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City to deck the mall with cops



BY DANIEL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are beefing up security at Westland Center in the hopes of making it one of the safest malls in Metro Detroit for the holiday shopping season.

"We want to make sure that when people come to Westland they have nice places to shop and safe places to shop," Mayor Robert Thomas

said Wednesday morning during a press conference in the mall's lower level, where a temporary police mini-station has opened for the season.

Some 25 police officers, city officials and mall representatives attended the press conference, in a show of unity aimed at drawing attention to the increased security measures

Two uniformed police officers will be assigned specifically to Westland Center and its immediate vicinity, and at least one plainclothes officer will watch for potential problems.

Police officers also plan to patrol the mall parking lot on bicycles, and Sgt. Michael Terry got a few laughs during the press conference when he offered some advice to the officers on wheels.

"As long as you keep pedaling, you won't get cold," he said.

The program is in its seventh year, and it is complemented by the mall's own security forces, Westland Police Chief Emery Price said

Wednesday. The mini-station used to be based in a mobile command unit outside of the mall, but moved indoors two years ago, he said.

Police officials started the program, in part, because busy retail centers can become targets for would-be criminals seeking to prey on shoppers armed with cash and credit cards. The mall is the city's largest retail center.

Mike Sedmak, mall security director, said the increased security measures will make the center one of the safest shopping malls. "If not the safest," in the metro area.



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Among the crowds: Mike and Margret Fallow of Wayne and Renee Kurytcz stroll through Westland Center Friday looking for bargains on the day after Thanksgiving, one of the busiest shopping days of the holiday season. Other area retailers were also busy Friday as shoppers hunted for sale items and bargains. For more on the shopping day, turn to 3A.

Driver to face charges in fatality

Criminal charges are pending against a 27-year-old Westland man who is accused of causing a two-car collision near Westland Center that killed a Lincoln Park man, police said.

David Hartley, 23, suffered head injuries and died Nov. 16 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Westland police officer Jack McIntosh said. The death came eight days after an accident that McIntosh said occurred at 9:40 p.m. Nov. 8 on Warren Road, 150 feet west of Wayne Road.

Hartley had just turned onto westbound Warren from Wayne Road when his 1987 Chrysler LeBaron convertible was hit in the left front end by a Westland driver who crossed into Hartley's lane, McIntosh said.

The man, driving a 1988 Mercury Marquis, had been drinking alcohol,

the officer said. He suffered only a sprained ankle.

"He was arrested for drunk driving, and he was released pending formal charges," McIntosh said.

The man's name is being withheld until charges are filed. Both drivers were alone at the time.

Hartley was wearing a seat belt, but the impact of the crash caused him to hit his head and suffer injuries that later killed him, McIntosh said.

The victim was unconscious at the scene and was taken to Garden City Hospital. He was moved to the University of Michigan Hospital, where he died eight days later, McIntosh said.

City's southwest side will get a big boost in fire protection service

BY DANIEL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Residents in Westland's southwest end won't have to worry that fire trucks will be cut off from their neighborhoods because of the planned closing of Newburgh Road for a widening project.

Four new firefighters will be placed at fire station No. 4, on Palmer Road just east of Newburgh, to enhance firefighting efforts during the 1½-year widening project, slated to begin next spring.

The Westland City Council approved the measure last week amid concerns that response time from the main fire station on Ford Road, east of Newburgh, will be slowed because of the road closing.

The cost will be \$102,286 for the remainder of the fiscal year that ends June 30, city finance director Michael

Gorman said. The annual price tag would be \$167,496 in subsequent years, but the city will gradually offset the expense by not replacing several firefighters as they retire.

Fire officials had requested the additional staff in a memo to council members that warned of the "potential isolation" of the southwest end from adequate fire protection.

The Palmer Road station currently has only three firefighters much of the time. But stations need at least four firefighters to be able to respond simultaneously to a fire and a medical emergency.

The new hirings will provide the staffing levels needed for full operation on all three shifts at station No. 4, Assistant Chief Michael Reilly has noted.

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Yule cheer

Several Westland businesses are in the holiday mood.

NuVision Optical, in Westland Center, is offering a free eye exam to people who donate a case of non-perishable food and a \$15 discount for people who give a non-perishable food item. The Gleaners Community Food bank of Greater Detroit will collect and distribute the food to area charities and kitchens. A Gleaners spokesman said the NuVision food drive will give his group a much needed winter boost.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Westland Target Store will set aside special shopping hours for senior citizens and people with disabilities, said Target spokeswoman Carolyn Brooker. From 8-10 a.m. that day, Target will hold its annual holiday par-

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ty, allowing elderly and disabled people to pick out gifts in a relaxed atmosphere without the usual hectic crowds, she said.

Target will arrange for employees and community volunteers to take part in the annual event.

Christmas lighting

Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, will have its annual auxiliary "Tree of Lights" ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the facility on Annapolis near Venoy. "Sing carols and enjoy refreshments and watch the tree light up," said Janet Cousins, hos-

pital spokeswoman. To illuminate a light in honor of someone you love, call 467-4171.

Dumas joins staff

Cheryl Dumas of Westland has joined United Home Health Services of Canton Township as a registered occupational therapist. She will provide occupational therapy to homebound patients and help in the coordination of the therapy team. Dumas received her bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from Eastern Michigan University and is working toward a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University. She has five years of professional experience.

Groups and individuals are welcome to submit announcements for this column.

Book shortage at school rankles parents

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Donna Borsvold is upset that her daughter isn't being allowed to bring home a math textbook to study for a class that she is barely passing.

"I just cannot believe it," she said. "How is my daughter supposed to study without a book?"

Her daughter, Amy, an 11th-grader at Wayne Memorial High School, squeaked by on her last report card with a "D" grade in an integrated math course that has a textbook shortage. That was her

worst grade.

"We pay all this money for schools," Borsvold said, "and they can't even buy enough books."

Her daughter needs to improve her math skills because the subject is important in nursing assistant classes she is taking at the William Ford Vocational-Technical Center, Borsvold said.

Wayne-Westland school officials confirmed there is a textbook shortage not only for the integrated math course but also for several other classes.

"The shortage was particularly dramatic in the math area," said Charlotte Sherman, executive director of secondary education.

The math course that Amy Borsvold is taking was first offered last school year, and it became more popular among students than had been anticipated in its second year, officials said.

Because of budget problems, the school board's efforts to buy new textbooks have been hampered, but Jane Kuekel, assistant superintendent for instruction, said a math textbook

proposal is expected to be presented to the board next spring.

That gives little reassurance to Borsvold, who said there's also another dilemma involved. If students can't bring textbooks home, she wondered, how can they be expected to achieve high scores on the state MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) test?

Borsvold, a 1977 Wayne Memorial graduate, said her daughter isn't receiving the quality of education that she received.

"The quality of education that Wayne-Westland used to give is

just going down the tubes," she said.

Borsvold has been persistent in her efforts to resolve the problem, and she said she has been told by school administrators that three of the integrated math books may be placed in the school library. A student could check out a book overnight, Borsvold said she was told.

That seems unlikely to resolve the problem in a class that has more than 30 students, she said.

Borsvold even contacted the company that publishes the math

book and was told that she could buy a book for \$36.96, she said. That's an option she is considering, even though she said she wouldn't have to go to such lengths if the district had ordered enough books.

Borsvold said she wanted to draw attention to the problem because there could be many other similar situations.

"I'm just wondering if many parents are aware that we have these kinds of problems," she said.

Administrators' contract OK'd

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

One more step has been climbed in Livonia Public Schools' quest to get contracts signed for all its unions.

The Livonia Board of Education, which serves the northern section of Westland, Monday approved a three-year contract with 53 principals, assistant principals and coordinators, all members of Livonia Educational Administrators and Supervisors (LEADS).

LEADS now becomes the second school employees' union with a signed contract. In September, the district's 1,020 teachers also received a three-year contract.

And the board is expected to shortly approve a three-year agreement with its 350 secretaries, paraprofessionals and head custodians. All three have separate unions, but bargained collectively through the Livonia Education Association.

Like the above three unions, the LEADS contract expired June 30, 1993. Workers in all four groups have worked since then without either a contract or a pay raise.

In the new LEADS contract, administrators will not get a retroac-

tive pay raise for 12 of the 17 months worked without a contract. Both sides have agreed to a pay freeze in 1993-1994; a 3.2-percent pay increase in 1994-1995; and a 3.1-percent pay hike in 1995-1996. The 1994-1995 pay hike will be retroactive to June 30, 1994.

The district's teachers recently received a one-year pay freeze in 1994-1995; a 3-percent pay hike plus small bonus in 1995-1996; and a 3-percent pay raise in 1996-1997, if the district's income increases by at least that amount.

The agreement was reached after a brief strike by Livonia's teachers before school started Sept. 7.

And like the teachers, negotiations between the district and LEADS were stymied by the insecurity and uncertainty which now exists in state funding.

On Monday, the trustees approved budget amendments which show a whopping \$87.7 million coming in 1994-1995 from the state and \$92.1 million coming from local property taxes.

This is a massive reversal from the past, when the bulk of the district's income came from property taxes. This reversal, approved by

Michigan voters March 15, makes now-state-dependent school districts uneasy about their future income.

"It's the same set of dynamics that affected the teachers' contract, and it's affecting all our bargaining," said John Rennels, assistant superintendent for personnel. "We only see more difficulties ahead. We're now looking at dollars that may be lost next year in special education."

LEADS personnel also will get the same insurance and sick-pay programs given to teachers. This includes a \$3 co-pay on prescription drugs, Rennels said.

Rennels pegged the average salary for a LEADS administrator at \$77,000.

"It's determined by how long they've been in administration, the degrees they have, the weeks they work, and the number of students they have."

The district will now turn its attention to other employees still without a contract: child-care workers at Jackson and Bentley centers, custodians, maintenance and food service workers, warehouse personnel, transportation workers, and supervisory personnel.

Poems written to help family



Money raised: Poet Lynette Allgood (right) of Westland and artist Betty DeBenedet display the three poems Allgood wrote for David Smith, the Union, S.C., father whose two sons drowned in a nationally publicized case, and for the sons. Allgood, who has had many of her poems published, had DeBenedet create the background for the poems, showing a lakeshore similar to the one where the two boys drowned. Allgood is selling copies of the poems, with proceeds being sent to the boys' father.

School board honors Rep. Barns

Retiring state Rep. Justine Barns, D-Westland, received a standing ovation recently when she was honored by the Wayne-Westland School Board for her legislative support of education.

Barns, a former longtime volunteer at Jefferson Elementary School, accepted her certificate of appreciation on behalf of all school volunteers.

Barns is leaving her 18th District seat after serving as state representative for 12 years. She will be replaced by her longtime legislative assistant, Eileen DeHart, who won a two-year term in the Nov. 8 election.

School board president Mathew

McCusker commended Barns for her integrity and for having "great personal charm." He called her "a true American in the best tradition of our democracy."

Superintendent Larry Thomas said Barns often called school officials from the House floor just before voting on a bill, because she wanted input on how legislation would affect the Wayne-Westland district.

Barns also opened her office to school officials and made them feel at home when they went to Lansing to address legislators about certain bills.

"Every time we go to Lansing, her office becomes our office,"

Board Member Richard LeBlanc also commended Barns and said he is confident that DeHart will be a good successor.

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Newburgh will be closed between Cherry Hill and Palmer Road for 1 1/2 to two years as the road is widened to accommodate

an increasing traffic burden. The project also will include an underpass at the CSX railroad crossing on Newburgh.

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road November 7, 1994

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of November 7, 1994; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Walters convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Suzanne Clulow, Frank Kokenakes, Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Pat Tancill, James Walters. Absent: Kenneth Timmons.

1994-95 Teachers of the Year: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for the following 1994-95 LPS Teachers of the Year: Elementary - Barbara Ferguson; Middle School - Jerome Rozlo; High School - Diane Burk.

Drivers' Education Cars: Jay Young expressed appreciation to Gordon Chevrolet for providing cars for the LPS drivers' education program.

Audience Communications: Nancy Shaw, president of the LEA, addressed the Board in regard to American Education week. Six individuals addressed the Board with regard to contract negotiations.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Clulow and Laura that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: IV, Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 1994, V.A. Acceptance of an anonymous gift of \$3,200, V.B. Approval of the purchase of a textbook for the Math Science, Computer program at a cost of \$1,470, V.C. Exclusion of Steven-son High School 9th grade student and a Churchill High School 10th grade student from the Livonia Public Schools School District, VI.A. Approval of general fund check no. 235449 - 234392 in the amount of \$5,337,542.15, building improvement and technology fund check no. 1383 - 1393 in the amount of \$2,979,874.53, and general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$314,570. V.B. Approval of lease renewal at Bentley, Bryant Clay, Dickinson, Jefferson, Lowell and Rosedale Aves. Clulow, Kokenakes, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Walters Nays None.

Gift - Lions Club Motion: by Clulow and Tancill that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of the Reading Edge, a Kurzweil Reader which scans and reads printed material out loud and is valued at \$5,500. Ayes Clulow, Kokenakes, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Walters Nays None.

Teacher Tenure: Motion by McKnight and Tancill that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers effective on the respective dates: Jill Adamskyk, 1/25/95; Marvonn McAlindoo, 1/5/95. Ayes Clulow, Kokenakes, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Walters Nays None.

Retirement: The Board unanimously adopted a resolution of appreciation for Seymour Hayman upon his retirement from Livonia Public Schools.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson reported on the following topics: Receipt of MEMSFA Regional Honors Award for Region I by Paul Dierwick; Participation of LPS student Tracy Ruggler in an Early Alert Initiative (Grant for entering 7th grade girls in Mathematics and Physics); AA football first round win by Stevenson; Franklin marching band's first place in the Flight I category at the October 22 band competition; Franklin's pilot of an Attendance Reward Program.

Hearing from Board Members: Board members reported on the following topics: Election Day - Lions Club gift, anonymous gift, Gordon Chevrolet drivers' education cars, Stevenson claim AA first round win, business partnerships and teachers of the year.

Review to Closed Session: Motion by Clulow and Tancill that the meeting be returned to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations Ayes Clulow, Kokenakes, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Walters Nays None.

President Walters recessed the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by McKnight and Tancill that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes Clulow, Kokenakes, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Walters Nays None.

President Walters adjourned the regular meeting of November 7, 1994 at 10:57 p.m.

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Bargain hunters start Yule shopping early

They came, they saw and they shopped for early Christmas bargains Friday morning.

That was the message of most of the Westland Center shoppers randomly polled midmorning Friday — the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally one of the busiest shopping days of the holiday season.

"My wife drug me here," quipped Dan Piwowar of Livonia, watching his 5-year-old daughter and 12-week-old son in the J.C. Penney Court.

He insisted that "parenting" for his two children while his wife, Nancy, was finishing shopping, was not baby-sitting.

The couple had a strategy to make the best use of their time during the first hectic day of Christmas shopping.

"We look at the (shopping) brochures Thursday and then plan where to shop on Friday," said Nancy.

"We should be done by 1 (in the afternoon)," Nancy said, adding she has made "a dent" in the Christmas shopping.

Someone who started early and

finished by 11 a.m. was Jackie McDermott of Wayne, who made Westland Center one of her four stops that day.

"I come out early every year and every other day, whenever there are sales," she said.

Ed Beyer of Livonia, waiting in the center's east court for his wife to return, said they came to the mall early to try and win one of three \$1,000 prizes awarded by Hudson's.

"My shopping is done, but my wife still has a lot more to go," he said.

Particularly busy was a temporary J.C. Penney display of University of Michigan and Detroit Red Wings apparel. A line of six to 10 people was seen most of morning.

The attraction was a 10 percent discount offered between 8 and 11 a.m. on top of a 20 percent discount, a clerk said.

One elderly woman from West Virginia, visiting her Westland son, got in her holiday shopping before leaving for home later Friday.

Claudia Frederick, the center's marketing manager, commented that the mall's first holiday shopping Friday was "great" and that it was "very busy" with shoppers carrying "lots of bags."

Business managers told her that there was a lot of traffic in the center, reflecting a "strong start to a good season."

During the morning hours, the center's parking lot was almost full, with many drivers observed driving through several areas seeking a parking space.

Nearby retailers were also busy Friday morning, especially the Best Buy electronics business, across the street from the center, where motorists were seen lined up near the parking lot entrance trying to find a vacant spot.

An indication of how busy the mall area was came from a Dunkin' Donuts employee on Warren Road near Wayne Road who commented that the business ran out of coffee beans by midmorning.



Checking their lists: Dave Demorest and son, Sam, 6, check their Christmas shopping lists at Westland Center Friday morning.



STAFF PHOTOS BY GUY WARREN

Holiday shoppers: While one tired woman (right) catches her breath at Winkelman's Westland Center store, a young man (left) uses his cellular phone to make a call.



Street sales: Westland Goodfellows' newspaper salesman Scott Olson was hawking the group's special edition Friday at the Wayne Road-Ford intersection. Proceeds from the sale will bring a merry Christmas to local needy children.

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Literary Club auction raises funds for students

The Ladies Literary Club will hold its annual scholarship benefit auction Tuesday night in the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, near Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne. Browsing will start at 6:30 p.m. with the auction planned for 7-9 p.m.

The club hopes to raise at least \$2,000 for scholarships.

Among the items to be auctioned are selected works from area crafters, gift certificates, services, art works, cuttings and many unique items, said committee member Judy Howton.

During the auction, the club will provide refreshments and performing arts entertainment by John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School students.

Auctioneer will be Bev Brooks. The literary club is primarily a social and cultural organization. It has been awarding scholarships for the past 30 years.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDELD

Auction fund-raiser: At right, Ladies Literary Club members Ginny Attwood (left) and Carolyn Reynolds show off some of the items to be auctioned at the scholarship benefit Tuesday night. On the auction block will be an oversized metal golf driver, called "Big Gun," a sunflower vest, Christmas ornaments and colorful sweatshirts with original art work.

Man could get life sentence for molesting his stepdaughter

A man accused of sexually molesting his 8-year-old Westland stepdaughter could face life in prison after being convicted of criminal sexual conduct.

Malcolm Richard Starr, 27, was convicted Nov. 21 at the end of a one-day bench trial before Detroit Recorder's Judge Bruce Morrow. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 6.

The girl has testified that she was sexually molested during a one-year period that ended in August of 1993. The accusations resulted in Starr being charged with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two

Malcolm Richard Starr was found guilty on two of three charges, including one first-degree count and one second-degree count, Sgt. Laura Moore said.

counts of second-degree CSC. The defendant was found guilty on two of the three charges, including one first-degree count and one second-degree count, West-

land police Sgt. Laura Moore said.

The allegations against Starr stemmed from allegations of oral sex and simulated intercourse that occurred at the residence where the girl lived, on the city's south side.

Although he was described as the girl's stepfather, Starr wasn't living at the same residence at the time the molesting occurred, police have said.

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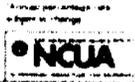
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Airport casino idea draws lukewarm response

BY RALPH R. ECHELINAW
DEAFTE WRITER

Area officials have mixed reactions to county Executive Edward McNamara's idea to put a gambling casino in a new terminal at Metro Airport.

McNamara announced Nov. 15 that he wants Metro Airport's new terminal to include a gambling casino for passengers.

While characterizing gambling as "evil," McNamara said an airport casino would come in handy to help pay for improvements to Metro.

"To get his wish, McNamara would need the approval of the state Legislature and the governor."

State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said he would be "surprised" if such approval is given, considering the "general reluctance to expand gambling" on the part of Lansing lawmakers.

"Personally, I'd be very reluctant to vote for expansion of gambling," Geake said. "Michigan



'Personally, I'd be very reluctant to vote for expansion of gambling. Michigan should be competing (with other states) for jobs with low taxes and a good business climate.'

Robert Geake
State senator



'It looks like there's gambling coming one way or another. Wayne County might as well be permitted to engage in it.'

Robert Ficano
County sheriff

said, "Wayne County might as well be permitted to engage in it." County Commissioner-elect Bruce Patterson, a Canton Township resident, said he's "not categorically against" gambling at Metro Airport.

Commissioner Michelle Plawcki, D-Deerborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township, chairs the committee that has oversight responsibility for Metro Airport.

Plawcki said she needs more information before she makes a decision. "I'm not in favor of it right now because I don't know anything about it," she said.

Commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton Township, said he doubts the Federal Aviation Administration would permit a casino to be built at Metro. "The FAA has not been receptive to a lot of new ideas," Amann said.

No one from McNamara's staff returned the Observer's phone calls by press time.

should be competing (with other states) for jobs with low taxes and a good business climate."

State Rep.-elect Jim Ryan, a Redford Township resident, said he will not make a decision until he has more information, but "philosophically, I'm opposed to

gambling. I don't see that casinos are really the solution."

Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, said he would prefer that county government leave gambling alone and

concentrate on basic services that the law requires to be provided.

"In principal, I'm opposed to government-sponsored gambling," he said. "Gambling is not a charter-mandated function of Wayne County."

Wayne County Sheriff Robert

Ficano said he doesn't know enough about McNamara's plan to say yes or no to airport gambling.

But Ficano didn't rule out the plan.

"It looks like there's gambling coming, one way or another," he

Seminar focuses on fundraising

A grantsmanship seminar called "Collaboration: The Key to Survival" will occur 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the University of Detroit Mercy Conference Center, West Outer Drive at Southfield Road in Detroit.

The seminar offers community groups and other non-profit organizations various how-to sessions on proposal writing, fund raising, corporate giving, strategic planning and other topics.

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According to New Detroit President Charlie Williams, the seminar is offered to promote the organizational development of community-based organizations and to help them to become more effective competitors for foundation and corporate grants.

The program will feature morning and luncheon presentations from local speakers.

Jacqueline Jones, executive vice president of United Community Services, will give the morning address.

During the luncheon, Angela Brown, assistant to Detroit May-

or Dennis Archer, will speak on "Effective Strategies for Community Collaboration," the keynote address.

Participants will attend two half-day workshops or one full-day workshop of their choice, in addition to the plenary session, luncheon, and a reception.

For more information, call (313) 496-2041.

College students rack up awards

Schoolcraft College racked up some recent awards.

Two students and their instructors took first and third place in the Liberal Arts Network for Development poster contest. This is the third consecutive year that a Schoolcraft student has won first place.

Tracy Piwko won first place. Her instructor is James Shear-

er, who teaches computer aided drafting and design.

Peggy Moubarack won third place. Her instructor is Lincoln Lao, who is an art professor at the college.

Schoolcraft College has received the first model program award from the College Day/College Night committee of the Michigan Association of

Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

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New Radcliff dean takes the helm

BY LEONARD POGER
Editor

Noreen Thomas learned early the importance of meeting the needs of customers.

Working in her parents' retail and service businesses as early as 11, she learned how to handle and relate to customers.

Some 33 years later, she is doing the same thing in her new position as dean of college centers for Schoolcraft College.

Specifically, she will direct the Radcliff Center, on the Garden City Westland boundary, for the 10,000 plus students who use the building seven days a week for various educational purposes.

Thomas, a Farmington Hills resident whose promotion was announced by the college's administration Wednesday night, succeeds Edwynna Dansby, who headed the center for several years before passing away six weeks ago.

Thomas, promoted from Schoolcraft's associate dean for educational services, talked about Radcliff and its future during an interview in her office Thursday morning.

No changes are planned for the center since she and Dansby were "in tune with each other" philo-

■ '(Her aim is to be active in) community outreach and getting closer to the programs, making sure we're delivering the quality that we strive to achieve.'

Noreen Thomas

sophically and in their approach of meeting the college's mission statement and goals for the center, on Radcliff, just south of Ford and east of Wildwood.

"We will build on what we started," she said.

If she does anything different, it will be more activities in "community outreach and getting closer to the programs, making sure we're delivering the quality that we strive to achieve," she said.

Her management style would be to "generate enthusiasm among the staff and the community," Thomas said. Hopefully, the enthusiasm "will be contagious and snowball."

Thomas is no stranger to Radcliff.

As Schoolcraft's purchasing director about 10 years ago, she was project manager for the move from a smaller satellite center in Garden City to Radcliff.

In that role, she was in charge of the planning of the massive moving of equipment and materials to the new location.

The center, a former junior high school, has more than 10,000 students in its classrooms between 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays as well as parts of Saturday and Sunday, part of the "weekend college" initiated two years ago.

With her background in her parents' business in Buffalo, N.Y., and later in education, Thomas learned the relationship of business and education.

"My dad taught me the intuitive parts (of the business) — meeting customers' needs. That's what we have been here at Schoolcraft," Thomas said.

In various positions since joining the college staff as a business department cashier in 1978, Thomas was involved as project manager for the Radcliff move as

well as being purchasing director and assistant dean of continuing education.

In the latter post, Thomas' efforts led to a 75 percent increase in enrollment and initiated several professional certification programs in continuing education. Under her direction, the department administered 1,000 courses serving 14,000 pupils a year.

She also handled financial operations, enrollment objectives and developed and implemented programming, including a needs assessment, marketing and delivering of educational services.

Outside of her Schoolcraft responsibilities, Thomas has been a leader in various areas, including winner of national awards and president of the Michigan Community Colleges Community Services Association in 1991.

The Livonia fire department honored her for her work in fire education programs that it named her an honorary fire chief last year.

Thomas received her bachelor's degree in management from Daemen College, in Amherst, N.Y., and her master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan, Ypsilanti. She is married and the mother of two sons.

OBITUARIES

DAVID R. GUMINA

Services for Mr. Gumina, 32, a teacher's aide at the Burger Center for the Autistic in Garden City, were Nov. 25 from the John Santen and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mr. Gumina died Nov. 21 of cancer. He had been on medical leave since late April.

His father, Charles, was a longtime Garden City school administrator and building principal before he retired. His mother, Shirley Gumina, was also a veteran Garden City Public Schools teacher before retirement.

David Gumina was a Burger Center teacher's aide for 10 years.

Besides his parents, he is survived by brothers, Daniel, John, Phillip, Lawrence, Michael, Thomas, George and Peter; sisters Catherine, Teresa and Sara; eight nieces and nephews; and companion Bruce Davis.

Memorials may be donated to the Wayne State University cancer research department.

more Lark, Mich.; nonn, Dave of Grass Lake, Mich., John of Westland and Michael of Westland; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial tributes are requested to be sent to the Southeastern Hospice, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield 48075.

MARIE J. FLEMING

Services were held Nov. 25 for Mrs. Fleming, 82, at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home in Livonia. Officiating was Rev. Daniel S. Rolik.

Mrs. Fleming, who died Nov. 21 in the Westland Convalescent Center, was a Rogers City, Mich., resident. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughter, Shirley Schroeder of Livonia; granddaughters, Susan Schroeder and Karen Bedell; and great-grandchildren, Aaron and Adain Bedell.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of one's own choice.

CECIL THOMAS HALL

Services for Mr. Hall, 87, of Wayne were Nov. 28 from the UH Funeral Home, Westland. He was cremated and interred in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Born Sept. 20, 1907, he was a retired automotive supervisor.

Survivors include: wife, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by his sister Helen Scott.

DUNBAR G. MCGEE

Burial services were held in Clairborne County, Tenn., for Mr. McGee, formerly of Garden City who died Nov. 12 in his New Port Richey, Fla., home.

Mr. McGee was a lifelong resident and businessman in Wayne County until retiring to Florida in 1977. He owned and managed the Cloverdale Farms Dairy & Restaurant in Garden City for 25 years.

Survivors include: wife, Glenna; sons, George McGee of New Port Richey, David Rohring of Tacoma, Wash., and Daniel Rohring of Garden City; daughters, Glenna Bell of Palmetto, Fla., and Geraldine Baker of New Port Richey; and seven grandchildren.

JOHN A. ESPINOZA

A funeral Mass for Mr. Espinoza, 44, of Westland was Monday, Nov. 28 from St. Richard Catholic Church, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. John Hall officiated.

Mrs. Espinoza died Nov. 24 in Wayne. He was born Aug. 18, 1950, in Ecuador.

Survivors include: daughters Judy A. Espinoza, Susie Priscilla Espinoza and Cynthia Lorraine Espinoza, all of Westland; son David Anthony of Westland; parents Juan and Gladys Espinoza; half-sister Inez Espinoza of Ecuador; and half-brother Nelson Espinoza of Connecticut.

Memorials may be in the form of Mass offerings or contributions to the donor's choice.

JERRY D. HART

Services were Nov. 22 for Mr. Hart, 74, of Westland at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland.

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A relaxing, yet energizing break for lunch is especially important this time of year. The crowds, the parking, the lines at cash registers all compound to make the holiday shopping experience a little overwhelming and a lot exhausting.

The following are some of your favorite places to refuel:

Gail Fales works at Dean Witter in Birmingham and frequents The Cook's Garden & Cafe, 225 E. Maple, at lunchtime. "I get tired of the same old thing and Cook's Garden has quite a selection," says Gail. "It's fun just to look at the display case." The menu includes every-



thing from specialty soups and salads to sandwiches made with Zingerman breads, creative pasta dishes and international entrees.

Fast breaks

Craving a Greek salad? Gayle Roberts of Birmingham and Rozann Marinelli of Bloomfield highly recommend Greek Islands Coney Restaurant, 250 N. Woodward. "The best in town," says Gayle who especially loves the homemade dressing.

Kathy Twomey of Bloomfield relates two of her Birmingham "quick bite" choices. "I love Elle's, 263 Pierce, for hummus and tabouleh and Amer's Deli, 166 W. Maple, for its fun atmosphere and giant sandwiches." Try the Mango Smoothie at Amer's. The delicious blend of mango juice, bananas, strawberries, honey and ice is a great pick-me-up.

I also received several kudos for the Coffee Exchange, 112 S. Woodward, Birmingham and The Boardwalk location in West Bloomfield. A good strong "coppa Joe" will clear your head for the next round of power shopping... and the Coffee Exchange also offers a small lunch menu and some scrumptious desserts.

A little off the beaten track, but a classic lunch spot, is the Kingsley Inn dining room, 1475 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, the first choice of Marty Nouse of Birmingham. She also touts the fish chowder at Big Fish Too, 1111 W. 14 Mile, adjacent to Oakland Mall in Troy. "Out of this world," she claims.

If you're pinched for time at the Somerset Collection in Troy, but wish to sit down for a light meal, Allison Kolb suggests Cafe Jardin in the center of the mall. "It's airy and relaxing," says the Birmingham resident. For a longer, more festive lunch, try Sebastian's Grill at Somerset. The turkey scallopini with grilled leeks and caramelized apples is the perfect holiday lunch. Convince your mom to split a slice of apple pie with warm caramel sauce for dessert.

Holiday teas

The Rosewood Tea House, 118 W. Third in Rochester, is the ideal retreat for the hurried shoppers. Proprietor Marianne Moran plans a Christmas series of shoppers' specials that include chicken cauders, themed teas, string quartets and informal modeling by



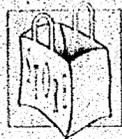
Jackie Jelinek of Katherine's boutique. Her menu reflects the season, with plum pudding, English trifle, Victorian soups and salad samplers such as the Prince Albert Royal Feast. Or enjoy a turkey croissant with cream cheese and cranberry apple chutney. Friends Anita Walker and Kay Mueller of Birmingham enjoyed their first trip to the tea house on a recent Thursday. "We felt completely relaxed and unburied. Just the antidote for a hectic day of running the streets." Linda Hochback is a resident of Birmingham. You can leave her column ideas at (313) 953-2447, mailbox 1089 or fax them to her at (810) 944-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

- It's The Ritz in Birmingham looks back on 20 years of retailing "traditional funk."
- Linda Hochback shops for cheese holiday takes to read by the fireplace.



Salesman delivers mirror and service



This story comes from Sharon Newman Bordine of Rochester, who reports she was surprised and delighted by the professionalism of a sales associate at the Nature Company in the Somerset Collection in Troy.

"I've been on a difficult search for the right mirrors for our classic Connecticut 1700's-type bathroom. While walking by The Nature Company at the Somerset Collection in Troy, I spotted a quite primitive mirror. It had possibilities."

The young man who waited on me was so helpful and gracious that I had to write a testimonial. In a world of skim milk, John Cianciolo is cream!

On my first visit to the store, John spent time measuring and explaining how I could get a second mirror if need be, since the store only had one. He listened to my design dilemmas with genuine support. On the second visit, I took the mirror home to see if it would work. Again, John's courtesy and helpfulness were notable. When I decided I needed the second mirror, NOW! John went into high gear. He had the mirror delivered to me by Federal Express at no charge, and called

to see if the mirror promptly arrived safely. I am so impressed with his attention to detail and graciousness that I want to let everyone know the art of customer service still exists.

I am weary of the fact that most kids who make the papers are usually criminals, victims, or star athletes. Yet, there are wonderful young people who we never hear about. That's why I'm submitting John Cianciolo of the Nature Company for a spot in your super salesman stories. Sincerely, Dr. Sharon Newman Bordine of Rochester."

Store manager Pam Bigley, said Cianciolo is a valuable member of her staff. He fills in whenever he can, after classes at the University of Michigan — Dearborn, where he is a freshman. Cianciolo said he plans to major in business and is very interested in visual merchandising. He resides with his family in Bloomfield Hills.



JOHN STORMAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

That extra mile: John Cianciolo of The Nature Company at the Somerset Collection in Troy "is a charm," according to one shopper who was touched by his care and attention to details.

Shoppers: Share your super salesmen stories

We're shopping for shopping stories about extra special sales people. If you've had a recent shopping experience where a sales associate went above and beyond the call of duty to provide customer service,

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lished on the Malls & Mainstreets pages each month will win an Observer & Eccentric shopping tote for the sales associate and the shopper.

You Bargained For, c/o Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Be sure to include your name, address, and daytime phone number.

Send your story to: More Than

Retail businesses in local malls and Main Streets may submit news of upcoming special events for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send facts to: Malls & Mainstreets c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax them to: (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, NOV. 28

LAKESHORE SANTA

22nd annual kick-off to holiday shopping season, 6-9 p.m. Tree lighting ceremony in Depot Plaza on University, 6-8:30 p.m. Carols, traditions, free horse-drawn carriage rides. Gifts from merchants to shoppers visiting their stores. Mary University, Downtown Rochester. (810) 656-0060.

TWELVE OAKS SANTA

Santa sits in his Crystal Forest cottage surrounded by 136 life size animals in center court. Children receive free informational posters about Detroit Zoo animals. A computer educational exhibit can be found in the Crystal Forest Gallery, upper level Sears Court. North Polar Star System which lets letters to Santa through the clouds. A 15 minute laser light show with big screen graphics produced by Image Engineering, greets shoppers Mondays through Saturdays at 7 and 8 p.m. in the Lord & Taylor Court through Dec. 23. A must see! Complimentary. Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Horn. Hwy. (810) 348-5439.

WONDERLAND SANTA

Animated Santa's Workshop. Photos and visits near center court daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Wonderland Mall Plymouth/Mexcellent, Livonia. (733) 522-4100.

PLYMOUTH SANTA

Santa's got a new house in the park. Photos \$4.50 each. Thursdays and Fridays 4-9 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays noon to 6 p.m. Free candy canes to visitors. Kingsley Park Mall Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth. (313) 453-0080.

TEL. TWELVE SANTA

Holidays Around the World dinner theme. Santa visits and photos. Reservations accepted for breakfast with Santa on Dec. 3, 8-9 a.m. Restaurants on Main Street area, send a long, gaudy bag \$2 per child. Tel Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 953-4111.

WESTLAND SANTA

Holiday Polar Bear theme. Santa visits and photos in center court. Charis to join Santa's Holiday Bear Club. Santa's Giving Sleigh in Kohl's court. Shoppers donate non-perishable food items through Dec. 24. Distribution to Operation Bread Basket. Hoopoe Tree of Memories in east court through Dec. 24. Westland Shopping Center Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

Hudson's 5th annual holiday exhibit runs through Dec. 31. Beauty and The Beast told through 17 animated, three-dimensional vignettes with 120 costumed figures. Free admission. Large groups are asked to call for reservations. Southwest mall corridor adjacent to Hudson's Mall's decor features

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Mother Goose storybook theme. Sunnyside Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. (810) 443-6048.

LAKESHORE SANTA

International Holidays animated displays. Santa photos and visits on Fountain Stage. See pagoda Asian temple, Egyptian pyramid, Swiss chalet, Russian temple, French Eiffel Tower and many others. 36-foot tall walk-through Christmas tree. Free holiday memory game to children. Santa breakfasts begin Monday, Dec. 12, through Friday, Dec. 23, at various mall restaurants. \$3 per person. Schedule available at mall. North Polar Star Service whisks letters through the clouds. Lakeside, M 59/Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. (810) 247-1744.

NORTHLAND SANTA

Northland celebrates the holidays and its 40th anniversary with a newly remodeled shopping center and "The Boy and The Bear" holiday theme. Kids receive a free growth chart when visiting Santa in Hudson's court area. Mail security offers child I.D. photos with photos near Santa. Toys for Tots collected Dec. 16 when shoppers can donate new, unwrapped gifts for the needy. 50 cent carousel rides. Northland Mall, Greenbelt/Tight Mile, Southfield. (810) 569-6273.

OAKLAND SANTA

Sesame Street holiday decor theme, interactive displays. Santa visits and photos in center court. Local 4-bands perform holiday carols through December. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 545-6000.

LIVONIA SANTA

Traditional holidays theme. Hundreds of animated characters, charming stage settings. Photos and visits with Santa. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile, Mexfield. (810) 478-1166.

LAUREL PARK SANTA

Professional pianist serenades shoppers through the holidays each Friday 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Informal modeling of holiday fashions Saturdays 1-3 p.m. through Dec. 17. Keep-sake photos with Santa in center court. Animated, live music boxes feature ballerina and skaters enter to win tickets to the Detroit Symphony's Nutcracker at the Fox Theatre through Dec. 11. Tree of Life benefits Angela Hospice in Jarobran's court area. Laurel Park Plaza, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

GREAT OAKS SANTA

Visits and photos. American Business Women's Association wraps gifts on weekends. Breakfasts with Santa on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. Reservations required. \$7 per child. Million Tree donations go to Neighborhood House. Toys For Tots Collection site. Great Oaks Mall, Livonia/Warren, Rochester Hills. (810) 651-6000.

FAMILIAR SANTA

Theme combines different elements: a Peter Pan Nursery, Mary Poppins rooftop, storybook trees laden with ornaments, 10 hot-air balloons filled with toys. Center court. 94-650 lights! Santa photos and

visits through Dec. 24. Foxlane Town Center, Hubbard/Michigan, Dearborn. (313) 593-3546.

MEADOWBROOK SANTA

Santa photos in center court, Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Puppet presentations of "The Little Mermaid" daily 7 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. Free shows 20 minutes long. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Walton/University, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

SOUTHFIELD SANTA

Southfield Downtown Development Authority hosts Santa arrival and holiday lighting program. Begins with 5:30 p.m. reception at the Plaza Hotel. Santa arrives by fire truck 6:30 p.m. Lights throughout business district turn on 6:45 p.m. Fireworks display. Showing of "Snoogie" starring Albert Finney, 7:15 p.m. Millennium Theatre, 15600 J.I. Hudson Dr. First 200 guests receive polaroid photo with Santa. Plaza Hotel, Lodge/J.I. Hudson Dr. (810) 443-5311.

KIDS' SANTA SHOP

Children's Only Shop through Dec. 10. Co-sponsored by Jacobson's. Stocked with low-priced items kids can buy for family. Teen escorts pair up with youngsters to assist. No parents allowed. Not recommended for kids under 4 years. Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community House, Bales/S. Maple, Birmingham. (810) 644-5832.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

SANTA BREAKFAST

Hudson's Restaurants host breakfasts with Santa throughout December, 8:30 a.m. Tickets \$7.50 per person, includes "Beauty and the Beast" breakfast, gifts, and visit with Santa. Today at Lakeside, Westland and Northland. Reservations required. 1-800-282-2450.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

CANTON SANTA

Santa will be stationed in an RV traveling to different shopping centers throughout December. 1-4 p.m. The Canton Chamber of Commerce has given Santa gift bags for visitors. On Dec. 4, Coventry Commons at Joy/Morton Taylor. On Dec. 10, Home Depot Ford in of 1-275. On Dec. 11, Canton Commons, Ford/Talley. Shopping Center, Joy/Miley Canton. (733) 453-4040.

HOLLY BAY

Kick off to holiday season in downtown Franklin Home tour 3-9 p.m. Luminaria light way for horse-drawn carriage rides 5-9 p.m. Tree lighting 6-8 p.m. in front of library. Salvation Army Band performs. Sweater Drive and Bake Sale benefit Salvation Army. Much more. Downtown Franklin, Franklin Road/71, 13 Mile. (810) 626-6589.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Kiddlywinks' in-town move doubles the fun

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Take one cup of durable. Add a big dollop of warm. Sprinkle with lots of comfortable. Fold in a dash of fun. Set the price tags to moderate.

Voila! That's the recipe for the success of Kiddlywinks, a very special children's clothing store at 286 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham.

The nine-year-old Kiddlywinks has done so well with its unique merchandise and personal service, that it's doubling its size by moving into larger headquarters down the street. To celebrate, customers are invited to a special Open House 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. A guest appearance by Marc Ham of New York is scheduled. Ham is president of Flapdoodles, one of the best-selling clothing lines at Kiddlywinks and one of the first to create cotton lycra leggings for children.

Customers are also being asked to bring in gently used and outgrown clothing to Kiddlywinks through Nov. 30 for a Flap-Me-Downs Collection which will be donated to Children's Orchards, Lighthouse of Pontiac, The Judson Center and Mother Wattle's Shelter in Detroit.

Cindy Obron Kahn of Franklin, opened Kiddlywinks in October 1985 as the first franchise of a

New York-based children's clothing shop known as R. J. Crumbsnatcher. After a year and a half in Birmingham, she bought out the franchise and changed the name to Kiddlywinks, ready to do her own thing in 550 square feet of retail space at 120 W. Maple.

Obron Kahn grew up in the area, graduating from Groves High School in 1975. She went on to become a special education teacher, working with deaf children for five years before following her husband's change of employment to New York City.

"I couldn't find a teaching job in New York, so I went to work in retail at R. J. Crumbsnatcher's," she said. "When we moved back to the Detroit area, I knew I wanted to have my own children's shop. Downtown Birmingham is where I wanted to be. I love it here for the great customers, the other business owners, the wonderful small boutiques."

Kiddlywinks stocks boys' and girl's outfits from infant sizes through size 14. The clothing is 100-percent cotton, featuring the Flapdoodles line of mix and match playwear in leggings and coordinated tops and accessories.

Lots of Halloween costumes are sold year-round for fun, and eight different styles of tutus are available for young dancers.

Kiddlywinks also sells one-of-a-kind children's antiques on the premises which are warmly integrated into the shop's decor — a child's oversized dressing room. The interior was designed by Sara Cullen and Ron Rea who have placed much of the merchandise in wicker trunks and dresser drawers.

Customers walk into Kiddlywinks as if the shop was home. They're usually greeted by name, by a staff that includes Obron Kahn's mother and occasionally her 7-year-old daughter.

"I just love the clothes for kids here because the pieces are different, unusual," said Liz Sherbin, a Birmingham mother of two. "The quality's good for hand-me-downs and there are lots of gift possibilities. The help is great."

Kiddlywinks carries clothing from the funky to the traditional in just about anyone's price range with some separates starting at \$10. Obron Kahn orders the merchandise from manufacturers around the world, California to Israel. Some of the lines include Deux Par Deux, Rebels and Simply Magic. Gift purchases are wrapped, free of charge.

Thanks to the new video screen wall, moms and dads can make selections with ease while the wee ones are entertained by watching



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kids' closet: Cindy Obron Kahn stands in her new Kiddlywinks shop in Birmingham where she's doubled her floor space and introduced antique furnishings for children.

the latest music videos for the tot set. Kiddlywinks is open during the holidays, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m. Inquiries are welcome at (810) 540-1977.

Renovations move Northland and Tel-Twelve ahead

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Scissors sliced through red ribbons at two major Southfield shopping centers last week, dedicating renovated retail space to new life through the next decade.

An \$11-million remodeling project was completed in time for Northland Mall's 40th anniversary, and at Tel-Twelve Mall, Crowley's Department Store was totally redesigned to increase visibility and make room for new merchandise lines.

At Northland, Birmingham artist Marshall Fredericks showed up to see the Boy and The Bear sculpture he created in 1954 for the nation's first suburban shopping center, moved from the outside, inside. The bronze boy atop a marble bear that for years stood outdoors, now resides between Hudson's and Montgomery Wards in the west end of the mall.

Southfield Mayor Don Fracassi called Northland Center "a great lady," recalling the original gar-

dens, sculptures and retail projects that helped put the city of Southfield on the map back in the early 1950s.

State Sen. Jack Faxon mused that Northland was the birthplace of a city, spawning the subsequent "swift and rapid" development of housing, roads and other commercial enterprises that drew Detroiters from the city to the farmlands past Eight Mile Road.

The Rev. Loyce Lester pointed out that today 90 percent of Northland's clientele comes from Detroit. He praised general manager Catherine O'Malley for her support and ability to work with a diverse community of shoppers and retailers.

The "new" Northland is brighter, lighter and more user-friendly. Cream-colored walls are accented in blue and teal. Pillars enhance visibility. Two new anchors opened at the center in early November, Montgomery Wards and T. J. Maxx. The grand old

Hudson's at Northland is also being remodeled, department by department. Hudson's should be finished by the spring.

Changing Crowley's

The need to update and revitalize was also felt by Crowley's. Fresh from some hard financial times with a recent \$12-million business loan to move the company forward, Crowley's knocked down walls and rearranged departments at its Tel-Twelve Mall store. President Dennis Callahan said Crowley's plans to expand through new locations in Rochester, Novi and Pontiac.

"At Tel-Twelve, we needed to create the look of a traditional department store with the merchandise visible clear to the back of the store," he said. "Now, shoppers can see all the different departments available. It's exciting, inviting."

Callahan said the Macomb Mall store is the company's most successful, followed by Crowley's

Westborn in Dearborn. "We've had a tough time in Birmingham and we're going to work hard to get that store going again."

He said the company is also producing more direct mail pieces and offering shoppers an 800-number to conveniently order merchandise.

Speeding sales at the register, is another company goal and to that end 120 scanners have been ordered.

Mayor Fracassi cut the ribbon on the remodeled store and told company executives that Southfield shoppers appreciate the location in town and the efforts to keep the store vital. Mall manager Richard Fair was also pleased about the changes at Crowley's.

"They've completely redesigned this store," he said. "It's a lot less confusing. The visibility from the front entrance draws shoppers right in."

Crowley's has opened three Trim A Home holiday shops this year at Tel-Twelve, Wonderland,



JOHN STORMZAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rededicated to all: Sculptor Marshall Fredericks and his wife, Rosalind, admire 'The Boy and The Bear' at Northland Mall in Southfield.

and the New Center malls. These free-standing satellite shops will not replace the store's home departments but will offer customers the same merchandise in a boutique-setting as an experiment over the next three months.

RETAIL DETAILS

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NEW AT TEL-TWELVE

The Julian K Collection of ladies leather and suede separates has opened at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. Julian K replaces The Id store. K previously designed high-end leather goods for

shops like Lillie Rubin, Cache and I. Magnin.

BAKER'S DELIGHT

The new Chudlek's in Rochester Hills at Crooks and M-59, stocks cake and candy supplies and even classes to create confection wonders. The store is a family affair, owned by Laurie and Rick Chudlek of Rochester Hills and their children, Kaitlyn and Bridget. Merchandise lines include Wilton, Sweetex and Nestle products, party balloons and favors. Inquiries are welcome at

(810) 853-0088.

ARBOR DRUGS ONLINE

Arbor Drugs is offering a shop-at-home service, Arbor Home Delivery, through the America Online computer network. Arbor becomes the first drugstore in Michigan to offer an interactive home shopping service. Subscribers can view and electronically order items and prescriptions from Arbor Drugs on their personal computer. Chairman Eugene Applebaum said the service is intended to

make shopping at Arbor Drugs even more convenient to busy consumers.

Specially trained personnel will deliver orders Monday through Friday for a \$3 service fee. Payments can be made by check, credit cards and approved insurance plans.

Arbor Drugs was founded in 1963 with 159 stores all in Michigan.

SHOWROOM OPENS

De Giulio Kitchen and Bath is open at 724 North Woodward in

Birmingham. The showroom features domestic and imported cabinetry and is the fifth in a series of studios operated by the DeGiulio family. Owners John and Daniel feature the Snaidero (Italy) and Dutch Mills cabinetry lines as well as countertops in granite, tumbled marble and limestone.

For more information, call (810) 258-6880.

T.J. MAXX AT NORTHLAND

The opening of T.J. Maxx at Northland Mall in Southfield creates 100 new jobs, according to Maxx president Richard Lesser. The store stocks clothing for the family as well as domestics and giftware at 20 to 60 percent less than department store prices. The store will receive 10,000 pieces of new merchandise each week in 40,000-square feet of retail space.

POSSE SADDLES UP

The Wayne County Sheriff's Posse will patrol the parking lots at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn again this holiday shopping season. Look for the officers on horseback to aid shoppers with everything from spotting their car to retrieving lost car keys.

SALON MOVES

Carol Lewis Skin Care has relocated in downtown Birmingham to 386 E. Maple at Peabody Street in the historic row houses. The salon offers a complete line of facial, body and hair services in a Victorian setting. Gift packages

are available for the holidays. Inquiries are welcome at (810) 642-1570.

ART GLASS HOUSES

The Vintage Village art-glass collection is available through Michigan Chandelier stores in Rochester, Novi and Bloomfield Township. The village features seven structures reminiscent of the Victorian era. Each piece is cut, copper foiled and soldered into position to create a work of art identified by a brass plaque and a "Homeowners Certificate" guaranteeing authenticity to collectors.

CAMERA FOR MEN

A new French fragrance for men, Camera, will be sold exclusively at Hudson's in the Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. Camera is imported by Le Monde D.F.L. Inc.

SPORTS MEMORABILIA

The Sports Gallery has opened on the lower level of All Pro Sports, 375 Hamilton Row in Birmingham. Sports Gallery merchandise is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. Some of the items available include autographed photos, sporting equipment, jerseys, and vintage game program books. Owner attorney Michael Fishman said the store is a response to a growing need for fans to own memorabilia linking them to their favorite athletes and teams.

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To some birds, Michigan is like Key West in winter

BY TIMOTHY NOWICKI
STAFF WRITER



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

NATURE TRAILS

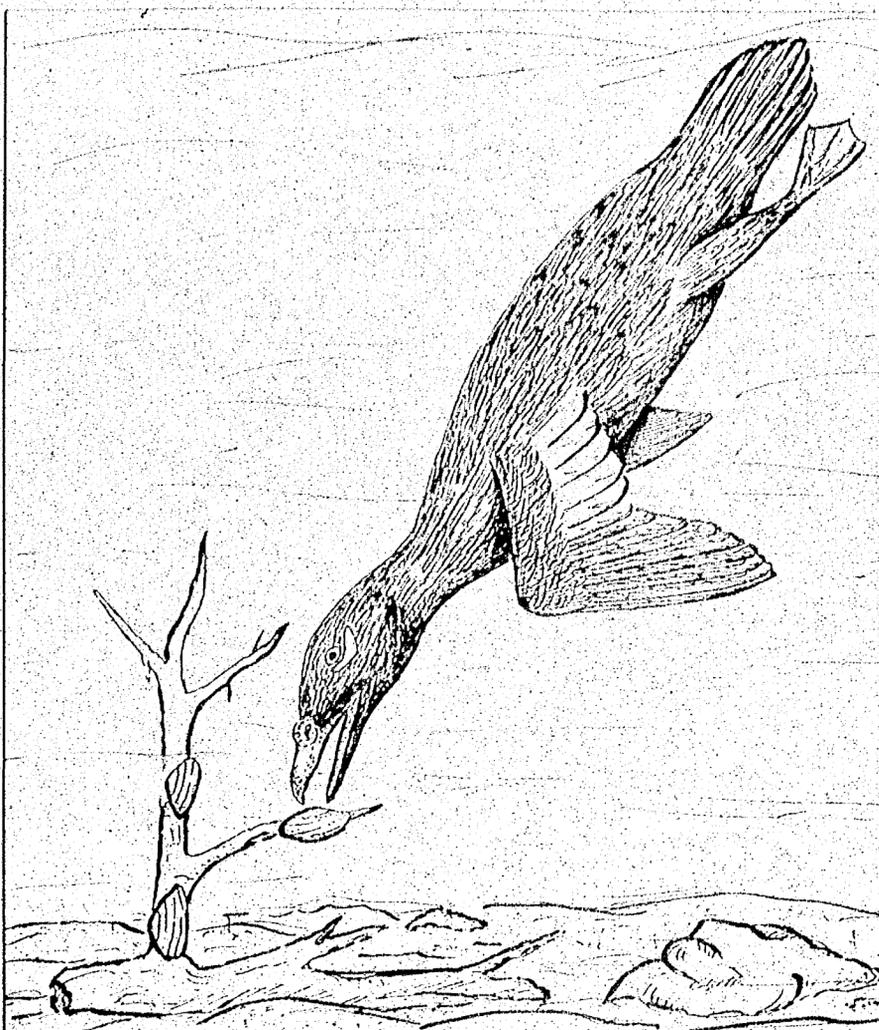
Now that most of the "snow birds" have headed south to spend the winter in Florida, we also see the real snow birds that visit southeastern Michigan for the winter. To birds like the tree sparrow, pine siskin and dark-eyed junco, the Detroit area is their Florida. It's relatively warm here compared to their northern Canada breeding grounds.

slight tilt of the earth's axis, climatic conditions would be spring, and fall-like all year. But because winter causes cold temperatures, insects become dormant, water freezes and consequently birds like warblers and ducks cannot find food in their summer breeding grounds of northern Canada. A trip to Belle Isle in the Detroit River will allow you to see some of the northern Canada residents that consider the open water of the Great Lakes a good place to spend the winter. Many species of waterfowl migrate to the east coast where the water doesn't freeze. But a regional population of several species will linger, or stay, in the Great Lakes if the water is open and food is available.

river flats and the Detroit River as stopover areas on their way south or east. Some populations will stay until the water freezes and their move south just far enough to find open water and food. Those individuals that do not migrate as far as others may be the first in spring to reach the breeding grounds and be able to get first choice of nesting sites.

Along with several species of ducks, scoters have been seen along the Detroit River more frequently than in the past. Scoters specialize in eating mollusks from the lake bottom. I can't help but think that those scoters that stop here are finding a plentiful supply of zebra mussels on which to feed. If they can find food and not have to migrate any further, they may stay around longer and ultimately make the Detroit River area part of their regular stopover places.

For many years canvasback, redhead, goldeneye, bufflehead and scaup have used the St. Clair



Good eats: A white-winged scoter dives for a zebra mussel in one of Tim Nowicki's drawings.



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Nativity scene displayed in Livonia

Nativity exhibits will be on display at three area Churches of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints next month. Hundreds of nativity scenes of all sizes, materials and ages will be on display at the Livonia Chapel at Six Mile and Merriam, call Leslie Snow at (313) 477-6535, the Troy Chapel on Square Lake Road just west of Dequindre and the Ann Arbor Chapel at 1385 Green Road, call (313) 668-3622.

The Troy displays are open 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

A Christmas presentation of Christmas choral music will occur 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Troy Chapel.

The Livonia displays are open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5. More than 600 nativity scenes from more

than 30 countries will be on display. The scenes are constructed of many materials, including clay, stone, porcelain, fabric, metal, gingerbread, chocolate, corn husks, Israeli olive wood, mud and excrement.

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TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Thanks for memories, Mr. Gingerbread Man

I had to guess, I would guess that just about everybody loves gingerbread. Ask any of your gourmet-type friends, and more than likely they will tell you they do. My guess is that they will also tell you their favorite kind of gingerbread, who used to bake it, how it was made and where they ate it.

Gingerbread is a holiday favorite that fills the air with wisps of ginger, molasses and nutmeg. It is also a comfort food that warms the soul, the mind and hearts of young and old alike.

In the Janes Gang family tree, different women made different types of gingerbread. Momma would only bake old fashioned gingerbread in her heirloom 8- by 8-inch square pan.

We'd usually enjoy it with a big dollop of Cool Whip immediately following Sunday dinner. Any leftovers would be eaten by dad with his ritual morning pot of coffee.

Raisin eyes, nut noses

Aunt Phyllis, on the other hand, was the proverbial gingerbread people creator. Her early-American decorated home would have a multitude of gingerbread families adorning the Christmas tree. Plates of gingerbread men, women and children would be garnished with raisins for eyes, nuts for noses and dots of frosting for buttons and dresses.

Aunt Edna was known for a gingerbread layer cake that could have won a prize for good looks at the Pillsbury Bake-Off. Momma said it was too bad she always overcooked it because, "Aunt Edna was well past 80 years, she had a hard time seeing the dials on the stove, but it was still good drenched in a hard whiskey sauce."

Stories, in the end, are the stuff of memories; and I like to think that when you make one of these gingerbread maven's recipes, you'll be providing loved ones with a few new stories and some delicious memories.

Royal pedigree

Gingerbread and its making is steeped in history. Queen Elizabeth I supposedly invented the gingerbread man while playing with her gingerbread. Of course, where would we be without the story of Hansel and Gretel and the gingerbread house that turned out to be the witch's den?

In her first edition of "The Boston Cooking School Cookbook," Fanny Merril Farmer featured five different recipes for gingerbread. She wrote: "Gingerbreads vary from the simplest eggless mixture made with hot water, to a rich and buttery sour cream concoction which makes no pretense of being inexpensive."

Surprisingly, Ms. Farmer chose not to incorporate gingerbread people because "that was a craft item whereas good gingerbread is best served warm as a luncheon bread or with afternoon tea."

As with just about any other great recipe, the best gingerbreads are made with the best ingredients. In her book, "Entertaining On The Run" (William Morrow, 1994, \$25), author Marlene Sorosky suggests that the best gingerbread is made with the freshest spices.

Fresh ground cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger are a must, especially when most of us have spices older than the cars we drive. Ground spices lose 10-15 percent of their potency every year, especially when exposed to air and humidity.

If you use fresh cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger, the dish will be 50 percent more aromatic and tasty. Simply grate these fresh, whole spices on the finest side of your hand grater/shredder.

You can also expect better results when using pastry or cake flour, rather than all-purpose flour. Cake flour is usually triple sifted and certainly is not a prerequisite for making great cookies, but it does make a difference when baking cakes and pastries.

The folks at General Mills, makers of the Softasilk brand of cake flour, claim their product is milled with a smaller grind and has a lower protein level for more tenderness.

Heavy bleaching of the flour also helps break down the gluten and allows for better distribution of the fats and therefore better moisture retention.

Personally speaking, I get excellent results when preparing gingerbread by using a heavy commercial-grade bakeware or oven proof glass. Aluminum tins and pie plates have a tendency to brown the bottom crust and make a drier product.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week

- Local chefs reveal what's on their Christmas wish lists
- Holiday gifts for wine aficionados



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER DAN DEAN



Seasonal Treats: Ajluni and her son, Steven, await their guests. Lemon Pepper Mushrooms with pita chips are a family favorite.

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

Samar Ajluni has several good reasons for serving healthy foods when she's entertaining.

She's married to cardiologist Steve Ajluni. She has an 11-month-old son, Steven, and she is expecting a second child in March. For years she's been an active member of the American Heart Association's Michigan affiliate and is currently working on the group's Heart Ball in February.

Ajluni is among the many area

hosts and hostesses who will be serving their guests good and healthy food during the holidays.

"I not only feel that I have a responsibility to serve my family and guests good, nutritious fare, but I also like low-fat and low-calorie, heart-healthy foods," Ajluni said. "Nutritious foods make me feel better and give me more energy. In addition, with today's emphasis on being fit, prepared, healthy

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Round up kids for jolly afternoon of baking



Holiday magic: A cookie decorating party is lots of fun for kids of all ages.

An afternoon of cookie baking and decorating can be a terrific creative outlet for kids. It also has all the markings of a holiday party when each child invites a few friends to join the fun.

Organization is key to ensuring peace and goodwill, especially if you've invited a mixed-age crowd. Let the older kids take over the kitchen and bake while the younger ones turn the family room into Santa's workshop and decorate cookies baked the day before. At least one grown-up Santa's helper should be in each location to supervise and lend a hand if needed.

Little decorators will have lots of fun "dressing" the "Chocolate Teddy Bear Cookies," a recipe created by the Quaker Oats Company.

The ready-to-spread frosting you can buy in the supermarket is great glue for small candies, and it can be used to make mittens, ties, shoes, and other accessories.

Give each child a small plastic knife for safe spreading. Muffin tins or small unbreakable bowls will keep candies and sprinkles organized and easy to use.

Put the bakers to work mixing the dough for "Kris Kringle Shortbread." What makes this cookie such a snap is the mixing method. The ingredients are measured into a large resealable plastic bag, then squeezed and kneaded into a smooth dough. To shape, pinch off small pieces of dough and drop on the cookie sheet. Or, for more evenly shaped cookies, roll dough into balls. Using two fingers or the tines of a

fork, flatten cookies then decorate with colored sugar, sprinkles or other small holiday candies and bake.

Tied with ribbon and a small ornament, they'll be sweet remembrance of a magical afternoon.

Here are some more "Kids in the Kitchen," cookie baking tips from the folks who make Sun Maid Baking Raisins.

- Get ready to bake - select the recipe you want to bake. Discuss the baking project with mom, dad or an adult helper.
- Keep several thick potholders handy.
- Read the recipe entirely before beginning, making sure you understand the instructions.
- Review the list of ingredients to make certain you have everything on hand. Gather all of the ingredients on the kitchen counter or table.
- Assemble all of the kitchen utensils and any other items you will need.
- As you add each ingredient, put it back in its correct place. That way, you won't be confused about whether or not the ingredient has been added.
- Clean up spills as you go along.

See recipes inside.

Holidays from page 1B

foods now taste good." Ajluni said she uses the AHA Cookbook's new and revised fifth edition. That book, or the paperback fourth edition, is available in area book stores.

"I've discovered there's a number of recipes available in this cookbook for good tasting party foods, such as lemon-pepper mushrooms and pita crisps."

The young mother believes that everything you put in your mouth affects you. That's why she is attempting to instill in her son good eating habits.

"I know that Steven is still young, but I really watch what I feed him. So far, he likes oatmeal, and he doesn't know what candy is."

She added that when the family travels, she carries healthy munchies, like bagels, pretzels and bananas.

Christine Stromp Hanba of Livonia said that having a small child and being connected with the cardiology field — she is a nurse — are among the reasons that she serves healthy foods in her home. She also is a member of the Board of Directors of the AHA, central Wayne division, and is a member of the Heart Ball committee.

"I've watched too many 30-year-olds succumb to massive heart attacks because of unhealthy diets and lifestyles," she said. "This is why being fit is so important to me."

She added that her mother, Phoebe Stromp, of Brownstown Township, has been an excellent role model.

"She always served healthy meals and has stressed the importance of being active and being fit. This is how I am raising my nine-month-old son, Joey."

Hanba said she substitutes low-fat or no-fat ingredients in her recipes.

"My guests often marvel at how good the food I serve tastes. And they don't believe it's also healthy."

Dips are an important part of Hanba's entertaining menu. She especially likes the cranberry-orange dip and the Mexican bean dip from the "Lean and Luscious and Meatless" cookbook, by Bobbie Hinman and Millie Snyder.

Jan Westveer of Troy also serves healthy food when she entertains, because, like Hanba and Ajluni, she is an AHA Heart Ball committee member, and she's married to a cardiologist and has a nursing background. Westveer is also the mother of four children, ages four to 20.

"Healthy foods help us (she and her husband, Doug) and our kids have the energy to keep up with our busy schedules," Westveer said.

Another reason she and her husband need lots of energy is that they serve as foster parents to babies born with crack and other drug addictions.

Bake memories of gingerbread

See related Taste Buds column on Taste front.

GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, room temp.
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 large egg

Sift the flour, ginger, cinnamon, soda, cloves and salt together in a large bowl. Set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar together until fluffy and smooth. Beat in molasses and egg. Add the dry ingredients and mix well to incorporate. Gather dough into a ball and divide into three pieces. Flatten each piece into a disk, wrap in plastic and refrigerate until firm. (Can be made a day ahead).

Position rack in center of the oven. Preheat to 375 degrees.

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside. Roll

out one chilled disk of dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4-inch thick. Using a gingerbread cutter about 5 inches in height, cut out gingerbread forms.

Transfer with a spatula to baking sheets. Space cookies about 1 inch apart. Gather all leftover dough and repeat. Bake cookies at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Allow to cool for 1 minute then remove to cool on wire racks.

Store in airtight containers. Makes about 2 dozen.

MOMMA'S RICH SOUR CREAM GINGERBREAD

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup melted, unsalted butter

Beat eggs until foamy and stir in sour cream, molasses and brown sugar. Set aside. Sift together the dry ingredients and stir into egg mixture and mix well. Stir in butter and incorporate. Lightly grease and flour an 8 by 8-inch baking dish

and bake in a preheated 325 degree oven for 30 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Serves 4-6.

AUNY EDNA'S GINGERBREAD CAKE

- 1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening (i.e. Crisco)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2/3 cup molasses
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee dissolved in 2 teaspoons hot water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons fresh grated lemon peel
- 2 cups cake flour
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan. Set aside. Cream together the shortening and both sugars until fluffy, about 2-3 min-

utes. Stir in molasses, eggs, coffee, vanilla and lemon peel and mix well. Set aside. Sift together the flour, spices, soda and salt and stir into shortening mixture.

Stir until just mixed. Do not overmix. Pour into prepared pan and bake in a preheated oven for 45 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Serves 6.

GINGER CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 5 large crystallized ginger slices
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 pound cream cheese, room temp
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, room temp
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Place crystallized ginger on a flat surface with 2 tablespoons powdered sugar. Finely chop the ginger or crush with a large knife.

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Beat in remaining powdered sugar, both gingers and vanilla. Mix well. makes 4 cups frosting.

Healthy appetizers will please guests

See related story on Taste front. LEMON PEPPER MUSHROOMS

- Vegetable oil spray
- 8 large fresh mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon, light, reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon light vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon-pepper seasoning

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly spray a shallow baking dish with vegetable oil.

Wipe mushrooms with a clean, damp cloth. Remove stems and set mushroom caps aside. Discard lower half of stems and chop upper half of stems very finely. In a small bowl, combine chopped stems with remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Stuff mushroom caps with mixture. Place stuffed mushrooms in prepared pans and bake 8 to 10 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 8; 1 mushroom per serving, 26 calories per serving.

PITA CRISPS

- 3 large whole-wheat pita bread rounds

- 1/4 cup low-fat margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed, dried sweet basil
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Separate each pita bread into 2 round single layers. Set aside. In a small bowl, combine margarine, parsley, sweet basil and green onions. Mix well.

Brush mixture evenly over the 6 rounds of bread. Sprinkle cheese evenly over open pita rounds. Cut each into 6 wedges. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet 12 minutes or until crisp. Serve warm. Two wedges per serving, 67 calories.

SPINACH VEGETABLE DIP

- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen no-salt added chopped spinach
- 5 green onions with tops, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup watercress, large stems removed
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, large stems removed
- 8 ounces plain nonfat yogurt

- 1 avocado, peeled and chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons no-salt garlic seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, or to taste
- 1 purple cabbage

Cook spinach, drain and wring out all juice in a clean kitchen towel. In the work bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade, finely chop spinach, onion, watercress and parsley, or chop with a knife and transfer to a blender. Process just until blended. Do not overprocess! Remove to colander to drain excess liquid. Set aside.

Place remaining ingredients except cabbage in processor or blender and process until smooth.

In a bowl, combine vegetables and yogurt mixture. Mix to blend well. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours to allow flavors to blend.

Hollow out purple cabbage to use as a serving bowl. Serve with a variety of vegetables. Serves 24, 1 tablespoon per serving, 23 calories.

Recipes from the American Heart Association Cookbook, 5th edition.

CRANBERRY-ORANGE DIP

- 1/2 cup plain non-fat yogurt
- 1/2 cup canned whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon orange extract

In a small bowl combine all ingredients, mixing well. Chill several hours to blend flavors. Serve as a dip for fresh fruit. Makes 8 (2 1/2 tablespoon) servings. Each serving 39 calories.

MEXICALI BEAN DIP

- 1 10-ounce can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 3/4 cup plain non-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

Put all ingredients in a blender, and blend until smooth. Chill several hours to combine flavors. Serve as a dip for vegetables or spoon on baked potatoes. Makes 10 (2 1/2 tablespoon) servings.

Recipes from "Lean and Luscious and Meatless" by Bobbie Hinman and Millie Snyder.

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Cookies

Oatmeal-raisins: holiday favorites

Americans consume nearly 15 billion pounds of cookies annually. The cookie of choice may be debatable in your family, but cookies made with oatmeal seem to be the favorite of food editors.

An informal survey of 20 food and lifestyle magazines found oatmeal cookie recipes printed more often than any other cookie recipe over the past four years. Armed with this knowledge, the folks at Sun-Maid invite you to savor the raisin oatmeal flavor in honor of their newest innovation — Sun-Maid Baking Raisins.

These moisture-rich raisins were specifically selected for baking. During processing, moisture is locked into each raisin, making it extra plump and juicy. This moistness results in a soft, tender raisin that adds a rich raisin flavor and chewy texture to favorite baked goods and ensures extra freshness.

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These delicious cookies combine the soft, chewy goodness of oats and raisins with a touch of vanilla and cinnamon for a one-of-a-kind taste that can't be beat.

Add Sun-Maid's Raisin Oatmeal Classics to your repertoire and you'll have an easy, new family favorite for your holiday baking list.

SUN-MAID'S RAISIN OATMEAL CLASSICS

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar, or
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1 package (1 1/2 cup) Sun-Maid Baking Raisins

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets. Combine butter, brown sugar, sugar, egg and vanilla; beat until well blended.

Combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Stir in oats and Sun-Maid Baking Raisins.

Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in upper third of oven at 350 degrees F for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets; cool on wire racks. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

What's in coolest box in the house?

A peek into the nation's refrigerators has revealed Americans have a love of USOs — unidentified shriveled objects. A recent survey of consumers' refrigerator habits by Whirlpool Corp. uncovered year-old lettuce firmly stuck to the vegetable tray, massive mold, fuzzy beans and a fruit cake of unknown vintage.

In addition, respondents looked inside the coolest box in the house and found a TV remote control, gym shoes, car keys, one dead parakeet and a dead snake, and one set of very frosty false teeth.

The three most commonly found items on refrigerator shelves are milk (83 percent), eggs

(37 percent) and butter (36 percent). Preserves, jams and jellies (10 percent), pickles (6 percent) and condiments such as mustard (7 percent) and ketchup (6 percent) are most likely to linger in the chilly environs of U.S. iceboxes, some for as long as a year.

The national survey was conducted in observance of Whirlpool's first national Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day on Nov. 16.

The hectic lifestyle of today's families was reflected in the survey respondents' casual refrigerator cleaning habits. Just over half completely dismantle their refrigerator for cleaning. Only 12 percent wipe down the shelves and

drawers weekly, with most taking on the task monthly (32 percent) or just twice yearly (21 percent). Although the average consumer may not boast a sparkling clean refrigerator, one heartening trend was noted: most do eliminate outdated food on a monthly (27 percent), bimonthly (12 percent) or weekly (19 percent) basis. Perhaps that's why almost three out of four people polled confidently predict they would pass a special inspection by the "refrigerator police."

As an added note, although one might expect to find caviar and champagne in the "refrigerators of

the stars," Whirlpool's survey identified that celebrity refrigerators are mainly stocked with familiar beverages. Troy Aikman, quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, reports you can always score milk, orange and apple juice in his refrigerator, while Michael Bolton sings the praises of his ever-available supply of bottled water, half and half cream and orange juice. TV-show host Regis Philbin puts skim milk, strawberry jam and leftover take-out food in the spotlight. Only Martin Yan of "Yan Can Cook" fame prefers a more exotic assortment: packages of tofu and pot stickers, a 1/2 pot of jook, Asian pears and baby bok choy.



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Have a cookie party to create holiday magic

See related story on Taste front.

CHOCOLATE TEDDY BEAR COOKIES

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1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate pieces, melted
2 cups oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned uncooked)
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup salt (optional)
Ready-to-spread frosting
Assorted small candies

Beat together margarine and sugar until creamy. Add eggs, vanilla and melted chocolate. Add combined oats, flour, baking powder and salt; mix well. Cover, chill about 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. To make bears, shape dough into 1-inch balls for the bodies, 1/4-inch

balls for the heads and 1/4-inch balls for the arms, legs and ears.

On ungreased cookie sheet, gently press pieces together to form bears, placing 2 inches apart. Flatten slightly; bake 10 to 12 minutes or just until dough is firm to the touch. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Decorate as desired. Makes 2 dozen cookies.

To melt chocolate — place in dry glass measuring cup or microwaveable bowl. Microwave at high 1-2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until smooth. Or, place in top part of a double boiler over hot water; stir until smooth.

KRIS KRINGLE SHORTBREAD

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned uncooked)

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
Colored sugar, nonpareils or sprinkles

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Place margarine in large (1 gallon) resealable plastic bag; seal. Squeeze with hands until very soft. Open bag; add sugar and vanilla. Reseal; squeeze and knead until ingredients are well mixed.

Add oats and flour, reseal. Squeeze and knead until ingredients are well mixed.

Open bag; scrape dough together with spatula and remove from bag. Shape into 1-inch balls; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten balls with fingers or tines of fork to 1/4-inch thickness. Decorate as desired. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until bottoms are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Recipes from Quaker Oats.

Gingerbread takes over B'ham First Presbyterian

Baking holiday cookies is a tradition at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, but it's not kid stuff.

For several weeks in November, the church kitchen becomes a cookie factory, a giant gingerbread cookie factory, to be precise.

Several dozen volunteers prepared 15,000 gingerbread cookies. The treats are given to visitors at the church's "Hand-in-Hand" holiday exhibits Dec. 5-8. Hours are 1:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call (810) 614-2040. The church is at 1669 West, Maple Road, east of Lahser Road and West of Southfield.

Organizers estimate that 12,000-14,000 people will partici-

pate in the event in which church rooms are decorated, to portray different aspects of the Christmas season. Each visitor will leave with a gingerbread man cookie.

"It's hard work and it's lots of fun," said Sue DePup, who is the First Presbyterian's cookie coordinator.

She estimated that 100 women volunteers will spend 20 hours preparing the gingerbread men. They mixed 27 batches of a batter (the recipe can be found at the end of this story) which makes about 48 dozen cookies per batch.

"We roll it and cut it and bake as many as we can in a morning or evening," said DePup. The cookies are wrapped and stored in egg

boxes. The church's institutional-sized kitchen has four large ovens.

"It's hard work and it's a lot of fun. People tell stories and you get to know people you didn't know before."

"You have to have someone in there who has done it before because it's a big job, and when you have 13 women working, you have to be organized," DePup said.

During one of the "Hand-in-Hand" stops, visitors are invited to decorate the gingerbread cookies and take them home.

"Hand-in-Hand" is presented by the church every three years, which is probably just the right frequency for the hard-working cookie volunteers.

Enjoy all those cookies without feeling guilty

Holiday memories often include the aroma of home-baked cookies. Unfortunately, many cookies are loaded with fat.

For example, refrigerated cookie dough may have 5-6 grams of fat per serving (usually 2 cookies). Box cookie mixes may have 6-10 grams of fat per serving, even if one follows the low-fat preparation method.

So in a heart-healthy diet, is it possible to have your cookies and eat them too? Yes, if one follows some easy recipe modifications, according to Rozolana Karanec, a dietitian with Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

For a healthier holiday, Karanec suggests trying some innovative fat-skimming "tricks" that will result in delicious cookies.

■ Dried fruit such as raisins, prunes or apricots into the cookie dough instead of high fat ingredients like nuts and chocolate chips.

■ Use smaller amounts of nuts (1/2-3/4 cup per recipe).

■ For a satisfying crunch, leave the nuts in larger chunks.

■ Replace half the fat in the recipe with an equal amount of pureed fruit such as ripe bananas, stewed prunes, applesauce or canned pumpkin.

Here's a recipe to try

SUGAR COOKIES

1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup tub margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg whites
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup vanilla non-fat yogurt

1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Vegetable oil spray

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Cream sugar and margarine.

Mix in vanilla, egg white and yogurt. Mix together flour, baking powder, baking soda and nutmeg. Add gradually to yogurt mixture. Mix well. Chill.

Divide dough into 3 equal parts. Roll each part 1/4-inch thick on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Cut with 2-inch cookie cutter. Place on cookie sheet sprayed with vegetable oil spray. Decorate with colored sugars.

Bake until no indentation remains when touched, approximately 6 to 8 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies. Each cookie is 57 calories, 1 gram of fat.

Eat right to put yourself on 'The Road to Wellville'

Responding to consumer confusion about conflicting scientific nutrition messages reported in the media, Bruce Obshnik, president of the California Table Grape Commission, offers this commentary on the state of the American diet.

Want to lower your blood pressure? Eat 10 to 14 pounds of grapes a day — but nothing else — and your high blood pressure will be eliminated. Sound like another "miracle" diet? Well, it was — in the 1870s. The proponent was Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, creator of Corn Flakes and the subject of the best-selling novel, "The Road to Wellville," and the just-released movie of the same name.

Kellogg was the director of one of the first American diet clinics, Battle Creek Sanitarium. There Kellogg treated patients with peculiar nutrition and exercise regimes few could follow outside of

the confines of the sanitarium. For the weak of heart it was grapes, grapes, grapes, for skinny patients it was 26 feedings per day, their stomachs weighted with sandbags to increase the absorption of nutrients. All the real ate bran, bran and more bran.

Bran does not irritate. Kellogg enthused "it titillates." More than a century later, our inclination is to regard Kellogg as a huckster and possibly a kook. But in our 20th century smugness are we any closer to Wellville that mythical land of fitness and good nutrition where everyone lives to a ripe and vigorous old age? Think for a moment about thigh cream, liposuction, the passing frenzy over oat bran, and the screaming diet gurus boasting television infomercials. Are we on the superhighway to Wellville or out of control and in the ditch? One thing's for sure, scientists

know more about human nutrition and fitness than at any time in history.

Unfortunately, the consumer perceives that the current information interstate is clogged with conflicting facts: Take antioxidant vitamins; don't take killer antioxidant vitamins. Eat healthy ethnic foods, don't eat Italian, Chinese and Mexican food with their payloads of killer fat. And don't ever touch movie popcorn, fast food french fries or anything else that tastes good.

It's no wonder that the American Dietetic Association found during a recent study that one-third of Americans no longer want to be bothered with nutrition. Another third know they could improve but they don't want to. The remainder think they're on the Road to Wellville already, so bug off.

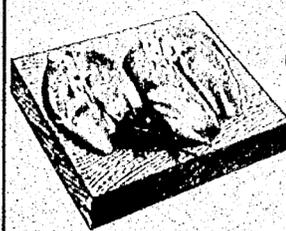
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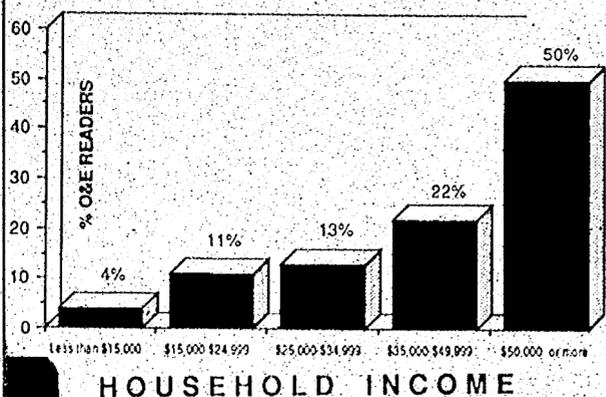
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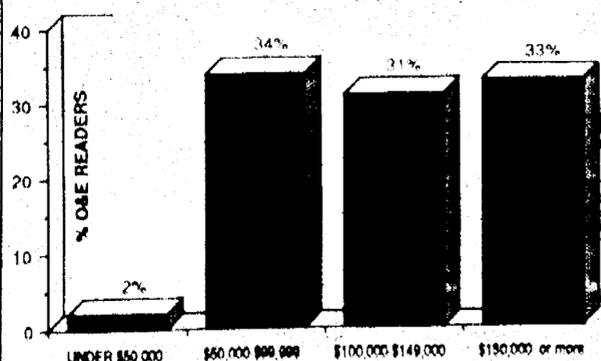


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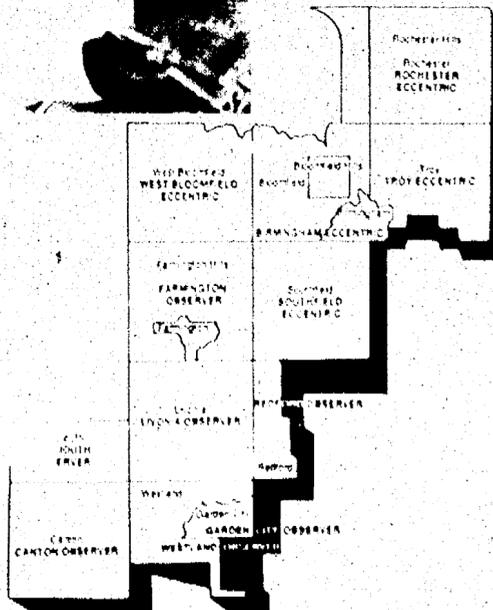
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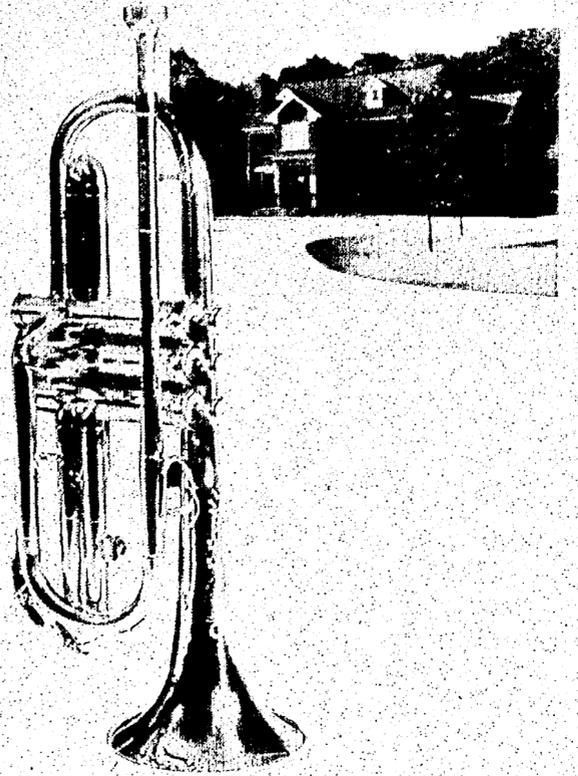


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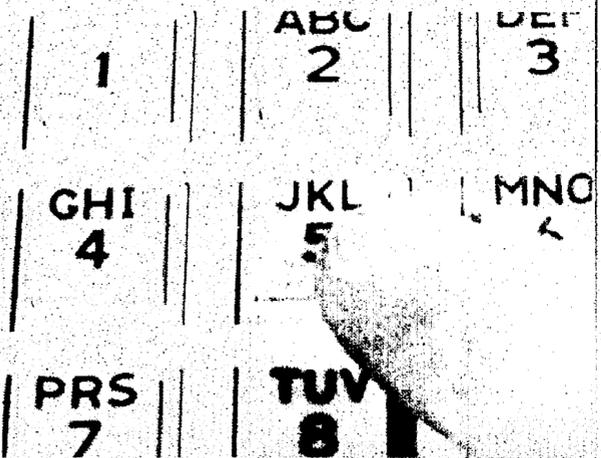
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Spartan swimmers shine

Seventy swimmers from the Spartan Aquatic Club opened the USS Michigan Short Course swimming season at the Kick Off Classic held Oct. 29-30 at Royal Oak Doudoro High School.

Following is a list of swimmers who placed and their age group.

Girls 8-under -- Elizabeth Cambridge, first place (50 backstroke, 50 butterfly, 100 Individual Medley), second (50 back, 25 butterfly), third (50 freestyle).

Boys 9-10 -- Robert Cambridge, second (100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 100 IM, 200 IM), third (200 freestyle), fifth (100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke).

Girls 9-10 -- Erin Cook, second (100 freestyle, 100 IM), third (200 freestyle, 50 butterfly), fourth (50 backstroke, 100 backstroke); Whitney Green, third (100 freestyle), fifth (50 backstroke); Michelle Aristeo, second (100 backstroke, 50 butterfly), third (200 IM), fifth (100 butterfly); Katie Sondergaard, second (200 IM); Jule Waddell, fifth (100 backstroke); Emily Sondergaard, sixth (100 backstroke).

Girls 11-12 -- Megan Mocer, second (200 IM), third (100 butterfly), fourth (200 freestyle), fifth (100 IM).

Boys 13-14 -- Nick Grabowski, first (50 freestyle), second (200 backstroke), third (100 butterfly), fourth (200 IM); Mike Malik, third (200 breaststroke), fourth (200 butterfly); Steve Domin, fifth (100 butterfly), 200 butterfly, 200 IM).

Girls 13-14 -- Julie Kern, first (100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly), second (100 butterfly), third (200 backstroke).

The Spartans' coach is Dave Seagraves.

Baaki excels at Colgate

Bill Baaki, a 1993 Redford Catholic Central graduate, has three goals and two assists in seven games as a freshman forward on the Colgate University hockey team.

Baaki, a right wing, is tied with another freshman for second on the team lead in goals. Prior to last Monday, Colgate was 3-3-1 overall and 0-3-1 in the East Coast Athletic Conference.

Warriors ice Stevenson, 9-3

Livonia Stevenson's hockey team got off to a rough start, losing in the season opener Wednesday against Birmingham Brother Rice at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Brother Rice spoiled Mike Harris' debut as Livonia Stevenson hockey coach with a season-opening 9-3 victory Wednesday at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Shamrocks, who won the 1992 state Class A title, scored seven unanswered goals after a 1-1 tie early in the first period.

Senior center Mike Jalaba and senior winger Scott Walosin each notched a hat trick and three assists apiece.

Jeff Wojcik, Owen Townsend and Mike Abella added goals for the Warriors, who led 6-1 after two periods.

"We have 16 guys back from last year and couple of them were drafted by juniors, and then came back," Rice coach Mike Brown said. "We're really trying to pick up where we left off from last year."

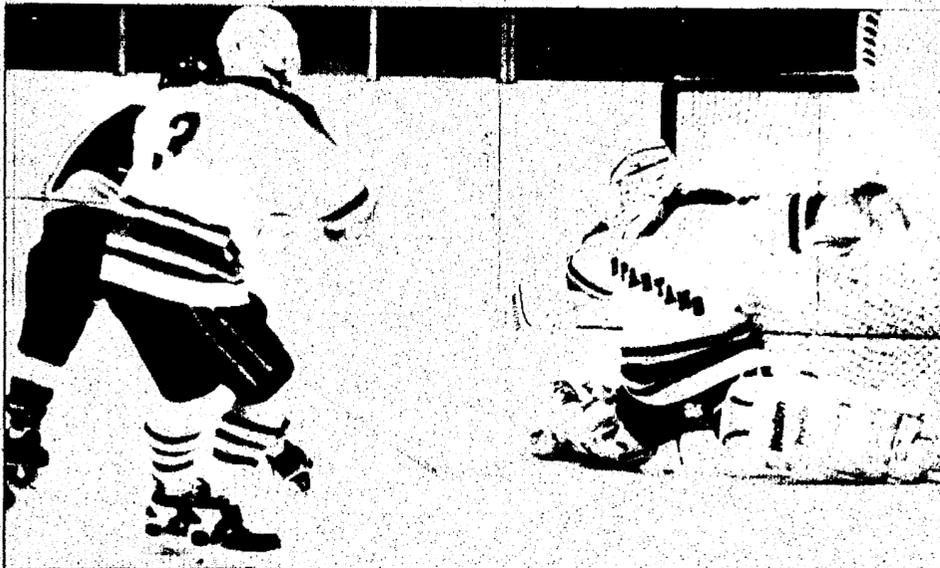
"Tonight we started off slow, but then we picked it up."

"Defensively, we moved the puck and we had our power-play clicking. We were four out of five. We've been working on it."

Kyle McNeill scored Stevenson's first-period goal from Kevin Berger.

The Spartans added a pair of third-period goals with Nick McCormack and Brian Calka each tallying a goal and one assist.

Stevenson starting goalie Jordan McCormack, a junior, was lifted in the second period when Rice built a 5-1 lead. Scott Griggs finished up.



ANN HURLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sprawling save: Livonia Stevenson junior goalkeeper Jordan McCormack makes a kick save Wednesday against Birmingham Brother Rice while defenseman Mo Lanspeary (No. 3) tries to clear the rebound.

"We lost, but overall I'm pleased with the performance because the guys never stopped trying."

Mike Harris
Stevenson coach

Rice countered in the nets with junior Casey Osting.

"It was a tough game," said Harris, who succeeded Matt Mulcahy as Stevenson's head coach. "Our goalie (McCormack) never played a high school game and obviously he was nervous. But it's not a big deal. It's only one game."

"We lost, but overall I'm pleased with the performance because the guys never stopped trying."

The Spartans were outshot 27-18.

"We made some mental mistakes, but we'll regroup and get ready for the next one," Harris said. "I'm glad we played a Michigan Metro (league) team right off the bat because it shows us where we stand."

Brown said it will take awhile for Stevenson to gel.

"They hung in there and they have some nice players," said the Rice coach, now in his 10th season.

"They play hard and tough. Their kids have some talent and a lot of heart. It's a good program with a good tradition and it takes a month or two to adjust under a new coach."

"When we see them in February (4th at Compuware Arena) I'm sure we'll see a different team."

Borgess advances to final 8; Garden City loses, 74-49

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Bishop Borgess limited Detroit Benedictine's star Marlana Walker to seven points Wednesday and the Spartans posted a 62-34 victory in the Class C regional final at Petersburg-Summerfield High School.

The win advances Borgess, the defending Class C state champion, to Tuesday's quarterfinal at Sandusky High School. The Spartans will face Goodrich, an upset winner over Sandusky.

Walker, a Division I college prospect, scored 34 points in Benedictine's 70-69 upset victory against Sand Creek two days before the Borgess encounter.

Borgess junior guard Adriane Bryant had the responsibility of guarding Walker, but help came from several sources.

"She was unbelievable on Monday, not that I haven't seen her play unbelievably before, but the only way you can stop her is to put two players on her," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "Adriane was on her and every time she touched the ball, Maxann (Reese) would double team her."

Bryant also shouldered some of the offensive burden, scoring a game-high 15 points, including nine in the third quarter.

Reese was the only other Spartan in double figures with 10

points. Senior center Marrie Durose, fighting a cold, and freshman center Aiysha Smith added eight points each. Charmaine Nixon had seven points and Octavia Satchel and Candice Finley added six apiece.

The Spartans led 16-8 after one quarter and 31-13 at halftime. Benedictine, which ended the season with a 14-8 record, was led by Kulema Williams and Samantha Doty with eight points each.

"The quickness and offensive rebounding, getting the second and third shots, killed us," Benedictine coach Dennis Rogers said. "That's the best team we've faced without a doubt. Our game plan was not to run with them, because that's what they love to do. But in the first quarter, we started to run with them, and I don't know why we did."

One of the brighter spots for the Spartans was the contribution of sophomore forward Regina Reupert, who scored her first two points of the year in a reserve role.

Reupert joined the Borgess line-up recently after recovering from off-season anterior cruciate surgery. Just like her brother Shawn Reupert (Michigan State guard) did in his senior year at Borgess, Regina suffered a knee injury during the Class C semifinal game last season.

She was holding the regional trophy proudly.

"I'm hanging on to it like it's my baby. It's taking me to Battle Creek (site of the final four)," Reupert said. "I dream about this. My goal is to help the team reach the final game."

PIONEER 74, GARDEN CITY 49: Garden City trailed only 21-20 after one quarter in Wednesday night's Class A regional final against Ann Arbor Pioneer, but that wasn't a good sign for Cougars coach Marshall Henry.

"We can't get in a game like that with these people," Henry said. "Their big kids were a lot quicker than ours. They had fire power and quickness that wore us down. Their bench also did a better job."

Pioneer took control with a 17-7 advantage in the second quarter to open up a 38-27 halftime lead. The Pioneers added to the lead by outscoring the Cougars 18-10 in the third quarter and 18-12 in the fourth quarter.

The game, played at Taylor Kennedy, ended Garden City's season with a 19-6 record.

Junior forward Connie Hart and senior guard Rachel Dobberstein led Pioneer with 12 points each. Junior guard Kristin Quinn had 11 points and sophomore for-

See BASKETBALL, 2C

Madonna programs lose games

The Madonna University men's basketball team fell to 1-3 on the season following a 107-65 loss Tuesday to host Oakland University.

It was a far cry from last year's record-setting shootout, won by Oakland, 180-107.

Frank Zielenka, a Birmingham Brother Rice product, led the Pioneers (1-0 overall) with 25 points and 15 rebounds.

Tom Marowelli came off the bench to contribute 23 points, while Jason Burkholder contributed 14 points.

The Pioneers shot 53.3 percent from the field (40 of 75).

Madonna's leading scorer was Brandon Stone, a sophomore from Plymouth Salem. He scored 21 points. Center Jason McNab added 13 points, while Juaonni Dimes contributed eight points and 11 rebounds.

The Crusaders were outrebounded 71-44, but committed only 13 turnovers.

They couldn't overcome a 49-23 halftime deficit.

■ SANDUSKY VALLEY 81, MADONNA WOMEN

81. On Tuesday, host Saginaw Valley State, led by Melanie Mourer's 17 points, cruised to an easy non-conference women's triumph.

The Lady Crusaders (2-2 overall) couldn't overcome a 49-19 halftime deficit.

Angie Birchmeier and Angie Suggs added 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the host Cardinals. Plymouth Canton's Julie Niemeri had six points and eight rebounds.

Stephanie Creilly was the Lady Crusaders' only scorer in double figures with 16 points. Francine Williams added nine.

Madonna shot only 27.4 percent from the floor (17 of 62) and committed 25 turnovers.

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HOCKEY

Churchill wins season opener

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER Minus the lunchpails and buckets, Livonia Churchill turned in a blue-collar effort Wednesday, winning its prep hockey opener against Birmingham in a game played at Edgar Arena; 5-2. The Chargers exploded for three consecutive goals in the second period to break a scoreless deadlock. Anton Sutovsky got things rolling for Churchill with a goal from Joe Pace. Dave Higham made it 2-0 from Kyle Dawley and Steve Webb. Matt Wysocki then scored what proved to be the game-winner on an unassisted effort.

needed to," Churchill third-year coach Jeff Hatley said. "I think he learned a lot from his rookie season." Felker left his crease briefly in the third period for an equipment adjustment. Jason Lansky filled in during Felker's break, as the Charger defense didn't miss a beat. "We consider team defense very important," Hatley said. "After our first scrimmage, we had no illusions of being an offensive powerhouse. Our offensive game plan is to

shoot the biscuit and go to the goal. It's nothing fancy, just old-time hockey." The win was an important one for the Chargers because it was also a Suburban High School League encounter. "All of our league games are going to be nip-and-tuck," Hatley said. "Nothing will come easy for this team." "But, for a young team, I thought they displayed poise and confidence. Birmingham is a good team that has really come along."

Central two-way player John Roark said. "Then the game got tight and more interesting than Harrison wanted." The Rangers finally left their rushing attack and went to the air. Greg Wood completed four of 10 passes on a 70-yard drive — all for first downs. The last went 9 yards to Mike Miller for the touchdown.

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ward Ayesha George scored nine of her 11 in the first half. Garden City senior guard Vonne Jenks led the Cougars with 18 points and junior forward Christie Glover added 12. Junior guard Jamie Faber, one of Garden City's better players, failed to score a field goal and had four free

Senior center Jennifer Audritsh was held to five points. "It's going to be tough to replace Vonne," Henry said. "Her toughness and hustle made her a dynamo out there. She was all over the floor tonight. We'll have a good core of eight juniors back. We won 11 of our last 12 games and I'm proud of what these kids accomplished."

Harrison wins 7th state crown

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER Whoever said statistics are for losers will get an amen from the Farmington Hills Harrison football team. The Hawks managed to win their seventh state championship Friday despite falling short in some otherwise key statistical categories. But Harrison had the better numbers in the one area that mattered most, outscoring Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 17-13 in the Class A title game at the Silverdome. It was the second straight championship and fifth in the last seven years for the Hawks (12-1), who have played in a record nine finals. "We kinda knew all year we were going to win it," Harrison senior Kevin Bryant said. "We didn't think anybody in the state could stop our offense. They might not have wanted to say it, but everybody knew in the back of their head we were going all the way again." The Rangers (11-2) did their best to contain Harrison, and the Hawks had their hands full trying to stop Central's power offense. Central controlled the ball for nearly three quarters of the game, had four times as many

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first downs (16-4) and ran twice as many plays as Harrison (65-30). Those numbers usually tell a different story, but the Hawks won the game with three big plays — two by Jason Granger and one by Nick Williams — and a Kyle Vessell field goal. "I've always said big players make big plays, and these kids right here made the plays," Harrison coach John Herrington said, referring to Williams, Granger and Bryant. "We've been a big-play team all year. We can power the ball, too, but this team was too good; we were fortunate to break one. Obviously, we were not a ball-control team today." Yet the Hawks seemed in control of the game after the first quarter. Central possessed the ball for all but 2:13 of the opening period; however, the Rangers were stopped on downs at the Harrison 16 and ended a later drive with a punt. Williams ran a state-finals record 90 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter, and the Hawks led 7-0 after Vessell kicked the extra point.

Meanwhile, the Harrison defense got tough and held Central to four first downs in the middle quarters. "(Coach) Bob (Sutter) said it was time the defense stepped up and played a good game, and they did," Herrington said. "They kept us in the game when we couldn't get anything going. They have a good power game, and we did a good job overall against their run. We moved a lot of guys in and out to keep people fresh." Big play No. 2 came from No. 2 on the first play of the second half. Granger cut outside and tightrope the sideline 80 yards for another score and a 14-0 lead. The Harrison defense continued to play well until Dave Vorce's interception, which sparked a 60-yard Central scoring drive. Jay McKellar ran 8 yards for the touchdown, and Keith Debbaudt's extra point cut the deficit to 14-7 with 8:51 remaining. Granger produced the third big play, returning the kickoff 77 yards to the Central 15. The Hawks had to settle for Vessell's 28-yard field goal and a 17-7 advantage. "We've had big plays done on us, and we learned early in the season not to hang our heads,"

second longest TD run in the history of Class A state championship games. He crossed the goal line with 11:46 remaining in the third quarter, meaning it took him 14 seconds to ramble 80 yards. That's the same time it took Williams to run 10 yards further. The 5-foot-8, 148-pound Granger was kidded afterward that the 6-2, 248-pound Williams was faster. "You know, Nick, he's a power runner and he ran up the middle; it was just him and one guy," said Granger, who had 82 yards on seven carries for an 11.7 average. "I had to go outside and make a couple moves. That's why it took longer." "I raised my hands (signaling a TD) before Jason made his move on the guy," Williams said. "He's the fastest guy I know in the open field." Granger's most impressive run, however, might have been when he ran 77 yards on a kickoff in the fourth quarter, shortly after Central had cut the lead to 14-7. Granger sprinted up the middle and after colliding with the Rangers' Kevin Crowther, spun and sprinted up the sideline before being knocked out at Central's 15. "My brother (Roy) told me right before the kickoff to hit the middle as fast as I can and it will work every time," Granger said. "I hit it so quick, when the guy hit me I just spun off." Except for the big plays, Williams said Central had such a good defensive game plan it "seemed like they had our play book." When asked if Ken George, the Harrison graduate who coached basketball at Central, could have told the Rangers a thing or two about the Hawks, Harrison coach John Herrington laughed. "Kenny George doesn't know a football from a hockey puck," he said.

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Big plays key to Hawks' win BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER If this was flag football, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central defensive back Rob Eiben might have had a chance to catch Farmington Hills Harrison fullback Nick Williams. Williams, running with a towel tucked into his pants, burst through the line of scrimmage and raced 90 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter in Harrison's 17-13 Class A state championship victory over Central at the Silverdome. Eiben chased Williams for the final 50 yards and got within reach of his towel, but was only able to trip up the Hawks' star after he crossed the goal line. "When I first busted it, I got a good grip on the turf and exploded," said Williams, who finished with 133 yards on 14 carries (a 9.5 average). "I started getting tired at about the 20 and knew he had to go for my legs, so I just kicked it up." Williams' run was a state championship game record for all classes and set the tone for other big plays by the Hawks. Williams almost made it into the Michigan High School Athletic Association record book in last year's state championship, falling one yard shy of the Class A record with 168 yards on a record 29 carries in a 12-9 win over Midland. Junior tailback Jason Granger accounted for the rest of the Hawks' excitement on offense, running around right end 80 yards for a score on the first play of the second half, and returning a kickoff 77 yards to set up Kyle Vessell a 28 yard field goal in the fourth quarter. Senior defensive back Kevin Bryant helped Harrison preserve the victory with an interception in the last minute at the Hawks' 7 yard line. The Hawks were outgained, 245-203, in total yards and limited to four first downs, but the big plays more than made up for the disparity. Granger's 80 yard run was the

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a series of public meetings to gather input from citizens on their environmental concerns. The dates, times and locations follow: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Melvindale High School, 18656 Prospect, Melvindale, (313) 389-3320; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Commissioners Auditorium at the Oakland County Court House, 1200 Telegraph, Pontiac, (810) 858-1000.

FISHING CLUBS

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High

School, (810) 478-1404.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2365.

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- FIREARM DEER Statewide through Nov. 30.
ARCHERY DEER Statewide Dec. 1-Jan. 1.
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RABBIT Statewide through March 31.
SQUIRREL Statewide through Jan. 1.

METROPARKS

- GRAPEVINE WREATHS Create a natural wreath using materials provided by nature during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Indian Springs.
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS Create three Christmas ornaments during this nature craft program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.
WATERFOWL WATCH Bring binoculars and dress warmly as you search Kent Lake for migrant ducks and other waterbirds during this two-hour program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.
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, 1-800-47-PARKS.

Harrison junior tailback Jason Granger is already preparing for his senior year, when he won't have a big fullback like Nick Williams to open holes.

Harrison camera man Jim Horton reminded Granger of that when the two met in the press room after the game.

"Don't forget to say something about the offensive linemen; you're going to need them next year," Horton said.

The 5-foot-8, 148-pound Granger plans on being stronger next season.

"Defenses are just going to key on me," he said. "I've got to pick it up and gain some weight; I have to get in the weight room next week."

Granger said he's hoping Kenneth Worthy, a former Harrison student and football player who moved to Arizona, returns to Farmington with his family.

"He moved, but I heard he might come back," Granger said. Granger, Kevin Bryant and Nick Williams, the players who came upstairs to the press conference, had to answer a lot of reporters' questions.

even after seven successful visits there for the state finals.

"I don't like that," he said, recalling that was the Muskegon Catholic Central slogan in 1981 when Harrison upset the Crusaders. "We got here this year, but we might never get here again."

Still, he's making a name for himself. Being built near the Silverdome is a subdivision named -- true story -- Herrington Hills.

For the second straight year, Harrison was the home team, wore its dark green jerseys and won the game.

That should put any superstitious Hawk fans at ease. Harrison had won its first five state titles while wearing visitor's white.

The Hawks also were runners-up in 1976 (green) and 1987 (white).

Winning one state championship is a special distinction for high school athletes. Two is doubly nice.

"Not many people get to experience this," Bryant said. "I've got older I can say 'Yeah, I've got two rings.'"

"It feels good to repeat. Not many people can say that," Williams said. "My goal coming into high school was to win a championship, and I came out with two."

Was it ESP, or does Herrington just know his talent that well?

After the Rangers recovered an onside kick with two-plus minutes left in the game, Herrington foresaw Bryant, who plays safety and is responsible for deep coverage, making a big play.

"At the end, I thought they were going to have to throw, and I honestly thought Kevin was going to make an interception -- and he did," Herrington said.

"My emotions went downhill with the onside kick, but the kids still continued to play hard." By Steve Kowalski and Dan O'Meara

BASKETBALL

W.L. Central reaches quarterfinal

BY CHRIS MAYER STAFF WRITER

Forget the retirement parties and cancel the farewell speeches. Ken Butler's coaching reign at Walled Lake Central isn't over yet.

Behind the defensive play of junior guard Jessica Alsup and the scoring and rebounding of sophomore center Becky Cummings, the Vikings not only fought off elimination from the Class A girls basketball tournament Wednesday, but kept Butler's final season alive for at least one more game with a dramatic 54-53 regional final win over second-ranked Rochester Adams at Lapeer East.

The 63-year-old Butler, in his 18th year at Central, said he decided last fall this season would

be his last and Tuesday night informed his players. Perhaps it's only fitting this is the year the Vikings (23-2) are making their first state quarterfinal appearance.

Plymouth Canton (18-6), by virtue of Wednesday's 51-46 regional final win over Birmingham Marian, will be the opponent with tip-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Walled Lake Western. Central pulled away in the second half to defeat the Chiefs, 63-49, in a Western Lakes Activities Association game on Oct. 25.

"It feels great to be going to the quarterfinals," said Cummings, who scored a game-high 21 points and cleared 14 rebounds. "We were really surprised to find out this is his (Butler's) last season. We were in shock and we were

pretty sad because he's such a great coach and he's really carried us through this year.

"It would be nice to win (the championship) for him, sure. But we're not sure how far we're going to get. We just have to play one game at a time at this point."

Adams, which made its earliest tournament exit under fourth-year coach Fran Scislowicz, had its 19-game winning streak snapped and ended the 1994 season 21-3.

Despite being shadowed by Alsup in Central's box-and-one defense for the better part of three quarters, Dayton-bound senior guard Courtney Ruffing scored 17 points and nearly brought the Highlanders back from a 51-40 deficit with 5:08 remaining.

Ruffing started an 8-0 run with a 3-pointer that closed the Adams deficit to 51-48. She later stole a pass near midcourt and drilled a pull-up trey with 55.3 seconds left to cut Central's lead to 53-52. Alsup and Ruffing would then trade free throws to leave Central ahead 54-53, setting up a hectic final 6.1 seconds.

Cummings, who had 10 points, nine rebounds and one block in the second half, missed a one-and-one opportunity and Adams sophomore forward Emily Schmidt collected the rebound. Schmidt got the ball up floor to junior forward Shannon McCoy (12 points), who zipped a cross-court pass to Ruffing, but a hurried 17-foot shot from the left wing fell short as time expired.

Country Day outlasts Foley in Class B

BY JANIE REILLY STAFF WRITER

With 1:58 left in the Class B regional final Wednesday at Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Detroit Country Day senior guard Maura Duggan stripped the ball from Ventures senior point guard Darcy Rasch and slipped a short pass to junior Pam Bierzynski. Bierzynski completed the play with a pass to junior Kerry Duggan, who scored on a layup.

That one possession was not the turning point of Detroit Country Day's 59-41 victory over host Madison Heights Bishop Foley -- but the focus of the Yellow Jackets trio of guards was crucial in Country Day winning its second regional title in three seasons and fifth in 10 years.

With their fifth straight victory, the Yellow Jackets (23-1) advance to Tuesday's quarterfinal at Warren Woods Tower against Dearborn Divine Child; the defending Class B state champion, Bishop Foley finishes at 19-5.

candidate for the Miss Basketball Award, given annually to the state's top player. Overaitis, a transfer student, was a teammate of the Duggans' last season at Livonia Ladywood.

"Tara Overaitis was my best friend from Ladywood," Kerry Duggan said. "We were tight. There'll probably be some psychological warfare going on."

If Duggan is concerned, the regional championship gave the Yellow Jackets some practice in shutting down both a friend and Miss Basketball candidate.

Rasch, also one of the state's best players, scored 13 points, including six of the Ventures nine points in the first quarter. But she was held scoreless in the second quarter and limited to two shots. Country Day, which never trailed, led 12-9 after one quarter.

"We knew we had to stop Darcy," said Bierzynski, the one-guard who controls Country Day's 1-2-2 defense with Kerry Duggan. "We challenged her, but that allowed (Jennifer) Machak to get open and we had trouble hustling

to the opposite side. She (Rasch) plays on my AAU team, so we know each other pretty well."

Machak, a junior guard, was just as dangerous as Rasch, also scoring 13 points but only missing two shots from the field. Machak was 2-4 for two-point baskets and scored three of the Ventures seven 3-point baskets.

Machak drew the Ventures again to within three points, 15-12 with a 3-pointer with 5:20 left in the second quarter, but the Yellow Jackets answered with a 16-3 run, paced by Maura and Kerry Duggan, for a 31-15 half-time lead.

The Duggans, who both scored 15 points for the game, each had

one 3-pointer and one two point basket in the last five minutes of the half. Maura Duggan hit eight-of-nine shots with one 3-pointer for the game. In that stretch, Bierzynski, who scored six points with five assists, had two of her seven steals and one field goal.

"They were taking second, third and fourth shots," said Bishop Foley coach Gary Morris, whose team took just 14 shots in the first half and was outbounded, 44-23 for the game. "Those rebounds really hurt us, especially early on. In the second half we didn't give up as many second shots." Bishop Foley shot 8-for-40 from 2-point range and 7-for-17 for 3-pointers.

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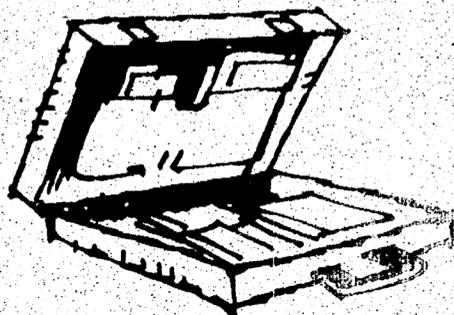
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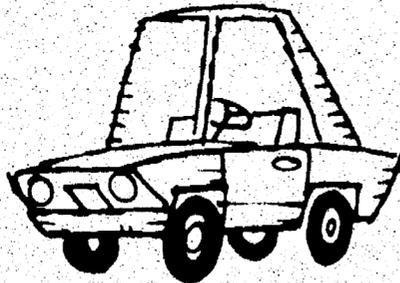
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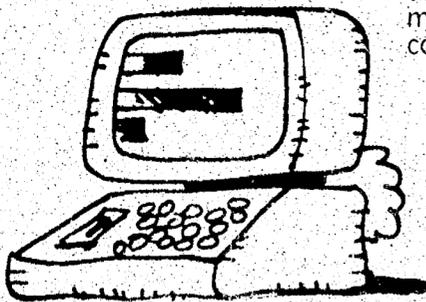
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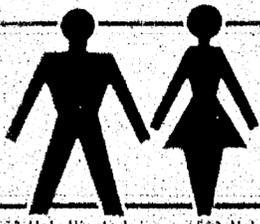
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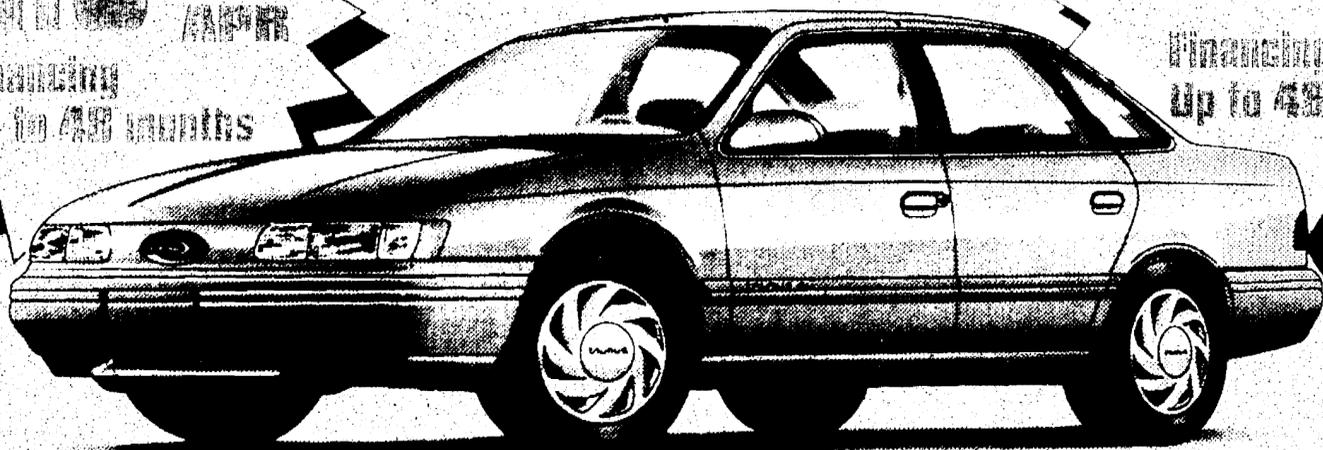
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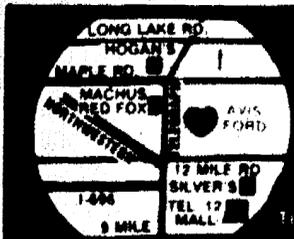
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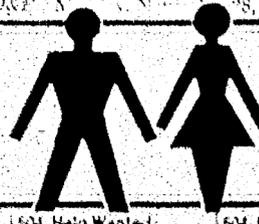
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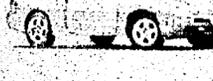


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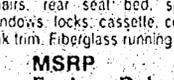


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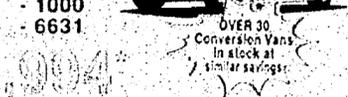
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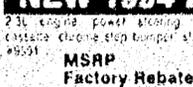


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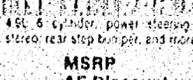
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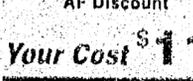
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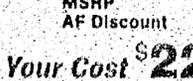
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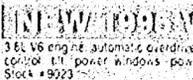
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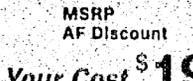
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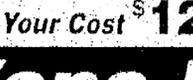
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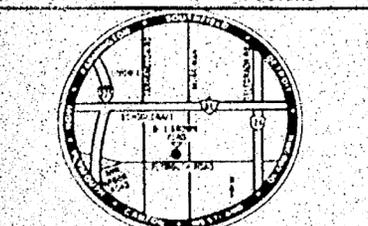
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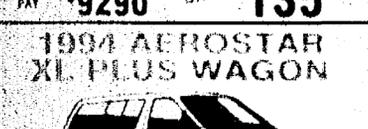
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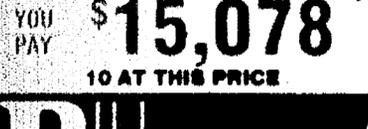
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