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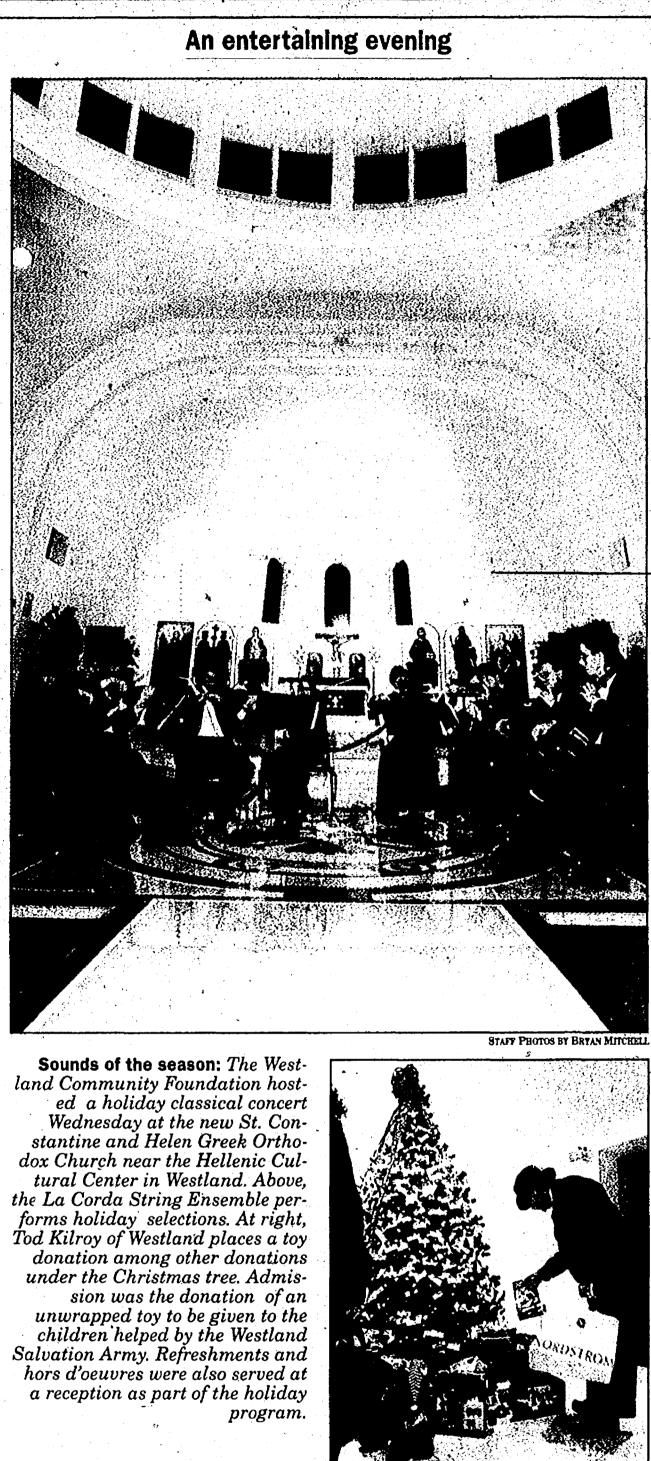


Holiday concert: A winter concert, featuring the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble performing seasonal works, will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff Road in Garden City.

MONDAY

Blood drive: Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-7:30 p.m. at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For information, call (734) 278-2071.

White Christmas: The deadline for the guaranteed white Christmas contest is today. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade can enter. Draw a poster of what your house would look like covered in snow on Christmas Day. Entries must be brought to the **Bailey Recreation Center** by today.



Fire chief to retire on Jan. 16

Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy confirmed Friday that he will retire Jan. 16. But he said he will remain deeply involved in his community and will likely seek a Westland City Council seat in 1999.

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

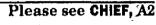


Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy, who fought tirelessly to bring new life-saving medical rescue services to city residents, confirmed Friday that he will retire Jan. 16. But Reddy, 54, said he will remain deeply involved in his community and will likely seek a Westland City Council seat in the

next election, in 1999.

"I've been here my whole life, and I plan on staying here," Reddy said. "I plan to stay active in the community."

Reddy's decision to retire ends a 21 1/2-year career with the Westland Fire Department. He steadily rose through the ranks, climbing from his firefighting job to claim the top job of fire chief three years ago.



Wilson School development

Council meets: Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Westland City Hall, Ford Road, west of Wayne, in Westland.

TUESDAY

Fine art: The Livonia Arts *Commission presents* mixed media works by Nancy Pitel at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

THURSDAY

Surplus food: The city of Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

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plan criticized

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

A proposed residential development on the old Wilson Elementary School site raised residential concerns on two heated issues during a Westland Planning Commission meeting Tuesday.

Residents worry that Sassafras Trails, a coveted wooded area near the development, would be jeopardized.

"Children will be climbing the fence and going into Sassafras Trails," according to area resident Beth Kunkle. "Can you imagine what will go on with Sassafras Trails with this number of children going in there?"

Secondly, a newly formed group called Citizens for Good Government accused Planning Commissioner David James of having a conflict of interest by also serving on the Wayne-Westland school board: (See related story.)

The issues spring from a \$500,000 purchase offer by Galaxy Builders for 13.5 acres that includes the Wilson Elementary School site and surrounding land east of Wildwood and south of Avondale Avenue. The parcel is owned by the Wayne-Westland School District.

Wilson Elementary School has been closed since the early 1980s and most of the building has been vacant since.

"We lease it when we can," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services. "Right now there is a child care (business) in it. It's a cash drain when you have a building and you don't have enrollment to subsidize it and you still have to heat it."

The proposed development, Wildwood Manor Subdivision, would include 54 modest residential homes.

However, residents who live near the planned development say it would diminish the natural setting of the 52 acres in

Board of education offers longtime teachers buyouts

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board members are offering longtime teachers as much as \$59,500 to leave their jobs.

Officials estimate that 100 of the district's 840 teachers will accept early buyouts, although 563 qualify, Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services, said.

Early buyouts, officially termed employee severance plans, will also be offered to building administrators, cenmembers, although Slee said details aren't complete.

School board members voted 7-0 Monday night to approve what they officially called an employee severance plan, amid hopes of replacing top-paid educators with new teachers earning entry-level salaries.

The board stands to save about \$33,000 in the first year for every teacher it replaces, Slee said. Savings would gradually diminish in coming

tral office staff and top-level cabinet years as educators climb the salary ladder.

> "This is an economic decision that we believe is in the best interest of the district," Slee said Monday, publicly unveiling the plan.

> The plan resembles early buyouts offered to employees in 1995, when 160 teachers and 20 administrators left the district. But the old plan carried a \$64,000-per-employee price tag.

School officials will require at least 50 employees to proceed with the latest

plan. Teachers could sign up during a 45-day period beginning Jan. 21, Slee said.

But they have to meet certain criteria.

First, they have to have at least 10 years of Wayne-Westland service by next June 30.

Of the 563 teachers who have 10 years of experience here, those vested with 30 years in the state retirement system can leave next June with an

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School-based clinic to open

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Norwayne area children and their families will soon receive health services from a Lincoln Elementary School-based clinic in Westland.

"It's going to be wonderful for this area," school secretary Judy Gilliam said.

The clinic will begin accepting patients in mid-Jan-uary following a joint effort by Wayne-Westland schools and Oakwood Healthcare System.

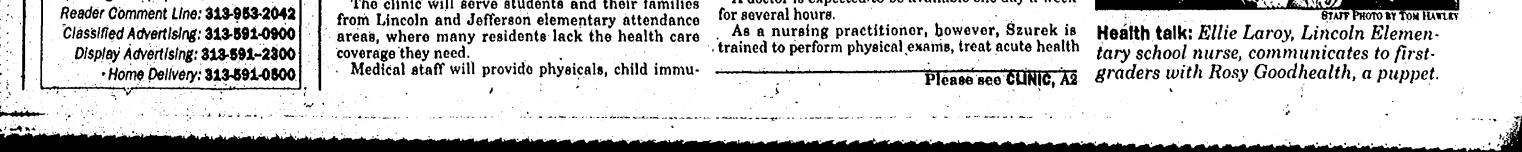
inizations, routine care, first-aid and health educa-tion, in hopes that healthier students will have higher attendance and perform better in their classrooms.

"Our focus is on keeping children well and their families well," family nurse practitioner Sue Szurek said.

Nurses will staff the clinic four days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., tentatively beginning Jan. 12. Other details are pending.

A doctor is expected to be available one day a week





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problems such as infections and injuries, treat chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, prescribe medications and provide prenatal care, among other services.

The clinic will stress ways of preventing health problems, in addition to treating illness.

"We need improved attendance, and we need improved health when the students are in school," Lincoln principal Cynthia Swift said.

Organizers say students will do better in school if they feel well when they are there.

"And the students and the parents will have the convenience of having services right here," Swift said.

"It will not be a free clinic," she added, "but services will be available to all clients. Payment arrangements may be individualized."

Project consultant Jane Schwyn said the clinic opening will culminate a project that has long been in the planning stages. We've been working for a year and a half to get this going," she

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tiplic safety by convincing **Cay**or Robert Thomas and **Cas**tland City Council members to implement an Advanced Life Support system, which placed highly trained paramedics on city'streets last February.

Many neighboring communities are still trying to catch up.

If any one person was responsible for bringing Advanced Life Spoport to the city, it was Mike Reddy," Thomas said Friday. Thomas also credited Reddy with boosting the fire department's relations with the community it serves.

Te ushered in a new era of citing the most common fire code violations, allowing problems to be corrected prior to fire inspections.

Oakwood Foundation is paying

the tab for starting the clinic,

which will open in a renovated

section of Lincoln school. The

In a related effort, nurse Ellie

Laroy already uses Rosie, a dog

puppet dressed in a nursing uni-

form, to go into classrooms and

clinic has three exam rooms.

Cynthia Swift

said.

The department also developed a series of brochures that firefighters give to residents and businesses to help them cope in the wake of major fires and other emergencies.

"Mike has taken the fire department and turned it into a user-friendly department," Thomas said.



Jane Schwyn

teach about preventive health care.

"The students love Rosie," she said.

Laroy's effort coupled with the clinic should make a difference in the health of Norwayne students and their families, Swift said.

Wayne-Westland school board

Thomas concluded.

Even before his decision to retire, Reddy had begun to develop new interests. He and several business partners built Norris Apartments on Palmer Road, providing highly touted apartments for low-income residents and fueling the first major residential development in the Norwayne neighborhood in 50 years.

Reddy and business partner fill. George Riley also have launched "He has made it a lot easier a new business, The Fire Acadefor people to deal with the my, a local brewery and grill department. He has really taken that is just getting started on him. the department to new heights Wayne Road near Hunter. "I want to do some business to see which candidate comes things," Reddy said Friday, out- out on top after written tests lining one of his reasons for and oral exams. retiring as fire chief. Reddy said the next fire chief

Still, he conceded it is difficult to leave his job. "Fire service has been my life.'

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said.

Reddy said he is proud to have achieved his career goal of moving the fire department from a rescue system of emergency medical technicians to the much-better trained paramedics now involved in Advanced Life Support.

His retirement leaves a void that one of two candidates will

Two assistant fire chiefs, Patrick Harder and Mark Neal, are in line to potentially succeed

Harder and Neal are waiting

James' double roles questioned

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

A community group is accusing Westland Planning Commissioner and Wayne-Westland school board member David James of a conflict of interest for having both positions.

A letter from John D. Erdevig, an attorney representing Citizens for Good Government, said the conflict arises because James, as a school board member, has an interest in the sale of land that goes before the planning commission for review.

"Thus, the school board has one set of interests and duties to the residents of the larger school district, while the planning commission has its own ordinance to enforce on behalf of the citizens of the City of Westland," the letter said.

"The Michigan Attorney General's office has told CGG that, based upon these facts, Mr. James occupies these two offices in violation of a Michigan law commonly known as the Incompatible Offices Act MCL 15.182." James didn't return phone calls from the Observer.

Marion Gorton, spokeswoman for the Michigan attorney general's office, said if situations occur where decisions are made on one board and come before the other board where the same person sits, "there would likely be a problem of incompatibility.'

She stressed, however, that this comment isn't an official attorney general opinion. Those opinions are done on a fact basis. Gorton said she couldn't find a written record of a decision on the James case.

"We don't know what happened in this situation and we're not going to issue phone opinions," Gorton said.

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Teresa Robbins, CGG spokeswoman, said the nature of the positions poses a conflict: "To try to serve these two masters during deliberation of this land use question inevitably results in a breach of duty as that phrase is used in the act, making the offices legally incompatible."

CGG was formed recently because of this issue, Robbins said.

"These things need to be corrected to have a city government and school district that work for the good of the citizens," Robbins said.

The issue surfaced recently regarding a proposed subdivision development on Wilson Elementary School land that is owned by the Wayne-Westland School District.

The school board wants to sell the land and preliminary development plans were before the planning commission Tuesday. dames abstained from the vote.

Robbins said the group was planning to contact the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to pursue further legal action.

A similar conflict of interest charge first surfaced earlier this year. At that time, James supported a condominium development at the planning commission level that would financially benefit the school district.

Shortly after, Assistant City Attorney Keith Madden ruled that James in his planning commission role had "no legal recognized conflict of interest" in recommending that the city approve 92 condominiums to be built on property sold by the school district. The commission is an advisory board that makes recommendations to the Westland City Council.

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"I've been really proud of him, and I'm really happy to have business owners with brochures had him as my fire chief,"

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average \$59,500 payout over eight years. The number who qualify: 105.

That \$59,500 figure comes from a \$55,000 base offer plus \$30 for each unused sick day. Most teachers have accumulated 150 sick days, bringing their buyout to \$59,500, Slee said.

The remaining 458 teachers who qualify for buyouts also have worked in Wayne-Westland for at least 10 years, but they don't have 30 years with the state retirement system.

They have two options:

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They can sign up to leave the district by next June 30 and receive the same buyout as the other teachers.

They can agree to retire in June 1999, and receive only \$50,000 plus the sick day payouts. That amounts to a \$5,000 cut.

School board members added the employee severance plan to their Monday night agenda; the package hadn't been listed for business prior to the meeting.

Slee noted that the plan will be handled by Educators Preferred Corp., the same outside firm that successfully handled the 1995 buyouts.

Slee said the plan adds to the district's ongoing efforts to be more frugal in the face of budget constraints.

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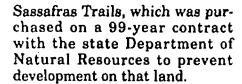
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The proposed subdivision doesn't include Sassafras Trails. Tod Kilroy, Westland planning director, said the development won't affect Sassafras Trails.

"What was proposed there is in conformance with ordinances of the city," Kilroy said. "The state law says if it meets ordinance requirements we are supposed to give approval. That's what we have to go on. There are rules of the game."

While \$500,000 is a significant amount of money, Brand said, the real boon to the district from the development would be the influx of children to the district.

"What we look at is growth for the district," she said. "If homes are built, we know there will be children there."

The state provides allowances to the district for each child who attends Wayne-Westland schools.

Other residents at the commission meeting were concerned about the likely increased traffic on Wildwood caused by the new residents; that the lot sizes were too small; and that the trees, wildflowers and other growth would be disturbed.

Kilroy noted that trees are . protected by the city's newly adopted Tree Preservation Act. It says that when developers remove trees, they either must replace them in another area of the development or place money

into a fund to buy trees for other designated city locations.

The best use of the land would be if the city bought it for a city park, science center and nature trails with an amphitheater, according to resident Vicki Maple.

"Instead of utilizing the area to draw people in, we're just plowing it over and making a standard subdivision."

Another resident, Vickie Lewis, said she was in favor of property improvements. "The school is a wreck," she said. "I'm not opposed to residential development."

She was against these development plans, however, because they call for modest lot sizes of a minimum of 60-foot-wide lot and a minimum of 1,000-square-foot houses.

Galaxy recently constructed a subdivision called Cherry Oak on the south side of Cherry Hill between Wayne and Newburgh roads, and the newly proposed subdivision would likely be the same.

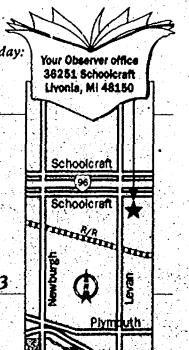
"We've had very good experiences with the developer, Marshall Kallen; he follows the rules and gets things done," Kilroy said. "He goes beyond what is provided in the ordinance. He does a nice job."

On Tuesday evening, the planning commission gave initial approval for the concept plan for the proposed subdivision. The proposal will return to the planning commission for further review and will go to the city council for final approval.

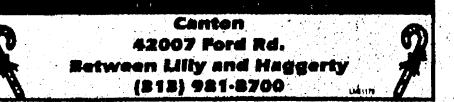
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Just as architects build scale models of buildings to help clients visualize their dreams, orthodontists may use study models to help patients visualize their orthodontic problems and anticipate proposed corrections. These models are exact representations of their patients' toeth, dental arches, and alveolar process (the part of the jaw in which the teeth are planted). The models are fabricated in labs using impressions taken of the teeth. In addition, the orthodontist will measure the movements of the jaw, These measurements prove instructive once the

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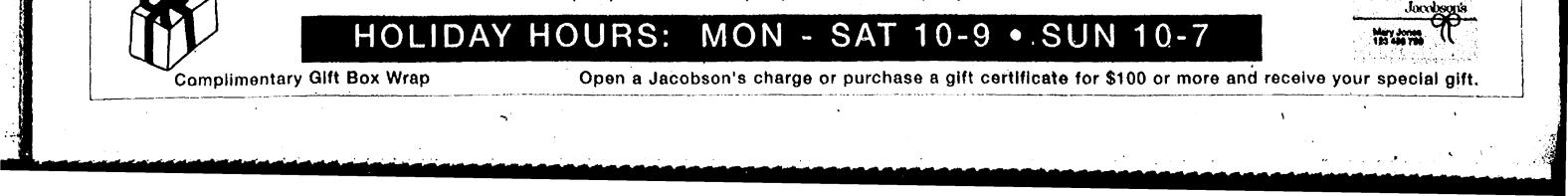
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Salvation Army effort falls behind

The Salvation Army in Westland has fallen behind on its fund-raising efforts to help needy families this holiday season, Capt. Mark Welsh said.

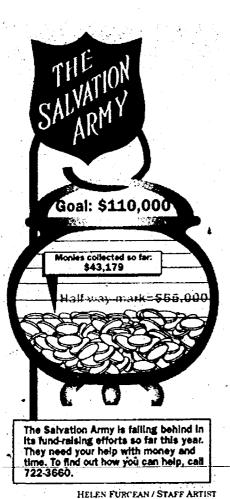
Only \$43,179 of the Salvation Army's \$110,000 goal has been raised, he said.

The amount is \$10,000 less than what had been raised at this time last year.

The Salvation Army needs volunteers willing to work for free to ring bells and seek donations in the familiar red kettles, Welsh said. To help call 722-3660.

He cited a particular need for evening volunteers to ring bells at Westland locations such as Target, Service Merchandise, Sears and Hudson's.

Weish encouraged two-person teams to volunteer to ring bells. The money raised will be used to provide food baskets for needy families and toys for children who might otherwise receive nothing for Christmas.



Sports rehab center opens

Garden City Hospital's Sports Rehabilitation Center officially opened recently on Central City Parkway opposite Westland Center.

Located between Dick's Sporting Goods and MedMax, the center seems to have an ideal location - athletic equipment on one side and medical supplies on the other. The center provides assessment and treatment for orthopedic-sports, hand-wrist-shoulder and head-neck-back rehabilitation. Staffing the center are experienced physical and occupational therapists along with certified athletic trainers. State-of-the art equipment is featured at the 6,500 square foot center including the Total Gym Therapy System, treadmills and independent and dependent





STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Merry making: The Friends of Nankin Mills' ninth annual Christmas Tree Lighting fell victim to inclement weather, but festivities were held anyway. Above, 5-year-olds Nicole McCloud (left) and Lindsey Roy, both of Westland, chat with Santa Claus but were a little shy. At right, those who gathered sang a few Christmas Carols. The event was held

Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Nankin

Mills, on Ann Arbor Trail in West-

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stair climbers.

Receiving a lot of attention at the official opening was the multi-depth Swimex pool which has jets to keep patients swimming in place.

The clinic is currently open 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Beginning Jan. 10, there will be Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other hours will be added as needed.



CRIME WATCH

Shopper mugged

A 49-year-old Westland woman was attacked and her purse stolen by two teen-agers outside of Danny's supermarket, 31313 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman, a police report said. The victim reported losing \$200, credit cards and personal items when her purse was seized on Dec. 5, around midnight.

She told police she believed her attackers were supermarket employees when she saw them standing near the entrance. But then one teen pushed her to the ground and her purse was seized before the attackers fled on foot.

She described one as a 14year-old white male, about 5foot-7 and weighing 115 pounds. She said he wore a hooded sweatshirt and baggy blue jeans. He had a shaved head. She said the second culprit was about 14 years old, also 5-foot-7, 115 pounds and similarly dressed.

Purse snatching II

A woman leaving Kroger on Ford Road at Central City Parkway told police she was pushed by one of three people who fled the scene after her purse was seized from a shopping cart as she left the store.

Her purse was later recovered and an arrest made by Westland police.

The victim told police she was about 15 feet from the sidewalk in front of Kroger when the incident occurred. She had earlier seen some of the suspects inside the store, she reported.

The woman described three suspects, including two black males and one black female. The men were described as in their 30s and the woman as being 19 to 23 years old.

Police recovered the woman's purse following a traffic stop that also led to an arrest, Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

School break-in

land.

A Jefferson-Barns Elementary School custodian reported that the school was broken into between 10:45 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6:45 a.m. Dec. 8. A window and an interior door frame were damaged and money had been taken from an envelope in the school.

No arrests have been made.

The woman described three The break-in occurred at the uspects, including two black Norwayne area school located at ales and one black female. The 32150 Dorsey.

Other break-ins

Two Joy Road businesses suffered break-ins late Dec. 4 or early Dec. 5, police reports said. One occurred at Red Carpet Keim and another at a next-door Allstate insurance office. Both businesses are in the 27500 block of Joy Road.

Police reports noted that a telephone and a pair of pliers were taken from Red Carpet Keim by someone who first entered the next-door Allstate office, where nothing was reported missing. The break-in occurred on the west side of the Allstate business.

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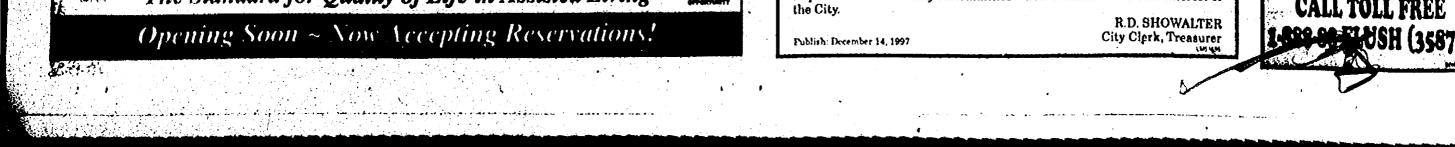
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Roadwork Local officials want more talks, information about jurisdiction

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Local officials are ready to negotiate rather than do battle with Gov. John Engler's administration over a state plan to take over 9,600 miles of county and municipal roads.

They asked the Southeast Michigan Council of Goyernments to be the focal point in a regionwide discussion of which

roads should be controlled by the in Lansing state and which should continue to be local.

"There are some good ideas and some not so good," said Andrew Wardach, Brighton Township supervisor and chairman of SEMCOG's Transportation Advisory Council. "But there's just not enough information" from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

"I haven't had one community

say they're for this," said SEM-COG's transportation manager Carmine Palombo.

"We've proposed that roads handling 85 percent of commercial travel by transferred to the state," said MDOT planner Theresa Petko, who attended the SEMCOG Executive Commit-

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Funding still remains a question

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFE WRITER

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) owns 9,600 miles of roads in Michigan, and wants control of another 9,100 miles of roadway now controlled by local jurisdictions.

Leaders from the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), a consortium of eighteen western Wayne County communities, say they want to know more about how funding, maintenance and liability will be affected before they sign on the dotted line and give up local control of any roads.

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley believes there are still too many questions to be answered before he can agree to. anything.

"Questions not only pertaining

to jurisdiction, but funding," said Kelley. "A lot of the funding questions are wrapped into the sunset of Act 51 road funding legislation, which will be a big issue next year. Our concern as a township is that we get a place at the table to voice our concerns."

Redford's roads are owned by Wayne County. While cities get

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Road money formula is difficult to change, says Sen. Abraham

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., had some good news for people attending a Western Wayne County Leadership meeting Thursday.

Congress may balance a budget for the first time since 1969 if Congress and President Clinton follow a bill that was passed this year. People also can now get more tax credits under the Taxpayer Relfef. Act as Individual Retirement Accounts have been expanded, Abraham said.

But when it comes to transportation, and Michigan getting more bang for its tax dollar, it has been difficult shedding the state's donor status, or what the state gets back from what it pays the federal government, Abraham said.

"Michigan is one of 21 donor states," Abraham said. "In order to change that, we must change the formula. But it is hard to change that formula, because some states are getting more money than they are putting in."

But Michigan's congressional delegation is working to deliver on the \$200 million Gov. John Engler targeted in his road plan. That may occur because Congress has shifted some money from the general fund to the highway trust fund and are pushing for that money to be spent on roads, Abraham said.

"People are beginning to realize the conditions of the roads in the cold weather states," Abraham said.

The Senate has studied a bill for \$180 million more for Michigan in federal road money, while the House has a proposal for \$250 million.

"Chances are that we will be in the governor's area of \$200 million." Abraham said. Abraham also tackled other issues:

On controlling carbon dioxide emissions and the Kvoto conference. Abraham said scientific data existed on pro and con arguments whether the United States should undertake such measures and to what extent.

Part of the problem was that the developed nations would enter such agreements. while undeveloped ones would not, Abraham said.

"A lot of manufacturing and jobs would go to these other places," Abraham said, because the regulations would not apply there and costs would be less. "It will increase the cost of doing business, and it will be cheaper to go to Brazil, cheaper to go to India and cheaper to go to China."

Agricultural, automotive and energy-related industries would be affected, Abraham said. Abraham was told he could attend the conference. but only as a bystander, so he decided not to attend. He believed the issues will be addressed in Congress.

On standardized testing, Abraham believes federal aid for education should be distributed on a block grant basis, and not involve Washington so much. "The (Department of Education's) role is a confused one." Abraham said.

Cars for commissioners? Ordinance may be revised

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners may give themselves an early Christmas present Thursday if they decide to repeal or revise a four-year-old ordinance.prohibiting them from using countyfinanced cars.

The ordinance was introduced by Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and passed by commissioners in 1993. But

an addendum introduced Thursday on a committee agenda was approved, 6-1, allowing for commission use of cars. The full commission's 15 members are expected to act on the item Thursday.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, was the sole opponent on the Committee on Airports, Roads and Public Services of allowing for the car commissioner to have a car,' usage. Committee Chairman

Robert Blackwell and Commissioners Edna Bell, Ed Boike, Chris Cavanagh, Bernard Parker and Jewel Ware, all Democrats, supported the addendum.

The item is expected to be debated, but the Republican members aren't optimistic the addendum will be defeated.

"There's really no reason for a Patterson said. Patterson's district covers 188 square miles, the largest of any commissioner. Patterson estimated lease

costs could range from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

McCotter said: "Right now, I'm just appalled that the commissioners would supply themselves with a Christmas present. This matter was - and should remain - settled."



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Judge appointed

Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos has been reappointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as chief judge of Westland District Court, Bokos has served as a local judge since 1992. He was originally appointed to the job by Gov. John Engler and was subsequently elected by voters. As chief judge, he is responsible for the total operation of the court. He also was recently chosen to chair the Wayne-Westland YMCA's board of directors and was elected vice president of the Wayne County District Judges Association.

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Fire fund-raiser

As the result of a raffle at the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union, more than \$900 has been donated for fire prevention education and the Burn Center.

During October, the credit union held a fire prevention weekend. During the weekend, members were asked for monetary donations to go to either fire prevention education or the Burn Center.

This year, 14 fire extinguish ers were raffled off for those who donated. Also, the Westland Fire Department sent over a fire truck and rescue crew for children to learn about fire safety.

On Friday, Dec. 12, checks were presented to the Wayne, and Westland Fire Departments.

Toys for Tots

MedMax has joined the 1998 Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Upon dropping off an unwrapped gift, MedMax customers will receive a coupon for \$5 off a purchase of \$20 or

compete to win a guaranteed white Christmas. Draw a poster of what your house would look like covered in snow on Christmas day. Include your name, address, phone number, the grade you are in and the name of the school you attend on your poster. Entries must be brought or mailed to the **Bailey Recreation Center at** 36651 Ford Road, behind City Hall in Westland, by Monday, Dec. 15. The winner will be notified by Dec. 21. If there isn't any snow on the ground on Dec. 23, a truckload of snow will be dumped on the winner's front lawn on that date. If there is snow already covering the ground, another prize will be given.

Surplus food

The city of Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following date and time:

Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

All other residents excluding Precinct 28: between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of. distribution.

For December, applesauce, beef, corn flakes, can potatoes, grapefruit juice and salmon will be distributed.

For questions call the Dorsey Center's hot line at (734) 595-0366.

Deck the halls

The 11th annual "Christmas Decorating Contest," sponsored by the Westland City Council, is open for nominations, according to the chairwoman of the event, council president Sandra Cicirelli. Residential displays will be judged by members of the city council and plaques will be awarded to the first-, secondand third-place winners on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998. The council will look at all nominations on Monday, Dec. 22. Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another resident for this award may call City Clerk Diane J. Fritz at (313) 467-3190 or (313) 467-3191. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Those selected for the awards will be notified by the city clerk.



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OBITUARIES

and one great-grandson. Memorials may be directed to

Michigan Humane Society, 3600 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills 48309.

AVIE P. BROWN

Funeral services for Avie Brown, 52, of Gaylord were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was Brother Tim Dunn,

Mrs. Brown died Dec. 7 in her home. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Thomas; son, Michael Heintz; daughter, Terri Turnbull, Jamie Pelack; mother, Ida Hailey; brother, Gene Hailey; sisters, Ann Settles, Malinda Duffield, Alene Moran, Sarah Hooker; and four grandchildren. Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by daughter, Lisa Gallardo, and brother, Ray Hailey.

Holiday project

Christmas creation:

Sunshine & Rainbow Preschoolers from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center visited Marquette House for Assisted Living in Westland recently to work on holiday decorations. Here, 4-year-old Colton Lipinski makes a holiday table centerpiece as resident Charlotte Race looks on.

Funeral services for Mary Westerholm, 92, of Westland were recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Drexel E. Morton from St. Michael Lutheran Church Mrs. Westerholm, who died Dec. 9 in Westland, was born in Clairage, Pa. She was an assem-

company. Surviving are: daughter-inlaw, Carrie; one brother; three sisters; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Westerholm was preceded in death by her son, Karl.

bly worker for an automotive

Funeral services for Bertha Caswell, 83, of Westland were recently in David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with

burial at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Officiating was the Rev. John L. Vaprezsan from Metro Baptist Church. Mrs. Caswell, who died Dec. 6

in Angela Hospice in Livonia, was born in Addison, Ohio. Surviving are: daughter, Shirley (Frank) Bartosh of Belleville; mother, Pearl Rumsey; stepsisters, Dorothy Barr of Highland, Ind., and Audrey Abel of Clinton, S.C.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Caswell was preceded in death by: husband, Robert; sister, Norma Stephens; and brothers, Irvwin and Leonard Rumsey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice,

Son Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Herman W. Kucyk from Church of the Divine Child. Surviving are: husband, Walter; son, Dennis Kozoro; daughters, Sharon McKay and Gail Jarvis; and two grandchildren.

MARY R. WESTERHOLM

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Christmas dream

If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and live in the city of Westland, you can

were recently in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livonia, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Alberto Bondy. Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

ALYCIA MADGWICK

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FRANCIS OAKES

Funeral services for Alycia

Madgwick, 14, of Westland were

recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral

Home with burial at Roseland

Park Cemetery, Berkley. Offici-

Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran

Alycia, who died Dec. 4, was

student at Franklin High School.

Surviving are: parents, David

born in Ann Arbor. She was a

Jr. and Melanie Madgwick;

brother, Ryan; sister, Shayna;

Jane Madgwick; grandparents,

Mike and Helen Tocco; grand-

mother, Nancy Madgwick; and

great-grandmother, Victoria

Funeral services for Francis

(Frank) Oakes, 84, of Westland

grandparents, David Sr. and

ating was the Rev. Jerry A.

Mr. Oakes, who died Dec. 6 in Westland, was born in Bergland, Mich. He lived in this area many years. He was a bottler with Twin Pines. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Notre Dame General Assembly, Wayne.

Surviving are: daughters, Janet Rizzo, Cheryl Kloevcar, Donna Beardslee; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

BERTHA V. CASWELL

Livonia.

CHRISTINE M. GROOME

Funeral services for Christine Groome, 74, of Westland were recently in R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Groome, who died Dec. 4 in Ann Arbor, was born in Baltimore, Md. She lived in Westland five years and previously was a Livonia resident from 1965. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Southern Michigan Unit of the Herb Society of America.

Surviving are: daughters, Cheryl Levine, Diane Taherzedeh-Yazdian, Carle Groome; three grandchildren;

MAYNARD GENSLER Maynard Gensler, 90, of West-

land died Nov. 29. Born in Fostoria, Ohio, Mr. Gensler was a retired millhand. Survivors include his daughters, Jane Elwood, Nancy Hect

and Sue Szwed; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held. Arrangements were made by the Care Memorial Society, Resurrection Funeral Home, Clinton Township.

LORRAINE M. KOZORO

Funeral services for Lorraine Kozoro, 76, of Westland were recently in John N. Santeiu &

SHIRLEY J. WALKER

Funeral services for Shirley Walker, 72, of Westland were recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Ruth Billington from **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian** Church.

Mrs. Walker, who died Dec. 9 at her Westland residence, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Robert; daughter, Diane Olson: brother, William Wilson; sister, Marie Peters; and two grandchildren. Mrs. Walker was preceded in death by her son, Robert.

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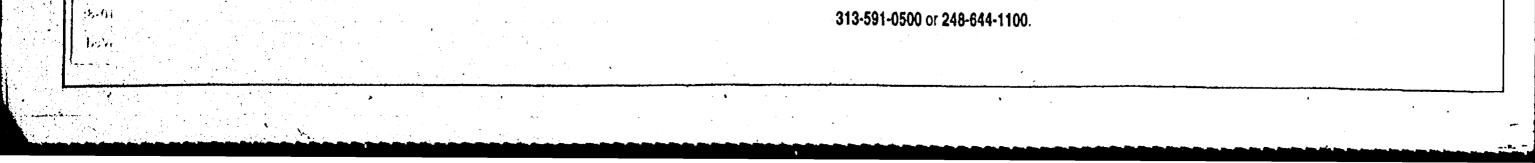
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Road improvements scheduled for western Wayne County

Gov. John Engler last week said MDOT "would put our tax dollars to work" with \$26 million in road and bridge improvements as soon as the winter weather breaks.

Among projects scheduled for southeastern Michigan:

Garden City and West land – Warren Road traffic signal modernization at seven intersections: Henry Ruff, Middlebelt, Helen Floral, Fairwood, Berwyn Gulley and Fen-

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ton; \$294,380. Contractor is tracting. Completion: 40 days Rauhorn Electric Inc. Completion: late summer of 1998.

Westland – Resurface one-fifth of a mile of Reuther Drive on the grounds of Walter Reuther Mental Health Center; \$138,000. Contractor is ABC Paving. Completion: 20 days from start.

Plymouth – quarter-mile access road to Western Wayne Correctional Facility; \$338,000. Contractor is Richter's Con-

after start.

🖬 Livonia – Schoolcraft Road traffic signal modernization at nine intersections from Haggerty to Fenton.

🔳 Livonia – Seven Mile Road traffic signal modernization from Purlingbrook to Woodworth; \$700,000 (including Schoolcraft Road projects). Contractor is Rauhorn Electric Inc. Completion: early winter of 1998.

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Act 51 money directly from the state, the township's share goes into county coffers.

"We passed a resolution at our last board meeting that we would like to be considered when Act 51 legislation comes up, that townships be considered in the process," Kelley said. "We are looking at legislation proposed by (state Sen.) Loren Bennett (R-Canton) that would turn funding back to the township and we could decide what to do with it ... continue with the county or hire a private contractor.

"I'm open to anything that's going to improve roads for our citizens."

Act 51 legislation is set to expire next September, although at least one local leader doesn't expect the issue to become a political football, at least right away.

"The legislation can be extended, and that's what I think will happen," said Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor. "The earliest that issue will be dealt with is the fall, and more likely after the '98 elections. Neither party wants it as a campaign issue.

"We've got lots of time to get information from the state so we can come up with our own conclusions."

Yack, whose township's roads are owned and maintained by the county, says if the state could give a better deal, he



Yack has an ongoing battle with county officials over road maintenance and construction funding for Canton.

Yack also knows there could be a downside to the state taking over any roads.

"The biggest thing for any community is being involved in the declision making when it comes to roads," said Yack. "There's always a suspicion that the farther away government is from you, the more difficult and less likely it is to respond to your needs. Besides, the history of MDOT is not very responsive."

Garden City Councilman Mike Wiacek says his biggest concern is money.

"I want to know what effect it's going to have on our local rev-

enue," said Wiacek. "We want to make sure, for our taxpayers, that we get as much funding ds we can.

"In reality, Garden City is an older community with lots of neighborhood roads, and I doubt the state would want to take over many, if any, of them."

Currently, the state gets 39 percent of the roads budget, Michigan's 83 counties shareanother 39 percent of monies available for roads, while cities split 22 percent. Local governments are concerned about how much less they will get if the state takes control of some of their roads. Many CWW members voiced some doubt, saying their current allocations aren't anywhere near enough.

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Where pets are family

tee's Dec. 12 meeting in Detroit. Petko added MDOT has had "some positive response" to what MDOT director James DeSana called a "rationalization plan" for state jurisdiction. But she declined to name communities.

"They're asking questions about how many times will you snowplow, and how many times will you mow?" Petko said.

"There's a real desire to get into a dialog," said SEMCOG executive director John Amberg-

the negotiating focal point for the seven member counties. Specifically, SEMCOG mem-

bers are asking about: A specific funding formula. If jurisdiction is changed, the state Legislature will have to revise the complex formula contained in Public Act 51 of 1951.

Agreements covering repayment of county and municipal investments and debts for roads taken over by the state.

Agreements for covering

rebuilt and reopened in October. "The Davison is fabulous. It was a county road all these years (about 50). We took it three years ago and fixed it," Engler said.

> Engler first floated the idea in May when he unveiled his gasoline tax hike plan to improve roads and bridges. Legislators passed the tax but balked at the administration's effort to take might take it. over more local roads.

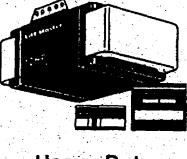
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Bill OK'd to permit lawsuits against corporations for punitive damages

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

A key Republican crossover gave House Democrats a barebones victory in their effort to allow plaintiffs to sue corporations for punitive damages.

"Sometimes you have a crook who has a lot of money," said Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, who gave Democrats the 56th vote they needed Dec. 3 to pass the punitive damages.

House Bill 5373 is probably dead on arrival in the Republican-controlled Senate, which has made a 13-year effort to reduce the costs of doing business in Michigan.

Product liability is one of the Democrats' key 1997 legislative initiatives; the other is restoring unemployment benefits to 1995 levels.

"A political outcome took precedence over a policy outcome," said Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, summing up the case for the GOP. "This will have a chilling effect on the business climate without doing people any good."

The House passed the bill 56-51 with three absent. All area lawmakers but Cropsey voted with their parties. Voting yes were 54 Democrats and two Republicans. Voting no were 49 Republicans and two Democrats.

The Democratic leadership had to hold the voting board open 10 minutes to round up the necessary votes. Leaders worked hard on Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, and Ed LaForge, D-Kalamazoo, to get their green (yes) lights.

Corporate felons The sponsor, Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, likened punitive damages against corporations to a prison term for violent felons. "If you injure someone, you go to prison," he said, "and it costs the state \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year. Here the wrongdoer would pay the cost.

"Thirty-five other states have punitive damages. You hear of large awards of \$270 million. Those awards are usually reversed by the appellate courts," said Wallace, adding that only 5 percent of plaintiffs ever win any damages at all.

But Wallace said a punitive award against a corporation, even if reversed on appeal, would result in greater safety for consumers.

Fitzgerald noted Wallace introduced his bill Nov. 13, reported it out of his committee on the first day of session (Dec. 1) after the hunting season break, and was seeking to push it through second and third readings in a single day.

"What's the rush?" Fitzgerald asked. "It's not an issue that needs to be taken all the way in one day. I for one heard no compelling testimony in committee."

Backing him up, Rep. Mike Nye, R-Litchfield, said consumers can sue for economic, non-economic (pain and suffering) and exemplary damages. Adding punitive damages to the list, he said, would make Michigan "one of the few states with all four types of damages."

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe, got hoots from the Democratic side when he said, "These punitive damages will not go only to our friends (consumers) but to the trial lawyers.' The Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the plaintiffs' bar, is major contributor to а Democrats.

Three more bills are in the Democrats' package. HB 4048 would cover pharmaceuticals; HB 5371 would cover defective products; and a third bill is still in committee.

Much comment

Interest groups flooded the House press room with news releases.

"Threatens to wreck Michigan's positive small business climate ... an anti-business agenda" - Small Business Association of Michigan.

"Whether it's hiding research about defects, cutting corners on the assembly line, or lying about product safety, it should be punishable under the law for companies to sell products they know could injure or kills" – Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos.

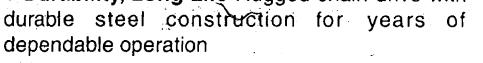
Most of these bills are an obvious effort by plaintiff's attorneys to repeal or roll back products liability reform legislation that was approved last session (controlled by Republicans). The Michigan Chamber will fight to retain the current law" - Michigan Chamber of Commerce:

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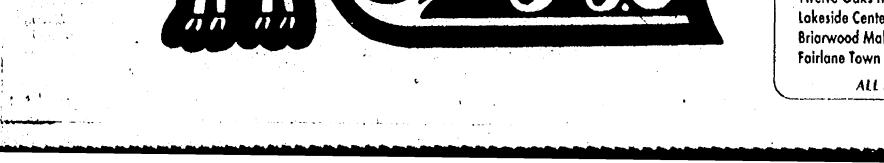
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Countdown the 12 Days to Christmas

t was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse." Wrong! Usually, with onset of the most wonderful day of the year, we are frantically dashing about, polishing silver, counting plates, and uncovering the dusty card table from years past. Then you start the long food journey and by Christmas day you're missing out on all the holiday cheer in the next room because you're too busy dicing, chopping and slicing. May I suggest this year be different; a little planning can make a world of difference.

The Twelve Days of Christmas - Don't forget to start today

Day 12 - Master Checklist Every great event has great beginnings. A master plan and checklist is the key to success. Your list may include rentals, inventory of china, linen, serving pieces, time line for tasks to insure no last minute running.

Day 11 - Menu Planning

The most crucial part of a holiday feast is, of course, the food! In addition to family favorites this would be the time to gather recipes you've

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ON YOUR MARK GET SET FOR HOLIDAY EATING

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI EVERTS SPECIAL WRITER

The holiday season brings challenges and opportunities. Many of us look forward to spending time with family and friends, dressing ing wonderfully seasoned vegetafruits, beans or grains.

The runner must prepare mentally for the race. She will think about how she will feel running during the competition. Before a

indoors in dry, heated places. bles and new combinations of Find the biggest, tallest glass you can, fill it with ice water, and sip and crunch your way through any holiday get together.

The runner puts her whole heart and soul into the race; Sunday of the month in Taste. See recipes inside.

Company's Coming Here are some holiday entertaining tips from the

American Dietetic Association/National Center for

wanted to try, and it necessary, experiment. When menu planning, it is essential to have a good mix of items to fit everyone's needs including a few selections, which are on the lighter side. Try to make some things in advance. Many items, including baked goods and chutneys, can be made well in advance. Don't forget to place any special meat or bakery item orders well in advance so you're not disappointed on your last minute shopping trip to your favorite market. **B** Day 10

Purchase all your beverages. Remember to buy beer and wine at room temperature and then just ice down an hour prior to guest arrival in coolers or party tubs. It is hard enough fitting all the extra food items in the fridge without having to work around cases of pop, beer and wine.

🖬 Day 9

It is close enough now to the date of your event to make any reminder calls to family and friends about times and such. It's also a great time to assign tasks for family members to help with the preparation.

Day 8

It's a great day for holiday baking. Cookies and breads freeze great. Bring out your special holiday tins. Sweet filled tins make great gifts.

Day 7

Beat the last minute grocery store frenzy and pick up all your dry goods such as paper products, coffee, tea, canned and frozen items also. Make any last minute purchases you may need for your table.

Day 6

Plan your holiday table top. You can use phone books, boxes turned upside down placed on top of a base line tablecloth, Arrange rises on table and cover with additional pieces of festive holiday linen thus creating different levels as a stage for your platters, bowls, etc. Give some thought to your centerpiece, how about some fresh pine branches placed in between rises? Holiday ribbon cascaded about? Candles are always a nice touch. Colors and textures will lend to your festive holiday tables. Think of your table as the stage and the food as the actors.

Day 5

Gather your china, serving pieces and linen. Double check for cleanliness and don't forget to polish the silver. This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your favorite Christmas CDs, cassettes, and records.

🖬 Day 4

The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas Eve is the grocery store.

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up our homes and offices, and eating wonderfully prepared meals.

We need not look at holiday meals as a chance to "pig out" or worry that we'll lose control with all of the additional pressures that we face during this time of year.

I prepare for holiday eating the way a long distance runner prepares for a race.

Before the race, a runner needs to practice, practice, practice. The same is true before the holidays; practice eating sensibly. Build up your arm muscles so you have enough strength to push yourself away from the table. Practice eat-

Good Holiday Snacks

- Raw vegetables (very light on the dip)
- Shrimp cocktail (in moderation) Baked tortilla chips and salsa
- Pretzels Jordan almonds (in moderation) Nuts in the shell that you have to
- crack to eat Raw fruit slices with low-fat
- yogurt dip Grapes

holiday party, imagine yourself always aware of her body and eating with restraint, enjoying each delicious mouthful and having lots of wonderful conversation.

The runner will choose clothing that is comfortable and makes her feel like a winner. For the holidays choose clothes that fit you well rather than the biggest, baggiest ones. If you wear clothes that are too loose, you won't notice your belly expanding from over eating.

The day of the race, the runner chooses her food carefully. Before you go to a party, eat a good meal so that you're less likely to graze uncontrollably all evening.

During the race, the runner will drink plenty of water to keep well hydrated. The same is true for the holidays; never underestimate the power of water. Enjoy plenty of cool, clear water before, during and after the party. Water keeps your skin clear and helps flush impurities from your body. Drink water liberally throughout what it's doing. During a party, think about what you've been eating and how much. Listen to your body's internal signals. Breathe deeply and maintain control. Move yourself away from the food source, help with dishes, play with the children or take the dog for a walk.

After the race, the runner evaluates what she did right and where she may need to intensify her efforts. After the party think about what you ate that was especially satisfying and whether you feel you successfully "managed" your food intake. Congratulate yourself for eating vegetables, fruits, grains and for drinking water.

Relax, and then, prepare yourself for the next "holiday" run.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management company. the party, especially when you're Look for her story on the second

Nutrition and Dietetics. Appetizers Serve hummus with pita wedges Make fruit kebabs with pineapple chunks. melon balls, and ripe strawberries Create a cheese board with some newer low fat varieties and an assortment of crackers and breadsticks Spread reduced fat or nonfat cream cheese on reduced fat or nonfat crackers. Garnish with: sun dried tomatoes; cocumber slices and pimento; or smoked salmon and dill Rely on low-fat or nonfat varieties of plain yogurt, ricotta cheese, or sour cream for dips. Flavor them with dry onion soup mix, salsa, chopped cooked spinach, chutney, or other flavorings. Bake miniature vegetable quiches using lowerfat cheese and egg alternative Side Dishes Marinate red and yellow pepper pieces, onion slices, baby carrots, and whole mushrooms in reduced sodium soy sauce, ginger and a little olive oil. Gently cook Saute onions, mushrooms, and red pepper in a moderate amount of margarine. Add this mixture to prepared wild rice, barley, couscous, or buckwheat (kasha) Fat-reducing Tips Use reduced fat or nonfat dressings or spreads for vegetables instead of butter-, cheese-, andcream-based sauces

Skim fat from meat drippings before using for gravies or to flavor grain and vegetable dishes Cook stuffing and roast vegetables away from the bird to avoid contact with dripping fat Baste with fruit juice rather than meat drippings: Choose lean cuts of meat, remove visible fat. Broil, boil, poach, or steam instead of frying.

Hurry-up entrees are faster than take-out

If your holiday schedule of shopping, entertaining and party going has turned the season from "ho-ho" to "oh, oh," I've got an early Christmas gift for you. I'm going to share three of my secret recipes for main dishes that will keep your energy up and satisfy your taste buds. These dishes are faster to prepare (5 to 10 minutes) than "ordering in," lower in fat and saturated fat, and higher in fiber than anything you could have delivered, or pick up at the deli.

The first recipe is made from ingredients that you can keep on

your pantry shelf. There's absolutely no chopping or extraordinary ingredients. On days when you get home too tired to even think of cooking, reach for this recipe instead of the phone. Use a prepared low sodium salsa to reduce the sodium content by 75 mg. Pritkin makes a good-tasting one.

ABSOLUTELY 5-MINUTE CHILI WONDERFUL

1 can (14.5 oz.) Brook's Just for Chili Diced Tomatoes

- 1 can (15.5 oz.) Brook's Mild Chili Beans 1/2 cup salsa

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 209; Total Fat 0g; Saturated Fat 0 g; Cholesterol 0 mg; Sodium 860 mg.

Food Exchanges: 1 Lean Meat; 2 Breads

The next two recipes are for fish - "regular" fish and everyone's favorite - tuna fish (but with a flavor twist). It's no secret that substituting fish and shellfish for meat helps to lower cholesterol. If you make your fish choice a fat fish like salmon, whitefish, sardines, lake trout or albacore tuna, your triglycerides will be lowered as well.

The problem is a lot of my patients think cooking fish is a big smelly chore. But if the fish is fresh, it has no fishy odor. Frozen fish can be freshened by soaking it in milk before cooking.

Here are two fish dishes that I use to convince my patients that fish is one of the simplest and best-tasting dishes to prepare. Remember, even if it is fish, it does have cholesterol, fat and calories. Use discretion in the portion size.

My patients usually approach the oven fried fish recipe with strong doubts – until they taste it. It's really crispy and crunchy. Apple and red pepper add a sweet tart accent to the tuna, revitalizing an old favorite.

OVEN FRIED FISH

1 pound fish fillet (catfish, cod, sole)

Serves 4.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories 127; Total Fat 1.3 g; Saturated Fat 0.4 g; Cholesterol 51 mg; Sodium 264 mg.

Food Exchanges: 3 Lean Meat; 1/2 Bread

TUNA, RED PEPPER, RED APPLE AND **RED ONION SALAD**

2 cans (6 oz.) white albacore tuna, water-pack	ed.
rinsed, drained and chunked	•
1 red pepper, cut into strips	

- 1 unpeeled Red Delicious apple, cubed
- 1/4 cup red onion, coarsely diced
- 1/3 cup nonfat mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Combine nonfat mayonnaise and Dijon mustard. (Increase or decrease the Dijon mustard according to taste). Add tuna, red apples, red peppers and red onions. Serve on lettuce leaves or use as a sandwich filling Serves 4.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories 169; Total Fat 2.8 g; Saturated Fat 0.4 g; Cholesterol 32 mg; Sodium 399 mg.

Food Exchanges: 3 Lean Meat; 2 Vegetables

Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and 1 can (8.75 oz.) whole kernel corn, no salt added LOOKING AHEAD 1/2 cup reduced fat buttermilk nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She 3 ounces shredded fat-free Cheddar cheese publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter 1/2 cup commeal, white or yellow Mix beans, tomatoes, salsa and corn in a 2-quart filled with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, What to watch for in Taste next week: Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat baking sheet with nonmicrowave-safe dish. Cook on high for 4 minutes. Porsend a check or money order for \$13.50 to Eating stick spray. Cut fish into four pieces. tion into four microwave-safe bowls. Divide.cheese Younger, P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, M1 48069. Focus on Wine Dip in buttermilk and then in commeal. Bake for 10 Look for Muriel's column in Taste on the second among bowls and return to microwave to melt cheese **For the Love of Food** minutes per inch thickness, turning fish as fish browns. (about 1 minute). Serves 4. Sunday of the month.





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Homemade treats simply spectacular

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

POPPY SEED BREAD

1 1/2 teaspoons baking pow-

2 tablespoons poppy seeds

3 cups flour

2 cups sugar

1 1/2 cups milk

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3/4 cup vegetable oil

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1 1/2 teaspoons almond

1 1/2 teaspoons butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine

all ingredients in a large mixer

minutes. Divide batter into two

bowl. Beat at medium speed for 2

3 eggs

der

Bake for 50-60 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely. SIMPLY SPECTACULAR ALMOND

SUGARED PECANS

greased 9-by-5-inch loaf pans.

- 1 egg white 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1 pound whole pecan halves
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 250°F. In a large bowl, beat egg white and water until medium peaks form. Stir in pecans until thoroughly coated. In a small bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add to pecan mixture; mix thoroughly. Spread coated pecans on lightly buttered cookie sheet.

Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. (Pecans will separate). Remove from oven; cool. Store in

Because you were a planner, you can leisurely

roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

It's really not about food - it's about enjoying

tightly covered container or sealed plastic bag.

WHITE CHOCOLATE VERY BERRY NUT BARK

- 1/4 pound dried cranberries or cherries 1/4 pound dried blueberries 1/4 pound dried apricots, chopped
- 1/3 pound pecans, chopped
- 2 1/2 pounds white choco-

late, chopped

Prepare a large baking sheet by lining with parchment paper or waxed paper. Melt white chocolate over a double boiler with barely simmering water. All the chocolate should be melted and smooth.

Stir dried fruits and nuts into white chocolate. Pour onto baking sheet and allow to harden. Break into pieces.

Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products. Don't forget the eggnog and cinnamon.

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Day 3

Pick up your fresh meats and any special orders for cakes you may have placed. Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots, parsnips, etc. If you peel apples or potatoes in advance make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice.

🔳 Day 2

OK - let's get cooking! go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in reheating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on Christmas Day all you need to do is reheat in oven or microwave and serve. You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam it on the stove top for a few seconds. Boil, mash, stir and bake! Get all your side dishes ready to go. If you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it!

Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them. Clean meat and season so it will be oven ready. Set the table.

your family and close ones.

■ Day 1 – Merry Christmas! Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones. Since your table is set, your side dishes are ready to go, your silver clean, plates out, beverages to be iced one hour before. The only thing left to chance is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with meal time so that all the month.

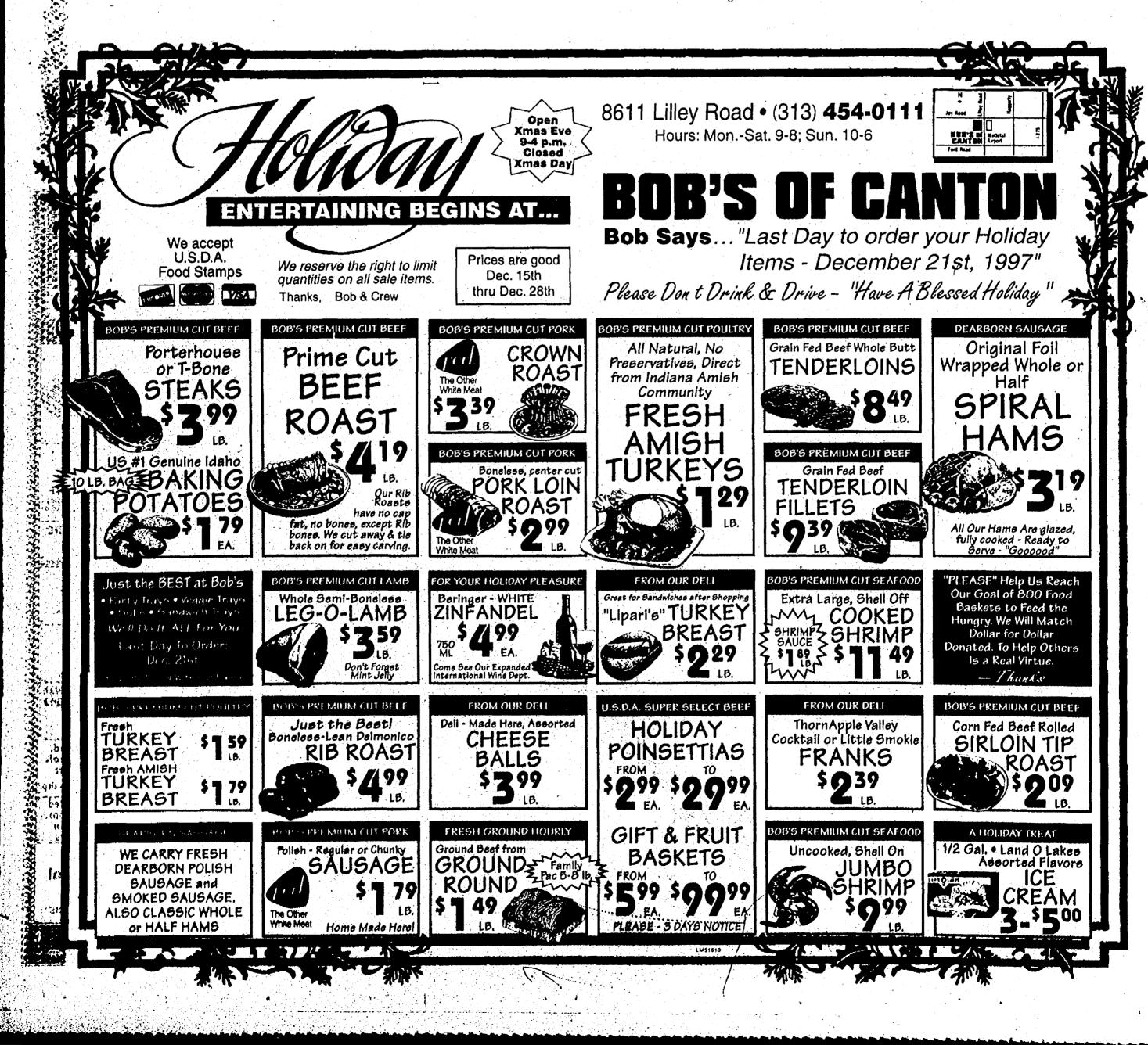
runs smoothly. Make sure children non-kitchen participants do the clean up."

The 2 Unique family and myself wish you health, happiness, prosperity, tranquility and kindred spirit for the new year! And to all a good night!

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of

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Celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Jewish families for eight days to commemorate the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem, when the last remaining container of undefiled oil miraculously lasted for eight days. This year Hanukkah begins at sundown on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The Menorah, a candle holder used during Hanukkah, is lit each night by different family members. After the candles are lit, it is traditional for families to sing and celebrate with a light meal. The most popular meal during Hanukkah is latkes (potato pancakes) served with sour cram or apple sauce.

While tea is not a traditional part of a Hanukkah celebration. it certainly complements this special day.

APPLE-CRANBERRY SPARKLER

- 2 cups water 4 cup size téa bags 1 cup chilled cranberry juice
- cocktail
- 1 cup apple juice 2 teaspoons sugar

In medium sauce pan, bring water to a boil. Remove from heat and add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags. In

pitcher, combine tea, juices and sugar; chill. Makes about 4 (8 ounce) servings.

Recipe from The Lipton Kitchens.

Here are some traditional potato latke recipes for Hanukkah from "Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home: More Than 350 Delectable Recipes," by Ethel G. Hofman (HarperCollins Publishers, 1997, \$25).

CLASSIC POTATO LATKES

- Makes 24 2 eggs
- 1/4 small onion, cut into 3 pieces
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper Vegetable oil for frying
- Applesauce or sour cream

Break eggs into a food processor. Add onion and potatoes. Process until potatoes are coarsely chopped. Add baking powder, flour, salt, and pepper. Pulse 3 or 4 times to mix.

Heat 1/8 inch of oil in a large

skillet over medium heat. Drop rounded tablespoonfuls of potato mixture into skillet; press lightly with back of a spoon to flatten slightly. Cook on both sides until brown, about 3 minutes per side. Continue frying, adding more oil as needed, until all of batter is

Drain on paper towels. Serve hot with applesauce for a meat meal or sour cream for a dairy meal.

used up.

GLICK'S COLOSSAL BUTTERNUT LATKES

- 1 pound butternut squash, peeled and shredded
- 2 medium baking potatoes (about 3/4 pound),
- coarsely grated 1/4 cup chopped fresh
- cilantro
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup matzoh meal
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper seasoning
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 to 4 tablespoons peanut oil In a large bowl, combine squash,

potatoes and cilantro. Add beaten eggs, matzoh meal, lemon pepper,

Festive appetizer sure to please

See related story on Taste front. Recipe from HDS Services.

PRUNE PORT CANAPE SANDWICH

8 very thinly sliced pieces of Canadian bacon (1/2 ounce slices) 2 cups port wine 1/2 cup dried prunes 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast 16 slices party rye bread 1/2 teaspoon salt

Bake the Canadian bacon on a baking sheet at 350°F. until crisp. When finished, drain on a clean towel.

Combine the port wine and prunes in a sauce pan and cook about 15 minutes until the prunes have softened. Remove the prunes and mash to a paste with one tablespoon of the port the prunes were cooked in.

In a sauce pot, simmer the remaining port until thickened and reduced to approximately 1/4 cup, set aside

until done. Slice the chicken breast on the bias into eight pieces. Brush the bread with olive oil and place under broiler until lightly toasted. Spread the prune mixture on half the bread slices on the oiled side. Place a slice of chicken on top. Add a slice of Canadian bacon. Drizzle the port wine sauce over top. Finish with another slice of rye to make a sandwich. Secure with a toothpick. Serves 8.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 200; protein 7.52g;

ginger and salt. Mix well.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 7-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Pour in 1 1/2 cups mixture. Cook until underside is browned and

latke is firm enough to be flipped over, 5 to 7 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium-low and cook 5 to 7 minutes longer, until underside is browned. Keep warm.

Repeat with remaining mixture, stirring well before transferring to skillet and adding more oil as needed. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

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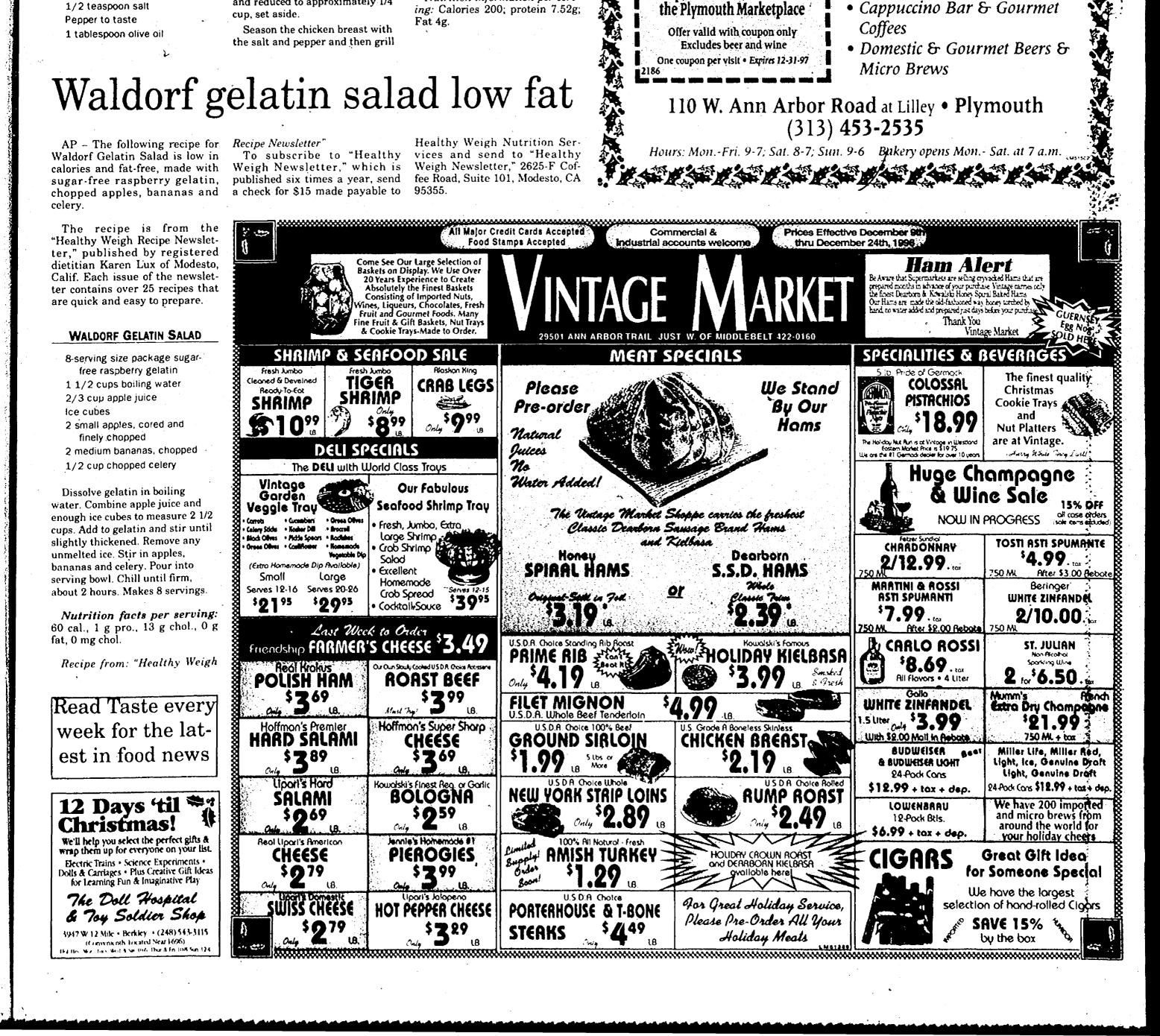
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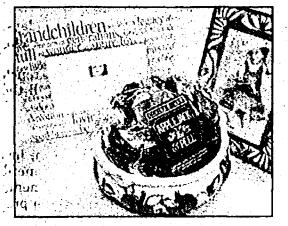
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Glfts of gold: Care facilities encourage gifts like frames and potpourri for their residents. These come from Hudson's.

Older folks need very special gifts

If your holiday gift list includes someone in a nursing home or long-term care facility, here are some ideas.

Mike Connors, program director of the Southeast Michigan Office of Citizens for Better Care, said the best gift is simply your presence.

"But don't just visit during the holidays," he urged. "Make a commitment to visit that person regularly throughout the year and stick to it. If it's not an ongo-"ing thing, it's not as meaningful."

Founded in 1969. Citizens for Better Care is a private, non-profit citizen advocacy organization that strives to improve the quality of care and life for people in

long-term care facilities. 1-800-833-9548.

Connors also suggest-



ed giving things to help personalize the resident's living space things like calendars, pictures, and albums of family photographs.

Don't let the fear of theft deter you from giving gifts you know your loved one will enjoy, he said. "If you stop bringing in everything for **Exploration Station** Mall exhibits teach computer innovations



Twelve Oaks and Lakeside malls are a classroom of sorts this holiday, introducing kids to the wonders of new computer technology based on themes from the shopping centers' holiday decor packages.

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON SPECIAL WRITER

Shopping for computer gadgets to please all the techno fans on your Christmas list may seem overwhelming, but a stop at the Holiday Exploration Station at Twelve Oaks Mall, or The Peanuts and Popcorn Place at Lakeside Mall, should ease most concerns.

The exhibits boast computers and other hi-tech equipment that can introduce shoppers to the latest technology packages, tied into Lakeside's Charlie Brown Christmas theme and Twelve Oaks' Crystal Forest.

Instructors from TechnoMasters, a Birmingham-based technology organization, double as station masters providing guidance and assistance to shoppers of all ages. Offering tips on the newest technology to holiday shoppers free of charge was part of mall managements desire to offer something extra to it's patrons, said TechnoMasters Vice President Tom Cleavinger.

"We have a contract with the malls to give shoppers some real computer experience using just 15 or 20 minutes of their time," Cleavinger said. "And we don't sell anything, we just help with the educational experience."

The exhibits are open to the public on weekends during regular mall hours. During the week the station is available to school groups, from preschool through eighth grade, for a nominal charge per child. A recent Sunday afternoon found a steady flow of interested shoppers dropping into the Twelve Oaks exhibit. Assistants from TechnoMasters greet visitors at the door offering a mini-tour or welcoming families to browse on their own. A brief explanation of each station and simple instructions for operating the computer are available at every terminal. One of the most popular areas among the younger set is the Robotics Zone. That's where simple clicks of the keyboard give the users information so that they can dictate the moves of Lego blocks placed in the center of the station table.

"The kids really like getting that information off the screen and then being able to control something outside the computer with it," said Cleavinger. The Internet Zone is a station that allows visitors to journey around the world to learn all about holidays in different countries. The user can select the country and the holiday such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

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The Gadget Zone gives the latest look at video and digital camera technology Visitors can stand at opposite ends of the room and conduct a video conference while typing messages to one another.

"The fun part of this is that all of the stations are at a pretty basic level but it's still the coolest technology using the newest equipment." Cleavinger said.

Laughing and giggling were most prominent at the "Gooing" station whose software set-up allowed visitors to select a picture of someone and then manipulate their faces to hilarious poses with a simple click of the mouse. Users could also take their own picture and have it appear for re-design on the terminal.

"The face morphing is the same technology utilized in movies like Roger Rabbit and Mask," said Cleavinger.

A pair of teen shoppers from Farmington Hills were enjoying a nice break from the mall crowds inside the station. Elizabeth Jackson, 13, and Jessica Levers, 13, really enjoyed the "Gooing" station



Computer fun: Students from Baylor Woodson School in Inkster enjoy the afternoon playing with holiday computer programs at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.



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fear of it getting stolen. the person has no life left," he said.

Nursing homes and long-term care facilities are required by law to keep an inventory of each resident's belongings and if something on the list gets lost or stolen, they must try to find it, Connors said.

Before giving anything edible as a gift, make sure that it doesn't violate any dietary restrictions that the resident may have. Also, audio recordings of books make great gifts for people who have failing eyesight.

Talking Book World, which has locations in Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Livonia, Dearborn, Waterford and Roseville, is an excellent source for books on tape, with more than 5,000 titles in each store. For more information, call (248) 945-9999.

Lisa Gigliotti said listening to cassette tapes of soothing and uplifting music helped her when she was a nursing home resident.

As a young woman, she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and became bed-ridden. Her mother and grandmother lovingly cared for her at home, but after they were killed in a car crash, she went to live in a nursing home.

She made a remarkable recovery. Now in her mid-30s, she is a policy advisor for the Senate Majority Policy Office on issues of mental health, assisted suicide (which she's against), families, and human services.

Besides cassette tapes, she told me that she recommends giving the following gifts to nursing home residents: nonslip slippers, which are invaluable because the floors are usually cold; robes, lap robes and bed jackets for warmth and privacy; and potpourri and scented soaps and creams, to help mask the unpleasant odors that are often in nursing homes.

Magazine and book-of-the-month club subscriptions are also great, because they give the recipient something to look forward to, she said.

Other items she suggested can be found at stores that sell medical supplies. Beyers Friendly Drugs, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, carries a lot of them, including: 2-foot-long shoe horns, about \$9; grabber extender poles for picking up items without bending or reaching, \$9; sock pulls to help put on socks, \$9; and full-page sheet magnifiers for reading, \$3.99.

For more ideas, contact Visually Impaired Information Center Inc. in Livonia, a non-profit organization that has put together a directory of merchandise catalogs and services designed to help visually impaired people, (313) 421-6599.

Also, you can pick up a free copy of JC Penney's 'For Your Special Needs' catalog, which includes Velcro clothing and other helpful things, in the catalog department of JC Penney stores.

'Is this the coolest or what?" Jackson asked Levers as she twisted the face of the Mona Lisa into a rubberized mess. Other faces on hand to re-mold included that of President Bill Clinton, Senator Ted Kennedy and England's Prince Charles.

Seeing visitors enjoying the station and not shying away from utilizing the computers pleased Cleavinger and his instructors. Shawn Maxwell, of Farmington Hills, has worked for Techno Masters for several years and enjoys the chance to bring the computer technology closer to the community via mall settings and school programs.

Click on: (Left to right) Nikia Allen and Martin Jones, each 7, listen as Cindy Cheaves of Techno Masters explains some computer fundamentals.

"This has really been a good experi- tive Kids Place will be at the malls ence and the kids have a great time," said Maxwell. "I'd say the Gooing and Lego stations are most popular."

"Hands on displays are a big plus because you can walk in and quickly see the programs and grab some information," added Cleavinger.

The Holiday Exploration Station and the Peanuts and Popcorn Interac-

through December 28. The next lechnology exhibit by TechnoMasters will begin on January 24 at the Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor in conjunction with the University of Michigan Museum of Art's Monet exhibit. To contact Techno-Masters regarding visits or school technology education programs call Cleavinger at (248) 258-9075.

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, DEC. 14 Week-long slient auction

Livonia Mall hosts silent auction to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation through Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. Bids begin at \$500 for a highest bidder to receive a cornucopia of gifts valued over \$1,000 - including a basket of beanie babies, diamond ring, bracelets, pocket watch, pearl necklace, CD's, Gucci watch, sweatshirts, plush toys and \$100 mall gift certificate. Bid at the Information Booth.

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

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.

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 snowcovered pavilion through Dec. 24. MeadowBrook Village Mall.

Walton / Adams. Rochester Hills.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Dept. 56 Village

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

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

Carousel Santa

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

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

Santa photos

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

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160. Polar Bear Christmas

Digital image Santa photos through Dec. 24, giant polar bear decor.

Westland Center. Wayne / Warren,

(313) 425-5001.

Crystal Forest Set

Santa will be in The Crystal Forest along with 136life like animals designed and created by Ann arbor artist, Ira Imbras-Jansen through Dec. 24. Exploration Station offers computer-activities for classrooms and groups.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.

(248) 348-9411. Snowflakë 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.

Charlle 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. Special computer-animation/lesson field trips available for classrooms.

Lakeside, Hall Road, Sterling Heights.

(810) 247-4131. Northstar Journey

Santa Claus gives kids a free coloring/story book based on the Boy and the Bear's search for the Northstar throughout the mall. Letters to Santa at 'Polestal Station' in Montgomery Wards Court. Trolleys on duty through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free boxed lunches between office buildings and shopping center.

Northland Center,

Nine Mile / Greenfield. Southfield. (248) 569-6272.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

Holiday music series

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

Fairlane Town Center.

Michigan/Southfield. Dearborn. (313) 593-1370.

Santa photos in the park

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

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

Doll Show

Dealers, collectors and artists show and sell new, used, antique and collectible doll, supplies and furniture, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$4 adults, \$1 children.

Plymouth Cultural Center.

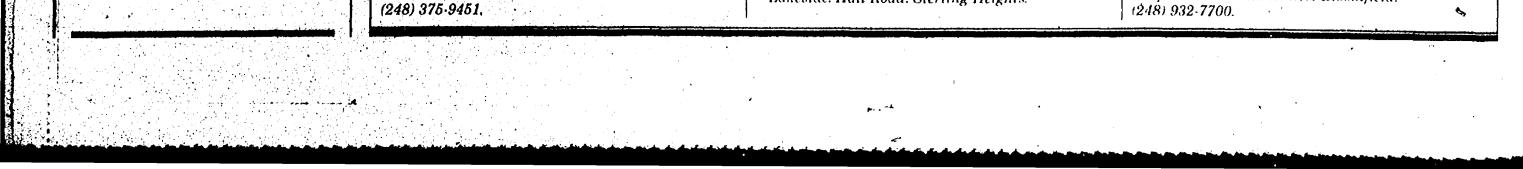
525 Farmer.

(313) 455-2110. Men's morning

Tapper's Jewelry displays the BMW R 1200 cruiser motorcycle from the movie 007 Tomorrow Never Dies and will raffle an Omega Seamaster watch (\$1,350) during a shopping event for men only 10 a.m. to noon. Free gift wrapping. Continental breakfast served.

Orchard Mall.

Maple/Orchard Lake. West Bloomfield.





This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-tofind merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can 1 Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

What we found:

• The game Cathedral can be ordered from World Wide Games for \$59.95 at 800-888-0987.

• The Rand McNally store at Somerset Collection South in Troy, has a few Wizards games in stock.

• We found readers who were willing to offer their Beanbag Hallmark Santas, Elvis on velvet, some Apple II paraphernalia, electric and Tony hair rollers and Corelle dishes to other callers.

• Unicure hair and skin conditioner can be ordered by mail through the company's Atlanta, GA. headquarters, 1-888-UNICURE , \$3 per bottle, according to company owner Richard Tucker.

We're still looking for:

• Dishes from A&P bought in 1979 called "Diane."

• A video transfer box that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for Douglas of Farmington Hills.

- Word-of-Mouth spaghetti sauce for Rose.
- An old Arthur Godfrey Christmas album for Sue.
- Clairol haircolor in light ash blonde for Cathy.

Jil Sanders cologne for men for Darryl.

• The games Hotel and Flinch for Barb.

•A store that sells foods suitable for diabetics in the Plymouth/Canton area for a reader who was just diagnosed with the condition.

• The publication Two Cute Sock Dolls for Kathy.

• John Wayne memorabilia for Jackie's son in Garden City.

• An Apple II C monitor for Richard.

• Revion's Xia-Xiang and Diane Von Furstenberg's Tatiana for four women in the Canton area.

• A recording by Bing Crosby and David Bowie of Little Drummer Boy for Steven.

• The Royal Doulton Coronet pattern in white for Fay.

• The Sesame Street by Vetex cartridge in green for Kim. She has the yellow and blue.

• A 6-cup Corningware teapot for Carol of Livonia.

• Spoolie rubber curlers and a loose-leaf that opens on the top, not sides for Lafern.

• Ruth needs a distributor who sells the "miracle cleaner" Swipe.

• The rustspot remover Magica for Michelle. · Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording

of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from many years ago.

The Lone Ranger board game for Linda of Garden City.

 Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy Doll" with pull string, too.

• A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.

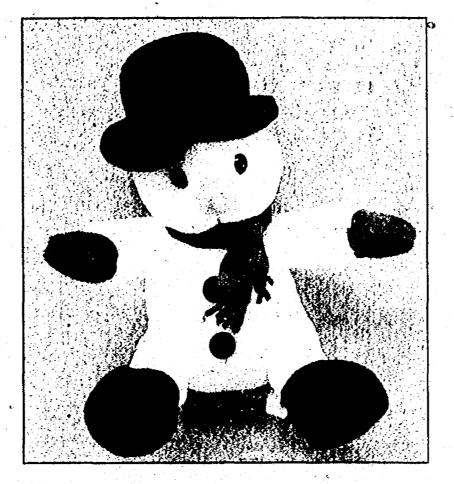
• Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrella.

• The old board game Call My Bluff, for Joe of Livonia.

• A filter for a Norelco clean water machine for Gertrude of Kroy.

• A yellow, Answer Finder, to use with the Scribbles Learn With Me

Club by Western Publishing for Sue of Canton. • A 1941 copy of Jolly Jingle Picture Book by Rand McNally for Snowman with a heart



Charitable gift: Sears stores are selling several unique products to benefit Gilda's Club of MetroDetroit, now putting the finishing touches on its headquarters at 3517 Rochester Road in Troy. An exclusive line of ties and scarves designed by club co-founder comedian Gene Wilder as well as other celebrities, are \$20 each.

Sears is also selling Ho-Ho-Bean and other 7inch plush toys for \$3.99 or \$1.99 with a sameday purchase of \$20 or more. Gilda's Clubhouses across the country offer emotional and social support for men, women and children with all types of cancer. To become a volunteer, or hear more about the program, call 247-577-0800. Gilda's Club was named in memory of comedienne and former Detroiter Gilda Radner.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retall Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details. c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

Spa in the city updates

Mira Linder introduced three beauty treatments for the holidays: Relaxation Day Special, \$280; Two-Hour Beauty Transformation, \$180; and Body Beautiful, \$150.

She also is debuting face and body treatments from the French skin care line Biologique Recherche. For more information call the spa at Applegate Square in Southfield, (248) 356-5810.

Shop has Native American ornaments

Native West Gallery, 863 W: Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, has hand-crafted ornaments by Native Americans for sale to benefit. "Futures for Children," a Native American charity. The ornaments" are \$25 from which, \$17, goes toward the educational outreach pro-; gram. For more details call Native West at (313) 455-8838.

Nordstrom sells art glass ornament

The Gift Gallery at Nordstrom has the third in a series of limited, keepsake holiday bulbs designed by Seattle glass artists. This year's, design is a white orb with brightly colored dots a red or green hanging loop completes each ornament. \$38 in a a miniature hatbox case..

Nordstrom is also debuting a Sweet Shop featuring baskets of edibles for \$25-\$150. Custom orders available, too. There is a special hotline for the sweet shop (248) 816-7333.

Sisters open Pagetec Store

Patty and Michelle Gillissie of Canton opened a Pagetec franchise in downtown Walled Lake offering cellular phones, pagers and accessories at 103 E. Walled Lake Drive. Patty has had a similar shop in Canton for the past five years. They welcome inquiries at (248) 455-5100.

Gift Idea warms the heart

Teddy WarmHeart generates "warmth" for four hours. After a short nap in the microwave he non-toxic clay heart (a thermal. ceramix patented by a NASA engineer) gives off gentle heat. Developed for hospital use, he is hypo-allergenic, non-toxic and will not exceed a pre-determined temperature according to marketers. It's \$39.95 by special order only 1-800-728-0294.

Personalized books for children

Hard cover books with your favorite little one's name starring inthe plot, are available from Periwinkle Ink at (248) 828-3881. The books are \$10.95 plus tax and shipping, in 5-10 business days. Top. ics include: your child solving a mystery at his/her own birthday; party; Your child becoming a hero at the circus by saving Chuckles The Clown; Your child saving the ballet with her performance when the star can't appear - to name a few.

Three easy pieces make dressing up a snap

on outfits that can only be worn look great as stand-alone special wrapped or draped like a shawl An Asian-print slim pant or skirt.

Nobody wants to spend dollars stripes for the workplace also is an oversized scarf that can be once, so Kevin Quinn, fashion occasion tops. Choose sheer or - try cashmere, faux fur or wool in a beautiful brocade is festive. luxury fabrics such as burnout for day and something more velvet or cashmere and look for details such as beading or touches of embroidery and lace.

One ethnic inspired plete

Sharon Gage.

• A TV tuner adapter for Game Gear and a hockey game for Game Gear for Colleen of Redford.

Dick Clark cologne for Gloria of West Bloomfield.

 A basket for the crystal Frymaster, about 10 1/2-inches across for Shirley.

 Sega Genesis Shining Force One game for Norma. • Toni permanent rollers, 4-inches long, for Mary Callahan. coordinator for Nordstrom Somerset Collection, suggests key pieces that may be the best gifts your closet receives all year.

An embellished top.

The beautiful, feminine layering pieces that many designers showed under menswearinspired suits in tweeds and pin-

One great 'luxe' wrap.

Wraps are a dramatic and versatile cover-up that can make a fashion statement in their own right. One of the newest options

ornate (such as a beautiful embellished velvet scarf) to set off evening ensembles.

A faux-fur chubby is ideal for those seeking more substantial coverage; and a boa is a whimsical choice for the more fashionforward.

and not overpowering when paired with a simple top --

A cheongsam-inspired brocade. dress or separates such as a. tunic/pant combination are at once casual and elegant. Both are great options for home entertaining during the holidays and. year 'round.

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Running out of time and money? Here's a bright idea...head into Winkelman's where you'll find fabulous last-minute savings of **25% - 50%** off throughout the store!

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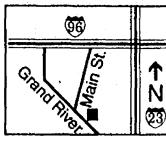
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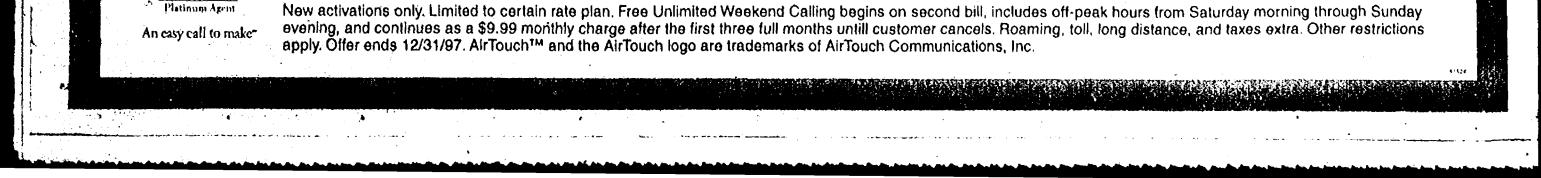
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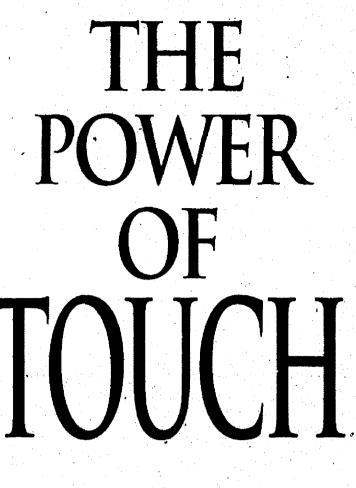
Pearle Vision hosts holiday food bank

The annual food drive launched five years ago by nuVision Optical Stores will continue to aid local needy families this year under the new name of Pearle Vision. Customers who bring in a can of food to participating stores from now until Dec. 24 will receive a certificate for \$15 off an eye exam and those who donate a case of non-perishable food items will be given a free exam. To underscore its commitment to supporting the communities in which it does business, Pearle Vision will match its customers; donations pound per pound. And to encourage employees to go the extra mile, Pearle Vision will offer a day off to one employee at each store who personally donates the most food.

Customers are urged to bring-nonperishable food items to any of the sixteen local nuVision/Pearle Vision stores including: Laurel Park Place Mall - 37690 West Six Mile Road, (313) 464-7010; Livonia Mall Shopping Center - 29642 Seven Mile Road (313) 473-0806; Westland Shopping Center - 35000 West Warren (313) 525-5907; and Wonderland Shopping Center - 29661 Plymouth Road (313) 261-3220.

Stop smoking clinic

The city of Livonia is sponsoring the Stop Smoking Clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Dates will include: Thursday, Jan. 8; Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16; and Tuesday, Jan. 20. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. For more information, call Livonia City Hall at (313) 466-2535 weekdays.



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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

As Barbara Klipa emerges from the massage room, her cheeks are pink, there's a peaceful look on her face; her eyes are moist and twinkle in an obvious state of deep relaxation. A few minutes earlier, Celeste A. Hamilton, owner of Healing Arts Clinic Massage Therapy Relaxation Center in Plymouth massages the Westland woman's neck, rotating her jaw to one shoulder, then the other.

"Tell me, Barbara, if this hurts," Hamilton said, explaining that Klipa had neck surgery and she wanted to make sure she wasn't causing pain. A few minutes later, with Klipa on her stomach and draped in sheets and towels, Hamilton looks as if she is kneading bread dough as her hands move up and down Klipa's back. Occasionally, Klipa releases a sigh, as if she finally found a repose after a long iourney.

Klipa first tried massage to counter on-the-job stress from working as psychiatric nurse. She was also injured by a patient once and wanted an alternative medical solution that didn't involve medication or surgery to relieve the pain. Klipa not only gets massages, but over the years took courses and became a massage therapist herself.

Stiff neck: Barbara Klipa of Westland finds repose in the results of a neck massage she receives from Plymouth massage therapist Celeste A. Hamilton, owner of Healing Arts Clinic Massage Therapy Relaxation Center of Plymouth. Klipa finds the massage beneficial to the muscles of her neck that were operated on in recent months.

in Miami, a scientific center devoted to studying the effects of touch on physical and mental health, have found that massage has helped people with a number of conditions from diabetes to hyperactivity and boosting the immune function in HIV-positive patients.

But massage isn't a new idea or a trendy new fad. The first known use of massage was 3,000 years ago in China. And Hippocrates, the father of all doctors, talked about the need for physicians to know what he referred to as "rubbing." Over the years, researchers have documented physical changes resulting from massage; like lowering heart rates and blood pressure; improving circulation; raising skin temperature; heightening the client's sense of well-being and causing anxiety lev els to drop. Today, however, massage therapy is sometimes confused with massage parlors or as a front for prostitution. While the state of Michigan doesn't require massage therapists to have licenses, most therapists support licensing as extra documentation to add validity to their profession. "People are starting to become aware that there is therapeutic massage and that it's not a massage parlor,'

Studies show that massage has a tremendous affect on our minds and bodies: The Touch Research Institute has found that massage: Affects weight gain and temperament in infants of depressed mothers or who were born prematurely

Enhances immune function in AIDS and cancer patients

Helps women with bulimia

Reduces job stress and improves performance Provides pain reduction during invasive medical procedures.

Other research shows evidence that massage therapy helps infants with colic and sleep disorders; and reduces pain among arthritic patients. In another study, senior citizens acting as surro

STAFF PBOTO BY BILL BRESSLER

Breakfast with Santa

Get into the holiday spirit at a holly jolly breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Attend a "Breakfast with Santa" from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 in Henry Ford Health System's corporate headquarters at 1 Ford Place in Detroit's New Center area. All monies raised with benefit the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System.

This year's event will include a pancake breakfast, treats for the kids, a special pee-wee boutique where kids can shop for mom and dad and a holiday bake sale. Photos with Santa also are available for a nominal fee. The cost for a jolly good time is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10.

For more information or to order tickets, call (313) 876-9259.

Institute names director

Kathryn St. Onge has been named director of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's west region outreach efforts. St. Onge will oversee the Institute's community outreach programs in western Wayne and Monroe counties, including patient services and health education activities. The West Region includes offices in Plymouth, Dearborn, Monroe and Wyandotte.

Correction:

An article titled: Curative or Quackery - Magnets attract attention of sports, medical communities, that appeared in the Sunday Dec. 7 edition of the Observer did not appear in its entire form. The final sentence of the story is as follows:

"But look, if you're trying to get well, it doesn't really matter whether it's science or art" as long as you feel better.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physiclans, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to:

Medical Briefs c/o The Observer Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, MI 48150 Cr faxed to (313) 591-7279

Benefits are numerous

Klipa's not alone in her discovery of the power of touch. Researchers at the Touch Research Institute



STATY PHOTO BY BUL BRESSLER Hands-on method: Hamilton firmly massages the

Hamilton said.

When she started working as a massage therapist 18 years ago that wasn't the case. In fact, it was common for people to misunderstand what she was offering. People looking for massages often wonder how to find a reputable therapist. If you use the Yellow Pages, look under massage therapists; or get a referral from a health store, chiropractor or doctor, Hamilton advised. Oftentimes, townships and cities use strict ordinances to weed out disreputable massage shops.

In Plymouth, Hamilton found that the city ordinance was 20 pages long. On the last page, however, the guidelines say that if the therapist is a member of The American Massage Therapy Association or a graduate of a state license school, the business would be approved. Hamilton is a member of the AMTA and also is a graduate of a state-licensed school. The AMTA was founded in 1943 and is the largest and oldest national organization representing the massage therapy profession. Membership is limited to therapists who gate grandparents gave massages to abused children. The babies responded by sleeping better and were more sociable when awake. The seniors benefited, too. They had less anxiety and depression and were more sociable. Other studies are looking at the effects of teaching parents to massage their diabetic children; pain in arthritic patients and the role of touch in

modifying body image and alleviating eating disorders in adolescents.

have demonstrated a level of skill and expertise through testing and/or education.

Injury, stress reliever

About 80 percent of Hamilton's clients are looking for some kind of stress release; others want help dealing with pain; for instance, with their lower backs; rotator cuffs or stiff necks. Some clients have stress and physical problems.

"With therapeutic massage, we blend therapeutic techniques of acupressure and trigger point therapy along with the relaxation techniques," Hamilton said.

One of the most commonly asked questions for novice clients, Hamilton said, is whether or not they have to take their clothes off. The clothing is removed, but clients are covered with sheets during the massage. The only part of the body that is exposed is the area the therapist is working on, Sessions last anywhere from 10 to 90 minutes. After a session, clients usually feel great, but the next day they might feel some muscle aches if they had a therapeutic massage. But Hamilton refers to this as working out the problem area. The next time, the client will be less tight and may ask for a deeper massage.

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back muscles of Klipa who is also a trained massage therapist.

Low Vision re-opens world for the near-blind

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

There's life after blindness, says Nancy Simmons, owner of Low Vision Solutions of Livonia. Simmons, legally blind, was diagnosed at the age of 10 with retinitis pigmentosa – a disease that progressively deteriorates the retina.

Her vision problems, however, haven't stopped her from functioning as any normal sighted person would, but in fact, have had a dramatic effect on her career as a new business owner. "I think I offer an inspiration to persons who are having a hard time coping with their visión loss."

The Redford resident runs a company that sells equipment such as video magnifiers and daily living aids to people with extremely low vision, "like myself," says Simmons. For the past 11 years, she's been running the business out of her home but recently made the leap to purchase a storefront business on West Seven Mile near Middlebelt Road.

"My clients were always asking me if I had a place they could come and view the equipment instead of me coming to them because I could only bring two or three machines with me at a time.'

The new, 800 square foot store enables her to

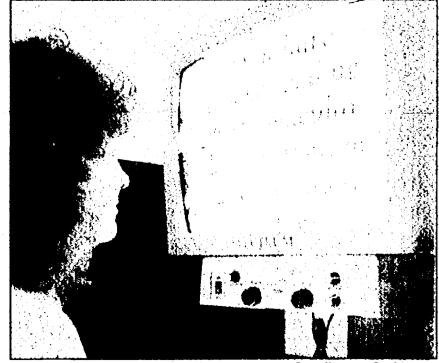
print to a blind person. Despite the fact that Simmons recently opened the new Livonia store, she said she will continue to provide athome viewing services for persons who are unable to travel because of vision or other mobility impairments.

The black and white and color video magnifiers (brand names include Xerox, Magnisight, Optelec) aid persons who have lost their ability to read or write due to limited range of vision and focus. Simmons currently sells new equipment ranging in price from \$1,800-\$3,500 that magnifies written words and photographs up to 70 times their normal size.

Users have the ability to enlarge and focus material in the positive and negative such as black letters on a white background and white letters on a black background.

She said there's a large population of people who are unaware of products such as video magnifiers and settle for a life that is limited due to their vision impairment. "You can't imagine the satisfaction I get from being able to provide a product that restores a person's ability to read a book, write a letter or look at pictures of their grandchildren," said Simmons.

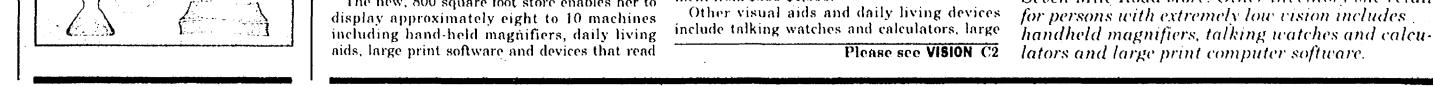
Low Vision Solutions will also sell used equipment from \$500-\$1,500.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDEFT.

Power of magnification: Nancy Simmons, owner of Low Vision Solutions of Livonia, demonstrates one of several video magnifiers she sells at her new Seven Mile Road store. Other inventory she retails for persons with extremely low vision includes





LOCAL FUND-RAISER

The bear, named "Princess" is described as sit-

ting bear, dark purple in color with a purple rib-

bon and black eyes. Stitched on the front of the

A Susan B. Ashlee spokesperson said the Beanie

Baby comes attached with a poem describing

Diana, Princess of Wales, as an angel that came

Mailed bids should include your name, mailing

address and phone number as well as the item you

are wishing to place your bid on. Children and

adults who would like to help out the cause on a

smaller scale may send \$5 (payable to: The Juve-

nile Diabetes Foundation) with their name,

address and phone number for a Beanie Baby give-

away. Five lucky winners will receive a retired

"Individual donations, big and small, are also

The company expects to host the drawing during

the week of Dec. 15-21 just prior to Christmas so

you are encouraged to send bids as soon as possi-

appreciated and will be forwarded to the Juvenile

Beanie Baby and will be notified Christmas Eve.

Diabetes Foundation or Children's Hospital."

bear is a single white rose with a green stem.

down from heaven to teach and reach.

Beanie Bear auction benefits diabetes research

422-8700.

The Susan B. Ashlee Company in Livonia, known for its gourmet gift baskets, has planned a silent auction to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the cardiac unit of Childrens Hospital.

According to owner Susan B. Ashlee, her fiveyear-old son, who was born with a congenital heart problem, had extensive open heart surgery at Children's Hospital that saved his life. "Miracles happen at Children's Hospital," said Ashlee.

The Livonia business owner was also diagnosed at the age of 12 as a juvenile diabetic. Having had the disease for 25 years, she hopes to utilize her position in the business community and the appeal of Beanie Babies to benefit the diabetes foundation and the hospital.

"I sell so many Beanie Babies a day that I could not imagine trying to control the shoppers searching for Princess Di," said Ashlee who learned she will only be receiving one dozen Princess Di Beanie Baby Bears. She was motivated to host the auction to accommodate requests while furthering research to find a cure for diabetes.

Individuals and companies interested in placing a bid for a Princess Di Bear Beanie Baby or a crystal "Princess" ring (one of the most popular sellers at the Susan B. Ashlee Company Christmas) should mail their bid to: Beanies to Help Children, P.O. Box 51743, Livonia, Mi. 48151 or call (313)

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"If you have an old injury, the therapist is trying to rehabilitate the area," she said. "The client may hurt in the short run, but their health is improved in the long run. People who want stress release will get a relaxing pain free massage." When clients leave the office, Hamilton said, they look so much more relaxed; they say they have more energy and have an overall sense of well-being.

"If you nip stress in the bud a lot of physical problems won't occur," she added. "It is so important to try to find alternative ways to keep your body strong and healthy, including regular massage treatments and a good exercise program. They're responsible to take care of themselves so they don't wind up having to be treated with drugs or surgery.'

Hamilton also offers classes on therapeutic massage, Hatha body and mind at her Healing ple act of holding a hand, or gen- didn't touch.

Arts clinic. More and more people are getting massages. Some 25 million Americans make 60 million visits to 85,000 massage practitioners annually. The interest is growing, with 10,000 parents learning baby massage every year. Some employers, even the United States Department of Justice, are seeing the benefits for their workers and bringing therapists to the workplace.

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Massage, more than a trend

Research by the Touch Research Institute has found that workers who get massages have less job stress and are less depressed than other employees. The study also found that employees who receive massages are more alert. In a society where touch is often construed as having sexual overtones or as invading someone's private space, many times people, even including doctors and other medtly stroking a patient's back, which is a clear demonstration of compassion and care.

Studies have shown that elderly hospitalized patients are the least likely to be touched. But, young or old, touch has proven beneficial. The results of a TRI study of premature babies showed that infants who received three massages a day for 10 days were more alert, active and responsive than babies who didn't get massages. These babies were more calm, slept more soundly and had fewer instances of sleep apnea, which is short periods of breathing cessation. Babies who get massages are also released from the hospital an average of six days sooner.

Beyond the medical affects, a simple touch can even pay off, too. One study showed that waitresses who touched their customers on the hand or shoulder oga, Tai Chi and toning for the ical professionals, avoid the sim- got bigger tips than those who

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observerarea 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*.

TUE, DEC. 16 LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and desires support will find this group invaluable. Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. at GranCare, 38935 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. For more information on this free support group calf (313) 432-6565 ext. 115. There is no need to register. Just come to the front door of the GranCare building.

PAIN MANAGEMENT ADDRESSED

The Ann Arbor Region of the Arthritis Foundation invites people affected by arthritis to attend a meeting of its Arthritis Mutual Support & Education Group, when Dr. Edward Washabaugh, medical director of the Michigan Pain Institute will be a featured speaker. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. in the Senior Health Bldg. Room 2440, on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. There is no fee or registration procedure to participate. For more information call (313) 572-3224.

SPINAL SCREENING AWARENESS A complimentary spinal analysis with the Paraspinal EMG will be given from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine. Please call (313) 458-7100 to register. Program is free of charge sponsored by Med-Max of Westland; 35600 Central City Parkway.

STOKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT For those who have had or have

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Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call A58-4396.

ADULTS WITH INSULIN SUPPORT

The Adults with Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Support Group is an informal place to go for acceptance, encouragement and information: It meets the third Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting, a holiday gettogether is at 7 p.m. For more information on this or related programming, call (248) 477-6100.

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CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASS Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method. A six week session will be held from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday in the West Conference Room A. Cost is \$55. Preregistration for this class is required by Dec. 9. For more in

WED, DEC. 17 ADULT CPR CLASSES

Three hour evening class conducted at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Registration is required. Call 458-4330.

BREATHER'S CLUB

A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call 458-3481 for additional information.

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP For people who have had or are

going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. The group meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call 458-3381 for additional information.

THUR, DEC. 18 **CPR REVIEW**

Individuals with current CPR certificates can be recertified in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the professional rescuer. Certification and text is required to take this review course, Course length is four hours. Fee includes course cost and materials. Cost is \$16. adults; \$20, community; and \$24, professionals. To register for the Livonia American Red Cross program call 422-2787.

FRI, DEC. 19 PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Michigan law requires those applying for a marriage license to undergo education for sexually transmitted diseases. This course provides knowledge about STD's, HIV, and AIDS, with skills to separate facts from misinformation. Course length is one hour. Fee includes course cost and materials, \$12. Special appoints are available for \$20 per person. The Friday program runs from 6-7 p.m. For more information about the Livonia American Red Cross program call 422-2787.

MON, DEC. 22 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 Canton at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

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print playing cards and clocks, speech synthesizers for computers and handheld magnifiers that cost approximately \$20-\$30. Mobile devices such as the magnifiers offer a convenient alternative for persons on the go to read menus or price labels in restaurants and stores where it dated by the video magnifiers," would be impossible for a video magnifier to access considering they are the size of an average computer monitor or 19-inch television screen and are comparable in weight.

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said Simmons, "they're actually very easy to use. Senior citizens. who make up a majority of my clientele, may view the devices as computers. They are not computers and have at the most three buttons – the on/off switch.

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Simmons and her staff encourage questions and are willing to answer inquiries over the telephone if you call (313) 387-1100 or toll free 1-800-622-1833.

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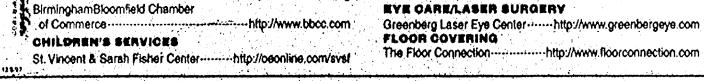
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MON, JAN. 5 HEART PALS - CARDIAC SUPPORT

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-3242.

JAN. 5 & 15 CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

This six week course provides information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Weekend classes and a two session refresher class are also available. Register early in your pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, 458-3242.

TUE, JAN. 6 BREASTFEEDING CLASS

A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call Garden City Hospital 458-4330 for registration information.

JAN. 6 & 8 MOMS ON THE GO' FITNESS

An alternating land and water exercise program designed for the special needs of the pregnant and postpartum women which starts during pregnancy and continues until your baby is six months old. Presented by the Perinatal Education Program of Garden City Hospital and Wayne-Westland YMCA. Physician's approval required. Meets from 6-7 p.m. Call 458-4330 for additional information.

JAN. 6, 13, 20 & 27 EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT

A new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Members meet at 6:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Call 458-4330 for registration.

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for information.

CHILD & INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 7 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for information.

JAN. 2 THRU FEB. 11 PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-postnatal Exercise class that meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. Class dates are Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 and 11 in the Pavilion Conference Room A from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost is \$35 per person. The class includes warm-ups, stretching, low-impact aerobics, cooldown and relaxation techniques. Registration is required by calling MWC at (313) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

THUR, JAN. 8 FOCUS ON LIVING CANCER SUPPORT

A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Groups meets in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital and is free of charge. Call, 458-3311 for information.

JAN. 8 & 10 WEEKEND CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

A weekend course for expectant parents with busy schedules. The course offers information on the third trimester of pregnancy, labor and delivery, coach's role, breathing and relaxation techniques, newborn care and postpartum care in a weekend format. First session meets at 6 p.m.; second at 8 a.m. Call

JAN. 8 & 15 INFANT CARE CLASS

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class from 7-9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes. This will be held in the West Addition Conference Room A. The first class, taught by a registered nurse, will be Getting to Know Your Newborn and the second, Caring for the Sick Infant. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference A (second session). To register call 655-1100 or toll free 800-655 1615.

JAN. 8, 12-16, 20 BREATH-FREE STOP SMOKING

This seven day stop smoking program has helped more people in the Detroit metro area kick the cigarette smoking habit. Join the Livonia Breath-Free Stop Smoking Program (join the nonsmoking majority) Jan. 8, 12-16 and 20th of 1998 at the Livonia City Hall Complex, Library Auditorium, 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. All classes start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call, (313) 466-2540.

SAT, JAN. 10 BABY CARE CLASS

The baby care class helps families learn newborn care in advance, such as bathing, holding and dressing. The \$20 class runs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call the Family Birthing Center at Providence Hospital for further information, (248) 424-3919.

MON, JAN. 12 ADULT CPR COURSE

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Basic Life Support Adult HeartSaver Course from 1-3 p.m. on Monday Jan. 12 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the South Entrance on Levan Road. Learn to perform one-person cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to manage the adult victim who is choking. American Heart \$20 per person. To register, please (313) 655-2922 or call toll free 800-494-1650.

JAN. 12 THRU 21 SMOKE FREE LIVING CLASS

If you're reading to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital has a two-week four session Smoke Free Living Class. The program runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays in the First Floor Conference Room. The class covers the effects of smoking, benefits of quitting, what to expect, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free. The \$25 fee includes all materials. Deadline for registration is Jan.5; enrollment is limited. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at 655-2922 or toll free 800-494-1650.

TUE, JAN. 13 BABYSITTING AND CHILD CARE

Class offered for pre-teens and teens who care for children. Emergency action, first aid, playing safe, home security and child care are discussed and demonstrated. Two session class beginning Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register for the Garden City Hospital sponsored event.

HEARTSAVER/BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

This course is intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge or the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. Does not meet requirements for day care providers. \$25 fee: Please call Mission Health Medical Center -Livonia; 1-800-968-7759 for more information. Additional dates for this threehour program from 6-9 p.m. includes Feb. 10; March 10; April 14: and May 12.

WED, JAN. 14 OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Receivé bone density x-ray and results within minutes from 1-5 p.m. at the Oakwood Healthcare Center North Westland. The cost is \$10 (\$5 for Oakwood Health Advantage members). Contact: 800-543-WELL. and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Meetings provide mutual aid and support aswell as affording the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and is free of charge. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #1 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Building. Call 458-4330 for additional information.

JAN. 14 & 21 CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION REFRESHER

A two session class for couples who have already had a birth experience. The course provides a review of the stages of birth process along with exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 to register.

THUR, JAN. 15 DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Join other adults with diabetes and family members to ask questions and share problems at the St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. near the Five Mile entrance. A certified diabetes educator leads the meetings and guest speakers discuss diabetesrelated topics and concerns. This meeting John Pedit and Don Charters will be discussing Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program. There is no charge to attend the meeting and registration is not required. For more information; call-St. Mary Hospital at (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 800-494-1650 St. Mary Hospital is located on Five Mile Road and Levan in Livonia.

SAT, JAN. 17 SIBLING CHILDBIRTH CLASS

This sibling birth class prepares children to be present at a birth. The \$10 per family program is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please call the Family Birthing Center of Providence Hospital for further information, (248) 424-3919.

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WED, JAN. 7 DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 to register.

Association course completion cards will be issued followed the course. Cost is

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A support group for family members, friends

Garden City Hospital screening newborns' hearing

Garden City Hospital recently began to screen the hearing of all babies born in its newly renovated Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Post-Partum suites. This program is being implemented in order to identify hearing problems at an early age with allows for early intervention and a richer and fuller opportunity for development through the amelioration of the effects of hearing impairment.

Nationally, one in one thousand children is born deaf and five in one thousand children are born with significant hearing impairment. Approximately 24,000 babies born in the United States, including 840 in Michigan, are born with hearing impairment each year. The federal government's plan for the wellness of the nation - Healthy People 2000 - sets an objective to reduce the average age of identification from the current average M 'Nationally, one in one thousand children is born deaf and five in one thousand children are born with significant hearing impairment.'

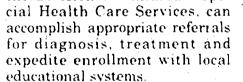
of 24-30 months to a more ideal age of 12 months. For those children born at Garden City Hospital, identification will occur in their first few days.

Universal newborn hearing screening is mandated in six states and it is being done voluntarily in other states. Michigan is joining the national trend. Of 120 birthing hospitals in our state, Garden City Hospital is the 14th to voluntarily implement universal newborn hearing screening.

"Development of Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) automated audiometry and advancements in other screening techniques have made hearing screening of every newborn possible at Garden City Hospital," said Virginia Schroeder, Certified Clinical Audiologist in the department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Prior to the acceptance of nonevasive, quick and easily administered tests, only infants with risk factors for potential hearing impairment were screened. This resulted in the identification of only 50 percent of children with congenital hearing impairment.

"Early identification of hearing impairment is extremely important," said Schroeder. "There is a critical period for language and learning which occurs during

the first two years of life. Reduced auditory input affects the developing auditory nervous system and has harmful effects on social, emotional; cognitive and academic development. There is sufficient evidence that early identification and early intervention in the management of hearing impairment in children are essential for the development of normal speech, language and educational progress." Once a positive screening has been made, the Michigan State Department of Community Health will assist in follow-up, GC Hospital, in conjunction with the Division of Children's Spe-



WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearings on the following:

1. An amendment to Enrolled Ordinance No. 93-587 regarding purchase,

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1997, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Commission Chambers, Room 400 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI

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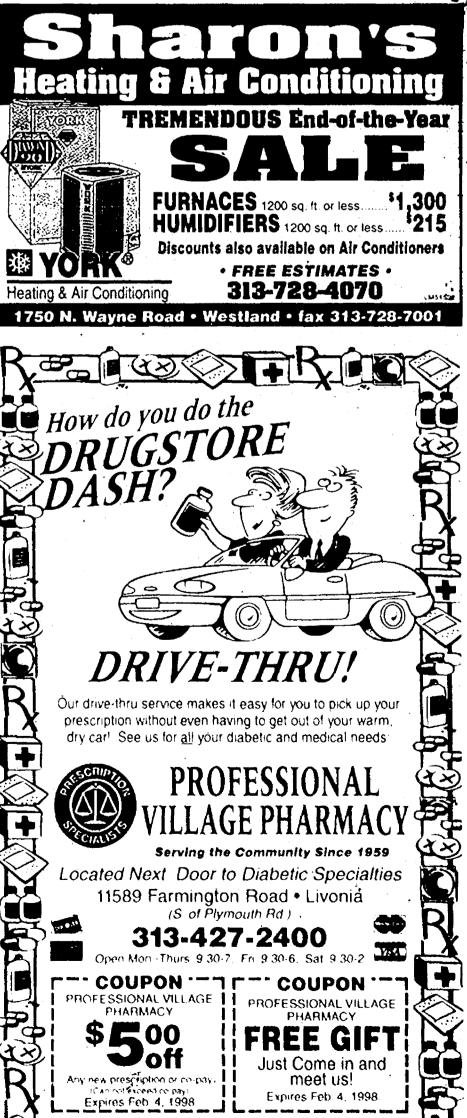
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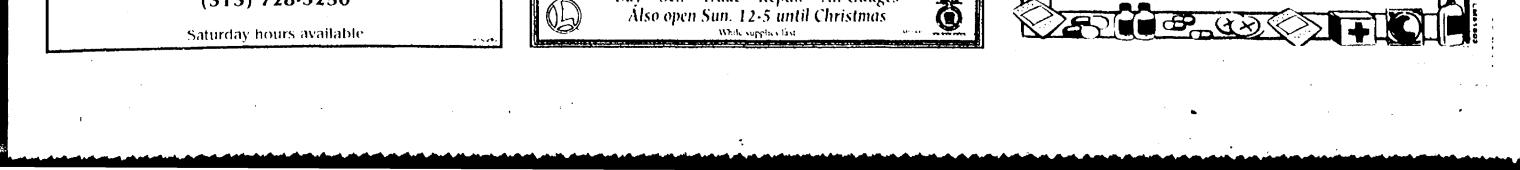
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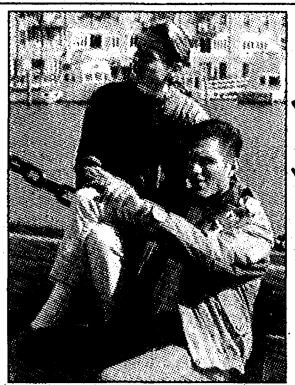
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FIRST TIME AD DWF, 505, seeks confident, tail SV/M, financially secure, 505, who enjoys trav-el, dining in/out, movies, sports, for friendship first. 178475

SWEET BLUE-EYED BLONDE Pretty, Intelligent SWF, 22, 57, college student, seeks sweet, honest, funny, intelligent, attractive SWM, 22-30, who enioys music, travel, hockey, travel romance, for friendship first, maybe more. 278476

ATTRACTIVE MAN WANTED SF, seeks handsome SM, 6', stim build. who enjoys going out, and having fun, for LTR 238519

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SPECIAL LADY DF. 43. 5'6", slender, medium-length Sensuous, attractive OWF, 5'5" 135/bs blonde hair Looking for tall, outdoorsy type of guy, who's happy, caning, com-municative, financially secure, who likes, black hair, sexy eyes, seeks tall WM, 45+, to share, fun, romance, and adventure, in rewarding LTR. Serious only kids, for friendship and possible form-ance, 17761 reply 28033

SOULMATE, WHERE ARE YOU? SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies. 28034

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'9"+, for casual dating, possible LTR. 128040

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FUN-LOVING

Bionde lady, fun and adventurous, res-pects life and people, appreciate kind-ness and honesty. Seeking emotional-ty available, secure, tall gentieman, 45-60, for travel, edventure, and compan-

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ners, plays, stimulating conversation, travel, and antiques. Now that the kids are raised, it's our turn to enjoy life T

PRETTY, CULTURED

GONOFURTHER DWF.40s.professional, blonde, attrac-tive, slender, seeks gentleman, NS, professional, 40s. for during out, theater, travel, quret evenings at home, possi-ble LTR. 17814 54 AND PRETTY Two lives can be joined together in triendship. Pretty SWF, short blonde/ blue, sometimes shy, but always hon-est, enjoys fine dming, and casinos. **EVE GOT WHAT IT TAKES**

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NEW TO THIS, ARE YOU? Humprous SWPF, 32, 57, physically fit, enjoys golfing, cooking, going up North, boating, amusement parks. Seeking hu-morous, trustworthy, sensitive, Catholic SWPM, 29-38, STO4, physically fit, N' S, for friendship first. Plymouth Novi ar-ea. \$7780 NORDIC SKI ENTHUSIAST Attractive, fit, petite SWF, 40 plus, seeks ski partner, for weekend trips, North, Lower, Up. If you know difference between free style/skating," and "clas-so", can ski 20K plus (both styles), call

A GOOD WOMAN A GOOD WOMAN intelligent, attractive DWPF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has lids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for, friendship, maybe more **17**7845 SOMETHING DIFFERENTI SBF, 24, 54, dark skinned, curvaceous, terninine, seeks financially secure, WM, 30+, for fun and friendship. \$8049

SOMEONE SPECIAL SWF, 70, feels younger, seeking WM, 65-70 who is sery, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun, 1 am a lady with many interests, so give me a call 17849

GEMINI GIRL

BLUE EYES, FULL LIPS SF, 5'7', enjoys "Northern Exposure", travel, current events, entertaining, att-

ractive, good cook, Seeking mate, 40-60, with big ego. Self-respecting and kind-hearted only apply. \$77812

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Eclectic, altractive, active, classy, slen-der SF, 57", brunette/hazel, N/S, enjoys tennis, gott, dancing, boating, most mu-sic, gardening, spectator sports. See-king a tail; special, loyal, active flexible, fun gentieman, 50+. \$\$3085

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE ... professional DWF, with a passion for love and kfe, enjoy jazz, the arts, fine dining, some sports, outdoors. Seeking financially secure, handsome, tall, con-fident, N/S PM, 40-53: Race open. 17 7958

KIND-HEARTED DWF, 40, auburn/green, 5'5", 120/bs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring. enjoys movies, old cars, nature, caring, trujues, art fairs. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, N/S, N/Drugs. 17961

101 WAYS SWF. Mom. Big Beautiful Woman, seeks N/S man, 40-65, who is into a la-tie bit of everything \$\$7813

CAN YOU GIVE 110%? If treated the same, you get it all, lov-ing, canng, passionate, blonderblue, 41-no one believes it, love hockey, boating, 4-wheeling, sledding, Seeking Mr. Wo-nderful, 30-42, attractive, loves kids, you won't be disappointed. \$\$7964

TEDDY BEAR WANTED Seeking big, warm, cuddly S DWM, 38-50. to keep cute, heavyset, romantic caring, active SWF, 41, 5'5", warm 178135 LIFE IS BEST WHEN SHARED

Attractive, warm female, 42, seeks attractive, healthy, warm male, for friendship, possibly romance TB8142

ABOVE THE LAW SWF, 5'2', brown brown, seeks law enforcement officer, 177863

LOOKING FOR THE SAME! Let me introduce myself. The 34ME1 Viet me introduce myself. The 49, N/S, DWF, with red hair, 1 only have one nat-ural high and that's life! I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon 10 7953

CHRISTIAN EXEC Attractive DWPM, 46, Christian executive, highly educated, outgoing, very energetic, loves traveling, friendship, movies plays, books, church. Seeking friendship with female professional, with similar background/interests T 8455

CHIVALRY ISN'T DEAD Good-looking, spontaneous, open-mind-ed SM, 43, 61, 220ibs, dark/dark, I value honesty, sincerity, and zest for lifePTry anything once 128458

Nice-looking SBM, 33, enjoys working out, movies, deficious toods, coffee shops, videos, playing pool, and read-ing _Looking for an easygoing pas-sionate; full-figured SWF ##8460

Good-looking, thoughtful, caring, affec-tionate, honest WM, 50, 577: 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking: petite/medium-sized/-warm, canno woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship, 128462

Handsome, romantic, athletic, big-heart-ed SWM, 24, 5111°, clean-cut, dark-haired sceks slender; active WF, beautiful inside outside and is missing someone special in her life. Age unimportant **3**8468

HUMOROUS

jazz classic rock, blues, and long waks Seeking cute, furiny, athletic SWF, N'S, with similar interests, to share times tog-ether. 178471

LONESOME TONIGHT? SWM, late forties: 5111, 180/bs, former Etvis impersonator, loves dancing walk-Fit, stan, attractive, hardworking, affectionate, honest, sensitive, attentive SWM, 37, 5'9", looking for a SF, 25-42, petite-medium build, who's ready for a ing, sports, and romance, seeks good woman, 30-45 for serious relationship. elationship All calls answered 18472

Romanic canng SVM 28,62,200bs brown blue, en oys sports, music, and romanic times. Seeking sincere, fron-est SWF, 21-32, for possible LTR 17 8473

Spiritual, growth-minded SWM, 41. seeking stable, proportional SWF, 32-42. 178118 CHILD OF UNIVERSE

A GOOD CATCH SWM, 5'9', 175'bs, 49, offers kindness, security, good sense of humor. Seeking sincere, loving, female, all responses answored. 198119

RED WINGS RULE! HED WINGS RULE!! The Stanley Cup is ours! Handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 24, loves sports, rollerblading, music, movies, ro-mance, outdoors. Seeking attractive, athletic, slender, outspoken SWF, 18-28, for friendship, summer lut, maybe more, **TE** 8127 responsible, good-looking, spontane-ous, romantic, supports two young ad-uits. Seekung SF, for friendship and pos-sible relationship. 1277810 NOT FOUND IN STORES Limited offer, white divorced male, early 50s, varied interests, seeks kindmore. 28127

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT Loving, caring, honest, sensitive SWM, from overseas, 26, 56°, 170 bs. black/ blue, seeks same in an attractive SWF, 18-35. 178128

OUIET GENTLE SINCERE DWM mid-40s, 56°, 155ibs, seeks companionship for drining out, morves, theatre, conredy clubs, sporting events, romantic evenings at home, age/looks not as important as freed/iness and co-monthility. TR8131 romantic relationship You tool SWPM, 39, 611, 1900s, articulate, sincere, communicative. You're slim, intelligent, ro-mantic, value friends and family, sen-sual, also wanting LTR. 18359 moatibility. 28131

PRINCE SEEKS PRINCESS PRINCE SEEKS PRINCESS Me. SVM, 30, 611, 175lbs, dark skin, honest, fathful, with great sense of hu-mor, enjoys movies, nice dinners, cam-ping, concerts, dancing, more. You: SDWF, 24-37, for great finerdiship, pos-sble LTR. Smoker ok, social-dinnker, **T** 8119. WAITING FOR YOU WAITING FOR YOU SWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, car-ing, skm DWF, 2040, for finendship with the possibility of something more seri-ous. **17**8132

FIRST-TIME AD Seeking SWF, 27-30, under 5'4" N/S, HW proportionate Profession or social DWM, 51, enjoys romance; and spend-ing quality time together. Seeking pas-sionate SiDF, 40-50, with similar inter-ests, for LTR: **1**8319 status unimportant. Will return all calls 178175

HAPPINESS COUNTS SWPM, 33, 510°, never married, ince-looking, Enjoys dinner, dancing, sports and companionship, Seeking SWF, 25-33, down-to-earth, for meaningful rela-bonship, **T**8177 SWM. 35.6*1. HW propononate, blond/ blue, enjoys hunting, camping, canoe-ing, bke nding, rollerblading, darts, mo-vies. Seeking WF, under 40, with simi-lar interests, for possible LTR. Kids ok 178366

NORMAL GUY Active, hard-working SPM, 39, 56". 150lbs, considered good-looking, hon-est, open, principled, outgoing and ro-manuc. More interested in who you are. than what you do. 18136

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WM, 60, 617, 195bs, handsome, cohe-ge graduate, good heath, financially in-dependent. Seeking WF, 45+, pretty and stender 178137

DOES ANYONE READ THESE? SWM, 35; N/S, HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover, HW propor-bonate, for friendship, relationship, mar-

nage 18138

S.O.S.

FUN-LOVING Handsome SV/M, 49, 5111, 1800s, salt-Please save this somewhat shy, professional, slim SWM, 29, from being alone, enjoys racquetball, music, comn-pepper/brown, N/S, secure, happy, ocking trave sports seeks SWF, 39-54, N/S, slender puters, and trying new things. Seeking SWF, N/S, for friendship leading to LTR build educated secure, employed. with no dependents 178208 18139 LOOKING FOR A LADY-FRIEND TIRED OF BAR SCENE? Honest, intelligent, open-minided SBM, 26, seeks honest open-minided SF, 18-24, who would like a commitment \$\$\$210 Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, roman-tic, sincere, SWM, 24, 511", black/green, enjoys.outdoors, music, animals, blong WOULDN'T IT BE NICE? To find a SWPM, 42, 5'8", fit, depen-dentiess, emotionally available roterblading, people watching, parks, movies, making people laugh, seeks, stender, SWF, 19-28, with similar interdentless, emotionally available. Enjoys ests, and characteristics 18141 bicycling, jogging reading, thinking, communication, comedy, and the great outdoors. Eclectic taste in movies, mu-CHARMING PROFESSIONAL Attractive SWM, 40, 516", 130lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, like children, seeks attractive SWF, for LTR. 28461 sic, concerts, and more 28211

OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy blondish/brown, blue eyes, 5'7', 110bs enjoys dancing, cider mills, all writer activities. Seeking caring, true roman-tic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy 17753

Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals looking for marhage-minded SWM, 35. Plymouth area, 127864

ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED SWF. 47. 5'8" bloode hazel home owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock cars, movies, travet, and more Seeking SWM, animal lover, with

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Slim, sensual, Taurus, sonitual SJM, 44, 5'9', 155ibs, seeks relationship-orient-ed SWF, soulmate, 33-43, who enjoys

boating, beach walks, voleyball, movies, art fairs, dancing, coffee houses, ethnic dining, 128457

possibly more. 228463

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SEEKING COMPANION POLISH

Independent, affectionate, attractive SWM, 27, blond/blue, 615", 230 bs. well-split, drinks occasionally, N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys cooking, music, campmoves and kids, seeks independent SWF, 20:30, for frendship/companionship and trust. No mind games 178311 WESTPOINT MANOR SM. 47. 170ibs, brown/blue, smoker,

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ARE YOU

istics/interests 28320

DWM, 40, 190/bs, european, homeow-ner, enjoys outdoor life, soocer, movies, and traveling, seeks attractive, loving, considerate, sharing woman, 30-45, kids welcome, 128459

time to know somebody, still enjoys the smell of flowers, for LTR. Will answer all

WHY BE ALONE?

TALL, HANDSOME, DOWN to earth SWM, 37, 6'2', 200ibs, athlet-ic, brown blue, home owner, work and skill trades, enjoys hockey and out-doors Seeking trim, attractive, pleasant SF, 28-39, to build a strong relationship 178466

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL?

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER Nice-looking , honest, affectionate, car-ing SWM, 41, 5'9", 160/bs, 14'S, enjoys

SINGLE DAD

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LET'S LIVE Attractive, SWF, 5'10", 29.lit.outgoing, enjoys, traveling, sports, music, dinning out and laughing, seeking, SWM, 30-42, tall, fit, employed; and very responsible but not married to his job and a good sense of humor. 28312

PRETTY, SLENDER. SENSUAL Sophisticated, smart, secure, "sweet-heart" Seeks best friend lover for life; good-looking, in-shape-refined, cultured, romantic, 50s, "nice guy." Let's enjoy adventure and world travel and life's finer things. 188317

NOT DESPERATE DWF, 45 5'3", 130bs, N/S, no kids, seeks the same in male. Many interests. I'm caring, giving, spontaneous, hope-lessly romantic, down-to-earth, emp-loyed, Would like to meet special friend, or more, Royal Oak 128361

SEEKING TOOL-TIME AL SWF, 33, 55", N/S, enjoys the outdoors, concerts, bking, fishing, seeks SWM, 28-37, who would someday like to build dream house in the mountains. T 8362

COULD CONNECT ... with tal, HW proportionate, secure, eth-ical, nice-looking guy with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40ish, 5'4", 115/bs, with varied inferests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. 128209

MUST HAVE A NICE SMILE Outspoken, fun-loving SBF, 27, 5'5", full figured, N/S, N/D, enjoya opera, classical music, movies, sports, bowling. See-king tall, well-groomed SM, 28-35, N/S, ND, for friendship, possible relationship. No kids please. 28222

WHO KNOWS? Versatile, independent, family oriented DWF; 41, hoping to meet someone 33-48 who's similar. 178223

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adven-turous, Warm, romantic DWPF, 5'5", 50, blonde/blue, medium built, educated, seeks gentieman, 5'9-6'4", 48-62, who's honest, N/S, who likes the arts, out-doors, travel, for possible LTR. 178224

PRETTY BLONDE LADY Refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60ish, 55°, good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks genteman, 65-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship, 28117

UNCHAINED MELODY Stm, attractive DVPF, 50, NS, seeks SIDWPM, 45-55, 5'8*+, HW propor-tionate, for C&W dancing, rolerblading, and companionship. West Side area (1911) 18121

HAVE HERPES?

SWF, 38, smart, attractive, fun-loving prest sense of humor, enjoys sports, trafel and more. Seeking a humorous, honest, marrisge-minded, N/S man with herpes, to build a relationship. TR4130

IN YOUR DREAMS Yours in mine, if you're a tall, medium-large bulk S/OWM, honest, affectionate, N/S and financially secure. DWF, 37, 59°, lobt-brown/blue, attractive, hull-fig-ured, IN/S, various interests, with one child wearze. child. 1278178

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LOVE NOT GAMES Altractive DWF, young 39, 5'4', browny bue, NS, financially emotionally secure. pue, NS, mainciary endormany socure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, hon-est, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, lea-ding to UTR, \$2003

BEEKING THE MAGIC AGAIN Are you? DWF, young 54, varied inter-ests. Seeking older sournate, social drinker only, who'll treat a lady like lady, for special relationship. Loves a warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. \$280p3

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED IF ... you're looking for a petite, creative, sen-skive, very attractive, muti-degreed SPF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and roterblade) on her feet. Seeking intel-sgent man 45-60. Physical fitness important, \$77821

FAST, CHEAP, bal's not me, Humorous, honest, intel-ligent DWF, md-40s, N/S, seeks fun, romantic, financially secure gentleman, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games 13 play are monopoly and pin-nacle. 228091

PRINCESS NEEDS PRINCE Playful, fun SWF, 27, 52, medium build, brown/brown, enjoys outdoors, sports, Seeking SWM, 24-35, with sindar inter-ests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. \$8051

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT SWF, 41, 5'5", 120'bs, dark brown/ hazel, sense of humor, never marned. MISSING SOMETHING? Me too...someone to share fun, quiet times with. SF, 45, 5'2', brunette/green, ize in northwest side, seeks honest SM, no children, enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining out, drag racing, boxing Soeking, honest man, old-fashioned val-ues. For LTR: 1277933 to care about, who cares back, who oys movies, family, having kin. 27689

SPECIAL WOMAN Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, cudding, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, N.S. 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relation-WHERE'S MY KNIGHT? Cute, nice DWF, 35. 577. 126/bs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys jog oing biling concerts, travel Looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, financi-ally secure, N/S, to enjoy life with. ship. C&W dancing a plus. No games please 17935 LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE

DBF, 5'4', 126/bs, black/brown, humor-ous, employed, seeks S/D Indian M with long hair, 5'7'- 5'9", 35-45, hanosome, FUN-LOVING FUN-LOVING Attractive, intelligent DWF, 40s, 5'4', 115lbs, black/brown, seeks secure, handsome, sincere S/DWM, 40-50, H/W proportionate, for companionship, fun, possible LTR. **17**7693 stim and fit fun kind for a and more. Friends first. 277936 WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I didn't think it would be this hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired, in DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D. Cultured, mean apple pie. Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater addiction, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart. 34-47. \$7599 shape, college educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman - me. Please help me end my search - guick! 177937

SEXY BUT WHOLESOME Petite, Italian DWF, very young 47, N.S. N/D. great sense of humor, enjoys eth-nic dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DWM, with similar in-terests, for possible LTR: \$7938 Foxy 45 year old DBCPF, hopeless romanic, 55, 145bs, anjoys, traveling cooking, theater, and outle evenings at home. Seeking SCM, 40-55, with simi-tar interests, NS, for triendship possi-

HUSKY MAN WANTED Attractive, honest, kind SWF, 24, 5'11", HW proportionate, blonde blue, enjoy scene. Seeking tall, 5'8'+, husky built SWM, 24-34, honest, caring, and ro-manto, for friendship, possible LTR 17 7939. Passionale, honest, upbeat, humorous DWF, 43, 516", 160 lbs, long brown/ha-zel, smoker, social drinker, N/Drugs, enjoys bowling, movies, driling out, quet times at home. Seeking gendeman, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship,

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LOOKING FOR A FRIEND LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE Widowed WF, 59, 5'2', N/S, social drin-ker, blonde/blue, emotionally/financial-Down-to-earth divorced WF, mid 50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of hu-mor, enjoys dancing, the movies and din-ing out. Seeking SUDVM, 56-65, great senserol humor with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. \$7949

A LITTLE SHY SWF, 38, 577, red blue, honest, loving. Lonely, altractive, petite SF, 25, seeks bonest, reliable, sincere, hard-working, semi-intelligeot SM, for companioncaring, likes bowling, camping, fishing Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. 17962 ship, friendship, possible relationship. If you cheat, don't bother calling, 11 7660

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YOU AND ME Shapely, sharp, first class, modern SF, 5', 122bs, natural blonde/green, seek-ing QVM, 45-50, nice thick hair, with same quatities, to share life's simple gleasures and...? Truth is foremost. **1**

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I'M NOT BARBIE ... TM NOT BANBIE... to you don't have to be Ken. DJF, 40ish, realizes we still look good, but aren't 20 anymore: Seeking hun, romantic, smart, hunry SWM, 39-49, NS, drinker. Let's play1 177667____

LAUGH WITH ME DWF, seeks S/DWM, 55-52, who likes to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, lamity oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. 🏗

BEEKING ROMANCE In stractive, sender, tail, and a young looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, hu-morous and a smoker. Seeking gent who's 50-65, intelligent, tail, clessy, con-fident, and selectively marriage-minded. 72776

FROM THE HEART Affectionate, warm, sensitive SWF, 46, enjoys movies, plays, music, during ly/out, sports, quiet limes. Seeking lov-ing SWM, 44-55, with sense of humor, with pimilar interests, for LTR. 27754

nous LTR, possible marriage. 17824 PRETTY, PETITE, BRUNETTE DJF 40.sh, N/S single mom, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out Seelung romantic, caring honest S/DJM.

26-32 who enjoys the outdoors, movies

museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right, \$7907

N/S, for friendship, possible LTR 17902 PERSONALS(ENE ARE YOU THE ONE? Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn blue, hope-less romantic, seeks attractive SWM

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LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE Young 62 year old WF, Farmington Hills PATER SIM SWF. 36. blonde, enjoys, working out, dining, theater travel, some sports. Seeking sincere, honest attractive SWM, 30-39, physically 14, N/S, financially/emotionally secure T area, seeks companionship friendship of a man of same age group. Loves ani-mats; long walks/drives, driving in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation 17965

LUCKY YOU Petite SWF, N/S, outgoing senic needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 66-71, senior ioin me for golf, bowing, cards. Must en;cy people and have family values. 27991

HAPPINESS IS A. cute, petite, blonde/blue SWF, 27 down-to-earth with a good sense of humor Seeking friendship, possible LTR, with the right man 177995

CASINO ROYALE DWF, 39, full-figured, shy; hard work-er, smoker, enjoys bingo, Vegas, trav-et, and quret times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality unimportant. 17999

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

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL Versatile, open and very honest DWF 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, N/S, to enjoy life with 128003

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH Sensual, gorgeous, ti, 40, 57°, 130lbs, MA degreed, into biking, reading, antiquing, grggling, seeks SWM, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy, **17**7968

LET IT SNOW Attractive, fun SWF, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium-build, seeks friendship, romance, and someone to share the with ter and skiing, snowball fights, and hot chocolate by the fire. 128313

GREAT COMBINATION Classy, vivacious, energeto SWPF, 23, blonde blue, enjoys dancing, theater, travel, conversation, Pistons, and the Red Wings. Seeking SWPM, 30+, to share same interests. **T**78307

FUSSY BUT FUN Pette SWPF, 45, enjoys reading, mo-vies, sports, concerts, and take fiving, seeks "normal" PM, 43-52, average height weight 18273

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SPM. 37 physician, seeks intelligent attractive SWF, for special relationship 10.8480 CUTE CONSERVATIVE MALE

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Internet mailing lists help families stay in touch

■his is the time of year our holiday mail is filled with "brag letters," those "here's-what-our-family-has-been-doing letters sent along in Christmas cards.

This year, I've seen a new twist. . . holiday mailing lists, sent by email to friends and relatives. T've already TALK received two of them and there are even

entire Web sites now set up to electronically post such things for all the world to see, complete with pictures of the kids.

While such holiday use may be new this year, mailing lists are an old staple of the Internet. Think of a mailing list as an e-mail party line on which everyone is discussing the same thing. At last count, there were over 75,000 of them. devoted to everything from the antiabortion movement to zoology.

Mailing lists utilize a centralized comnuter called a list server that receives an incoming "post" or piece of e-mail related to the lists concern. The list server automatically forwards a copy of that post to everyone who has subscribed to the list and any member can then reply or append or comment on the "post."

You don't need special software beyond your e-mail program to take advantage of electronic mailing lists.

But you'll definitely want to check out MIKE the lists that match your interests. WENDLAND

The best source for information on mailing lists is a World Wide Web site called, Liszt (www.liszt.com/). It's an interactive directory of every mailing list on the Internet, arranged by category and it is can be searched by keyword.

There are also several hundred real family lists. . . mailing lists set up for members of a particular family like "the Brown family discussion list" or the "Davis family discussion list."

These information age extensions of those photocopied update letters that we all get from far off relatives number in the hundreds. Instead of once-a-year letters folded into Christmas cards, these ongoing lists dish out the instant e-mail updates and ongoing correspondence about how Uncle Fred is feeling after his surgery or how young Zachary likes school.

To set up a list requires special automatic software and a central server computer that receives and forwards the posts. Often, the server is located at a university or a large business. The system administrator is the person to see about setting one up, but don't even think about it if all you have is a half dozen or so people. You can easily handle that with most e-mail programs, through a feature that let's you send group mailings. But if you have several dozen or, for that matter, several thousand people you'd like to keep in close contact with, mailing lists are the answer

Got a list you want to join? It's easy. Just send a subscription request by email. Make sure, though, you send it to the right place. Most mailing lists have two addresses, one for administrative purposes such as handling requests to subscribe or be taken off the list, the other for the general membership as a whole. One sure way to get yourself a reputation for being a Net klutz and undoubtedly a stack of angry "flames," or e-mail rebukes, is to clog up the mailboxes of list members with messages meant for the administrator. To subscribe or remove yourself from a list requires you to e-mail the administrator

Don't rush in and sign up for every list you see because some lists kick out an amazing amount of information. Choose carefully. It's not unusual for some lists to post as many as 200 messages a day,

Once you decide you want to join, send a note to the administrative address listed as the contact. Carefully follow the subscription format. Some lists have you simply type "subscribe" followed by the name of the list in the message subject line. Others want you to leave the subject line blank and in the body of the message type in "subscribe" followed by your name. If your email program automatically adds vour signature to every message you send. uncheck that option or make it "no signature" when sending to an administrative server. That's because the list server is totally automated and only looks

for certain words like "subscribe" in certain places. Thus, your e-mail signature lines are unrecognized and your mail will probably be bounced back.

How do you know you've successfully subscribed? The server will send you a confirmation and welcoming message. With that confirmation will be detailed instructions on how to sign off the list or to hold your mail while on vacation or away from your computer. So save that note somewhere for future reference.

Here's five of my favorites to get you started:

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This is a free vocabulary-builder, a mailing list that sends out a new word every day to subscribers. Often the words are built around a particular theme that lasts for several weeks.

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Company sells commercial Web site addresses, supply of 'good' names low

Websitenames.com has established the Internet's first trading center for commercial Web site addresses.

The demand for simple Web site names steadily increases as American businesses scramble to go online. Companies covet names that are descriptive and easy-to-remember. A memorable Net address or domain name can greatly impact a firm's online accessibility and image.

Supply is low and good commercial Web site names are exceedingly difficult to find.

The new agency has positioned itself as a trading center for prestigious Net addresses that are realistically priced. The first transaction on the new exchange was iceskating.com which sold

for \$2,750 to a Louisville, KY company. There are currently 850 available listings on the www.websitesnames.com

Some interesting facts about Internet Web sites:

A Web site name consists of up to 22 letters, numbers and That dashes. is: 31,700,000,000,000,000,000,000, 000,000,000,000 possible .com names, yet there's a shortage of desirable addresses.

More than 125,000 Web site names are registered per month. Two years ago the rate was only 200 per month.

The details of most Web site name sales are not made public. Some reported sales include: \$150,000 for business.com and \$100,000 for Internet.com. The owner of television.com turned down a \$50,000 offer.

■ It is common for a company to point multiple names to one Web site. Some corporations have taken this to an extreme. Procter & Gamble's Web site can be accessed via: pimples.com. headache.com. badbreath.com. diarrhea.com, underarm.com and over 100 others.

Websitenames.com will donate certain Internet addresses to qualified public service organizations. These Bigotry.com, DrugAbuse.com. SafeSexInfo.com, FamilyValues.org. The company accepts brief letter-proposals describing the group's plans for the name. Inquiries should be sent to awards@websitenames.com



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E & E QS-9000 certified

E-& E Manufacturing Company, Inc. of Plymouth received the Certificate of Registration for QS-9000. E & E was assessed by NSF International Strategic Registrations, which found the company compliant. NSF observed only one minor nonconformance, which was corrected before it could be written up.

E & E is a premier niche supplier of progressive die metal stampings, By joining cold heading and metal stamping technologies, it specializes in heavy gage stamped metal fasteners. supplying over 200 million female fasteners a year.

Established in 1962, the Plymouth and Farmington Hills facilities are soon to be over 110,000 square feet, employing over 200 people on a three shift basis.

HFCC awarded grant

Henry Ford Community College, in partnership with Eastern Michigan University. has been awarded a two-year. \$779,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support programs in Geographic Information Systems at HFCC and EMU, as well as select local high schools.

Kroger/ComeriMART

Comerica Bank will open a supermarket banking location in Cantonlocated inside the Kroger at 1905 Canton Center. near Ford Road.

ComeriMARTs allow customers the convenience of banking and shopping in one location. The branch is equipped with four teller stations, an automated teller machine (ATM), safe deposit services, and a private office. Susan Roehl will manage Comerica's new Canton Center ComeriMART.

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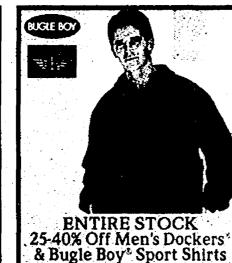




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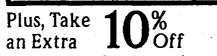
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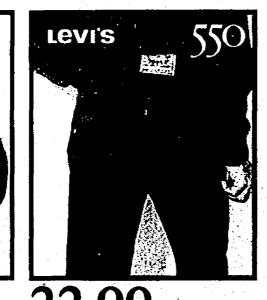
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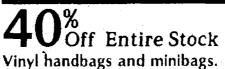
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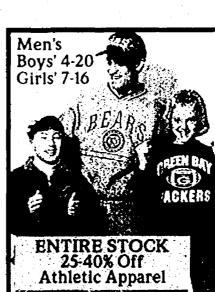
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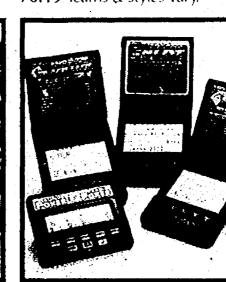
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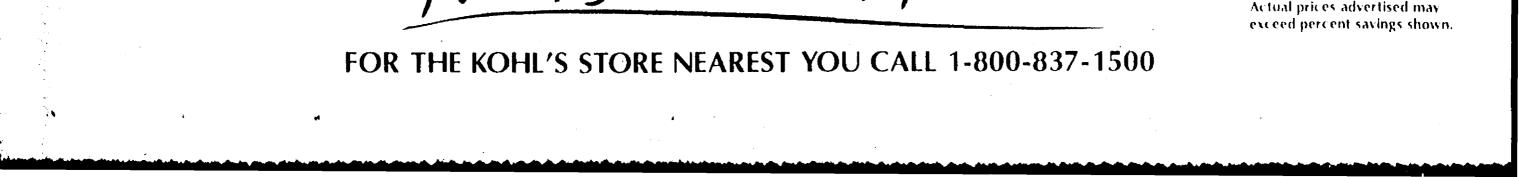


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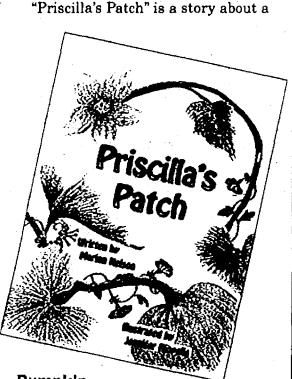
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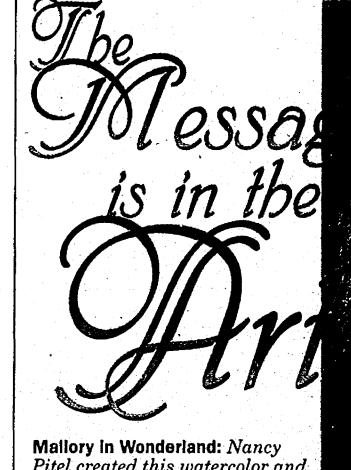
arian Nelson, a former special education teacher for Redford Union Schools, is a little worried about storing 5,000 copies of "Priscilla's Patch" when they arrive on her doorstep on Dec. 22. The early Christmas present is a children's book Nelson wrote and self-published through Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor. Plymouth artist Jennifer Riopelle created the brightly colored pictures of pumpkins in the center of the cutting dilemma.

"Priscilla's Patch" will be available at Santa's Holiday Gift Show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Novi Expo Center. Riopelle is exhibiting her contemporary Ukrainian eggs, hand-painted furniture and home accessories, along with the books, in a booth located in the Santa's Workshop and Crafts section.

"I don't have a clue as to where I'm going to put them," said Nelson. "I hadn't really thought about it with the excitement of getting the book published."

True-to-life .





Pitel created this watercolor and colored pencil fantasy scene of fairies from a slide taken at the Renaissance Festival. Look for the large scale rabbit and tortoises hidden in the landscape.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

"Change is inevitable – open the heart to let it occur gently, sweetly." Those are words of wisdom from Nancy Pitel who placed the text next to one of her mixed media paintings on display in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery. Visitors to the one-woman show will find 29 more of Pitel's philosophies about life, love and children along with the art.

ings to invoke thought in the viewer? The fact, that nearly all of the works were rendered from slides taken at the Renaissance Festival sets a perfect ground for Pitel to pose questions in the viewer's mind. Pitel has taken more than 300 photographs of these Renaissance players in costume.

"People are in costumes and everybody's playing a role," said Pitel. "They let down their hair." Later in the interview Pitel added

images that are all around, if you just take time to look," Pitel said. "The colors, the sunsets: people look, but they don't see. I like to have things in the painting so people will really look."

Gazing into a crystal ball, "Cosmic . Clown" in a bright red wig and white face illustrates "life is too important to take so seriously-Some days you just know it's all a joke."

"Sorrow" takes earthlings



Pumpkin Tale: Plymouth artist Jennifer Riopelle designed the cover for "Priscilla's Patch," a children's book written by Marian Nelson.

young girl and her dilemma in a pumpkin patch. According to Nelson, the scenario is reminiscent of an incident in her own life. After carving jack-o-lanterns from all of the pumpkins, Priscilla realizes she must dispose of them quickly after mom cries "what have you done?" Usually, the 7year-old's family sells the pumpkins and other produce at a roadside stand. Nelson ties the story together with a vine and caterpillar, who's more of a stand-up comic than a garden pest.

"I designed the book so it would be something that people can identify with," said Nelson. "It was really important to me that I wasn't block writing; it's a panorama. That's the purpose of the vine; it grows from page to page. The vine is continuous so the story is continuous.

"There's a flow going on. The caterpillar is on every page and you can see his reaction to what's going on. For instance, the caterpillar is having his dream of becoming a butterfly when she is dreaming about dressing up for Halloween and collecting candy. The kids think it's fun to find the caterpillar every time they turn the page. I think this book is marketable to just about everybody. It's about gardening and children, the life cycle of a butterfly."

Nelson also made sure to limit distractions.

"Too many words on a page will turn children off, too small of print," said Nelson. "If a scene's too busy, it will turn people off."

Long and winding road

Nelson wrote four stories, one of which was "Priscilla's Patch," 12 years ago, then stuck them in a filing cabinet. She became serious about publishing after deciding, "writing is what I wanted to do for the rest of my

The words lead viewers to pursue their imagination as they view the scenes before them.

In her work as in her personal life, Pitel welcomes new ideas and always seems to be searching for a better way. Maybe that's why, nearly all of the works question and comment.

"Dream Maker" asks "who really creates your reality?" as a man blows bubbles underneath an eerie purple moon. The faces in the bubbles are a reflection of Pitel's introspective nature.

"Mallory in Wonderland," is a fantasy scene of fairies and tortoises hiding in the landscape. Look for the larger-than-life rabbit perched behind the girl then read Pitel's words - "children live in the true reality."

Pitel instills a sense of wonder in each of the works by including objects out of context. What does the rabbit lurking behind the little girl mean? What does a Viking ship, reflected in a man's eyeglasses, symbolize? Each makes you wonder.

"The exhibit is fun; it's relaxing," said Pitel. "Everything here has a lot of images in them. It's kind of fun discovering them. It's like a game to relax; you unwind."

But the exhibit is deeper than that. Is Pitel using the characters in her watercolor and colored pencil paint-

"people are in costume all the time. Every time you get dressed you're in costume."

Every aspect of Pitel's life relates to art from her position as a layout artist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers to maintaining membership in the Garden City Fine Arts Association and the Scarab Club in Detroit, and serving as a juror for the Wyandotte Street Fair.

"I always look at things in terms of art," said Pitel. "It's always been that way. As a child when things were kind of tough I could create my own world by drawing and painting." "I see the colors and shapes and

Fine Art and Illustration Exhibit

What: The Livonia Arts Commission present mixed media works by Nancy Pitel. For more information, call (313) 942-3543.

When: Through Monday, Dec. 29. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, (second floor Fine Arts Gallery), 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington.

for the destruction of the environment. A white dove with a bloody wound attracts the eye to this dramatic black and white portrait. "Whose responsibility is it to end it?" asks Pitel.

"I don't think people realize what they're doing to the planet," she said in an interview at the gallery. "I made the planet bright because there's still hope.'

Pitel's show came about when Livonia Arts Commissioner Robert Sheridan saw her work in the "Art in the Village" exhibit at Greenmead Historical Village. The mother of four adult children, Pitel only began exhibiting her work earlier this year but already has a one-person show at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center in Greektown's Trappers Alley to her credit. She's also shown work at the Ann Arbor Art Association and the **Rivers Edge Gallery in Canton.**

Even though she taught art at the YWCA and privately in her home for 18 years, Pitel did not consider herself a serious painter until a year ago when she realized its importance in her life. It wasn't that Pitel didn't have the talent before, after all she sold her first painting at age 12. Fear of rejection held her back.

"I could have done my work while raising my family, and I could have used them as models," said Pitel.

Troubadour: Nancy Pitel portrays Gibbon, an entertainer at the Renaissance Festival in this mixed media work. Gibbon is really Garold Amadon, father of the harp player in "Mallory in Wonderland."

"But my vision was too limited and my fear of rejection too great for me to see that, so I used the kids as an excuse not to try. I think that is what a lot of us do, especially women, to keep us from taking the chance at being successful. It's too bad I didn't realize this earlier in life."

YOUTH THEATER

Kids act up for a 'Holiday to Remember'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The clown, the doll and the orphan waited for Clarenceville Youth Theatre director Nancy Florkowski to begin rehearsal. From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. about 50 kids would gather to perfect their singing and acting skills in sessions aimed at producing a mini-musical and two one-acts.

Just in time for the holidays, the Clarenceville Youth Theatre, formerly the Redford Youth Theatre, will present "A Christmas Wish," a scene between little Cosette and Father Christmas from "Les Miserables," and the Hanukkah scene from the "Diary of Anne Frank" in a "A Holiday to Remember" Saturday, Dec. 20, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium.

A Holiday to Remember

What: The Clarenceville Youth Theatre presents "A Christmas Wish" and two one-acts for the family.

When: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

Where: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads), in Livonia.

Family entertainment

"It's a great family show because there's something for everyone," said Florkowski, who began teaching drama at Pierce Middle School in South Redford Public Schools in 1987. "It's in the afternoon, it's close to Christmas and it adds a nice touch for Christmas." Florkowski wrote the script and music for "A

Christmas Wish," a children's story about an orphan



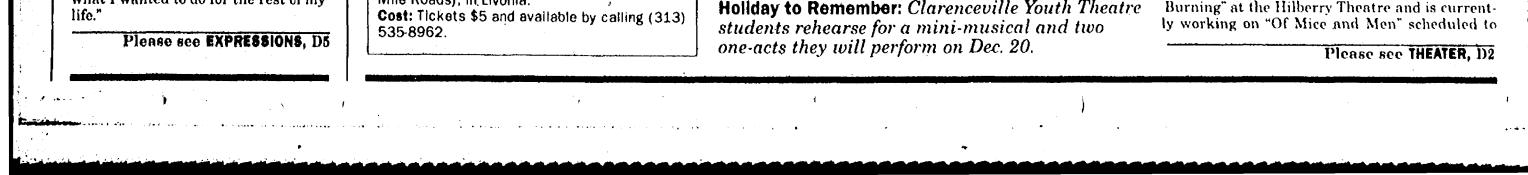
(Ivy played by Becky Roberts, Livonia) looking for a grandmother who doesn't exist. In a toy shop scene, Holly (Carolyn Lusch, Redford) is the doll not sold for Christmas and eventually ends up in the arms of Ivy, who is adopted by a policeman and his wife. Erin Felix, a 12-year-old student at B. Beck Elementary in the Redford Union Schools, plays one of the unsold clowns in the toy shop.

"I play Abra (as in Abracadabra), a mean clown who's mad because the clown next to him was sold," said Felix.

Members of the Youth Theatre began rehearsing their parts the first week in November. On a Saturday, when other kids enjoy their free time playing in the snow, Felix works on her lines inside the Tinderbox Theatre at Clarenceville High School.

"I'm here because I like to act and sing," said Felix. "I get to express myself. You get to go different places when you act and it's especially good when you don't want to go to school and can act sick."

In the next few days Fred Florkowski will begin designing and crafting the toy shop, policeman's home and village. Florkowski is an old hand at designing scenery. A second-year student in scenic design at Wayne State University, Fred created the sets for "The Lady's Not for



FINE ARTS Changes at the DIA stabilize the road ahead

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

Seven years after the Detroit Institute of Arts faced reduced hours, trimmed its staff and held fewer exhibits because of state funding cuts, the road to the next century seems much clearer and smoother than just six [•] months ago.

At the end of 1997 - the yearwhen its executive director resigned, when the "Splendors of 'Egypt" exhibit experienced unprecedented success, and when day-to-day operations were transferred from the City of Detroit - the Detroit Institute of Arts stands at a watershed moment in its nearly 80-year history, according to Maurice Parrish, interim director.

With the Detroit City Council's decision late last month to transfer the management of the museum to the Founders Society, the initial step has been taken to reinvent the perception and stabilize the financial condition of the museum, said Parrish, who assumed the top post after former director Samuel Sachs II resigned in September.

.- For the past year, the council

vacillated over transferring control of the museum. The majority of the nine members were concerned about honoring the city's contract with the union employees and maintaining a residency requirement for museum employees.

Behind the scenes, however, the issue seemed to be the perception that by yielding control of the museum, the council would be giving away the city's cultural treasure to "outsiders."

Apparently, financial and political realities have prevailed. "We're now in alignment with

the most typical way art museums operate," said Parrish. Before the council's move, the

DIA was jointly operated by the city and the Founders Society. The new agreement calls for the Founders Society to handle the daily operations. The city's arts commission, a mayoral appointed board, retains its oversight duties.

"We now have a single organization with the ability to get public funds, but not necessarily dependent on them."

Short-term/long-term

In the short term, visitors to

the DIA will not notice any changes in hours, admission, exhibits or facilities.

The actual transition of management responsibilities from the city to exclusively the Founders Society - a private nonprofit organization founded in 1920 to support and raise funds for the museum – will take about six months.

Approximately 70 percent of the DIA's \$30 million budget is raised by the Founders Society.

Most recently, the St. Louis Art Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of Art made similar management changes. Like the DIA, these museums are publicly owned, but rely heavily on corporate and individualdonations for funding.

In the near future, the most pressing concern for the DIA is to make up the \$10 million deficit for the current fiscal year. Once that shortage is covered, said Parrish, the museum will establish a long-term plan to identify private funding sources.

"There's a perception that when a museum is 'public' that it doesn't need as much philanthropy. While the DIA is still publicly owned, the public funding just isn't there," said Parrish.

"The private sector has accepted a strong responsibility for providing operating support for the museum."

Besides the Founders Society, the Friends of Modern Art also raises money for acquisitions and programs at the museum.

Some donors grew reluctant because of what they perceived as the inefficient and highly politicized management of the museum. Parrish believes that with the Founders Society controlling museum operations, donors will not only be encouraged, but even more philanthropists will be attracted to the DIA.

In the long term, an economically healthier and more autonomous DIA will mean all the galleries will be reopened and much-needed improvements will be made to the physical museum.

But perhaps the most striking improvement will be to the DIA's reputation.

No longer will other museums wonder about the DIA's future, said Parrish. The result could be that high-profile international

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open on the Detroit campus in mid-January.

production," said Fred Florkowski, co-founder of the Youth Theatre with wife Nancy. "Next week they'll have to have their lines and songs memorized. Then you will see character changes. That's part of the fun. They'll become the characters."

The performers, ranging in age from first to 11th grade and living in Livonia, Redford, Farmexhibits will, once again, look to the fifth largest US population area as a major venue.

In the upcoming year, a more aggressive fund-raising strategy and new executive director are expected to be in place.

A familiar vision

In the past month, MaryAnn Wilkinson has become the curator of 20th century art at the DIA.

Wilkinson became acting curator when Jan Vander Mark was dismissed for allegedly violating the residence requirement in August 1995.

Coincidentally, several weeks ago, Vander Mark was reinstated by a court order to his former position. Vander Mark is challenging the legality of the residence provision in district court.

The 20th-century art department is not alone with two curators. The ancient art and the African oceanic and world culture departments also have two curators.

During the last two years as acting curator, Wilkinson has overseen the highest output of exhibits, lectures and programs of any of the eight curatorial

departments at the museum.

By late spring, she expects the modern art galleries will be reinstalled. Currently, those galleries are home to the "Splendors of Egypt" exhibit.

For years, some have criticized the DIA for a lack of contemporary art exhibits. With a healthi-er financial condition that may change, said.Wilkinson. But the DIA's mission, she said, is to serve as an encyclopedic resource, not as a contemporary arts museum.

"Without the groundwork of modern art, you can't understand contemporary work," she said. "We've been limited by funding."

"Changing Spaces," a current contemporary art exhibit at the DIA, reflects Wilkinson's curatorial vision. The free-standing sculptures and installations offer an innovative look at a group of artists who do not typically work with fabric.

"My goal is to try to balance art from the early part of the century along with decorative art, contemporary art and new mediums."

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Nelson was working in a bookstore in Northville, when Riopelle walked in the door. The two began work on the book last February. After experimenting with different mediums, they decided colored pencil provided the bright and happy setting in which to tell the story. Riopelle rendered the scenes in a 16- by 24-inch format so as not to lose detail when the art was downsized.

-"It's so colorful," said Nelson.

"I've shown my daughter that if you want something it can happen.'

Marian Nelson

Author

when Riopelle went up north to Patch" developed into a dream work on the illustrations in peace.

what she wanted, and I took it scenes because mom "thought it from there," said Riopelle.

come true. Nelson's 11-year-old daughter Laura was the model "Marian pretty much told me for Priscilla in several of the

"This is about two weeks from

the training, rehearsing and performing in a number of ways.

"Almost everyone here is my friend," said Felix. "Acting in the Youth Theatre has taught me to be more responsible. It helps my memorization."

Tim Amrhein teaches acting and character development and will direct the scene from "Les Miserables." He and other Clarenceville Youth Theatre teachers will play the adult roles.

dren), this is his own thing. My older son and daughter were in the Nutcracker a few years ago and he watched from the sidelines. Now it's his turn. I want him to continue because he likes it and to help him not be so distracted and focus more."

The Florkowskis practice (with their own children), what they preach. They've encouraged Jenny, their 15-year-old daughter, and son Jody, 19, to study in the Youth Theatre then pass on their knowledge. Jenny, a student at the Detroit High School for Performing Arts, teaches acting skills at the Youth Theatre. Jody, a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will direct the Anne Frank scene. Since its' founding in 1990, the **Clarenceville Youth Theatre has** grown beyond its original intent of training young actors. Because of this, Fred and Nancy developed Tinderbox Productions as a touring company and affiliate of the theater so students could put their performing skills to use. The Tinderbox Show Choir. directed by Ray Schmidt and formerly known as the Redford Youth Theatre Choir, is an offshoot of the youth theater as well. The choir, which has performed in the Festival of Trees and in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Fox Theatre, joins the Livonia Civic Chorus in "Making Spirits Bright," a holiday musical directed by Jim Whitten at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium in Livonia. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 525-1447.

"I loved working with Jennifer. We'd talk and talk and Jennifer just knew what I wanted and how to put it on paper."

At one point however, Riopelle found Nelson's incessant phone calls distracting: could she do her laundry or anything else to hurry the process along? That's

"Because if an artist gets distracted by other people's ideas, they lose their momentum."

Nelson learned to have patience and Riopelle completed the art works.

From a book that Nelson began writing on the back of a bank envelope, "Priscilla's

would set a good example" if Laura could watch the progression of the project first hand.

"I've shown my daughter that if you want something it can happen," said Nelson. "My daughter's been with me on this from the first day. The message for her is, it's good to dream and dream, but you can make dreams come true."

"Priscilla's Patch" is available at Little Professor in Plymouth; Barnes & Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville; Ultimate Toys & Gifts, Northville; The Friends Store at the Northville Public Library, or by calling Nelson at (248) 347-2271.

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ington, Westland, Garden City, Novi and Detroit, lack the same opportunities as adults when it comes to acting.

"There's not a lot of live theater for kids," said Florkowski, who is acting in the Livonia Redford Theatre Guild production of "Nunsense" (which runs through today). "I wanted to offer children something they couldn't get in school. The Youth Theatre is more of a turning ground. The kids stay. I don't think people realize how important this art is?"

Fred does.

"Our kids are regulars," he said. "They consistently comeback and that's the point because we can build on their knowledge and talent."

Felix continues to benefit from

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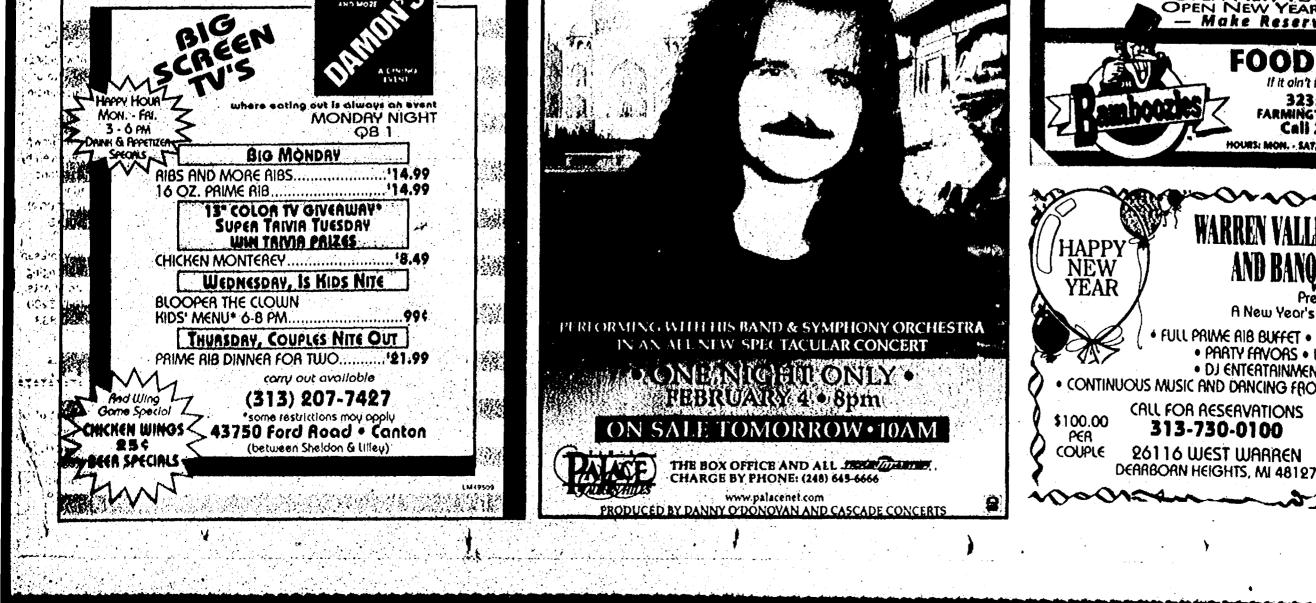
"It gives them a lot of skills not just acting but articulation, the skills to get up before an audience and speak," said Amrhein, who received a bachelor's degree from Washington State University and is pursuing a master's degree in scenic design at Wayne State University. "It's teaching them to open up and be self-confident. Watching the growth of the kids is most important to me as a teacher."

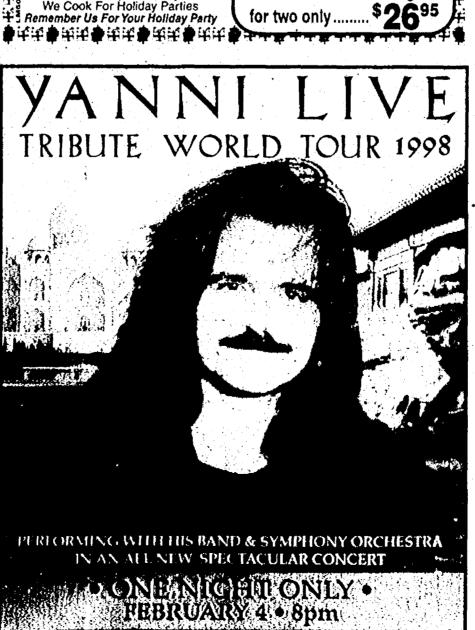
The Redford Youth Theatre began with 20 children and now trains about 200 students every year. This fall, they moved to Clarenceville because they were frustrated by the shortage of space, but the Clarenceville Youth Theatre's goals remain the same.

Students such as Blake Saleh are proof of their effectiveness. Sandy Saleh enrolled her 9-yearold son in the Youth Theatre after urging from others. She credits Blake's growth to participation in the theater.

"He's always been the class clown," said Saleh. "He dressed up as a girl for Halloween and everyone said he should be in acting. Being in the Youth Theatre has brought up his selfesteem. In a family of three (chil-

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AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ENTRIES

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Holding auditions for ensemble only for "Sweet Charity," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Male singers especially needed, women also welcome to audition. Please prepare 16 bars of an up-tempo song, not from the show, (248) 349-7110. MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE Auditions Wednesday, Dec. 17 for chorus and secondary roles in the company's upcoming mainstage production of "Porgy & Bess." Positions available for male singers, call (313) 874-7873. MICHIGAN DRAWING BIENNIAL '98 Hand deliver entries to Room 106 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University by 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Opening reception Tuesday, Feb. 3, exhibit thru Feb. " 20. for information, contact Eastern Michigan Art Department. VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN Call for Art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact VSAMI office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075; (248) 423-1080. 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

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Through Dec. 24 - Hand-blown glass show, featuring work of John Fitzpatrick, including ornaments, 23426 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale: (248) 543-1868. ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

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"Holiday Favorites" ~ 4 p.m. Sunday. Dec. 14, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms; 8.p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. St. Hugo of the Hill, 2215 Opdyke Road. Bloomfield Hills; (248) 546-0420. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, featuring nine choirs of the church along with brass and percussion. Proceeds benefit Farmington Families in Action. Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W: Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills: (248) 476-8860. VANGUARD VOICES

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "Christmas Concert," featuring Repighi's sequence of carots, "Laud to the Nativity of the Lord.* St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, south of Ford Road, Dearborn; (313) 317-6566. HOLIDAYS REVISITED

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, the Farmington Community Chorus presents its 18th annual winter concert. Traditional holiday favorites and contem porary seasonal selections performed by 80 voice choir. Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, west of Orchard Lake Road. Tickets: \$8, adults; \$5, seniors/students; (248) 788 5322

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS BBAA WINTER CLASSES

March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, To register, (248) 651-4110. DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through March 5 - 10 a.m. 12:15 p.m.,

"Survey of World Art," Holley Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., "Drawing for Adults," Studio and Galleries; 10 a.m. noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, "Altering Spaces: Installation Art," Holley Room: 10 a.m. noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7. *From the African Loom to the African American Quilt." Fees vary, Classes and



Classic notes: Cellist Robert Bergman, above, joins harpist Allegra Lilly, soprano Jennifer Roberts, baritone Brian Schultz and the Southfield Symphony Orchestra in a concert of works by Debussy, Holcome, and Liszt. 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen, between 10 Mile & I-696. (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408.

workshops require preregistration. To register call (313) 833 4249.

CLASSICAL

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. featuring harpist Allegra Lilly in a concert of Debussy. Holcolme and Liszt Tickets, \$12 adults, \$8 seniors/children. Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "A String jaza, version of the holiday tale featuring Orchestra Program, Teaturing Vivaldes a live jazz orchestra, regional gospet The Seasons," and works by Britten and Choir and children's casts. Power Center MATRIX GALLERY Tchaikovsky Temple Beth EL 7400 7 for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher Telegraph, Birmingham, Tickets, \$20 St., Ann Arbor: \$16 \$34 (800) 221 Landscape Paintings by Lauren (248) 601 6276 1229 Kingsley, Thru Dec. 21, 212 Meter ST. MARY'S COLLEGE MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. "Classics on the ... The company-under Cornelia Sampson-U OF M - DEARBORN

DETROIT

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, The Beaux Arts Trio. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Tickets: \$5-\$40; (313) 833 3700.

DSO'S JOY

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for an instore performance from the DSO's recent CD * Joy! A Celebration of Holiday Music." Borders Books & Music, 3099 737-0110.

OCC'S COMMUNITY CHORUS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, Vivaldi's "Gloria," for chorus and orchestra, con ducted by Thomas Sheets of the University Musical Society Chorale, Also, a holiday sing-along. Tickets: \$5. adults: \$3 students. 27055 Orchard Lake Road. just south of I-696. Farmington Hills: (248) 540-1540

COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 19-20. a special Christmas festival featuring Roberta Flack, Al Jarreau, Melissa Manchester, Jeffrey Osborne, and the Perfected Praise Choir of Perfecting Church conducted by Marvin Winans. Tickets: \$21-\$75. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 962-3610.

DÁNCE

LIVONIA CLUIC BALLET

The official sallet of the city of Livonia, presents "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Charenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5.9. \$6 each for groups of 12 persons or more. (313) 427-9103/(248) 477 0520. CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "The Nutcracker," under the direction of Rose Marie Floyd, with New York dancer Alexander Schlemepp, and Samantha Shelton, presented by Valley of Detroit-Scottish Rite of Freemasonary, Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium at Masonic Temple, Detroit \$5 at the door; (248) 641 9063

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With principal dancers Evelyn Cisneros and Anthony Randazzo from the San Francisco Ballet, and Kimberly Glasco and Aleksandar Antonijevic from the National Ballet of Canada, along with members of Jacob Lascu's Dance Detroit perform. The Nutcracker ballet, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8. p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. and 4. p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Detroit Opera-House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit \$14\$53 adults. \$10 \$24 children and servors 313:8333700

ERIC JOHNSTON'S DETROIT BALLET

Friday, Dec. 19, "The Nutcracker" set to the music of the Detroit Ballet Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher Keen, Harrison High School Auditorium, 12 Mile. Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills \$8 adults, \$5 children (248) 473 9570

THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Donalit Byrd s.

PLYMOUTH CANTON BALLET COMPANY "The Nutcracker," under the direction of Dawn Greene, featuring principal dancers Dawnell Dryja and Mark Nash of the Cincinnati Bailet, and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road (at Canton Center Road., Canton, \$15 adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12. A Sugar Plum Fairy Tea will be held

the door. (313: 451-2112 THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTAC-ULAR

after the concert. \$5 in advance, \$6 at

Through Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10 \$50. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

HILL GALLERY

Through Dec. 15 - 6:30.8 p.m., "Carl Toth: Recent Works.1 407 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. WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through Dec. 19 Functional Things

Objects by Lisa Norton," associate professor of metals at the School of Art Institute in Chicago, 1719 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, 1248, 549 3016. WETSMAN COLLECTION

Through Dec. 19 Exhibition of four met alsmiths from metro Detroit: Wender Heers, Thomas Madden, Hiroko Pijanowski, Karen Miller Thomas, 132 N Old Woodward, Birmingham 248: 6451

6212 **ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY**

Through Dec. 20 Watercolors of Karin Klue: 32782 Woodward Avenue: Royal Oak; (248) 647 7709 LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY Through Dec. 20. From Nature S. Mould, featuring eight artists from Michigan's Thumbiarea, 6 N. Saginaw.

Pontiac. (248) 334 6716 PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS Through Dec. 20 Black and white pho-

tography by Howard Steinberg first floor gallery 407 Pine Street Rochester. (248) 651 4757

ROOM WITH A VIEW Through Dec. 20 Photography of Russ

Marshall 1 803 N. Main, Royal Oak 248: 548 1446

IMAN

Through Dec. 21 5 30 p.m. (Muslim) Women Artists: An exhibit of contemporary and traditional artwork T Dak Park Public Library (3600 Oak Park Blvd.) Dak Park (248-300.2266)

Executive Office Building, Pontiac: (248) 858-0415.

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.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY

Late Hellenistic jewelry from 2nd to 1st century B.C. 574 N. Old Woodward, 8irmingham; (248) 540-1600. ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Through Jan. 3 - *Feliz Navidad. Celebrate the Holidays," children's book illustrations by Elisa Kleven, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647.7040

CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through Jan, 5 - "Richard Jerzy New Paintings." 162 N. Woodward Avenue. Birmingham

NETWORK GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "New Work" by Susan Goethel Campbell, and "Enclosures." an exhibit of picture frames. 7. N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911 SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Through Jan. 10 - "Rackstraw Downes. Ellen Phelan, Malcolm Morley, Recent Paintings and Works on Paper 1, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham: (248) 642 8250.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan. 10 - "Sculpture" by Susan Martin, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak (248) 544-3388

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 15 - New glass work by Pavel Hlava, 7 N. Saginaw Street. Pontiac, (810) 333-2060 POSNER GALLERY

Through Jan 16 - Group exhibit of new works by Marianne Hall. Annie VanGelderen, George Shyder and Paul Jacobson, 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue. Birmingham: 248-647 2552

REVOLUTION

Through Jan 17 Scurpture by James Shrosbree, including walf mounted and free standing sculpture, and TOn Paper II. prints and drawings of Frank Auerbach, Dara Walker and See Williams 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale (248) 541 3444

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY

Through Jan 17 Six Views New work by Susan Beiner, John Gargano, Adelaide Paul, Betsy Rosenmiller, Bonnie Seeman Deborah Siget 7.7 N. Saginaw Street Pontiac, (248) 333 1070 MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 25 - Stephen Magsic Urban Landscape Paintings Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University. Rochester Hills, (248) 370 3005 ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Ian 31 National Horse Show 1 an invitational featurine 45 artists Thru Jan 31, 107 Townsend Street Birmingham, 248, 642 3909

EXHIBIT

Through Des. 26 - Holiday Gifts show. featuring 28 artists, 117 W. Liberty, Ann. Arbor: 313, 994-8004

SILK PHOTOGRAPHY.

Through Dec. 28 - "Annual Holiday Photo Sale.¹ 14261 Nadine, Oak Park; (248) 544 1203.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

Through Dec. 29 - Holiday exhibit, featuring Mane: Anoro, John Asaro, Sohol Hohn and Rick Laney 390 E. Maple. Birmingham. 248: 540-8505 CHRISTIE'S GALLERY

Through Dec. 30 - "Art Wear & Gifts," featuring jewelry, handbags, ceramic ornaments 34649 S. Woodward, Birmingham

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Through Dec 31 - Annual gift shop includes all media. Proceeds benefit the arts center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiaci 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 basilets, batiks, dolls; masks and jewelry 304 Hamilton Row. Birmingham, 248: 64 SHONA,

PARK WEST

Through Dec. 31 - "Annual Holiday Show," featuring Linda Le Knief, 29469. Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, (248) 354 2343

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CHANGING SPACES

1899

Through Dec. 31 - Annual holiday show, "Earthly Treasures 1 10125 El Jefferson, Detroit. : 313, 822-0954

LECTURES

11 am Sunday Dec. 14 the combine

effect of technologies in science and

industry by Dr. Frank Biocca of Michigan

State University, Cranbrook Institute of

Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield

Neon Thursday, Dec. 18, the final Brown

Bag Lecture of the 1997 season given by

Susannah Worth, an expert on historic

Technology Building auditorium, 1200 N

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, a video presen

: tation on the current exhibit. "Changing

Spaces," in the Detroit Institute of Arts

modern gallery. DIA: Lecture Hall, 5200

RECITAL

Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (313) 833.

cestume and textiles. Information

Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858 0415

Registration for Jan. 5 March 28 classes. new offerings include Women and Visual Arts, Color Theory and Application. Experimental Basketry with Paper. Introduction to Printmaking, Steel Sculpture Workshop Birmingham .

OPENINGS Through Dec. 21 Near and Far. Recent Dec 18 6 30 8 30 p.m. "Art and Artifact." a student exhibit under the direction of fiber artist sculptor Susan Avenue, Ann Arbor, 313, 663, 775 Aaron Taylor, Through Jan, 4, Gallerie,

Cinmete presents a student concert. "A Christmas Gathering * Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward Avenue: Bloomfield Hills, (248) 879 9456

2.30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, the Art of

Music under the direction of Diane

STUDENT PIANO CONCERT

SUNDAY, D	ECEMBER	14,	1997
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BOOKS 4 new children's books will delight young readers

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Dinner

of the new treasures available this holiday season in children's books, any one of which might delight the smaller bibliophiles on your list:

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e couldn't be happier. Here, in what Janet considers a "sensible house," the beds are made, the dishes washed and a meal is a meal. The front door is only two steps up from the driveway. There are soccer games to attend! Errands to run! A party to plan! Nobody is talking about the color of clouds, nobody is paying any attention to the details of a sunrise.

A revelation is in store for tures Janet, however, and when she returns home, she knows it's just where she belongs.

Michigan writer/artist Perkins' friendly illustrations add juice and flavor to this tale about the way life is experienced from different viewpoints.

"The Gardener," by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small (Farrar, Straus, Giroux, \$15). All

ages, As this story by a talentе d Michigan husbandand-wife team Clandenor begins, things

When Janet is invited to spend the bakery and determines to make her sourpuss uncle smile. How she works toward her goal makes for a gently dramatic story made even more effective by David Small's playful visual style. Though "The Gardener" is set during some of the darkest days in our history, just about every page glows with hope.

"Verdi," by Janell Cannon (Harcourt, Brace & Co., \$16). Ages, 4-8. If there's one thing frisky Verdi, the banana-yellow python doesn't want to do. it's turn green and boring, just like all the old snakes in his neck of -the woods. For the life of him, he can't imagine why his mother has encouraged him to "grow up ... green as the trees' leaves."

Hoping some of the other old snakes hanging around will give h i m

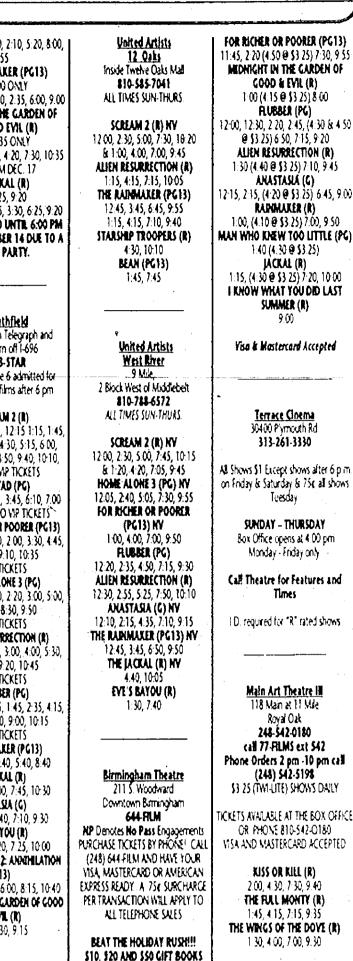
some clues, Verdi ven forth, tapping out a tune with his tail jump ing, climb-

ing, indulging in all kinds of reptilian rambunctiousness, as the old "greens" watch horrified.

"At this rate, he'll be lucky to make it to his first molt," one comments.

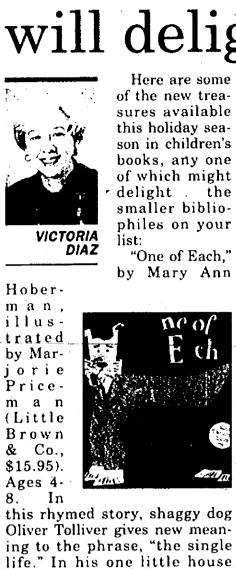
Verdi makes it there - and past - although he needs a little help from his friends at one point. And, no surprisingly, he eventually turns the dreaded greenish hue, in spite of all his efforts to avoid doing so. Not to worry, though, the conclusion to this little tale about cold-blooded

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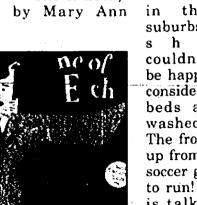
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all over. It is the Great Depression, and

one night after supper. Lydia Grace Finch learns that she is to be sent away from home to live with her Uncle Jim, who operates a little bakery in the big city. Her dad has lost his job and "no one asks Mama to make dresses anymore." There seems nothing else to do.

As her grandma helps her pack, Lydia Grace determines to be brave, and soon, she is on her way to a place she's never been. In the city, she makes new

friends, learns her way around

crawling creatures provides a delightful case of the warm fuzzies.

Cannon's lush and sure-handed illustrations offer a lively. often-fascinating touch. Another definite plus: some factual "snake notes" at the back of the book will intrigue older readers. Do you know what "ovoviviparous" means?

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia free lance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

'Michigan Seasons' captures state's rich outdoor heritage

Michigan Seasons Edited by Ted J. Rulsch

(The Cabin Bookshelf, \$22.95)

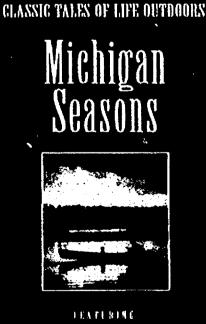
BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

My uncles were hunters and fishers. They hunted duck and deer and fished for bass. They wore mackinaws and plaid hats with ear flaps.

My father recoiled at the sound of a gun the only time I ever remember us joining my uncles on the shooting range. He didn't fish, either. His idea of the outdoors was long walks on a beach and staring for hours at a bonfire.

And though I'm more likely to enjoy the Michigan outdoors on a bicycle or with binoculars, I have often thought of my uncles as the very essence of Michigan. They are what Up North was all about - before the developers, before the resorters, before the condomania. They hunted, they fished and they ate the venison, duck and bass they gathered. They had great dogs - beagles and setters and retrievers that were more partners than pets.

All of these memories are stirred up by this fine collection of Michigan stories, part of a series of books covering the outdoors in Michigan and her spiritual sisters, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The editor, Ted Rulseh, is from Wisconsin, but he allows that Michigan may have a lock on nationally known outdoor writers. Some of these writers



Ernest Schwiebert, Ben East and Jerry Dennis. Women are also represented in Kathleen Stocking and Ann. R. Miller.

The book follows the seasons from spring to winter with true stories (and one work of fiction) that capture the special wonder of Michigan, especially northern Michigan. The majority of stories concern fishing, especially fly fishing, though there are stories on duck, woodcock and fox hunting. Curiously, there isn't anything on that annual fall ritual, deer hunting.

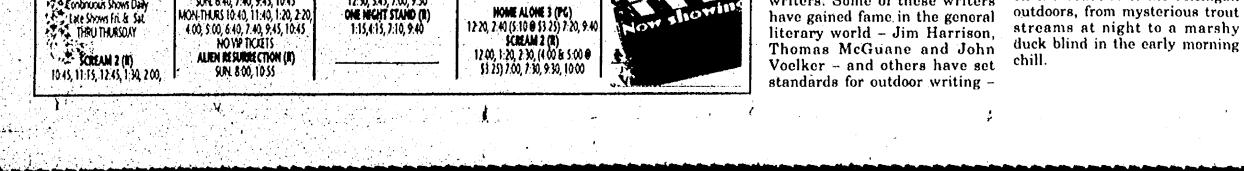
Even if you don't hunt or fish, the book has some fine writing on the beauties of the Michigan

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Judge Voelker (who wrote "Anatomy of a Murder") writes about his agonizing trials and tribulations at his favorite fishing spot and Norris McDowell gives us the inside story of his friendship with the judge (devoted fisherman, raconteur, cribbage player and friend). Bob Linsenman describes the annual assault on the Au Sable by fishers and gives his curious/funny dissection of the state population. Jim Enger, a Troy ad man. describes how he works out his frustrations on a trout stream in "Getting Out of Dodge," (Dodge is adman talk for metro Detroit). There are several tributes to dogs and one solid rebuke of man's best friend. One writer follows the path of Hemingway's Big Two-Hearted River. There are also fine father-son stories like James P. Hall's "Ducks: My Prep School" and Jerry Dennis "Lake Trout Nights."

The stories also remind us that the outdoors can be a dangerous place as in Jack Driscoll's story of a boy's dare gone wrong. "Wanting to Be Heard," Ann Miller's struggle to avoid drown ing in "Under the Weather" and Ben East's tale of a duck hunt gone bad in "Death Walked the Duck Marsh.'

This is a must for the fans of Michigan Outdoors and Field



outdoors, from mysterious trout and Stream, but it also has appeal for anyone who likes a good story and for anyone who wants to key into what makes Michigan such a special place.

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

HOLIDAY PICK-ME-UP

Making Spirits Bright: Livonia Civic Chorus members Linda Rainford (seated left, clockwise), Ken Rainford, accompanist Chris Gach, and director Jim Whitten get in the spirit to perform with the rest of the choir 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Clarenceville High School.

School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, in Livonia. And it's all free.

By the time you've trimmed

the tree, addressed your last

card, had the kids' pictures

taken with Santa, and wrapped

The Livonia Civic Chorus

comes to the rescue with a musi-

cal pick-me-up 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Clarenceville High

holiday spirits dragging.

Chorus members have made all the gifts, you could find your sure to include something for everyone as the chorus blends new and traditional music along with specialty ensembles and soloists. This year's featured guests will be the Tinderbox Children's Choir, and there's even a surprise visit from Santa. Be sure to bring the entire fami-

> The chorus began delighting audiences in and around the community more than 30 years ago. At the core of their success is the talented team of Jim Whitten, director and Christine Gach, accompanist. The chorus is featured annually at Greenmead Historical Village, Laurel Park Place, Wonderland Mall, and at a variety of civic functions. Proceeds from these concerts help to sponsor area high school students at the Interlochen International Music Camp. The chorus also presents a Spring Musical at Clarenceville High School in early May.

For more information, call Dick and Ann Ruel at (313) 525-1447.

FINAL DAY FOR HANZEL AND GRETEL

Susan Ann Greenman, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, plays the role of Gretel in the Western Michigan University production of Engelbert Humperdinck's opera "Hanzel and Gretel" 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

Tickets are available at the box office or by calling (800) 228-9858.

Greenman is a vocal performance major at Western Michigan University.

Other Livonia cast members include Renee Carriere, a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate majoring in vocal performance. Carriere plays Hanzel's and Gretel's mother. Kevin Barton, a Churchill High School graduate and music education ing the Spirit of Christmas Light Display. The chorus is under the direction of Norma Atwood, a voice teacher at Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton.

its' home state with a special treat before beginning its' 1998 tour of the western states. As a gift to community, Artrain will not charge a fee to bring the train to Ann Arbor today (10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1100 North Main Street), nor will it charge an admission fee. The event celebrates the close of the 1997 tour and the kickoff of the 1998 tour. For information, call (800) ART-1971.

"Art in Celebration" is an exhibition featuring The Smithsonian Associates' collections of commissioned art works. Organized by Artrain, The Smithsonian Associates and The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the exhibit has successfully completed the second portion of a three year tour sponsored by the Chrysler Corporation. So far, 175,384 visitors have viewed the exhibit.

In 1997, Artrain made stops in 40 communities throughout the south and midwest including

The Rising Star Singers, a 27-

member chorus under the direc-

tion of Norma Atwood, a voice teacher at Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton, bring a musical touch to the Spirit of Christmas Light Display 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

Admission to the light display. continuing 6-10 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31, is \$5 per car Monday-Thursday, \$7 per car Friday-Sunday. Admission includes the performance by Rising Star Singers in Lobby B of the warehouse where visitors are treated to a winter wonderland. gingerbread house, mini-electric trains, creche display, and Celebration of Trees. 35 trees decorated by area designers.

"It's really nice," said Randy Lee of the events department. "Every year we try to change it and the choirs are a nice addition

In the last five years, more than 200,000 vehicles have driven through the display raising more than \$400,000 for 350

rative, snowflake tunnels, a live Nativity, and holiday trees wrapped in lights on over 300 acres.

Other choirs performing are the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene as a 60 voice living tree (Sunday, Dec. 14), Ladywood High School, Livonia (Friday, Dec. 19), St. Kenneth Church Choirs, Redford (including bells, Saturday, Dec. 201, and Our Lady of Sorrows. Farmington (Monday, Dec. 22).

To reach Domino's Farms take U.S. 23 to exit 41 then follow the signs 1-1/2 miles east on Earhart Road, north of Plymouth Road. For more information, call (313) 930-4430.

Also of note:

The Rising Star Singers hold auditions for youth eight to 18 years 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Jan. 14 at Arnoldt Williams Music, 5701 Canton Center Road, Canton, Bring prepared song to sing; accompaniment

Holiday cheer: Members of the Rising Star Singers perform at Domino's Farms dur-



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major, plays the part of Hanzel's and Gretel's father.

ARTRAIN'S LAST STOP

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THEATER Trinity House serves up holiday fare

Trinity House Theatre presents an evening of holiday one-acts including "The Long Christmas Dinner" and "The Sheep Thief," through Sunday, Dec. 21, at the playhouse, 38840 W. Six Mile (at I-275), Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$8, not including bread bowl with soup and cider. Bread bowl and hot soup \$3, apple cider hot or cold, \$1.50. Group rates available. Seating limited to 50, call (313) 464-6302 for reservations. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

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Trinity House Theatre serves up a double bill of holiday oneacts with their performance of Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner," and "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation of Ford Ainsworth's "The Second Shepherds Play." Between plays the cast and crew served up bread bowls of delicious soup and mugs of refreshing cider.

The plays are presented through the support of the City of Detroit Cultural Affairs Department, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. One note of warning: as part of the ambiance, some of the audience is seated on bales of hay - so if you suffer from allergies, be advised!

Guest director Thomas Mal-

There were some outstanding individual characterizations in the first show - Anessa Thompson as Genevieve, Colleen Hayes as Leonora, and Laura Gumina as Ermengarde.

bolism into the peaceful Christ- doll juxtaposed against a rough- of an infant. While thought-promas manger by revealing to hewed cross. The foreshadowing audience members invited up to of Easter is not the disturbing the manager a startling scene: a component; it is the violence cradle with a dismembered baby embodied in the innocent visage

voking, the symbolism is an unwelcome intruder forced against the joyful vision of Jesus' birth.

colm Olson of St. Paul, Minn., cider, the second play "The has one hit and a miss on his hands. As beloved as Thornton Wilder's plays are, they don't always click. In "The Long Christmas Dinner," the actors cover 90 years and five generations of a family through a series of Christmas dinners that flow non-stop into each other. It was difficult for the audience to determine when one year's dinner ended and another began unless a character exited through "death's door" on stage right. The pacing suffered, and the conversation among the players was painfully slow in a misguided attempt for realism. Done in Thornton Wilder fashion with minimal props and extensive pantomime, the play dragged.

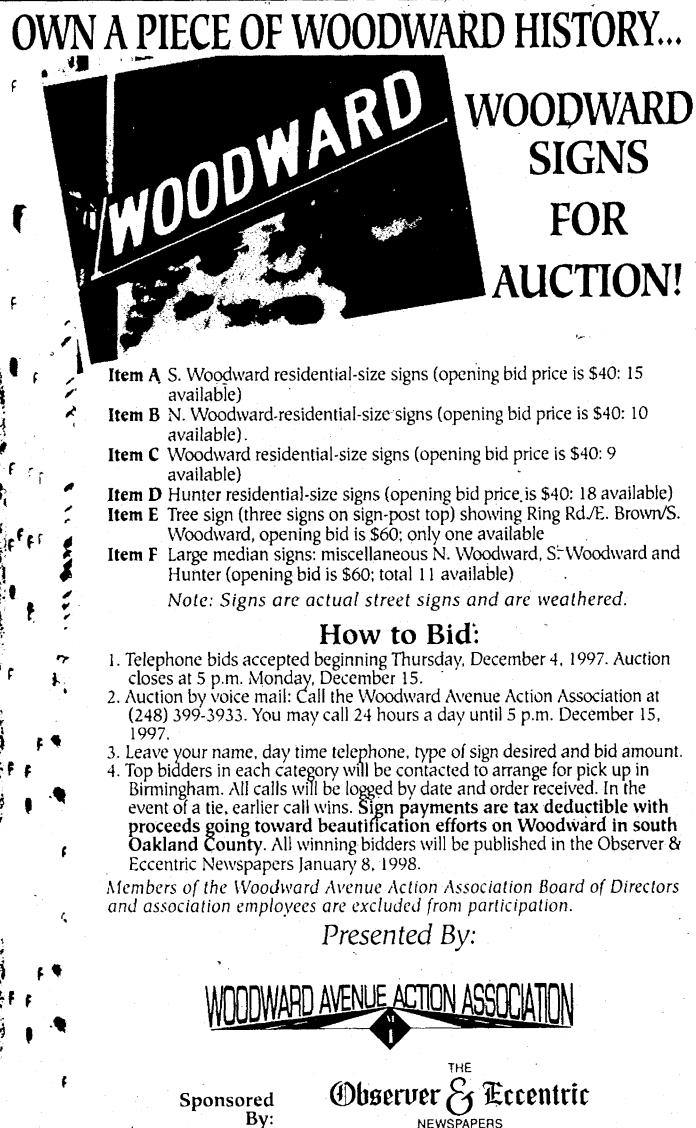
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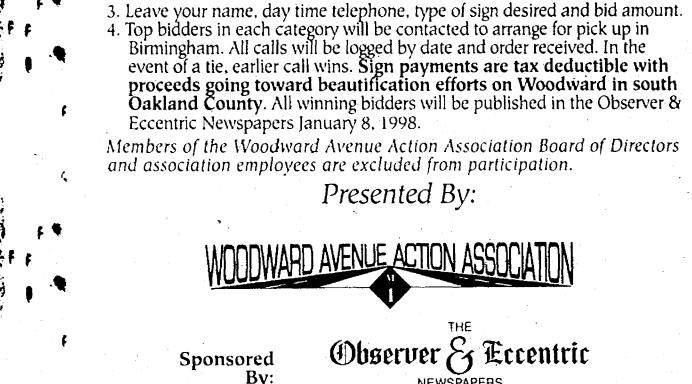
Once fortified with soup and

Sheep Thief," picked up the pace and injected some much needed humor into the evening. Scott Martin, P.W. Henry, and Joseph Garreffa were garrulously funny as the three bumbling shepherds, and husband and wife team Dan and Laura Gumina were so much fun as the bad guy sheep thieves that one was almost tempted to cheer them on in their larceny. Beth Temple provided some comic moments as Dame Snap.

Once the sheep rescue was effected and the beleaguered shepherds finally get to sleep, the Angel of the Lord appears in a burst of light, and the disoriented shepherds look like deer. caught in the headlights. They do, however, symbolize the reverence and awe of ordinary men when they stumble upon the miracle of the Christ child's birth.

Unfortunately, Trinity House interjected some disturbing sym-







Drama: Tempers flair between generations in the Trinity House Theatre production of "The Long Christmas Dinner" featuring (left to right) Colleen Hayes, P.W. Henry, Scot Martin, and Anessa Thompson.

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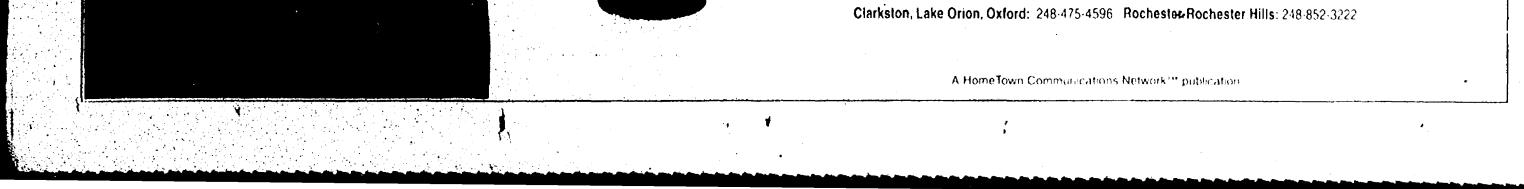
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Carnival Cruise Lines MS Hol-The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating a trip to Belize in Central America. The 8-day trip will include visits to Mayan ruins, the 1,000-foot Hidden Falls, a jaguar preserve and a bird sanctuary. The trip departs Detroit Metro Friday, March 27, and returns Friday, April 3. It costs \$1,991 for a resident of West Bloomfield and \$2,056 for a non-resident. The fee includes round-trip air, eight days and seven nights deluxe accommodations, most meals, transfers, baggage handling and an English-speaking escort. To register, call (248)738-2500. A nonrefundable deposit of \$500 is due ship's casino window.

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Detroit Public Television station Channel 56 is sponsoring a New York City Cultural Getaway. April 30 to May 3. A limited number of spots are available for the trip which includes airfare, choice seats for a Broadway performance of "Ragtime," a New York Philharmonic concert, 'a tour of the Guggenheim Museum and dining at some of the city's restaurants, including Tavern on the Green and Il Mulino.

The cultural getaway is also highlighted by backstage visits at Lincoln Center to^eexplore the Metropolitan Opera House, Avery Fisher Hall and the New York State Theatre. Guests will stay at the Essex House on Cen-

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iday recently became the first cruise ship to offer live video simulcasts of horse races via satellite from some of the world's top thoroughbred tracks. The races are broadcast in the new "Ocean Turf Club." which is located in the ship's casino on **Promenade** Deck and operates much the same as a pari-mutuel track on land. After selecting the horse of their choice, guests' wagers are transmitted via satellite directly to the host track and confirmation in the form of a betting slip is received in a matter of seconds. Racing odds and payouts are identical to the host track on shore and winning bets are cashed at the

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a number of winter time activities planned from bird hikes at Maybury State Park, cross country skiing at Mitchell State Park, ice fishing workshops, luge races, a snow shoe romp and much more. Activities this coming week include a 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, bird hike at Maybury State Park in Northville (248-349-8390); cross country skiing by a full moon 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Mitchell State Park in Cadillac (616-779-1321). Rustic cabins, mini-cabins and campgrounds are available for overnight stays. To reserve a place, call 1-80044PARKS.

Holiday travel to go through the roof

WASHINGTON. Dec. 9 /PRNewswire/ -- Santa and his reindeer may have trouble navigating the highways and skyways this holiday as a record 44.5 million people expect to travel 100 miles or more from home during the Christmas-New Year's period, according to AAA.

"In the last five years, Christmas-New Year's travel has increased 26 percent, telling us that the holiday period has become more than just a time to get together with family and friends - it's a time to vacation, as well," said Graeme Clarke, senior vice president, AAA Travel Related Services.

This year's travel volume is up

a healthy 5 percent compared to 1996's 42.3 million holiday trips. Last year's holiday period had the second-highest increase in AAA's 13 years of holiday forecasts - up 10 percent.

For the 1997 holiday, an estimated 34.9 million people will travel by automobile, light truck or recreational vehicle, up 4 percent compared to 33.6 million the year before.

Holiday travel by airplane, bus, rail or ship is expected to jump 10 percent, to 9.6 million, compared to 8.7 million in 1996. The greatest number of auto travelers will originate in the West, with 9.1 million people, followed by the Southeast, 9 mil-

lion; Northeast 5.7 million; Midwest, 5.6 million; Great Lakes, 5.5 million.

Travelers expect to visit the following destinations during the Christmas-New Year's holiday: city, 40 percent; town/rural area, 27 percent; ocean/beach, 13 percent; mountain area, 10 percent; lake area, 2 percent; theme/amusement park, 2 percent; state/national park, 1 percent; other and undecided, 5 percent.

Overnight plans for holiday travelers include: family or friend's, 53 percent; hotel or motel, 34 percent; cabin/condo, 5 percent; camper/trailer/RV/tent, 2 percent; boat/ship, 1 percent; cial and auto-related services.

bed & breakfast, 1 percente. other, 2 percent. Four percent were undecided or didn't expect to stay overnight. Statistics exceed 100 percent due to multiple responses.

TRAVEL

AAA's holiday travel projections are based on a national travel survey of 1,500 adults conducted by the Travel Industry Association, which does special research for AAA.

AAA is a not-for-profit federation of 97 clubs with more than 1,000 offices providing its 40 million members in the United States and Canada with a full range of travel, insurance, finan-

10 tips for a hassle-free winter getaway

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 /PRNewswire/ -- If a long car trip this winter to visit Grandma sounds overwhelming, think again. By following AAA's 10 tips for auto travel, your winter getaway can become a vacation to remember.

Make your hotel reservations well in-advance. AAA travel agents can help you find the best deal for your budget and itinerary.

Don't leave home without your hotel confirmation number. You may be asked to present it when checking-in. This proof of reservation will come in handy if the property is over-booked.

Plan your route ahead of time. AAA members can visit their local AAA office to receive a Triptik routing, which includes customized directions, related maps and valuable tourism information.

Contact your local police or sheriff's office to inquire about a house watch. Many agencies provide a perimeter check of your home - such as doors, windows and fences while you are away. Remember to put a temporary hold on your mail and newspaper delivery, or ask a neighbor to pick them up.

Make sure you are well-rested before you leave. Stop every few hours to re-energize - especially if you are traveling with kids.

Dress in comfortable, loose clothing. Consider dressing in layers to accommodate changes in temperature.

Verify that all passengers are buckled up. Children 12 and under should travel in the back seat and he properly secured in a child safety seat or with lap and shoulder belts.

Pack an emergency kit in your car. The kit should include jumper cables, a flashlight with fresh batteries, blankets, flares

or a reflective triangle, an ice scraper and a small shovel.

If you are traveling with your children, pack books or small toys to occupy them during the trip. Let them choose the radio' station, or bring along a tape or CD player with headphones.

Travel with a cellular phone especially if you are traveling off the beaten track.

The AAA affiliate for Northern California, Nevada, and Utah serves nearly 4 million members, with an array of automotive, travel and insurance services.

Ski resorts ready for record-breaking snow

/PRNewswire/ - Let it snow, let open Nov. 22, the earliest ever. it snow, let it snow will likely be and along the East Coast pre- winter since 1980, and they're If so, it would be a boon for pare for record-breaking snowfalls and attendance. Travel Weekly reports. Thanks to the weather phenomenon El Nino, forecasters and ski resort officials are predicting that winter sports enthusiasts will have a superb season - especially as early spring approaches. In a survey of ski resorts, Travel Weekly has learned that: 🖬 Colorado Ski Country, a non-profit trade association for 24 Colorado ski resorts, is anticipating a "record-breaking ski season.

NEW YORK. Dec. 11 which prompted the resort to

Sunday River Ski Resort in sources speculate that precipitathe refrain this year as ski Maine has posted record atten- tion will likely be concentrated ski resorts' predictions. A meteresorts in the Rocky Mountains dance numbers every El Nino on the second half of the season. orologist says, "Trends in the

attendance records.

While admitting that El Nino According to Travel Weekly, is a bit of a wild card, forecasting services generally agree with the

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)

Classical kids: The Making of a Violin, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14; Mike Karoub's cello jazz, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17; Sean Blackman and John Arnold on guitars, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19; Meet Arthur, the popular PBS aardvark, 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20; Jim Perkins and the Wren Band, 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at the store 34300 Woodward, Birmingham (248)203-0005. BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

(WEST BLOOMFIELD)

Storytime features "Seven Days of Kwanzaa," by Ella Greir 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the store 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248)626-6804. **BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)** Members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra perform holiday music from their just-released CD "Joy! A Celebration of Holiday Music."

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, with selections by Bach and Schubert at the store 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills,

(248)737-0004. BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

New tax legislation, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17: David Laabs performs on guitar, 8 p.m. Friday. Dec. 19; corduroy story time, 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20; singersongwriter Stewart Franke, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at the store 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248)652-0558. SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

An afternoon of music featuring harpist Onita Sanders, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24; Michael Shiels discusses his book book about Detroit radio legend J.P McCarthy, "Just Don't Tell 'Em Where I Am," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 at the main library, 2600 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248)947-0470.

WALDENBOOKS.

Richard P. Smith signs his outdoor books "Stand Hunting for Whitetail" and 'Tracking Wounded Deer," 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, a the store 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia (313)261.7811.

Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico has been the happy recipient of more than 77 inches of snow since mid-October,

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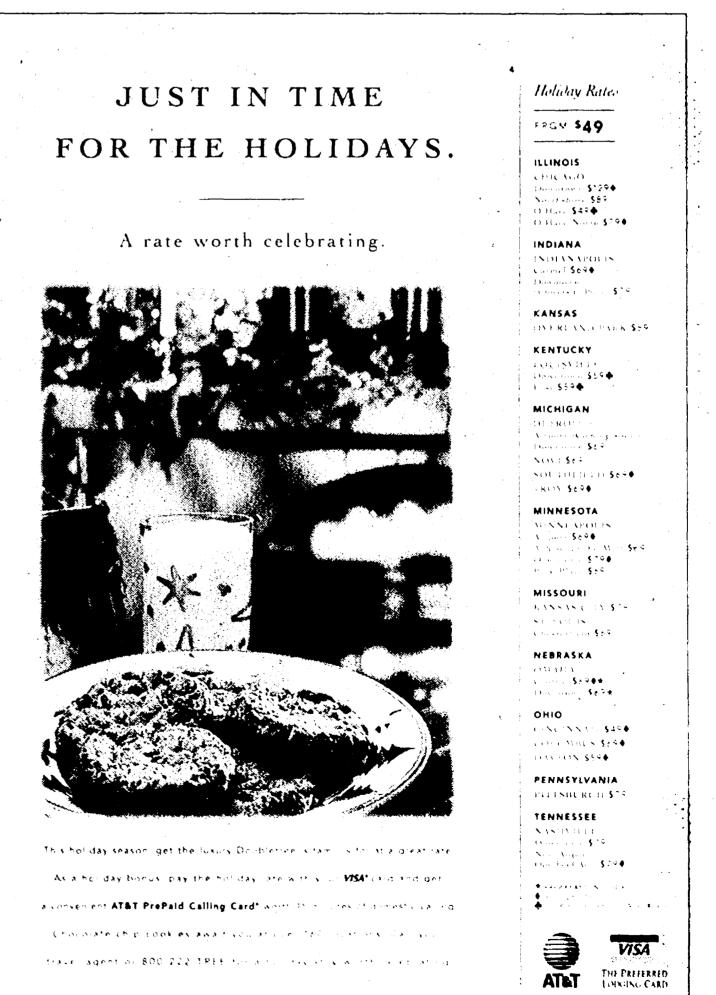
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And, during the 1986-87 ski season, another El Nino year, Vermont's Mount Snow and Killington resorts broke their

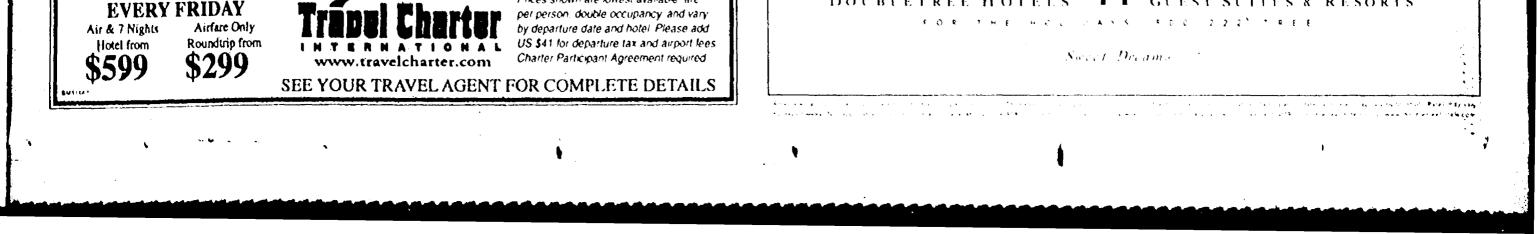
expecting to do the same this spring skiing, with a longer- snowier winters in the Sierra than-usual season extending into April and providing skiers with warmer temperatures. uncrowded slopes and late-season specials.

West indicate warmer Nevadas."

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Cross-country: The snow-covered fields and trails around Traverse City are popular with cross-country selers and snowshoe enthusiasts.

Michigan ready for wintertime fun

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Michigan is the water-winterwonderland. Michiganders don't gat frozen in place when the stather outside turns frightful. They find a growing number of golvities based on ice and snow to keep them amused and physipully fit.

• Up North, the Traverse City area and the Boyne resorts are open for ski enthusiasts – downhill and cross-country, snowmobilers, ice fishermen, snowshoe hikers, snow boarders and dog sled mushers.

And, oh yes, warm fire lovers. Wendy Dwoskin of Farmington Hills admits she doesn't ski, Deferring needlepoint and knitting to moguls, but she loves going to Shanty Creek in Bellaire.

"It's the happiest place to be. **Eve** been going since I was 18 years old," she said. "The first time I was there I said to my girlfriend, someday I'll come back and I'll bring my husband." new Inn at the Mountain, which opened in October with 29 new suites at the base of the slopes. The Inn is adjacent to the original lodge.

Lift tickets range from \$15 for two-hour, after 5 p.m. tickets to \$37 for all-day tickets for adults. Cross country trail passes ate \$10 for all-day. Ski packages range from \$69 per person for one-night in a studio to \$285 a night for a weekend in the 1-bedroom condo. For reservations and information, call 1-800-Your-MTN.

Sugar Loaf

Sugar Loaf in Cedar offers seven ski lifts, 24 slopes, 24 kilometers of groomed cross-country trails, slopeside lodging, indoor and outdoor pools, snowboarding and tubing.

For the 1997-98 season, a weekend, two-day lift ticket will be \$55 per person, with an allday daily pass (midweek) priced at \$28. Tickets are \$10 for night skiing after 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Lodging and lift tickets are \$69 per person for one night of lodging and a lift ticket from 4 p.m. on day of arrival and midweek ski packages that include one nights lodging, one dinner and breakfast and a lift ticket beginning at 4 p.m. on the day of arrival are \$79 per person based on double occupancy.



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Wendy and her husband, Mark, a Farmington Hills dentist, make it up to Shanty Creek, winter and summer, seven times a year.

"But I won't buy a condo," she said, "because I have to be in the lodge, that's home. We have a suite named after us."

Though Wendy doesn't ski, her husband and her three adult children, Jeffrey, Jonathan and Jacki, enjoy skiing there, even though they've been to the more demanding slopes out West.

This year the Dwoskins will be celebrating Hanukkah there.

"It's the warmest place to be. Everybody knows you," she said.. Here's what's happening in winter country:

Shanty Creek/ Schuss Mountain

The resort is building a new golf course, designed by Tom Weiskopf, and someone got the idea that with all that earth being moved, maybe it would be a good idea to place it on top of Schuss Mountain and increase the vertical for skiers.

So, 300,000 cubic yards of dirt have been moved to the peak to create an additional 40 feet of fun, or about six more turns down the mountain for slalom fans. Also new this winter: four quad chairlifts, 12 additional ski runs, night skiing at Schuss Mountain and quadrupled snowmaking capacity.

Shanty Creek has 41 runs total, with the longest run at 5,280 feet. It welcomes snowboarders and also features 30 kilometers of cross-country trails.

Lift tickets for adults range from \$26 for a one-day midweek to \$88 for a three-day weekend pass. Night skiing is available at Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for \$10 after 5 p.m. and \$8 Sundays-Thursdays.

The resort offers a variety of getaway packages from a oneday midweek getaway for \$69 to a four-day holiday package for \$474. For reservations and information, call 1-800-678-4111.

Crystal Mountain Resort

This 1,500-acre, year-round resort is 28 miles southwest of Traverse City in Thompsonville. It features 25 downhill slopes and 35 kilometers of cross country trails.

This year it will host the third annual National Women's Ski & Snowboard Festival, Feb. 2-8. Designed for both novice and veteran women skiers and snowFor reservations and information, call 1-800-952-6390.

Boyne

This is the granddaddy of Michigan ski resorts, operating Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls and Boyne Highland in Harbor Springs. This year it is celebrating its 50th anniversary. For the 1997-98 ski season, the resorts are offering a gold season pass to every 10-year-old child. This season pass affords the children unlimited skiing or snowboarding at both Boyne Highland and Boyne Mountain. To start the kids off right, a specialized "learn to ski" will be offered at \$19 for 90 minutes of instruction in skiing or snowboarding and equipment rental.

New this year at Boyne is 10,000 additional feet of snowmaking capability and 50 new snow guns.

Boyne Mountain has 41 runs, a 500-foot vertical drop, four quad chairlifts and 35 kilometers of cross-country trails. Boyne Highland features 42 runs with longest more than 5,200 feet and 25 kilometers of groomed cross country trails. Lift tickets start at \$33 for midweek to \$187 for a five-day holiday ticket. Ski packages including lodging begin at \$88 for a one-day Sunday-Thursday ski packages up to \$830 for a weeklong ski package in a luxury suite.

For reservations and information, call 1-800-GO-BOYNE.

Grand Traverse Resort

Grand Traverse doesn't have a mountain, or even a hill, so it's winter emphasis is on cross country.

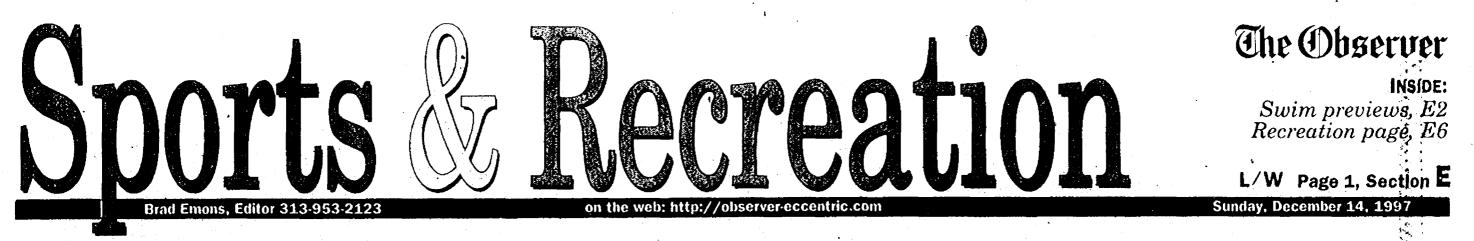
The resort, recently purchased by KSL Recreation, is offering two wintertime packages. The Winter Escape and the Romantic Escape packages will be available through April 30. The Winter Escape is priced at \$139 per person and includes two nights lodging, dinner one evening, breakfast on two days. The Romantic Escape includes champagne at \$159 per person.

Grand Traverse includes crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, horse-drawn sleigh rides and ice



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Overaitis out for season

University of Toledo sophomore forward Tara Overaitis (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) tore her anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee in a women's basketball game during the Thanksgiving Classic against host St. John's and will be lost for the season.

Overaitis, who sat out last year after transferring from Michigan State, was averaging 6.8 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

She is scheduled to have surgery Thursday.

Kuk camp attendee

University of Wisconsin sophomoreforward Dustin Kuk, a Livonia native and graduate of Redford Bishop Borgess High School, will participate in the U.S. National Under-18 Junior Team Camp, today through Thursday, in Hackensack, N.J.

Following the four-day camp, 22 of the 30 players will be selected to the 1998 U.S. National Junior Team, which will compete in the 1998 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, Dec. 25-Jan. 3, in Helsinki and Hameenlinna, Finland.

Also vying for spots are four members of the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League - forward Jessie Boulerice (Mooers, N.Y.), goalie Robert Esche (Whitesboro, N.Y.), forward David Lewand (Grosse Pointe Woods) and defense Nikos Tselios (Glen Ellyn, Ill.).

Westland Canucks 1st

Outscoring their opponents, 24-3, the Westland Canucks recently cap-

Ball bounces Wayne's way, 56-50

21 percent shooting ices Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial won the battle of the guys who couldn't shoot straight.

The host Zebras improved to 2-0 on the young boys basketball season with a 56-50 Friday over rival Westland John Glenn.

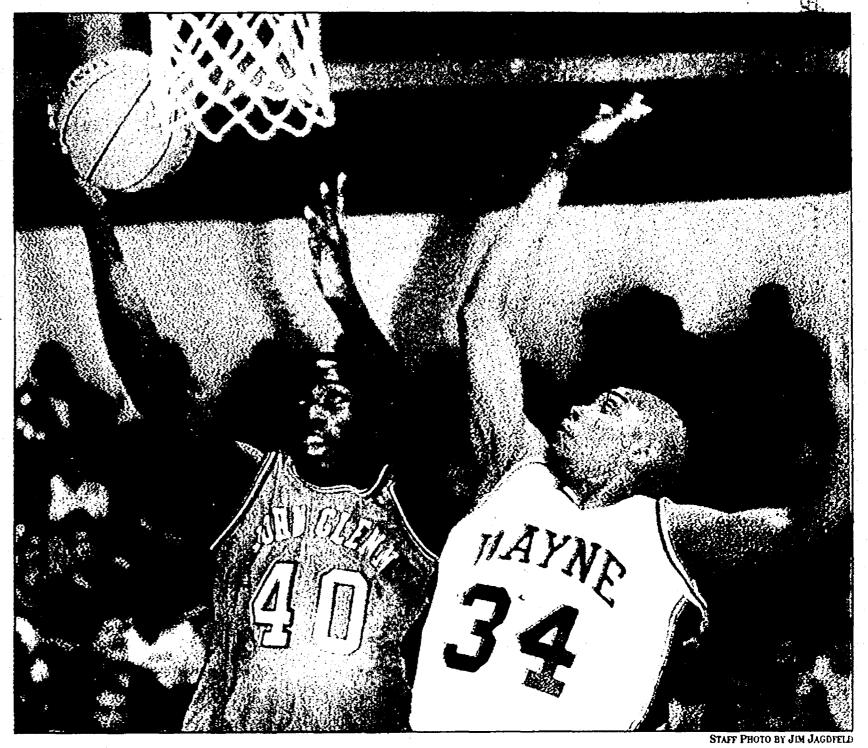
Wayne won despite hitting only 18 of 54 shots from the floor (33 percent).

Glenn, however, found the rim with less consistency, making just 11 of 52 shots (21 percent).

"It's always nice to win even though we had to slug it out," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "Neither team executed their offense, but both teams played hard and we were fortunate to have that little lead and they weren't able to catch us."

Despite its frigid shooting, Glenn hung around and wiped out some of the bad memories from last March when Wayne's 24-2 state Class A semifinal team, led by Lorenzo Guess, administered a 92-46 thrashing of the Rockets in the Garden City district tourney.

Glenn has only beaten Wayne twice since 1981, the only victories coming during the 1994 season when Guy Rucker (Iowa's starting center) and Tony Goins (Wayne State's top scorer) route to the state quarterfinals.



To the hoop: Westland John Glenn's Cornelius Murray (left) goes in for the layup against Wayne

tured the 1997 Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament, including a 4-0 shutout of the Caledon Hills (Ont.) Lightning in the championship final at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

The Canucks also defeated the Livonia Devils (4-0); Redford Senators (5-3), overcoming a 3-2 deficit with six minutes to go; Mount Clemens Firebirds (6-0) and the Kenosha (Wis.) Komets (5-0), the latter game in the semifinal.

Canucks goaltender Dylan Grude was named tournament MVP.

Other members of the Canucks, coached by Randy Brooks, included Alex McLellan (assistant captain), Aaron Schwartz, Sterling Brooks, Ryan Sergison, Jim Rawson and Matt Billingsley, defensemen; Brent Newsted (captain), Bill Fritz (assistant captain), Chris Horn (assistant captain), Tony LaPere (assistant captain), Darrell Platukas, Jeff Ruark, Ryan Ballinger, Jon Birchard, Ryan Murphy, Nick Simmons, John Thornhill and Dave Tonegatto, forwards.

Assistant coaches include Ken Newsted, Don Mulligan and Jeff Bohnwanger, along with team manager Jim Fritz.

St. Michael's cagers 1st

Livonia St. Michael won three straight games, including a 45-42 overtime victory over Rochester Holy Family, to win the Bishop Arthur Krawczak Trophy in the eight-team Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory Junior High Basketball Tournament.

The seventh- and eighth-grade team, coached by Frank Kummer, Dave Bartnick and Steve Leiger, has won the tournament three of the past five years, including back-to-back titles.

Ryan Wrobleski (Livonia) was named to the all-tournament squad.

Other members of the St. Michael squad, now 4-0 on the season, include Livonians Matt Bartnick, Ed Conz, Todd Copi, Dan Grace, Larry Griffin, Brian Jackett, Eric Mancini, Matt McGowan, Kevin McKee, John Reigburg, Ryan Rogowski and Rick Thompson, along with Redford's Jim Grenan.

LYSC United victorious

The under-19 Livonia Youth Soccer' Club United girls soccer team recently finished first in the 10-team Little Caesars Premier League, allowing just four goals all season.

Members of LYSC United, coached by Mike Esparza-include: Christine Broda, Nicole DeDominicus, Lindsey Erickson, Kristen Esparza, Meg Gorsline, Shannon Konarski, Liz Krawczyk, Jenine Lawson, Claire Lockhart, Cheryl Luthern, Tracy McIntyre, Tracy Moore, Abby Muysenberg, Olivia Nellums, Lisa Reissenweber, Colleen Scanlon, Luba

Senior guard Brian Williams, a key performer off the bench last year for Wayne, led the Zebras with 21 points.

"We really don't put any expectations on Brian than anyone else on the team," Henry said. "We just ask him to play hard, play smart and be a team leader. And he as the talents and ability to lead us."

Wayne's only returning starter from a year ago, senior forward Karl Calloway, added 11, while senior guard Reddick Borkins came off the bench to score nine.

Sophomore guard Eric Jones scored 16 for Glenn, while 6-7 sophomore center Yaku Moton added 14.

scored two wins over the Zebras en Memorial defender Shomari Dunn during Friday's boys basketball clash.

Without Guess, who led Wayne to 84 wins over the last four years, the playing field appears to be more level this season, but it couldn't prevent Glenn from falling to 0-2 on the year.

"We didn't catch the ball, we missed some putbacks and some free throws," Glenn coach Mike Schuette. " But I'm pleased their pressure didn't give us a whole lot of problems. (The Rockets had 16 turnovers to Wayne's 11.)

"It's going to be there. I'm pleased with the way we played. We've improved from the first game and all I ask is that we improve each time out. We just have to feel comfortable instead of feeling nervous."

Wayne led 13-9 after one quarter and 26-22 at halftime.

With 2:03 left in the third period, Robert Price's hoop gave Wayne its largest margin of the night, 40-27. The Zebras outscored Glenn 16-11 in the third to go ahead 42-32.

In the decisive fourth quarter, Wayne spread out its offense and held Glenn off by making 12 of 14 free throws. The Zebras were 19 of 27 from the line overall, while the Rockets hit 16 of 25.

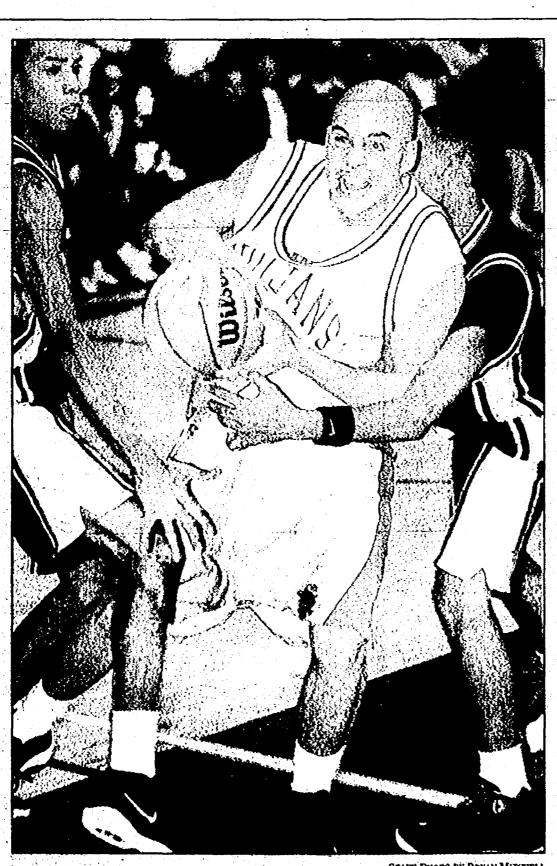
shoot that shouldn't have," Schuette key problem is our schedule."

said. "We didn't go to the big men soon enough.

"But we're young. Everybody talks about what Wayne lost from last year, but we only have two back and the rest have only JV experience. But eventually it's going to be there."

Glenn returns to action Tuesday at home against Adrian, while Wayne is off until Friday when it begins its brutal Mega Conference Red Division slate at Ypsilanti.

"We're going to battle through and "Early in the game we had people try to get better," Henry said. "But the



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Redford St. Agatha Deljosevic's 22 lifts Trojans to win

Clarenceville nips

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville junior guard Albert Deljosevic banked in a desperation half-court shot as the third quarter ended in Friday's boys basketball game at Redford St. Agatha.

The way things had gone for Clarenceville senior center Justin Villanueva earlier in the game, his two free throws with five seconds left seemed just as unlikely.

But Villanueva, who missed five of his first six free throw attempts, sank both ends of a one-and-one to break a 49-49 tie and give the Trojans a 51-49 victory before a sellout crowd.

"I was so nervous my first couple of free throws and my last two I wasn't nervous at all," said Villanueva, who scored 19 points and grabbed a teamhigh 11 rebounds. "I either made them or I didn't. That wasn't me that won this game. That was Clarenceville High School."

Clarenceville coach Rick Larson must have felt like a year's worth of suspense was packed into this game the Trojans' season opener.

The meeting is turning into quite a rivalry. Larson remembers opening the season three years ago here with a 92-90 double overtime loss.

"Nineteen more of these games and I'll be dead," Larson joked. "You'll be writing my obltuary."

Villanueva's heroics came only four seconds after St. Agatha had a chance

After the missed free throws by St. Agatha, the best Aggies' coach John Fenbert could hope for was overtime.

The decisive free throws handed the Aggies their first loss after a 67-50 victory in their season opener three days earlier against Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian.

"We said not to foul number 4 (Deljosevic) - we didn't want to foul anyone in that situation," Fenbert said.

Villanueva scored 15 points in the first half, staking Clarenceville to a 29-24 halftime lead. Deljosevic had 12 of his game-high 22 points in the second half, including a three-point shot early in the fourth quarter to give the Trojans a 47-45 lead after they had surrendered the advantage in the third quarter.

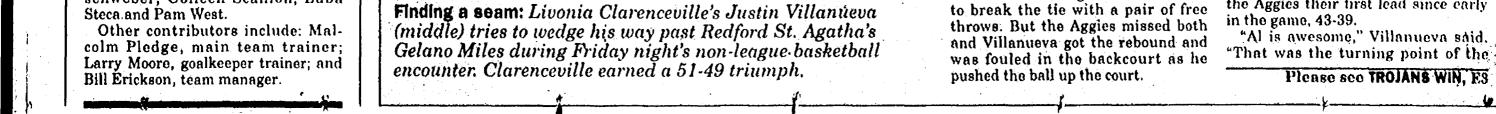
The rest of the Trojans combined for 10 points, including four by Rick Barack to go with seven rebounds.

"We knew they had a big guy (Villanueva) and they had a good guard (Deljosevic)," .Fenbert said. "They were the two that beat us, basically. Hand it to them. We made a run on them and they didn't fold.'

Deliosevic made six of 13 shots from the field and none were bigger than his 40-foot heave before the buzzer sounded at the end of the third quarter that cut the Trojans' deficit to 43-

The basket came at the end of an 9-0 run by St. Agatha that had given the Aggies their first lead since early

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Dec. 16 Saline Christian at Agape, 7 p.m. Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. 'Luth, W'sid at Harper Woods, 7 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Adrian at John Glenn, 7 p.m. S. Lyon at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Farmington at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Garden City at Divine Child, 7 p.m. Belleville at Salem, 7:30 p.m. Harrison at Brighton, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Villanova 7:30 p.m. St. Florian at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 Clarenceville at Crestwood, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. Ypsi Lincoln at Farmington, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m. Harrison at Riv. Richard, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 . West Wayne at Agape, 6:45 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m. Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m. Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Lincoln Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m. Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m. Redford CC at O.L. St. Mary, 7:30 p.m. Immaculate at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. St. Alphonsus at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 15 St. Mary's at Madonna, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 S. Clair (Ont.) at S'craft, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 Madonna at Northwood, 1 p.m. . Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 15 Madonna at Ferris State, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 - Tiffin (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m. S'craft at Macomb Tourney, TBA.

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> Wednesday, Dec. 17 Stevenson at Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Franklin vs. W.L. Central, Churchill vs. Northville at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 Redford Union vs. U-D Jesuit at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Compuware Arena, 3:45 p.m. Churchill at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Dec. 14 Ply. Whalers at Toronto, 1:35 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 Phy. Whaters at Windsor, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 Ply. Whaters vs. North Bay at Compoware Arena, 7:30 p.m."

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TBA — time to be announced.

Spartan returnees give Buckler hope

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM PREVIEWS

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Can anybody break Plymouth Salem's five-year stranglehold of boys swim titles in the Western Lakes Activities Association?

"We'll have a nice swim team this year, but Salem, by far, is way out in front of everybody,' said Livonia Stevenson coach Doug Buckler, whose team finished fourth last spring. "Canton (second last year) also has a nice team."

Stevenson, with a 23-member roster, figures to make improvement during the 1997-98 season.

The Spartans, who open their season this week with a pair of home dual meets Tuesday vs. Dearborn and Thursday vs. Monroe — both at 7 p.m. at Livonia Churchill - returns a solid nucleus, losing only Victor Hakim to graduation.

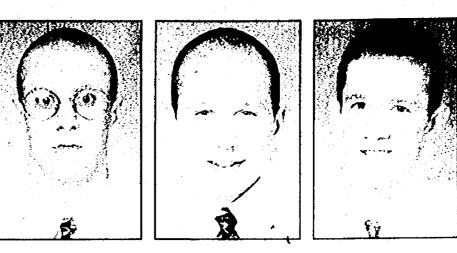
Two first-team All-Observer picks return.

Steve Domin, a WLAA champion in the 50 freestyle, is a quality senior. He finished 10th in the 100 butterfly (53.18) and 12th in the 50 freestyle (21.98) at last year's state Class A meet.

He was also a member of two state qualifying 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams.

Falk, a versatile junior, also returns after going 1:46.73 in the 200 freestyle (11th in Class A) and 4:50.29 in the 500 freestyle (12th in Class A). He also went 48.71 in the 100 freestyle and 2:01.62 in the 200 individual medley.

"Keith can really swim all over because he's so talented," Buckler said. "He could be a state qualifier in all the events except



Steve Domin

Kelth Falk Livonia Stevenson

the (100) breaststroke)."

Another top returness is senior Mark Sgriccia, a senior who was named second-team All-Observer in the 100 backstroke (55.63) where he was a state qualifier. He also narrowly missed the state cut in the 100 butterfly.

Domin, Falk, Sgriccia and senior Jacob Varty will also form on of the area's best 200 medley relay teams. The foursome just missed scoring at the state meet with a prelim time of 1:40.84.

Another standout will be junior distance swimmer Mike Malik.

"We have some promising newcomers and two pretty good divers," Buckler said. "We haven't been bad in the past, we just needed to mature. We have a super, hard-working team and a nice bunch of young men. We're to the point where all 20 can swim.

"We don't have a lot of size, but a lot of heart and it will be fun. I'm excited about the season."

Westland John Glenn

Longtime assistant coach James Daniel takes over for Ron Staples as the head varsity coach.

The Rockets; who finished eighth in last year's Western (breaststroke/freestyle), senior

Livonia Stevenson Livonia Stevenson and junior James McPartlin, who clocked a 59.32 in the 100 backstroke.

Mark Sgriccia

"Those two are real good swimmers and I hope both will go to 'state' if they work hard," Daniel said.

Other returnees include senior diver Jeff Phillips (202.9), senior Kevin Razor and junior Justin Ballard.

"We're an inexperienced team," Daniel said. "And we have only two freshman. We're just going to have to do the best we can."

Livonia Churchill

New head coach Paul Carlson, a 1991 Churchill graduate now teaching elementary education in the Livonia Public Schools, has increased his squad size from 26 from 16.

"I was impressed by the turnout," said Carlson, an Eastern Michigan University grad. "We're trying to build team" unity. We've set defined goals and we'll see how it all comes out in the wash.'

Last year the Chargers finished 11th out of 11 WLAA teams.

The top returnees include junior Bill Randall (200 freestyle), senior Rob Shereda Lakes meet, lost Paul Merandi Rob O'Connor (all events), senior to graduation. He finished fifth Kevin Grant (200 IM), junior Brian Marshall (freestyle) and junior David Duluk (500 freestyle).

in the 200 freestyle and hopefully we'll put a relay in there, too." Carlson said. "We'll find out. It's going to be a long season of making adjustments."

Livonia Franklin

Patriot coach Jean Pritchard has an 18-member squad, but was hard hit by defections and graduation.

Pritchard lost three swimmers via transfer, five to graduation (including state qualifier Jamie Taylor in diving and Paul Allam in the 50 freestyle) and four more who chose not to return "for one reason or another."

"It's a little disheartening," the Franklin coach said, "because we felt we were coming last year and I was really looking forward to it."

Franklin, 10th in the WLAA a vear ago, returns four seniors ----Eric Koppen (200 and 500 freestyle), Jody Gomez (breaststroke and IM), Joe Schad (distance freestyle) and Jeff Sharpe (backstroke and butterfly).

Three juniors should also contribute including Mike Dzikowski (diving), Dave Bosman (200 IM) an Chris Supplee (freestyle sprints).

Wayne Memorial

The Zebras move into the Mega Conference's White Division from the Blue after finishing fourth last year.

Coach Mike Gruber has 15 swimmers, led by five returnees - junior Sam Raub (200 and 500 freestyle, senior Curtis Matties (200 IM and 100 backstroke), junior Adam Chiasson (100 butterfly and 100 backstroke), junior Sonny Webber (200 IM and 100 breaststroke) and senior Scott Laughlin (50 and 100 freestyle).

Sophomore Justin Smoes, who will swim the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, is a promising



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in the 100 butterfly. Glenn, sporting an 18-man

roster, will be led by senior Ryan Zoumbaris, who went 1:04.56 in

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"We're looking at the possibilithe 100 breaststroke last year, ty of Randall qualifying for state

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"I don't know about the other teams in our league, but we should hold our own," Gruber said. "Trenton is not big in numbers, but they're still the team to beat."



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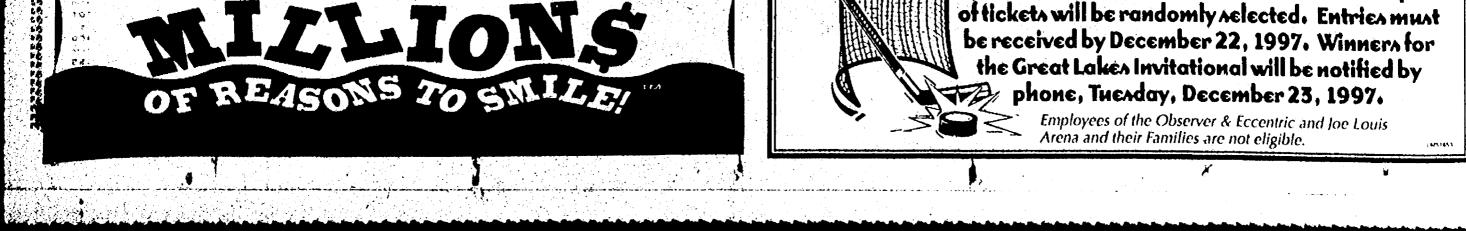
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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL Off night

Livonia teams falter in non-league games

Highly-regarded Dearborn held off a late Livonia Franklin rally Friday to earn a 70-62 boys basketball victory.

The visiting Pioneers, now 2-0 overall, roared out to a 19-4 lead and hung on for the win.

Franklin, which slipped to 1-1, pulled within four during the final quarter but couldn't get any closer.

"Their defene had a lot to do with it." Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "They came out and really overplayed us. I think we were trying to be too perfect in our offense instead of just being players."

Junior guard Colin Wilkinson led the winners with 19 points, while Jason Herrick contributed 12 (including three dunks). Colin O'Donnell added 11.

Eddie Wallace, who was six of six from the free throw line, led Franklin with 14 points. Nick Mongeau and Jay Fontaine each chipped in with 12.

•FORDSON 53, STEVENSON 36: Renault

ROUNDUP

added 11 Friday to lead host Dearborn Fordson (2-0 overall) to the non-league triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

Mike Voutsinas scored nine points for the Spartans.

•LAKELAND 80. CHURCHILL 71: Down 15 heading into the final quarter Friday, White Lake-Lakeland (1-0) surged back with a 35-11 run to earn the non-league victory at Livonia Churchill (0-2).

The Eagles made 31 of 44 free throws to Churchill's 11 of 16.

Don Bohr led the winners with 22 points. while 6-foot-8 Chris Martin added 13 and 6-6 Jason Macs contributed nine.

Corey Cook led Churchill with 14 points, while Justin Jakes and Randall Boboige added 10 apiece.

"The kids worked their tails off and played Arseneau notched 12 points and Ryan Joyce much better as a team tonight," said

Churchill coach Rick Austin, whose team lost Tuesday in the season opener to Dearborn, 78-54. "But give Lakeland credit, they kept coming and never quit.

"And we couldn't slow the tempo down to the last five minutes put the game away."

•ANNAPOLIS 68, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 54: On Friday, Lutheran Westland couldn't hold a one-point halftime lead as host Dearborn Heights Annapolis scored the nonleague win.

The Warriors, who dropped to 0-2 on the season, led 30-29 at intermission but the Cougars poured in four 3-pointers to highlight a 22-13 third-quarter run.

Lutheran Westland, minus four players (three because of disciplinary reasons), could not get any closer than eight points the rest of the way.

"We ran out of gas;" Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun said.

Brad Woehlke scored 20 points in a losing casue. Teammate Scott Randall added 11. Mike Gierucki led Annapolis with 20.

Vasiloff 1st in meet

Livonia Churchill took only nine wrestlers to the River Rouge Invitational wrestling ... tournament (Dec. 6) and came away with six medalists.

The Chargers finished fifth in the team standings.

St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Livonia Clarenceville and Rouge finished one-two-three in the team standings.

Steve Vasiloff, who won all three of his matches, took the 119-pound title for Churchill.

Second places wont to Dave Donnelley (140) and Brian Panczyszyn (160), while Mike Carter (145) and Brian Lapointe garnered thirds. All three sported 2-1 records on the day.

Jeff Sinning (189) went 1-1 to finish fourth, while Brian Kramer (112) took two of three matches to added a fifth. Tom Allen (171) and Ryan Cannon (152) each finished sixth.

FARMINGTON HIGH 43 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 35 Dec. 6 at Livonia Franklin

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130: Tony Lema (F) p. Dan Hurning, 0'18; 135: Aaron Haddad (LF) by technical fall over Tom Mahon, 15-0; 140: Jerry Lema (F) won by major decision over David Fry 20-10; 145: Ryan Shipjett (LF) p. Martic Spinks, 3:28; 152; Sevan Sahiner (Filip) Alan Duff, 1:09: 160: Dean Gozowsky (F dec. Eric Toska, 4-3, 171; Ben Lukas Filp Brad Tibus, 3:19, 189: Steve Myslinsk-(LF) p. Aridy Wood, 3:50, 215: Carl Prid. more (F) won by void: 275: Dan Sorensen (LF) won by void.

REDFORD THURSTON 48 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 31 Dec. 4 at Dearborn Fordson

119 pounds: Lawrence Haddad RT: pinned Adam Hughes, 1 23: 125: Matt O'Neill (RT) dec. Dan Hughes, 22-8: 130; Derek Azzopardik (LF) p. Justin Nomura ; :46. 135: Aaron Haddad (LF) p. Eugene Antonelli, 2:00, 140: Jeff Usher (RT) d Dave Fry. 9-4, 145: Ryan Shiplett LF1 p Alex Aguis, 2:20; 152: Jeremy Rockweth (RT) p. Al Duff, 2.51; 160: Eric Toska (LF) d. Hazen Longthorne, 12-10 overtime 171: Mark DeLaFuente (RT) p. Brad Tibus) 3:15: 189: Tim Baron (RT) d. Steve Mys-Inksi, 7-5; 215: Bryant Lawrence (RT: won on void: heavyweight: Andy Garbacz - RT won on void.

Trojans win from page E1

game."

Deljosevic said he thought the shot had a chance to go in. He turned to the crowd and extended his arms in celebration, before falling to the ground like a soccer player does after scoring a big goal.

"Coach wants the ball to me at the end of the quarters to be the decision maker," Deljosevic said. "I looked at the clock before I got the ball and let it fly.

my team.'

St. Agatha senior center lan Wincher, playing despite a hip pointer, had 16 points and 12 rebounds, including seven in the first quarter. Jonny Lomibao and Wesley Shaw added 11 points.

The Aggies had a 33-32 rebounding advantage with Shaw and Eric Jones grabbing six each to support Wincher.

"We're proud of Ian," Fenbert " I may be a little bit of a said. "If it was an injury that showboat but I'm not out there could have gotten worse by playto put anyone down. I'm just for ing we wouldn't have played

him. But we could have sat him out easily.'

Clarenceville made 20 of 45 shots from the floor and St. Agatha was only 18-59.

Larson wasn't happy with Clarenceville committing 24 turnovers to St. Agatha's 16, but he felt secure whenever Deljosevic touched the ball.

,"I'm excited about the team, the electricity out there," Larson said. "As a younger player, Albert didn't always focus his energy in a positive way. He plays with fire and heart."



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Lady Crusaders get past Wayne State University

What Madonna University's women's basketball team had accomplished the past few weeks, winning five of its first seven games, was impressive to say the least.

But win No. 6, last Thursday at Madonna against Wayne State, was perhaps the best of the bunch.

The reason: There wasn't a single star lighting the fire for the Fighting Crusaders. Indeed, the player who had led them through the early portion of their schedule had been point guard Katie Cushman.

But one player does not make a championshipcaliber team, and in its 78-75 triumph over WSU Madonna proved it wasn't a one-person team.

Indeed, Cushman wasn't on her game most of the night. She took just one shot from the floor, scoring seven points and dishing out four assists in less than 18 minutes of playing time (she had just two fouls).

Others, notably Michelle Miela, picked up the slack admirably. Four Crusaders reached doublefigures in scoring, with Dawn Pelc leading the way with 17 points (on 8-of-12 shooting) and six assists.

The Tartars (4-4) took a 73-72 lead with 1:42 left in the game on a Shay Lewis layup. But Madonna retaliated, with Lori Enfield - who came off the bench to net 14 points and grab a game-high 13 rebounds -- scoring a basket with 1:24 remaining.

The Crusaders repelled WSU's ensuing counterattack and, in the final 37 seconds, three free throws from Chris Dietrich and another from Mary Murray iced the victory.

Dietrich and Murray each scored 15 points, with Murray getting 10 rebounds and two steals and Dietrich making three steals.

The Tartars were led by Lewis' 19 points. Britta cent) to just 4-of-8 (50 percent) for Madonna.

COLLEGIATE HOOP WRAP

Anderson, a Plymouth Canton graduate. contributed 15 points and eight rebounds, and Fawne Allossery had 14 points and eight boards. Sarah Warnke, another Canton grad, chipped in with eight points and seven rebounds.

Shooting proved paramount in the game. Madonna made 29-of-51 from the floor (56.9 percent) while WSU was 29-of-74 (39.2 percent).

•WAYNE STATE 101, MADONNA 61 (men): Examine the totals from Wednesday's game at Wayne State, and you'll see that Madonna was outplayed in every facet.

The Tartars shot better, rebounded better, had fewer turnovers, more assists and fewer fouls as they pushed their record to 5-4. Madonna slipped to 1.10.

Kevin Tate hit 9-of-11 of his floor shots to lead WSU with 22 points. Tony Goins (from Westland John Glenn) added 18 points and four assists; Terrance Porter notched 14 points and five assists. Tim Herron totaled 13 points and Marc Mazur finished with six points, three blocked shots and a gamehigh 12 rebounds.

Madonna's only double-figure scorer was Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton), with 13 points. Hurley also had four steals and three assists. Eric Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson) and Mark Hayes added nine points apiece.

WSU made 37-of-65 shots (57 percent) to 26-of-66 for Madonna (39 percent); had a 45-31 advantage in rebounding; forced 22 turnovers while making 16: and converted 17-of-23 free throws (74 per-



Livonia Stevenson remained unbeaten in the Suburban High School Hockey League with a 9-1 victory over Walled Lake Central in the nightcap of a double-header played Friday at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson is now 6-2 overall and 6-0 in the SHSHL's South Division.

Willie Wilson scored a hat trick and added one assist for the Spartans, who led 3-0 after one period and 7-0 after two periods.

Mike Walsh contributed two goals and three assists.

Other Stevenson goal scorers included Darin Fawkes, John May, Ryan Sinks and Jeff Lang. Fawkes, May and Bill Marshall each contributed two assists, while Lang, Dennise Queener, Steve Anderson, Joe Suchara and Adam Heseltine collected one each.

Stevenson outshot Central 40-10.

"It was a total team effort," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "The line of May, Walsh and Wilson is clicking, but the whole team is con-

PREP HOCKEY WRAP

Chad Haven scored Central's lone goal in the final period.

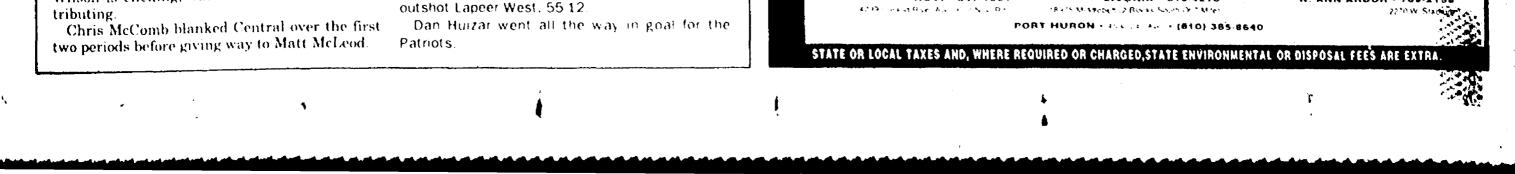
In other games:

•FRANKLIN 12, LAPEER WEST 2: Dave Tyler and Brandon McCullough each tallied hat tricks Friday as Livonia Franklin (4-2 overall) crushed the Panthers (3.3 overall) in a non-leaguer at Edgar

Greg Job added two goals and four assists. while teammate Scott Waara added one goal and four assists.

Jeff Job had one goal and one assists, while Justin Sawyer assisted on three scores for the Patriots, who led 10.1 after two periods.

Patrick Williams, Adam Sexton, Erik Rakoczy and Pete Till also drew assists for Franklin, which



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Plymouth Whalers' rookie sensation, David Legwand, ignitedia, haree-goal outburst in the second period that lifted the Whiters to a 5-2 victory over the North Bay Centennials Thursday in North Bay (Ont.).

The win also put Plymouth into a tie for first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with the London Knights. Both teams had 37 points going into the weekend's games; the Whalers (17-8-3) had played one fewer game than London (18-10-1).

Regwand, the OHL's thirdleading scorer and the top rookie schrer, scored his 32nd goal of the season with an assist from Yari Babenko 7:35 into the secord period, breaking a 1-1 tie. Just 35 seconds later, Legwand and Babenko assisted on Andrew Taylor goal, his 14th, to put Plynbuth up 3-1.

Legwand netted his second geal of the game, and 33rd of the season, at 14:36 of the second period with Babenko drawing his third-straight assist to make it

Babenko fired his 10th goal of the season past North Bay goalie Matt Carmichael at 1:37 of the third period for the Whalers' final goal.

Steve Wasylko accounted for Plymouth's first goal, his first of the season, at 3:38 of the opening period.

Robert Esche was in goal for the Whalers; he made 25 saves.

WELLNESS PLAN ESSAY WINNER

Detroit Lions football players Van Malone and Glyn Millburn will join WJBK Fox 2 news anchor Huel Perkins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Genevieve School in Livonia recognize the student winner of the Wellness Plan's annual "Take a Player to School" essay contest, which was open to students in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland County schools (conducted through Nov. 10).

A school-wide assemby will be held to recognize Maureen Biddinger, one of two Grand Prize winners.

Biddinger will then read her winning essay, based on this year's official title: "What I Can Do Now To Make My World A Better Place."

Representative from sponsoring organizations, The Wellness Plan, the Lions and Fox 2, will present Biddinger with the award. Additionally, she'll receive a \$1,000 savings bond, a Detroit Lions jacket, WJBK Fox 2 promotional items and an autographed football.

ROCKER TOP BLOCKER

Detroit Rocker Lars Richters, a former Livonia Stevenson High All-Stater and standout at Yale University, is tied for the National Professional Soccer League with teammate Randy Prescott with 25 blocks apiece (through 10 games).

AAU HOOP TRYOUTS

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams will have a series of open tryouts next month for all those interested female players.

•16, 17 and 18 and under players: Tryouts for all three will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth;

•15-and-under: Tryouts will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Pioneer MS in Plymouth;

•14-and-under Blue: Tryouts will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

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For further information, call Fred Thomann at (313) 459-7315 or Bob Blohm at (313) 459-1763.

EMU BASEBALL CAMPS

Eastern Michigan University head baseball coach Roger Coryell and hi staff will offer a series of winter baseball camps (ages 8-18) with camp instruction for hitting and running, base running, position play, development arm and bat speed, catching skills, sliding, strength training and pitching mechanics. The camps will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8, 15; and March 8.

Pitching machines, batting cages and a speed gun will be used during camp. Lunch will be provided for each camper by Papa John's.

For more information, call (313) 487-0315.

GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Livonia Youth Soccer Club United will be holding upcoming tryouts for its under-19 girls team (must be born between Aug. 1, 1979 and July 31, 1983). For tryout information, call

13) 464-9114.

WLAA volleyball now 2-of-3

Really, it's not that big a deal. Anyway, who really cares whether Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball teams play best-of-five games or best-of-three games in their matches?

Any of the WLAA school principals who adhered to that theory and voted for the shorter matches obviously did not put much faith in the "acorn" policy.

You know what I mean: *From* the acorn grows the mighty oak.

The "oak" in this instance is the maelstorm created in Plymouth and Canton following the seemingly abrupt switch from five-game to

three-game matches. Certain WLAA coaches are upset, and the reason is simple: Their players won't get a chance to play as much.

Plymouth Salem coach Brian Gilles is leading the opposition. "I'm

getting madder by the day. Gilles said last Thursday.

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What has upset Gilles isn't the change to a best-of-three format. "I don't have a problem with that," he insisted.

What bothers him is the timing. "Why didn't they let us know in August so we could adjust our schedules?" he asked.

Gilles wanted, to postpone the change until next year; that would allow him to alter his schedule, perhaps add another tournament or two.

Here's the root of the problem: The Michigan High School Athletic Association allows 18 playing dates in volleyball. A team can play five matches in a tournament on a Saturday or a single match on a Wednesday — it wouldn't matter. Each would count as one playing date.

Teams competing in the WLAA have 11 of their playing dates absorbed by league matches. Last year, when matches were best-offive games, a team was guaranteed at least 33 games (that's if a team played the minimum number of games in every match).

With the format altered, at

When asked if he thought playing opportunities would diminish with the reduction in games, Johnson said, "We did a study on this and found the best players kept playing."

It didn't matter if it were a best-of-five or best-of-three, for the majority of the WLAA schools lineups and substitution patterns did not change substantially, he said. Johnson added that none of this should have come as a surprise; coaches knew of the study, which had been ongoing for more than a year.

Which is why he found no reason to delay implementing the switch in formats: "What would be the wisdom in putting it off for a year? It has no affect on the current schedule."

The study's been done, Johnson said. The votes have been cast. Case closed.

"That's a lie." was Gilles' response. "I want to see his documentation. That's just not true. There was no study done."

Understand, Gilles has a rare opportunity confronting him. His Salem teams have won three of the last four WLAA titles, and had a streak of 43-straight league match victories snapped by Walled Lake Central last season.

He returns most of a team that went 10-1 in the league in '96. The Rocks are heavy favorites to win it again. But Gilles and his team are eying bigger prizes.

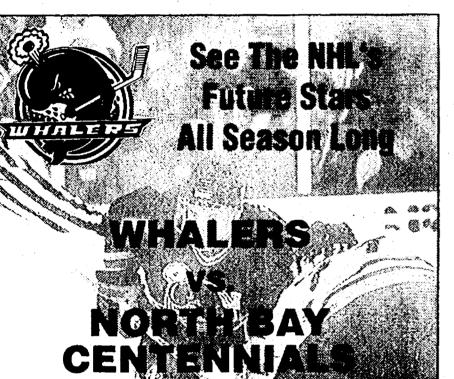
"My goal is to be a state champion." the Salem coach said. His current team has the potential, but now will it be properly prepared?-

Gilles said state title contenders like Portage Northern and Temperance Bedford play 25 more matches a year than Salem does. That's 25 more chances at improvement.

Whatever Johnson thinks, this isn't the end of it. Parents of players at both Plymouth Canton and Salem have sent letters protesting the switch: before a reason for the change was presented by Johnson, those parents had been led to believe time was a determining factor.

Matches were taking too long. Players were getting home toolate.

The parents disputed that. Best-of-five matches didn't end





least 11 games are trimmed from each WLAA team's schedule

That means fewer opportunities for players to see action. And as Gilles pointed out, "Shouldn't we be doing what's best for the kids?"

Tom Johnson, the principal at Northville HS who serves as chairman over the WLAA, disputad Gilles on several counts. The issue has been researched, Johnson maintained.

"The motivating factor behind this was that we were not consistent with the state, which is bestof-three," Johnson said.

True, in the state tournament matches are best-of-three. But gaining experience for a successful run in the state tournament is a necessity, and the only way to gain playing experience is by playing. any later than boys basketball games, they insisted. Besides, starting times had been moved up 30 minutes to address any potential problem.

So if time were the reason for the change, if it was because some felt the girls were getting home too late, then this becomes a Title IX issue.

A stretch? Perhaps. But know this: According to Gilles, legal action to prevent the change, which won't go into effect until the first WLAA matches are played Jan. 12, is a definite possibility.

"Two-out-of-three lican be solved," the Salem coach concluded. "But why do it now? Why not wait so we can come up with a plan where we can still be competitive in the state tournament?" . Why not indeed?

Rich is about to join the <u>3-2-1-SOLD! club</u>. Bich was up in the attic the other day and saw his old bowling gear. He'd

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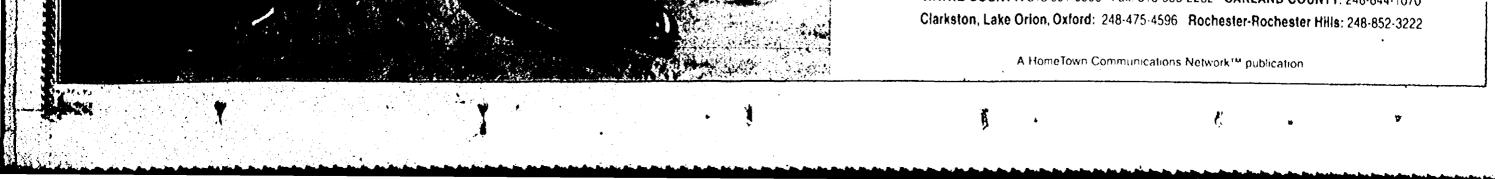
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RECREATION PAGE

Stealing thunder Old Timers put on great show

every time it snows like last Wednesday, most schools are closed, but all bowling centers remain open?

All men are the same, they just have different faces so you can tell them apart. What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying? The same urge that makes

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dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving.

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It was not so funny at the the 67th Annual Old **Timers** Tournament Nov. 29 at Thunderbowl Lanes.

It took a few days before the results were in

hand, but all kidding aside, Larry Paladino of the Birmingham Eccentric beat me for the first time. Not just once, but all three games.

- Once again, this event featured the return home of the great Joe Norris, who at 89, can still outbowl most of us earthlings. Norris considers the Detroit Old Timers event as the best one-day tournament in the nation.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Points to ponder: How come ing records and the beat goes on. Joe Sytniak, 56, of Dearborn Heights took the overall championship with games of 226-232-278, a series of 736.

In the under-50 category the winner was Barry Oderfer, 49, of Fraser 206-254-247/707 with 44year-old Garden City's Rick Eiermann runner-up with a 267-241-174/682. Doug Evens, 49, of Lincoln Park finished third.

In the 50-59 group, Tom Hay, 58, of Detroit prevailed with 224-248-246/718, followed by Lou Ivancik, 56, of Wyandotte and Neil Beckman, 51, of Southfield.

The 60-64 group was won by George McNair (63) 248-236-207/691 followed by Brownstown's Ernie Segura and Hall of Famer Fred Vitali, 60, of Farmington Hills.

The 65-69 bowlers saw Jerry Cole, 68, of Taylor roll games of 223-247-232/702, followed by John Bevak, 66, of Grosse Ile and Lloyd McNabb, 65, of Warren.

In the 70-74 category, it was Gene Merritt, 72, of Jackson who topped Gabe Fazekas of Dearborn and Loren Dean, 72, from Woodhaven.

The 75-79 set featured William J. Rose, 77, of Farmington shooting 222-223-182/627, beating out Now a resident of San Diego, 'John E. Bonino Jr., 76, of War-Norris holds many all-time bowl- ren and Walter Reaume, 75,

from Trenton

The top age category is 80and-over with Hall of Famer Joe Paulus, 80, of Bloomfield Hills taking the top spot with 197-203-210/610, nosing out Larry Murphy, 85, of Allen Park and the "Mechanic" Jarv Woehlke, 84, of Dearborn.

The highest game in the event was a 269 by Phil Insalco of Dearborn Heights and the oldest bowler was Lewis Saad, 94, and going strong.

Give a lot of credit to these old timers.

The lane conditions were dry and difficult as attested to by my own scores, which are not fit to print at this time.

Even Gordon Bickle could have beaten me.

A nice dinner topped off the event and a good time was had by all, including Larry Paladino.

•The third annual Senior/Youth Challenge will be Saturday, Feb. 7 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Known as the "Match of the Ages," it will feature the senior bowlers from the Mayflower Wednesday Senior Classic against top youth bowlers from leagues at Mayflower and Beech Lanes.

Opening ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. (open to public). For more information, call Ron Lancaster at (313) 595-1155.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Cloverlanes (Livonia) BOWLING HONOR ROLL

All-Star Bowlerettes - Kathie Maser, 247-279-246/772; Tina Barber, 262-235-* Friday Seniors - Bill Britton, 256/690; 238/735; Aleta Sill, 212-268-235/715; Sandy Winbigler, 215-276-224/715; Tami-Ken Schell, 247/628; Jerry Holden, ka Glenn, 224-229-247/710. 248/605; Mel Albirte, 252/631; Jack

247/735; Mike Gephart, 289/722; Scott Mears, 265; Jim Molnar, 732,

Woodland Lanes (Livonia) Livonia Elks - David Crosskey, 299. Senior House - Tom Madgwick, 279/760; Ed Grace III 265/749; Minh

Deer firearms harvest falls

Preliminary deer harvest estimates by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources indicates that the 1997 firearms harvest fell slightly short of last year's total and this year's pre season expectations. The DNR predicted a harvest of 290,000 for the firearms season. The results of an annual survey of southbound hunter traffic dur-

ing the recently completed 16-OUTDOOR day firearms INSIGHTS season showed an estimated harvest of 282,000 whitetails. The final harvest numbers, which are determined by a mail survey

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was a lower incidence of buck rubs and scrapes. The possible reduction of buck activity may have resulted in less movement of the deer.

"The herd in this part of the state was also noticeably older than in past years," said Urbain. "There may have been fewer firearms deer hunters. afield due to early reports of lower deer numbers, but hunters were seei. g deer and hunting longer ."

The harvest in the Upper Peninsula (Zone I) was down from a record 85,118 in 1995 to an estimated 56,000 this year, which is a direct reflection of back-to-back severe winters, which caused many young deer to starve to death. There was a significant drop in the number on one-and-a-half-year-olds harvested this year because many deer in that age class were lost last winter.

Despite the drop, this was the seventh largest harvest on record. The top six harvests were 334,940 in 1989, 319,289 in 1995, 316,400 in 1990, 299,319 in 1996, 294,310 in 1988 and 293,710 in 1991.

"Deer season is far from over and we anticipate hunters will use the additional late season opportunities to harvest deer," said Becky Humphries, acting chief of the DNR's Wildlife_Division. "A significant number of deer are expected to be taken during the remaining deer seasons, especially antlerless deer on private land in agricultural areas as the corn harvest continues."

Successful hunters

Success reports continue to filter in from Observer & Eccentric readers. If you or a hunting friend had a successful season let me know. My phone and fax numbers and mailing address are listed at the bottom of this column.

"I was a dedicated deer hunter for many years, but lost interest for the past three years and spent my Novembers surf fishing in Florida," explained the Bloomfield Hills resident. "However, this past year my two sons, Michael and Ralph, begged me to join them for deer hunting up north."

Now, Manoogian is wondering if his sons will invite him back next year since he shot the only buck in camp this year - a "big" 6-pointer.

"The bug is back and I'm already preparing for next season," said Manoogian. "Yes, I'm inviting my two sons."

• Art Duprey has been waiting 24 years to shoot a buck big enough to hang on the wall of his family's cabin. The wait ended this past season as the Livonia hunter shot a beautiful 8-point buck at 7:25 a.m. on November 16th while hunting on the family property in Iosco County.

 Clarkston's Robert Bonham filled his first firearms tag on opening day when he dropped a 3-point while hunting state land in Emmet County. He was hunting private land in Cheboygan County on Nov. 28th when he filled his second tag by bagging an 8-point.

• Darrell Hagen tagged his first buck in 10 years of hunting when he shot a 5-point on Nov. 29. The Troy resident was hunting in a fence row along a cut corn field in Oakland County.

• Lake Orion residents Steve Sims and Todd Carrothers each arrowed a doe on the opening weekend of the bow season while hunting on private land in Ogemaw County.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-

of licensed hunters, won't available be until July. "We recognized early that the 1997 harvest would be lower than last year and these figures confirm our expectations," said DNR deer specialist John

Urbain. "We definitely are encouraged by the harvest in the southern Lower Peninsula. The antlerless harvest of 58,000 deer in this part of the state was up 22 percent over last

year." The buck harvest in the southern Lower Peninsula (Zone III) was down from 74,360 last year to an estimated 72,000 this year. Urbain attributes this decline to the large antlerless harvest in southern Michigan and increased amounts of standing corn in the fields throughout the firearms season.

In the northern Lower Penin-

sula (Zone II) the buck harvest

slipped from 77,350 last year to

68,000 this fall. The overall har-

vest in Zone II was down from

116,325 in 1996 to 106,000 this

Many hunters in the northern

vear.

Dahlstrom, 242/626

Mayflower Senior Classic - Cliff Taylor, 233-239-213/685; Paul Temple, 259-237/677; Tony Wolak, 263-224/648; Jim "Zellen, 233-213-246/692; Jim Casteel, 233-244-660; Hal Ladouceur, 227-**222/6**29.

Monday Seniors - Jack Dahlstrom. 257/694; Mel Albirte, 257; Jim Zellen, 244/608; Lee Onkka, 235/640; Fred Sinith, 255-257/714; Al Thompson, 2677685; Tom McGlasson, 248/649.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth) Sig Colette's Men - Rob Anderson, 4787695.

Sheldon Road Men's - Charlie Riffle, 290; Dick Kossel, 208-266-210/684. Plaza Men - Bryan Macek, 255-279-244/778; Rick Rulen, 276-225-221/722; Steve Demeter, 255-235-256/746. Waterford Men - Tom Buchanan, 220-238-258/716; 8ob Johnson, 223-212-278/713; Rich Planko, 257-234-214/705; Jon Dèmeter, 224-229-247/700.

Keglers - JimGriffin, 201-267-236/704. Guys & Dolls - Bob Lanning, 300.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Ford General Parts - Ozzie Rattigan, 267; Bob Colangelo, 257; Eric Stamper, 670; Bill Grove, 659.

Wed. Nite Men - Tony Johnson, 264/708; Rich North, 255; Mike Mamroctski, 638.

Super Stars - Vicki Hurley, 200/535; Pam Johnson, 199. Late Nite Delite - Doug Gauthier,

246/660.

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National Seniors Bowling Ass'n Tournament – Don Hargraves, 300. Sunday Mixed - Larnell Cozart, 300/786; Daryl Scott, 297/788; M.

Stephenson, 300/760. FoMoCo Thurs Nite - Bobby Williams, 248/685; Jack Considine, 258; John Teetzel, 256; Frank Knitter, 268; Randy Thompson, 248/660; Steve Gutusky, 248/698. St. Aidan's - Dave Golen, 213-237-216/666; Joe Naujokas, 212-232/636; Bob Racey, 218-244/644; Rich Radak, 256-223-268/747; Jeff Amolsch, 258;

Tony Kaluzny, 225-253-670. Mon Detroit Edison Mixed - Don Gavin, 288/700; Willie Smith, 266/718; Larry Stier, 233/682; Annette Wilson, 230/613; Nancy Januszewski, 201/563. Telcom Men's - Joe Cramer, 279; D. Nutt, 297.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Westside Prop. Travel - Don Johnson, 278/746; Charlie Orbecky, 276/724; Jerry Nichols, 269/710; Lloyd McNabb, 279/707: Tony Conley, 705 (156 pins o/a).

Wonderland Classic - Jim Burton, 278/781; Fred Ramirez, 278-277/775; Bill Sayyae Jr. 300/760; John McGraw, 279/768; Brad Wolter, 723.

Nite Owls - Mark Linser, 258/702; Jim Ocholik, 249/651; Curt Grangood, 247; Darrin Liptow, 266/640.

Nite Owls - Darrin Liptow, 666; Joel Spishak, 660; Shane Wyatt, 640; Ken Hawk, 622.

Motor City Men's Early - Tom Small, 635.

Grougan, 256/696; Jim Johnson Jr., 244/692; Jim Knoll, 257/687; Dave Norwick, 279/703.

Midnight Mixed - Joe Komindo, 299/686; John Hurley, Sr., 299/712; Date Manteuffel, 690; Tom Schultz, 688.

Ford Parts - Jimmy Hayes, 727; Tom Cyrul, 689; Scott Begin, 664; Dennis Weatherford, 665; Chuck Sprosek, 713.

Jacks & Jills – Dana Fisher, 201/522 Men's Trio - Keith Suda, 684; Jack Lawson, 685; John Wodarski, Sr., 682; Dan Lenart, 698; Frank Hoffman, 697.

Livonia Strikers - Gary Omodio, 300; Brian Spicer, 298.

Grandale - Steve Helewski, 256; Bud LeBlanc, Jr., 269.

Morning Glories - Krene Basner, 232. Wonder Women - Jan Beard, 241. Lyndon Meadows - Lisa Sallade, 233 223/610: Karen Mulligan, 232.

Thurs. Morn. Ladies - Jean Grezak, 232. Garden Lanes (Garden City) St. Linus Classic - Dick Barina, 212-266-206/684; Matt Dalley, 232-220-

226/678; Ed Stephenson, 207-257/658. Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield)

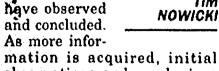
W.D.B.A. - Sherry Broyles, 221. Tues Mixed - Audrey Williams, 278/623; Herb Washington, 276/682; Wayman Gale, 278/654; Leon Burke, 216-232-213/661.

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Westside Lutheran - Tim Warner, 279/690; Lynn Lewis, 664; Tim Collins, 662; Brant Engel, 656; Dave Cornwell,

Naturalists changing habits

Throughout the years naturalists have taught people the workings of the natural world. Naturalists learn from personal observation and by reading what others have observed



observations and conclusions change.

For years I have taught that The tufted titmouse and the Fack-capped chickadee are kissings cousins to each other. They were considered by sciatists, far more knowledgeble than I, that they were in the same genus, or taxonomic

Tufted titmice were Parus bicolor and black-capped chickadecs were Parus atricapillus.

Now, with the advent of DNA testing and other chemical tests to determine relationships, these two species are now in two different genera or taxonomic units.

Based on new findings and weighing the old findings, tufted titmice are now Baeolophus bicolor and the black-capped chickadee becomes Poecile atricapillus. They are still closely related to each other, but not quite as close as before.

Relationships between animals have always involved heated debates. Years ago, before naturalists really spent time looking at their subjects, female mallard ducks were considered a different species from the male mallard duck because they look so different.

Just recently scientists shocked many people when they placed the turkey vulture into a group of birds they do not look like at all.

Its hard to believe, but the turkey vulture, which has been

A vulture's body shape and structure is very unlike those of the long necked, long legged herons and storks.

Decisions such as these are not made at the drop of a hat.

Ornithologists from around the world evaluate the research and sit down in committees to discuss the results and decide what is the best decision based on the available information at the time.

Science is constantly changing because scientists are constantly learning new things about their discipline.

The Hubble telescope, for instance, is rewriting the textbooks on Astronomy, while DNA mapping has allowed biologists to analyze the building blocks of living organisms.

As time goes on, new techniques will become available and present day information may become obsolete, necessitating new changes.

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• The "bug" is back" for Mike 1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

Outdoor Calendar

FISHING CLUBS CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. The next meting is slated for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 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 (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Saturdays and Sundays and noon to dusk on Wednesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more informa

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.

CLASSES FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall

in Southfield. Call (248) 988-

6658 for more information.

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

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.

nal 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.

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.

DATES/DEADLINES DEER

The second archery season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 21 in Zones II and III. A special late antierless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

more information. **JUNIOR ARCHERS**

