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## PLACES & FACES

### Services planned

There will be no shortage of Christmas Eve services Tuesday night. One will be held by St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, with a family Eucharist scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and a holy Eucharist at 10:30 p.m.

The Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road near Farmington Road, will have its pastor deliver a Christmas Eve message at 6 p.m. The Rev. David Powless delivered a Christmas sermon last Sunday, Dec. 22, with the evening Christmas sermon delivered that night by the Rev. Ken Jewitt.

### Vacation breaks

Two local organizations are planning special programs and activities for youngsters during the two-week winter vacation period, which starts today (Monday) and will continue through Sunday, Jan. 5.

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will again offer its winter day camp those two weeks, providing a variety of games, swimming and crafts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, not counting Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

There will also be field trips, games and winter sports activities at the Y's activities center, 827 S. Wayne Road.

Interested parents may call 721-7044. The Westland recreation department has scheduled an expanded gym schedule for Thursday, Dec. 26, in Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

There will be open gym hours from 9:30 a.m. to

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## Council nixes offender center



**Federal prisoners preparing to re-enter society won't be allowed to live at a proposed Westland facility where they would have lived as they seek jobs and try to rebuild their lives.**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A proposed Westland facility for federal prisoners nearing their release has been rejected by city council members who fear the project would cause neighborhood crime and hamper economic growth.

In a split decision last Monday, Dec. 16, the council refused to allow Community Treatment Centers (CTC) Inc. to move as many as 35 nonviolent male offenders into a 7,200-square-foot building south of Michigan Avenue, just west of Henry Ruff.

"This is an area on the rebound, and I'm really concerned about what it would mean to that area," Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

In rejecting the proposal, council members said plans for the federal prisoner facility don't meet zoning requirements in an area pegged for office/business development.

CTC officials disagreed with council members' arguments against the plan and said the project should be given special land use approval.

CTC attorney Timothy Stoeper

questioned why city officials didn't mention zoning concerns during talks last summer, rather than waiting until months later.

"We should have been told a long time ago," he said.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli said the neighborhood isn't zoned for a facility that would provide overnight housing.

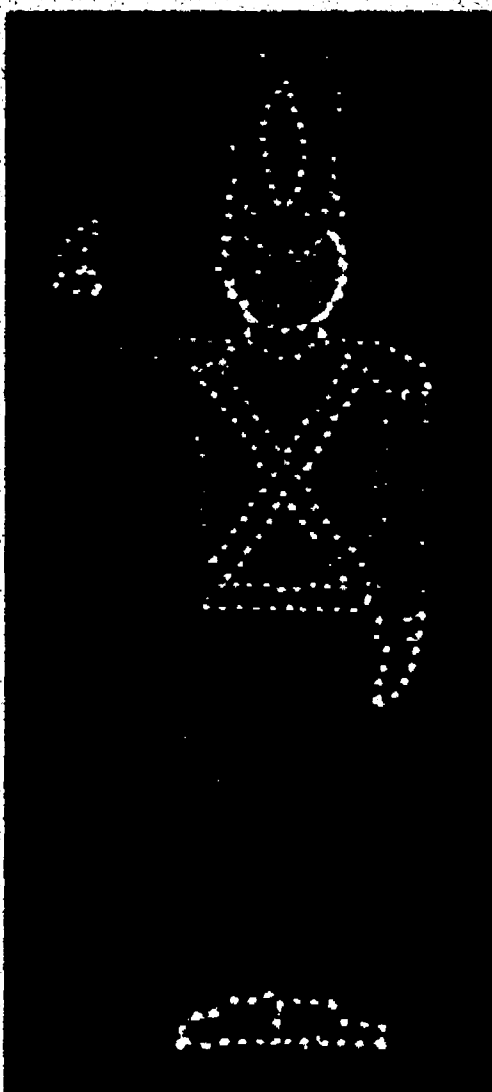
But Councilman Charles Pickering, emerging as the only council member to support the plan, noted

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## Oooh, sparkles!



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Aglow:** Light shows throughout the metro area illuminate holiday nights. A lighted archway (top) greets motorists as they enter Domino's Farms. A toy soldier welcomes motorists at the light-fest along Hines Drive.

## Delightful

**Holiday aglow wherever you go**



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Special visit:** Amber Bake, 6, and her brother Tyler, 4, tell Santa Claus what they would like to see under the Christmas tree this year. The youngsters are Westland residents and were visiting the light show last Tuesday.

Featuring nearly 500,000 lights, Wayne County LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1, Jones said. LightFest visitors will see 35 holiday displays, including a Santa Claus, a menorah, Christmas trees and a Kwanzaa lamp.

Bob Thomas, part of WOMC-FM's promotions team, works at the LightFest to publicize the event. He said he enjoys working at the festival even though it's part of his job.

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BY ZACHARY GORCHOW  
STAFF WRITER

Let there be light. And with the holiday season in full swing, festive light displays continue throughout western Wayne County and the metropolitan region.

Attendance at holiday light displays this year numbers roughly the same as in 1995, according to organizations offering the showings. Light show spokespersons say attendance depends on good weather.

Wayne County Parks and Recreation has created a 4.5-mile display along Hines Drive from Merriman to Warren roads, said Lisa Jones, a parks and recreation official. About 70,000 cars have gone past the display, which totals about the same as last year, Jones said.

## Observer special project, staffers win national award



"Changing Currents," a special section published last May by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers outlining area efforts to clean up the Rouge River, has won first place for environmental coverage in the Suburban Newspapers of America 1996 editorial contest.

"SNA is a prestigious contest for suburban journalists and we're pleased that the Rouge special section has received national attention," said Susan Rosiek, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers. "The efforts to clean up the Rouge River will have an impact on generations to come throughout the metro area. The Observer is pleased to help educate the reading public to action."

The award was among 10 the Observer News-

papers won in the nationwide contest for community journalism.

The reporting and photographic team that worked on the award-winning section included Tim Richard, Hugh Gallagher, Casey Hans, Beth Sundria Jachman, Margaret O'Brien, Bill Coutant, Joe Bauman, Jim Jagdfeld, Stephen Cantrell and Craig Broil. The project was led by former staffer Bob Needham and designed by Tammie Graves, graphic artist.

Observer staffer Sundria Jachman also won third place in the same category for a series of news stories on the Rouge River. She also received a third place for best local election coverage for a series of stories on the Wayne County Commission.

Others winners in the SNA competition included Entertainment/Taste Editor Keely Wygonik and graphic artist Tammie Graves, first place for

best entertainment/lifestyle section.

Graves also took first place for best graphic artwork in two different circulation categories - Class A, Canton Observer, and Class D, the Taste section, which appears in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Brad Emons, sports editor in Livonia and Westland, took first place in Class C for sports writing. Emons also took first place for best breaking news story for "Sheila's Gold," a story about Livonia resident Sheila Taormina winning a gold medal in the summer Olympic games in Atlanta.

Photographer Tom Hawley received an honorable mention in the best new photo category. Reporter Doug Funke received honorable mention in the best feature category for a humorous story on real estate sales.



Helping out: Jennifer Borde holds her bear backpack as she listens to a story read by a credit union staffer.

## Staff plays Santa

Employees of a local credit union drew substantial "interest" and made more than 300 "deposits" for special patrons Wednesday.

For the second straight year, employees of the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union spent most of their scheduled day off dressed up as Santa's helpers and delivering more than 300 bags of books and other Christmas gifts to the Jefferson-Barns Elementary School.

The credit union, which has its main office in Wayne and a large branch in Westland, had "adopted" the school on Dorsey west of Merriman nine years ago to provide support.

Last year was the first time that the staff dressed as Santa and his helpers to deliver gifts and read stories to the children.

Among those expressing joy with their gifts were second-graders Alysaa Eastman, who received a sweater; Clarice Selvia, who received a Barbie doll; and Lucas Denkins, who went home Wednesday afternoon with a shirt and "monster write" pen toy.

Alysaa said that she likes the sweater since she also has three others at home.

Clarice noted that her latest gift will join two other Barbie dolls she has at home.

Playing Santa was Gino Polidori, an assistant manager at the credit union's main office on Sins east of Wayne Road, with Diane Sira, an accounting department staffer at the Wayne office, playing Mrs. Claus.

Organizing the annual event this year was Ruth Jasina, manager of the Westland branch on Ford east of Newburgh.



Storytime: Karen Heffner reads a book called "The Polar Express" to Chris Smith's fourth- and fifth-graders.

Thelma Wright, the credit union's CEO, said that the organization contacted Toys R Us, which agreed to donate books to each child.

"On pay days, our employees held a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds given to the school to buy T-shirts for students completing a special math program as well as buying books and paying for minor playground repairs," Wright said.

In addition, credit union members and business accounts bought more than 300 gifts, she said.

Another way of generating gifts was the "mitten tree" displays in both credit union locations.

In that program, customers selected a mitten which had a name of a Jefferson-Barns student written on an attached tag. The customer then returned the mitten and tag with a purchased toy which was placed under the tree.



Opening gifts: David Wilson and Julie Moore open their gifts donated by credit union members.

## Christmas party spreads seasonal cheer

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Giggling as she squirmed in her seat, 5-year-old Kayla Stover obviously enjoyed her close proximity to Santa Claus.

Even though she already had talked to him, Kayla seemed eager to remain in his sight during a Christmas party Wednesday at Westland's Dorsey Community Center.

She seemed to want Santa to get a good look at her. It's important for him to recognize good little girls when he comes calling at Christmas.

"I came to see Santa and to tell him that I want a dolly for Christmas," said Kayla, among 100 Norwayne area children attending the ninth annual party.

Oddly, Santa's voice sounded identical to that of Dorsey Cen-

ter employee Bob Patterson. Go figure.

Children visited with Santa, ate pizza, received toys and enjoyed musical entertainment during Wednesday's party.

Norwayne is one of Westland's oldest neighborhoods.

"This shows the community that we're trying to do something for them," Dorsey Center recreation supervisor Darryl Johnson, 30, said. "We're giving them a safe environment where they can have some fun."

The party - for children 5 to 12 years old - was deemed a success thanks to contributions from Target, the Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Fund, Western Wayne County YWCA and Sts. Constantine & Helen

Greek Orthodox Church Men's Club.

"I came because I like Christmas parties," Kaira Laclea, 8, said, pausing from a coloring book that featured Frosty the Snowman. "And we get to see Santa Claus."

James Gilbert, Westland housing and community development director, said the "big hit" of the party was A Joyful Noise, a singing/instrumental ensemble from United Methodist Church of Belleville, led by Margaret Martin.

A Joyful Noise led children and Dorsey staff in singing.

The Dorsey Young Friends, an after-school program through the Western Wayne County YWCA, provided pizza for the children.

## Sentencing set in shooting

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

An Inkster teen-ager faces sentencing in January on charges that he tried to kill two Westland police officers by firing a .22-caliber rifle at them as they rode in their patrol car.

Maurice Lamar Davis, 15, will learn his fate Jan. 7 when Wayne County Circuit Judge William Leo Cahalan sentences him on two counts of assault with intent to murder, a court clerk said Wednesday.

Charged as an adult, Davis pleaded no contest Oct. 21. However, Cahalan will have a choice of sentencing him as an adult or as a juvenile.

As an adult, he could face a maximum sentence of life in prison. As a juvenile, he could be placed in custody until age 21.

Davis also will face a mandatory two-year term after pleading no contest to a felony firearms charge.

Davis was charged following a 1:45 a.m. Aug. 20 incident in which he was accused of firing a rifle at Westland police officers Tom Edwards and Jeff Jedrusik as they rode south on Henry Ruff near Michigan Avenue.

Neither the officers nor the police car was hit by the gunfire.

The officers are expected to address Cahalan on the day of Davis' sentencing.

Westland police Sgt. Tom Kubitsky has said that Davis

■ As an adult, he could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

wasn't provoked and fired several shots at the patrol car for no apparent reason.

"The suspect took the rifle, aimed it at the police car and shot," he said after Davis was charged.

Davis was accused of firing at the police officers while he was standing in a grassy, roadside area.

Edwards and Jedrusik made a U-turn on Henry Ruff to pursue the suspect, who tried to flee on foot, Kubitsky said.

However, the officers got out of their car and chased the suspect until they managed to capture him, Kubitsky said.

The suspect gave no reason for allegedly firing the shots, the sergeant said.

When Davis was arraigned on the charges in Westland 18th District Court, a not-guilty plea was placed on record for him.

He was ordered to stand trial after he voluntarily waived a preliminary examination on Sept. 5 before 18th District Judge Gail McKnight.

McKnight sent the case to Wayne County Circuit Court, where Davis eventually decided to plead no contest as charged.

### CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Matt Navarro has been named the Westland Observer's Carrier of the Month for December. He is 13, an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School and the son of Chuck and Jan Navarro. Matt has been an Observer carrier since August 1994.



Matt Navarro

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## Kids do part to help others

Nankin Mills Elementary School kindergartners and sixth-graders believe in being good friends. They do partner reading, plant bulbs in the fall, and do community service projects.

The students have collected donations for the Michigan Humane Society this holiday season. They have also been

working hard to prepare a musical program for the senior citizens of two local residences, The Four Chaplains Nursing Home and Abington Manor, both in Westland.

The musical project was designed to increase connections between generations and to spread joy.

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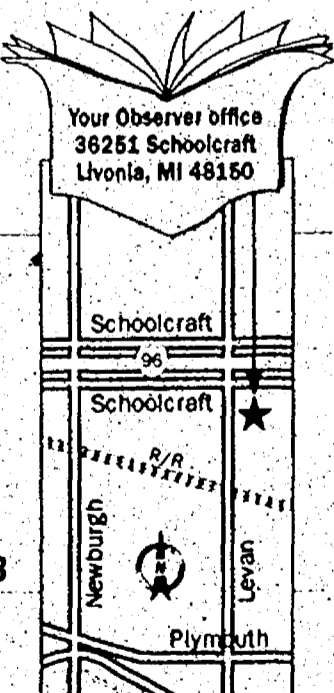
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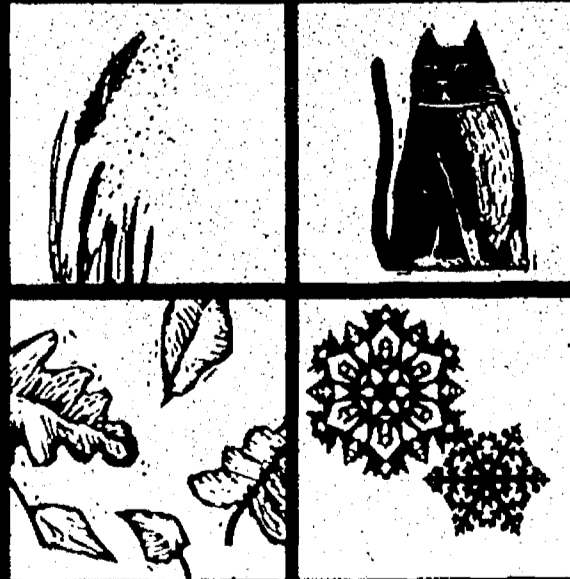
Item 12-96-004 To solicit public comments on Rezoning the Central Business District Zoning Map. The applicant's submittal materials are available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, (313) 525-8862.

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"It's good to get in the holiday spirit and promote the festival," he said. Thomas said the best time to go is just before 7 p.m.

John and Rita Smith of Canton Township brought their children, 3-year-old Ian and 10-month-old Emily, to the LightFest. They said they attend the event every year.

"This is the first year Ian's been old enough to enjoy it," John said. "It's nice to see our money going to something nice."

The LightFest entrance is off of Merriman Road, just north of Warren Road in Westland. Donation is \$5 per car.

At the end of the display, customers can have their picture taken with Santa Claus and use a concession stand.

The Detroit Zoo is presenting a 300,000-light display through Dec. 30. The show features 50 animal sculptures and is open every day except Dec. 24 and 25 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Attendance at the zoo's light display was "phenomenal" during the weekend of Dec. 14-15, said Anna Rzepka, special events assistant. She said more than 7,000 people attended the zoo's display.

The zoo offers different features each day, such as high school choirs on Mondays and ice carving on Wednesdays.

A choir from The Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills recently sang at the zoo, said Janice Haines, the school's vocal music teacher.

"It's a fun thing to do," she said. "It's a chance for the kids to perform in a non-pressure setting." The cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12 and free for kids under 2.

The "Festival of Lights" display in Ypsilanti is available to holiday light-seekers free of charge at Riverside Park, said Virginia Kingsley, city visitors and Convention Bureau executive director. The show runs nightly from 6-10 p.m. until Dec. 31.

"The setting makes it unique," Kingsley said. "It's along the river and it's Victorian-style."

Ypsilanti also offers free horse-drawn wagon rides on Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor invites visitors

to come drive through the complex and see "the true story of Christmas," told in 900,000 lights, said Scott Lorenz, a Plymouth resident and director of Christmas Celebration Inc., which organizes the light display.

The display is considered the largest religious light display in North America, Lorenz said.

Lorenz said light-seekers who want to avoid large crowds should visit the display after 9 p.m.

The complex, on Earhart Road off Plymouth Road, about one-half mile east of U.S. 23, is open from 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Admission is \$5 on those days and \$7 Friday through Sunday. The fee is charged per vehicle.

The creche exhibit, which features nativity scenes from around the world, will be more accessible and easier for weekend visitors to enjoy this year, Lorenz said.

The special exhibit, which belongs to Domino's Pizza owner Tom Monaghan, is open for public viewing every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 31 in Lobby B of Domino Farms. It's free to all visitors of the Christmas Light Display.

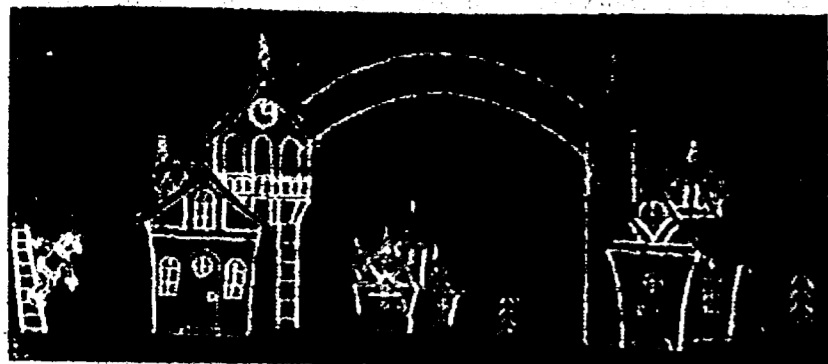
"The manger scenes Mr. Monaghan has on display are really quite nice," he said.

Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main at Church, offers Santa Claus figures, angels and nutcrackers through Jan. 26 with its "Visions of Christmas" exhibit, said Beth Stewart, museum director. The display features more than 250 Santa Claus figures.

The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Stewart said. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17 and there is a \$5 family rate.

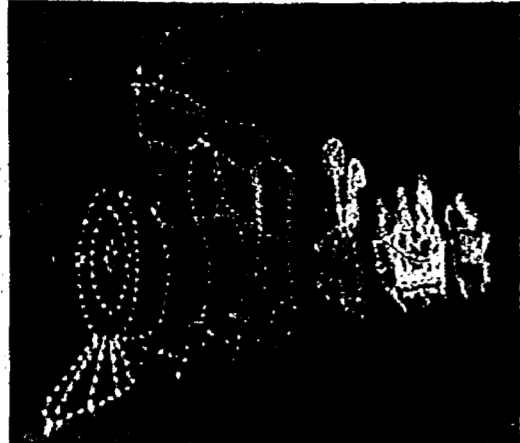
For those in the mood for a drive, downtown Battle Creek is also featuring a light display through Dec. 30 in the 17th Annual International Festival of Lights. The city is lit with 1 million lights, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Nearby, the Binder Park Zoo has its own light festival, where 170,000 illuminated bulbs will greet visitors. Binder's show runs from 5-9 p.m. and tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2.25 for kids.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Taking shape:**  
(Far right)  
Angel and Mary  
light display at  
Domino's  
Farms. (Top and  
right photos)  
Little town of  
lights and choo-  
choo train at  
Hines Park.



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**Silent night:** A miniature Christmas village in front of Domino's Farms.

## Report shows record balance, but raps county's spending

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners received a report Thursday on county finances for the 1995 fiscal year from the county's auditor general Ramona Henderson Pearson.

Commissioners received the report as an informational item, but took several other actions on other related agenda items. (See related story.) The report was released by Pearson to the county commission's Committee on Audit on Dec. 10.

Pearson reported that the county now has a general fund balance of \$17 million, the largest since its inception of the county charter in 1983.

But she also reported the county spent \$69.9 million more than the commission allocated, and transferred more than \$14 million in excess of appropriations. That violated the state Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, Pearson said.

### County: 'Best' financial condition

Overall, the county's financial report indicated the county "is in the best financial condition in recent history."

"The report discloses that the county had the largest unreserved general fund balance since the

inception of the charter," Pearson wrote in the review. "The unreserved general fund balance of \$17.8 million appears appropriate and is profoundly better than 1994's balance of \$9.4 million."

The county also improved in reporting workers compensation claims as Internal Service funds. "As a result, the county is setting aside resources to pay future claims and is no longer funding claims out of current operations," Pearson said.

A special revenue fund was established for youth services programs funded by a one-tenth mill levy for public safety. That resulted in the general fund's fund balance no longer being overstated by the unspent portion of the one-tenth mill, the report stated.

The report commends the county executive and county commission for the record general fund balance. The \$17.8 million "appears appropriate" when meeting a standard of maintaining a 5 percent level of annual operating expenditures.

Tom Naughton, chief financial officer with Wayne County, said the fund balance was created through county restructuring and methods of cost savings.

"We've had nine consecutive years of consecutive

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## Actions tighten financial reporting

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission acknowledged a report of 1995 county finances from Wayne County auditor general Ramona Henderson Pearson on Thursday.

Commissioners also reacted with several other actions:

- Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution directing the fiscal advisor's office to inform the commission about budget overages or shortfalls in any department.

- Unanimously approved an ordinance requiring the county executive to establish a five-year capital improvement plan to identify debt obligations, construction of new buildings and road improvement projects.

- Rejected, 15-1, a request from McNamara's office to lease a copier for \$15,603 over three years with a \$1 buyout.

- Narrowly approved, 8-6, a budget amendment for \$746,165 from the collection of reimbursements from the state of Michigan for the housing of prisoners who are charged as habitual offenders, and a transfer of \$343,845 of general fund appropriations.

These appropriations were to be used to cover budget areas that were underfunded in the adopted budget, according to a letter from County Executive Edward McNamara.

Budget amendment opponents were: Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township; Michelle Plawewski, D-Redford Township; Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe; Edward Bolke, D-Taylor; and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park.

Backing the amendment were Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, and seven Detroit commissioners.

Commissioners expected to discuss how to tighten up reporting of budget amendments after the holidays. The auditor general's report concluded: "The Department of Management and Budget and the Wayne County Commission need to revise their current processes of monitoring appropriated expenditures."

Patterson had mixed feelings about the auditor general's report.

"On one hand, I'm delighted with the idea that we're making some progress," Patterson said.

Patterson said he pushed in 1995-96 for a higher fund balance reserve. Later that year McNamara earmarked \$10 million for that purpose.

But Patterson is concerned with the continued process of how the county certifies revenue.

The past three years show the county's actual revenue has exceeded budget revenue. In 1995 revenue exceeded the budget by nearly \$14.4 million. In 1994 that figure was \$8.8 million and in 1993, it was \$6.1 million.

Plawewski had not read the report yet. She expected to discuss the issue with George Cushingberry, chairman of the commission's Ways and Means Committee.

"Obviously, they shouldn't be spending money without our approval," Plawewski said.

McCotter believed the legislative branch of county government has been ignored.

"It's a violation of the legislative process," McCotter said. "It's wrong."

"The problem we have down here is the commission has let its powers of overseeing the administration be eroded on a piecemeal basis over the years."



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that a nearby Wayne County homeless shelter also has overnight boarders.

The prison-release facility would've housed offenders who would be allowed to leave only to work or to seek jobs.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott voiced concerns that the project would hamper economic growth. She pointed to new projects that include a county golf course and a shopping center.

"We're starting to make some progress in that part of the city," Scott said, also noting that the area has been "stagnant for 30 years."

Stoepker responded that CTC facilities in other cities, such as Detroit, Saginaw and Grand Rapids, haven't deterred economic growth.

Councilwoman Justine Barns said she fears that a federal prisoner facility would worsen problems in an area already known for criminals selling drugs.

"We know they're there," she said. "We're not trying to mask that issue."

Stoepker said CTC has operated facilities in high-crime areas of Detroit without causing an increase in crime.

Moreover, he said CTC would've been criticized - perhaps even more - if officials had proposed a federal release facility in a lower-crime area.

Stoepker also stressed that any offenders using drugs while staying at the facility would be booted out.

"A substance abuser who abus-

es on site is not allowed to stay on site," he said.

Most men who would stay at the facility are white-collar criminals who have a high success rate for re-entering society, Stoepker said.

He also said that CTC officials have received few complaints from neighborhood residents.

However, Cicirelli responded that council members have received "numerous petitions" opposing the facility.

Cicirelli said the facility would be better suited for an industrial area, rather than an area zoned for office/business. She said the proposed location isn't appropriate for overnight boarding.

"I don't think that anyone can dispute that this is going to be a boarding facility," she said.

CTC programs are geared toward federal offenders who, while on probation or parole, receive transitional services aimed at helping them to re-enter society.

Stoepker urged council members to consider a Westland Police Department report that found no serious problems with CTC facilities in other cities.

Stoepker called the police department study the most intense investigation he has ever seen for a special land use proposal.

Barns, however, said she was voting for what she believed to be best for Westland, regardless of CTC's track record in other communities.

# Man sentenced in stepdaughter's death

A Westland man whose teenage stepdaughter fell to her death after he allowed her to ride atop his van was sentenced to prison Wednesday for 2 1/2 to 15 years.

James Gibson, 31, was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Andrea Ferrara, who earlier presided over a bench trial that ended with Gibson's conviction for involuntary manslaughter.

Gibson's wife, Lola - the girl's mother - is serving three years probation, performing 200 hours of community service and receiving counseling after pleading no contest to negligent homicide in September. She was sentenced Nov. 18.

The couple allowed their 13-year-old daughter, Antia Nedd, to ride on top of their van June 1 while they moved from their for-

mer Inkster residence to their new home in Westland.

Antia fell off the roof of the family van while riding there to hold down a mattress and box springs, authorities said at the time.

The Gibsons, unaware that the girl had fallen, continued driving on Middlebelt Road as Antia lay injured in the road - eventually to die from head injuries.

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLES E. CANDLER

Private services for Mr. Candler, 54, of Westland were held with arrangements by the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland.

Mr. Candler died Dec. 17 in Farmington Hills. Born March 30, 1942, in Nashville, Tenn., he was an auto company's hi-lo driver.

Survivors include: wife, Katherine; daughter, Susan Reiffers of Grand Haven, Mich.; sons, Brian (Waltraud) Candler of Germany and Scott Candler of Westland, serving in the Navy; three grandchildren; seven sisters and two brothers.

### KAY LYNN REGAN

Services for Mrs. Regan, 34, of Wayne were Dec. 14 from the UHt Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Redford Cemetery, Redford Township. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mrs. Regan died Dec. 11 at home. Born May 6, 1962, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, Raymond; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sackett; sisters, Sherril DeBlasio and Linda Welsh; and grandmother, Jennie Onusko.

### GRETA MOLLOY

Services for Mrs. Molloy, 80, of Westland were Dec. 18 from Holy Family Church, Novi, with interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Mrs. Molloy died Dec. 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born Feb. 15, 1915, in Pennsylvania, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: six sons, Daniel, James (Patricia), Robert (Jennifer), Brian (Margaret), Terence and Douglas; a daughter, Maureen (James) Scanlon; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, James. Memorials may be donated to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075.

### EVELYN ELIZABETH ROSE

Services for Ms. Rose, 49, of Dearborn were Dec. 18 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland. The Rev. Elmer Rose of American Baptist Church officiated.

Ms. Rose died Dec. 13 in Dearborn. Born April 21, 1947, in Wayne, she was a municipal government clerk.

Survivors include: mother, Mary Rose of Livonia; and brothers, Jonathan Rose, Stephen Rose and Philip Rose. Preceding her in death was her father, Irving.

### MARION R. SULLIVAN

Services for Mrs. Sullivan, 73, of Inkster were Dec. 16 from St. Norbert Catholic Church with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. The Rev. John Cusmano officiated.

Arrangements were by the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mrs. Sullivan died Dec. 13 in Inkster. Born Nov. 30, 1923, in Bellevue, N.Y., she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughter, Barbara Sullivan of Garden City; sons, William (Kaye) and Thomas (Cynthia); six grandchild-

dren; one great-grandchild; and sister-in-law, Marie Kilduff.

Memorials may be donated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

### ELLEN C. BOWMAN

Services for Mrs. Bowman, 58, of Garden City were Dec. 18 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. The Rev. Christopher Harris of Garden City Presbyterian Church officiated.

Mrs. Bowman died Dec. 15 in Garden City. Born Nov. 21, 1938, in Dearborn Township, she was a travel agency clerk.

Survivors include: husband, Donald; daughters, Carol (Jason) Couch, Marguerite Bowman, Dolie Bowman and Sherry (Mark) Pettovello; sons, Donald (Linda) Bowman and Jeffrey (Kristen) Bowman; and grandchildren, Christine, Jason III, Deanna, Donald, Stephanie, and Timothy Murphy. Preceding her in death was a son, James.

Memorials may be donated to the Henry Ford Village Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

### WALTER R. BASHFORD

Services for Mr. Bashford, 63, of Garden City were Dec. 17 from Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. Henry Shafer of the Full Gospel House of Prayer, Farmington Hills, officiated.

Mr. Bashford died Dec. 13 in Garden City. Born Aug. 29, 1933, in Lapeer, Mich., he was self-employed in home shopping and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include: wife, Erika; daughter, Sarah Bevins of Garden City; sons, Walter (Sandra)

of Edmond, Okla., Peter (Debbie) of Lincoln Park and Steven of Garden City; grandchildren, Erika, Donovan, Kelsey, Derek, Kaitlyn and Lauren; brother, Arthur of Sanford, Mich.; and sister, Erma Dale of Metamora, Mich.

Memorials may be donated to Garden City Hospital or a charity of the person's choice.

### HELEN A. PRIESKORN

Services for Helen Prieskorn, 89, of Wayne were Dec. 21 from the UHt Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. David Bonde officiated.

She died Dec. 18 in Hope Care Convalescent Center. Born April 27, 1907, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: brothers, Harold (Doris), Robert (Adeline) and Elmer; sisters-in-law Lucille and Jean; seven nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers George, Earl and Harry.

### RENE A. BERGERON

Services for Mr. Bergeron, also known as "Frenchie," were Dec. 19 from the UHt Funeral Home, Westland, followed by cremation. The Rev. Roy Forsyth officiated.

Mr. Bergeron, 68, formerly of Westland, died Dec. 17 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born March 22, 1928, the Romulus resident was an assembler.

Survivors include: daughters, Christine Jackson and Cathy; son, Terry; grandsons, Jason, Kevin and Shane; granddaughter, Sherril; great-granddaughter, Sade; great-grandson, Zachary; and Rowene, his former companion and mother of his children.

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3:30 p.m. and the same for junior and senior high school students from 3:45-9:45 p.m.

ship, students must have a 3.2 or higher grade point average and be studying full time.

### Scholarship won

Westland's Lauren Rankin won the Archdiocesan Catholic Minority Student Scholarship at Madonna University for the current school year.

Rankin, a freshman pursuing a pre-medicine degree, will receive \$800.

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### Riley will be honored

George Riley, a Westland assistant fire chief, will be honored at a retirement party Friday night, Jan. 10, at the Hawthorne Valley Club, on Meriman north of Warren Road. There will be an open bar and buffet dinner. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 467-3236.

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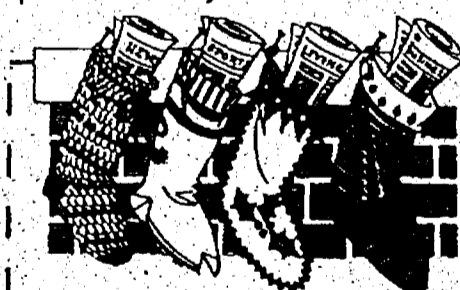
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# Schools anxious as Engler plans to alter board role

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

The public school lobby is nervously awaiting Gov. John Engler's threatened executive order "to clarify the role" of the State Board of Education.

They fear Engler will try to weaken public education by mauling the elected State Board. Engler has given them reasons to be nervous.

First, Engler enjoys carrying out the mandate of the 1963 Michigan Constitution which says, "The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution." The governor already has made a host of enemies by reducing the roles of citizen commissions in the Department of Natural Resources.

"Some governors have let their authority lie fallow," Engler said.

Second, Engler visited the Dec. 12 meeting of the State Board of Education to say he would discuss his changes with the board before they are implemented, but not before he issues it. No advance consultation for him.

Third, Engler's timing raised suspicion — a month after the election in which two Republican State Board incumbents were defeated. For the past two years, the GOP had a 6-2 majority.

"The governor was perfectly happy with the State Board until this November's election produced a 4-4 split between Democrats and Republicans," said state Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, a former school superintendent and once a finalist to become superintendent of public instruction. "The voters of Michigan sent a clear message that they wanted the board to move toward the center, and away from far right conservatism."

On paper, there will be a 4-4 party split in 1997-8. In actuality, the split is five friends of public schools and three friends of private and charter schools. Republican Dorothy Beardmore, with experience on Rochester and Oakland school boards, wasn't afraid to cross swords with board President Clark Durant, a

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private school operator.

### There are limits

What can a governor actually change? He can't change the Michigan Constitution (Art. VIII sec. 3), which gives the State Board:

■ "Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions," but not higher education.

■ "General planning and coordinating" power for all public education, including higher education.

■ A duty to "advise the legislature as to the financial requirements."

■ Power to "appoint a superintendent of public instruction" and set his term of office.

The constitution says the superintendent "shall be the principal executive officer of a state department of education" charged with carrying out State Board policies. The superintendent also chairs the board, but without a vote.

Since 1965, the State Board has operated under an executive order issued by Republican moderate William G. Milliken, lieutenant and acting governor when George Romney was out of the state. At that time, the constitution abolished the superintendent of public instruction as an elective office.

Milliken's order created the Department of Education, set up the State Board as head of the department, made the superintendent the "principal executive officer" and made paper transfers of power. That was all.

### Possibilities

What could Engler change, 31 years later, through a new executive order?

"I respect the constitutional role of the board on which I serve," said Engler, the first governor to actually visit a State Board meeting in many years, even though the governor is an

ex officio member. "I respect the constitutional role of the governor."

"I want to delineate the role of the board and the department. . ."

"I want to get managers managing and decision makers deciding," he said.

In fact, the State Board does have lengthy agendas — usually four, single-spaced pages. Its meetings run all day. Often its meetings have started one evening and run through the entire next day.

Half of the agenda material is acceptance and awarding of federal grant money and routine reports. The board deals with these without discussion — called the "consent agenda" — and approves them in a single motion.

Engler could hand the consent agenda items over to the superintendent.

The board also rules on requests from rural homeowners to transfer their property from one school district to another. A Department of Education hearing officer acts as a judge, listens to the families and school officials, and writes a report with a recommendation to the State Board.

Nine times out of 10 or more, the board rubber-stamps the recommendation. Engler could hand this function to the superintendent.

State Board member Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, talked of seeking an attorney general's ruling or a court ruling if Engler's order goes too far.

But who knows what Engler actually intends to do?

He talked of making Michigan schools "best in the world" but plans to send the triplets to parochial schools. He never mentioned general assistance welfare in his 1990 campaign, but abolished it once in office. He never mentioned reorganizing the DNR, but did it. He campaigned against "picking winners and losers" in the tax code, then set up MEGA, a growth authority that gives tax breaks to certain businesses.

Meanwhile, the public school lobby waits nervously.

# Airport officials urge travelers to arrive early for holiday trips

Advance booking data provided by the airlines at Wayne County's Metropolitan Airport forecasts above average passenger loads for every day from now through the end of the holiday season.

No single day matches the massive crowds the airport handled on the Wednesday before, or the Sunday after Thanksgiving. However, passenger loads are being projected for well above average on Thursday, Dec. 26; Monday, Dec. 30; and on some airlines, Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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balanced budgets," Naughton said. "The growing fund balance is a combination of good budgeting, putting in systems to monitor controls and looking for opportunities for cost savings."

### Concerns

Pearson later reported "great concern" with the nearly \$70 million spent in excess of appropriated funds. The county needs "better control" over appropriated expenditures and transfers, Pearson said.

The state's Uniform Budget and Accounting Act states: "When necessary, the budget must be amended. The amendment must be approved by the legislative body prior to the expenditure being made. This is not only a requirement of Public Act 621, but also a requirement of solid budgeting theory."

"The purpose of a budget is not only to approve expenditures but also to control expenditures."

That budget discrepancy also

was noted in a letter written in September from Peat Marwick, the county's accounting consultant, to Wayne County. Peat Marwick noted that commission approval should be obtained on transfers and amendments above appropriations.

The audit classified the excess \$69.9 million into four major areas, including solid waste management (\$49.9 million), other special revenue funds (\$6.4 million), corporation counsel-litigation settlements (\$7.2 million), and miscellaneous general fund activities (\$6.4 million).

Naughton believed the reported \$49.9 million should be put "into perspective," considering the county has a \$1 billion budget. "Without it, we're 99.9 percent in compliance," he said.

Naughton said the commissioners approved a grant application, but never amended the budget for that money.

"It's incumbent on the commis-

sion to amend the budget and make those changes," Naughton said. All litigation settlements go before the commission as well, Naughton said.

Naughton expected to draft a letter to respond to the review.

Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, who chairs the commission's committee on audit, expects commission discussion will continue after Jan. 1.

He believed the audit should be prepared for the March following the fiscal year as is required in the charter, he said.

"We really should be discussing this in April, not in December," O'Neil said.

O'Neil expects to make a recommendation to the commission chairman, and hopes tighter reporting requirements can be outlined in January.

Naughton said the commission already receives quarterly reports.

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# Fish kill will wait until spring

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

A fish kill originally scheduled to take place this month in Newburgh Lake has been postponed.

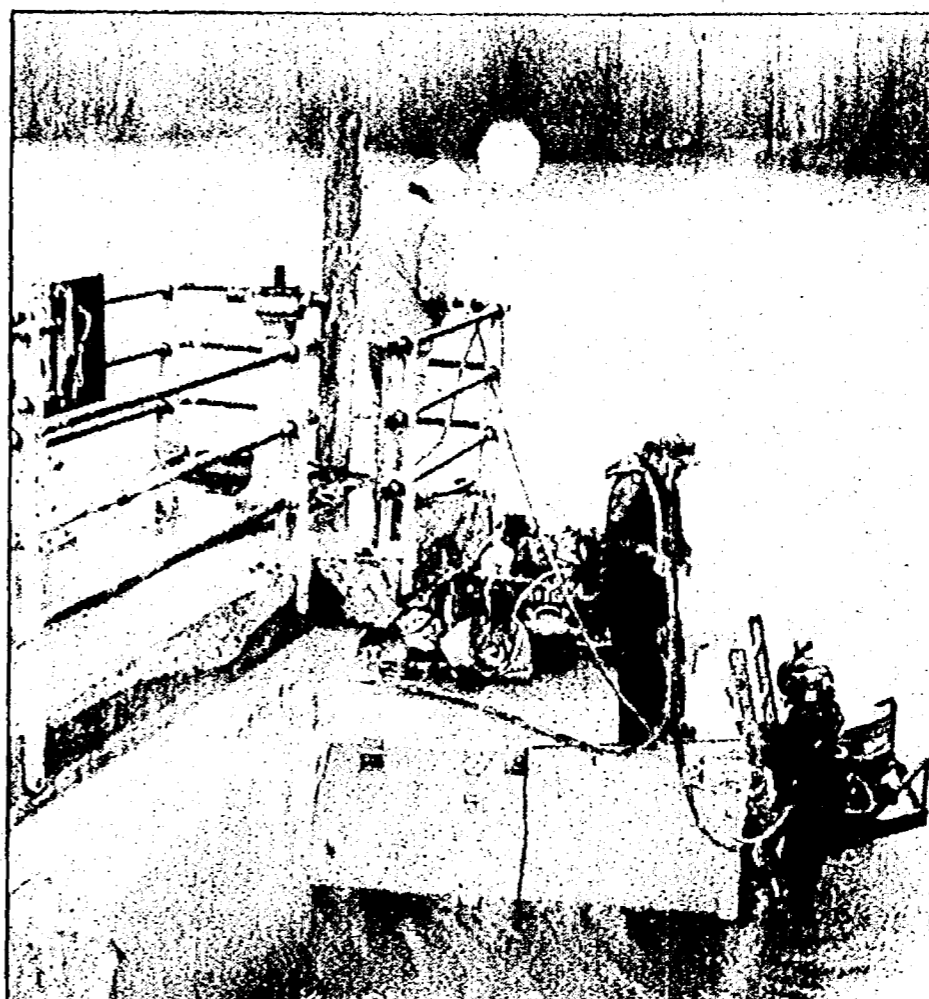
An environmental consulting firm working with Wayne County Department of Environment suggested the kill be conducted when the lake's water temperature warms up to at least 40 degrees in the spring.

Environmental Consulting and Technology recommended the delay to Wayne County because the chemical rotenone — responsible for killing the fish — acts slower in cold water. The county notified the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality of the change.

ECT also recommended the schedule change because a chemical used to break down the rotenone (potassium permanganate) also works slower in cold water, and more would have to be used to "detoxicate" the rotenone, which could threaten the survival of other fish populations downstream, officials said.

That would "very rapidly approach a concentration where the potassium permanganate is toxic to fish," according to a letter from Ellen Lindquist, chief deputy director of Wayne County Department of Environment, to James Grant, chief of the surface water quality division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"We did not want to do anything to jeopardize other fish populations," Lindquist said.



**Diving right in:** A diver prepares to enter Newburgh Lake to check for debris near a sluice gate and dam near Newburgh Road. A planned fish kill on the lake originally scheduled for this month was postponed until spring. The work is part of the lake's \$10 million restoration project to excavate PCB sediments and eradicate fish that may contain those PCBs.

ECT acted after speaking with an official with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources who suggested the chemical

responsible for killing the fish would break down easier in warm weather.

Rotenone will be used to kill the fish in the lake because many species are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from sediment at the bottom of the lake. Native fish will be restocked in the lake once the kill is completed.

The fish kill is part of the \$10 million project to restore New-

burgh Lake and a part of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Excavators also will remove PCB sediments from the lake's bottom. Currently, contractors are working on rebuilding a dam there.

Lindquist outlined the reasons why ECT recommended the delay in a letter to the DEQ.

Rotenone and potassium permanganate detoxification tests in cold water conducted by Aquatic Control indicate that at temperatures near or below 40 degrees, rotenone acts slow and, more importantly, detoxification with potassium permanganate is "less effective and less predictable." Results on those tests were received on Dec. 3.

Two "experts" in rotenone treatments in Michigan and Florida never had conducted or were aware of anyone conducting a rotenone treatment in an open, cold water system in those states.

Don Archer of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conducted cold water rotenone treatments in open systems, but he does not recommend attempting this in waters less than 40 degrees.

"His recommendation was that we not rush it," Lindquist said.

Archer also indicated that chemical applicants could increase the concentration of potassium permanganate to speed up the reaction to rotenone, but that "you very rapidly approach a concentration where the potassium permanganate is toxic to fish."

The cofferdam for Newburgh Lake will not be completed and operational for the fish eradication target date in December.

That means the lake level will not be lowered, which would reduce the surface area of water to be treated and concentrate the fish in that area. The dam will control the river's flow.

Because of this month's cofferdam construction, there will be ongoing activities that would have conflicted with the fish kill, if it were conducted this month.

Divtec Corp., the dam rehabilitation contractor, still has boat ferrying equipment and supplies in the eastern end of the lake, a

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## SHOPPING CENTERED



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**Eye-to-eye:** Rebekah Malover, 4, tells Santa her Christmas wishes at Twelve Mall, Southfield.

## Santa never forgets a face... or a wish

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

When my editor asked me to "find out what kids are really asking for this Christmas," I decided to go right to the source. I began searching for Santa Claus, aware he'd be making his rounds at all of the malls around town.

It had been years since we talked. As I entered the Livonia Mall, I worried. What if Santa had forgotten who I was?

"Forget you Lin?" he looked disappointed. "I've known you since you were two."

He gave me permission to stand out-of-sight, listening to the little boys and girls about to visit. I promised to be as quiet as a mouse.

Most of the requests were for Buzz Lightyear, Doodle Bear, and Barbie.

"If I get asked for a puppy, I simply say I'm afraid an animal might jump out my sleigh," said the sly old gent with a wink.

I breathed a sigh of relief. I was sure glad that new policy wasn't in effect last Christmas when he'd slid down the chimney with my Irish Wolfhound puppy.

As we continued talking, I was taken with the new workshop for his elves. Having written about art for many years, it was right up my alley. Two giant plush reindeer, designed by Studio Artefact in Quebec, pulled a giant sleigh while an elf painted a deer portrait and another carved away at an ice sculpture.

Cody Owens of Garden City was impressed with the workshop, too. After first telling Santa he wanted Buzz Lightyear and Slinky the Dog, the 2½-year-old pointed to one animated creature balancing a stack of presents and asked, "What's that?"

Santa roared with laughter. "One of my elves!" "Last year he would have nothing to do with Santa," confided mom Paula. "This year, we've already seen him three or four times. He keeps asking for trucks and trains and Hot Wheels."

Brian Young, 6, also wanted Buzz Lightyear in addition to Nintendo 64.

Katie Young, 2, longed for Winnie-the-Pooh slippers. Mother Cindy and grandmother Rhea Young brought the children all the way from Salem Township for the fun.

Ashley Kuhn, 7, of Livonia read off a carefully written list which included a 20-inch bike, Barbie Ice Skates, and Doodle Bear.

Later that afternoon, I followed Santa to Westland Shopping Center where the children were asking Santa for a lot of dalmations and Barbies. As an orchestra of giant polar bears played all around his chair, Gall Bird of Westland coaxed her 2½-year-old granddaughter Jasmine Marka into telling the big guy she wanted a refrigerator to make Kool-Aid.

"This is the first year she really understands. So seeing Santa is really exciting," Bird said.

At the Somerset Collection in Troy, Katie Adams, 3, and Erik Adams, 15-months, were anxiously waiting for Santa's arrival. "I want a castle and a grocery cart, and Erik would like a train and a riding toy," big sis Katie told Santa.

"She's an old pro at this," said mother Nancy of Birmingham. "She was three-months old, her first time on Santa's knee."

Back at the Livonia Mall, Santa was wiring his sleigh for the big trip. Years ago, his memory was sharp as a tack. Now, a computer keeps track of the millions of Christmas Eve deliveries.

"I'm more than 100 years old now. Mrs. Claus prints out my list before I leave the North Pole," said the jolly old guy who was nothing more than a big elf himself.

I was heading for the door, exhausted from my day when he shouted, "you forgot to tell me what you wanted for Christmas."

I told Santa that puppy had been a bundle of trouble this past year but I forgave him because Shamrock and I had become the best of friends. I wanted nothing for myself. My only wish for boys and girls everywhere, was for all to have enough to eat, and a warm, secure place to sleep.

"And my only wish," Santa Claus whispered to me, "is for peace around the world."



Linda Ann Chomin

## Toys that endure must entertain



If you're stumped for last-minute gift ideas for the kids on your list, think "interactive, creative and challenging" say the experts. Here are some suggestions for toys that will please.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
EDITOR

With just two days until Christmas, don't despair if you haven't got a *Tickle Me Elmo* under your tree - there are still plenty of wonderful toy options available in the marketplace.

Susan Apel, spokeswoman for The Learning Tree Stores (Summit Crossing in Waterford, Schoenherr & M59 in Sterling Heights, and West Oaks in Novi) suggests two winners - an easel that comes with a large roll of paper for \$63, or the *Spy Memory Game*, \$16.99.

"One side of the easel is a wipe-off board, the other a chalk board," she explained. "Our merchandise is of institutional quality so these gifts will be around for many years to come."

Kathy Kalmar, education coordinator for U of M-Dearborn's Child Development Center said the best children's gifts can be described as: "interactive, open-ended, challenging, creative and keyed to nature."

Kalmar said a good rule of thumb is "never buy anything battery-operated."

"Gifts that perform or entertain don't expect anything from a child and won't have much play value."

Ava Démonja, marketing director at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn used Kalmar's advice to come up with these gifts suggestions from mall stores:

*Little House on the Prairie* gift box sets from Waldenbooks, priced from \$22.50; *Tasco's Big Screen Microscope* from Natural Wonders, \$60 (comes with an instruction kit and experiment book); *The Adventures of Pinocchio* or *Muppet Treasure Island* video games from \$29.99 at Babbages offering discovery activities that require user output; downhill skis from Dunham's \$199-\$300, cross country sets start at \$100; *Art Workshop* kits from KayBee Toys, prices vary.

At FAO Schwarz in the Somerset Collection, Troy, shoppers will find

collectible toys for children to begin years of adding specially-designed playthings to a set. Perennial favorites include Madame Alexander dolls, Barbies, GI Joes, and Star Wars licensed products.

"We have reissues of toys from old FAO Schwarz catalogs going back over 70 years," said chairman John Eyer in a news release. "And as much as grown-ups enjoy collecting for themselves, there is a joy in getting children started on their own collections for the first time."

His picks: Antique Rose Barbie Doll, \$250; Statue of Liberty Barbie Doll, \$75; FAO Barbie, \$24.99; GI Joe Astronaut with book, \$100; Star Wars Figures, \$29 each; Johnny Lightening Wacky Winners "die-cast metal replicas of wild creations," \$79; Matchbox Collectibles, sets for \$25; FAO's Barrel of Beads, \$59; Famous city editions of Monopoly, \$28.

### Target's Top 10 Toys:

- **Wonder World**, aquarium activity set
- **Baby Go Bye, Bye** from Kenner includes baby doll and carrier that converts to a bed, backpack and feeding seat
- **Pet Doctor, Barbie**: decked in white labcoat comes with stethoscope, medical kit, cat and dog patients
- **Penguin Shuffle Game**: Let them waddle and walk down a slide to land on a merry-go-round.
- **Hot Wheels Five-Pack**
- **Star Wars Action Figures**
- **Amay Sport Table**: converts for ping pong, billiards, foosball and basketball
- **Disney Touch and Crawl Babies**
- **Talk Boy Recorder**: Record and distort voices.
- **Tickle Me, Elmo**

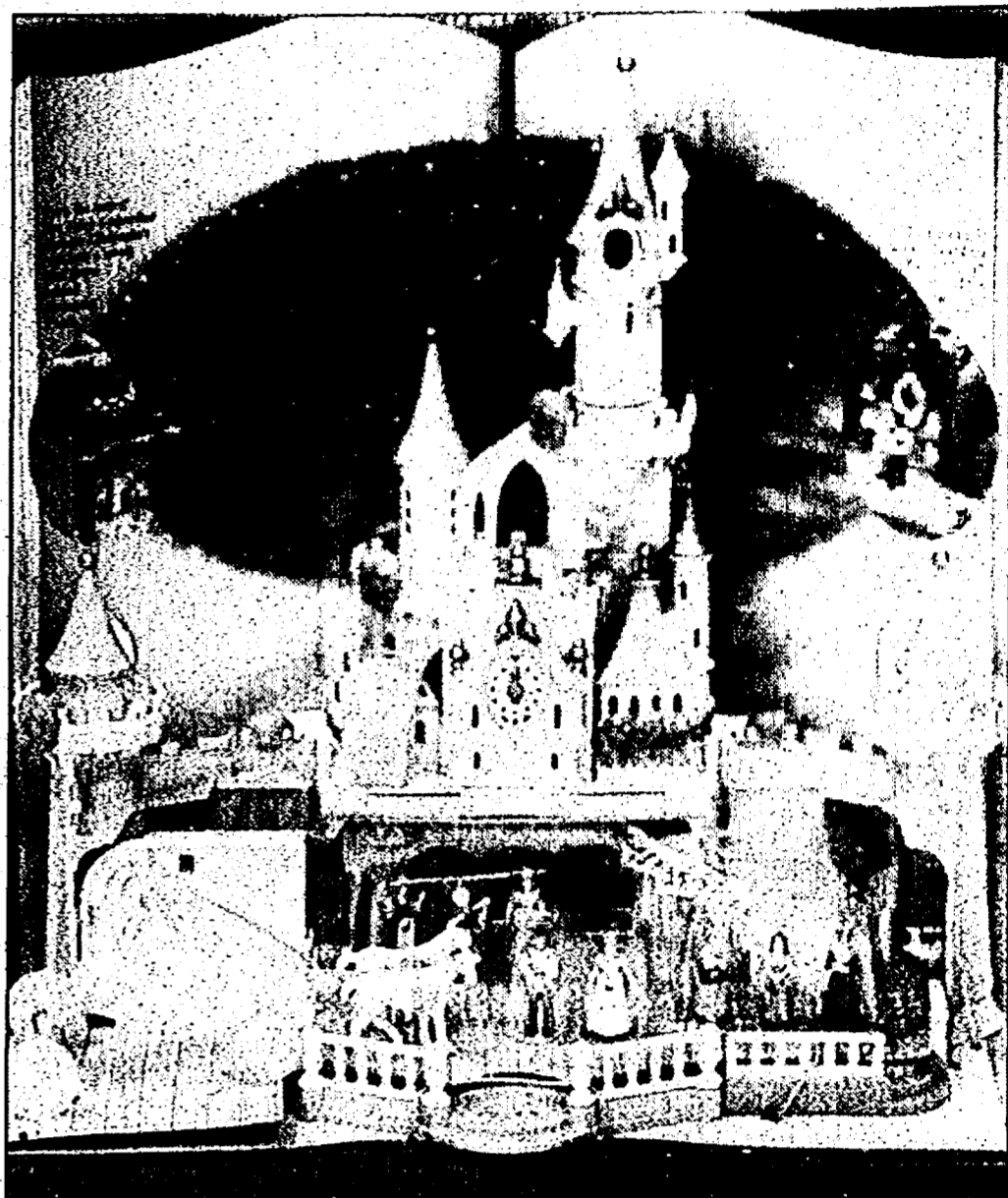


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Scene stealer: Cinderella's Enchanted Castle, available at The Disney Stores and Toys 'R Us, is a popular holiday choice this year. The floor spins for dancing, doors open and close, and the stairway moves to reveal the missing glass slipper.



Holiday happiness: These treasures can be found at the stores of Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.



Nostalgic fun: "Vanessa," a 15-inch Carolle Doll, \$115, from the Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley, is poseable and dressed for play. The store is famous for its collection of "old-fashioned" playthings and toys for the outdoors. Among its best-selling items is the Muffy Vander-Bear line of costumed cuddlies.

## Where can I find?

Thanks to the readers who have phoned in locations for hard to find items!

- Judy Uridge informs that she saw the gag gift featuring cans and straws built into a cap, at Gags 'N Gifts in Farmington and Livonia. "Sue" said she always sees the item in the *Harriet Carter* catalogs at her father's house.
- Karen Edwards reports a great source for typewriter or printer ribbons is the Quill Corporation in Lincolnshire, Ill., 1-800-789-8965.

### We're still looking for:

- A dry bar, 3-feet wide by 15-inches deep with a cover that lifts up to replace one that is 20 years old. The caller said furniture stores only seem to carry wet bars.
- A grocery store that sells Magic Baking Powder made by Nabisco of Toronto. The caller doesn't want to travel to Canada to buy it.
- A store that sells *Math To Go*, *Math Tutor* by Texas Instruments.
- Always hypo-allergenic all-over body splash.
- Someone who will alter old draperies to fit new windows.
- King-size flat sheets from Martex in the Trade Blanket pattern.
- Laundry bags that hang from the ceiling over the chute with zip-pers on the bottom to let out the dirty clothes.
- A Strollachair highchair tray; Inkor stainless steel cookware.
- An April 1945 edition of *Ford Times* magazine.
- Glass covers for Guardianware pots and pans.

If you've seen any of these items in your travels, please let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Call (810) 901-2567.

MONDAY, DEC. 23

### Santa Photos

Last days for photos and visits with Santa Claus at area malls. Don't miss some of the more spectacular decor presentations at Twelve Oaks, Somerset Collection North, Livonia Mall, Lakeside, Fairlane, Northland Center and Oakland Mall. At Summit Place in Waterford, tour the 20-minute walk-through exhibit "Wind in the Willows" brought to you by Dayton Hudson Co. Free admission, through Dec. 31.

### Benefit Promotion

Ongoing Share The Wealth program to benefit Salvation Army - with each sum of \$150 in receipts a blanket will be donated in the shopper's name. See Customer Service Desk. Westland Center. Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

### Holiday happenings

Red Cross Blood Drive through Jan. 4 at the mall. Spend \$100 in any business and receive a

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free cookbook through Dec. 24. Drop off non-perishable food items, clothing and toys for local YMCA at Information Booth through Dec. 24. Wonderland, Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia (313) 522-4100.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

**Limited Hours**  
Malls and Main Street shops open until 5 p.m. today for last-minute shoppers.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25,

**Merry Christmas!**  
Retail centers closed for the holiday.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 26

**Sales & Clearances**

The rush is on for half-off mark downs on holiday and other seasonal merchandise at all department stores and shopping centers.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 27

**Blues concert**  
Robert Jones plays blues guitar 8-10 p.m. in Borders Cafe. Complimentary. 14 Mile/Orchard Lake. Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 28

**Kwanzaa Celebration**  
This is the third day of the African holiday. This day celebrates the principles of "Ujima," collective work and responsibility. Borders hosts a Kwanzaa program with storyteller Elaine Jordan at 3 p.m. From 4:30-6 p.m. Ya Tafari Makonnen performs music with Caribbean, Afro-Latin and Latin Jazz beats. 13 Mile/Southfield Beverly Hills. (810) 644-1515.



Flying high



Hill thrill: The Extreme Sled from Mad River Rocket, brings the snowboard ski experience to the neighborhood hill. It's available at Toys R Us and other specialty shops. Suggested retail price: \$49.95.

'Circus' gifts available

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey are offering free stocking stuffers for children. The 3 Ring Gazette is a full-color quarterly newsletter packed with games, puzzles, jokes, feature stories on performers and interactive fun. A new brochure "How to Make a Clown Face" explains the basics of creating a professional-looking clown face from start to finish. Both are available by sending the child's name, age and mailing address to: Ringling Bros. Stocking Stuffers, P.O. Box 21309, Chattanooga, TN, 37424-0309.

The holidays may also be a perfect time to take advantage of the circus' free ticket for new-

borns. Producer Kenneth Feld launched a program in 1994 to offer every baby born in the U.S. its first ticket to The Greatest Show on Earth absolutely free.

To order the baby's free gift, simply send the child's name and date of birth along with the name and address of the parent or guardian to: Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey, Dept. RBBBST, P.O. Box 39845, Edina, MN 55439-9458.

A frameable certificate will be sent to the child with a detachable portion which can be redeemed for one free admission to The Greatest Show on Earth at any time in any city.

January expo showcases bridal fashion

Bridal fashion takes center aisle as designers contend for honors in the 2nd annual Bridal Fashion Design Competition. The event, sponsored by Bride &

Groom Publications, takes place Jan. 10-12 at the Novi Expo Center. All entrants will have runway time to show their gowns, veils and flower girl

resses. A black tie event to benefit First Step is 7-10 p.m. on Jan. 10. It includes dinner and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling

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## Area 4th-, 5th-graders eligible to enter state weather poster contest

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades.

The deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 1997.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first-place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings bond and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings bond.

Posters must be 15-inches by 20-inches and submitted on quality poster or illustration board. The work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization.

The artist's name, age, grade, home address and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone

number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be attached to the back of the poster on a 3-by-5 index card.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 1. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386.

For further information, contact Gary Campbell at the National Weather Service at (810) 625-3309, ext. 726, or Lori White at the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies at (517) 482-1643.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado and winter safety. The Committee includes representatives from the National Weather Service, Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Association of Insurance Companies, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, American Red Cross, Michigan Association of Broadcasters and WDIV-TV in Detroit.

## Prof named to fine arts post

Donald Morelock, director of the piano department and the applied music program at Schoolcraft College, has been appointed director of piano studies in North America and Europe by the International Fine Arts Institute. Under the sponsorship of the Russian Minister of Culture, Morelock represented the Institute during three recent trips to Russia.

Part of the visits involved intense study programs at the Moscow Conservatory of Music or the St. Petersburg Conservatory

for 20 of his piano students.

The International Fine Arts Institute specializes in arranging study and performance opportunities throughout the world, and has taken more American soloists and performance groups into Russia than any other organization.

In his new capacity, Morelock will plan and implement international study programs for students and teachers from around North America. In the summer

of 1997, Morelock will direct the piano study program at the St. Petersburg Conservatory for the second consecutive year.

Morelock directs the Ann Arbor Bach Association and has received three national awards for teaching excellence. Each year, several of his students are accepted at leading music school programs around the country.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.



Donald Morelock

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## Fish from page A6

crane working over the spillway of the dam, and divers working in the water.

ECT recommended the delay after the cofferdam is completed, which is expected by Jan. 25.

Jim Ridgway, project manager of the Newburgh Lake restoration and vice president of Environmental Consulting & Technology, called the spring application a "conservative approach." The dam's construction and completion for operation will make the rotenone application easier, Ridgway said.

"If you can drain it down in depth, you use a lot less chemical," Ridgway said.

Wayne County asked the state to adjust the certificate to change the time frame of rotenone treatment between March 1997 and June 15 and delay the follow up report until September 1997.

The permit only allows the

chemical to be used 1,000 feet downstream from its application point. Ridgway expect the fish kill to occur in April or May, but Wayne County will need a second approval in the spring for the chemical application.

State officials could not be reached for comment.

The rotenone will be applied, which clogs the fish's gills, and in essence suffocates them.

Rotenone, a restricted use pesticide, is fatal to fish. It is not considered fatal to humans, but it can cause injury if inhaled or swallowed in substantial doses.

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## Microwave not just for reheating food

At the end of a long, hard day, you come home tired and hungry and the last thing you want to do is spend time cooking over a hot stove. You want a hot, satisfying meal ... fast! What do you do? Microwave. The microwave is an asset to people with a hurried lifestyle, as it is convenient and time efficient.

Some microwaves are more powerful than others. The same brand of microwave popcorn may take three minutes in one microwave and four-and-one-half minutes in others. Check the recommended cooking times in your owner's manual, on the food packages and in microwave cookbooks to avoid overcooking, and always start with the shortest suggested time. You will become familiar with your microwave's power level the more you cook with it. Microwave cooking times vary because of the power, the amount of food, starting temperature of food, shape of the food and composition of the food.

Unlike conventional ovens, as you add food items to your microwave, you must increase cooking time. For example, a baked potato takes about seven minutes in a microwave and 60 minutes in a conventional oven.

If you are cooking 10 potatoes in a conventional oven, it will still take 60 minutes. If you cook 10 potatoes in a microwave, cooking may take up to 70 minutes.

The doughnut shape wins the award for the best shape for microwaves, no corners and no center. For one item, place in middle; two items, side by side with an inch between; three items, in a triangle; four items, in a square or always in a circle with nothing in the middle.

Take extra care when using microwave packages that heat and crisp foods such as pizza. These packages contain heat sensors that become very hot during the cooking time.

The microwave oven may cook foods unevenly, which can result in hot or cold spots. Some foods, such as sugar-filled pastries and meat pocket sandwiches, can be scalding hot on the inside and cold on the outside. Be sure to carefully break open these foods before biting into them. To prevent uneven cooking, stop the microwave and turn and/or stir the food halfway through the process.

### Microwave advantages

- Most foods can be cooked in less than 50 to 75 percent of the time it would take to cook the same foods in a conventional oven.

- Foods cooked in a microwave retain more color, flavor and nutritional value than conventionally cooked foods because they are cooked with little or no water to leech out vitamins, and are cooked quickly.

- Microwave cooking may be more healthful because often it is not necessary to add fat and butter when sauteing meats or vegetables or scrambling eggs.

- Microwave ovens allow you to quickly reheat and defrost foods.

- Microwave cooking helps shorten clean-up time because food usually doesn't stick to the dishes.

- Using the microwave doesn't add heat to your house. Unlike the conventional oven, you can open the microwave to check progress without letting hot air escape into the house.

### Microwave cautions

- No metal, no foil, no twist ties.
- Use only microwave-safe dishes, avoid using margarine tubs, whipped topping bowls and cottage cheese containers. High heat could cause chemicals to transfer into the food.

- Watch out for steam when removing a cover.
- Use potholders as a precaution, dishes and food are extremely hot.

- Stir foods and beverages after heating to avoid scalding, cold or hot spots can occur.

- Do not reuse trays or containers provided with microwave convenience products, they have been designed for one time use with that specific food only.

- Always allow resting or standing time after the cooking is completed.

- Never partially cook a food ahead of time to make microwaving faster later. Bacteria can grow in partially cooked foods.

- Do not use brown grocery bags, they contain recycled materials and metals and could start a fire.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food and nutrition questions, call (810) 858-0904.

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

This year, Sandra Dalka-Prysky does not have to make a resolution to get fit and trim. Since 1994 she's lost 140 pounds.



AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION

Holiday fare: Dress up a fully smoked ham with winter fruit chutney for a fuss-free, yet festive holiday meal.

# HOLIDAY HAM

READY IN NO TIME AT ALL

**M**ore time — is the one size fits all gift that most of us would like to receive this holiday season.

When family and friends gather, give yourself the gift of time by preparing a festive meal that's easy and quick to prepare.

Holiday Baked Ham with Winter Fruit Chutney, a recipe prepared by Beatrice Ojakangas, master baker and author of "Beatrice Ojakangas' Great Holiday Baking Book," is sure to please. The flavorful chutney, which can be made ahead of time, accompanies fully cooked smoked ham glazed with a mixture of apricot preserves, butter and Dijon mustard.

"The holidays are for spending time with family and friends," Ojakangas says. "So eliminate last minute worries by doing whatever you can in

advance and utilize short-cuts and time-saving techniques. That's how the professional chefs do it.

And there are plenty of ways to save time on holiday meal preparation, according to the United Dairy Industry's Real Butter Team. Try to plan your menu so that most of the dishes can be partially prepared before your holiday extravaganza begins. Ann Cooper, executive chef at the Putney Inn in Vermont, suggests measuring, slicing and chopping ingredients at least a day before you settle in to do the serious cooking.

"The French have a phrase that describes this preparatory process," said Cooper. "They call it *mise en place*." In English this translates into "getting your ducks in a row."

For instance, check out Cooper's strategy for making Winter Fruit Chutney. On the day before the meal she measures all the ingredients, does

all of the chopping and places everything in plastic containers or recloseable plastic food bags. The apples and pears are the only ingredients that Cooper waits to slice to avoid browning.

"It's always a treat to cook when everything is already measured, sliced and at your fingertips," Cooper says.

"Spare time during the holidays is something to be treasured," said Don Atkinson, senior vice president at Franklin Quest, a company that specializes in counseling busy executives on the finer points of advance planning.

"Using time-saving techniques, short-cuts and good planning are the most effective ways to free yourself from the suffocating constraints of time. A little planning goes a long way in being able to relax and enjoy the holidays."

According to the National Pork Producers Council, most hams today are labeled "fully

cooked" and are ready to eat. Ham can be served cold or heated to an internal temperature of 140° F. for serving hot. Follow the directions on the label, and heat in a moderate (325° F. to 350° F.) oven.

If you purchase a ham labeled "cook before eating," it should be roasted to an internal temperature of 160° F. — use a meat thermometer to judge doneness and plan on cooking an uncooked ham for 30 minutes per pound.

Your holiday ham should be refrigerated within two hours of serving. Tightly wrap and refrigerate leftovers, and enjoy for up to seven days. Ham does not retain its high quality for long in the freezer because changes in flavor and texture occur. If you must freeze leftover ham, wrap it tightly in plastic and foil and freeze for no longer than two months.

See recipes inside.

## Make Santa's snack extra-special

In many families, after the stockings have been hung, it's time to fix Santa a snack. Cookies top the jolly man's list of favorite treats, so why not really wow him this Christmas Eve with an extra-special cookie that's been baked just for him?

Although we don't know exactly when the custom of leaving cookies for Santa began, we do know that similar customs have European origins. In fact, Dutch boys and girls still fill their wooden shoes with hay for St. Nicholas' horse, and Scandinavian children leave porridge for the Yule men, the Scandinavian equivalent of Santa's elves.

While giving Santa cookies and milk is uniquely American, it most likely evolved from these and other European traditions, perhaps as a gentle reminder about giving to others.

Kids love to bake, and creating a really special cookie to give to Santa can provide hours of family fun as well as a holiday

memory that can be passed on from one generation to the next. This year, the elves in the Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens have come up with two oatmeal cookies your kids, or grandkids, will love to bake and nibble.

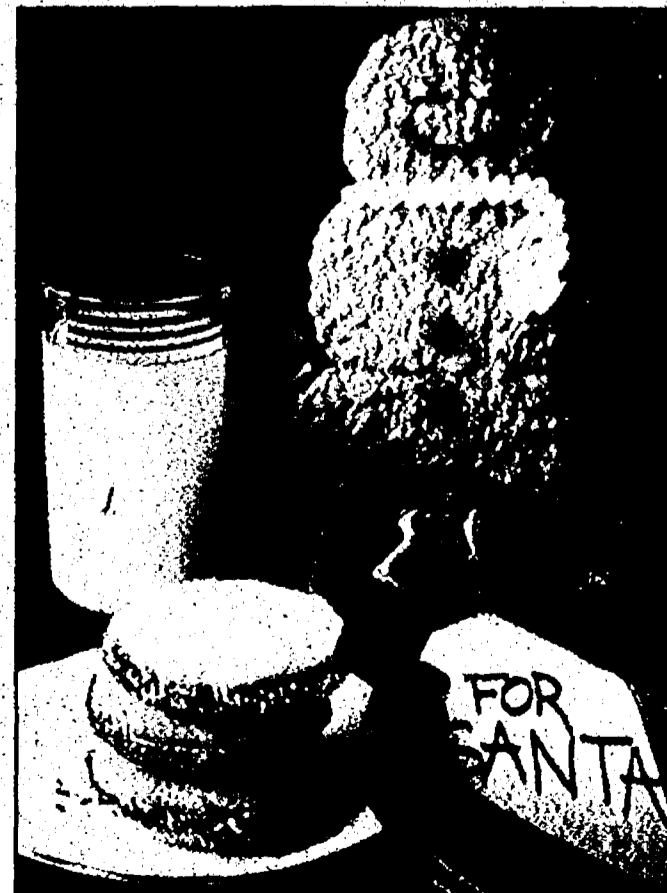
Standing a full ten inches high and chock-full of wholesome whole grain oats, a "Snowman Oatmeal Cookie" will keep Santa energized for the long night ahead. The classic oatmeal cookie dough is quick and easy to mix, and little hands can easily pat the dough into snowman shapes right on the cookie sheet. After cooling, the real fun begins as the kids use icing and candy to give the snowman a smile and then dress him warmly with a hat, scarf and mittens. There's even room to write Santa's name.

"Santa Sandwich Cookies" stacked on a plate and accompanied by nutmeg-sprinkled eggnog will please Santa, too. In between two buttery, tender-

crisp oatmeal cookies is a layer of creamy frosting. The dough uses on-hand ingredients and, since the quick and old-fashioned oats are interchangeable in baking, you can use whichever happens to be on the shelf. Save time on baking day by making the dough a day or two ahead and refrigerate it tightly wrapped. The filling is ready-to-spread vanilla frosting available in the baking aisle of the supermarket. Kids of all ages will have a great time rolling the edges of the frosting-filled cookies in colorful candy sprinkles.

The extra sandwich cookies and snowmen make delicious gifts for teachers, friends and grandparents. Wrap the snowmen in clear plastic wrap, tie with a red ribbon and attach a gift tag. The sandwich cookies pack easily in small cellophane gift bags available at party, stationery and discount stores.

See recipes inside.



THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY

Santa's snack: Surprise Santa with Snowman Oatmeal Cookies and Santa Sandwich Cookies.

# Beef roast makes entertaining easy

It's the time of year when telephones ringing and doorbells chiming mean invitations and at-home entertaining. But with today's busy schedules leaving little time for elaborate preparations, we want our special dinners with family or friends to be 1-2-3 easy.

A beef ribeye roast is the perfect solution. Three easy steps make it simple to prepare:

■ Heat the oven to the proper temperature.

■ Place the roast in the oven, uncovered, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. No basting or cooking liquid is necessary — the natural juices of the roast will keep the beef moist and delicious.

■ Roast for the time specified to reach desired doneness. Let the roast stand on a carving board, loosely covered with aluminum foil, for 15 minutes. You're ready to carve and serve.

Roasted Ribeye and Root Vegetables can make entertaining just this easy. Season the roast and vegetables with a flavorful mixture of garlic, dried thyme and black pepper; cook the vegetables right along with the

roast during the last hour. A purchased gravy enhanced with fresh herbs makes a savory and simple sauce for the beef and vegetables.

Knowing when the beef roast is done doesn't take guesswork — just a thermometer. Determine the doneness you prefer and remove the roast from the oven when the thermometer registers 10 degrees F below the desired doneness.

For medium rare, the recommended endpoint temperature is 145 degrees F, so remove it from the oven when the thermometer registers 135 degrees F.

Remember to let the roast stand. During standing time, the temperature will rise to the desired doneness and meat juices will redistribute throughout the roast, making it easier to carve.

While the roast cooks, there'll be plenty of time to prepare the rest of the meal — perhaps an earthy mushroom soup with bread purchased from the bakery to start, a decadent chocolate cake to finish.

## ROASTED RIBEYE & ROOT VEGETABLES

- 4 to 6-pound well-trimmed beef ribeye roast, small end
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 pounds small new potatoes, halved
- 1 package (16 ounces) baby carrots
- 2 medium onions, cut into 1-inch thick wedges
- Seasoning:
  - 4 large cloves garlic, crushed
  - 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons cracked black pepper

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine seasoning ingredients; press half the mixture evenly into surface of beef roast. Add oil and salt to remaining mixture; reserve.

Place roast, fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part, not resting in fat. Do not add water or cover. Roast in 350 degree F oven

approximately 1 3/4 to 2 hours for medium rare; 2 to 2 1/2 hours for medium doneness.

Meanwhile in large bowl, combine potatoes, carrots, onions and reserved seasoning mixture; toss to coat. Arrange vegetables on a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan. During last 60 minutes of roasting beef, put vegetables in oven.

Remove roast to carving board when meat thermometer registers 135 degrees F. for medium rare, 150 degrees F. for medium.

Increase oven temperature to 450 degrees F. continue roasting vegetables 15 minutes or until tender and lightly browned, stirring once. While vegetables cook, temperature of roast will continue to rise 10 degrees to desired doneness. Carve roast into slices; serve with vegetables. Yield 6 to 8 servings.

*Nutrition information per serving: (6.5 ounces cooked, trimmed beef and 1/16 of vegetables): 623 calories; 56g protein, 38g carbohydrate; 26g fat, 7.5mg iron, 556mg sodium, 147mg cholesterol.*

Recipe and information from the National Cattle-men's Beef Association.



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

Simply delicious: At-home entertaining is easy on the host when the main course is Roasted Ribeye & Root Vegetables — three simple steps is all it takes for a perfect beef roast.

# Surprise Santa Christmas Eve with extra-special snacks

See related story on Taste front.

## SNOWMAN OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 1/2 cups oatmeal (quick or

old-fashioned, uncooked) icing in tubes  
Candy sprinkles and small candies

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease two cookie sheets. Beat butter and sugars until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. In separate bowl, combine flour and baking soda; mix well. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Stir in oats; mix well.

Divide dough into 4 equal por-

tions. Using hands, pat each portion of dough into a 1/4-inch thick snowman on cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheets; carefully remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Decorate as desired. Store tightly covered. Yield: 4 jumbo cookies

## SANTA SANDWICH COOKIES

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- One 16-ounce container ready-to-spread vanilla-flavored frosting
- Green or red food coloring (optional)
- Colored sugars and holiday sprinkles

Beat butter, sugar and vanilla

until creamy. In separate bowl, combine flour, oats and salt; mix well. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a 2-inch diameter roll (approximately 5 inches long). Wrap in plastic wrap; chill 3 hours or longer.

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Unwrap one roll of dough and cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place slices about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining roll. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or

until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Tint frosting with food coloring, if desired. Spread frosting on bottom of one cooled cookie; top with second cookie. Roll edge of frosting in decorations. Repeat with remaining cookies. Store tightly covered. Yield: About 2 dozen cookies.

Recipes and information for article, from The Quaker Oats Company test kitchens.

# Last-minute suggestions for a very Merry Christmas

AP — Looking for last-minute inspiration for the holidays? Consult the list below.

■ Christmas Candy Quesadillas: For a delicious alternative to traditional holiday pie, place eight medium flour tortillas on a rack in a preheated 400-degree F oven (do not stack or overlap).

Bake each side for 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp. Remove from oven and cool. In a microwave oven on a microwave-safe plate, cook 16 ounces of mascarpone cheese on 100 percent power (high) for 15 seconds to 30 seconds or until soft. Gently fold in 1 1/2 cups chopped brownies. To assemble, spread cheese mixture evenly over flour tortillas; top with remaining tortillas. Brush top of quesadillas with cream de menthe. Sprinkle chopped peppermint candy evenly on top. Top with whipped topping; serve immediately.

■ Food Presentations: For a dessert tray that can double as a centerpiece, trim baskets with ribbon, ornaments, sleigh bells, cord or garland. Line with plastic wrap and netting. Fill with cookies, candy or another holiday treat. No time to cook? Deli salads in their containers can be slipped inside reproduction vintage tins and served.

■ Christmas Creme Toddies: Combine the following in a blender and blend until smooth: 1 cup cran-raspberry fruit juice; 10 ounces frozen raspberries in sugar syrup, thawed; 1 tablespoon lemon juice; 1 tablespoon hot-fudge topping; and 1 ounce brandy (optional). Strain mixture into a microwave-safe bowl. Cook on high (100 percent power) for 4 to 5 minutes or until very hot. Spoon vanilla ice cream into the bottom of two glasses. Pour hot raspberry mixture over ice cream. Top each glass with a twist of whipped topping, sprinkle with green decorating sugar and serve immediately.

■ Table Linens: Plain tablecloths, place mats, table runners and napkins can be easily decorated with holiday designs. Stitch fabric trims, appliques and tassels onto linens. Trace designs from stencils, adapt artwork from greeting cards or create original designs and then paint. Secure decorative jewels and nail heads to linens with fabric glue.

■ Napkin Rings: Create your own style of napkin rings by bending spiral or beaded wire, or even knotted rope. Or, try crumpling old silverware into a ring around a dowel or pipe by tapping it with a wooden hammer. Slide napkins through alu-

minum cookie cutters topped off with colorful ribbon or bend artificial berry clusters with flexible wire stems into arches that clasp onto napkins.

■ Decorative Candles: Embellish candles with decorative nail heads or spruce branches tied with ribbon. Accent small floating candles with gold glitter. Place them in a shallow bowl with glass stones. Spray latex fruit with metallic paint to

enhance your table, or use glass chimneys or terra cotta pots as candleholders.

■ Bottles: Embellish your holiday wine, champagne or even soda bottles with ribbons, dried naturals or decorative bottle stoppers. Present wine in a sleigh-shaped basket with garland and festive ribbon. Or decorate large wineglasses with ribbon and tissue paper and place a small bottle of wine in each

glass.

■ Unique Wrapping Papers: Almost anything made of paper can be used to wrap gifts. Look for vintage magazines, foreign newspapers, posters, calendar pages, photocopied menus or personal photographs, poems or sheet music, empty paper flour bags, aluminum foil or advertisements from magazines.

■ Bows: Make big, beautiful bows with craft paper, satin or

gold wire ribbon.

■ Edible Gift Tags: Substitute the outer wrap from a flat candy bar with your own wrap and a personal message. Create cookies and shapes cut from chocolate, or sandwich frosted gingerbread cookies together, decorate and personalize.

■ Unique Containers: Terra cotta and plastic pots and saucers can be uniquely decorated as gift containers. The con-

tainer becomes an additional gift.

■ Gift Bags: Gift bags are a great alternative to wrapping paper. Add finishing touches to paper gift bags by attaching ornaments or small toys or cards to the handles of bags with curling ribbon, raffia or cording.

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# Nuts add wonderful flavor

Nuts are a nutritional mixed bag. While they're a great source of protein and other essential nutrients, they are also a significant source of fat. Fortunately for nut-lovers who are also concerned about their fat intake, there are sensible ways to enjoy nuts without going overboard.

Nuts contain lots of vitamin E and fiber, as well as calcium, zinc, magnesium, potassium, iron and B vitamins. Yet, a handful of roasted peanuts also contains as many calories and fat as a piece of cake. Despite their name, roasted nuts are actually fried, sometimes using a highly saturated coconut oil. Although not cooked in oil, dry-roasted nuts are so high in fat to begin with, that they do not provide a significantly lower fat alternative to regular roasted nuts.

The trick to enjoying nuts' wonderful flavor and their health benefits is to eat them as part of a meal, instead of by themselves. A few chopped nuts make a tasty addition to fruit

salads, yogurt, pancakes, casseroles or pasta dishes. They're also a great substitute for croutons in a green salad, or sprinkled lightly over rice pilaf for a smoky flavor and a satisfying crunch. Add a few toasted nuts, raisins and chopped apple to chicken or tuna salad for added texture and fresh flavor.

When used with restraint, nuts can even be a part of a delicious low-fat dessert. Try stuffing whole nuts into whole pitted dried apricots and roll in powdered sugar. Include a few chopped nuts in the batters of low-fat quick breads, fruit-based muffins and cakes. Chestnuts are the least costly nut in terms of fat and calories, and when flavored with vanilla, they make a rich-tasting, satisfying dessert.

If you can't resist snacking on nuts, try mixing them with dried fruits to dilute the fat and gain the nutritional benefits of fruit.

## EASY DATE AND WALNUT SQUARES

1 egg

- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons melted soft margarine
- 1 1/4 cups finely chopped dates
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Using an electric mixer, beat egg, egg whites and sugar in a bowl for about 5 minutes, or until the batter is a light, even color. Beat in margarine, dates and walnuts. Stir in the flour and baking powder and mix well.

Pour the batter into a lightly greased 8-inch square baking dish and bake in a 350 degree F. oven for 35 minutes, or until it is set. Let the pan cool completely before cutting into squares.

Each of the 16 squares provides 134 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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**Nutty squares:** Easy Date and Walnut Squares is a dessert or snack that uses moist, rich-tasting dates to give all the flavor of nuts without excess fat.

# Festive holiday ham dinner made with little fuss

See related story on Taste front.

## HOLIDAY BAKED HAM WITH WINTER FRUIT CHUTNEY

- 1 fully cooked smoked ham half, about 6 to 7 pounds
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves
- 1/4 cup apricot preserves
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Heat oven to 325 degrees F. Remove skin from ham. Place ham, fat side up, in shallow roasting pan. Score fat in diamond pattern and stud with cloves. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Then, in small saucepan, combine apricot preserves, butter and mustard. Heat until hot. Spoon glaze onto top of ham. Bake 30 minutes longer or until meat thermometer registers 140 degrees F. Slice ham to serve. Serve with Winter Fruit Chutney. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

## WINTER FRUIT CHUTNEY

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped red onion

- 2 large Golden Delicious or Jonathan apples, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 large Bartlett pears, peeled, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 6 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 medium oranges, peeled, sectioned

In large saucepan, cook onion in butter over medium heat until tender, about 2 minutes. Add apples and pears. Cook, stirring constantly to slightly soften fruit, about 2 to 3 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients except oranges. Add to saucepan and stir. Cook over medium high heat until fruit is tender and mixture has thickened, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add oranges and serve warm. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Note: Winter Fruit Chutney can be prepared 3 to 4 hours in advance, however, do not add oranges until just before serving. Reheat before serving. Yield: about 4 cups of chutney.

## LEMON GINGER BUTTER-GLAZED CARROTS AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 1 pound carrots, peeled, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 12 ounces fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed, halved

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar

1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger or 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons grated lemon rind

1 teaspoon sugar

1 tablespoon fresh minced parsley, if desired

Salt and pepper to taste

In large saucepan of boiling, salted water, cook carrots and Brussels sprouts until tender 8 to 10 minutes. Drain well.

In same saucepan, melt butter. Add lemon juice, rind, sugar and cooked vegetables. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with parsley. Makes 8 servings.

- 1/3 cup uncooked rolled oats
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cold, unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add sweet potatoes; return water to a boil. Cook until potatoes are almost tender but still keep their shape, about 5 minutes. Drain well. Arrange potatoes in overlapping pattern in buttered shallow 2-quart baking dish.

In medium saucepan, combine butter, orange juice, brown sugar, maple syrup, grated orange and spices. Heat to boil, stirring until smooth. Reduce heat and cook over medium heat until slightly thickened, 5 minutes. Drizzle sauce over sweet potatoes.

For topping, combine all ingredients in small bowl. Work butter into mixture until crumbly. Sprinkle over top of potatoes. Bake uncovered until potatoes are tender and topping is crispy, about 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Note: Orange Glazed Sweet Potatoes can be partially assembled 4 to 6 hours in advance. Cover and refrigerate potatoes and topping separately. Sprinkle on potatoes just before placing in oven. Allow 5-10 minutes longer for baking time.

Recipes from Beatrice Ojakangas, Master Baker/Cookbook Author, and the American Dairy Association.

# Creamy potatoes 'No Gratin'

## NO-FAT

AP — Potatoes No Gratin are as rich and creamy as the fat-loaded kind. The potatoes are made with fat-free Parmesan cheese, fat-free American cheese and skim milk. Each serving has 74 calories and no fat.

The recipe is from "The Gorgeless Gourmet's Cookbook: Practically fat-free recipes for super-busy people" by Ferris Robinson (Peach Publishing, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.). Robinson is editor of "The Gorgeless Gourmet" culinary newsletter.

## POTATOES NO GRATIN

- 2 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 3 slices fat-free American cheese
- 2 tablespoons fat-free butter
- 1/4 cup fat-free Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup skim milk

In a 2-quart casserole, layer one-half of the potatoes, one-half of the onion and all of the American cheese.

Repeat layers, ending with onion. Sprinkle with butter, Parmesan cheese and seasonings. Pour milk over top, then cover tightly with lid or foil. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour or until done. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 74 cal., 286 mg sodium, 10 g carbs, 8 g pro., 0 g fat.

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## MOVIES

### 'Preacher's Wife' full of holiday cheer

BY CHRIS GRYGIEL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The feel-good Christmas movie is a holiday staple, like egg nog and mistletoe. This year, Penny Marshall chimes in with "The Preacher's Wife," a familiar story about an angel sent to help a troubled family.

The film — a remake of the 1947 movie "The Bishop's Wife," starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven — is enjoyable enough as a holiday diversion, but won't resonate past the New Year.

As the film opens, preacher Henry Biggs (Courtney B. Vance) has a major case of the December blues. He feels he's stretched too thin trying to serve his congregation of mostly poor folks facing the urban ills of crime and dislocated families. Henry is growing more distant from his wife, Julia (Whitney Houston), and worst of all, believes he's not doing a very good job tending his flock. Henry asks God for help.

Help arrives in a more material way than Henry imagined. Dudley the angel (Denzel Washington) appears, and tells a disbelieving Henry that he is the answer to his prayers.

Dudley slowly works his way into the Biggs' life. He befriends their young son, upset because his best friend has left to be with a foster family in another town, helps Henry with his duties and counsels the preacher's beautiful wife.

Along the way, the Biggs rediscover the happiness they never really lost. Henry regains his passion for work and Julia falls in love all over again with her preacher husband (after a few innocent flirtatious moments with Dudley).

"The Preacher's Wife" isn't at all bad. It's just not very good. This remake of a nice, but uninspired film fails to transcend the original.

The story is timeless (angel saves family during Christmas), the plot twists predictable. There's even the greedy businessman — amusingly played by Gregory Hines — who is overcome



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**Heartwarming:** Whitney Houston (left) stars as the wife of Rev. Henry Biggs (Courtney B. Vance, center) and daughter of Marguerite Coleman (Jennifer Lewis, right). Justin Pierre Edmund (front, left) stars as Biggs' son Jeremiah, and Darvel Davis Jr. (right) is his best friend Hakim in "The Preacher's Wife."

with the Christmas spirit at the last moment and agrees not to demolish the preacher's church to make way for tennis courts. And the performances are credible, but not noteworthy.

Washington is amusing but slightly miscast as a sweet, bumbling angel. The actor who so forcefully dominates the screen in compelling dramas such as "Glory" and "Courage Under Fire" seems out of place in this light-hearted film.

Houston was cast for her incredible voice. There's nothing wrong with that, but her character seems to be perpetually in a situation where she'll have the

opportunity to break (impressively) into song. She leads the church choir, joins a bar band for an impromptu love ballad and fills in as Mary during the Christmas pageant.

Vance, recently seen in "Dangerous Minds," turns in a nice performance as the troubled preacher.

Marshall does a workman-like job directing the competent cast, but "The Preacher's Wife" lacks the spark that separated such earlier hits as "Big" and "A League of Their Own" from more standard fare.

The screenplay by Nat Mauldin and Allan Scott has some funny moments.

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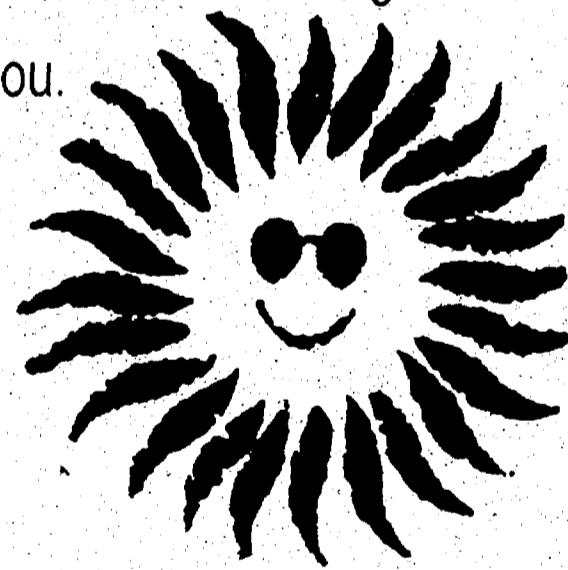


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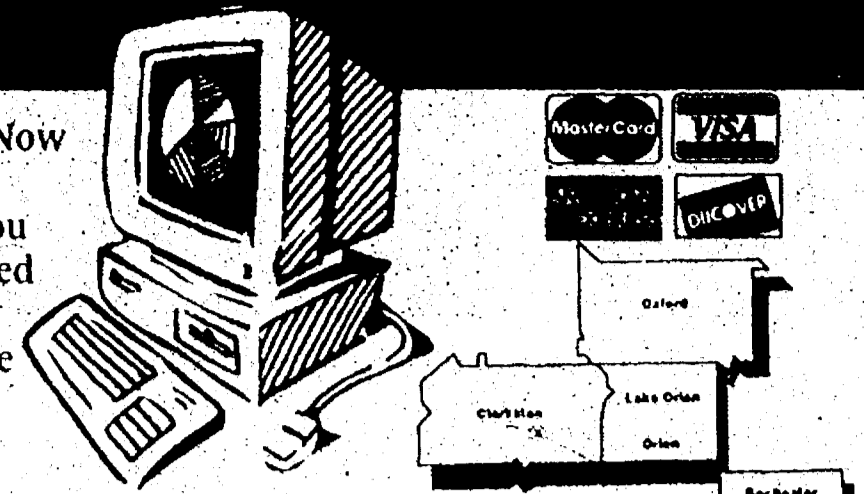
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# SPORTS

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Churchill spikers sweep

Livonia Churchill opened its 1996-97 volleyball season Wednesday with a pair of victories at Wayne Memorial.

The Chargers downed the host Zebras, 15-1, 15-2, followed by a 16-14, 16-14 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Churchill coach Mike Hughes had high praise for three players — setter Kari Buzewski, middle hitter Jenny Duncan and Lori Leszczynski (five kills vs. John Glenn).

Against Churchill, Glenn's Chrissy Harkless had seven kills and four solo blocks, while Jenny Smith added six kills and 11 digs. Setter Jamie Romej had 16 assists.

Glenn couldn't hold leads of 11-7 in each of the two games against Churchill.

"The girls played well, we just didn't finish the game off," Glenn coach Stacy Graham said. "We just had some little breakdowns here and there, like a missed serve."

Harkless and Jamie Barker each recorded seven kills in a 14-16, 15-3, 15-11 victory over Wayne. Harkless also had five solo blocks.

Beth Bussard collected five service aces, while Romej had 18 assists.

### Lady Lakers top Madonna

Once Grand Valley State caught up with Madonna's women's basketball team, there was no catching it.

The Lakers, who trailed by as many as nine points in the first half Wednesday night, never were behind in the second half racing to a 65-55 victory. The host Lady Crusaders are now 3-7.

Angie Negri and Chris Dietrich scored 13 points each to pace Madonna. Dawn Pelc added nine while Michelle Parmentier and Mary Murray chipped in with seven apiece.

Parmentier and Murray got eight rebounds each and Pelc was the assists leader with five.

Pelc got three of her assists in the first 8:32 and Negri hit back-to-back treys to give the Lady Crusaders a 21-12 lead with 9:20 left in the half.

But the Lady Lakers ran off 14 unanswered points to take a 26-21 lead which was shaved to 32-29 at halftime.

Madonna hung tough in the second half and drew up to two, 46-44, on a Murray triple with 7:23 to play.

But Sue Lyon countered with a pair of free throws for Grand Valley, then hit two straight layups that made it 52-44 and the Lady Lakers stretched it out to double digits.

Dietrich made 4-of-5 three-point attempts while Negri sank half her six.

Rebounds were virtually even (48-47 for Madonna). Grand Valley went to the line 17 times, making 11, with Madonna going 8-for-12 from the line. The Lady Lakers shot 43 percent while holding the Lady Crusaders to 26 percent shooting.

### Winners at Cobo Arena

St. Edith of Livonia, led by Jeff Niemiec's 17 points, defeated St. Robert Bellarmine of Redford, 39-33, in a grade school boys basketball Saturday prior to the University of Detroit Mercy's triple overtime win over Michigan State at Cobo Arena.

Kevin Zielinski added eight for St. Edith, now 4-1 on the season. Nick Soboleski, Bryan Stramecki, Alex Kostin and Patrick Cannon led the defensive effort.

Other members of St. Edith, coached by Mark Kava, include Jonathan Boboige, Scott Brodie, Patrick Graff, Kyle Jekot, Bernie McDonnell and Russ Sonsara.

Assistant coaches include Tom Stramecki and Mark Sopko.

### Roy at showcase

Steve Roy, who helped Livonia Stevenson capture the state Class A boys soccer championship last month, was a member of the Vardar II 1980 team which competed Dec. 13-15 in the Lanzera College Coaches Competition Elite Under-17 Tournament in Richmond, Va.

The event, showcasing 20 teams from across the U.S., coincided with the NCAA Division I men's soccer championship (won by St. John's).

Last summer, Roy was a member of the state Olympic Development Team that finished undefeated in regional play at Southeastern Illinois State University, Michigan's first-ever Under-16 champion among the 14 midwestern states.

### Collegiate note

•University of Michigan sophomore volleyball player Anne Poglits (Livonia Ladywood) was among 40 U-M fall athletes to earn Academic All-Big Ten honors. (Student athletes must letter and carry a 3.0 grade-point average or better.)

After completing the volleyball season, Poglits recently joined the U-M women's basketball team where she scored six points in a 100-75 victory Dec. 11 over Eastern Michigan. UM was 7-1 entering into Sunday's game at Houston.

### Madonna seeks coaches

The athletic department at Madonna University is seeking a head coach for both the men's and women's cross country/track teams.

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# Spartans overhaul Churchill Newman gets 1st

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

## BOYS HOOPS

Tim Newman earned his first varsity boys basketball win Thursday at Livonia Stevenson, while his rookie counterpart Rick Austin of Livonia Churchill came close, but will have to wait another day.

Stevenson broke into the win column for the first time in four games with a come-from-behind 48-47 win over visiting Churchill.

It was far from an artistic win for Stevenson, which shot only 24.5 percent from the field (13 of 53), but Newman will take it.

"It was two teams coming in at 0-3 searching for identity and I think we got a little tonight," Newman said. "The Churchill kids worked very hard and I thought we also worked it at on both ends, offensively and defensively."

"We just needed a win at this point and it's didn't matter what it looked like."

From Newman's view, things looked bleak when Churchill opened up a nine-point lead at the end of the third quarter.

Churchill outscored Stevenson 18-10 in the third quarter after the two teams were tied 17-all at intermission. Junior forward Corey Cook led the surge with 13 of his game-high 22 points.

But the Spartans slowly chipped away at the free throw line.

They outscored Churchill 21-12 by hitting 11 of 19 free throws.

Scott Babinski's tip-in off a Mike Blazatis miss with 3:43 remaining in the game gave Stevenson its first lead since late in the first half, 40-39.

The Spartans then came up with a couple of key steals in the final minute to pull out the win.

A Churchill turnover and layup by Blazatis with only 40.4 seconds gave Stevenson a 47-45 edge.

Senior forward Ed Szumlanski, who led the Spartans with a team-high 18 points, then caused Churchill's 34th turnover of the night just 10 seconds later and Babinski was fouled. He made one of two to make it 48-45 before Churchill's Shawn Woloszyn scored inside off his own miss with only four seconds to go, but the Chargers couldn't get the ball back as time expired.

"Szumlanski is a gamer," Newman said. "He's played four good games for us now. He can play all five spots and does whatever it takes."

Although the loss dropped Churchill to 0-4, Austin was encouraged by his team's effort.

"We played so hard, it was the hardest we could play," he said. "I keep telling our kids that free throws win games and our philosophy is to make more than the other team."

"But tonight we gave them more, plus we had a costly technical foul (in the fourth when Matt Buzewski fouled out). These are all learning things. The players have to realize they can't change a call by arguing, or by challenging the officials."

Churchill shot better from the floor than the Spartans — 18 of 42 for 42.8 percent. But the Chargers only went to the line 15 times (making 10), while Stevenson was 18 of 33.

Woloszyn added 15 points for the Chargers. The next highest Spartan was Scott Wadsworth with seven.

Cook's play, particularly in the third quarter, gives Austin reason to hope that his first victory will come sooner than later.

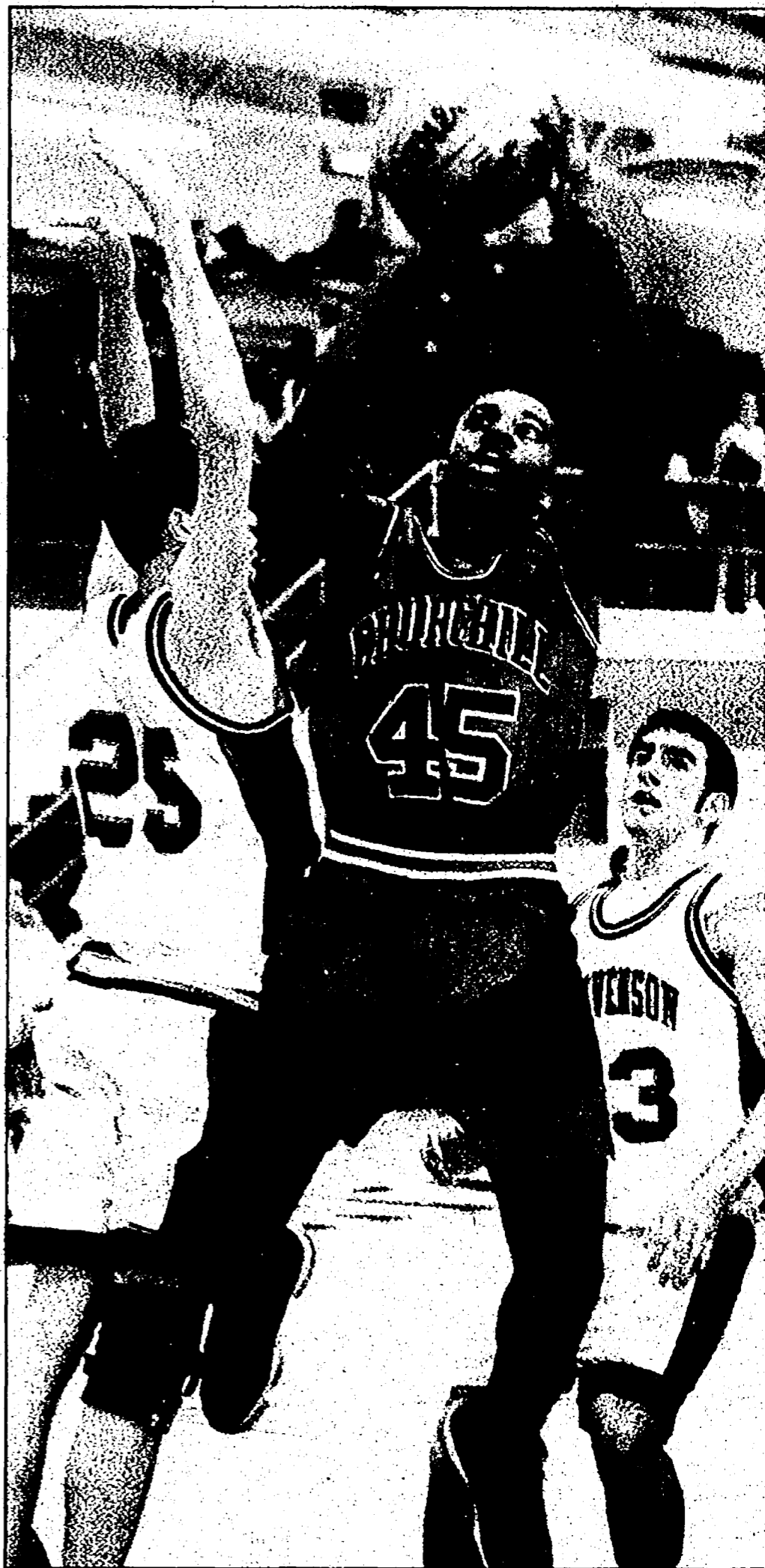
"He's one of our best all-around athletes, he plays the 'wolf' position and just makes things happen for us," Austin said. "Right now we're waiting for the younger kids to come into their own."

"Right up until now we've worked so hard (in practice) on defense, that we haven't had the opportunity to work on offense a lot. But we'll concentrate on that over the Christmas break and hopefully we can get into some sort of scoring machine, especially a guy like Shawn. We haven't tapped into his potential yet."

Newman also has to be patient when it comes to expecting some offense.

"I'm waiting for that spurt, I know it's coming," he said. "Tonight we got down nine and hung in there. You can't win without effort and we had a good effort tonight."

"And if we improve, we'll win some games. And if they (Churchill) improve, I'm sure they'll win some games, too."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Inside move: Churchill's Lamar Smith (with ball) slides through Stevenson defenders Mike Potempa and Bill Bauer.

# Jones, Jarrett fuel Rockets' 75-70 victory

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Harrison boys basketball team was on its way to earning a reputation of being the comeback kids this season.

The Hawks had rallied from half-time deficits in their first three games to win all three. But that trend ended Thursday as Harrison lost its first game of the season at Westland John Glenn, 75-70.

Harrison trailed by as many as 23 points in the third quarter but rallied to make it interesting before running out of time.

The Rockets improved to 1-2 overall and gained some much needed confidence. It was the first Western Lakes Activities Association game for both teams.

"I won't beat around the bush —

we wanted to come out of here with a win," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We knew we weren't going up against a weak team."

Senior forward David Jarrett, who scored 19 points and ripped down 11 rebounds, agreed with his coach.

"We knew we were better than an 0-2 team, and we knew we just had to keep working hard in practice," Jarrett said. "This was an ugly win, but an important win."

Leading the way for Glenn was freshman Eric Jones. The 5-foot-9 guard poured in 25 points, including 15 in the first 12 minutes as the Rockets built a 35-20 lead.

In addition to Jones and Jarrett, Glenn received solid games from its other three starters.

Brad Wilde netted 11 points before fouling out, and Justin Berent was tough underneath with

12 points and 11 boards. Jon Becher chipped in eight points and seven rebounds.

Junior Matt Derocher paced Harrison with 15 points. Jared Hopkins and Jerrard Johnson contributed off the bench with 11 and nine points, respectively.

It appeared early it would be Harrison's night as the Hawks made their first three shots and led 7-3, forcing a timeout by an enraged Schuette.

"We weren't playing intense and not giving any kind of pressure," Schuette said. "In our first two games, there were times when we did and didn't play intense. I didn't want us to begin without intensity."

The timeout worked as Glenn went on an 18-4 run, sparked by three triples by Jones and seven points by Jarrett.

"We weren't executing on offense, and we were standing around on defense," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "I thought some of the players were about to ask for autographs."

The Rockets extended their lead to 43-21 by halftime. Jarrett got the crowd going with a tip slam and a two-handed jam within 10 seconds of each other, and Jones made a pair of acrobatic drives to the basket.

"He's already on the same level (as his older brother, Albert) and he's only a freshman," Jarrett said. "He's an exciting player to play with."

The Rockets committed nine of their 23 turnovers in the third quarter, but the Hawks were only able to slice the deficit to 59-41 entering the fourth quarter.

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### WLAA Relays

**Watermark:** Livonia Stevenson's Steve Domin churns out a leg on first-place the 400-yard medley relay during Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim relays held at Plymouth Salem. The two host schools, Canton and Salem, finished one-two in the standings. See story, page C3.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Table with 2 columns: Day/Event and Time/Location. Includes Boys Basketball (Monday, Dec. 23), Thursday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 27, Saturday, Dec. 28, Sunday, Dec. 29, and Girls Volleyball (Friday, Dec. 27).

CC wins again

Shamrocks blank Cranbrook for 6th straight

BY MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team is off to a sensational start this winter. In fact, through its first six games, the Shamrocks are perfect.

CC utilized its size, speed, strength and toughness against a team not used to being controlled in such an easy manner. "Initially we have started the season well," said Shamrocks' coach Gordie St. John.

PREP HOCKEY

opponent yet this year - and we've faced some pretty good teams," he said. "CC is a little deeper than the other teams we've seen."

Despite the loss to CC, the Cranes still own a respectable 4-2-3 record, including a tough victory over Calumet in a rematch of last year's Class B state finals.

CC goalie Rick Marnon made a huge stop from point-blank range, stopping Del de Windt to preserve his team's second shutout.

Churchill came from behind with two goals in the third period Wednesday night but Birmingham pulled it goalie with 20 seconds to go and Scott Clements tied the score.

Editor's note

Because of early holiday deadlines, Friday's scheduled high school hockey games, along with Saturday games, will not appear in the Observer until the Thursday, Dec. 26, edition.

OVER 30 STATS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Stats. Includes Livonia Over 30 Men's Hockey Standings (as of Dec. 15) and Last Week's Results.

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pinned Chris Goin, 2:32; 125: Eric Coburn (PS) p. Jeff Brach, 2:12; 130: Dan Seder (LS) p. Sean Hughes, 0:33; 135: James Greene (PS) p. Joe Zawacki, 1:00; 140: Dan Hamblin (PS) dec. Phil Ruerer, 15:0; 145: Nick Petryk (LS) won by void; 152: Jeremy Wallaschlager (PS) dec. Brian Barker, 10:4; 160: Anwar Crutchfield (PS) p. Mike Radley, 0:33; 171: Mike Allison (LS) p. Mike Popeny, 2:13; 189: Teond Wilson (PS) won by void; 215: Derek Wieland (LS) p. Mike Kuzma, 0:33; heavyweight: Rick Brammer (LS) dec. Charlie Hamblin, 9:5.

Dual meet records: Salem, 40-1; Stevenson, 31-1.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 41 YPSILANTI 28 Dec. 18 at John Glenn

Glenn winners: Jeff Albrecht, Matt Barker, John Feduchak, Matt Biddinger, Richard Donahoe, Tim Reeves, Marc Dugas, Ryan Ratray, Charles Banaszak, Joe Christman and Pete Langer.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 38 PLYMOUTH SALEM 38 Dec. 18 at Stevenson

103: Joe Moreau (LS) decisioned John Mervyn, 18-2; 112: Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) pinned Rob Ash, 1:22; 119: Dan Morgan (PS)

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Franklin shows balance in win

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin showed North Farmington and the rest of the Western Lakes Activities Association, it has more than a one-man team in boys basketball Tuesday.

With their star player, senior center Matt Bauman, scoring just six points in an abbreviated performance, the Patriots still managed to defeat host North Farmington, 65-56.

Franklin's guards took charge in this game and led the Patriots (3-1) with their perimeter shooting. Kevin Biga scored 14 points, Craig Duprey 11, Peter Sosa eight and Nick Mongeau seven.

Paul Terek scored nine of his 10 points in the fourth quarter to help clinch the victory, and 6-6 forward Mike Klisz added six points in a balanced team performance.

"We have some talent, but it's a matter of playing within ourselves and within our abilities," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said.

"We try to do what we do well. Team play is one (thing the Patriots do well), working together, getting one and other open and passing the ball. We have some good shooters."

Franklin had already built a 40-28 lead when Bauman was ejected with 1:24 remaining in the third quarter.

Bauman had taken a long-court pass and was going to the basket when he was fouled hard by North's Scott Gold and Brad Rivers.

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Playing in his just second game since recovering from a broken ankle, Bauman was given a technical foul when he confronted Gold and a second (resulting in his departure) when he persisted.

He will have to sit out his next game, Jan. 7, at home vs. Milford.

"That was unfortunate, because I felt he was just getting into the flow and we were getting into a flow with him," Robinson said.

"We're trying to play as a team - five guys on the court; so we're not just trying to rely on him anyway. But it was nice to see us hold on to (the lead) with him out of there."

Poor free-throw shooting contributed to North's downfall, especially at that point in the game.

The Raiders (1-1) missed all four free throws resulting from the technicals and seven of eight to end the quarter. Instead of being within five points, North was still down 12, 41-29.

"We have to hit those free throws if we want to be in the game," North coach Brian Swinehart said.

The Raiders, who rely on their press defense and outside shooting, were 17-of-53 from the floor, including 9-of-30 from three-

point distance, and 13-of-26 at the free-throw line.

Franklin's guards responded to the pressure, which caused them to take command of the floor and reduced Bauman's effectiveness.

Duprey had nine points in the first half, leading the Patriots to a 25-21 halftime lead. Biga added six and Sosa five.

"They know they have to play well and play within themselves," Robinson said of his guards. "Kevin Biga, for one, played a very good game - the best game I've seen him play."

Brad Rivers, who scored a game-high 16 points for the Raiders, closed the gap to two points with a pair of free throws to begin the second half.

Bauman sparked a 9-0 run for Franklin with two field goals, and Sosa capped it with a three to put the Patriots on top 34-23.

Franklin led by as many as 17 points with under three minutes left in the game, 56-39.

Rivers scored 11 points in the time remaining as North closed the gap. Julian Cochran scored eight of his 11 in the fourth quarter.

The Patriots made 19 of 24 free throws in the fourth quarter and 25 of 34 overall. Franklin was 19-of-49 from the field. Mongeau made seven of eight free throws, Terek six of seven.

"We were a little disappointed in the way we shot free throws in the first three games," Robinson said. "We got to the line tonight and made them when it counted."

Zebras bounce back to defeat Romulus, 67-58

Wayne Memorial rebounded from Tuesday's loss at Detroit. St. Martin DePorres and won its opener in the Mega Conference Red Division Thursday with a 67-58 victory over visiting Romulus.

The Zebras (3-1 overall) took control of the game early as they led 18-8 after the first quarter and 37-17 at halftime. Wayne relaxed some in the second half as the Eagles outscored the

Zebras 41-30. "Romulus came out with a lot of fire in the third quarter and we didn't make good decisions with a 20-point lead and lost some intensity," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said.

Lorenzo Guess scored a game-high 21 points for Wayne. Richard Rashad added 13 and Shomari Dunn 12 for the Zebras. Romulus (2-1 overall, 0-1 in the Mega Red) received 17 points

from Brandon Deyampert. "MILFORD 65, STEVENSON 56: On Wednesday, Livonia Stevenson hung close at Milford before the Redskins pulled away in the fourth quarter.

The Spartans (0-3) trailed only by two at halftime and 43-40 entering the fourth quarter. Leading the way for Stevenson was senior Ed Szumlanski, who scored 23 points. Senior point guard Tyrone Davidson chipped in with 10 points. Bill Nash led the Milford (2-1) attack with 20 points. Greg Hicks added 12.

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The Hawks dominated the fourth quarter, outscoring Glenn 29-18 and hitting 10 of their 16 shots. The rally was sparked by senior guard Kevin Bambenek, who scored all of his 13 points in the second half.

Harrison failed to cut the Glenn lead below five, however, as their early troubles caught up

with the Hawks. "We have to learn how to start a game," Teachman said. "You just can't always save everything to the end. I'm tired of fourth-quarter comebacks. We have to come ready to play, and that has to come from within."

Shooting was pretty even as the Rockets converted 55 percent

of their shots, while Harrison hit 51 percent of its shots (27 of 53).

But the big difference in the game was rebounding as Glenn held a 40-13 advantage.

"We knew they were a good rebounding team, but we know if we work hard we'll be as good a rebounding team as any in the league," Jarrett said.

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Canton unseats swim rival

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

A repeat, eh? Certainly there was a time during Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays meet, hosted by Plymouth Salem, that matching what happened last season was most distasteful for the Rocks.

It was the same event the Rocks were disqualified in last year, when the Chiefs surprised the field in winning the Relays title. "We'll take it," said Canton coach Kyle Lott of the repeat.

combined-point total); and to Harrison's Josh Duffy, Rob Trombley, Justin Barringer and Matt Walker in the 200 medley relay (1:48.21).

WLAA BOYS SWIM RELAY RESULTS

Table containing Western Lakes Relays Dec. 19 at Plymouth Salem results: 200 breaststroke, 200 backstroke, 200 butterfly, 400-yard medley, and 400 freestyle.

AGE-GROUP SWIM RESULTS

Table containing Sparta Aquatic Club Meet Results for various age groups: Girls 8 and under, Boys 8 and under, Girls 10 and under, Boys 10 and under, Girls 11-12, and Boys 11-12.

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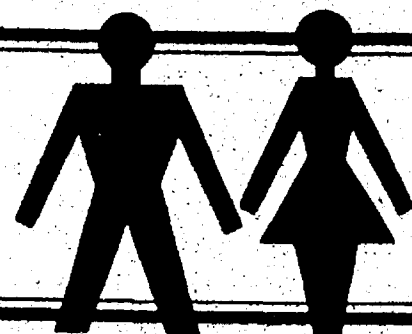
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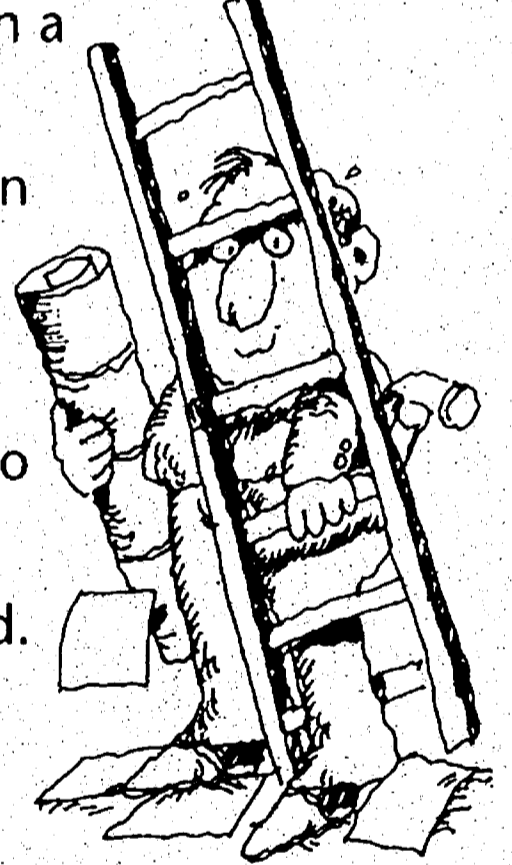
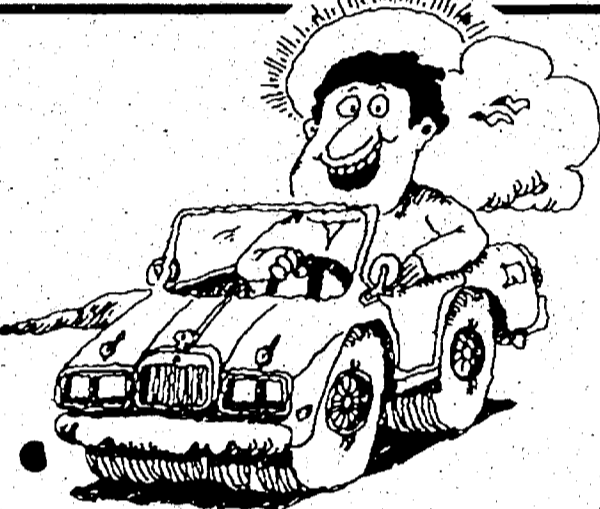
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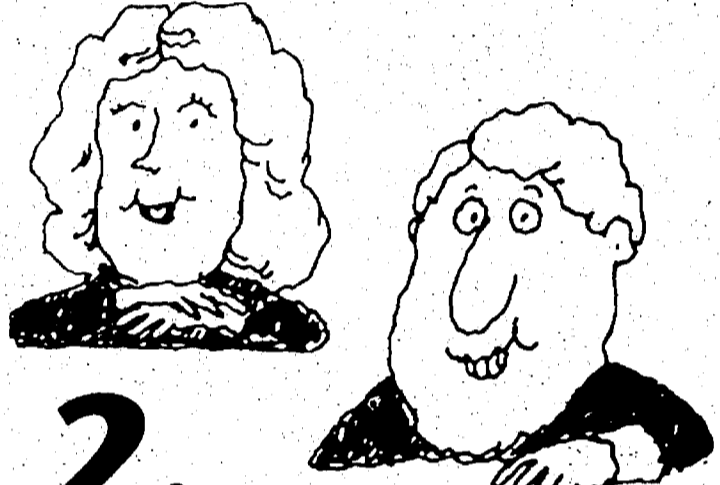
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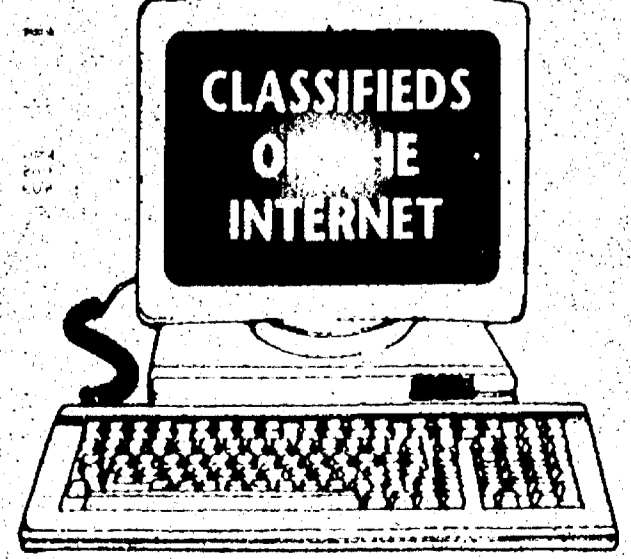
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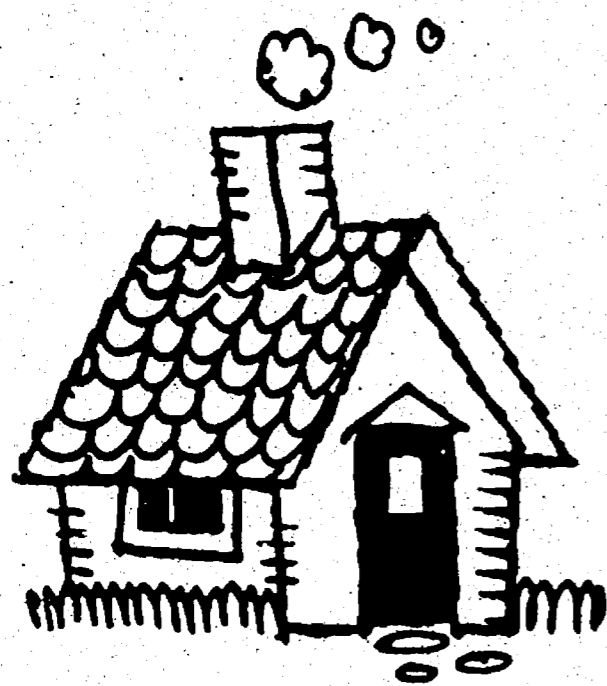
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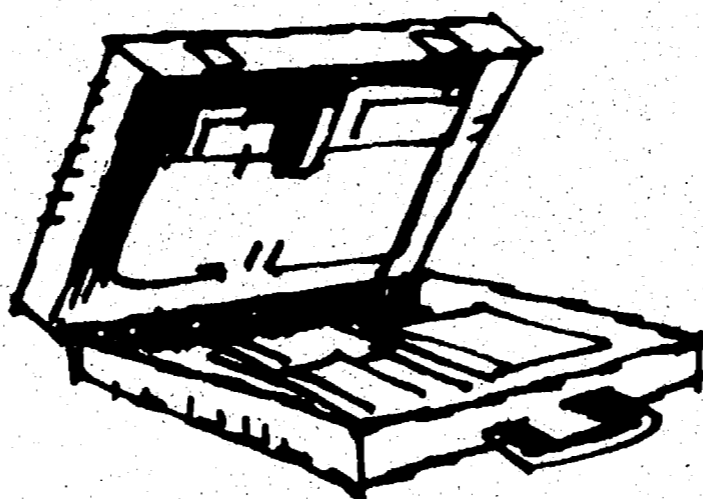
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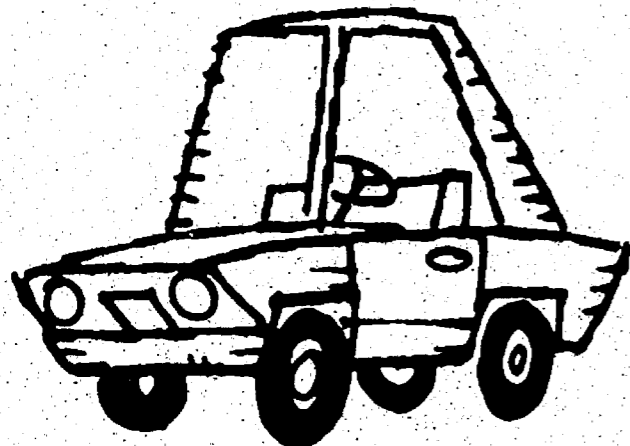
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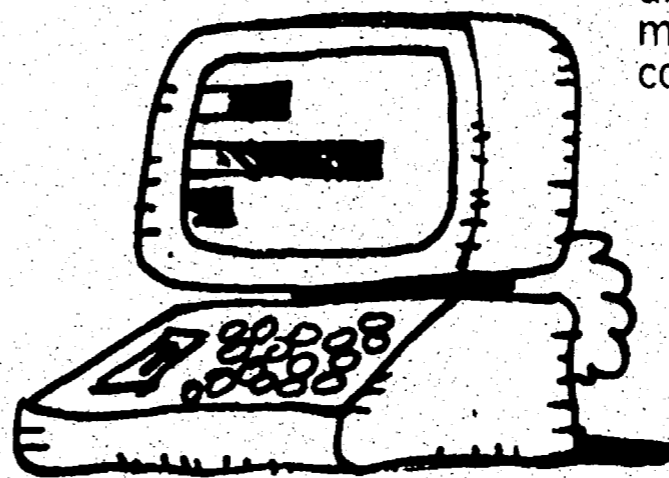
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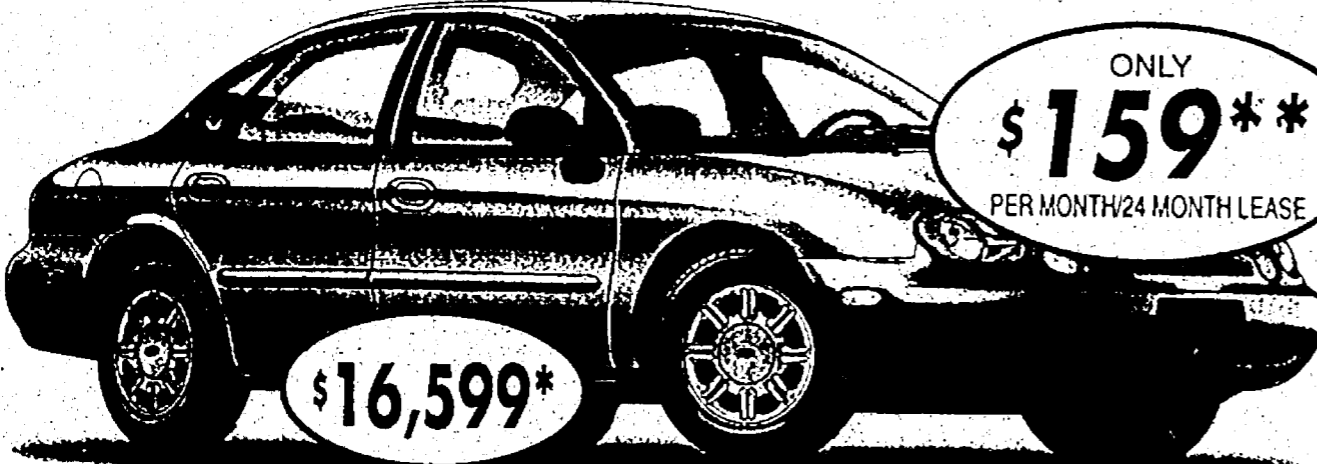
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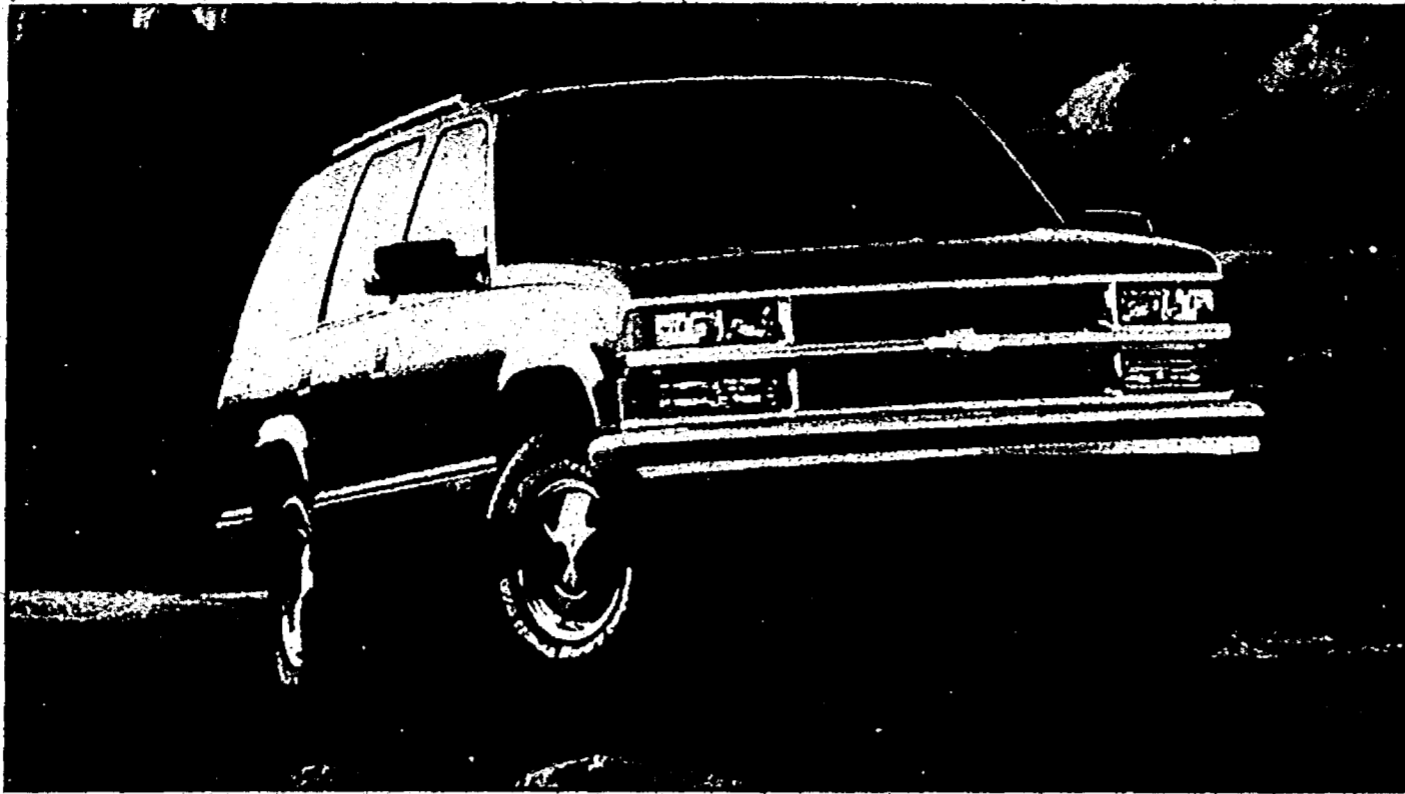
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## Tahoe changes for the better

By Anne Fracassa  
Avanti NewsFeatures

It looks best in black. It's most comfortable in leather seating. Best of all, it's big. And if you think the 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe hasn't changed since last year's model, you're dead wrong. For example, the 11-blade engine cooling fan now is made of composite, rather than steel. Little thing, but it reduces noise. There's also a refined 4-speed automatic transmission that gives you smoother shifts and is more efficient. And a revised clutch plate design reduces slippage and is more efficient. Even the power steering system has been improved to reduce driver effort. It still looks great on the outside as well. Two new paint colors have been added (a metallic blue and metallic beige). Styling is rugged and tough-looking all around. Don't be surprised if you see your local trooper driving one this summer — the Tahoe will soon be available in a police package. Actually, it's a perfect vehicle for that application. It's high,



ROAD TEST By Anne Fracassa

switch right on the instrument panel. Sure, the Tahoe is big. And it's hard to get into without running boards. But it has a surprisingly tight turning ratio. On a normal subdivision street you can nearly turn around curb to curb. I only used about a foot into the neighbor's driveway when I tried it. I know some large sedans that can't do that. The Tahoe is available in a number of configurations, which means you can buy high and low-priced model. Tested was the 4-door 4-wheel-drive leather-seated lots-of-options model. That's why it cost so much (more than \$34,000). If you like choices, this wonderful truck is for you. You can choose from 2-door, 4-door, 2-wheel-drive or 4x4 models. The standard engine is a Vortec 5700 SFI V8 engine that provides 255 horsepower mated to a 4-speed automatic trans-

mission. More than adequate for a truck — excuse me, sport ute — of this size. Optional is a 180-horse 6.5-liter turbo diesel V8 engine. The 2-door Tahoe is available in standard, LS and LT models, while the 4-door Tahoe comes in LS and LT models. The 4-door 4x4 LT, of course, costs the most. The standard equipment list is longer than Santa Claus' shopping list: Illuminated entry, rear heat ducts, two 12-volt outlets (for the car phone and radar detector or laptop or whatever), dual air bags, dual cupholders up front, map pockets, rear 60/40 split-folding seats, intermittent variable wipers, dual mirrors and AM/FM stereo with seek-scan and digital clock. Instrumentation is cool, easy to use and has backlit switches. All the information you'll ever need is there: coolant temperature, oil pressure, fuel gauge,

voltmeter, speedometer, trip odometer, odometer and tachometer. The Tahoe 4x4 LT I drove has more stuff on it, but it's well worth it. Like leather seating, leather-wrapped steering wheel, high back bucket seats, power door locks and windows, keyless entry, power driver's seat, AM/FM cassette/CD stereo, tow hooks, air conditioning, rear window defogger, rear window wiper/washer and car mats. Safety is no stranger, either. Count on anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, side impact beams and daytime running lamps to keep you safe and cozy. And you can tow between 5,000 and 7,000 lbs., depending on the model you choose. I loved the ride, the comfort, the ease of handling, and how safe I felt in the Tahoe. I didn't like the mileage — 14 mpg in the city; 17 on the highway. My neighbor, Joe (a General Motors employee), just ordered his Tahoe and expects delivery in February. He trotted over to take another look and drive it a bit. I asked him what he liked about the Tahoe. "When you hold the steering wheel, you feel like there's something substantial there. I'm really impressed with the new steering system," Joe said. "The comfort and room up front was great and I think the high-back bucket seats are wonderful. I don't like the mileage, though. But it's just great." You know what? Joe's right. The Tahoe's just great. Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. This is the last week to cast your online vote for car and truck of

the year and to identify your favorite car in our reader poll. Make your voice heard by writing AVANTI1054@aol.com. **1997 Chevrolet Tahoe** Vehicle class: Full-size sport utility. Engine: Vortec 5700 SFI V8. Mileage: 14 city / 17 highway. Where built: Janesville, Wisc. Price as tested: \$34,495. **Clarification** Last week's review of the 1997 Suzuki Sidekick Sport should have said Geo offers the Tracker sport utility vehicle as a four-door hard-top. The Tracker is the sister vehicle to the Sidekick.

(Naps) — Your new car or truck may soon be sporting a new exotic metal alloy called ACuZinc. The new patented, high-strength, recyclable material is finding its way into a number of popular (GM) cars. This aluminum-copper-zinc alloy can be used on gears, levers, steering column parts and door hardware, according to its developers, M. David Hanna and M.S. Rashid, metallurgists at General Motors Corp's NAO Research and Development Center in Warren, Michigan. The material offers a number of advantages including recyclability, quicker production times and manufacturability, which result in a lower production cost. Up to 40 net-shape parts a minute can be created by taking advantage of the material's relatively low melting temperature and fluidity, according to its inventors. Its melting temperature is 800 degrees F, compared to aluminum which melts at about 1,250°. The material also requires less energy to produce, is stronger, and has better wear resistance than existing zinc alloys.

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