. 16

THE SOY STORY
Learn more about the benefits of soy, different types of soy products and how to cook with soy. $10 fee. Program begins at 6 p.m. at the Providence Medical Office Center in Novi. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
St. Mary Hospital will host a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100 to register.

BASIC CPR COURSE
A Life is in Your Hands: Basic First Aid Classes. Both day and evening classes available. $35 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

SAT, DEC. 18

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
A Life is in Your Hands: BLS/Airway Obstruction Classes. Includes instruction on adult, infant and child CPR. Both day and evening classes available. $25 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT
A Life is in Your Hands: Pediatric Life Support with Basic First Aid Classes. Both day and evening classes available. $55 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 255.

TUE, DEC. 21

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT
For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/ friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promoted a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.

WED, DEC. 22

MENDED HEARTS
A national support group for patients with heart disease and their families. Each meeting offers support in coping with the various challenges of heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free of charge at Botsford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 471-8870.

DEC. 29, 30

BLOOD DRIVE
During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

FRI, DEC. 31

Y2K WALK/RUN
Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31, at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one-mile run/walk and an open one-mile run/walk. A four-mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four-mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol-free teen dance party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center (Brodhead Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson Ave. More information on the event may be obtained by calling 313-886-5560 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or through the Web at www.activeusa.com

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Even cyberspace observes Christmas

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The spirit of Christmas is very much alive in cyberspace.

I first started writing about the Internet and Christmas Web sites back in 1994 when the net was in its infancy. Back then, connection speeds were agonizingly slow — 28.8 bps if you were lucky. But one of my observations then was that "the optimism of Christmas is exactly the sort of stuff that permeates cyberspace, where dreams really can come true."

I wasn't thinking of e-commerce and this incredible boom in online shopping that we're now seeing. I only wish I was that perceptive. No, I was just waxing about that mystical way the net can turn the emotional and exciting into virtual reality.

For the net is a place for dreamers and anticipation. So is Christmas. And as the net has grown since those early days, so have Christmas Web sites. Last year the AltaVista search site returned links to a little more than 229,000 webpages mentioning Christmas and Santa Cause.

This year the number of pages is 690,229.

So what follows is far from an exhaustive study. To come up with my recommendations, I've only been able to check out maybe a hundred of them.

My hope in doing this is that parents will sit down at the computer with their children and spend some quality time together dreaming and anticipating as they visit my selections for this year.

But be patient. Some of these sites are getting more than a half a million visitors a day and making the connection during peak traffic times can be a bit tricky.

Here then, are my Christmas Web site recommendations for 1999:

Santa Net (http://www.santa.net) - Year after year, the Santa Net Web site just gets bigger and more fun. There are all sorts of interactive things to do. Decorate a tree. Find Santa's sleigh. Send him an e-mail.

North Pole for Kids (http://www.northpole4kids.com/) - Like several other sites, this one claims to be Santa's "official" site. But the depth of material offered here is substantial. Creativity and fun are the themes for the many family-oriented activities games, letters to and from Santa, pictures and artwork kids can scan in and send to the site for posting and lots of other wonderful Christmas stuff.

Radio Santa Claus (http://www.nettiradio.fi/test/santa/eng/eng.html) - You have to visit this Web site, which is based in Finland. Be sure to listen to the RealAudio story from Santa, in a thick Finish accent.

Christmas Around the World (http://christmas.com/worldview/) - Part of a larger site, this feature offers a clickable tour of some 200 different nations and regions of the world and how different cultures celebrate Christmas.

Santa Tracking sites - There are many sites which will "track" Santa's delivery on Christmas Eve. Most won't be fully operational until mid-December but kids love to watch Santa's progress around the world. Some are quite involved with colorful graphics and interactivity and require free little Java programs you download right to your PC. The three I like the best are the Norad tracking page (http://www.noradsanta.org/), Santa Tracking.com (http://www.santatracker.com/), and Claus.com (www.claus.com).

Religious Christmas (http://www.execpc.com/~tmuth/st_john/xmas/main.htm) - You need to be sure to check out this site, just to have the proper perspective. This is a Web site where you can read the original Christmas story from Luke's Gospel, and get lyrics to Christmas hymns, read Christmas dramas and look at a collection of photos from the little town where it all started 2,000 years ago ... from where it all began.

Here's a few more of the Net's more creative Santa sites.

"North Pole.Com" (http://www.the-north-pole.com/)

"Mr. Claus.Com" (http://mrclaus.com/)

"Santa.Com" (http://www.santa.com/)

"Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus." (http://www.barricksinsurance.com/virginia.html)

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

Storytelling used in business setting

Project Innovations, a Farmington Hills based meeting facilitation company, is using the ancient art of storytelling to help businesses implement change, improve processes, solve problems and develop trust. The company has explored the hidden relationship between business and the arts and is working with clients to incorporate the two into their strategies.

Project Innovations recommends the use of "strategic storytelling" throughout communications to help employees see and understand an event or expectation. Employees are encouraged to clearly and dramatically share a story that describes a core value that is critical to the success of the company, such as leadership, integrity or service. As employees share their personal stories, values take on visual living descriptions; and vital bonds are formed.

"Used strategically, storytelling is an essential tool for bridging the gap between people of different authority levels and personalities," said Michelle Napier-Dunnings, senior facilitator for Project Innovations. "The process is particularly important when planning a company's future direction, developing long-term strategies and forming new teams."

As more and more corporations site creativity and innovation as requirements in this fast-paced business environment, it seems that some of these child-like employee characteristics would be in high demand. Napier-Dunnings is convinced that activities such as storytelling, creating collages and putting thoughts into pictures are a few of the keys to effective corporate communications.

Project Innovations is a meeting facilitation company formed in 1992 with offices in Farmington Hills and Lansing. The company specializes in training and leadership development for organizations throughout the United States. Visit www.projectinnovations.com or call (248) 476-7577.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

New 7-Eleven

7-Eleven recently celebrated the grand opening of a new store in Westland with ribbon cutting ceremonies featuring Scott Veldhuis, Economic Development Director of Westland.

Boost to business

Papa Romano's, a Farmington Hills-based pizza business, in cooperation with McIlhenny Company, the maker's of Tabasco® Sauce, is echoing the highly-successful "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," television show in their radio and TV advertisements. In radio spots running through December, a Regis Philbin sound-alike asks a contestant the million-dollar question.

"Other than traditional toppings, what is the number-one condiment Americans put on their pizza?" The answer is Tabasco® Sauce. Franchises are reporting to be receiving positive feedback from customers who receive a free two-liter of Pepsi and an 1/8 oz. bottle of Tabasco® Sauce with their pizza order.

Money raised

Hundreds of employees at nine operating units of the Brooks Family of Companies, including **Ekstrom Industries, Inc.** of Farmington Hills, raised $25,000 for needy neighborhood elementary schools. An estimated 5,000 school children are benefiting from this 'Adopt-a-School' program, a corporate giving program that celebrated the Brooks Company's 124th anniversary in 1998.

Supporting safe driving

American Speedy Printing Centers in southeast Michigan area teaming up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to sponsor the 13th annual "Tie One On For Safety — Red Ribbon Campaign." The campaign officially runs from Thanksgiving to New Years Day.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar

WED, DEC. 15

AAII INVESTOR MEETING
The AAII Eastern Michigan Chapter will host J. Michael Lipper who will give an overview on mutual fund analysis. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library (Lone Pine Road and Telegraph). Cost is $15 for members; $20, non-members. Contact Cookie Corej at (248) 646-9509.

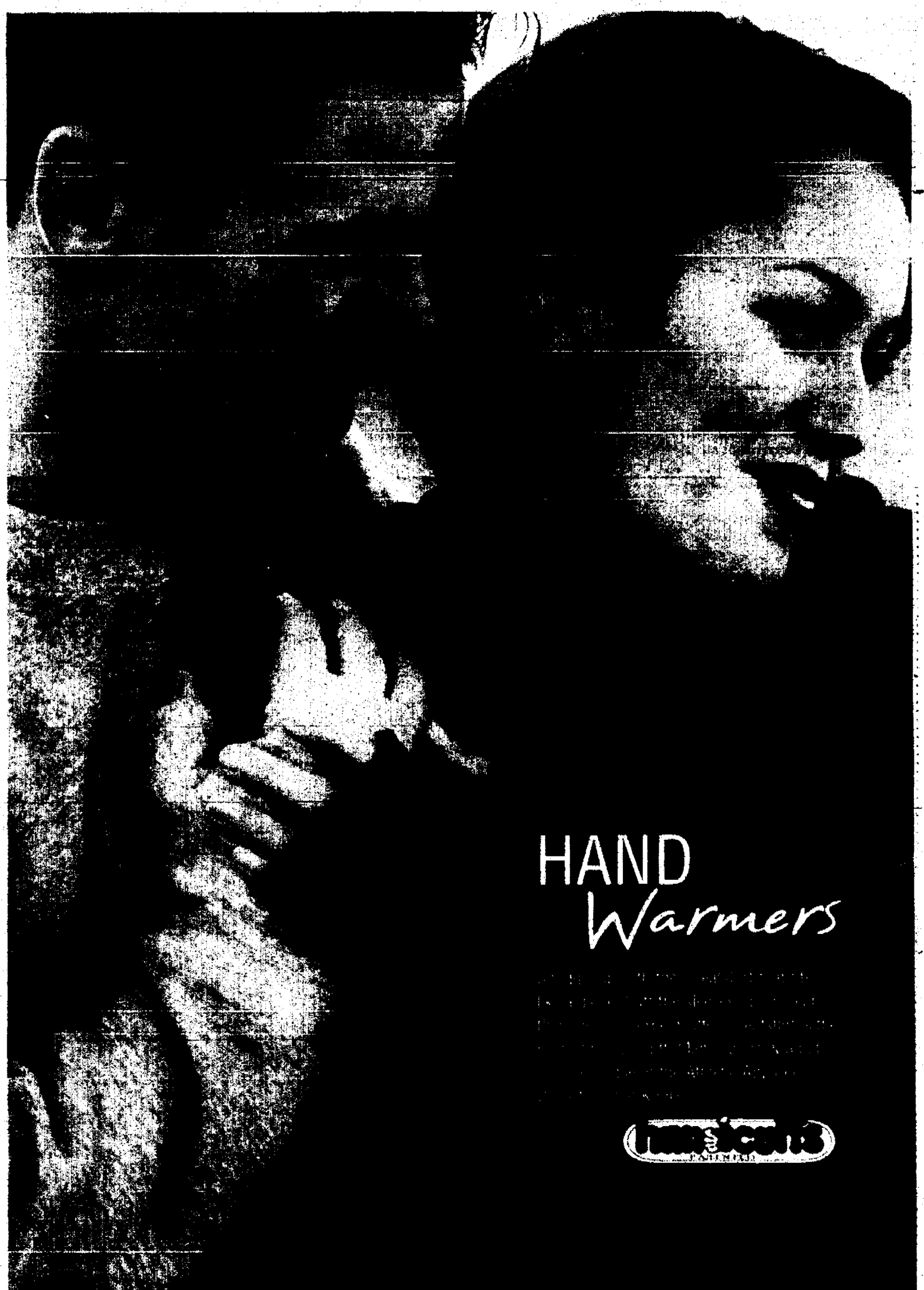
BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International's regular meeting is from 7-8:30 a.m. The Laurel Park Chapter gathers at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia chapter meets at St. Maurie Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon in Livonia. For more information call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

THUR, DEC. 16

BUSINESS PLAN WORKSHOP
Preparing a business plan, business plan workbook, sources of help and example of a business plan will be offered. Class runs from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $40 per person at the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Room 895 in Detroit. Call SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) to register (313) 226-7947.

FRI, DEC. 17

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International's regular meetings is from 7-8:30 a.m. The Livonia chapter meets at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call the BNI office at (810) 323-3800 for information.



Dr. Audrey Bruell
is announcing the opening of
her new dermatology office at:
37605 Pembroke in Livonia
734-591-7931
Dr. Bruell is a board certified Dermatologist. She is also a staff physician with Providence and Beaumont Hospitals, specializing in:
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- General Dermatology
- Skin Cancer Screenings
- Traditional Electrolysis

BOTSFORD HOSPITAL ONGOING CLASSES

ABC of Weight Loss. A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. $95 fee and appointment required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand Rive Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Arthritic Water Exercise. Light water exercise class designed for arthritics, those with post-surgical difficulties and those with a low to medium daily activity level. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Asthma Education. Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcome. $30 fee and appointment required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

A Life is in Your Hands. Heartsaver (Adult & Child), Basic Life Support and First Aid Classes. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Fees: $20 for Heartsaver; $25 for Basic Life Support and $35 for First Aid. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-5600.

Bones in Motion. Individualized programs geared for people seeking to prevent osteoporosis or alleviate its effects. Learn how to exercise safely and effectively while strengthening bone mass. Nutritional counseling for osteoporosis also included. Program is conducted by an exercise physiologist and registered dietitian. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Breastfeeding Basics. Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding, how to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as answers the questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. $20 fee. Classes are held at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Cancer Wellness Program. Wellness program designed to reinvigorate weakened bodies as well as alleviate some of the side effects of cancer treatment. Features strength training, and aerobic and flexibility exercises. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Cardio Kickboxing. Excellent non-contact aerobic workout that helps improve cardiovascular and muscular endurance. $70 fee. Meets twice weekly; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. Due to limited capacity, preregistration and prepayment required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Circuit Training. A multi-stationed weight training program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be given personalized training on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. $60 fee. Due to limited capacity, preregistration and prepayment required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Diabetes-Size. Comprehensive exercise program to help people with diabetes better control their blood sugar and improve cardiovascular fitness. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, HDN, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes and You. This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-care. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Fitness After School. Great supervised program for kids age 10-13. Kids have fun learning about fitness equipment and how to workout safely in a class designed specifically for them. Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings. 1-4 p.m., second Monday of each month. Drop-in, no appointment necessary. Botsford General Hospital's main lobby, 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Free Foot Screenings. 8:30 a.m.-noon every Tuesday and Friday. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28100 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Intermediate Water Exercise. A 90-minute water exercise class for pre- and post-natal patients and those at an average fitness level or above. $5/visit. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Japanese Childbirth Education Class. A certified childbirth instructor and a Japanese-speaking translator offer information on what to expect during labor and delivery. Methods to help the mother through the birth process are also presented. $150 fee and registration required. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Nutritional Tune-Up. Consult with a registered dietitian about your individual nutritional concerns. Many diets available including: vegetarian, low-fat, low-cholesterol, prenatal nutrition, sports nutrition, weight loss, diabetic menus and more. $30 fee for individual consultation. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Parkinson's Exercise Program. A progressive 12-week program for the person diagnosed with Parkinson's to help improve cardiovascular condition, strength and balance. $225 fee. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

PowerStop. Smokers will receive the support they need to overcome physical, psychological and emotional withdrawal issues while learning about stress management and how to successfully start a healthier, smoke-free life! This individual counseling program features a one-hour private consultation with a smoking cessation counselor, workbook, cassette tapes and five follow-up phone calls. $75 fee and registration required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Step Aerobics. A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Botsford Health Improvement, TRACC, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Call (248) 473-5600.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

PNEUMATIC CONTROLS RETROFIT AT LOWELL SCHOOL

Bid forms and specifications are available in the Purchasing Department.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BID OR ARRANGEMENTS FOR A BUILDING WALK THROUGH MAY BE DIRECTED TO TIM KOHUT, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AT (734) 523-9160.

Bid will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 13th of December, 1999 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond will be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
DECEMBER 14, 1999 - 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 14, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact and 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.

ALLYSON BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of: (Equipment only)

9 - Lochinvar CHN2070 Copperfin II Boiler
4 - Lochinvar CHN0501 Copperfin II Boiler
3 - Lochinvar CHN1260 Copperfin II Boiler
6 - Lochinvar CHN1440 Copperfin II Boiler
2 - Lochinvar MSF3022 Stack Stands

Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on the 17th day of December, 1999 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Specifications and bid forms are available in the Purchasing Department.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Any bid submitted will be binding until April 28, 2000. The award of this order is dependent on voter approval of a millage which will be held on April 10, 2000.

Any questions regarding this bid to be directed to Tim Kohut, Maintenance Supervisor at 734-523-9160.

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This is **Linda Chomin**, Arts reporter for your hometown newspaper.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 1999

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Gora. Absent was Councilmember Wiacek.

- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - 70.04 (E) through 70.04 (G)
- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - Section 70.04 (H)
- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (J)
- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (K)
- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (L)
- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (M)
- Uniform Traffic Control Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (N)

There being no comments from the public, the public hearings were closed.

REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, City Attorney Massad, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and DDA Executive Director Couch.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Roberta Petty, of Garden City, announced the Neighborhood Watch Annual Christmas Meeting and Party on Tuesday, December 7, 1999.
- Herman Bersano, of Garden City, thanked the residents for voting on Election Day.
- Ed Adamczyk, of Garden City, discussed garbage pickup.
- William Steenberg, of Garden City, wants the City to consider street leaf pick-up alternatives.

◆ **Item 11-99-458** moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the regular council meetings of November 1, 1999 and November 8, 1999. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 11-99-459** moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

◆ **Item 11-99-464** moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To adopt the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70.04 (E) through Section 70.04 (G). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-465** moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To adopt the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70.04 (H). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-9-466** moved by Kaledas; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To adopt the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (J). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-467** moved by Lynch; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To adopt Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (K). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-468** moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To adopt Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (L). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-469** moved by Lynch; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To adopt Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (M). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-470** moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To adopt Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance Amendment - Section 70, adding Subsection (N). (ATTACHED) AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Rejection of Bid - Refrigerant for Rinkmaster System.
2. Five (5) Generators.
3. Wayne Oakland Payment Request #13
4. Autozone Moratorium.
5. Michigan Municipal League Annual Membership.
6. Introduction of Purchasing Ordinance.
7. Chamber of Commerce's Membership Guide & Community Guide.
8. Mayoral Appointments.

◆ **Item 11-99-461** moved by Briscoe, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for five (5) generators to **Empire Equipment and Supply** in the amount of $4,24.50. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-462** moved by Kaledas; supported by Gora:

Council was informed that Change Order #14 for $3,603.15 was for miscellaneous items; such as, night work that was performed for the convenience of the businesses in the area, pavement removal, and replacement - mainly cleanup items.

RESOLVED: To approve payment request #13 to **Wayne Oakland Contracting, Inc.** in the amount of $79,856.42 for work completed as of October 29, 1999. AYES: Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Lynch, Briscoe, and Gora NAYS: Councilmember Dodge ABSENT: None **Motion passed.**

◆ **Item 11-99-463** moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge:

- Bryan Amann, Attorney for Autozone, expressed his thanks for Council's action.
- Bill Selinsky, representing the property owner, supports the motion.
- Mike Bachko, of Garden City, requested location information.

RESOLVED: To lift the moratorium approved by Council on June 28, 1999, Item 06-99-304, on site plan submissions for the east side of Middlebelt between Maplewood and Ford Road and send a copy of this resolution to the Planning Commission. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-464** moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the annual renewal of membership in the **Michigan Municipal League,** and the payment of the annual fee in the amount of $8,110.00. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-465** moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge:

Council was informed that vendors may access EPAOnline without charge, and that the dollar value listed under "City Project" is a value utilized by the State.

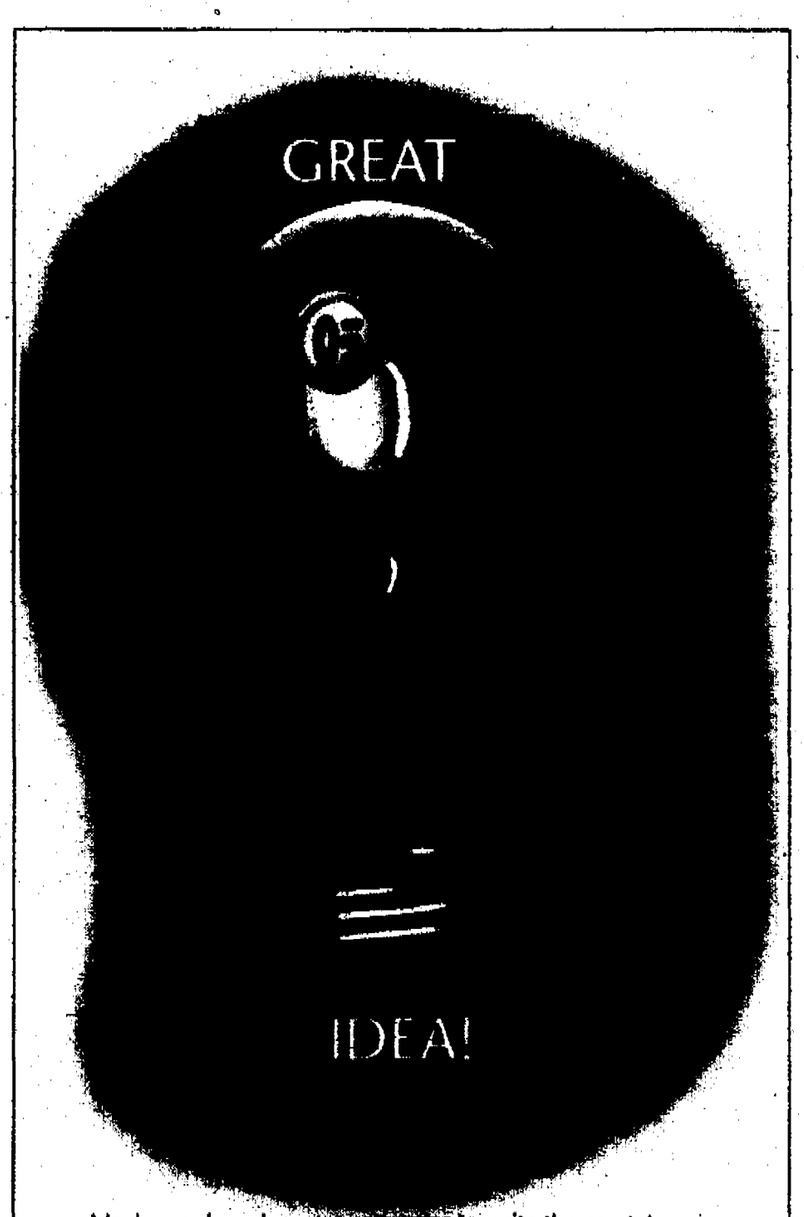
RESOLVED: To introduce the attached purchasing ordinance and call for a public hearing to be held Monday, November 29, 1999 at 7:20 p.m. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-466** moved by Dodge, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To purchase one full page in the Garden City Chamber of Commerce Directory at a cost of $700.00. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 11-99-467** moved by Lynch, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To appoint Mayor Ronald D. Showalter to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority with a term to expire November 12, 2001. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

The meeting was then adjourned

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk



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