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THE WEEK AHEAD

Toy story: Westland Rotary's Toy Show, featuring antiques, collectibles and obsoletes, will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the Wayne Ford Civic League on Wayne Road south of Ford in Westland. Admission is \$3 and children under 12 are admitted free.

TUESDAY

Let's dance: English country dancing workshop and dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird will be 7:30-9:45 p.m. Tuesday at Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. All dances are taught. For information, call (313) 663-0744 or (313) 662-5158.

THANKSGIVING

Holiday closings: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28.

Court: The 18th District Court in Westland will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

City: City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Trash: Trash pickup will be delayed one day. Thursday's trash pickup will be Friday and Friday's trash pickup will be Saturday.

Post office: The U.S. Postal Service office in Westland will be closed Thursday, but will be open for business on Friday with its regular hours 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Banks: Banks will be closed on Thanksgiving.

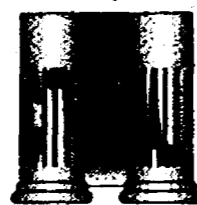
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Cut in council pensions sought



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Some Westland City Council members want to eliminate hefty council pensions that critics say abuse tax dollars and fuel public distrust of elected officials.

Some council members hope to vote as early as Dec. 1 to eliminate retirement pensions for part-time council

positions, although some say a battle could be looming. Council members who are already vested with at least six years of city service wouldn't be affected. That means annual pensions as high as \$43,000 — for council members now paid \$11,000 — would be protected. Former council members also would be exempt. But elected officials demanding

change say that taxpayers simply shouldn't be expected to continue to shell out pension dollars that could be used to improve city services.

"I am fundamentally opposed to pensions for part-time positions," Councilman Glenn Anderson said. Although he stands to lose money if council pensions are eliminated before he becomes vested Jan. 1, Anderson is ready to vote against a system that he said siphons hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars over a few years.

"Who's there on the side of the taxpayers?" he asked during an interview with the Observer. "To me, this is just a total violation of public trust."

Councilman Richard LeBlanc has long made similar statements, but he and Anderson haven't been able to muster enough support from their colleagues to eliminate council pensions.

However, a council decision on whether to strike down pensions — except for members already vested — could come as early as Dec. 1. President Sandra Cicirelli has indicated the issue will be placed on the agenda for that night's meeting.

Cities such as Taylor and Dearborn Heights already have been haggling over the thorny issue.

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Kids 'cook up' holiday dinners

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving in this community is full of rich history.

The Thanksgiving Day Parade has been a fixture since 1926. The Detroit Lions this year will be playing their 63rd turkey day classic. And, for many, those two events are followed by the traditional turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, as friends and family gather around the table to give thanks.

The Thanksgiving turkey, for most, is the staple of the family meal. Whether it be cooked by mom, dad or grandparents, the recipe is basically the same.

Or is it? We found there can be a variation on a theme when it comes to cooking the Thanksgiving turkey ... as told by kindergarten, first- and second-graders.

We visited Diane Moore's morning kindergarten at Hamilton Elementary in Westland to find out how to cook the traditional turkey. And, we found out there are several different ways to prepare the big bird.

Different ideas

"Bake until the stove beeps and then take it out," said Lauren Betke. "Put trees (parsley) around it. Put it on four and cook with potatoes and macaroni."

Brittany Tarczynski's suggestion is to "put it in a glass and then the oven. Put it on hot for one hour. Then, put the circle things (pineapple) and cherries on top, with cucumbers."

Chelcie Munson suggests you

Please see COOK, A2

Talking turkey



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Bird's eye view: Chelcie Munson, a kindergartner at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, is very proud of her cut-and-paste turkey she made.



Lauren Betke



Lynsey Bingham



Mark Patterson



Alex Rochette



Brittany Tarczynski



Michael Wegehaupt

Fourth-graders put on heat for anti-smoking bill

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

They're not old enough to vote, but Hamilton Elementary fourth-graders are pressuring Lansing lawmakers to support a bill that would ban tobacco advertising on Michigan billboards.

Students in Collene Haashkamp's class collected more than 300 signatures on petitions supporting an anti-tobacco bill proposed by state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township.

Youngsters gave Bennett their peti-

tions Wednesday afternoon when he and his aide, Bill Case, visited their Westland classroom.

The signatures added to the thousands that Bennett said he already has received in support of Senate Bill 341 — now stalled in a House subcommittee.

Students also gave speeches in front of Bennett to explain their personal reasons for wanting tobacco advertising banned from billboards.

"Smoking is unhealthy, and it can make you very sick like my grandfa-

ther was," Stacy Browne, 9, said.

She described her late grandfather as a chain-smoker who died of brain cancer before she was old enough to enjoy his company.

"I never knew my grandpa," she said. Sarah Barone, 9, said billboard advertising can lure potential smokers to sickness and premature death.

"When people look at billboards, they start to smoke, and then they get addicted to it, and then that can cause sickness or disease or, even worse,

death," she said.

Students also frowned upon tobacco advertising that uses cartoon characters such as Joe Camel.

"We are trying to get advertisers to stop putting up the billboards and stop making Joe Camel," Lauren Rochette, 9, said.

She also noted that smoking can lead to problems such as lung cancer.

Jordan Smith, 9, recalled how she and her 10-year-old brother, Aaron,

Please see BILL, A2

MEA chief urges board to reconsider policy

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Education Association's top official is urging Wayne-Westland school board members to reinstate a controversial policy that would protect gay students and employees from harassment and discrimination.

MEA president Julius Maddox, in a Nov. 14 letter to board president Debra Fowlkes, expressed "serious regret" about a board decision that he said leaves "an entire segment of the education community at risk."

His concern stems from the board's decision in August to omit "sexual orientation" from the district's non-discrimination policies — reversing a January vote that had added the wording.

SCHOOLS

Board members have defended their new position, which followed an opinion from attorney Joseph Bennett claiming that sexual orientation policies increase the risk of lawsuits.

Even so, the controversy continues to mushroom as the MEA's leadership joins the fight for an inclusive policy for gays.

"I am deeply concerned about the message that (board members), as leaders and policy-makers for Wayne-Westland Community Schools, are sending to an entire education community," Maddox wrote.

Fowlkes couldn't be reached for comment on the

letter sent to her.

Maddox cited several reasons for an inclusive policy:

■ Gay students' self-esteem is "already at a critical low" and "will no doubt plummet to zero."

■ Students' academic success is threatened because research "demonstrates over and over that students cannot achieve to their potential when they do not feel good about themselves."

■ Gay students are "two to three times more likely to commit suicide than their peers."

■ Students won't feel safe in Wayne-Westland, although safety "is a No. 1 concern of parents across the nation."

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Bill from page A1

used to sneak into their mother's purse, take her cigarettes and destroy them, in hopes she would quit her habit.

"She finally stopped smoking," Smith said.

She also voiced concern that smoking can lead to other bad behavior among youngsters.

"If kids buy cigarettes, they will start running out of money, and they will start stealing," she said.

Hashkamp said her students circulated their petitions on their own time, such as during after-school parent-teacher conferences and during lunch time.

Pupils also designed posters that decorated a school hallway, warning that smoking can have consequences such as bad breath and yellow teeth.

One youngster wrote, "I'd rather stick anchovies in my ear."

Petitions circulated by students urge lawmakers to "protect the youth of this state" by passing Bennett's bill. The petitions claim that "tobacco companies need to addict 3,000 additional young people each day to make up for those who quit (smoking) or die."

Opponents of Bennett's bill have claimed that it is too far-reaching, and the proposal now is stalled in a House subcommittee. Tobacco lobbyists also have descended on Lansing to fight the bill, Bennett said.

But he is hoping that legislators will be swayed when they hear young people speaking out against an issue that affects them.

He told Hamilton students Wednesday that he would give their petitions to House lawmakers the following day, when some 300 Lansing area pupils planned to congregate on the House steps for what Bennett called "The Great American Smoke Scream."

The youngsters screamed out their support for curbing tobacco advertising by demonstrating "just how loud healthy lungs can be," Bennett said.

The event coincided with The Great American Smokeout.

The senator noted that Utah is the only U.S. state that bans tobacco advertising.

"We are the closest of the other 49 states to doing this," he said.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Creative kids: Kindergartners Mark Patterson (right) cuts out a part of his turkey as Jessica Smith holds up her finished turkey.



Precision: Kindergartner Kristine Chau cuts out one part of the turkey she is making.

Cook from page A1

"check the stove before putting the turkey in the oven, then flip it over. Cook five to six hours at 30 degrees. Add a little salt and pepper. Chelcie likes 'milk and ice cream after dinner, then I lay down with a stomachache."

"Put it on the stove for 20 hours or 20 minutes at 10 to 11 degrees," added Mikey Wegehaupt.

Mark Patterson seemed to know what to do.

"Put the turkey in the oven for 10 minutes, then put it on mom's big plate. Have a bowl with juice, and make bread and butter."

Lynsey Bingham says it might be better to "put the turkey in a

crook pot with meat sauce, then put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 30 degrees."

Alex Rochette's mom is already working hard at putting the Thanksgiving dinner together, at least according to her son.

"She puts it in the oven and bakes it for a week. Make it with burgers and pumpkin pie."

Kindergartners talk

We also checked in with kindergartners from Pat Griffin's class at McKinley Elementary in Livonia.

Philip Mitchell's recipe is straight-to-the-point as he tells us to "put it in the oven with stuffing and cook it for 25 minutes on hot, with pumpkin pie."

Maybe we were heading in the right direction, as Rebecca Smith noted we should "put the turkey in the oven with stuffing and cook one hour on medium."

Mark Hurley definitely has been watching how his mom makes turkey for Thanksgiving.

"Bake the turkey three hours in a huge pan and put a lid on it. Take the sucker thing (baster) and suck the fat out. Cook at 50 degrees. Cut a hole in the turkey for the stuffing, and cut

the bones out."

Julia Alexander apparently likes her turkey fresh.

"Chop the head off the turkey, then cut it and cook it. Put it in a pan with oil inside. Cook two minutes at 3 degrees. And, don't forget the pumpkin pie."

Marissa Kreutzfeld may have been giving away a family secret when she suggested we "put tomatoes and grapes inside the turkey. Put it in a bowl and cook three hours at 10 degrees."

Chelsea Snyder makes her turkey more decorative as she suggests we "put stuffing inside and decorate with vegetables. I would cook it for 10 hours at 60 degrees."

Ashley Kubera says she would "put the turkey in the oven with stuffing and salad and cook five to 10 minutes on low."

More thoughts

Our quest for the perfect turkey recipe found us at St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City, the first-grade class of Pat Hammer.

Sarah Rounsifer has her own special recipe.

"Put the stuffing inside the turkey, and add cranberry juice with mashed potatoes," related Sarah. "Put on some sweetening stuff for taste. Put it in a pan and cook at 50 degrees for a couple of hours."

Holly Collings' recipe is simple.

"Thaw out the turkey, put in the stuffing, put it in the pan and cook it for 20 minutes on high, six."

Scott New says cooking Thanksgiving turkey is all in the preparation of the bird.

"You kill the turkey first, then pull off the skin. Then you take it out of the box or bag and make sure it looks good, no bruises. Put it in the oven for two minutes at 5 degrees."

Katelyn Hamann says "put it in the oven and put the turkey baster stuff on top. Put juice with it and then put it in a pan for one hour at 104 degrees."

Kimberly Burba notes "my dad usually cooks the turkey, though we usually help. Put it in the pan and in the oven for two or three minutes at five or six degrees."

Nick Marek says his "mom and dad usually switch off each year" when cooking the holiday bird. However, Nick couldn't recall whose turn it was this year. He did, however, remember the recipe.

"Cut it up, wash it and make it clean inside. Roast it in the frying pan or oven, and put it in six minutes on a little high, maybe 16 degrees."

Happy Thanksgiving!

SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

ON THE PERIODONTAL FRONT

According to the American Dental Association, 75% of adults have some form of gum disease. This problem, caused by the buildup of plaque on tooth surfaces, is of concern to orthodontists because periodontitis can damage the underlying support structures that hold teeth in place. As a result of gums and bones' loosening hold, teeth begin to shift around in the mouth. In severe cases, teeth fall out and leave open spaces that invite further bite disruption. There are also cases of crooked teeth, which make it difficult to brush and floss effectively enough to prevent plaque buildup. To overcome this ruinous cycle, the dentist, periodontist, and orthodontist may collaborate to create a treatment plan that improves oral health.

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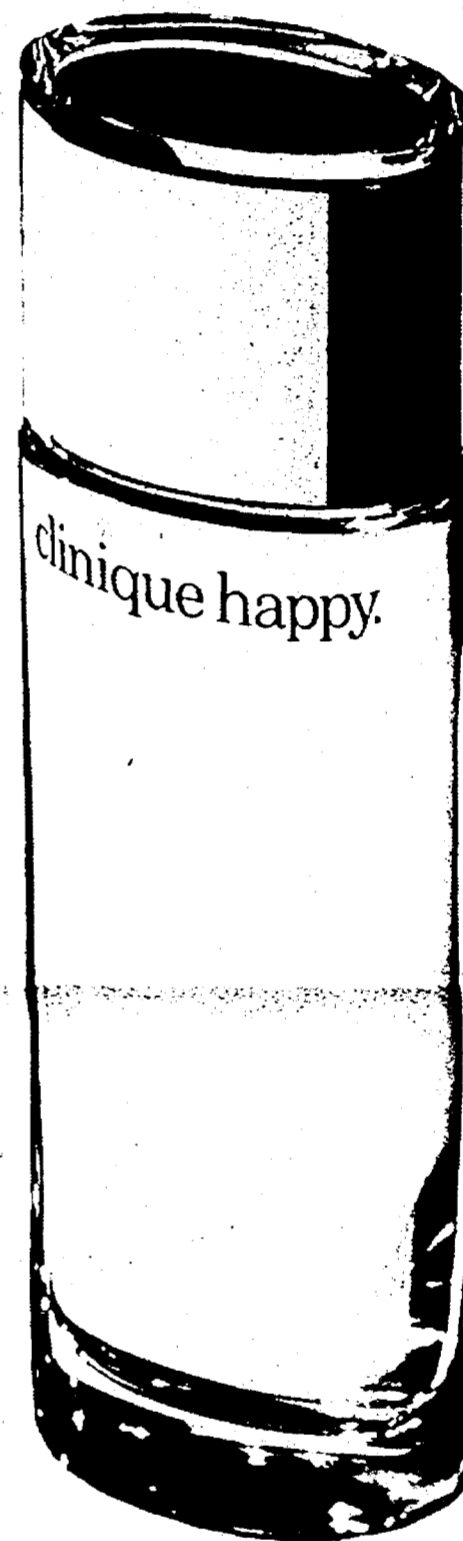
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Pensions from page A1

Critics oppose a Westland pension system that rewards some part-time council members as though they are full-time employees — if they ever held a full-time post.

Some say the most glaring example among current council members is Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin, who held a full-time city job when he was mayor in 1986-89. According to figures requested from the city personnel department, Griffin as of Jan. 1 will qualify for an estimated \$43,680 pension when he leaves the council.

That amount will climb every year he remains on the council.

Other Jan. 1 pension levels for council members are \$32,928 for Charles Pickering, followed by a distant \$2,688 for Sandra Cicirelli and \$1,848 for Anderson and Sharon Scott.

Justine Barns receives an annual pension of just \$817 for time she served on council before

becoming a 12-year state representative. She was elected to a new four-year council term in 1995 but isn't using the time to increase her pension. LeBlanc won't be vested for four more years, but he said he hasn't signed up for the program, anyway.

Huge gaps occur in council pensions because of a formula that favors those who have worked full time for the city.

Pension levels are reached by determining an average salary based on the best three years of city earnings. That salary average is then multiplied by 2.8. The new figure is then multiplied by years of service, including time served on the council and in full-time city jobs.

"Elected people are in a position to create a system for themselves that is beneficial to themselves," Anderson said. "I just don't think it's fair."

Griffin said he isn't sure the

current council should vote to eliminate pensions for future elected officials.

Barns has said council members already can opt out.

"I have a moral problem with it," Griffin said of voting to eliminate council pensions. "Let the people in the future decide what they want to do, because they can opt out."

Anderson said the system can inspire greed in council members who might, for example, aspire to become mayor knowing that their council years will count full time for pension purposes.

Anderson said some people might seek elected office partially because of lucrative pensions.

"My motivation had nothing to do with a pension," he said, noting that he would gladly vote to eliminate council pensions before he becomes vested Jan. 1.

Griffin said Westland's system has been unfairly compared to other cities that provide fringe benefits that local officials don't receive. But he declined to say how he might vote on the pension issue.

"I don't know how I'm going to vote on that," he said.

Here's a look at pension statistics effective Jan. 1 for current

council members, according to information requested from the city.

■ Griffin's pension of \$43,680 is based on 26 years of service. That includes four years as mayor, 14 years as a part-time council member and eight years of pension time that he "bought" — or transferred — from a former teaching position. Griffin said he shelled out "a lot of money" from his own pocket to transfer his teaching years.

■ Pickering's \$32,928 pension stems from 24 years of service. That includes a four-year mayoral term, a decade as a full-time parks department employee and 10 years as a part-time council member.

■ Cicirelli's \$2,688 pension is based on eight years of council service.

■ Anderson and Scott will have \$1,848 pensions on Jan. 1 after being vested for six years of part-time council service.

As a footnote, Mayor Robert Thomas' pension as of Jan. 1 will be \$58,212. He has never served on council, but has been a full-time employee for 27 years including eight as mayor and the remainder as a public services department hourly worker.

Policy from page A1

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy and school board members have repeatedly said the district has non-discrimination policies that protect all students.

Some parents and religious leaders also have said they morally oppose efforts to place sexual orientation in non-discrimination policies.

Gerald Malzahn, president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association union that represents some 1,000 local teachers, said board members should never have added sexual orientation to policies if they didn't intend to leave it intact.

"It just created more problems than it should have by the way things were handled," he said during a telephone interview

Thursday.

The board's retreat from the policy could leave some students and employees fearful of repercussions if they make statements about being gay, Malzahn said.

"If you're doing the job and making the grade, this (sexual orientation) shouldn't be a factor," he said.

Malzahn said the controversy raises questions about whether board members research issues before voting on them.

He predicted that the controversy, which for months has dominated the public comment portion of board meetings, won't subside anytime soon. To the contrary, Malzahn said it could become an issue during the next school board election in June.

Men ordered to trial in robbery

Two suspects charged with robbing Value City Department Store in Westland have been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Randy Warren Phillips, 32, of Romulus and Norman Avery Maloy, 28, of Westland face trial for armed robbery and felony firearms charges after deciding Thursday to waive their preliminary hearings in 18th District Court.

The two suspects are accused of escaping at gunpoint after they allegedly stole Value City merchandise on the afternoon of Nov. 8.

They could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted as charged.

Phillips and Maloy are accused of putting on new athletic shoes and jackets and trying to walk from Value City without paying — only to be confronted by security officers.

The men escaped after threatening security officers at gunpoint. Westland police arrested Phillips and Maloy later after an investigation.

Phillips remains jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond, while Maloy is being held on a \$250,000 cash bond.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN

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R.D. SHOWALTER
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission at the council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, December 11, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following request(s).

12-97-002 Applicant Diab Hachem 297-0033
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Legal Description:

Lots 16 through 29 excluding the eastern 17.0 feet, including the adjoining one-half of the vacated public alley at the rear, Garden Park Subdivision.

The applicant's submittal materials are available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, (313) 525-8862.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
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Elder Plawecki will take seat on county commission

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners approved Edward Plawecki Sr., the grandfather of Michelle Plawecki and longtime union activist, to replace her on the commission to represent the 9th District of Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and part of Livonia.

Commissioners acted to fill the position after receiving Michelle Plawecki's resignation letter Thursday.

The commission had 30 days from Plawecki's resignation to appoint a successor, according to the Wayne County Charter. Commissioners generally follow an unwritten rule that the resigning commissioner can recommend a successor, which the other commissioners approve. The appointee must reside within the district and be a member of the same political party.

A special election is expected to be held approximately 90 days from the date of Thursday's resignation or in late February, but that date has not formally been scheduled yet by the Wayne County Elections Division.

Edward Plawecki Sr., 75, left his position Friday as director of veterans affairs for Wayne County, which he served for eight years. Plawecki was appointed to that post by County Executive Edward McNamara.

Union roots

Plawecki was active in union politics with the United Auto Workers at Ford Motor Co., serving as local president in the 1950s and 1960s. He was appointed by Walter Reuther to

serve on the union's international staff and was involved with the community action program.

Michelle Plawecki said she wanted her grandfather in the office because of his longtime knowledge of the district. "It was important to have someone who knew the district," Plawecki said. "He knows about politics and he taught everyone in the family about politics."

Edward Sr. is the father of David Plawecki, a former state representative and gubernatorial candidate; Edward Jr., a former county commissioner and Dearborn Heights district judge, and Richard, a former city treasurer of Dearborn Heights. Edward Jr. is Michelle's father.

The elder Plawecki said his union background has prepared him well for the job.

"Anyone who knows about union politics knows that running for a union office is tougher than running for any city or state office," Plawecki said. "Sometimes it's very rough."

He would not elaborate on any issues facing the county commission until he had time to study them.

Most support choice

Most of Michelle Plawecki's colleagues on the commission agreed with her choice.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she has known Ed Plawecki for 30 years. "I have known him to have the highest integrity, and he was my mentor in my early years," Beard said. "He certainly gave me wonderful guidance."

Beard said she believed he would not make "hasty" deci-

sions and was "proud" to vote for him.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, believed it was proper for Plawecki to choose her successor and supported her choice. "Should she be wrong, the voters have a chance to tell her she's wrong. The person who speaks for that district is Michelle Plawecki."

McCotter supportive

McCotter believed the charter requirement for the successor to be a member of the same party was proper.

Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn opposed the choice, and Commissioners Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, abstained.

O'Neil abstained once he was told Plawecki was planning on running for the seat early next year.

After the vote Plawecki told commissioners he appreciated their support. "I hope to be working with all of you to the best of my ability," Plawecki said. "I will make sure not to disgrace this office."

Michelle Plawecki, 30, said she leaves office regretting that she didn't have full support of her nomination, but was pleased with her accomplishments overall. "I'm pleased with the work that's been done at Lola Valley and Bell Creek parks," Plawecki said. "You can drive by now and see the playscapes." She was also pleased with the input she had on the airport, its expansion and noise mitigation studies.

Jail millage

Out-county group seeks information

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County and representatives from the Conference of Western Wayne will meet Monday to discuss their differences over the Wayne County jail millage and how millage funds should be spent for prisoner housing.

Judging from their mail correspondences, the two sides still disagree on many issues.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials and includes the cities of Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth and Redford.

Wayne County voters approved a mill in August 1988 to acquire, construct or operate jail misdemeanor or juvenile detention facilities. That money also could be used for work release, home detention and community restitution programs. One-tenth of a mill was earmarked to acquire land, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

That millage is expected to be placed on a county ballot next year for renewal.

Differences range over whether the number of beds in the Dickerson Detention Facility should be increased or whether the county should house more ordinance violators at a lower cost to communities. Members of the CWW board of directors believe the county jail should be the central depository for all sentenced misdemeanant or pretrial misdemeanant/ordinance violators.

Jeriell Heard, director of Wayne County's Department of Community Justice, responded that the county has housed these violators committed to the Dickerson Facility in Hamtramck by district courts in Wayne County since the facility's opening in 1991.

Some cities and townships in Wayne County currently contract with outstate county jails to house their misdemeanor/local ordinance violation prisoners.

"The county is willing to handle all prisoners committed to county facilities, but cannot be

in the business of managing prisoners in facilities across the state," Heard said.

The CWW also wants the per diem charge per prisoner eliminated and replaced with an administrative charge. Heard said the charge for local ordinance violators is mandated by a county ordinance.

"In addition, since 1846, cities and townships which receive revenue from local ordinance violators pursuant to court-ordered fines have the financial responsibility for the housing of prisoners charged or convicted under a local ordinance," Heard said.

That also was affirmed by a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling in a Kent County case.

"The \$30 a day per diem rate is already subsidizing cities' (and) townships' financial obligation for the cost of housing local ordinance violators," Heard said.

Other issues to be discussed include whether the county should assume the responsibility of arranging for alternative prisoner housing and the jail's early release program.

Area churches hold holiday services

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a time to remember the pilgrims and the feast they prepared in the New World. And by celebrating in the same manner as they did, with a bountiful meal among family and friends, people share the spirit of thanksgiving with them and, to some extent, relive that pilgrim experience.

But Thanksgiving also is a time to turn in gratitude to God and area churches are gathering together in community services or holding individual services on Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26-27.

In Livonia, residents can make a community Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, a part of their Thanks-

giving week celebration. The service will be at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, with pastors from various churches officiating.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Plymouth will have a Thanksgiving Day service at

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Candidates sought for S'craft board

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is seeking candidates to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh, effective Dec. 31.

Walsh won a seat on the Livonia City Council in the November general election.

Persons wishing to apply for the position must be residents of the college district which

includes the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, Northville and part of the Novi school districts. The person will be appointed through June 30, 1999. There will be a board of trustee election in June 1999.

Applications are available in the Office of the President, Room 190, in the Administration

Building. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline for applying is Monday, Dec. 15. For information, call (313) 462-4420.

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- Sunday, Nov. 30, 1-5 p.m., Canton Pet Supplies "Plus," 43685 Ford Road (313) 981-9191
- Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5-8 p.m., Farmington Hills Pet Supplies "Plus," 30730 Orchard

- Lake Road, (248) 932-3113
- Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus," 29493 W. Seven Mile Road, 248-615-0030
- Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rochester Hills Pet Supplies "Plus," 2925 Rochester Road, 248-299-5040
- Saturday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Redford, Pet Supplies "Plus," 14835 Telegraph, 313-255-1633.



S'craft names new student director

Schoolcraft College has named John Titus its new director of student advisement services.

Titus has responsibility for the organization, operation and administration of the counseling and student academic advisement programs.

The former dean of students for the past 10 years at Urbana University in Ohio,

Titus began his new job Nov. 3.

As a counselor, Titus worked with behaviorally handicapped teens for Clark County Mental Health Services in Ohio and taught profoundly mentally handicapped students in a state institution.

Titus earned his undergraduate degree at Urbana in 1977 and his master's degree in

counseling at Wright State University in Dayton.

"I think I can bring a very personalized approach to working with students," Titus said.

"I have a good understanding of what it takes for students to be successful, and believe anyone who really strives can succeed."

Services

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10:30 a.m. Thursday, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The service will include testimonies of healing by Christian Scientists. Child care will be provided, and members of all denominations are welcome.

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City will join with Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights for a combined Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a service of praise and thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Faith United Methodist Church of Canton will join in a community Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, south of I-94. The Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church will be preaching. For more information, call (313) 483-2276.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia will have a special service or praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Choristers choirs, Sunday School children, orchestra and handbell choirs. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter.

Thanksgiving Day worship will be at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Our Savior's Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road. It also will feature special music of praise and thanksgiving. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.



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by Stuart M. Feldheim
Attorney at Law

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HOME SENSE



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Planning, timing are ingredients of fabulous feasts

The countdown has begun. It's time to find your recipes, check your staples and wrap up your grocery list for Thanksgiving dinner. Select foods that aren't too fussy. You don't want too many last minute things to do, and you certainly don't want to be in the kitchen all day while everyone else is enjoying themselves.

Turkey is the focal point for Thanksgiving. To determine how much turkey you'll need, the rule of thumb is, a pound of turkey will yield a little less than half a pound of cooked meat. For example, a 25 pound turkey has about 11 to 12 pounds of meat, and about half of that will be white meat.

Of course you'll need to buy a turkey large enough for sandwiches and casseroles for leftovers or planned leftovers.

After the turkey is thawed, thoroughly wash the inside, taking out the neck and giblets. Wash again with cold water, drain and pat dry with paper towels.

Always use a meat thermometer when roasting a turkey. The meat thermometer should be placed in the thigh muscle just above and beyond the lower part of the thigh bone but not touching the bone. Use a meat thermometer even if there is a "pop-up" timer. The meat thermometer in the thigh should register 180° F. If you have stuffed the turkey, the center of the stuffing should be 165° F.

Don't use a roasting temperature of less than 325° F. Roasting a turkey for many hours at 200° F is a real food

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"The Big Thaw - Thaw Thanksgiving Turkey Safely"

"Turkeys must be kept at a safe temperature while they thaw," warns Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County. "Turkey should not be thawed by leaving it out on the counter. Even though the center may remain frozen, the outer layer may become warm enough to grow bacteria and put you at risk for food poisoning."

There are three safe methods to defrost a turkey:

- REFRIGERATOR METHOD**
 - Place turkey on a tray to catch drips
 - Keep turkey in original wrapper
 - Allow 24 hours for each 5 pounds of turkey
- COLD WATER METHOD**
 - Keep turkey in original wrapping or leak proof bag
 - Put turkey in large pan and cover with cold tap water
 - Change water every 30 minutes with fresh cold tap water
 - Allow 30 minutes per pound to thaw
 - Cook immediately after thawing
- MICROWAVE METHOD**
 - Follow your microwave oven directions carefully
 - Cook turkey immediately after thawing

"Turkey - To Stuff or Not to Stuff?"
Cooking stuffing separately is the safest way to prepare your turkey. "Bacteria can survive in the stuffing which has not been heated thoroughly," said Treitman. "Even if the turkey itself has reached the proper internal temperature, the stuffing may not have reached a high enough temperature in all parts of the turkey to destroy bacteria."

- Safe Stuffing Tips:**
 - Never pre-stuff a turkey - mix stuffing just before it goes in the oven.
 - Stuff loosely - about 3/4 cup stuffing per pound of turkey.
 - Place stuffed turkey in a 325° F oven.
 - Make sure you use thermometer to check if turkey and stuffing are done. Stuffing should be 165° F. Turkey should be 180° F in thigh before removing it from the oven.
 - Within 2 hours of cooking - cut turkey off bones and refrigerate stuffing and leftovers separately.
 - For safety it is advisable to bake stuffing separately.

For more information:

- Food and Nutrition Hotline, Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, (248) 858-0904.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline, Recorded message 24 hours, operator available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, (800) 535-4555. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/foia>
- The Reynolds Kitchens Turkey Tips Line, (800) 745-4000, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through Dec. 31. Reynolds Kitchens web site, <http://www.rkc.com/wrap>
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LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Spicy blends from Chef Zachary
- Holiday entertaining



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tea time: Brittany Mather, 9, holds the cup for her grandmother Loretta Conway while Brittany's mother Shawn Mather pours, also pictured left to right, are Erin Cain, Donnell Zeidman and Mary Bohn at Heslop's China & Gifts in Novi. Heslop's is participating in a Victorian Holiday Tea sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills, Senior Adult Division. Loretta Conway is senior adult division supervisor for the City of Farmington Hills.

When you're hurried and stressed and in need of a little comfort, a cup of tea really hits the spot.

"My parents were from Ireland and tea was an important part of our lives," said Loretta Conway of Farmington Hills. "We used to imitate our parents and have tea parties," added her sister, Mary Bohn of Rochester Hills.

For them, tea is a symbol of love and warmth. It's a tradition Loretta, senior adult division supervisor for the City of Farmington Hills, passed on to her daughters, Shawn Mather and Donnell Zeidman of West Bloomfield.

"Tea time is special," said Zeidman. "It's story time, when we laugh and catch up," said Shawn. "We are more relaxed, it gives us a chance to slow down. Normally everything's such a rush."

Shawn's daughter, Brittany, 9, has her own tea set. "When she was younger she used to have tea parties with her dolls and friends," said Mather. Tea time is also special for Brittany's older sister, Erin Cain, who is 16.

When Aunt Kitty comes for tea they put away their everyday dishes, and get out the fancy stuff - the good teapot and china.

Having tea is an excuse to get "fancied up and to put out lace doilies," and other treasures that are safely stored away most of the time.

"Tea goes back to our roots, it gives us warm memories," said Bohn. "When my parents served tea the good china always came out."

Tea time is an old custom that has won many new fans. Nora Dolan, program plan-

Steep in love and friendship

BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

ner for the senior adult division for the City of Farmington Hills is busy preparing for a Holiday Victorian Tea on Dec. 2. The event, sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills, Senior Adult Division and Manor Care Health Services/Springhouse Assisted Living, sold out shortly after it was announced.

"Teas are hot," said Dolan. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for ladies of all generations to gather together. It's especially appealing at this festive time of year. In one week we sold 300 tickets for our tea. We hope to make it an annual event."

Holidays and tea seem to go together like cream and sugar, and local tea spots are planning special events. Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth is hosting a dinner on Friday, Dec. 12.

"Tea is a warm and comfortable tradition," said Cynthia Belanger who owns Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth with her mother Nancy Burton. "When you're planning a tea at home for your friends serve two different teas and a variety of finger foods for people to eat."

Doris Lovill, who owns Mrs. Lovill's Tea

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TEA SPOTS

- Sweet Afton Tea Room** - 450 Forest, Plymouth, (313) 454-0777. Open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sundays are reserved for private parties such as showers. Sweet Afton Tea Room will open for dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 during Plymouth's special shopping day, "Home for the Holidays." Stores in Plymouth will stay open until 10 p.m. on that day, and there will be carolers and other surprises to get you in the holiday spirit.
- Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy** - 32905 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 477-8307. Open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Sundays are reserved for private parties. Mrs. Lovill presents "The Twelve Days of Christmas" - 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 12. Dinner and entertainment, \$48 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Call for reservations.
- Victorian Rose** - 118 W. Third, Rochester, (248) 652-8595. Open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; available for private parties on Sundays and after closing throughout the week. High tea served 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month. \$12 per person, call for reservations. Holiday-theme dinner with entertainment 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. The cost is \$80 per couple, call for reservations and information.
- Townsend Hotel** - 100 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-7900. Afternoon tea served 3-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; in December tea will be served 3-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Cost is \$17.95 per person, reservations recommended. Afternoon teas in December will feature a variety of holiday music including children's choirs, and musicians performing on violin, dulcimer and piano.
- The Ritz-Carlton** - 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, (313) 441-2100. Tea served 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Light Tea (includes scones, pastries, tea sandwiches) \$15. Royal Tea (begins with a Chambord cocktail, includes scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, and ends with fresh strawberries marinated in Grand Marnier) \$20. Yuletide teas 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday beginning Friday, Nov. 28 to Tuesday, Dec. 30, \$30 per person, includes Christmas ornament from Poland, representing Mozart or Bach, Light Tea, and seasonal holiday music performed on piano. Tea without ornament is \$20 per person. Reservations recommended.

Dish to pass: Carolyn Rushlow's Spinach Casserole has been family and kid tested through the years. It's one of her favorite dishes to pass during Thanksgiving dinner.



BRYAN MITCHELL

Dishes to pass are too good to pass up

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

This is Carolyn Rushlow's favorite time of year. "I love to cook," said Rushlow of Farmington who shared her Spinach Casserole recipe with us. The casserole has been a staple on the Rushlow table for the last four years. "Everyone loves it," she said.

Rushlow's Spinach Casserole is easy to make and sure to please friends and relatives who don't eat meat.

It's hard to pass up an invitation to gather with family and friends during the holidays. Deciding on a dish to pass can be a challenge.

We asked our readers for some help, and in exchange for their ideas and

recipes shared some newly published cookbooks so they'll have more ideas for a "dish to pass."

Besides getting some really great recipes, I had the chance to catch up with some friends I haven't heard from in a long time.

Peggy (Vautaw) Peck of Redford, wanted to know if my maiden name is Kaleski and if I went to Fordson High School in Dearborn. Do I look that different from my high school yearbook picture?

Peggy and I worked together on "The Tower Tribune," and I was delighted to hear from her. She shared her Auntie Flo's Fruit Salad recipe made with lime Jell-O, whipped cream, marshmallows,

cream cheese, crushed pineapple and chopped walnuts.

"My mother got it from Auntie Flo, one of the women we lived downstairs from when I was a child," said Peck. "Auntie Flo has been passed away for years, but I hope this recipe lives on. It seems to go real well with turkey, and someone in our family always brings it."

Peck and her husband, Bob, have a son, Gabriel, who's 13. She will be cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year for 10 or 12 people. "I enjoy doing it," she said. "Everyone pitches in, that helps."

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Readers share family-tested side dish recipes

See related story on Taste front.

SPINACH CASSEROLE
 2 eggs, well beaten
 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
 1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Preheat oven to 350° F. Beat eggs and flour in bowl until smooth. Stir in spinach, cottage cheese, Cheddar cheese and salt; mix well. Pour into greased 1-quart casserole. Bake in oven for 1 hour. Serves 4-6.
 Recipe compliments of Carolyn Rushlow.

AUNTIE FLO'S FRUIT SALAD
 1 small package lime Jell-O (3 ounces)
 1 cup hot water
 1/2 pint whipped cream
 1 cup finely chopped marshmallows
 2 packages cream cheese (3 ounces each)
 1 (9 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
 1 cup chopped walnuts
 Juice of 1/2 lemon
 1/4 cup sugar
 Pinch of salt
 Dissolve Jell-O in hot water and cool. Put sugar in whipped cream. Mix marshmallows, nuts, pineapple and cream cheese. Fold in whipped cream and sugar mixture. Add to Jell-O. Chill until firm.

Recipe compliments of Peggy Peck who said this recipe can be easily doubled.

MAKE-A-HEAD MASHED POTATOES
 5 pounds potatoes
 1/2 cup margarine
 2 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 1 cup sour cream
 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Cook potatoes until tender, mash. Add other ingredients and beat well.
 Put into 3-quart casserole, greased with some margarine. Can

cover and put into the refrigerator at this point. Take out of the refrigerator 1 hour before baking. Bake uncovered at 350° F. for 45 minutes.
 Recipe compliments of Joyce Weigel who said this recipe is easily cut in half and baked in an 8 by 8-inch pan at the same temperature and same time.

PEAR AND CRANBERRY RELISH
 1 can pear nectar
 1/3 cup, firmly packed brown sugar
 2 tablespoons honey
 8 ounces (about 2 cups) whole fresh cranberries.
 Frozen can be used, but do not thaw
 2 stalks celery, diced
 1 pear, halved, cored and diced

1/3 cup pecans, chopped
 In a saucepan bring pear nectar, sugar and honey to a boil over medium heat. Boil about 3-5 minutes. Stir occasionally, until sugar is dissolved.
 Add cranberries to saucepan. Return to a boil then reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer 5 minutes, until cranberries begin to pop open. Put into a bowl; cool slightly and refrigerate until well chilled. To serve, stir in celery, pear and nuts.
 Recipe compliments of Jovon Alber.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE
 1 large can of sweet potatoes
 3/4 stick butter
 3 well beaten eggs
 1/2 cup sugar

dash cinnamon
 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 1 cup milk
 Dissolve cornstarch in a little cold milk. Mix with all other ingredients with mixer. Pour into a large casserole dish sprayed with nonstick spray. Bake 15-20 minutes at 400° F. covered.
TOPPING
 1 cup crushed corn flakes
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 3/4 cup butter
 1 cup coconut
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 Melt butter, mix in other ingredients. Spread topping over sweet potatoes. Return to oven and bake 15-20 minutes, uncovered.
 Recipe compliments of Deanna Werner.

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safety hazard. Do not partially cook a turkey one day and finish the next day.
 An unstuffed 18 to 22 pound turkey only takes 3 1/2 hours to 4 hours to roast. Always allow at least 30 minutes for the roasted turkey to sit before carving. The turkey will carve better and easier, if you have a sharp knife.
 The best way to roast a turkey is in an open pan. You'll get a juicy, tender golden brown turkey. You can rub or spray the skin with oil to prevent the skin from drying. If parts start to get

too brown, wrap them with foil. Don't use a brown paper bag to roast a turkey, they aren't food grade and you could have an oven fire.
 Timing is everything, and getting a large meal on the table takes timing. As you plan your menu, think about the timing for all the food involved. How many foods fit into your oven at one time, is there room for a turkey, and a couple of casserole dishes? What can go into the microwave or cooked on top of the stove?

Food safety
 To serve that perfect meal, all the hot foods should be kept hot and cold foods cold.
 Another safety issue is the storing of leftovers. You have two hours left after roasting, carving and eating to get the leftovers back into the refrigerator. As much as you hate the idea, separate the turkey from the bones before refrigerating or freezing. Wrap turkey, stuffing and gravy separately and use, within three days. Freeze for longer storage. Use frozen roast-

ed turkey within two months for best quality. Always bring refrigerated gravy to a full rolling boil before serving.
 Bake the stuffing in a nonstick pan instead of inside the bird. The advantages are; the bird cooks faster, you know when the stuffing is fully cooked when it's in a casserole dish, and you can use chicken stock instead of butter to mix in the dressing.
 Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the MSU Extension — Oakland County.

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Last year Joyce Weigel of Farmington won a 20 pound turkey. "We had seven meals out of it," she said. But since both her boys became vegetarians, Weigel said this year she made reservations at the Botsford Inn, instead of plans for dinner.
 "I called ahead to see if they had a lot of vegetable dishes," said Weigel. "I cooked last year and made all these vegetable dishes for my kids."
 One of her favorite vegetable dishes is Make-A-Head Mashed Potatoes, a recipe she got from her friend Isobel Van Akin.
 "I met her through church, and she would make these potatoes," said Weigel. "It's delicious, and I love things you can make ahead of time. You'll love it."
 Jovon Alber's Pear and Cranberry Relish is always a favorite with her guests, and children. This year Alber, who lives in Canton, is planning dinner for 22 people.
 "A lot of people don't think of

cranberries as being sweet, but this recipe is tasty, and it doesn't take a long time to make."
 Alber said her Pear and Cranberry Relish can be made ahead of time. "I try to find recipes that you make ahead so that you're not racing at the end. I hate mashed potatoes. When you're having 22 people for dinner you want something easy and different."
 While some of us might cringe at the thought of cooking for so many, Alber is looking forward to it. She enjoys entertaining, and experimenting with recipes.
 She's had the Pear and Cranberry Relish recipe for several years. "I'll find something in a cookbook and alter it a bit," she said.
 Deanna Werner's Sweet Potato Casserole topped with corn flakes, coconut, brown sugar and nuts sounds a lot more like dessert than a vegetable.
 "This recipe is excellent," she said. "It tastes like a dessert."

Enjoy a cup tea and scones with friends

See related story on Taste front.
ORANGE-CLOVE TEA
 3 to 4 teaspoons orange-pekoe tea
 1 quart boiling water
 1 orange, rinsed, dried, and cut into slices about 1/2-inch thick
 Whole cloves
 Warm teapot and teacups with hot water. Drain and dry them.
 Put the tea leaves in the teapot.

Add the boiling water. Cover with a tea towel or tea cozy and steep for 5 minutes. Cut each orange slice in half, so that each piece is a semi-circle. Stud the skin side with several whole cloves. Put an orange slice in the bottom of each teacup. Stir and strain the tea into the hot cups and serve. Yield 4 servings.
 Recipe from: "Victoria: The Charms of Tea, Reminiscences and Recipes," (Hearst Books, New York, 1991)

CHOCOLATE CHIP ORANGE SCONES
 2 cups flour
 1/3 cup sugar
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup butter, chilled
 2 eggs
 1/4 cup orange juice
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
 1/4 cup miniature semisweet

chocolate chips or chopped regular-sized chips
 Preheat oven to 425° F. Butter an insulated cookie sheet
 In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar and baking powder. With a pastry blender or fork, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse meal. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, juice, vanilla and orange peel. Stir the egg mixture and chocolate chips into the flour mixture with a fork.
 Turn dough out onto a floured board and knead gently about 10 times, until it forms a cohesive dough. Roll dough out to a 1/2-inch thickness. Cut out scones with a well-floured cookie cutter. Place scones fairly close together on the cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until lightly browned or a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow the scones to cool on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes before removing with a spatula.
 Makes about 14 two- to three-inch scones.
 Recipe from: "Chocolate for Breakfast and Tea: B&B Innkeepers Share Their Finest Recipes," by Laura Zahn, (Down to Earth Publications, 1997)

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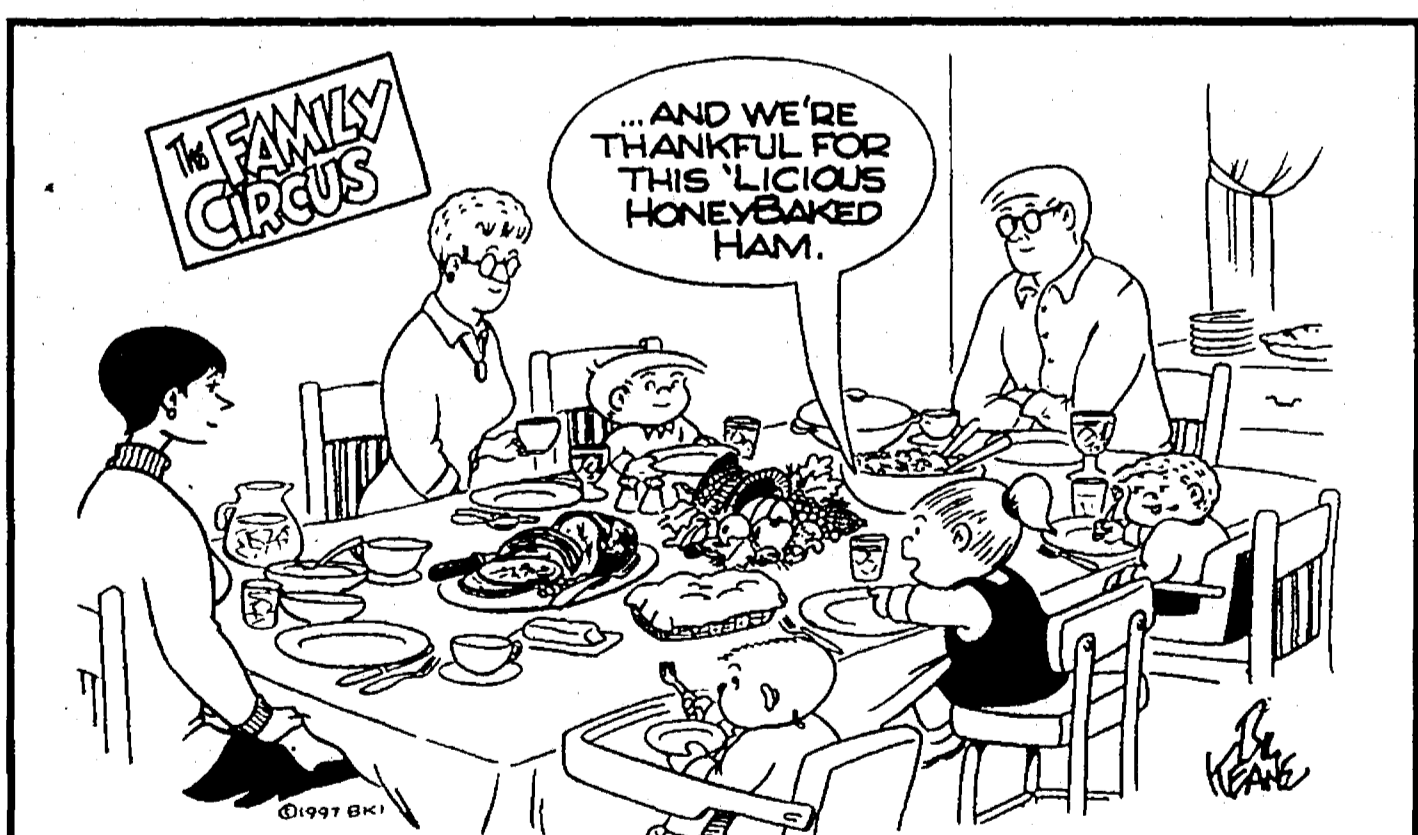
Cozy in Farmington, has celebrated "The Twelve Days of Christmas" for the past four years. Guests are greeted with a cup of mulled cider and variety of relishes to nosh on. A barber-shop quartet performs holiday music, while guests wait for dinner to be served.
 During the festive seven-course dinner, which features a Cornish hen with holiday dressing, a harpist and flutist perform. After dinner two guitarists lead a holiday sing-along.
 "People make reservations for the next year after dinner," said Lovill. "It's wonderful and a lot of fun. We wrap up the house with a big bow. It looks like a present."
 Victorian Rose in Rochester is hosting a holiday dinner with entertainment on Dec. 12, and

the Townsend Hotel and Ritz Carlton are also planning sweet surprises.
 Having friends over for tea is a not-too-complicated way to entertain, but "you've got to make a ceremony out of it," said Lovill. "There's a ritual. Set aside a little bit of time, the more elegant you make it the better."
 Lovill said tea is not "spur of the moment like coffee you pour in a cup." Tea is for lingering.
 Nancy Reagan said "a woman is like a tea bag. You never know how strong she is until she gets into hot water."
 Tea can be a dinner, or a simple gathering. If you're real busy, make reservations and arrange to meet friends for tea. Getting together is what counts.

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Build a creative salad or start your meal with broccoli

Broccoli, a vegetable scorned by presidents but praised by nutritionists, has recently earned a reputation as being a powerful natural cancer fighter. A chemical called sulforaphane, which is abundant in broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables, including cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and cabbage, works to boost the body's natural enzyme defenses against chemicals that cause cancer. Broccoli also contains indoles (other cancer-preventive compounds), as well as vitamin C, beta carotene and dietary fiber - all of which have been linked to lower cancer risk.

When buying broccoli, look for unblemished, firm and compact clusters. The heads should smell fresh and the florets may range in color from dark to purplish green. Pick broccoli with crisp leaves and smooth stalks; avoid broccoli with yellowing blossoms and open buds. At home, rinse

broccoli in water, shake off the excess moisture, transfer to a plastic bag and refrigerate until ready to use.

Brief cooking brightens broccoli's color and brings out its flavor, but overcooking can result in a drab olive-colored, bitter dish. For the best taste and to maintain its essential nutrients, steam a bunch of broccoli no longer than six to eight minutes.

An elegant cream of broccoli soup is a delicious, rich-tasting way to start a meal. Start by simmering chopped leeks and cubed potatoes and coarsely chopped broccoli in saucepan with chicken broth. In a blender or food processor, puree the slightly cooled mixture in batches. Return the soup to the pan, and stir in some plain low-fat yogurt, reheating it just before serving.

Broccoli can be the basis for a creative salad by combining

cooked brown rice, blanched broccoli florets, minced red onion, dried fruit (apricots or raisins), minced celery and toasted pine nuts. Toss with an olive oil and lemon juice dressing and serve.

Broccoli can play a delicious part in an international array of dishes, from Asian stir-fries to French crepes to Italian pastas. The next time you want a meal that can deliver world class taste and top-notch nutrition, try a broccoli and chicken taco, a lamb and broccoli couscous, or a broccoli and pasta frittata. This Asian-inspired Sesame Broccoli is a snap to make and the perfect side dish for baked chicken or fish.

SESAME BROCCOLI

- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds
- 1 bunch broccoli
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons orange juice

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root

In small pan, cook the sesame seeds over medium heat for 3 minutes, shaking the pan occasionally. Set aside.

Cut the broccoli into florets and slice diagonally. Steam it for 5-7 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Drain the broccoli and place it in a serving dish.

Combine the orange juice, sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic and ginger root and pour over the broccoli, tossing to coat evenly. Sprinkle the entire dish with sesame seeds.

Nutrition information: Each of the 5 servings contains 55 calories and 3 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Satisfying side dish: Sesame Broccoli, an Asian-inspired side dish, is a snap to make, and perfect with baked chicken or fish.

Chefs suggest taste-sensational stuffings for Thanksgiving

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Are you looking for new ideas for your traditional Thanksgiving menu? Chefs at the Culinary Institute of America suggest these taste-sensational stuffings: Sausage and Apple, Chestnut and Raisin.

For safety's sake, and to make sure that both the turkey and stuffing are done at the same time, the CIA recommends separate cooking of the stuffing and the turkey. For moistness and flavor, baste the stuffing with chicken broth from time to time.

The recipes are taken from "An American Bounty" (Rizzoli, 1995), a cookbook inspired by the American Bounty Restaurant located on the campus of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

SAUSAGE AND APPLE STUFFING

- 6 cups cubed white bread

- 1 cup hot or mild raw sausage meat, crumbled
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 1 cup peeled, cored and diced apple
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
- Chicken broth, as needed
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

Place the bread cubes on a baking sheet and toast lightly, 10 to 12 minutes. They should be slightly dry, but not browned; transfer to a large mixing bowl.

Saute the sausage in a skillet over medium heat until the sausage is cooked through, 5 to 6

minutes. Remove the sausage; drain thoroughly on paper towels to remove excess fat.

Return the skillet to medium heat and melt the butter. Add the celery and onion. Saute, stirring frequently, until tender. Combine the sausage, bread cubes and the vegetable mixture.

Add the apples and walnuts; toss to combine. If the stuffing needs additional moisture, add chicken broth. The mixture should be moist enough to hold together when lightly pressed, but not so moist that it packs tightly. Season with parsley and salt and pepper, to taste.

Cook the stuffing in a shallow baking dish, covered with foil. Bake for about 45 minutes in a 350-degree F oven. Makes 8 cups.

Nutritional information per 1/2-cup serving: 230 calories, 5 grams protein, 18 grams

fat, 13 grams carbohydrates, 290 mg sodium, 60 mg cholesterol.

CHESTNUT AND RAISIN STUFFING

- 6 cups cubed white bread
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 2 cups coarsely chopped, peeled chestnuts
- 1 cup raisins, plumped in brandy
- 1/4 cup brandy
- Chicken broth, as needed
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Place the bread cubes on a baking sheet and toast lightly, 10 to 12 minutes. The bread should be slightly dry, but not browned.

Transfer the toasted cubes to a large mixing bowl.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the celery and onion. Saute, stirring frequently, until tender, about 10 minutes.

Add the chestnuts; saute for 2 more minutes. Add the raisins and the 1/4 cup brandy. Saute for about 1 minute, to evaporate the brandy.

Add the chestnut mixture to the bread cubes; toss to combine. If necessary, moisten the stuffing with chicken broth. The mixture should be moist enough to hold together when lightly pressed, but not so moist that it packs tightly. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes about 8 cups.

Nutritional information per 1/2-cup serving: 260 calories, 8 grams fat, 43 grams carbohydrates, 200 mg sodium, 20

mg cholesterol.

Preparation notes: Peeled and frozen chestnuts, if available in your supermarket, will greatly reduce preparation time.

To prepare fresh chestnuts, score an "X" on the flat side of each chestnut with the tip of a sharp knife. Place the chestnuts on a baking sheet and roast them in a 350-degree F oven or boil them until the outer skin begins to curl away, 10 to 12 minutes. Peel away both the outer and inner layers of skin from the chestnuts. Chop the chestnuts coarsely with a chef's knife.

To plump the raisins, cover them with brandy and let them rest for one hour.

Cook the stuffing in a shallow baking dish, covered with foil. Bake for about 45 minutes in a 350-degree F oven.

How to cook a Thanksgiving Day turkey without using your oven

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Although the conventional oven is the appliance most often used to cook a whole turkey, it is only one way to prepare the holiday bird. The USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline suggests the following alternative methods.

Electric roaster oven

Generally the cooking time and oven temperature setting are the same for an electric roaster oven as for conventional cooking. Always check the roaster's use and care manual. (Note:

To cook, preheat the oven to at least 325 degrees F. Place the turkey on the roaster oven's rack or other meat rack so the juices will collect in the metal oven liner. Leave the lid on throughout cooking, removing it as little as possible to avoid slowing the cooking process and browning.

Cooking bags can be used in the roaster oven if the bag does not touch the sides, bottom or lid. Follow directions given by the cooking bag manufacturer, and use a meat thermometer to be sure the internal temperature in the inner thigh reaches 180

cooking is by smoky air rather than the direct coals used when grilling a steak or chicken parts.

Turkeys that are 16 pounds or less are the recommended size for safe smoking on the grill. Do not stuff the turkey.

To grill, start with clean equipment and a good quality charcoal. Build a pyramid of charcoal to one side, ignite the charcoal and let the coals get red-hot. When the charcoal has developed white powdery ash - about 20 to 30 minutes - place a pan of water in the center of the grill beneath where the turkey will be set. The pan is used to catch the fat and juices that drip from the turkey as it cooks. This prevents a flame-up that could burn the turkey.

Carefully push the hot coals evenly around the edge and posi-

tion the grill rack above. Place the prepared turkey breast-side up on the grill along with an appliance thermometer to maintain safe cooking temperature, then place the cover on the grill.

Replenish with about 15 briquettes every hour as needed to maintain 225 degrees F to 300 degrees F. If desired, add water-soaked wood chips for desired flavor. Estimate cooking time at 15 to 18 minutes per pound. The turkey is done when a meat thermometer in the inner thigh reaches 180 degrees F. For gas grilling, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Microwave oven

Turkeys can be successfully cooked in a microwave oven. Timing can vary because of wattage differences; the owner's

manual should be followed for recommendations.

A 12- to 14-pound turkey is the maximum size most microwave ovens can accommodate, otherwise uneven cooking can occur. The time for cooking a turkey in the microwave oven is 9 to 10 minutes per pound on medium (50 percent power).

Allow 3 inches oven clearance on top and 2 to 3 inches of space around the bird. The use of oven cooking bags allows more even cooking. Turkey parts may be cooked in a dish with a tight cover or a cover with a vented


top. Rotate the bird during cooking to insure even cooking. Do not stuff the turkey as the stuffing may not be cooked to the proper internal temperature when the turkey itself is done. If the bird is defrosted in the microwave oven, cook it immediately.

Always use a meat thermometer to determine doneness. Temperature should reach 180 degrees F when measured in the thigh. Let the turkey stand 20 minutes after removing from the microwave.

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Festive feasts: A Tuscan table-top from Jacobson's stores.

Give gifts with 'Thanks' theme

When you're invited to someone's home for dinner, it's always nice to bring a gift, here are some suggestions for Thanksgiving Day:

- How about giving the host or hostess a floral arrangement? **Paterson Carney Florist**, 239 Pierce, Birmingham, offers a wide selection of fresh and dried floral arrangements and other decorative items for Thanksgiving (including small, turkey-shaped wire baskets; multi-colored corn (three cobs wrapped together with ribbon for \$10); and turkey-shaped metallic candle holders. "Depending on what the

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DONNA MULCAHY

customer wants, we might use wheat sheaths, raffia, (plastic) grapes, and real vegetables in our fresh Thanksgiving Day arrangements. We also might use autumn leaves, pine cones and candles," said Nancy Pear, a salesperson there.

- I found some heirloom-quality, wooden pheasant statues, as well as a lot of other

Thanksgiving merchandise, at **side-ways inc.**, 505 Forest in Plymouth. The statues come in several different sizes, can be used as centerpiece or knickknacks, and the wings on them are moveable. The larger ones were priced at about \$40.

- Thanksgiving is, among other things, a celebration of the fall harvest. So, why not give a gift that celebrates Michigan's bounty? You can find jellies, candy, wine, and all sorts of other home-grown items at **Michigan Made, Inc.**, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, and **Michiganiana**, 205 Pierce Street in Birmingham.

- If your host has young children, consider giving the kids something instead - like a CD or cassette tape featuring Thanksgiving Day songs, or a book about the holiday.

Lots of music stores, including **Media Play and Harmony House**, have computerized directories. If you type in the name of a song, it will tell you which artists have recorded it and the albums on which it can be found.

Using the directory at **Media Play** on Plymouth Road in Livonia, I learned that lots of artists have recorded the traditional Thanksgiving Day song, "Over the River and Through the Wood," and that many songs have the word "Thanksgiving" in their title.

Those titles are too numerous to mention, but I can recommend an album from personal experience: "Mother Earth," a 1994 release by children's folk singer Tom Chapin. The music is great and has an Irish flair. Two of its songs mention Thanksgiving: "Thanksgiving Day," which is all about the meaning of the holiday; and "Good Garbage," which talks about how biodegradable garbage (including turkey bones) is good for the earth and how other trash is not.

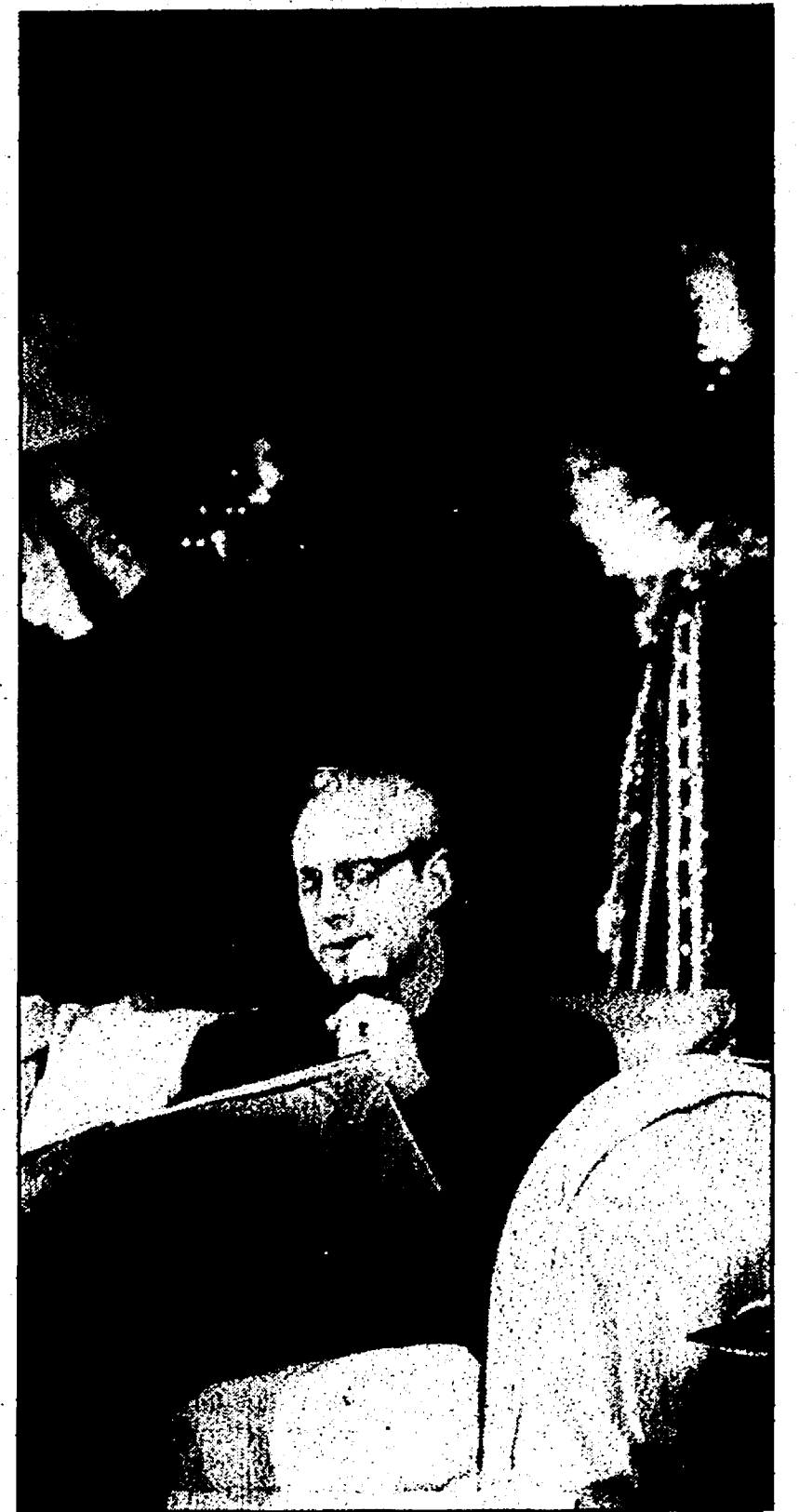
- For recommendations on Thanksgiving Day books, I turned to **Kathy Bricker**, in the children's department of **Borders Books & Music** in Farmington Hills. She recommends: (for babies and toddlers) "My First Thanksgiving" board book, illustrated and written by Tomie DePaola, \$5.95; also, "What is Thanksgiving?" a lift-the-flap book by Harriet Ziefert, \$5.95.

- (For pre-schoolers on up) "Arthur's Thanksgiving," written and illustrated by Marc Brown, \$5.95; also, "Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving," a take-off on the traditional Christmas story, by Dav Pilkey, \$15.95.

- (For children age 8 and up) "Pilgrims," a book about the settling of Plymouth Colony, written by San Souci and illustrated by N.C. Wyeths, \$8.95; and "The Harvest Queen," an autumn story about a magical pumpkin, by Joanne Robertson, \$15.95.

Christmas events begin at area shopping malls

The Somerset Collection, Troy, ushered in the holiday shopping season last week with a reading of Matt Faulkner of Franklin's tale, *The Giving Season*, performed by Jim Harper of WNIC radio (right) and members of the Children's Theatre of Michigan. Before the show, musicians Rob and Anne Burns of Rochester (below, left) serenaded the audience. Somerset fashion director Amanda Turner of Rochester (below, right) adjusted the costume of Renee Hermiz of Troy, whose Renaissance-look was part of the mall's holiday decor theme including a tri-level castle in the grand court. The young crowd thoroughly enjoyed the program. Santa Claus was the star of the event which doubled as a fund-raiser for the Toys For Tots drive, now in full swing at many retail centers around town.



PHOTOS BY BILL HANSEN

B1 stores offer housewares with style

BY JUDY HARRIS SOLOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1982 while working on a business degree at Ohio State University, Suzanne Maurer became a part-time salesperson at a Columbus, Ohio, housewares store.

Six years later, after working her way up the ladder, Maurer purchased the store and renamed it *Basics One*.

Today there are stores in Columbus, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. The first Michigan store opened a few weeks ago at Briarford Mall in Ann Arbor; and now a second is open at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

The company decided to change its name from Basics One to B1 because, according to Maurer, "the stores are far from basic anymore."

"I like to think of it as housewares with an attitude," she said. "Our stores are about the whole entertainment process in the home. B1 is for everyone who enjoys cooking and entertaining with a bit of flair and individuality."

B1 stocks a fun selection of contemporary, upper-end casual tableware, barware, cookware, giftware, kitchen gadgets and accessories, bath accessories, table linens, towels and rugs, cookbooks and gourmet food.

The bright and bold colors of the carpet and walls were designed to reflect the colors of the merchandise. And display tables group an eclectic assortment of products and patterns so customers can see new and creative ways to put them together.

The kitchen, located in the center of each store, "plays an integral role in

the experience we offer customers," Maurer explained. "When a customer walks into B1, I want them to forget the worries of the day. I want them to visit our kitchen. Grab a cup of coffee and taste the food our chef has prepared. Their children are invited to hop up on a kitchen stool to color a picture and have something to eat while the parent enjoys a worry-free shopping experience."

Special events - ranging from cooking demos and classes by area chefs and restaurateurs to corporate outings, charity fund raisers, bridal showers and children's birthday parties - are almost always going on at B1.

There will be a grand opening party on Dec. 4 with 10-percent of the sales that day going to Orchards Children's Services.



B1 is new to Twelve Oaks, Novi.

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

Holiday exhibit open

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

Summit Place Mall.

Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. Waterford.

(248) 683-5299.

Holiday Puppet Event

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

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

The Somerset Collection.

Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.

(248) 816-5484.

Village Santa

The local skating rink features children at play and forest animals with Santa Photos under a snow-covered pavilion through Dec. 24.

Meadowbrook Village Mall.

Walton/Adams. Rochester Hills.

(248) 375-9451.

Dept. 56 Village

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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy.

(248) 585-6000.

Carousel Santa

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

Wonderland Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt. Livonia.

(313) 522-4100.

Santa photos

Giant reindeer and Santa sleigh, photos (\$6.95) through Dec. 24. *Annabelle's Wish* video and plush toy, \$16.98 to benefit Make A Wish Foundation at Information desk.

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160.

Polar Bear Christmas

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

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.

(313) 425-5001.

Crystal Forest Set

Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136-life like animals designed and created by Ann Arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen through Dec. 24.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.

(248) 348-9411.

Snowflake Express

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

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.

(248) 353-4111.

Charlie Brown Christmas

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

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Tree lighting

Downtown Birmingham kicks off its holiday shopping season with a tree lighting in Shain Park preceded by carolling by The Village Players at 7 p.m.

Bates/Merrill. Birmingham.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Day parade

71st annual Detroit-based event 9:15 a.m. to noon, starting down Woodward from Mack Avenue to Jefferson. The 2.2 mile parade includes 75 marching units with floats, giant balloons, uniformed bands, equestrian teams, clowns, specialty acts and celebrities.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

The busiest shopping day of the year.

Most malls and stores open early and stay open late today. Holiday hours begin at the major department stores.

Holiday music series

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

Fairlane Town Center.

Michigan/Southfield. Dearborn.

(313) 593-1370.

Santa arrival

Chamber of Commerce welcomes Santa Claus, 6 p.m. in the band shell at Kellogg Park. Photos available weekends Friday, 5-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Main Street. Plymouth.

(313) 453-1540.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

Summit Place Holiday

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

Summit Place. Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph.

(248) 682-0123.

Where can I find?

WHERE CAN I FIND?



SUSAN DEMAGGIO

When I created this column in the summer, it was just supposed to be an interesting "filler" — a great way to let Malls & Mainstreets readers know what stores still sold "old-fashioned" or hard-to-find items. I figured I'd have one or two "finds" each week and break new ground in consumer reporting.

Boy, did I hit on something! As you can read from the following queries, *Where Can I Find?* could fill a whole news page! Almost every one of the 40-50 people who respond to the column each week, begin by telling me how much they enjoy reading it, and how interesting it is to see others use or need the same products they do!

There's a whole other story behind all the wonderful folks who call excited and delighted to offer up their old games, books, crock pots, patterns and recipes, to others who seem to want them more, and I still laugh whenever my favorite Farmington Hills reader calls to tell me that this column "creates guilt complexes" because she feels obliged to answer every request she can!

May I say "Thank You!" to everyone who has ever called to participate in this interactive reader project. You have made it a success by helping so many others solve life's little dilemmas — for as humorist Red Green says "We're all in this together."

Now to the point. Due to the ever-increasing number of *Where Can I Find?* calls, this week we're starting a *Where Can I Find?* direct phone number, separate from the Malls & Mainstreets exchange, to handle the responses more accurately and efficiently.

To reach *Where Can I Find?* please dial (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

For those who have asked: 1. There is NO charge for this service. 2. We prefer inquiries be for merchandise items only. 3. We reject inquiries that can be better served by an Observer & Eccentric classified ad. 4. As good as we are, we still cannot find items that have been discontinued by the manufacturer — especially that Maybelline cake mascara in the red, plastic box!

Now to this week's concerns...

- Betty of Farmington, (who is coming up on 80 years) said she is still, desperately searching for Lily of the Valley fragrance by Coty. "I did not find it at the stores suggested last week," she said. "And I do not appreciate all the new scents in the marketplace that smell like pears, watermelon and grapefruit. I want to smell like Lily of the Valley which I have worn for decades."
- Chris Beyer is looking for an electric corn popper with a glass top and an aluminum bottom by Mirro.
- Marsha needs the Corelle Holly Days dishes.
- Sarah, a picture of Elvis Presley on black velvet.
- An appraiser for an antique, duck decoy.
- Barb Thomas is looking for a 1995 Santa Bear and a plastic, popcorn bowl with stripes on the side.
- A caller needs Adidas warm-up pants in youth-sizes that tear away, made of soft jersey material.
- The Wizard card game for Barb of Westland.
- The old Password game for Mary of Plymouth who uses it for her patients in rehab.
- Debbie Kelly needs the dice from the Kismet game for her children who lost them.
- Ruth needs a distributor selling the "miracle cleaner" Swipe.
- A store that will buy 33rpm records, plus, a store that sells slipcovers for "livingroom" chairs, for Marguerite of Westland.
- The rustspot remover Magica for Michelle.
- Aziza crease resistant powder eye shadow base.
- Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from years ago.
- A used, piano bench for Claudia of Livonia.
- Mary Kay eyeshadow pencil in mushroom shade for Shirley.
- The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.
- Revlon oily Flex shampoo with brown cap and Emprin aspirin for Dawn Peruski.
- Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy Doll" with pull string, too.
- A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.
- Will anyone sell Mary Ann their old tartan plaid pattern dishes from Arita?
- Where can Bangkok flatware be appraised?
- A recording of Cyndi Lauper's *Man in the Desert*
- A three-foot high wishing well for Dianna's garden.
- A Vidal Sassoon set of hot rollers with 25 hair rollers.
- Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrella.
- Pleated rainbonnets that fold to 3-inches and pleated rainbonnets that have a snap on the bottom.

On the move

Population spurt brings Sears to Westland

By DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Sears opened its first new store in 20 years recently at the Westland Center leaving some to ask why Westland?

"That's a great story," said Claudia Frederick, marketing director at the mall.

Over the years, she said, the shopping center has conducted many surveys, asking customers what retailer they would like to see added to the mall.

Sears, Westland, "was that there was a void in this market, and that it was a very strong market to come into," based on many factors, including average household income and the large amount of new, residential construction going up in the area, especially in nearby Canton.

Sears' target customer is: a woman, 25 to 54 years old, who owns a home, has children who live with her, may or may not work outside the home, and has a household income between \$25,000 and \$60,000 a year.

The company targets women because they tend to make the buying decisions for their families. Nearly all clothing purchases for women and children, and the majority of men's clothing and appliance purchases are made by women, according to research.

The new store is expected to draw customers primarily from Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City and the southern edge of Livonia.

In the past, these customers shopped at the Sears stores in Novi, Livonia and Dearborn.

Will the new Sears hurt those locations?

"Competition is always good inside a shopping center, because it brings in more customers."

Claudia Frederick
Westland Marketing Director

"No, not at all," said Lee Antonio, a spokeswoman for the company. "Our research has shown that the market is strong enough to support an additional Sears. We don't cannibalize our own markets."

Anderson added that most people tend to stay within a seven-mile-radius of their home for their everyday shopping needs.

The Livonia Mall Sears, on Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt, is the closest one geographically to the Westland store. Jim Gray, marketing director for Livonia Mall, said he is concerned about how the new Sears might affect his shopping center.

"But my concern isn't limited to that one store," he said. "We

have concerns here daily, because this area is flooded with malls, and more strip malls are opening every day."

Livonia Mall has a lot going for it, though, he pointed out. Besides having one of the largest Sears stores around (complete with a furniture department, which the Westland store doesn't have), it has Crowley's, Mervyns and many other retailers.

It also offers a wide variety of family activities for people of all ages every month, and it was recently voted the safest mall in Metropolitan Detroit by a local television station.

As for what impact the new Sears will have on Westland Shopping Centers other retailers (and especially its three other anchor stores, JC Penney, Hudson's and Kohl's), Frederick said she thinks it will be nothing but positive.

"Competition is always good inside a shopping center, because it brings in more customers," she said.

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Rotary Raffle



Beanie bargains: Plymouth gift shop owner Larry Bird donated this Beanie Baby tree complete with 51 stuffed animals, for the grand prize of the Plymouth Rotary's annual benefit, this year a raffle for Our Lady of Providence school/home for menatly challenged girls. The tickets are \$1 on sale through Dec. 22 at Penniman Gallery, Little Professor, Christine's Hallmark, sideways, and Gabriela's in downtown Plymouth. The goal is \$10,000.

Time to begin winter hair/skin regimes

BY SHARON MOSELY
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

To preserve your "healthy glow" now that the tans of summer have faded away, your blushing powder can be your best friend.

You can "warm" winter-pale skin with a pinkish-brown blush. Sweep onto the apples of your cheeks and brush toward hairline.

For extra glow, dust some blush on forehead, nose and chin, then use makeup to blend away obvious lines.

Finish with a light dusting of loose powder on T-zone only — unless cheeks are oily and need extra blotting.

Smooth skin

It's hard to keep skin soft and supple — especially in winter, so here are some tips for maintaining a silky-smooth skin:

• *Soap sparingly.* Many

soaps are drying and aren't necessary where there isn't much sweat and bacteria build-up. Wash arms, legs and stomach every other day.

Take shorter showers. Long, hot ones strip the skin of essential oils. Use cooler water and stay in only as long as needed.

Absorbent when wet. Damp skin absorbs moisture much more easily than dry skin. Slather on cream right after toweling off — or when you're still damp.

Bad hair days

We all know that our bodies change as we age, so it's no real surprise that our hair does, too. According to the folks at Vidal Sassoon, there are five phases in life in which your hair is prone to change in texture, color or density because of hormonal cycles.

Here are some tips from Vidal Sassoon on recognizing and caring for your hair in different phases:

Phase 1 — Infants. Baby hair is usually very thin or very fine. By age 3, it starts to change, becoming more dense and acquiring the color it will likely have for years to come. Baby hair tends to tangle easily. If hair becomes too tangled, try using a small amount of conditioner after shampooing, rinsing with cool water.

Phase 2 — Puberty. During adolescence, hormones can cause hair to become darker, thicker or thinner. Texture may change from straight to curly or vice versa. Don't fight it; instead, consult a hairstylist about new styles and products to fit your new hair.

Phase 3 — Pregnancy. Normally, women lose about 50 strands of hair a day, but during pregnancy, when fewer

strands are lost, hair may become thicker. After pregnancy, the extra hair is often lost, but hair doesn't always return to normal. It may become wavy (if it was straight) or straight (if it was wavy). It may also have a different texture.

If you want a little more density, try mousse. If you want more control, try styling gel.

Phase 4 — Menopause. At this stage, due to hormonal changes, hair can lose shine, become coarser or thinner or change in texture. For volume, try an extra-body shampoo and conditioner; for coarseness, try a deep moisturizing treatment.

Phase 5 — Gray Hair. Gray hair is attributable to loss of melanin, a process dictated by heredity.

Stress can also play a part. Be sure to condition every time you shampoo, and deep condition regularly, as appropriate.

Palace Locker Room stores open at select centers

The Palace Locker Room retail stores opened two new locations at The Somerset Collection North in Troy and at the Macomb Mall in Roseville.

Both stores offer an unmatched selection of team merchandise and wearables featuring Detroit Pistons, Vipers, and other sports teams just in time for holiday shoppers.

Other team licensed items include home decor and traditional souvenirs.

The new stores will put shoppers "in-the-action" with color television monitors showing continuous sports highlights and live action among the colorful displays of merchandise.

The Somerset Locker Room will also provide a Ticketmaster center so shoppers can pick up tickets to their favorite events.

The establishments are operated by

Palace Sports and Entertainment's Merchandising Department, which also runs the two Locker Room locations in The Palace Atrium and the souvenir stands at the organization's three venues: The Palace, Pine Knob and Meadow Brook Music Festival.

The division also operates Locker Room retail locations at Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids and Kensington Valley Mall in Howell.

"All of our Palace Locker Room stores, regardless of location, offer a wide variety in the very latest team wearables and merchandising," said Rick Smith director of merchandising. "Several of the items are exclusive to our stores and cannot be found anywhere else."

Palace Sports and Entertainment, Inc. ownership group includes The Palace and

Pine Knob within its 15 branches.

Voted "Arena of the Year" by Performance magazine for the seventh time in 1996 and twice by Pollstar magazine, The Palace hosts approximately 200 events and more than 2.5 million patrons annually.

Pine Knob Music Theatre has been nominated "Amphitheater of the Year" by Performance and has been named the nation's busiest or top-grossing amphitheater each of the six years of Arena Associates' ownership.

Palace Sports and Entertainment also operates and manages the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Visit the Palace Sports and Entertainment website at <http://www.palacenet.com>

Americans split over earlier holiday sales

Should the holiday season be limited to the last six weeks of the year, or is anything after the 4th of July fair game?

According to a recent Maritz AmeriPoll, Americans are fairly evenly split over when exactly 'tis the season to be jolly.

Nearly 1,000 people across the U.S. were polled and asked to rate on a 1 to 5 scale (where 1 is not at all annoyed and 5 is extremely annoyed) how much it bothers them to see stores displaying holiday merchandise before

A full 40 percent say they get "extremely or very annoyed" when stores and catalogs trot out the Yuletide trappings before most people have even finished carving their Halloween

jack-o'-lanterns.

But 37 percent who say they are not at all annoyed are on the other end of the scale, eagerly awaiting the rush of the holiday shopping crowds and displays of tinsel trees and plastic Santas.

About 7 percent rate their distaste as "somewhat annoyed" and the remaining 14 percent are "neutral".

One identifiable trend is that the older you get, the more annoyed you are with the ever-earlier arrival of Christmas retailing.

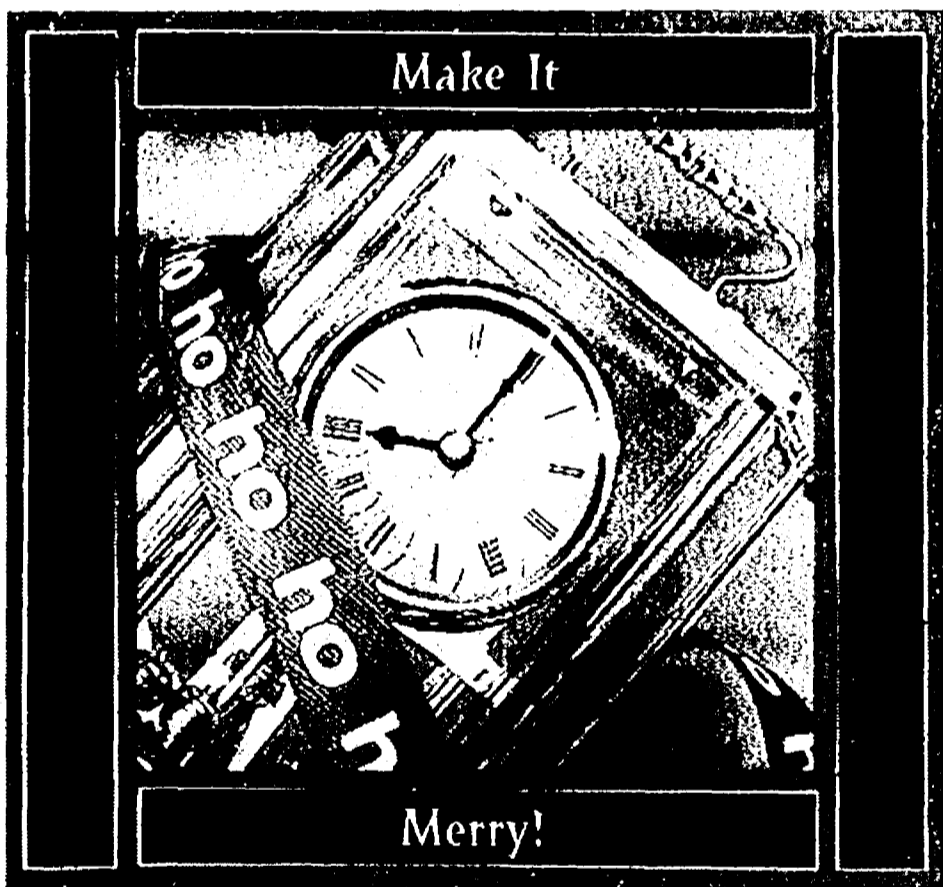
Just 25 percent of respondents age 18-24 get extremely or very annoyed, compared to 41 percent of people over age 65.

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Make it early shopping this year to get a start on holiday shopping! Westland Shopping Center invites you to shop early and enjoy:

Friday, November 28 • Open 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Hospice holiday cards

Community Hospice & Home Care Service Inc., is offering holiday greeting cards, available at the Westland and Plymouth offices.

The cards, with pictures designed by children who participated in "Connections," the children's grief series offered by CHHCS, will benefit bereavement programs and services for children. There are three designs to choose from. For more information about the holiday cards of CHHCS services available to the community, call (313) 522-4244.

Remember loved ones

The Oakwood Healthcare System Guild and Auxiliary volunteers are offering a special gift-giving opportunity through their annual Tree of Lights project. With a minimum donation you can honor or memorialize someone you love by illuminating a light in their name - on a Tree of Lights located at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. The ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the lobby.

A donation of \$5 will honor a loved one with a light and an angel. Call (313) 467-4168 or (313) 467-2350.

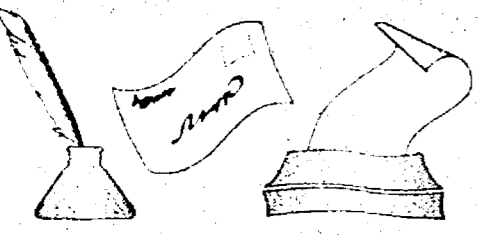
Celebrate the holidays

Rosanne and Sandy Duncan will host a Circle of Fellows gala in December to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute. "Celebrer Les Fetes" will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Duncan's Bloomfield Hills home. The event features cocktails, dinner buffet and entertainment. Valet parking will be provided.

Tickets for the event are \$750, \$500 and \$250. Proceeds support the Institute's cancer research, treatment, education and outreach programs including research to examine why cancer cells resist treatment. For more information, call DeMarco Willis 800-KARMANOS.

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Doctor visit stressors washed away with paint

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Visiting a doctor's office can be a terrifying experience for a child. Strangers in medical attire and often sterile surroundings don't lend themselves to the most comfortable of environments where fear can spread like wildfire.

"Most children think they are going to get a shot and they associate that with pain," said Denise Denomme, registered nurse. "Our staff recognized the apprehension children have when they come for an office visit and we found a way to alleviate that stress."

Denomme, a nurse in the pediatric department of the Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton, used the sterile walls of the office as her canvas and put her imagination to work. The result is a collection of murals featuring handprints, rainbows, shooting stars, and animated characters that sustain the attention of a child and offers an appealing distraction to the unfamiliar surroundings of the medical facility.

"It's nothing like any other doctor's office a child has visited," said Denomme. We have found in the past month that the walls really put kids at ease because it looks as if a child has

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SURGICAL STARS SHINE

Preop program calms children's fears

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"You're such a good patient," said pre-op/recovery nurse Patti Lawler to 3-year-old Heather Grossman, "you're a star!"

Grossman and her 4-year-old sister, Jessica, had their temperature, blood pressure and oxygen levels tested throughout a tour of the recovery unit at Providence Medical Center Providence Park in Novi where they will undergo surgery to remove their adenoids and tonsils.

Not unlike many kids their age, the Grossman children suffer from chronic sore throats, ear infections and runny noses, particularly in the winter months. Conditions that their doctor, Jeffrey Weingarten, hopes to alleviate with surgery. The Livonia ear, nose and throat physician also hoped to diminish the girls' apprehensions about their hospital stay by having them participate in a program initiated a decade ago at Providence Hospital in Southfield called "Sally the Surgical Star."

What to expect?

"Children have a great fear of the unknown," said Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten. "I have found that if you educate a child and involve them in every aspect of the procedure - before, during and after - they have an amazing ability to understand a problem and adapt to the situation."

The preoperative, hands-on program acquaints young patients with the unfamiliar settings of a hospital to prepare them for the sights and sounds of surgery.

"Children who go through this program are on the average more calm, and less intimidated by the medical staff because they've already been here and know what to expect," said Lawler.

Sally the Surgical Star, the brainchild of registered nurse Diane Seitz, was launched in 1987 after she saw the need for a preoperative program to make children less reluctant about being hospitalized and more comfortable leaving the arms of their parents with a doctor or nurse who can look particularly intimidating in a surgical mask and scrubs.

"We found children weren't terrified of the operating room or to have an IV started after they had gone through the program," said Vickie Jacobs, registered nurse, Providence Hospital. "For mom and dad the goal is to paint a mental picture of the things that go on the day of surgery."

"For the kids, it's a hands-on look and feel introduction to a hospital."

Hands-on experience

Introductions aside, Heather and Jessica were first acquainted with the firm squeeze of the blood pres-



Star patients: Three-year-old Heather Grossman waits anxiously to hear the beep from the hand-held temperature monitor being administered by Patti Lawler, R.N. Her mother Cheryl and sister Jessica spent an hour on the recovery unit at Providence Medical Center where the girls will be patients when they have their tonsils and adenoids surgically removed.

sure cuff and the gentle grip of a "clothes pin" type attachment to monitor oxygen saturation levels. It's like a hug on your arm reassured the nurse as she wrapped the mini, velcro strap around their arms.

"You don't smoke cigarettes do you?" asked Lawler of Heather.

"No," responded Heather with a giggle.

"I can tell because you have great oxygen levels. This machine tells the nurse if something is not right with a person," said Lawler.

Before entering the recovery room where the girls were told they would "wake up after taking medicine to make them sleepy," they eagerly donned surgical caps and booties. You can't have any hair showing, said Lawler, we want it to be as clean as possible in the operating room.

The girls cautiously entered the recovery area and were encouraged to sit on a bed and stretch out. They learned it was there that they would wake up after surgery and have Popsicles and ice cream, play with toys or watch movies, together until they felt better. Hesitation turned to amusement as they stretched out on the bed and got comfortable.

"You're such good patients," reiterated Lawler, who constantly reinforced the idea that the girls were special and important patients.

Reassurance for parents

Cheryl Grossman, Heather and Jessica's mother, accompanied the girls on the surgical tour providing her an opportunity to ask the nurse questions about the anesthesia administered, when she could see the girls after surgery and any post-operative guidelines or complications she should be aware of.

"Will they be given a muscle relaxant and how long can they be expected to be asleep because of the anesthesia?" asked Cheryl.

Lawler said the anesthetic gases, that come in bubble gum and cherry scents, are shorter acting drugs than those of a decade ago.

"The girls should awaken within a half-hour of their surgery. As soon as they can communicate that they want their mom you can come in and be with them."

Registered nurse Sue Ann Zabell said when children are able to communicate their needs (wanting to see mom or dad) - the staff feels they are conscious enough to have visitors.

Cheryl said she will be relieved when the surgery was over noting that Heather would require speech therapy in the immediate future if the problem with her adenoids and tonsils were not corrected.

"It's not uncommon for her to have a runny nose for the whole winter," said Cheryl. "Ever since she was an infant she's snored as loud as a man and gasps for air at night because her adenoids are so enlarged."

Good patient recipe

The Livonia otolaryngologist said he has been encouraging children to participate in the Sally the Surgical Star program for the last six years.

"There are some children who warm up quicker to a strange environment than others. Each child is different," said Weingarten, "and those that don't can learn to adapt very well to what could be a potentially frightening situation if someone takes the time to educate them about the unknown."

The doctor went on to say "familiarity breeds comfort," and that if you eliminate the fear they have a better chance of dealing with the outcomes and are less concerned than they would be if you hide the truth.

"Kids see emergency and operating rooms on television and they watch Emergency 911 so they think they know what to expect and that can be very scary," said Weingarten. "Their friends, who are outside sources of misinformation, may tell them that hospitals are awful and that surgery is even more terrifying."

"We try to bring them to a comfort-inducing level and make a needlessly terrifying situation go away by allaying their fears with answers to their questions."

The Grossman girls wrapped up their hospital visit with a ride in a wheelchair and were presented with "Certificates of Stardom," coloring books and "star patient" stickers. "You're going to make great patients," said Lawler. "You're both stars of your surgical audition."



Reassurance: Recovery nurse Patti Lawler explains the minimal anesthetic dosage Cheryl Grossman's daughters will receive in preparation for surgery.



Stretch: Sally the Surgical star, Jessica Grossman, 4, tests the comfort of a hospital bed on her tour of the recovery room. (Right) Jessica and Heather receive 'Certificates of Stardom' from nurse Lawler after completing a program to familiarize children with a hospital prior to the day of surgery.

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Lice, nits

Don't scratch your head over problem, solution simple

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Head lice are indiscriminating, wingless bugs that live on human blood and are found most commonly on the scalp and hairline of the head. This is not an uncommon problem. Annually, six million cases are reported to health departments and school districts throughout the country.

"Head lice is not an indicator of cleanliness," said Ron Barratt, health director for the Wayne-Westland School District. "And it's not a problem in one particular classroom, school or district but across the board."

In fact, says Barratt, head lice, who quickly crawl from host to host (don't jump or fly), can be contracted in a number of places outside of the school setting. The Wayne-Westland health director said, however, the school environment creates an opportunity where "kids will be kids" sharing hats, barrettes and brushes with other children who unknowingly are carriers.

Outbreaks occur when direct contact is made with something that touches the scalp such as headsets, helmets and combs.

While lice can be a 12-month

problem, elementary aged-children are at greatest risk throughout the fall and winter months, said Barratt.

"This is the third time my granddaughter has come home with lice," said a Wayne-Westland grandmother who asked that her name not be used. "I think people need to be educated that this isn't something to be embarrassed about but that there are treatments to eliminate the problem."

The local woman said parents should immediately contact the school and let the administration know there may be a potential lice problem in the classroom of the host student so that precautions can be taken to avoid an outbreak.

Be alert, educated

Some important signs to look for if you think your child may have lice include:

- Constant and persistent itching of the scalp
- Red bite marks or scratch marks on the scalp and neckline
- Swollen glands in the neck or underarm (severe cases)
- Detection of nits, tiny yellow-white oval eggs attached to

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hair shafts or behind ears

■ Light brown insects (lice) that are burrowed into the scalp of the head

Although your first reaction may be to heavily medicate the head and scalp with a shampoo or chemical remedy, safety should be a primary focus throughout treatments.

"All lice-killing shampoos or cremes are insecticides," said Sandy Walker, school nurse, in an educational letter to elementary principals. "Follow directions very carefully."

Creme rinses and shampoos don't kill all the eggs (nits), therefore they must be painstakingly combed out of wet or damp hair in a well-lit area over a sink

(not in a bathtub or shower) in cool water.

Following treatments, children should put on clean clothes.

To avoid repeated outbreaks, personal items, bedding and furniture can be washed, dry cleaned or vacuumed. Fabrics, car seats, upholstery, sheets, clothes and stuffed animals should be washed in hot water and dried in a hot dryer.

"Lice survive best at an even temperature," warned Barratt. "If the head gets hot they get agitated. Bedding and clothes cleaned in hot water greatly decreased their chances of survival."

Medical professionals advise parents not to treat infants with an over-the-counter shampoo and, if your child suffers from allergies or asthma, check with your physician before using any treatment.

■ The pesticides should not be considered a one-time quick fix. Combing is a necessity that should be used in conjunction with a shampoo.

- Always wear gloves.
- Avoid-chemical contact with the eyes.
- Rechecking should be done

for at least 10 days following the treatment and a second treatment might be required in seven to 10 days if there is evidence of new nits or hatched lice.

Most school districts send letters home to parents if there is an outbreak in the classroom of your child so you can be on the lookout for a problem.

Come forward

The Wayne-Westland educator urged parents to come forward if they have a problem and not view lice as an embarrassment or a reflection of poor hygiene.

"They're a nuisance, but something school districts across the country deal with on a yearly basis," said Barratt. "Awareness can allow us to address the problem and deal with it faster than hiding the fact that your child has lice."

Medicated shampoos can be expensive, but the Wayne County Health Department on Merriman Road will provide RID for "any parent who comes to the health department and requests the shampoo." The cost for two ounces averages \$3.50 or four ounces \$3.75.

Orthodontist hosts food drive for area organizations

Acts of kindness that seem so small, often mean so much to so many. The holiday season for most people is a time of family, friends and happiness. For others it may not be as happy because they simply lack the resources to have a good meal. These people are right here in our community.

HELPING HAND

A part of the community for over 30 years, Dr. Shaw & Ginzler's orthodontic office has set its sights on igniting the giving spirit of the holidays.

"Our practice is located in one of the most generous and caring areas in metropolitan Detroit," said Shaw. "We're hoping to prove that again with our annual food drive."

For every two food items (canned or non-perishable) donated at the office, a ticket will be given toward a drawing held on Dec. 19. In appreciation for digging into your cupboards and pantries for those food items you will probably never use, a 19-inch Toshiba color television set will be awarded to the one person drawn.

The food items will be donated to two different charities: the Livonia Goodfellows and the Salvation Army. All the food items collected in November will be given to the Livonia Goodfellows, who work to make sure "no child is without a Christmas." The Livonia chapter has been serving the community for 50 years.

The Salvation Army which has spent the last 130 years helping people, will receive those food items collected in December. Dr. Shaw & Dr. Ginzler's office is proud to be working with these two wonderful organizations.

"This canned food drive is the thing that gets our office in the holiday spirit," said Dr. Ginzler. "It will allow others to have a nice holiday and that makes all the difference to us."

For more information, contact the orthodontic office at (248) 471-1555, Ext. 112, or drop off your donation to the office at 33627 Seven Mile Road, just west of Farmington Road.

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Wall murals: Denise Denomme, Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton registered nurse, puts the finishing touches on one of several walls adorned with child-like paintings in the center's pediatric office. (Right) Denomme admires the Curious George exam room.

done them."

Denomme said she wasn't sure if her child-like paintings would be accepted by the medical staff of nurses and doctors who work alongside her in the Canton office. Surprisingly though, she said the murals have changed the overall attitude of the department staff who found themselves surrounded by zoo animals, colorful kites, smiling insects and wriggling vines that wind themselves around corners and over doorways.

Nurse practitioner Susan Forsee said she's noticed a dramatic change in the disposition of their patients and the mood of the staff.

"The children remember what they've seen from visit to visit and look forward to matching their hands with those painted on the walls and counting the number of palms trees in the Curious George room," said Forsee.

Other examining room themes include bugs and stars. Denomme is looking forward to painting two more suites including the Zebra Room, fashioned after a pharmaceutical company's mascot, Z-Max the Zebra, and a Dalmatian room where 'seeing spots' won't be a symptom but a whimsical diversion.

Dr. Nutan Saxena, a physician

in the Canton office, let her teen-age daughters contribute some of their creative talent to the Bug Room where they painted colorful caterpillars, lady bugs and other four-legged friends for the enjoyment of patients.

"We also wrote all of the doctor's and staff members names on the walls along with their handprints," said Denomme. "The children know all of us by name now."

"It's all about making them feel better about their visit and creating a place they look forward to returning to rather than fearing."



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New podiatry practice

Canton Podiatry Group has recently opened an office for the medical and surgical treatment of foot and ankle conditions. The office is located at 41637 Ford Road, between Lilley and Haggerty.

Rajeev Sehgal, D.P.M., has training that emphasized trauma and reconstructive surgery and industrial medicine. He completed his residency in the Oakwood Healthcare System. Office hours can be tailored to a patient's needs with Saturday hours also available. Emergency services are provided on a 24-hour basis. For more information call 981-0600.

Many join SJMH medical staff

Brian Borden, M.D.; Edward Walton, M.D.; Michael S. Sanson, M.D.; Laura Zuger, MD; Beth Camille Kimball, M.D.; Cherokee R. Trembath, M.D.; Tammi W. Cooper, M.D.; and Muhammad Tayyab, M.D., have been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Borden specializes in orthopedic surgery with a special interest in sports medicine. He resides in Ann Arbor with his wife.

Walton specializes in emergency medicine, with a special interest in pediatric emergency medicine. He has joined Emergency Physicians Medical Group and will be working in the SJMH Emergency Center and Pediatric Unit. He resides in Ann Arbor with his wife and two children.

Sanson specializes in internal medicine with a special interest in sports medicine.

Zuger specializes in internal

medicine and has a special interest in women's health and domestic violence.

Kimball specializes in surgery with an interest in hepatobiliary, pancreatic and endocrine disorders. She has joined the Associates in General and Vascular Surgery.

Trembath specializes in family practice and has joined Huron Valley Family Practice.

Cooper specializes in internal medicine and has joined Integrated Health Associates. Her office is located at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Tayyab is board certified in internal medicine and has an office in Ypsilanti.

Levine joins Botsford team

T. Barry Levine, M.D., has joined Botsford General Hospital's Institute for Cardiovascular Health as medical director. Dr. Levine also serves as the director of the new



Barry Levine

Michigan Institute for Heart Failure and Transplant Care, located on the Botsford campus.

"Dr. Levine's reputation as a pioneer in the treatment and management of heart failure is well deserved," said Robert J. Stomel, D.O., Botsford's chief of cardiology. "He has been searching for unique solutions for treating heart failure patients for two decades."

Levine was formerly the director of Henry Ford Hospital's Heart Failure and Transplant Center.

Community EMS honored

Community EMS (CEMS) was the recipient of the nation's highest award recognizing outstanding community service programs sponsored by medical transportation providers. The Southfield-based organization was presented with the American Ambulance Association's 1997 Community Partnership Award at the AAA's (American Ambulance Association) annual conference.

"We're deeply honored to accept these awards on behalf of the CEMS family," said Community EMS President and

CEO Greg Beauchemin.

"We also recognize that we're fortunate that CEMS is represented by experienced and loyal individuals in the communities in which we serve. These awards are a reflection of our employee's commitment to providing the highest quality service with professionalism and compassion."

New research director, Botsford

Arlene B. Levine, M.D., has joined the Botsford General Hospital's Institute for Cardiovascular Health as director of cardiovascular research.

"We are very pleased to have a physician of Dr. Arlene Levine's considerable expertise as our director of research and as an integral part of the institute," said Robert J. Stomel, D.O., Botsford's chief of cardiology.



Arlene Levine

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

SUN, NOV. 23

AQUA AEROBICS WORKSHOP

Aqua aerobics is no longer for the older adult or the weak of heart. Find out for yourself by diving into the sciences behind aquatic exercise and experience what it's really like to get your feet wet at 8:30 a.m. The Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Call Martha Hanoian at 721-2244 for local information or 1-800-AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

SENIORS ONLY WORKSHOP

Let's face it - aging is inevitable. Explore techniques to stimulate our Boomers to return to their activities of yesteryear. Learn the physiology of aging and modifications to accommodate the aging process. Discover a variety of movement styles and exercises

to fit the needs of a broad spectrum of "seniors." The Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Call Martha Hanoian at 721-2244 for local information or 1-800-AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

TUE, NOV. 25

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT

Join - US TOO. Prostate Cancer Support Group, members and potential members at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Guest speaker Erika Detar from TAP Pharmaceuticals will address hormonal and impotence therapy.

PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS

State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

Angela Hospice offers grief support workshops free-of-charge, held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. November meetings at 1 and 6:30 p.m.

both days. Call (313) 464-7810 for more information.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support will meet at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to both males and females - call Garden City Hospital at 458-3395 for additional information.

FRI, DEC. 1

FREE FOOT SCREENINGS

Dr. Rajeev Sehgal, D.P.M., of the new Canton Podiatry Group of Canton, will be conducting free foot screenings co-sponsored by World Gym at 42621 Ford Road in Canton beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please come if you have any questions or call the Canton office, (313) 981-0600 for further information.

SAT, DEC. 2

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations.

Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 4-8 p.m. (Walk-in).

ADOLESCENCE IN THE 90'S

Oakwood Teen Health Centers, Oakwood Women and Children's Center of Excellence, and Metro Parent Magazine are proud sponsors of an event featuring renowned speaker and author, Mary Pipher, Ph.D. She will address the topic: "Adolescent Girls in the 90's" at Romulus High School at 3:30 p.m., 9650 S. Wayne Road - Romulus. Books written by Pipher will be sold following the lecture. Advanced tickets are \$5 per person/per lecture and \$10 per person/per lecture at the door. To register or for more information, call the Oakwood Health Line at 800-543-WELL.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Instruction in adult, child and infant CPR. Certificates given upon completion of the course. Cost is \$25 (\$18.75 for Oakwood Health Advantage members) at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne from 6-10 p.m. Contact: 800-543-WELL.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Annual holiday event to honor or memorialize someone you love. Cost is \$5 to honor a loved one with a single light and an angel ornament at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne 5:30 p.m. Call 800-543-WELL.

DIABETES EDUCATION

Certified by the Michigan Department of Public Health, this five week series of sessions is planned to help you Live Well with Diabetes. Includes hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, foot care, meal plan exchange system and glucose monitoring. Physician referral is required. Classes begin on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3. Please call 458-4330 to register.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer support. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Open to both males and females - call 458-3395 for information.

WED, DEC. 3

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first

Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting begins at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650. Each meeting gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a two-part class on "The Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure," beginning today from 7-9 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room A, near the Levan Road entrance. Learn about this silent killer - what it is, how it is checked, and how it is controlled. This class will provide information about methods to promote a healthy and active lifestyle. A \$10 class fee covers course materials. Registration is required before Nov. 26. For more information or to register, call (313) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650.

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

TIRED OF GAMES?

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

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

A WARM WELCOME

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

LET'S TALK

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

TEDDY BEAR TYPE?

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

NEW DIMENSION OF LIFE...

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

HARDWORKING

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

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

RELIGION IS THE KEY

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

GET TO KNOW ME

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

SUPER WOMAN

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

END MY SEARCH

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

HAVE TIME FOR ME?

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

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

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

CLASSY

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

LOVING AND CARING

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

SWEET & CUTE

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

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

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

LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS

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

CHILD OF GOD

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

WORTH THE CALL

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

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

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

ACHIEVER

SWCF, 28, 5'6", 125lbs., never-married, career-oriented, likes hockey, football, dancing, movies, seeks clean-cut, educated, confident SWCM, 24-30, without kids. Ad# 1564

PATIENT & LOVING

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

FUN-LOVING GAL

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

EXTRA NICE

Sociable DW mom, 26, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

FAITH & HOPE

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

ONE OF THE FINEST

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

FOCUS HERE

Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 29-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 5656

SHE'S THE ONE

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

ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL

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

INSPIRED?

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

SOUND INTERESTING?

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

NEW CHAPTER

SWF, 70, blonde hair, enjoys long walks, quiet evenings at home, dancing, seeks caring SWM, 62+ for companionship. Ad# 8255

MARRIAGE-MINDED

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

LOOK MY WAY

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

SOUTHERN BELLE

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

LOVES THE LORD

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

VERSATILE

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

A BRIGHTER SIDE

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

LOVE ANGEL

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

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CALL!

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

LOVER OF LIFE

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

WISHING UPON A STAR

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

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Catholic DWM, 45, easygoing, tender, romantic, attends Christian activities, enjoys biking, water sports, woodworking, seeks honest, faithful SF, with integrity. Ad# 1900

SEEKS COMMITMENT

Catholic SWM, 25, understanding, athletic, nice, enjoys snowmobiling, water skiing, outdoor activities, seeks easygoing SF. Ad# 9009

IN GENERAL...

Lutheran SWM, 48, fun, outgoing, honest, attends concerts, enjoys sports, dancing, playing cards, the outdoors, seeks tall, attractive, sincere SF. Ad# 7164

SEEKS BEST FRIEND

Protestant SWM, 49, 6'3", 210lbs., outgoing, caring, attends Christian activities, enjoys the outdoors, camping, traveling, seeks SF, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 8262

TWO WAY STREET

Outgoing, friendly SWM, 24, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, working out, seeking SWF, 18-26. Ad# 7873

WILL BE THERE

SWM, 49, 5'9", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, non-drinker, respectful, honest, considerate, humorous, caring, lives in Lvonla, looking for a SWF, with similar qualities. Ad# 2232

HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU

Catholic SWM, 34, 5'9", 190lbs., never married, fun-loving, educated, from the Waterford Township area, seeks never-married, family-oriented, Catholic SWF, 22-33, N/S, no children. Ad# 1701

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., athletic, degreed, professional, lives in Lvonla, likes camping, the theater, family events, seeks romantic, interesting, trim Catholic SWF, 18-42. Ad# 1252

ACTIVE

SWCM, 35, 5'11", resides in Bradford, enjoys bowling, the outdoors, seeking outgoing, expressive SWF, under 40. Ad# 8619

MARRIAGE MAYBE?

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs., trim, cheerful, degreed, professional, lives in Wayne County, likes theater, skiing, family events, seeks sincere, fit, Catholic SWF, 21-42, kind fine. Ad# 2034

REALLY INTO HOCKEY!

Light-hearted SWCM, 39, 6'2", never married, likes swimming, tennis, traveling, snorkeling, looking for SWF, 30-36, who is willing to rediscover romance. Ad# 7648

WALK HAND IN HAND

Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", enjoys the theater, music, family times, lives in Lvonla, seeks physically fit, athletic, romantic SWF, 22-42, for long-term relationship, leading to marriage. Ad# 1223

BETTER YEARS

Protestant DWM, 51, 5'8", shy, lives in Lake Orion, enjoys dancing, country music, traveling, dining out, movies, seeks slender SWCF, under 49, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1256

LONG-TERM

Catholic DWM, 39, 6', 180lbs., N/S, lives in Westland, enjoys lots of activities, seeking S/DCF, N/S, under 43, who is compatible. Ad# 1162

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Protestant DW dad of two, 36, 6', kind of shy, easygoing, seeks SWCF, 34-39, kids okay, with similar background, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2613

ATTENTIVE

Catholic DW dad, 44, 6', 175lbs., brown hair, smoker, green eyes, attractive, professional, likes sports, movies, swimming, walking, youth ministry, seeks S/DWCF, 30-45, to share life. Ad# 9865

OUTGOING

Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys the theater, music, socializing, seeking slim, petite SWF, 28-42. Ad# 1997

ANYTHING IN COMMON?

Catholic SWM, 27, 5'9", 170lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, new to the Rochester Hills area, enjoys sports, cooking, the arts, long walks, seeks SF, 21-33. Ad# 1451

PLEASE CALL ME!

Protestant SWM, 35, 5'11", blond hair, blue eyes, romantic, participates in Bible study, enjoys poetry, cooking, lives in Northville, seeks even-tempered, patient SF, 25-35, for lasting relationship. Ad# 6110

NOW & FOREVER

Non-denominational DWM, 43, 5'10", friendly, shy, enjoys travel, history, discussing Bible topics, seeks loving, kind, commitment-minded SWF. Ad# 3615

FEELING LONELY?

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

JUST YOU AND ME

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

QUALITY FRIENDSHIP

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

ISN'T IT TIME?

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

NO TIME FOR GAMES

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

ROMANTIC AT HEART

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

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!

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

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

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

SEARCHING IN ROMULUS

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

FINALLY...

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THE TIME IS RIGHT

Catholic SWM, 40,

PC Mike's top 10 rules for e-mail 'netiquette'

There's a whole culture that has cropped up around the use of e-mail and a "right" way of using it. It involves "Netiquette," or good Net manners.



PC TALK

One place everyone should visit as soon as they get online is the delightfully concise and understandable Netiquette Home Page at Florida Atlantic University (www.fau.edu/rinaldi/netiquette.html). The creation of Arlene Rinaldi, a Senior Computer Programmer/Analyst at the University, it's a great place to get quick pointers about how to use e-mail and the Net in a responsible manner.

Cause and effect

As you start using e-mail, you'll realize that its greatest benefit also causes its biggest frustration. I'm talking about the ease of use. It is so easy to type a few lines and zap them off. Sometimes we're replying to something someone else has written, other times we're initiating the contact ourselves.

But beware of the problem of

"send-it-us," pushing the send key too fast. It's so easy in the first rush of anger to dash out things that, had we first counted to 10 or otherwise deliberated on, would have been phrased with more tact. Re-read what you've just composed. Realize that the receiver of your digital correspondence can't see your facial expressions or hear your voice.

All that appears on the screen is text. Often, text alone gives an overly harsh impression. That's why a sort of secondary language has evolved on the Net.

For example, to make sure humor is recognized as humor, users will send what's been called an "emoticon" or a symbol created by typing a crude version of a smiley face using a colon, dash and the close parenthesis key (-:)

I've been on the receiving tens of thousands of e-mailings over the years from viewers of my NBC News Channel television reports on the Net. I have seen the best and worst of e-mail and heard enough horror stories from Internet access providers to make you shudder. Based on my e-mail experience (I get about 250 messages a day), I have come up with some important do's and don'ts that, if followed, will make everyone's life online a little easier.

Net manners for the 90s

These are my 10 rules for effective e-mail:

1) Always include an electronic "signature" in your e-mailings. Most e-mail programs let you create one and then have it "attach" automatically at the end of your message. Mine includes my full name, e-mail address, World Wide Web page, the real "snail mail" address where I receive paper correspondence and my telephone number. Give some thought before you attach your street address and phone number. There are weirdos out there in cyberspace and you may not want them to know where you live.

2) Answer your e-mail. It's rude not to reply, especially when it's so easy. Reply when you read it. Don't leave it lying around, cluttering up your electronic "in" box. E-mail can pile up just like paper mail. So deal with it when you receive it.

3) Delete your e-mail from your server. When people send you e-mail it really doesn't go to you. It goes to the server, or the big computer that gives you Net access. Your e-mail program reads your mail from your "in" file on the access provider's server. If you don't do something about it, that file gets bigger and bigger as you keep getting mail. The mountain of mail needlessly

adds to the server's workload. Most good electronic mail programs have a section called options or preferences where you setup the way you'll handle mail. Make sure you check the "delete mail from server" box or activate such an option.

4) Set up an address book. Almost every e-mail program allows you to set up a mailbox that stores e-mail addresses. This saves you a lot of time and typing and avoids bounced mail from mistyped addressing. To add a name you usually just highlight the e-mail address that appears on the top of the mail form and then, from the menu, click "add recipients name" or something similar. To send that person mail, most programs have an address book link on the menu bar that lets you just click to display a list of your favorite Net friends. Select the name you want and it's automatically entered on the form you're about to send.

5) Realize that e-mail may not be private. It's not that anyone is necessarily reading your e-mail over your shoulder, though in some workplaces that indeed is being done. It's the nature of computers to make backup copies so data can be restored when computers crash. What you write can potentially be seen by someone other than the per-

son you intended to see it. Thus, to save embarrassment, don't write anything that you wouldn't say openly. A couple of years ago, when Bryant Gumble was still with NBC, he learned that lesson the hard way. Gumble wrote what he thought was a confidential e-mail memo to a boss that contained a very unflattering portrayal of an on-the-air Today Show colleague. Somehow, it was lifted off the computer and widely disseminated, much to Gumble's chagrin.

6) Do not send messages in all uppercase. This is really bad form. Besides being difficult to read, it's considered the same as SHOUTING!

7) Don't send useless carbon copies. It's so easy to send copies of your mail to others. Unless it is directly relevant to someone else and you have their permission, resist clicking that cc button on your e-mail program. Also be sure to take into consideration the feelings of the original party you are writing. Some people are offended by cc'ing a third party.

8) Never send unsolicited e-mail that can be construed as advertising. This is called spamming and as bad as unsolicited sales telephone calls at home

during the dinner hour. Don't do it.

9) Don't attach files to your e-mail unless you know they are welcome. Always ask before attaching a file. Some people are very paranoid about receiving files over the Internet. For one reason, they may clog up an already-full hard drive. For another, they could contain a virus or a mutated program that damages a computers operating system.

10) Conversely, don't open unsolicited files you receive over the Net. Unless you know what it is and who sent it, drag it into the trash. Viruses are all too common these days and no matter how intriguing the name of the file, it's just not worth taking a chance of infecting your computer with a virus.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Retailers expect good season

Michigan retailers are projecting solid sales gains during the upcoming holiday shopping season.

"Retailers are full of optimism as they move toward the most important shopping season of the year," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association.

Seventy-four percent expect to increase sales over last year's shortened season and another 16 percent project they'll match last year's figures. Overall, they confidentially project a 12 percent gain.

Rein Nomm & Assoc. retained

Rein Nomm & Associates Inc., a Plymouth agency specializing in public relations and marketing communications for professional firms, has been retained by the internationally recognized architectural firm of Minoru Yamasaki Associates, based in Rochester Hills and David R. Breuhan, a portfolio manager with the Bloomfield Hills investment banking firm of Gregory J. Schwartz & Co., Inc.

Minoru Yamasaki is best known for its design of the World Trade Center and provides complete architectural services for project located throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, and Middle East.

Competitive equality

A coalition of more than 100 business owners supporting the restructuring of Michigan's electricity industry joined forces to form the Business Advocating Competitive Equality (BACE).

"The restructuring of the electric industry is the most important issue facing the legislature today," said BACE chairman and businessman Marshall Campbell. The BACE was formed to ensure deregulation in Michigan is implemented fairly, preserves reliable electricity service to businesses and protects Michigan's economy and communities. For more information about BACE, please call the toll-free line at 888-529-3692 or write BACE at P.O. Box 611062, Port Huron, Mi. 48061-1062.

NACW charter dinner

The National Association of Career Women Charter Membership of the West Suburban Chapter was recently held at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The association is open to new members, the monthly meetings are held at Ernestos in Plymouth at noon. The meetings consist of a luncheon and an informative speaker. If you are interested in meeting new friends and being a member please attend the third Tuesday of each month and if you would like to obtain further information please contact Judi at (313) 453-7272 ext. 223.

Sumitomo grand opening

A grand opening reception at Sumitomo Electric Automotive Inc. in Plymouth Township introduced invited guests to the company's new North American Headquarters for Technical Research and Development, International Sales and Marketing.

Sumitomo Electric Automotive provides first-line research, development and marketing services to the 10 Sumitomo Automotive Products manufacturing companies located in North America. It is the only Sumitomo Electric research and development facility of its kind in the United States.

The 40,000 square-foot facility contains 16,000 square feet of office space, and 24,000 square feet of product prototype manufacturing and testing area, located on Polaris Court.

Deputy director assigned

Jonathan P. Brown has been appointed to Deputy Director of Burns & Wilcox Ltd.'s Special Risk Division and will work primarily from the corporate office in Farmington Hills.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute (FCII) and has wide experience in dealing with the North American market-place. Brown's expertise in underwriting marine and energy insurances is a welcome addition to the many other difficult or unusual policies handled through the Special Risk Division.

Rudolph/Libbe relocates

Rudolph/Libbe Inc. has moved its Michigan operations' offices and warehouse to a new and larger facility located at the corner of Warren and Haggerty Roads in Canton. The new address is 7001 Haggerty Road. Though just a few blocks away, the new 27,600 sq. ft. office and warehouse is twice as large as the old facility. The building is designed and built to meet the current and future needs of the contractor's Michigan operations. Rudolph/Libbe made the strategic decision to open a Detroit area office in 1990 to support its ongoing automotive OEM business, tier 1 clients and local municipalities.

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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Shop offers a little bit of heaven

Local artists aren't waiting in the wings thanks to guardian angel Lisa Reed who shows their work at Michael's Angel Attic in Livonia. Since opening the angel-theme shop with her father Vince Rizzo two years ago, Reed has offered local artists' work for sale, but recently added even more. She's supported artists in other ways as well.

After barely a year in business, the shop shrank as Reed stocked the shelves, walls and floor with thousands of items including children's books about angels, soaps, puzzles, sweatshirts, watches, chocolates, pasta, hot pads, ornaments, cement statuary, blanket throws, and welcome mats that bear angels. In June, when Reed moved to a larger location just down the street, she gave Plymouth artist Debbie Malek free rein to brush up the angels' new home. Pale blue walls decked with angels and slogans such as "spread your wings and fly" brighten the attic of the quaint home built in the 1920s.

Everywhere you look, angels abound including on Malek's hand-painted Adirondack chair which reads "a garden is a little bit of heaven." On the back of a high chair, Malek places the name of the chair's owner - Angel Baby. Malek even frames mirrors with an angel.

"The last three years angels have become extremely popular, I think, because the state of society is so uncertain and angels provide a peace to people, a higher good," said Reed. "I hunt for angels created by local artists at shows like Art in the Park in Plymouth and Handcrafters in Northville. People are buying angels for themselves and as gifts for all occasions, but they're not that easy to find because I don't want anything that's real crafty."

Whimsical touch

Betty Jo Woodworth adds "just a little touch of whimsy" to the soft sculpture giraffe and bear angels she invents and produces in her Livonia home. Holding a star-tipped wand, Woodworth's giraffe stands more than five feet tall and has wings formed from the lilac bushes growing in her backyard. Tiny wood stars peek from between the branches. The bear angel is wearing a blue dress and holds a frog. Woodworth names each of her animals and writes a verse. The base for Restless Rene and Pond Prince Pete reads "star lite, star brite, grab your dreams and hold on tight."

"The giraffe it's kind of unusual, on the edge," said Woodworth. "The fairy godmother (with the red striped socks) is not how you picture a fairy godmother. They're angels with a twist. Something you can connect with. I've included the frogs because you have to kiss a lot of princes to get the perfect frog."

Does Woodworth believe in angels? You bet she does.

"Our lives are really blessed," said Woodworth. "It's almost like they're

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Angels everywhere: Plymouth artist Debbie Malek takes flight painting walls, furniture and pillows at Michael's Angel Attic in Livonia. Betty Jo Woodworth's soft sculpture rabbit angel waits in the wings.

Artist forges a future from blacksmithing

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER

Kyle Connolly never imagined he'd be installing large-scale versions of his brightly colored fish sculptures in Ecuador. But then the Ann Arbor artist never expected to support a family as a blacksmith.

Just before Christmas six years ago, Connolly lost his job as a computer technician after a mass corporate cutback. Suddenly, while discussing possible careers with his wife Betsy, he realized the skills he gained from a 6-1/2-year apprenticeship with Ypsilanti blacksmith Ron Bishop, were valuable.

"I just had this passion for blacksmithing," said Connolly, a 1972 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia. "Our daughter Sarah was barely a year old and I was trying to figure out what direction to go in. I built the shop and went to work and have been growing ever since. Half of the work is production for art fairs, the other half is commissions."

Connolly began forging pot racks, sculptures, candelabras, garden bells, light fixtures and animals in the shop behind the home he built. Then this summer, Nicholas Giannarico of the Marco Design Group in Southfield, discovered Connolly's table-top tropical fish sculptures at Art in the Sun in Northville.

"Nicholas asked if I could make the fish larger, six to eight feet, and before I knew, it developed into a large project," said Connolly, who earned a degree in industrial technology at Eastern Michigan University. "I started with a sketch, then drew it full size and started bending the hot metal to shapes in the drawing. We were forging and hammering the metal to change the shape and dimensions. It's traditional blacksmithing."

Ten weeks later, Connolly and assistants Greg Traskos and John Rayer had crafted 37 fish, birds, lizards and frogs from steel and automotive paint. All were based on circular and linear forms.

"The first two weeks were fun, but then it became a nightmare to get it

done," said Connolly.

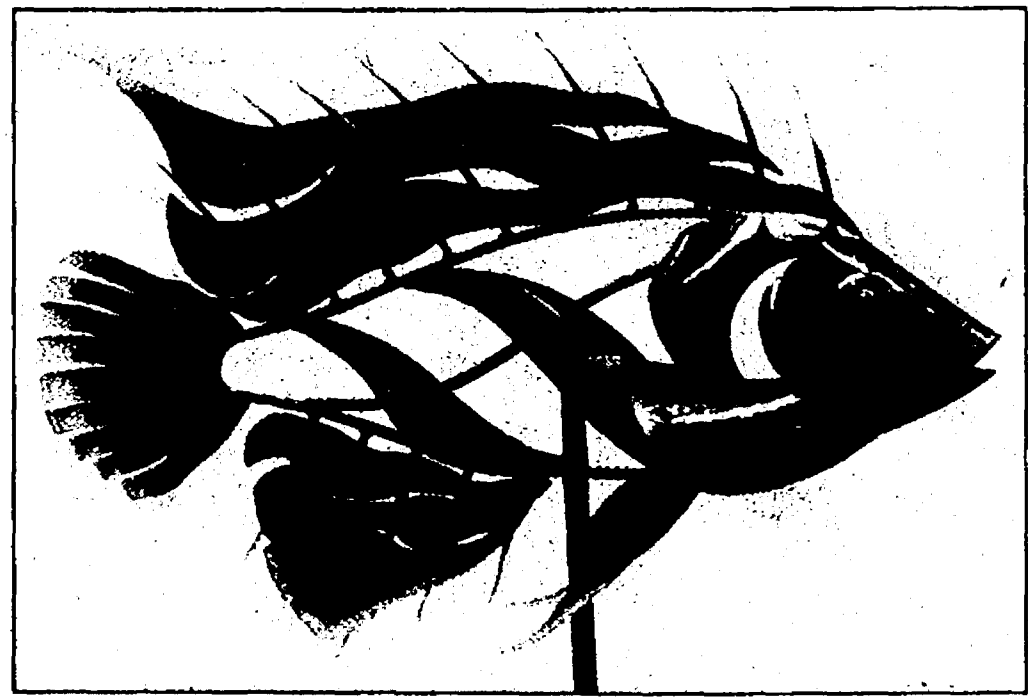
Traskos worked six and seven days a week painting the large-scale works in yellow, red, green, and blue. The lyrical and fluid lines give movement to the fish.

"Seeing this come together was really something after being an art student for so long," said Traskos, who studied art at Eastern Michigan University and Center for Creative Studies. "As a student, you don't get to see your work resulting in anything but two-week projects. This was the full vision."

After elaborately packaging and crating the sculptures, Connolly and a team of 15 workmen spent one week installing the works inside a shopping mall in Guayaquil, Ecuador. In between directing the project, Connolly took day trips to the equator and surrounding areas. He was amazed by the beauty he found.



Something fishy: Kyle Connolly (center) created this sculpture as part of a commission installed in a shopping mall in Ecuador. Greg Traskos (left) and John Rayer (right) assisted Connolly in sculpting 37 fish, birds, lizards and frogs for the project.



Steamroller brings Christmas spirit to The Palace

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Chip Davis, the mastermind behind the new age group Mannheim Steamroller, just can't give up teaching.

To continue his quest to educate, the former junior high school teacher in Sylvania, Ohio, is incorporating lessons into his Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Show which comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"I'm kind of trying to bring back some of the origins of the tradition of Christmas. I'm an old school teacher at heart, I guess. I can't quit doing that," said Davis, born Louis Davis Jr. "Do you know the Christmas carol 'Wassail?' We sing these words blindly. No one remembers what they mean anymore," said the band's arranger, composer, songwriter, producer.

To inform the audience, he spent \$2.5 million filming a 20-minute movie to be used during his show.

"We play the Christmas carols from the three Christmas albums that I have arranged in the time of the Renaissance. When we play this, with each Christmas carol we act out a different portion of the Christmas feast back in the year 1185. We're taking it back in time and showing you how Christmas was celebrated during that time," said Davis, a 1969 graduate of the University of Michigan who studied music education and the bassoon.

Mannheim Steamroller, whose albums have sold more than 28 million copies, is credited with rekindling the popularity of Christmas music with its synthesized sound as heard on three multi-platinum albums, "A Fresh Aire Christmas," "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas," and "Christmas in the Aire."

From the classic version of "Silent Night" to the joyful rendition of "Angels We Have Heard on High," the concerts promote a sense of family and tradition during the holiday season.

Davis has been presenting the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Show in various versions since 1984.

"The version of this show right now is an arena version. One of the reasons that I went to this arena format was so that I had enough seats that I could open up a ticket range around the \$12 range so that entire families could come. The Christmas village is geared toward kids and toward family. I wanted to make it possible to be able to bring little children and not to have to spend a lot of money."

This year, he said, the entire Palace will carry the Christmas theme.

"The thing that's different is we have an entire Christmas environment. It's a true multimedia show in the sense that when the audience walks in the door, they walk in the show," Davis said.

Ticket-holders may be greeted by snowmen, gingerbread men, toy soldiers and elves.

"We encourage people to bring their cameras, which is the opposite of other shows. We want people to bring their kids and take pictures



Chip Davis

23rd Annual Holiday Art Fair

What: The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans present 130 contemporary artists showing glass, wood, photography, painting, jewelry, clay, fiber, enamel, paper, and sculpture. Free Imagination Station for kids and adults to explore their art talent or create their own gift wrap. For information, call the Guild, producer of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and Greentown Art Fair, (313) 662-3382.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Where: Building H on the Oakland Community College campus, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills.

Cost: \$4 adults, children under 12 free. Proceeds from the Holiday Art Fair benefit the Guild's exhibitions and educational programs.

HOLIDAY SHOW

Art As Gift: Ideas for everyone on your list

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One-of-a-kind art gifts tell the recipient he or she is "special." Galleries, independent shops and nonprofit art organizations are good sources for everything from a clay lapel pin for a dog lover to a print for a loyal Red Wings fan. If you're running low on ideas for an interesting gift this holiday season, you might want to visit some of the following places which offer art as gifts.

Best known for capturing the Detroit's past, artist William Moss commemorates the Red Wings clinching the Stanley Cup by issuing a new print. Moss will sign the works noon to

5 p.m. today at Creative Framing and Gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Call (313) 453-2810.

The print spotlights Joe Louis Arena with red and white attired fans walking into the building on June 7. The area hums with activity consisting of the Detroit Mounted Police Unit observing traffic, the People Mover running above and a Great Lakes freighter gliding down the river in the distance. After negotiations with the Red Wings, the 1997 Stanley Cup Championship Team roster and logo were added to the bottom of the scene. The print costs \$125.

"It makes a great gift for any hockey

fan," said co-owner Pat Korona. "We've already sold several."

Moss was born on Detroit's east side in 1943 and graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. He has made a commitment to the history and preservation of city's heritage by focusing on subjects such as Music Hall (1961), Detroit City Hall, (1959), Tiger Stadium (1993), Michigan Central Depot (1950) and the Thanksgiving Day parade in 1962.

Jewelry galore

Next door to Creative Framing and Gallery, Native West expands its annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival to

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Wheel thrown: Members of the Village Potters Guild will sell functional and decorative clay art Dec. 4-6 at their studio in Plymouth.

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two weekends this year. Choose from an array of hand-crafted items Thursdays through Sundays, Dec. 4-7 and Dec. 11-14, at the gallery, 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main Street, Plymouth. (313) 455-8838.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Trader Jonathan Cox from Gertrude Zachary Indian Jewelry brings sterling silver earrings, necklaces, and pins, some with turquoise, lapis and other semi-precious stones to the gallery Dec. 4-7.

"We're having a truckload of mostly Navajo jewelry coming from Albuquerque right to Native West," said gallery co-owner Annette Horn. "With the cost of shipping this large amount, it's cheaper to bring it in by truck."

Bruce Contway's bronze sculptures arrived less than one month ago at Native West after requests from customers. Contway is a second generation Native American whose grandfather was a Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, his grandmother a Chippewa-Cree. Contway was raised on the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana and graduated from Montana State University. The public is invited

to meet the award-winning artist during the second weekend festival Dec. 11-14 at the gallery.

"He was just named artist of the year by the Indian Arts and Crafts Association," said Horn. "He's quite a talented sculptor. We added Bruce's work because we've had a lot of interest in bronze."

Functional to decorative

Clay art is one of the most affordable gifts this season. From baskets to tiles, vases, and ornaments, the Village Potters Guild offers a variety of functional and decorative ceramics that are pit-fired, raku, porcelain and stoneware at its second annual show Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 4-6, at 340 North Main, Building G-4 in Plymouth. Call (313) 207-8807.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Harpist Diane Kimball will perform noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

The nonprofit cooperative has 25 members working in styles and palettes sure to please just about everyone.

"A lot of people who bought work at Art in the Park in Plymouth told us one of the reasons they enjoyed the Guild's booth was because there's a variety of

pieces due to all of the different types of work going on in the studio," said Guild president Debbie Liberman of Southfield. "There will be jewelry for \$4 to bird baths for a \$100."

Collectibears

Susan Barnes turns her Livonia home into a studio to craft ornaments in time for holiday gift giving. Barnes' work along with that of 150 other artists is for sale in a Holiday show Dec. 1-13 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 South Cranbrook Road at 14 Mile in Birmingham.

A Preview Party 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 allows patrons the opportunity to purchase items before the show opens to the public. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 tax deductible). For tickets or regular show hours, call (248) 644-0866.

Barnes developed her style and techniques after initially making bear ornaments from bread dough more than 25 years ago. She carves bears, snowmen, angels, and dog bones from clay using dental tools to achieve the details. Barnes then molds them in latex rubber before pouring wood resin into the molds to form whimsical ornaments. Sport bears from the University



The perfect gift: Treat your favorite Red Wings fan to this commemorative print by William Moss. Moss will sign the print from noon to 5 p.m. today at Creative Framing and Gallery in Plymouth.

of Michigan and Michigan State University continue to be popular sellers. Through the years, Barnes, who studied art at Center for Creative Studies, has continued to create new ornaments

such as one for baby's (bear) first Christmas and a family ornament with from one to six bears sitting on a sled. When she introduced a new dog bone ornament last year, it caused quite a stir.

"There was a big demand for the dog bones and the cat people were offended so this year I have a mouse ornament for them," said Barnes, a graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

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watching out for us. We'll never be millionaires, but that's OK. We make exactly what we need. They're here to tell us don't be too greedy; you always get what you need."

Just like Woodworth, angels and frogs are favorites of Donna Pilot of Livonia. A stay-at-home mom, Pilot uses fabric to instill warmth and whimsy into frog angels. She paid \$15 for her first sewing machine five years ago and has been stitching up frogs ever since.

"A lot of people like frogs," said Pilot, who describes her Princess Frogs as sort of mystical looking.

"I like frogs and almost everything I do is whimsical. And I really do like angels; I think, there's a little angel following me around."

Pilot likes showing her work at Michael's Angel Attic because not all of Reed's merchandise is manufactured.

Artists helping artists

"Because I'm an artist, I like to buy from artists," said Pilot. "I look for handmade items. I tell everybody about Lisa's store. My house is filled with stuff by Debbie Malek."

Kathy Lauren supports herself

by crafting primitive angels and other art works out of wood. A widow with four grown children, Pilot shares her Livonia home with her sister. Seventy hours a week, she cuts, sands, antiques, and varnishes wood to make the vintage-looking angels for home and garden.

"Our whole house is filled with antiques and I love primitives," said Lauren, a former president of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. "I'm a nostalgia freak. I'm making what people did in the early 1800s."

And yes, Lauren does believe in angels.

"They direct me with my work," said Lauren, who studied art at Madonna University. "I've

had many experiences where they've always been there for me."

Among the other artists showing angel works at Reed's shop are Kay Hoehn, Livonia, wooden garden stakes, door hangers; Kathy Chemotti, Northville, birdhouses and garden stakes; Mary Stafford, Livonia, gold wire ornaments and lapel pins, and Kat MacKenzie, Ferndale, Everyday Angels made from wire.

Waiting in the wings

Reed founded Michael's Angel Attic because of her own experience with an angel. Six years ago, Reed's 3-year-old son,

Michael, died suddenly from a virus. Shortly after, Reed believes she "was touched by an angel" when she heard a giggle and saw a vision at the end of the bed that she believes was Michael telling her everything would be all right.

For the next few years, she read everything she could on this heavenly phenomena. After much prodding from her son Matthew, she opened Michael's Angel Attic. In addition to the angels, Reed's daughter Jillian, age 5, and son Matthew, 14, assist her in the store.

"It's a family affair," said Reed. "My dad is an angel in disguise helping out a few days a week. My son rakes leaves and

my daughter helps with pricing."

Michael's Angel Attic is at 33033 West Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 442-7080.

"The angels do not sleep," said Reed. "We're always here."

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with the characters," Davis said.

In the atrium and the concourse levels of The Palace, 12 area high school students will perform a cappella as the "Perfect Harmony" choir. During intermission, the choir will perform on stage, and will return to the atrium after the concert.

Choir director Susan Cicerone and her daughter Laura picked the members of the choir from high school choirs and the Oakland Singers. "Perfect Harmony" is Ken Appledorn, Amanda Bayly, Sean Berg, Laura Cicerone, Mason Dixon, Mike Ryckman, Kristen Sutherland, Molly Thomas and Allison Zaleski, all of Troy, Jennifer Lumm of West Bloomfield, Jeremy Nabors of Birmingham and Ben Rickert of Waterford.

"Mannheim Steamroller Christmas gives these young men and women a wonderful opportunity to showcase their musical talents in front of several thousand music lovers at The Palace," Cicerone said. "We are

thrilled to be a part of this family-oriented, holiday show."

Inside the arena, one end of the floor has been transformed into an elaborate 6,000-square-foot holiday village display featuring toy soldiers, gingerbread houses and snow-covered trees encircled by a moving train and a multitude of lights.

The six-member band and a 25-piece orchestra perform at the opposite side of the floor. With the orchestra backlit and separated by the audience from a screen, the stage takes on the look of Walt Disney's "Fantasia." Musically, the band is a combi-

nation of classical music, rock rhythms, and Old World folk music. Davis plays the drums.

Fire breathers, sword swallowers and other ancient Renaissance entertainers will join them on stage.

"It's been an obstacle for me to make sure this is for the family," Davis said. "All the seats are really good. If you try to imagine this, you know those music box globes that you shake up and it snows and there's a little Christmas village? Well, that's what this looks like. We do actually make it snow."

"It's eye candy for the kids, but we're having parts of the show that are fundamentally educational. You'll end up learning by osmosis."

Mannheim Steamroller performs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills). Tickets are \$32.50, \$22.50 and \$12.50. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off the ticket price. For more information, call (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666 or Ticketmaster Online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

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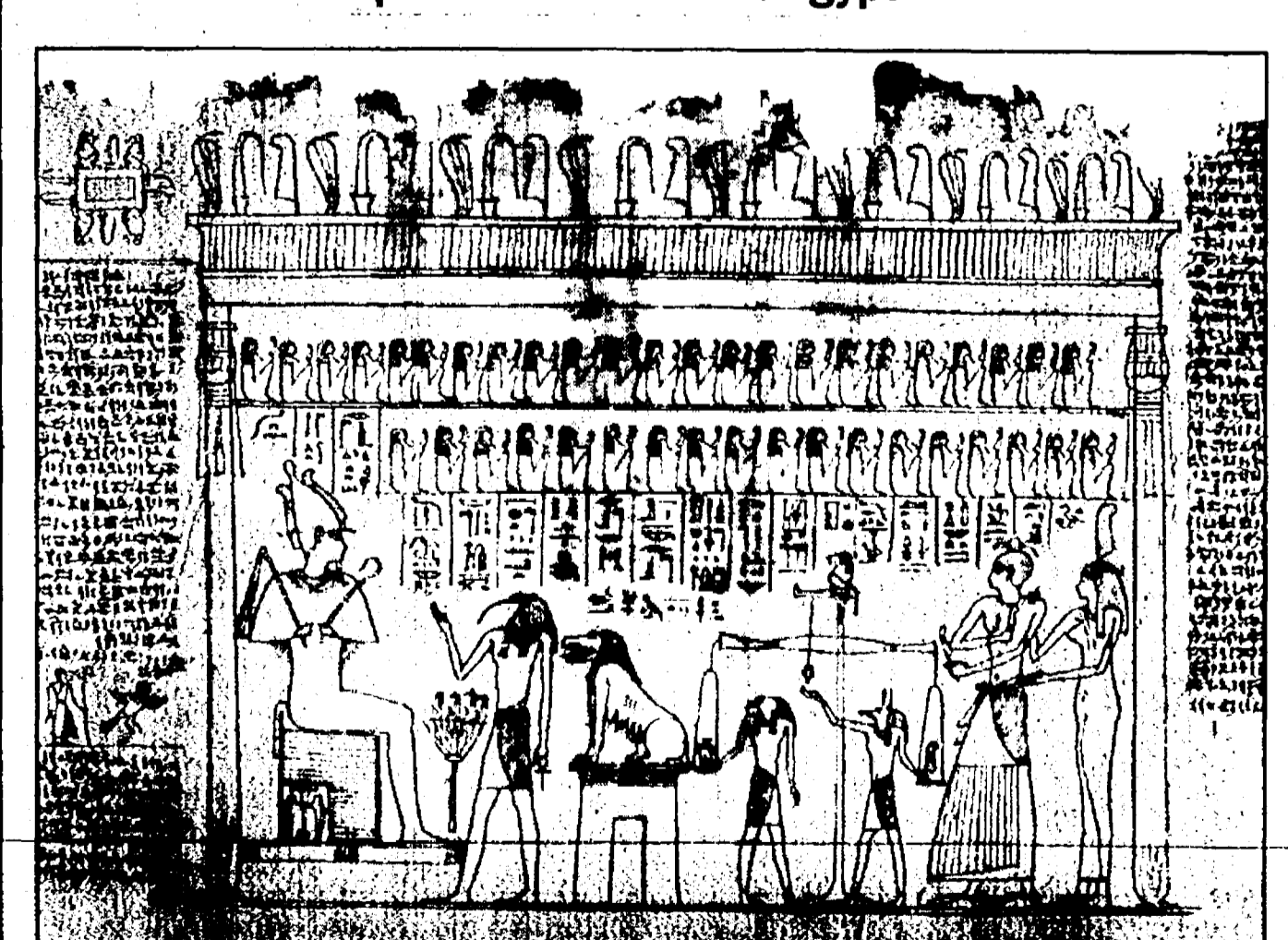
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Book of the Dead: Created around 300 B.C. for an Egyptian man named Nes-min, the 36-foot long Papyrus of Nes-min from "The Book of the Dead," is on display through Jan. 4, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Usually only small sections of the Papyrus of Nes-min are on display; this is a rare opportunity to see the complete, 36-foot manuscript. A Book of the Dead was a collection of prayers and spells believed to provide aid for the spirit of the deceased in the next life. For more information, call the DIA at (313) 833-7900.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ENTRIES

FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF DANCE
Auditions are open for the first annual Farmington Festival of Dance. All styles of dances are invited. You must be associated with Farmington or Farmington Hills by being a dance studio student, resident or attending school in the area. The concert will be at Farmington High School on Dec. 12. For more information, call Eric Johnston (248) 474-3174.

MUSIC COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET CO.
Open auditions for dancers. Fee: \$5. Company will perform "The Nutcracker" in mid-December. 41333 Southwind, Canton; (313) 397-8828.

MISS MICH/MISS MICH TEEN
Now accepting applications to state preliminaries of "Miss USA & Miss Teen USA." Miss Michigan requirements: single, state resident between ages of 18-26; Miss Michigan Teen requirements: single, state resident between ages of 14-18. Competition categories: swim wear, evening wear, interview. (248) 334-7700.

DOCUMENTA USA
Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

HARBOR BELLS
English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept.-June. (248) 681-6453.

NAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT AT PCCA
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks entries for national juried all media exhibition, March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for side entries: Jan. 15, 1998. For prospectus send a SASE to PCCA/Exhibitions, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-4110.

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide all media competition, March 6-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

CONCERT BAND

B'RAM CONCERT BAND
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday Concert," featuring seasonal favorites and inspirational music. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

BENEFIT

MS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD
A calendar of 12 images selected from the 87-piece international exhibit, and holiday cards and note cards. Write/contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017; (800) FIGHT MS.

BLUES

BRIGHT NEWS
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, "House of Blues Tour" brings four preeminent blues musicians to Orchestra Hall: Dr. John and his band, Charlie Musselwhite, Robert Jr. Lockwood and Alvin Youngblood Hart. Tickets: \$13-\$60. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 962-3610.

CHOIR/ CHORUS

MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, "Measure for Measure," featuring selections by Biebl and Bruckner. Huron Hills Baptist Church, 3150 Glazier Way, Ann Arbor. (313) 6632-1776.

SYNAGOGUE MUSICAL WORK
7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, "Shomeir Ysrael - The Guardian of Israel," featuring the Adult Choir of Temple Beth Emeth and Zahir Chorale of Metropolitan Detroit. Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 559-9888.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
"A Baroque Holiday," featuring conductor Jaime Laredo, violinist Emmanuelle Boissvert, cellist Marcy Chanteaux. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; 8:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 6-7. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 962-3610.

NOV CHORALAIRES
Novi's Community Chorus presents music for Christmas celebration - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Farmington Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Donation: \$5, purchased at Novi Parks and Recreation office, or at the door. (248) 347-0400.

OAKLAND SINGERS
4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, "25th annual Noel Night," featuring the 78-member group, exhibits, dance, carriage rides, food and children's activities in and around Detroit's Cultural Center, between Ferry and Warren, Cass Avenue and John R. (248) 651-5351.



Parade Poster: Jennifer Lemke, 24 of Farmington Hills, an art director at Valassis Communications, Inc. in Livonia, designed the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade official poster. The poster is on sale at Comerica branches, or by calling The Parade Company (313) 923-7400. The poster costs \$5, plus \$3 shipping and handling for mail orders. Proceeds benefit the parade. Valassis Communications, Inc. donated the poster design and printing.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR
"Alleluia, Rejoice!" featuring Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham. Dates: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street, Plymouth; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia; (313) 462-4435.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

PORTRAIT CLASS
Taught by Lin Baum, 1-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, sponsored by the Garden City Fine Arts Association, 29948 Ford Road, Garden City; (313) 261-0379.

PCCA WINTER CLASSES
Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 19-March 4. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

CLASSICAL

KLEZMER-MANIA
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, The Klezematics, Brave Old World, The Klezmer Conservatory Band and The Andy Statman Orchestra in a "Klezmer Summit" based on Itzhak Perlman's bestselling recording, "In the Fiddler's House." Tickets: \$20. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (313) 764-2538.

MADRIGAL CHORALE
"Annual Holiday Concert" - 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown (St. Antoine & Monroe), Detroit. Tickets: \$10 general; \$8 students/seniors. (810) 445-6199.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
"Handel's 'Messiah'" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$25 preferred; \$18 general; \$10 students. (248) 650-2655.

UMS CHORAL UNION
"Handel's Messiah" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 & 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Featuring conductor Thomas Sheets, soprano Nicole Heaston, countertenor David Daniels, tenor John Aler and bass Nathan Berg along with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$10-\$18. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (313) 764-2538.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Song and Style," featuring the Living Christmas Card Vocal Quartet. Tickets: \$30. At the home of Dr. William Kupski of Grosse Pointe. For details, call (248) 357-1111.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
"Holiday Brass," an annual seasonal celebration for large brass choir, including works by Handel, Mancini, Bizet and Gershwin. Tickets: \$20 general, \$16 students/seniors, \$10 children under 12. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Holiday Celebration," conducted by Judith Premin and accompanist Eleanor Whelan, including carols and seasonal songs featuring soprano Grace Ward, Joan Chandler Bowes and John Muller. Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver at Adams Road, Troy. (248) 475-5978.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 5-6; 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Holiday

Spectacular." Tickets: \$6-\$10. Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3013.

FLAMENCO
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, "Flamenco without Limits," featuring Omayra Amaya and her dance company. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7899.

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
Through Nov. 23 - Juried exhibit by Michigan photographers. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

SENIOR ART SHOW
Through Nov. 25 - Twelfth annual juried show, featuring paintings, drawings, collage and mixed media. The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and EMU Road, one block east of Telegraph Road; (248) 827-0700.

SHAWQUIGO GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Ceramic artistry of Mary Roehm. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - "Contemporaries," the works of Nancy Spero and Leon Golub. Spero presents images of women from art history and mythology. Golub's vivid paintings depict the psychology of dominance, violence, masculinity and fear. 4841 Cass Street, on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Nov. 29 - "Michael Pavlik: Glass Sculptures," 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - "David Smith: Sprays and Drawings," 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - "Clowns," works by Hy Vogel. Artist reception 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. 6 N. Saginaw, downtown Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

REVOLUTION
Through Nov. 29 - "Still & Moving: Contemporary Photography and Video," 23257 Woodward, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - "Helen Evans Febbo: Recent Paintings," 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through Nov. 29 - "The Incredible 'Eyecons' of Ron Pavsner," 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Nov. 30 - "Memory and Transformation," a Latin heritage exhibit, featuring Bertha Cohen. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Group exhibit of modern and contemporary masters. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Through Nov. 30 - "2 x 2," the works of alumni Pamela Giurlanda of Farmington Hills and Anna Helkowsky of West Bloomfield. 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia; (313) 432-5737.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Dec. 3 - "Magical World of Children's Book Illustration," featuring Dennis Nolan, Lauren Mills and Kathryn Brown. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

MACOMB CENTER
Through Dec. 8 - "Macomb Arts Council Prestige Art Show," 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

BOOK BEAT
Through Dec. 10 - "Gods of the Spirit Haitian Vodou Flags and Objects"

26010 Greenfield; (248) 968-1190.

ARTSPACE II
Through Dec. 11 - "Gold: Sculpture and Painting by Barbara Kovacs," 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 258-1540.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Dec. 11 - "Platters That Matter," works by 30 artists. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Dec. 12 - 7 p.m., "Graduate Works in Progress," Wayne State University campus, 150 Art Building, Detroit; (313) 577-2203.

HILL GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - 6:30-8 p.m., "Carl Toth: Recent Works," 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 19 - "Fiber, Clay, Metal," alumni invitational exhibition, Ford Gallery Art Dept., 114 Ford Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti; (313) 487-0465.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 20 - Watercolors of Karin Klue. 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

ROOM WITH A VIEW
Through Dec. 20 - "Photography of Russ Marshall," 803 N. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 548-1446.

MATRIX GALLERY
Through Dec. 21 - "Near and Far: Recent Landscape Paintings by Lauren Kingsley," thru Dec. 21, 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 663-7775.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 27 - "A Moveable Feast," featuring works of Brewik, Celmins, Crawford, Guston. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Dec. 28 - 6 p.m., "The Christmas Show," featuring works by Diana Garmann, David Mandberg, Vinader Chaudhry. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

C POP GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - "Nocturnal Planet: Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Glenn Barr. 515 S. Lafayette. Ste. D. Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Threads," an exhibit and sale of quilts, fabric art, textiles and tapestries. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

KNOLLWOOD GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Food Art of David McCall Johnston," 6447 Inkster Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-9844.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY/PERFORMANCE VENUE
Through Dec. 31 - "The Hi & Goodbye Show," paintings by Jacques Karamanoukian and sculptural woodcuts and prints by Karl Schneider. 2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-9192.

CLIQUE GALLERY
Through Jan. 3 - 7 p.m., "8 Years 3 Floors," Elaine Redmond's mannequin series "200 W. Fifth Avenue." Royal Oak; (248) 545-2200.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through Jan. 5 - "Richard Jerzy: New Paintings," 162 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes: Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper," 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Jan. 15 - New glass work by Pavel Hlava. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (810) 333-2060.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
Through Jan. 17 - "Transforming Visions," an international exhibit based on the theme of the "need for peace." 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 31 - "National Horse Show," an invitational featuring 45 artists, thru Jan. 31, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

SENIORS ART
Through March 16 - "Visions of Dimension," works by metro area senior citizens. Hannan House Gallery, 4750 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-1300.

EXHIBIT OPENINGS
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Nov. 24 - "People Figures: Puppets, Robots, Transformers and Dolls," an assortment of vintage and contemporary toys and sculptures from several regional private collections, thru Dec. 24. The Art Museum Project, UM-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, 1165 AB, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Nov. 28 - "Holiday Exhibition," featuring metal artist Darcy Miro. Show runs concurrent with "Downes, Phelan, Morley: Recent Paintings," Thru Dec. 24, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

WETSMAN COLLECTION
Dec. 3 - Exhibition of four metalsmiths from metro Detroit: Wendell Heers, Thomas Madden, Hiroko Pijanowski, Karen Miller Thomas. Thru Dec. 19, 132 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-6212.

FESTIVALS
GUILD OF ARTISTS AND ARTISANS
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 & 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6-7, "Holiday Art Fair," presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who organize the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Tickets: \$4 adults; free for children under 12. Oak and Community College Bldg. H, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills; (313) 662-3382/(248) 548-3779.

GALLERY CRAWL
PONTIAC ART DISTRICT
6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, "Second Annual Holiday Auction and Gallery Crawl." Proceeds go to Lighthouse of Oakland County. 248: 334-5566 (248) 332-5257.

HOLIDAY ART GIFTS
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 3rd annual handcraft show. Register for workshops by Nov. 28. Art & Calligraphy Studio, 8156 Cooley Lake Road, White Lake; (248) 360-6429.

CLARKSTON FINE ARTS GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - "Hand crafted holiday gifts and trims," 7151 Main Street, Clarkston; (248) 625-8439.

HOLIDAY SALES SHOW
"Gifts of Art," Dec. 1-13, featuring ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, toys, wearables, ornaments. Preview party, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD
Annual holiday sale, Dec. 4-6, featuring 25 ceramic artists. 340 N. Main, G4 Plymouth; (313) 207-8807.

PAINT CREEK ART CENTER
Through Dec. 20 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Holiday Gift Gallery Party.

Proceeds go to nonprofit art center, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 641-4110.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Dec. 26 - Holiday Gifts show, featuring 28 artists. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

SILK PHOTOGRAPHY
Through Dec. 28 - "Annual Holiday Photo Sale," 14261 Nadine, Oak Park; (248) 544-1203.

CHRISTIE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments. 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
Through Dec. 31 - Annual gift show, includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES
Through Dec. 31 - "Holiday Gift Bazaar," featuring works by local artists. 279 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "African Gift Items," including baskets, batiks, dolls, masks and jewelry. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 64-SHONA.

PARK WEST
Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Kneif. 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show, "Earthly Treasures," 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

LECTURES

BALDWIN LIBRARY
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, "Internet work shops," 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700, ext. 2.

ARCHITECTURE
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, "Recent Projects for the 21st Century," a discussion by noted architect John Johansen of the energy and daring of architecture. Lawrence Tech University, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 204-4000.

RECENT DISCOVERIES
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, "Recent Discoveries in the Valley of the Kings: The Theban Mapping Project and KV5," a lecture by Dr. Kent Weeks, professor of Egyptology, American University in Cairo. Tickets: \$5 general; \$3 DIA members. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MEETING
FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
7 p.m. second Wednesday every month September-May. Lower level of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads; (248) 646-3700.

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Through Dec. 28 - "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," more than 500 objects. 315 East Warren at Brush, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

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Through Jan. 4 - Mummies, papyrus and mysteries of Egypt. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

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RECITAL

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4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, "Music Department Student Recital," solo, duo and chamber music written for piano, flute, guitar and voice. Kresge Hall, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia; (248) 432-5543.

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Bloomfield Birmingham Art Association seeks volunteers to staff 1997 Holiday Sales Show, Dec. 1-13. Volunteer jobs include host, greeter, sales consultant, merchandise restocker, sales coordinator, gift packer, computer sales operator. 1516 S. Cranbrook; (248) 644-0866.

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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the holy season with a Christmas Chorale Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at Madonna University, 196 and Levan Road, Livonia.

The Madonna Chorale, which consists of Madonna University students and local community members, will be conducted by Kim L. Renas, adjunct assistant professor at the university.

Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. For information, call the music department at (313) 432-5713.

The concert will include a "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by harp, and "The Infant Savior" by Dietrich Buxtehude performed with strings and organ. The program will also include traditional Christmas carols with some audience sing-a-longs.

FROM PUPPETS TO ROBOTS

In celebration of the winter holiday season, the Alfred

Berkowitz Gallery presents an entertaining exhibition, "People Figures: Puppets, Robots, Transformers, and Dolls" Nov. 24 through Dec. 24 in the Mardian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

The exhibit, curated from several regional private collections, is an assortment of vintage and contemporary toys and sculptures including Indonesian shadow puppets; tin robots; an extensive collection of "transformer" super-hero figures; a group of handmade, costumed, caricature dolls, and a few highly-crafted "fine art" dolls that exist more as sculptures than toys.

The exhibition is a project of The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is intended to serve the campus audience and the greater regional community by presenting an entertaining, seasonal exhibition of appealing and usual works that demonstrate elements of creativity, ingenuity and craft.

Call the library for current hours, (313) 593-5400.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

The Plymouth Historical Museum opens the exhibit "Childhood Memories: Beloved Toys" with an open house 1-5

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the museum, 155 South Main Street in Plymouth.

For information on this or upcoming events, call the museum at (313) 455-8940.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Now in its 33rd season, the Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents two concerts in December to put you in the mood for the holidays.

The 50-member choir, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, spotlights the "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham, and a variety of seasonal compositions by Brahms, Rutter and Britten in "Alleluia Rejoice!" The audience is encouraged to participate in the Christmas carol sing-along during intermission.

The first performance is 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church at Main Street. Tickets are \$4 and available at the door.

The second concert takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road between Merriman and Middlebelt. Donations will be accepted during intermission.

For information, call choir president Shari Clason at (248)

349-8175 or Schoolcraft College's liberal arts department at (313) 462-4435.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Greenmead Historical Village is the setting for the children's program "Twas The Night Before Christmas" 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Friends Meeting House, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads in Livonia.

Admission to the program, aimed at children ages four to eight, is \$5. Space is limited. All tickets will be sold in advance. To register or for more information, call the Greenmead office at (248) 477-7375.

Children will be delighted with this special program designed around Clement Clarke Moore's classic poem. The sessions consist of an interpretive reading of the poem, a Christmas craft to take home, a Christmas sing-along, and a Christmas treat to eat.

DANCING AWAY

Livonia resident Mary Gormley is participating in the Senior Study Abroad Program at the London Contemporary School of Dance in England.

Gormley is a senior, majoring in dance and minoring in the-



Dancing away: Livonia resident Mary Gormley, a senior at Wayne State University, is studying abroad this term at the London Contemporary School of Dance.

ater, at Wayne State University in Detroit. She became a member of the Wayne State University Dance Company as a freshman.

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In her early years, Gormley studied dance at Sheryl's School of Dance and was a member of the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. For three years, she attended the Cecchetti Council of America's Summer workshop and performed the role of Christine in "A Chorus Line" at the Huron Civic Theatre.

Roll over Beethoven, you're not going to like the news

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Monday initial reports of the imminent change of the classical music format at WQRS-FM (105.1) were attributed to anonymous sources.

But the reality of the change in WQRS' format had been known and talked about for a long time. The station has been bought and sold five times over a recent two-year period.

At press time, speculation was that the new format would be either soft rock/adult contemporary or adult-album alternative.

Bets are that it'll be the latter because it's a better fit alongside the album rock format at WRIF-FM (101.1) and classic rock appeal at WCSX-FM (94.7), local stations also owned by WQRS' parent company, Greater Media of New Jersey.

Not even WQRS' coveted upscale listenership with plenty of disposable income could persuade Greater Media to try harder to make the classical format work in the Detroit market.

The numbers for that sought-after demo group simply didn't translate into the type of revenue needed to pay the mortgage on the high-priced WQRS radio license, said Tom Bender, general manager of Greater Media's properties in the Detroit market.

Mozart had to be shelved for

bottom-line realities. It wasn't the first time the format had failed to win support.

Sign of the times

For years, WQRS succeeded as one of the finest classical music stations in the country. It ended because classical music is a failing radio format.

Of the estimated 10,000 radio stations in the country, fewer than 50 are full-time classical formats. And of those, just two - WGMS in Washington, D.C., and WCRB in Boston - show the type of revenue flow of a self-sustaining radio station, said Bender.

The difficult part of the decision, according to Bender, had nothing to do with what was in Greater Media's best business interest.

The tough part was figuring out an appropriate transition period for the staff - many of whom, Bender expects, will remain at the station.

WQRS might have one of the lowest ratings in the market, but their listeners are some of the most loyal, many of them supporters of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre and community orchestras, such as the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Redford Civic Orchestra.

Ironically, WQRS' upscale lis-

tenership wasn't quite an advertisers' dream audience. On the contrary, said Bender, advertising spots were often limited to high-end products.

"Along with advertising for BMWs, we needed to advertise Chevies," he said.

WQRS suffered from being perceived as playing high-brow music. Who made that conclusion offers insight into the dominant market mentality that influences how radio formats are determined.

Even non-commercial radio stations have had trouble attracting enough audience support to sustain a classical music format. Earlier this year the University of Michigan's WUOM (91.7) switched from a classical music format to a primarily talk radio format.

Radio is a business based on rating points not musical genius or ethereal harmonics. Good business decisions do not translate into preserving great musical art forms.

In today's consumer-driven market, advertisers are obsessed with capturing the 18-34 audience. Ratings indicate the best way to connect with these free spenders is to offer predictable formats filled with familiar songs, opinions and catchy jingles.

In such a world of musical rou-

tine and practicality, how could there be any room for the emotional breadth of classical music?

The Communications Act, passed in the summer of 1995, was designed to open the media industry to the type of competition that transformed the airline industry more than a decade ago.

The intent of the act is to create more choices, and lower rates along with the integration of various media. The effect, proponents promised, was the beginning of the Information Age revolution.

Many broadcasting companies, including Greater Media, inspired by deregulation, have actively sought new properties.

But in considering the plight of WQRS, immediate results

seem troubling. In the name of broadening choices, the radio market has left us with fewer compelling formats.

Currently, only CBC-FM (89.9) in Windsor offers a classical music format in the metro region.

Reportedly, Bender approached public stations WDET-FM (101.9) and WUOM-FM with an offer to donate WQRS' extensive classical library, if they were willing to dedicate their formats to classical music. Each station rejected the offer.

Meanwhile, rumors swirl that WDTR-FM, owned by the Detroit Board of Education, with a modest operating budget and a license valued at \$20 million, is the most sensible choice to make

the transition to a classical music format.

But don't bet on it.

Just hope that radio, like all businesses, moves in cycles and the time for a classical music format will come around again.

Until then, however, a few distressing questions come to mind.

Without a radio audience, how can local classical music groups hope for more and more ticket buyers? Without an easy and affordable pathway to classical music like radio, how will those who cannot afford CDs or tapes learn about Bach, Mozart and Stravinsky?

Even in the Information Age there's a need for classical music that goes further back than Elvis and the Beatles. One local station proved that.

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TRAVEL

Running gives Australia a whole different look

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Unless you have months to travel, you must carefully pick and choose the experience you want to have in Australia, not unlike those who visit the United States.

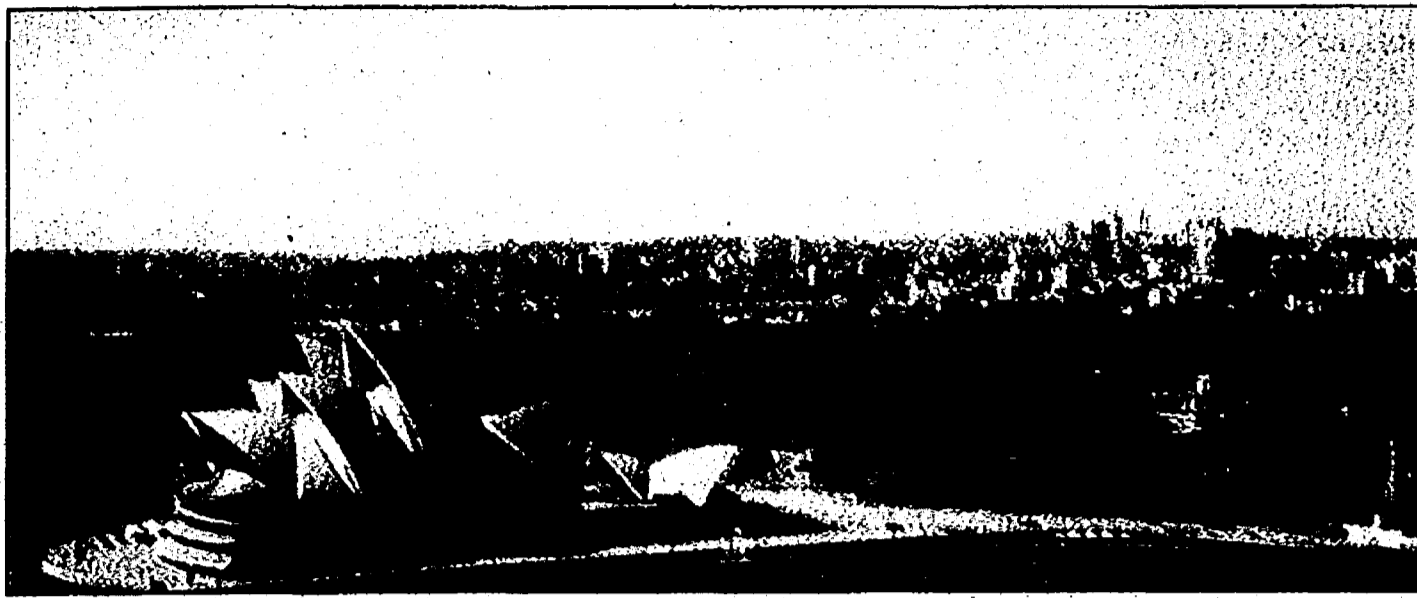
In our little less than two weeks, we chose to stay on one coast to tour Melbourne, Sydney and Cairns (the gateway to the Barrier Reef and Rain Forest). You could equate it to visiting Boston, New York City and a smallish Florida city, such as Fort Lauderdale from which you could enjoy both the ocean and the Everglades.

For those of you who are taking a couple of weeks to attend the Summer Olympics in Sydney in the year 2000, this might be a do-able itinerary.

We began in Melbourne, a charming, comfortable city that's walkability, series of boathouses along the river and streetcars actually are very reminiscent of Boston.

Since I jog for the better part of an hour each day when I'm away, I often get another perspective. And since we stayed in the heart of the city, I was very appreciative of Melbourne's many parks and gardens which seemed to come up no matter what direction I took.

In one, I came upon a graceful, out-of-the-way memorial to President John F. Kennedy that I didn't see noted in any of our tour books. Later, I read that



Sydney Harbor: The ship-shape Sydney Opera House has become the symbol for Australia's largest and most modern city.

more than a quarter of the city has been set aside as recreational space.

The sightseeing highlight of Melbourne proper was the Old Melbourne Gaol, the city's original jail-turned-museum where you can tour three levels of cells. The culinary highlight was the Paul Bocuse Restaurant, where over a three-hour period we sampled what a branch of this three-star Parisian restaurant has to offer. The animal highlight was driving out of Melbourne to Phillip Island, where we not only saw the famous sunset parade of fairy penguins come home from the sea, but also a sanctuary of koala bears.

The solid, workman-like charm of Melbourne was an interesting contrast to dazzling, upscale Sydney which, unlike Detroit, has made the most of its waterfront. Although we stayed at a hotel overlooking Sydney Harbour, took a wonderful boat cruise around it and even viewed it from the South East pylon of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, my most extraordinary experience was running it.

Starting at the landmark (but once controversial!) Sydney Opera House on Bennalong Point, you run with the bright blue water of Sydney Harbour on one side and the glorious flowers and greenery of the Royal Botan-

ic Gardens on the other. At Mrs. Macquarie's Point (named after an 1800's governor's wife) it's fun to take a minute to climb the steps to the small bench carved into the rock, known as Mrs. Macquarie's Chair.

Continuing alongside the water, I came upon curious throngs taking photographs and videos of a giant American nuclear warship that had docked earlier for several days stay. American sailors were visible wherever we went for one day. After that they were apparently allowed to wear civilian clothes and blend into the Sydney scene.

On my way back, the sun setting over the magnificent opera

house and harbour, made for an unforgettable vista.

We had pre-booked a tour, dinner and a performance at the Sydney Opera House and learned to appreciate it both inside and out. That certainly was a highlight of Sydney, but there were so many. We spent major time in the Rocks area, the birthplace of both Sydney and all of Australia, where the convicts who settled the country first lived.

We took a ferry boat to the zoo, which is vertically situated. A cable car zooms you to the top, then you view the animals along a zigzag path back down. The animals native to Australia are obviously where to spend your time. The giraffes have a magnificent view of Sydney Harbour!

And you can't miss jumping the fabulous waves at Bondi Beach. The sun scare apparently hasn't made it to the land down under, since few beach umbrellas were evident. It's no wonder Australia has a very high incidence of skin cancer.

Australian food was good, if expensive. Favorite dishes included baramundi - a mild, delicious fish - and various preparations of ostrich, kangaroo and emu. If you're a dessert lover, you're in luck. They are, too, and you'll have a wealth of pretty and delicious confections from which to choose.

On to Cairns - pronounced "Cans" - the fast-growing capital of "the Far North" with a charm-

ing town square, a new modern art museum in an old space and the Esplanade, a long stretch along the waterfront.

Running along it at one end of the day or the other, you can be party to boat-watching as the vessels, mostly catamarans, ferry passengers back and forth to the Barrier Reef for a day of scuba and snorkeling.

Cairns is the perfect place to light if you want to experience both the Barrier Reef and the Rain Forest. We spent a day on the reef, a day in the rain forest and a day enjoying Cairns - and felt well satisfied. You can only get a sense of the extensiveness of the Reef from above, so our plane headed home by way of Tokyo allowed this view.

An aerial view of the rainforest is available on the new Skyrail Cableway to Kuranda. We took it one way and the vintage Kuranda Scenic Railroad back, along a trail that reportedly took 1,500 men four years to carve out in the 1880's. A highlight of our day in the rainforest was the Tjapukai Dance Theatre, home of the award-winning Aboriginal dance group. It's conveniently located at the base of the Skyrail.

Seeking a piece of Aboriginal art was by far the most interesting shopping of the trip. And keep your wits about you if you're set on taking home Australian-made stuffed kangaroos or koala bears. Many are made in the Far East.

GREAT ESCAPES

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TUSCANY AND UMBRIA

Two tours to the hill towns of Tuscany and Umbria will be held April 30 to May 10 and May 10 to May 22 in cooperation with the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Shelley Perlove, professor of art history and director of

art administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will lead the tours. Janet Torno, executive director of the BBAA, will accompany the May 10 tour. The trips will include stops in Florence, Pisa, Siena, Pistoia, San Gimignano and Assisi (site of recent storm damage to

many historic art masterpieces). The April 30 trip is priced at \$3,479 per person double, \$4,119 single; the May 10 trip is priced at \$3,249 per person double, \$3,849 single. The price includes air fare, accommodations in Florence and Siena, sightseeing, museum admission

and some meals.

Participation is limited to 25 for the April 30 trip and 30 for the May 10 trip. Those interested are urged to place a \$500 deposit as soon as possible.

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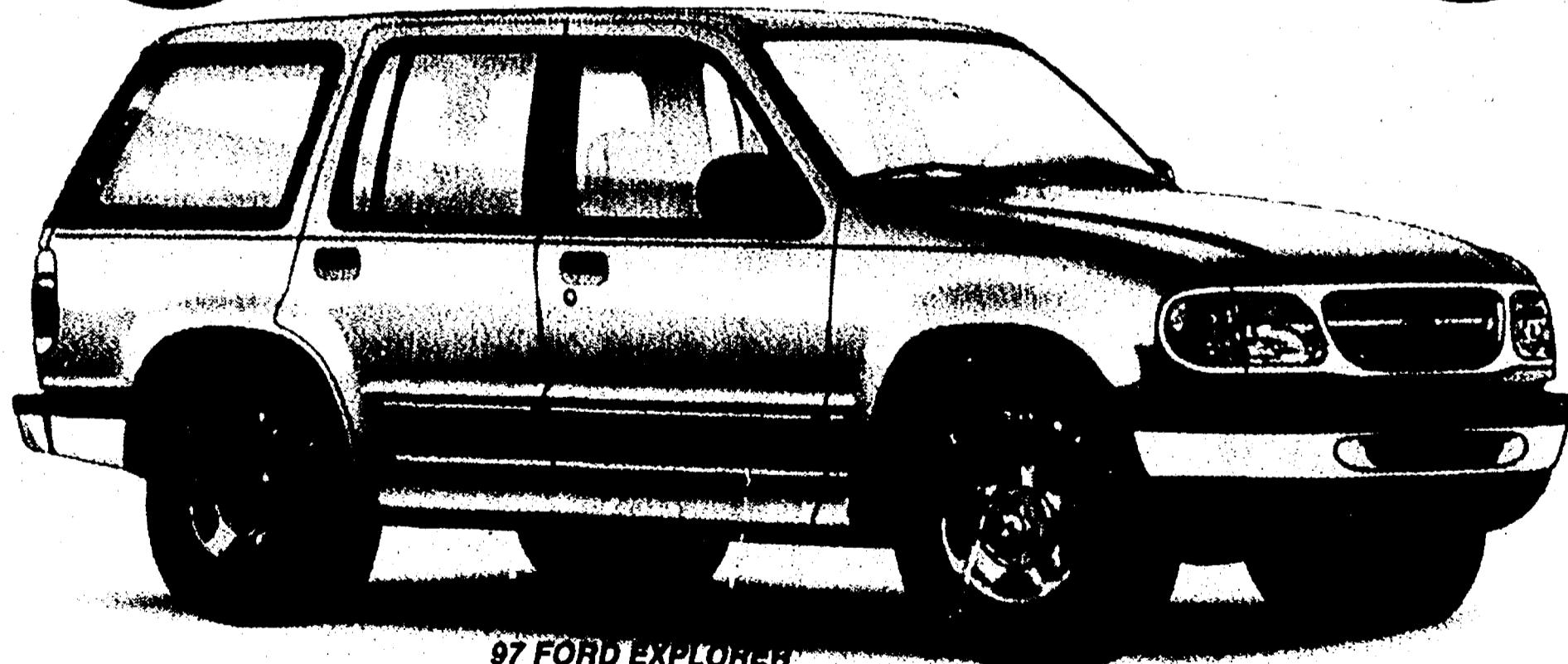
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PREP HOCKEY

Patriots do a Job in debut

Livonia Franklin hockey coach Terry Jobbitt hopes some things change and some things don't change from last season's 7-14-1 season.

What he would like to change was his team's sub .500 record. At the same time, he would like to see Greg Job remain the leading scorer in the Suburban High School Hockey League.

Jobbitt got his wish Friday as Job recorded a hat trick in leading the Patriots to an 8-1 victory over Dexter in Franklin's season opener at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Job, a senior center, collected three goals and an assist, while sophomore center Justin Sawyer also recorded a hat trick. The two scored within 10 seconds of each other in the second period to break the game open for Franklin.

Job opened the scoring 5:16 into the game when he scored after being set up by Jeff Job and Jeremiah White. With 1:33 remaining in the first period, Dwayne Peer and Tony Saia assisted on Sawyer's first tally of the game.

The Patriots made it 3-0 2:49 into the second period on Sawyer's second goal, which was assisted by Saia and Dave Tyler. Right of the ensuing face-off, Jeff Job found his older brother for his second goal of the game.

Dexter's Joe Odam made it 4-1 as he scored on an unassisted power play goal. It was the only shot of the night that got past Franklin goaltender Phillip Brady.

Franklin converted on two-of-three power play opportunities in the third period. The first came on Sawyer's third goal of the game, which was set up by Saia and Greg Job.

Jeff Job than found the nets to make it 7-1, as White recorded his second assist. Trevor Skocen's power-play goal ended the game's scoring. Tyler and Chan VanHulle drew assists.

The Patriots outshot Dexter, 43-19.

•STEVENS ON 5, NORTHVILLE 0: Livonia Stevenson beat Northville for the second time in three days at Eddie Edgar on Friday to improve to 2-0.

Senior forward Darin Fawkes scored twice for the Spartans, who received the shutout from Chris McComb. The sophomore goalie stopped all 15 Northville shots.

Mike Walsh scored the only goal of the first period. John May drew the only assist on the score.

Tim Allen made it 2-0 with 3:28 remaining in the second period, on a play set up by Joe Suchara and Mike Zientarski. Fawkes's first goal made it 3-0 with just 15 seconds remaining in the period. Bill Marshall recorded the only assist on the goal.

The Spartans went up 4-0 midway through the third period when Fawkes finished a play started by Suchara and Ryan Sinks. Dan Cieslak capped the scoring with 1:37 remaining. Fawkes and Sinks drew the assists.

The Spartans recorded 33 shots on Northville goaltender Don Strauch.

On Wednesday, Stevenson rolled to a 9-1 win over the Mustangs as Marshall had two goals and one assist.

Other Stevenson goal scorers include Jeff Lang, Fawkes, Sinks, May, Walsh, Cieslak and Mike Radakovich.

Radakovich also picked up three assists, while Roy Rabe and Cieslak each added two. Suchara, Willie Wilson, Dennis Queener, Lang, Fawkes had one assist apiece.

•CHURCHILL 5, DEARBORN 3: In the second game of a double-header Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena, Livonia Churchill scored three times in the final period to earn the season-opening win.

Brandon Martola led Churchill with a pair of goals, while Felix Jentzmlk, Chuck Leight and Adam Krug also scored for the Chargers, who broke open a close game with three consecutive goals in the final period.

Matt Wysocki contributed two assists, while Ed Rossetto, Antti Kervinen, Jason Turri, Matt Grant and Jentzmlk had one apiece.

Churchill outshot Dearborn, 40-22. Dearborn scored two of its three goals in the final 30 seconds.

"For this point of the season we played very well," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "There are areas of improvement, but we got two points and will move on."

Blazers advance in tournament

Ladywood earns berth in regional

■ GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Can Livonia Ladywood take the next step?

The Blazers, as expected, breezed to their second straight Class A district girls basketball title in as many years under coach Andrea Gorski with a convincing 61-31 victory Friday night at home against Detroit Redford.

The Blazers, who evened their overall season record at 11-11, will play Public School League runner-up Detroit Cody (21-2) in the regional semifinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Southfield High.

"They better be ready because Cody is very quick," Redford second-year coach John Albrecht warned. "We played them twice and we lost the same way both times."

"But I like this Ladywood team. They're a very, very good team and well coached."

Ladywood's 6-foot senior center Sarah Poglits was the story.

She scored all 19 of her points in the first half with 14 coming during the second quarter as the Blazers outscored Redford 25-6 to take a 33-12 lead at intermission.

Ladywood finished the half with a 9-0 run in the final minute, including a three-point bomb from Poglits.

"It was her first attempt of the season and she made it," Gorski said. "During the warmups, Sarah told me she felt really good and she was going to shoot one if she had the chance."

Poglits was seven of 10 from the floor and six of six from the free throw line.

"Her confidence is way up," Gorski said. "She's good with both hands around the basket. She's strong going left or right, and right now she's shooting excellent — around 70 percent — in the district. She has great shooting form and a nice touch. And she understands that we have to get the ball inside to her for us to be successful."

Ladywood's defense forced Redford into 29 turnovers and 14 percent shooting from the field (seven of 47). The Huskies went 0-for-17 in the final period.

"We just didn't handle their pressure



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Hitting the deck: Ladywood's Elena Sventickas (bottom) wrestles on the floor for the ball with a Detroit Redford player during Friday night's district championship game. Ladywood advanced in the state tourney with a 61-31 victory over the Huskies.

very well," Albrecht said.

The Blazers, however, got off to a slow start, leading by only two after one quarter, 8-6. Ladywood made just two of 12 shots and committed five turnovers.

"We're much better when we can press, but we shot poorly early," Gorski said. "Once we start making some shots, it gets us going."

Eleven different Ladywood players scored with junior forward Carly Queen coming off the bench to score nine. Guards Erin Hayden and Kelly Jeffrey each added six.

Junior Melissa Adams, who came in averaging 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, led Redford with 13 points.

But it was an accomplishment just to get to the district final for the Huskies, who didn't win a game in the '90s until last season.

Redford, which finished 7-9 overall, was also outnumbered by its own cheerleaders.

The Huskies dressed only seven players.

"We started with 10 players," Albrecht said. "We lost one to because of a heart problem, another last week

because her aunt, whom she lived with, was killed in an accident, and another was pulled off the team by a parent because of discipline.

"But we don't have any seniors and we'll be back next year."

For Ladywood, it was their 15 district title since 1976.

The Blazers, however, have not won a regional since 1992.

"It's going to be a tough game Monday," Gorski predicted. "The whole team is quick. They run, they trap and they press. They'll spread the floor out and let their guards go to the basket."

Wayne derailed

Kilgore sparks Belleville to Garden City district crown

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial did just about everything right except win the game.

Belleville, with Ryann Kilgore scoring 10 of her 20 points in the fourth quarter, defeated Wayne, 42-32, Friday night in the Michigan High School Athletic Association girls basketball tournament's Class A District 15 championship game.

The Zebras ended with an 8-15 record, but like the district final score it was more than a little deceiving.

Belleville, which takes a 21-2 record to the regionals, clung to a 32-30 lead with 2:34 to play. And best believe the Tigers were hanging on for dear life as the Zebras' tight defense kept them in the game.

But Wayne missed two free throws which would have tied the game, the teams traded missed shots and Belleville's Lynn Caudill caught a nice back-door pass from Kilgore to sink a layup with 1:09 left.

The two possession deficit put Wayne into a desperate situation and game just kind of got out of hand after that. It didn't help that junior Tonya Crawford fouled out on Caudill's shot made it 34-30.

Crawford scored six points but, with excellent weakside help, stoned Kilgore through three quarters.

Early in the third quarter Crawford gave Kilgore the sensation of having one of her shots whistled back

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through her hair, a shock she probably had not experienced for several seasons.

"They're so big and strong," Wayne coach Matt Godfrey said, "we had to play tough against them, and in addition, play smart."

"Our goal all along was to front them in the post and give weakside help. We did that successfully for three quarters. It kept us in the game."

Crawford would front Kilgore, whose freshman sister Kristen scored five points, and Beth Molitor or Natalie Garrison would slide over if it looked like Kilgore was going to make a spin move into the paint.

Freshman point guard Ericka Davis did a good job on Belleville's point guard, Ursula Walls, who scored eight but had six on free throws in the final 59 seconds.

"Ericka's played 20 games now. She's no longer a freshman," said Godfrey, who stayed on his feet coaching his team the whole game. "She's got loads of potential but she has work to do in the offseason."

"She's ready to start next season right now. But we'll wait a while."

Garrison led Wayne with 15 points, Crawford and Molitor had six, Davis three and Lanetra Austin two. Garrison is the only senior on the team.

"That's good for our underclass-

men," Godfrey said, "but bad for our senior."

The Zebras didn't help themselves shooting 24 percent from the floor and making only 7-of-16 free throws. But they held a decent team to just 35 percent shooting (16-46) and the Tigers were 12-for-24 from the line.

"That cost us," Godfrey said of the free throw situation. "That cost us big. And we missed some puppies (easy shots)."

Both teams were a little nervous at the start. Belleville scored seven unanswered points in taking a 9-6 first-quarter lead. It was only 12-6 halfway through the second quarter before Wayne rallied and trailed, 16-14, at the half.

Belleville took a 24-21 third-quarter lead but a three-point shot by Garrison tied it at 26 with 6:49 to play. Molitor made a layup off a nice Crawford pass to give the Zebras the lead, 28-26, for the first time since early in the game with 5:35 to play.

Crawford missed the last minute of the third quarter and the first couple of the fourth with four fouls, which limited some of the things the Zebras could do.

In the end, though, they just couldn't get over the last speed bump. There wasn't enough there. And once Belleville got up by two baskets with a minute to play, it all fell apart.

"I see a bright future," Godfrey said. "Our junior varsity had a good season. We'll be back."

Mark it down on your calendar.

Canton steps through Novi for 43-32 win

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

You might say Canton High's basketball team plays a little like a python: it squeezes and squeezes until it suffocates its prey.

Not a pretty picture, but accurate, perhaps. The Chiefs hustled, executed and applied just enough pressure to drain the life out of Novi in a 43-32 district final victory Friday night.

Ahead by just three at halftime, Canton turned up the defensive heat and took advantage of Wildcat miscues to take command in the second half. Nkechi Okwumabua, who sparked the Chiefs with 17 points, said desire and defense were keys in the win.

"We played with a lot of heart," said the senior. "Defensively, we played good. We pressured them into doing things they didn't want to do."

Canton (18-4) moves on to the regional semi-final tomorrow night at Salem against Detroit Pershing. Game time is 6 p.m.

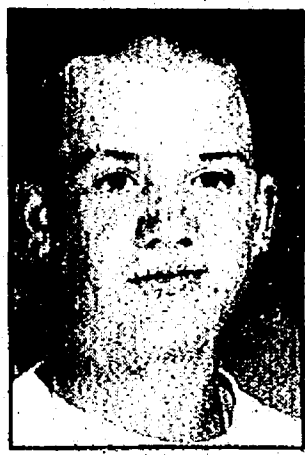
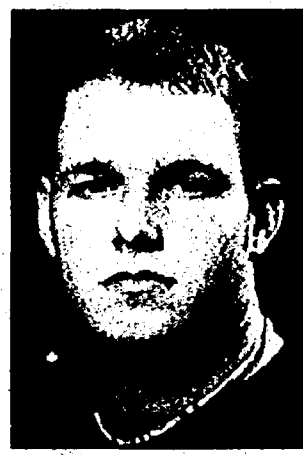
As for the district final, which was played at Novi High, it wasn't easy going for the Chiefs early on.

The Wildcats led 6-3 at the 5:27 mark after a Jessica Kenny three-point play. Canton continued to trail until 1:59 when Okwumabua tied it at 11 with a baseline jump shot. Neither team scored the rest of the first period.

Canton continued to struggle offensively, but was able to pull ahead by five late in the quarter. The Wildcats

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Talent abounds in high school ranks

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Talent and hard work are a pretty tough combination to beat.

And they're qualities Steve Polanski of Livonia Stevenson obviously has in abundance.

Polanski headlines the 1997 All-Area Boys Golf Team, which features a broad spread of golfers from area teams.

The Coach of the Year is Tom Alles of Plymouth Canton, whose team captured the Western Lakes Activities Association title with excellent team depth.

The Chiefs used steady play in virtually every match to come from the middle of the pack a year ago to the top in 1997.

"It certainly was the boys' doing," Alles said. "They're the ones that went out and made our season successful. I give them all the credit."

"It was just a pleasure to work with those boys this year. Our success was all their doing. I'm looking forward to doing it all over again next year with an all-new group."

The individual class of the area was Polanski, though, and barring injury the junior should set the standard again next season.

"He's a quality individual," said his coach, John Wagner, "with a positive attitude and

mature character and with a work ethic unmatched by anyone in my experience."

Talent was so spread throughout the area only one school placed more than one golfer on the eight-player honor team.

Westland John Glenn had Kyle Gierada and junior Chris Thompkins.

Canton's honoree was junior Brandon Wheeler, Redford Catholic Central placed Adam Peters, Farmington had Derek Fox, junior Adam Wilson represented Plymouth Salem and the lone freshman on the All-Area team was Evan Chall of Livonia Churchill.

Sketches of the All-Area team members:

Stephen Polanski, junior, Stevenson: One of the state's best players. Finished seventh in state meet with rounds of 75-76. Medaled in seven of 11 dual meets and averaged 73.4 in five 18-hole tournaments. Dual meet average was 37, including a pair of 33s.

Shot a 67 at Oak Pointe to tie for medalist honors in the regional. Medaled in the Pinckney Invitational with a one-over 73. MVP of Spartan team for three years.

"A rare talent," Stevenson coach Wagner said.

Brendan Wheeler, junior, Canton: Played No. 1 all season for the Chiefs, qualifying for the state tournament with a solid 72 in

regional at Oakpointe. Missed out for second day of state tournament play.

Shot 78 in WLAA tournament at Hudson Mills to finish second to Polanski by one stroke.

Averaged 41.3 strokes during dual meet season. Had a stretch of three straight 39s followed by a 40 against arch-rival Salem. Medaled in all four.

"Nobody will outwork him," Canton coach Alles said. "He's one of the hardest working kids on our team and he just loves golf. Probably the best attribute he has is that he's a competitor."

Adam Peters, senior, Catholic Central: First-team Class A All-State selection. Won his regional with a 75 at Pontiac Country Club.

Had a 9-hole average of 39 and a tournament average of 75. Tied for first, losing in playoff, with a round of 76 at the Catholic League meet. Was second at the East Lansing Invitational with an even-par 72 and second at the Pinckney Invitational with a 74.

"This was my sixth year as coach," CC's Phil Heyer said. "I've had good players over the years and he probably would have to rank as one of the best I've coached."

"He wants to play golf in college and I don't see any reason why he won't be successful doing that."

Kyle Gierada, senior, John Glenn: Carried 39.6 average in dual meet action.

Shot 81 at Hudson Mills to tie for seventh in WLAA championship meet. Followed with an 83 at Oakpointe in the Class A regionals.

"As a ninth grader, he couldn't break 55," said his coach with the Rockets, Dan Burtka. "He's worked hard, real hard."

"A nice kid. I could see him taking it to another level. I could see both him and Thompkins playing in college."

Chris Tompkins, junior, John Glenn: Averaged 39.8 for the Rockets in dual meets.

Shot an 82 at Hudson Mills in the WLAA meet. Fired a 74 in the Class A regional at Oakpointe to tie for sixth. Tompkins shot a 72 to finish second in the Plymouth Best Ball Invitational at Hilltop and was runner-up in the Western Wayne Invitational with a 77 at Kensington.

"He's just a great junior, a great kid," Burtka said. "He has all kinds of potential, there's no question about that."

"He could become one of the better golfers to ever come out of our school."

Evan Chall, freshman, Churchill: Carried 9-hole average of 38.75 in WLAA dual meets.

"That's good for a freshman," said his coach with the Chargers, Kirk Osler. "Shoot, that's good for anybody."

"He has that ability of managing your misses and producing a good score."

Best round was a 34 at Idyl Wyld against John Glenn. Selected MVP of his team.

Adam Wilson, junior, Salem: Averaged 40.9 strokes for nine hole dual meets, 79.9 for eight 18-hole tournaments.

Shot a one-over 73 at the Adrian Invitational at Lenawee Country Club, tying for second.

Consistent all season. Highest 9-hole score was a 45 at Hilltop, his home course, while his lowest was a 37 at Tanglewood. Shot a 79 to finish third overall in the WLAA meet at Hudson Mills.

"He learned he could compete with anyone if he's on his game," said his father and coach at Salem, Rick Wilson.

Derek Fox, senior, Farmington: Marking his second selection to the All-Area team. Fox averaged 40.6 in dual meets and 81.5 in 18-hole events.

He was a four-year varsity member and led the team in scoring average as a sophomore, junior and senior. Captain of the team as a senior.

Shot a 79 in the state regional at Oakpointe. Best scores in dual meets were an even-par 35 at Whispering Willows and a 36 at San Marino. Medalist at city tournament three years in a row.

"Derek has great intensity and once he learns to fully channel that there's no telling what he can do," said his coach, Jim Miner. "He's a terrific young man."

1997 ALL-OBSERVER
BOYS GOLF TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Steve Polanski, Jr.	Liv. Stevenson
Brendan Wheeler, Jr.	Ply. Canton
Adam Peters, Sr.	Catholic Central
Kyle Gierada, Sr.	Westland John Glenn
Chris Tompkins, Jr.	Westland John Glenn
Derek Fox, Sr.	Farmington
Adam Wilson, Jr.	Ply. Salem
Evan Chall, Fr.	Liv. Churchill

Coach of the Year

Tom Alles	Ply. Canton
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SECOND TEAM

Jeff Lang, Sr.	Liv. Stevenson
Greg Berger, Sr.	Catholic Central
John Corey, Sr.	Redford Union
Ben Tucker, Jr.	Ply. Canton
Derek Spicer, Soph.	N. Farmington
Brian Grohman, Soph.	Farm. Harrison

HONORABLE MENTION

Farmington Harrison: Kenny Lee, Jeff Boxman, Chris Scott; Farmington: Tim Flutur, Dan Kimmel, Ryan Wilber, John Knight; Plymouth Canton: Matt Heiss, Derek Lineberry, Justin Allen; Plymouth Salem: Erik Krueger, Ryan Nimmerguth, Pat Belvitch, Mark Runchey; Garden City: B.J. Schultz, Nate Briscoe, Dan Evans; Redford Thurston: Kirk Wasmund, Bryan Collett; Wayne Memorial: Adam Chasson, Chad Campbell, Livonia Stevenson: Roy Rabe, Kevin Yuhasz; Livonia Franklin: Ryan Weakley, Tim Kufel, Tony Fotu; Livonia Churchill: Kevin Anger, Chris Lavaque; Westland John Glenn: Justin Fendeleit, James Daniel; Redford Catholic Central: Erik West; Redford Union: David Wirth;

Ocelots 3rd in NJCAA soccer

No, it wasn't for any kind of a championship. All that was on the line in last Sunday's (Nov. 20) men's soccer match between Mount Ida (Mass.) and Schoolcraft College was pride.

"Both had lost their NJCAA tournament semifinal games the previous Friday in Trenton, N.J. What they were playing for was third place.

Maybe the difference between finishing third and fourth does-

n't mean much to most folks. But to the Ocelots, it did.

They showed that by beating Mount Ida 5-2, capping the best finish ever for SC's men.

"The kids performed fantastic during the tournament," said coach Van Dimitriou after his team completed the year with a 18-6-1 mark. "It was a superb year for Schoolcraft soccer."

Matt Nyholm, with an assist from David York, and Paul

Graves, with Kevin Fritz assisting, netted first-half goals for the Ocelots. Mount Ida made it 2-1 at the break.

Matt Keller headed in a cross from Bart Mays after a corner kick to increase SC's lead to 3-1 in the second half. Billy Krips converted a penalty kick with 20 minutes left to increase the Ocelots' lead to 4-1 and, after Mount Ida narrowed the gap to 4-2, Atwa Ayman (Westland) countered for SC, with an assist from Jim Bullock (Livonia Stevenson).

Nyholm and Graves were both selected to the all-tournament team. More importantly, the Ocelots were honored with the tournament's Sportsmanship Trophy.

Mount Ida finished with an 18-2-1 mark.

In the championship game, Yavapai (Ariz.) CC defeated Mercer (N.J.) CC 3-0.

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Madonna falls to Rochester

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It was hardly a stellar offensive performance by either team, Thursday's men's basketball matchup between Rochester College (formerly Michigan Christian) and Madonna University.

But it was Madonna, the host team, that let the game slip away with costly turnovers, a profusion of fouls and too many second-chance baskets, all of which combined for a 66-55 Rochester victory.

Madonna slipped to 1-4 (a score from the Grace Bible College Tournament was reported incorrectly; the Fighting Crusaders lost to Northland Baptist 96-94). Rochester is 3-2.

"We were down 18 and got it to within nine," Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki said, searching for something positive. "No, we don't give up."

Rochester is hardly gigantic; the Warriors biggest players are 6-foot-5. But as Holowicki noted, "They're bigger than us. And when we lose Narvin (Russaw)..."

Russaw, Madonna's 6-4 forward/center, is perhaps the only true rebounder in the Crusader lineup. He drew his third foul midway through the

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first half, and ended up fouling out with 3:51 left in the game. His foul problems limited him to 24 minutes of playing time.

Also lost to fouls was guard Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton), who scored 10 points before taking a seat on the bench with 6:58 remaining.

With two starters out, Madonna's comeback chances were crippled. Still, it was a hole the Crusaders dug for themselves late in the first half that cost them.

With 5:52 left before intermission, a John-Mark Branch basket put Madonna up 23-21. That, however, was their final lead; Rochester put together a 15-4 run to end the half, with Greg Tobias and Paul Robak accounting for six points apiece in the rally.

The Warriors wasted no time increasing their 36-27 halftime lead quickly in the second half; it reached 18 (53-35) with 13:30 left, and was still at 17 (57-40) when Hurley ignited Madonna with two-straight baskets.

But it was too big a deficit to overcome. With a strong closing performance by Mark

Hayes — he netted nine of his 16 points in the last 6:30 — the Crusaders trimmed the deficit to 64-55.

"But only 1:09 remained. "With three minutes to go, we were up 12 and I called a timeout," said Rochester coach Garth Pleasant, "and I said to the kids, 'This game isn't won.'"

"Bernie does a great job with all those freshmen. For us, we've just got to keep improving."

Hayes and Hurley were the only double-figure scorers for Madonna. Next highest was Erick Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson) with nine, with eight rebounds. Branch finished with seven points and 12 boards, while Russaw totaled seven points and seven rebounds.

Best for the Warriors were Robak and Nate Tuori, each with 15 points. Bob Kofal had 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Rochester hit just 23-of-68 shots (33.8 percent), but Madonna wasn't much better, making 22-of-62 (35.5 percent). Both teams grabbed 46 rebounds, but the Warriors had 21 offensive boards to 15 for Madonna.

And the Crusaders committed 17 turnovers to 12 for Rochester.

Schoolcraft flat, but triumphs

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

It only says good things when a team plays its worst game of the year and still remains unbeaten. Schoolcraft upped its record to 5-0 Wednesday with an 88-77 victory over the Siena Heights Junior Varsity squad.

The Ocelots led 45-32 at halftime in easing to the victory.

"We stayed up by 10 the whole way," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "This was our worst game of the year."

"We didn't execute on offense and committed 28 turnovers. After playing the teams we have to open the year, I think the team got complacent."

"It was a game we should have lost."

But the Ocelots didn't. Kevin Melson scored 26 to lead Schoolcraft, which put four players in double figures.

Derek McKelvey scored 18, Emeka Okonkwo contributed 14 and David Jarrett added 10.

OAKLAND 75, MADONNA 68 (Women): Turnovers hurt the Crusaders, who lost Wednesday for the second time in three games this season.

Madonna turned the ball over 20 times and Oakland Uni-

versity scored 21 points. The Chargers got only eight points from the Pioneers' 13 turnovers.

Cyndi Platter's three-pointer with 2:23 to play broke a 66-66 tie and Ulrika Nilsson's three-point play with 1:47 left boosted the Pioneers' lead to 72-66. The Crusaders got two free throws from Dawn Pelc the rest of the way.

Madonna held a 34-31 halftime lead even though Oakland jumped out to a 21-9 lead with 11:20 left in the half.

Jennifer Amy scored 20 points, Nilsson 18 and Jamie Ahlgren 16 to lead Oakland University.

Madonna got 15 points from Mary Murray, 12 from Angie Negri and 11 from Chris Dietrich. Murray had nine rebounds and Pelc eight. Katie Cushman had seven assists.

Negri's three-pointer with 11:45 to play gave the Crusaders a 55-44 lead before Amy and Nilsson started the Pioneers back.

Madonna held a 49-43 edge in rebounds and had a slight shooting percentage edge but didn't get to the line as often. Oakland made 15-of-18 free throws to 8-of-12 for Madonna.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

OCELOT CAGERS LOSE 1ST

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team was haunted Friday night by a three-point shot with eight seconds left in regulation from a Gloucester College (New Jersey) player who later was ruled to have already had five fouls.

Gloucester used the three-pointer to tie the score at the end of regulation and went on to win in three overtimes, 94-91.

At the start of the first overtime it was ruled the Gloucester hero had five fouls, which would have put him on the bench.

The Gloucester player took a seat on the bench but it was too late to take away the basket, Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs said.

The loss was Schoolcraft's first in six games.

Kevin Melson led five Schoolcraft players in double figures with 30 points.

Derek McElvey scored 17, followed by Emeka Okonkwo with 16, Jimar Eddins with 15 and Pete Males (Garden City), 10.

"We got off to a slow start,

which hurt us," Briggs said. "It was a controversial play (the three-point basket) but that's no excuse. We had our chances but couldn't make our free throws down the stretch."

ELKS HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

The Hoop Shoot free throw shooting contest will take place Saturday, Dec. 13, at Livonia Churchill High School.

The contest, sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Livonia Elks Club, is for youth ages 8-13. Contestants will be divided into their respective age groups.

Contestants are given 25 tries to shoot from the free throw line. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through three tiers of competition to qualify for the National finals.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the contest starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 313-466-2410.

TOWNSEND HONORED

Alma College offensive lineman Jim Townsend, a 1995 Livonia

Stevenson graduate, was named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honorable mention squad.

The junior was instrumental in helping the Scots compile a 6-3 record (3-2 in the MIAA). Townsend was also a key member of the line which helped the Alma offense average 418 yards per game.

REINKE TAKES SECOND

Steve Reinke, a Livonia native who graduated from Redford Catholic Central, recently took second in the 200-meter butterfly for the Bowling Green State University men's swim team.

Reinke's time of 2:04.43 was one of the Falcons' better performances in its 143-100 loss to Toledo in the meet which occurred Nov. 4.

On Nov. 8, Reinke improved on his time (2:01.70) but took sixth place. The Falcons split their double dual meets that day and are 1-2 overall this season.

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Katie Copp connected on a pair of free throws to make it a 22-19 game at halftime.

"I thought we came out tight in the first half," said Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm, who added that his team might have been a bit tired after an emotional win over Salem two days earlier. "But the kids regrouped and played a solid second half."

Canton's intensity increased noticeably in the third quarter. It showed on the scoreboard, too, as the Chiefs held Novi to just four points and took a 30-23 advantage into the fourth.

The Wildcats (18-5) never got closer than four points to Canton in the final game. Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said his team simply made too many mistakes,

too many turnovers.

"You can't give a team like that extra possessions," he said. "They're a very good basketball team."

Okwumabua's 17 was high in the game. Kristin Mayer added 13 for the Chiefs and Janell Tweitmeyer had seven. Copp led Novi with seven points.

See Week Ahead for schedule.

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

DEER
Firearms season runs through Sunday, Nov. 30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

DUCKS
Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle Zones and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE
The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

PHEASANT
A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL
Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS
December 1 is the deadline to apply Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program small grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To receive an application contact the DNR at P.O. Box 30180, Lansing MI 48909-7680 or e-mail your request to sargen12@state.mi.us. The grant application and examples of past grants awarded are also available on the DNR Wildlife Division web site at: http://wildlife.dnr.state.mi.us/homepages/Natural_Heritage/.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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

3D LEAGUE
A 3D league begins Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

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still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday's and Friday's and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is

located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours (through Dec. 22) are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE
The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

DECAY CARVING
Learn the art of decay carving and make a traditional decay to take home during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL FINALS

(all at Pontiac Silverdome)
Friday, Nov. 28
Class D and A, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Class C and B, 5 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Class DD and AA, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Class CC and BB, 5 & 8 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS A
at PLYMOUTH SALEM
Monday, Nov. 24: Detroit Pershing vs. Plymouth Canton, 6 p.m.; West Bloomfield vs. Birmingham Marian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Waterford Mott quarterfinal, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 vs. Lapeer East regional champion.)

at SOUTHFIELD
Monday, Nov. 24: Detroit Southwestern vs. Detroit Martin Luther King, 5 p.m.; Livonia

Ladywood vs. Detroit Cody, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Roseville quarterfinal, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 vs. Sterling Heights Stevenson regional champion.)

CLASS C

at PETERSBURG-SUMMERFIELD
Monday, Nov. 24: Blissfield district champion vs. Detroit DePorres district champion, 6 p.m.; Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Troy Athens quarterfinal, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 vs. Bad Axe regional champion.)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Nov. 25
Madonna at Oakland Univ., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 28
Madonna at Walsh (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Madonna at Walsh Journey, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 28-29
Madonna at Univ. of Tampa TBA

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Nov. 24
Churchill vs. Northville at PLY Cultural Center, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25
Franklin at Lakeland, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Stevenson vs. Redford Union, Franklin vs. Millford at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Stevenson vs. Brother Rice at Compuware Arena, 3:45 p.m.
Redford Union at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Saturday, Nov. 29
Oshawa Generals vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
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RECREATION PAGE

Sparemaking often overlooked by most

No bowler is good enough or lucky enough to throw strikes all of the time, so sparemaking is a vital part of the game.

It is so crucial to scoring that many smart bowlers will spend more practice time on spares instead of strikes.

According to Tom Relich of the Strike Force Pro Shop at Oak Lanes, "It is better to learn to flatten the ball out for spares than to shoot for a 700 series, but not yet having rolled a 600 series."

This can best be accomplished in two basic ways.

"Either weaken the wrist position, or keep the hand flat and completely behind the ball during the delivery," Relich said.

This is good advice, but to be able to perform well, it is necessary to get some extra practice to improve on making those spares, most of all those pesky corner pins, the 7 or 10.

The way some lane conditions are today, it is better to be a more versatile bowler, roll a good hooking shot for strikes and go straight at the spares. Tom Relich gives lessons by appointment, his number is (313) 425-8630.

The Evergreen Children's Services Bowl-a-Thon last week was a huge success, raising over \$18,000 in the fight against child abuse.

Michael Barr of WJR was the emcee and also took part in the bowling.

There were some outstanding performances, as Heather Stickney took the ladies high series with 724 and Larry Geiger of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers led the men bowlers with 224-243-233 for a 700 set.

Outstanding work by Carol Eschbach to make it an all-around fine time with good fun, good food and plenty of prizes for the fund-raisers.

Steve Carrier, a 15-year-old student at Clawson High has earned his bragging rights with a 300 game at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy.

His series was 205-300-234/739 which will raise his 167 average substantially.

It was the first 300 of the season at Thunderbird, and according to Steve, "I was extremely nervous in the 10th frame, but carried a bit of luck by going Brooklyn on the final ball."

He is now just waiting for his YABA 300 ring to arrive.

Meanwhile, across town at Mayflower Lanes Redford, Walter Dietz, a 17-year-old student at Livonia Franklin High, rolled a 299 in the junior house league.

His 203 and 226 in the first and third games added up to 728, which means that Walter has skipped a level, shooting a 700 series, but not yet having rolled a 600 series.

He left the seven-pin on a good pocket hit to deprive him of the elusive 300 game, but his average also went up from 170 to about 178 just that quickly.

Dietz is just learning about league play because it's his first season ever in any kind of a bowling league.

It is always nice to see kids at the high school level performing well.

There is an organized movement underway to make high schools get involved in bowling.

It could become a very nice varsity sport to go along with the rest and build a good sense of sportsmanship and values which will help develop character and build a base for future adult bowlers.

There have been many attempts over recent years to stimulate organized play between high schools, but most have fallen short of their goals.

This is now in the hands of Strike Ten and the Single Delivery System, and if anyone can make it go, they can. Strike Ten Entertainment has already established a new intercollegiate bowling program, which is now slated to be showcased on a national level.

They have signed up the Brunswick Corp. to sponsor the National Intercollegiate Championships over the next three years.

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON



Practice session: Westland Wizards are preparing for their upcoming wheelchair basketball home opener, which will be Saturday Dec. 6 at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland against the Oakland County Cavaliers. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Wizards able, willing to win

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

So you think living life in a wheelchair is hard? Try playing basketball in a wheelchair.

That's the advice of Shaun Graham, a member of the Westland Wizards wheelchair basketball team.

"Many people don't realize how hard it is," Graham said. "You have to shoot from three feet off the ground instead of eight. The sport requires quite a bit of skill especially when it comes to ball handling while pushing your chair."

Teammate Dave Cody agrees with Graham.

"We have had exhibitions where able-bodied players get frustrated by getting into a wheelchair and realizing how hard it is to not only catch a ball sitting down and to maintain your balance, but then trying to move with the ball, dribble and shoot," Cody said.

The Wizards are members of the Michigan Wheelchair Basketball Association "C" League and part of Westland's Therapeutic Recreation Program.

Westland is one of five teams in the league, which feature teams from Flint, Port Huron, Kalamazoo and Oakland County. The Wizards will play an eight-game regular season schedule before competing in a post-season tournament.

Someone qualifies to play if they cannot compete in able-bodied basketball and are disabled enough where he or she can't get up and down the court due to a

disability. Having a strong upper body and being in good shape doesn't hurt, according to Cody.

The Wizards were originally an Ann Arbor-based squad and made Westland's Bailey Center their home last year. The team is comprised of 13 players — nine of whom live in Westland, Canton, Garden City or Farmington Hills.

In their rookie season, the Wizards finished second to Port Huron for the championship. Westland began its season with a win over a much improved Flint team.

Don't let the wheelchairs fool you, according to Cody. The players take the sport quite seriously and perhaps even more intensely than standard, able-bodied basketball.

"It gets pretty physical and intense out there," Cody said. "It's actually been toned down some to prevent injuries."

Cody, a 40-year old, began playing wheelchair basketball three years ago which is typical of most players in the C League. Despite the sport attracting slightly increased visibility over the past couple years, the sport isn't taking off in popularity.

Cody and some of his teammates attempted to put together a junior league for middle and high school students but the interest wasn't there.

Those who don't take advantage of the sport are missing out, according to Graham.

"It's a great way to make some friends, gain some camaraderie, and become physical active," Graham said.

And there is plenty of physical activity, according to Cody. Wheelchair basketball is a physical game and contact is quite common. It is illegal, however, to make contact with a player who is in the act of shooting or to divert the progress of a player. Some rubbing of wheels is permitted, however.

Another important rule is that a player must dribble the ball at least once per three pushes of the chair. If not, traveling is called. In addition, one electric wheelchair player is allowed on the court at a time. This player is usually a more severely handicapped player and it is his or her role to set picks and play defense.

Even though there is a three-point arc and several good outside shooters in the league, most of the offense will come within eight feet of the basket in the key.

"I think the most important part of the game is getting into position to get a good shot," Cody said. "It takes a lot to move into a position where you're square to the basket and ready for a good shot."

The team sets up a low post and high post defense, which is similar to basketball. Cody is considered one of the defensive specialists on the team.

Graham, a Westland resident, is considered one of the older statesmen in the league at the age of 45. However, behind Ed Hills, Graham remains a primary offensive threat for the Wizards. Hills accounts for about half the team's offense with a 16-

point per game average.

"I believe defense is most important aspect," Graham commented. "If you can keep the game low scoring and hold the other team's point total down, you have a much better chance of winning."

"On offense, we work the ball around for the best shot, and use common basketball plays like the pick and roll and the give and go."

The only thing stopping the Wizards from overtaking their chief rivals from Port Huron is themselves, according to Graham.

"We need all of our players to get to practice and to games, instead of showing up for some and not the other," he said. "If we can get our top players to practices and games, there's no one that can touch us."

Those interested in playing with the Wizards should come out to one of the team's practices at the Bailey Center. Practices are held every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"You have to get out to a practice and start playing to catch the fever for it," Cody said. "I've seen people come in who at first couldn't catch a ball and keep balanced, and they have really come a long way."

The Westland Wizards next home game is Saturday, Dec. 6, as the Wizards host the Oakland County Cavaliers. On Dec. 13, the Wizards host the Flint Flying Eagles. Both games begin at 7:30 p.m. at Westland's Bailey Center. Admission is free.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Country Lanes (Farmington)**
Greenfield Mixed - Chris Shively, 209-220/610; Debra VanMeter, 220-209/608; Debbie Blanchard, 211-210/602; Celeste Flack, 256/585; Mike Stefani, 215-267/633
Monday Men - Steve Ponke, 300/651; Art Remer, 300/682; Dave Richardson, 265/747
Friends & Neighbors - Dolores Jacob, 202/533
Tuesday Mixed Trio - Mark Goodman, 257; Lyle Schaefer, 269/685; Jon Curtis, 254/678; Daryl Bennett, 257/659
Sunday Goodtimers - Shel Rakotz, 247-245/663; Bob Solomon, 220; Todd Wortinger, 216 200/610; Mort Silverman, 217; Rick Waldman, 208-200; Harold Adler, 212
Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington)
Our Lady of Sorrows - Bill Skubinski, 257-244/677; Darrell Krause, 217-235 243/695; John Himebach, 266/648; Walter Kew, 230-212/629; Dennis Varos, 257; Robyn Woods, 246
Temple Israel - Stuart Brickner, 225 238-267/730; Neil Letton, 237-223 235/695; Keith West, 218-227 257/702; Rick Kirsch, 239-220/673; L Steinberg, 255
Michigan Bell Men's - Dan Winkel, 209-244-213/666; Jim Panaretos, 222 233/627; Ralph Mayers, 204-279-668; Bill Armstrong, 215-216-264-695; Jack Fischer, 216-212/619
J.W.I. Wed. Ladies - Sherry Gittleman, 205-238/655; Marianne Pesick, 513; Bev Gottesman, 212-567; Debbie Krinsky, 513
Novi Pinpointers - Rosemary Banish, 221/533; Michelle Andrusiak, 219, 555 Colleen Smith, 550
Walnut Creek C.C. - Peggy Chemetto, 553; Patti Kindred, 525; Laurie Graff, 212/557; Lisa Barretta, 220-511; Michelle Nowot, 510
Merrill Bowl (Livonia)
Lost Weekenders - Eric Gambrell, 279
Friday Golden Eagles - Dave Tome, 300
Sundowners - Beverly Clancy, Converted the 7-10 split
Mon. Nite K of C - Mike Lanning, 258 234-265/757; Wayne Kriester, 688; Steve Faydenko, 679; Doug Cobb, 666; Wayne Lanning, 264/747
Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)
Nite Owls - Darrin Lipton, 269/644; Mike Piontek, 243/624; Gary Lane, 657; Al Lopez, 646; Alan Bisulito, 629
Wonderland Classic - Jerry Heistredt, 268/757; John Maddison, 900/724; Bory Schussel, 300; Nello Mantini, 299
John Kohler, 747; Greg Bashara, 732
No Names - Bob Hanson, Jr. 241/676; Bob Coppick, Jr. 266, 653; Dabble Hanson, 578; Sue McBrayer, 230/569; Denise Briscoe, 551
Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Wonder Women - Joann Sheller, 233
Bob Hunter, 230
Monday Seniors - George Gundlach, 232
Local 182 Retirees - Jack Henderson, 267
Bators Bar - Randy Smith, 246/690; Mark McCusker, 243/685; Jim Gagleard, 248/708; Len Singer, 258/718
Ford Parts - John Fargo, 678; Don Chambers, Sr., 722; Minh Grogan, 725
Morning Stars - Barb Griffin, 245; Bobbie Allan, 221
Men's Trio - Mike Schneider, 278/713; Mark Payne, 279/751; Mark Howes, 779; Brian Ziemba, 719; Gary Treier, 698; Todd Simms, 692
Senior House - Mark Papp, 300/702; Jim Hacht, 269/763; Dan Lenart, 254/706; Jeff Roche, 249/709; Tom Ray, 269/724
Friday Kings & Queens - Don Chambers, Sr., 706; Carl Van Every, 267; Don Chambers, Jr., 267; Joe Lowell, 245/631
Sat. Rangers (youth) - Colin Zurenko, 244-297-279/720
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
All-Star Bowlerettes - Lisa McCurdy, 236-268-268/772; Kathie Maser, 225-278-227/730; Louise Johnson, 233-233-223/689; Mickey Webb, 217-209-243/669; Novella White, 212-228-225/665; Tamika Glenn, 224-205-236/665
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Senior Men's Classic - Paul Temple, 208-234-255/697; Little Bill Kandilian, 231-255/662; Bob Sherwood, 238-246/673; Mike Adorjan, 256-224/661; Walt Arsenault, 220-235-212/667; Gordie Hutchinson, 243-211/651
Good Neighbors - Gloria Mertz, 213/557; Kathy Risch, 203/517; Tina Lemons, 191; Jean Cobane, 190
Friday Seniors - Bill Wilson, 267/673; Don Martin, 255/668; Dick Thompson, 247/660; Bill Britton, 252/624; Dick Brown, 247/624
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Men's Classic - Rick Borges, 224-245-244/713; Scott Day, 278-227-201/706; Frank Bollinger, 204-214-278/699; Dave Clark, 236-245-216/697; Rance Bartok, 213-230-245/688
Pizza Lanes (Plymouth)
Pizza Men - Jay Griewek, 247-268-195/710; Holliday Park - Fritz Keenan, 266/616
Keglers - Kevin Kelly, 247-233-236/716
Waterford Men's - Chuck Morris, 277-256-269/802; Jack Mix, 260-258/715; Jeff Bigenlio, 214-254-247/715; Mike Sockow, 212-268-232/712; Tom O'Hara, 266-203-237/706; Keith Sockow, 278/683
Novi Bowl (Novi)
Westside Lutheran - Don Johnson, 257/731; Tim Collins, 257/665; Lynne Lewis, 657; Mike Faith, 648; Tim Warner, 644; John Switzer, 644

Insulation important for outdoor habitats

Animals have three basic requirements for survival — food, water and shelter.

If you develop a backyard habitat it should include all three of these necessities. Food is the requirement we think of most often for our wildlife friends, and many backyard habitats have a source of water, but lets not forget shelter.

I was reminded of this requirement when I was standing next to a bluebird box on the edge of a forest, pointing out the finer points of a bird house to some scouts, when to my surprise a downy woodpecker booted out of the hole and over the heads of the onlooking scouts.

The wet snow falling must have caused it

to settle into this convenient shelter for the night.

Many animals use a tree hollow as a shelter.

A split tree along the trail at the Independence Oaks Nature Center has housed birds, mice and flying squirrels. Large holes are places for raccoons, opossum and tree squirrels. When cold temperatures set in good holes are at a premium.

Inside a tree hollow is a safe haven. If the hole is just big enough for a small bird like a chickadee, or a nuthatch, then the number of predators that could raid the shelter is very limited.

A tree shelter is also a relatively warm place to be.

Wood serves as an insulation and helps keep the occupant warm. Heat from the occupants is contained inside the hollow and helps them stay warm. In fact, some people

put up a winter roosting box that has an entrance hole at the bottom of the box. Inside the box near the top are perches for the birds to sit on.

By having the perches near the top where the heat will collect, they can take advantage of their own body heat.

Tree hollows are not the only kind of shelter that an animal can use. Evergreens are also an excellent shelter.

Dense branches with needles can block the wind and shield animals from falling snow or rain. Keeping dry is very important to an animal. Wet feathers and fur cannot trap warm air to keep an animal comfortable.

If you have erected some bird houses in your yard, keep them up during the winter to serve as a shelter. In spring, plant some evergreens that can serve as both shelter and nesting site too.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Consumer buying trends analyzed

Weekend warriors and hardcore sportsmen rejoice!

According to the Wild Turkey Bourbon Sportsman's Index, you'll get more bang for your buck when it comes to purchasing goods and services related to the sporting life.

This year's survey found the average annual price increase of select sporting goods and services listed below over a twelve-month period decreased nearly one tenth of one percent, as opposed to a 2.2 percent overall hike in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

"Salaries are on the rise and so are the number of hours we work. When we finally have time off, we want to make the most of it," says Chris Willis, Director of Marketing of Austin, Nichols & Co. He points out that the Wild Turkey Bourbon Sportsman's Index is done in the spirit of fun, as a service and source of interest to sportsmen, and cannot truly compete with the CPI.

The individual percent changes in goods surveyed were: Zebco 33 Classic Reel 0%. Berkeley Lighting Rod +1%. Bear Archery Cross Bow +2%. Danner Canadian Hunting Boot +1.3%. Nikon Travelite Binoculars 0%. resident and non-resident hunting and fishing license for the State of Montana 0%. A hunting excursion at the Vermejo Park Ranch in New Mexico increased by 3.5%, versus a 5% increase for a visit to the Elk Mountain Ranch in Colorado.

Finally, the Mercury Marine 150 EFI Outboard Motor decreased by a whopping 25.9% while the price of a one-year subscription to Bow and Arrow Hunting Magazine increased by 13%.

Wild Turkey Kentucky Straight Bourbon, which has a dedicated following among sportsmen and continues to be a bargain to bourbon aficionados (\$16.99 for a 750 ml bottle) is earning its place in "The Good Life Pleasure Index"...but that's another story.

Talking Mt. Everest

Public interest in mountain climbing and Mount Everest has peaked in the metro area since the 1996 storm that killed eight climbers, including two of the world's most renowned climbers.

The disaster spurred a best-selling book, a national news special and a made-for-television movie.

One great untold story of the disaster was the rescue attempt by a group of climbers who were on Everest making a I-Max movie, which is scheduled to be released in March.

Ed Viesturs, the lead

climber for the I-Max group and one of the world's premier high altitude climbers coming to the metro area with a slide show and discussion of high altitude climbing and Mount Everest.

The Benchmark, in Farmington, an outfitter for climbing, will sponsor the presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, located on 11 Mile Road.

Tickets are on sale at the Benchmark for \$5. For more information, call (248) 477-8116.

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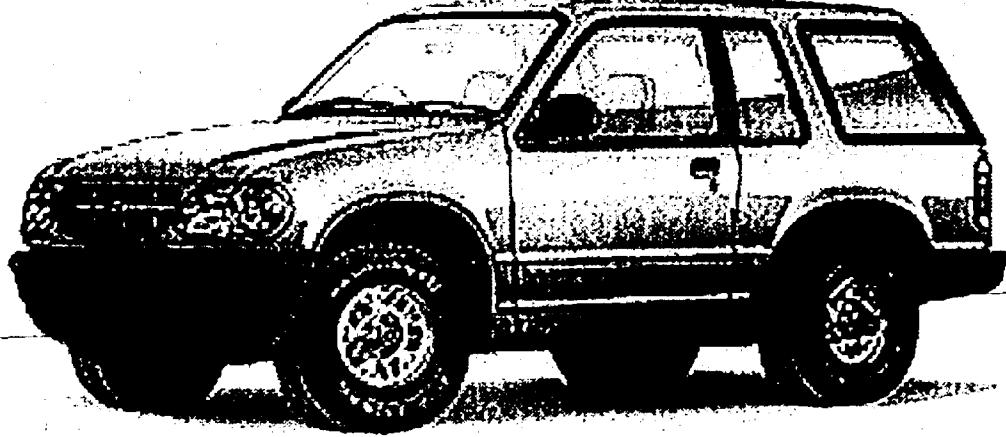
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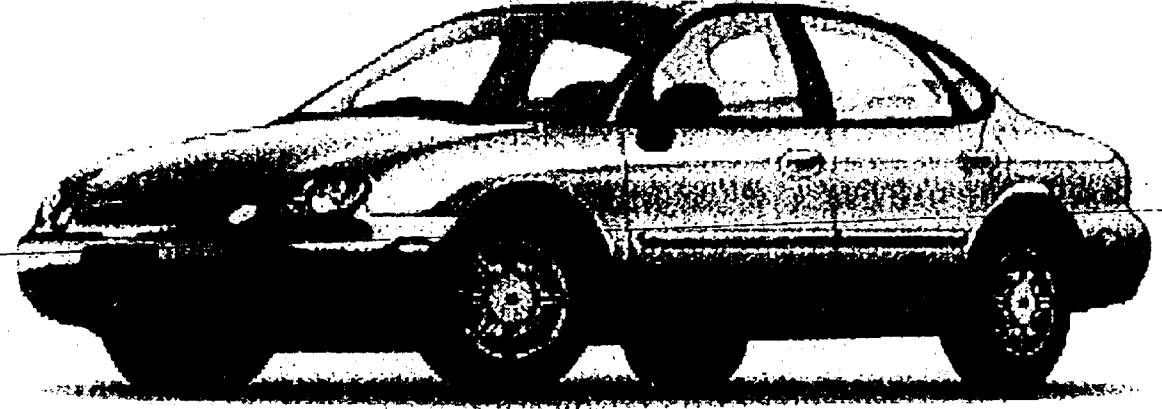
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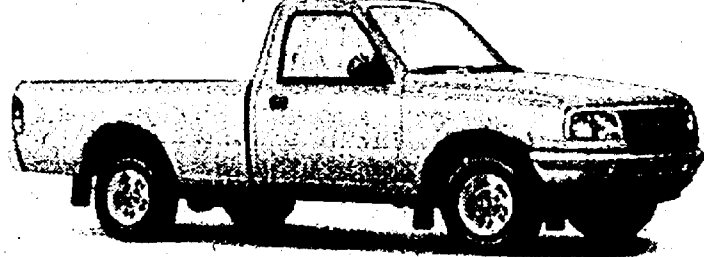


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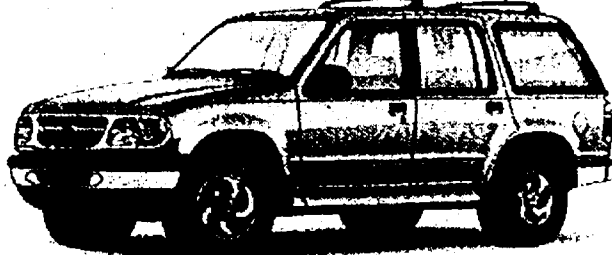
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